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Lee Enterprises CEO promises continued focus on local news

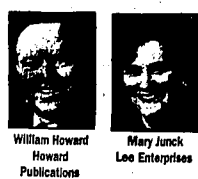
By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Lee Enterprises Inc. Tuesday said it has reached an agreement to buy *The Times-News* and the 15 other daily newspapers owned by Howard Publications for \$694 million. The deal will make Magic Valley's major daily newspaper part of a publicly traded company that owns 38 daily newspapers, a

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Joint interest in six others and operations in 18 states. After the acquisition, Lee's newspaper circulation will total 1.1 million daily and 1.2 million on Sundays. "The Howard newspapers fit precisely with our core strategy of

buying midsize newspapers in good markets," said Mary Junck, Lee Enterprises' chief executive officer. *The Times-News* has 117 full-time employees, 21 part-timers, daily circulation of about 23,200 and Sunday circulation of 23,700. In the past decade, the newspaper has seen growth in its circulation, net revenue per subscriber



William Howard
Howard Publications
Mary Junck
Lee Enterprises

Bush decides Saddam must go

CIA, military draw up plans, official says

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - President Bush has decided to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein from power and ordered the CIA, the Pentagon and other agencies to devise a combination of military, diplomatic and covert steps to achieve that goal, senior U.S. officials said Tuesday.

No military strike is imminent, but Bush has concluded that Saddam and his nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs are such a threat to U.S. security that the Iraqi dictator must be removed, even if U.S. allies do not help, said the officials, who all spoke on condition of anonymity.



President Bush
Saddam Hussein

"This is not an argument about whether to get rid of Saddam Hussein. That debate is over. This is... how you do it," a senior administration official said in an interview with Knight Ridder.

The president's decision has launched the United States on a course that will have major ramifications for the U.S. military, the Middle East's future political alignment, international oil flows and Bush's own war on terrorism. Russia and most of America's European allies have expressed alarm about the administration's escalating rhetoric on Iraq.

The course also is fraught with potential military difficulties, with most experts on Iraq warning that a campaign there would not be as swift or virtually free of American casualties as Afghanistan. There, rebels of the northern alliance, backed by U.S. commandos, ousted U.S. airpower, quickly overthrew the Taliban regime.

The CIA, senior officials said, recently presented Bush with a plan to destabilize Saddam's well-entrenched regime in Baghdad.

The plan proposed a massive covert action campaign, sabotage, information warfare and significantly more aggressive bombing of the "no fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq. U.S. and British forces patrol the zones to prevent Iraqi planes from bombing opposition forces.

BITTERSWEET FOR STREET



Picabo Street, right, embraces her mother, Dee, after competing in the women's downhill Tuesday at Snowbasin, Utah.

Picabo misses medals, retires

SNOWBASIN, Utah - The fear was always there, lurking just beyond their ability to talk about it.

Until Tuesday. Until Picabo Street stepped down a competitive racecourse on skis for the last time and hugged her mother, Dee. Only then could they talk about it.

"I'm relieved," Picabo Street said. "I'm relieved to be done with my career and I'm relieved to be safe. I've come through all the injuries. I'm satisfied. I wouldn't change anything."

She came down the mountain one more time, finished the final run of her famous career, then

"I'm relieved to be done with my career and I'm relieved to be safe."
- Picabo Street

At the Olympics
- D1, D5

slid to a stop in the snow. Street, America's sweetheart of skiing, looked up at the scoreboard.

No medal. Not even close. But the fans - her fans - were cheering. And that was enough. She raised her goggles, raised her right hand and flashed an "I love you" salute to the stands. Later, she grabbed a microphone and said, "This is the best day I've

ever had in my ski racing career, and it's because of you."

"I'm now... I'm now done," Street said. "And I'm so satisfied."

Dee, waiting for her daughter at the finish line, remembers the phone calls.

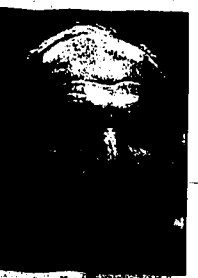
"They were terrifying," she said. "We got one, it was '93 going on '94. It was one of her coaches. He said, 'She's in the hos-

Lay takes 5th as lawmakers lambaste former Enron CEO

WASHINGTON - Longtime Enron Corp. chairman and chief executive Kenneth Lay withstood a torrent of criticism from angry senators Tuesday before invoking his Fifth Amendment right and refusing to testify about his knowledge of the financial dealings that pushed his company into bankruptcy last fall.

Subpoenied by the Senate Commerce Committee, Lay said he appeared with a "profound sadness" about what happened to the company he built and to its employees and shareholders and wanted to explain his side of the story.

But he said he could not ignore the advice of his lawyers not to testify under oath. "I am deeply troubled about asserting these (Fifth Amendment) rights because I want to see that



Kenneth Lay
Lay became the fifth corporate

The senators from both parties was in sharp contrast to the reception Lay and Enron had received in Washington in past years.

former Enron executive to refuse to testify before congressional committees investigating the company's downfall. The Justice Department and securities regulators also are probing what Lay and other senior executives knew about partnerships an internal Enron board report said were used to inflate profits and hide losses.

In a related development Tuesday, Enron told regulators

T.F. takes new course, might build new jail

TWIN FALLS - County officials are looking into building a new jail instead of renovating the old Norco Windows building.

The plan is to build a new 256-bed jail on the Norco property just east of the old Norco building on Washington Street South.

"We've decided not to renovate and to build a new jail," said Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley.

Commissioners will hold a public hearing at 7 tonight at the County Courthouse to discuss the details of the plan and to answer questions and address concerns from the public.

Commissioner Marv Hempleman said the new jail would cost the county \$350,000 a year for 30 years - a total of \$28.5 million - if the county signs off on the long-term lease today. The county

Hearing set

What: Public hearing on a plan to build a new Twin Falls County jail.
When: 7 p.m. today.
Where: Third floor of County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Conducted by: Twin Falls County Commission

would own the building and the land it sits on after the last lease payment is made.

That's slightly cheaper than the previous plan in which one of a trio of Colorado-based companies behind the deal was to buy the Norco building, renovate it and lease it back to the county at \$1 million per year for 30 years.

Under the new plan, the county would still pay for the new jail under a long-term lease with the same companies that helped put

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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IDAHO

Idaho Extremes
Yesterday:
High 46°
Low 9°
Yellowknife

36/21
Missoula

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
Temperature
High/Low 31°/20°
Normal high/low 41°/23°
High/Low yesterday 36°/21°
Record high 56° in 1991
Record low 1° in 1962
Precipitation 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
North to date: 0.14"
Normal month to date: 0.41"
Winter year to date (Oct. 1): 3.33"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 4.77"
Humidity Yesterday at noon: 64%
Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.40 in.
Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls: Not Available
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Clouds and some sunshine.	Partly cloudy.	Partly to mostly sunny.	Sunshine and a few clouds.	Increasing clouds.	Mostly cloudy; a shower possible.
▲ 38°	▼ 16°	▲ 40° ▼ 20°	▲ 44° ▼ 24°	▲ 48° ▼ 28°	▲ 44° ▼ 26°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and some sunshine today; seasonably cold. Highs will range from near 20 in the high ground to near 40 in the low valleys of the west. Tonight will turn clear and very cold.

Boise: Clouds and occasional sunshine today. High 40. Partly cloudy early tonight, then mostly clear and cold. Low 20. Mostly sunny tomorrow. High 44.

Northern Nevada: Clouds and breaks of sunshine today; a few spots might have a sprinkling of flurries. Highs will range from the 30s in the northeast to the 50s in the southwest. Becoming clear and cold tonight.

Northern Utah: Cold today with clouds and occasional sunshine; a few spots, mainly in the mountains, will have a snow shower. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to near 40 in a few of the valleys.

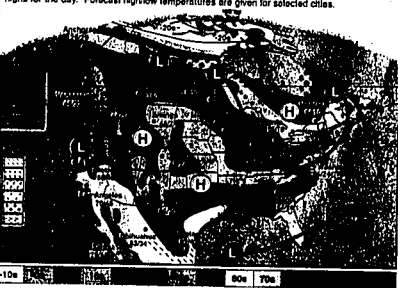
Northern Idaho: Seasonably cold today with a mixture of clouds and sunshine. Highs will range from the 20s in the mountains to the 40s in the lowest valleys of the west. Partly cloudy to clear and cold tonight.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 84° in Riverside, CA Low -24° in Presque Isle, ME

NATIONAL WEATHER

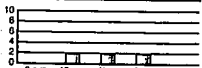
Shows near noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.



SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:38 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 6:27 p.m.
Moonrise today: 6:43 a.m.
Moonset tonight: 7:34 p.m.
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CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Calgary	Hi 10 W	Hi 10 W
Edmonton	Hi 8 W	Hi 8 W
Winnipeg	Hi 10 W	Hi 10 W
Victoria	Hi 10 W	Hi 10 W
Vancouver	Hi 10 W	Hi 10 W
Montreal	Hi 10 W	Hi 10 W
Ottawa	Hi 10 W	Hi 10 W
Halifax	Hi 10 W	Hi 10 W
St. John's	Hi 10 W	Hi 10 W

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Acapulco	Hi 70 W	Hi 70 W
Alhambra	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Bangkok	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Beijing	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Buenos Aires	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Caracas	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Hong Kong	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Jakarta	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Johannesburg	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
London	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Los Angeles	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Moscow	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Paris	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Rio de Janeiro	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Rome	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Seoul	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Sydney	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Tokyo	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Warsaw	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W
Zurich	Hi 80 W	Hi 80 W

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Boise	Hi 40 W	Hi 40 W
Bonneville Ferry	Hi 40 W	Hi 40 W
Butte	Hi 40 W	Hi 40 W
Coeur d'Alene	Hi 40 W	Hi 40 W
Idaho Falls	Hi 40 W	Hi 40 W
Kimberly	Hi 40 W	Hi 40 W
Lewiston	Hi 40 W	Hi 40 W
Malden	Hi 40 W	Hi 40 W
Melba	Hi 40 W	Hi 40 W

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Picabo Sold

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horrific injuries, a torn knee ligament and a shattered femur, suffered in a fall on a Friday the 13th four years ago. She had sat out two seasons.

Still, she seemed capable of becoming the first U.S. skier to win three Olympic medals. After all, she had come back from horrific injuries to win downhill silver in 1994 at Lillehammer and super-g gold in 1998 at Nagano.

As she flew down on the edges of her skis, the fans sat on the edges of their seats. At the first interval, she was on first-place pace by .03 second. At the second interval, she was on first-place pace by .04 second. The crowd roared. She was going for gold! Then, she faded. At the third interval, she was 23 seconds off. At the fourth, she was 69 off. At the finish, she was 1.35 seconds off. Time: 1:41.17.

"I was very confident going in, very aggressive and not afraid of anything," Street said. "I was just working on the technical things I needed to do and maybe forgot to go for it a little. ... I held back a little bit in the pitch, and I think the snow might have been slowing down a little."

- CORRECTION -

The Times-News incorrectly reported on Tuesday the date of an event this weekend at the Gooding Senior Center. There will be entertainment by individual entries at 6 p.m. on Saturday, followed by the old-time fiddlers and dancing at the center, 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding. Admission is \$3 per person. The public is invited. The Times-News regrets the error.

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and profits. Publisher Stephen Hartgen expects the acquisition by Lee to be a boon for the company, such as improving its niche publications and using its online presence to build revenue.

"This will be a better newspaper for two years from today," Hartgen said Tuesday in a meeting with employees.

He said the newspaper brings value to Lee in aggressive regional news coverage, a zoned edition in Mini-Cassia, specialized publications in agriculture and business and its online news product.

"I think Lee Enterprises will see in The Times-News the quality product that it is," said Hartgen, publisher since 1990.

He expects no changes in staffing levels or in the newspaper's management.

An open letter to the community, printed today on page B-5, addresses the acquisition.

The 16 Howard Publications newspapers have total daily circulation of 479,000. The purchase includes Howard's half-interest in the Sioux City Journal in Iowa.

The boards of both companies unanimously approved the deal. Pending gubernatorial approvals, Lee expects to close the transaction within 90 days.

Junck said the purchase follows a strategy announced two years ago, when Lee decided to sell its television stations in order to expand in newspapers of 30,000 to 125,000 circulation.

"This is exactly the opportunity we've been seeking," Junck said in a conference call with analysts Tuesday.

All the Howard papers are the primary media choices of both readers and advertisers in solid,

mid-sized markets, she said.

"These are the kinds of markets, like Lee's, that have been somewhat insulated from the swings in the national economy as you've seen in our performance over the last year," Junck said.

Lee sees room for revenue growth in the Howard markets. Junck said Lee will bring in "blitz teams" of veteran sellers to work with local advertising representatives on targeted accounts.

The new owner will boost the newspapers' sales forces, launch niche publications and build online revenue through special online sections and classified advertising. Lee also will push for circulation growth — an area in which it outperformed the industry last year.

Howard Publications is a family-owned company based in Longview, Wash. It bought The Times-News in 1968.

Howard Publications Vice President William E. Howard — a former Twin Falls resident and The Times-News' publisher for 18 years in the '70s and '80s — said the Howard family approached Lee.

"When we decided it was time to sell our newspapers, we identified Lee as the best possible operator with the keenest understanding of the kind of community newspaper we do," he said in a statement. "I'm confident that Lee will make our newspapers more successful and provide more career opportunities for our employees."

Junck and Howard said the companies have similar cultures, operations and market sizes, so the transition should be quick, with little disruption. With the addition of Howard's 2,400 employees, Lee will have about 7,200.

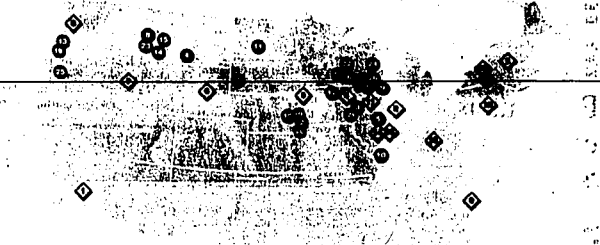
Hartgen said Times-News readers will continue to see strong emphasis on local news after Lee takes over — but not a cookie-cutter approach to gathering and presenting the news.

"Newspapers are very much products of their own communities," he said.

The Times-News will remain in touch with the Magic Valley, he added.

"News — strong local news — is a

AT A GLANCE: Lee Enterprises will add 16 newspapers \$694 million purchase of Howard Publications brings circulation to 1.1 million.



City	Newspaper	Daily Circ.	Sunday Circ.
1 Madison, WI	Wisconsin State Journal and The Capital Times	107,742	155,562
2 Lincoln, NE	Lincoln Journal Star	75,292	82,927
3 Denver, IA	Quad-City Times	50,844	71,000
4 Decatur, MT	Belleville Gazette	48,002	61,000
5 Billings, MT	Heritage & Review	33,864	40,000
6 La Crosse, WI	La Crosse Tribune	31,009	40,531
7 Rapid City, SD	Rapid City Journal	29,728	33,720
8 Mason, MI	Mason	29,767	38,728
9 Racine, WI	The Journal Times	26,136	30,039
10 Carolinas, IL	Southern Illinoisan	26,044	36,361
11 Blount, MO	The Blount Tribune	26,005	30,153
12 Mason City, IA	Globe Gazette	18,382	23,121
13 Albany, OR	Democrat-Herald	18,541	32,018
14 Butte, MT	Montana Standard	14,020	14,258
15 Helena, MT	Independent Record	13,479	14,500
16 Corvallis, OR	Corvallis Gazette-Times	12,265	14,000
17 Winona, MN	Winona Daily News	11,548	12,800
18 Columbus, NE	Columbus Tribune	9,481	10,300
19 Fremont, NE	Fremont Tribune	9,213	9,800
20 Beaverton, NE	Beaverton Daily Star	7,893	7,000
21 Macomb, IA	Macomb Journal	7,079	7,100
22 Chippewa Falls, WI	Chippewa Herald	7,100	7,100
23 Merrill, WI	Ravell Republic	5,814	5,814
24 Shawano, WI	Shawano Leader	5,735	6,065
25 Ashland, OR	Ashland Daily Tidings	5,133	4,801
26 Portage, WI	Portage Daily Republic	4,801	4,801
27 Baraboo, WI	Baraboo News Republic	4,221	4,221
Current Lee circulation		843,753	728,113
Howard circulation		478,698	474,698
New Lee circulation		1,322,446	1,198,811

City	Newspaper	Daily Circ.	Sunday Circ.
1 Oceanside and Escondido, CA	North County Times	88,348	90,275
2 Anaheim, CA	The Times	88,101	95,340
3 San Jose, CA	San Jose Journal	46,004	44,604
4 Waterloo, IA	Waterloo Courier	44,404	41,788
5 Glens Falls, NY	The Post-Star	32,968	38,387
6 Casper, WY	Casper Star-Tribune	31,074	33,819
7 Twin Falls, ID	The Times-News	23,210	22,629
8 Longview, WA	The Daily News	22,872	22,629
9 Orangeburg, SC	The Times and Democrat	17,822	17,521
10 Carlisle, PA	The Sentinel	15,357	15,808
11 Fremont, IL	The Journal-Standard	14,262	14,805
12 Corvallis, OR	The Leader	14,222	13,987
13 Auburn, NY	The Citizen	12,985	14,442
14 Malton, IL	Journal Gazette	11,283	—
15 Meyville, NY	The Ledger-Independent	8,905	—
16 Charleston, IL	Times-Courier	7,039	—
Howard circulation		478,698	474,698

Howard Publications is based in Longview, Wash. Its stock is privately held by the Robert Howard family. The company has about 2,400 employees.

LEE ENTERPRISES is based in Des Moines, Iowa. Lee also owns more than 100 weekly newspapers and specialty publications, along with Internet sites. Its stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol LEE. Lee has 4,900 employees. More information about Lee and the transaction is available at www.lee.net.

THE AGREEMENT, announced Feb. 12, 2002: Lee will pay \$694 million. Closing is expected within 90 days.

news content based on what they believe is in the interest of their readers."

"I also want to emphasize that we believe strongly in local editorial control," Junck told editors. "Our editors and publishers must be their own decisions about

big priority with me," Junck said in a conference call with Howard Publications editors. "It's a big priority for our company. We believe that strong local news is where we draw our strength and where we guarantee our future."

She said Lee journalists love

the importance of news reporting and the ability to make a difference.

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Circulation Daniel Walock, circulation director

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About Lee Enterprises

The Lee family has owned and operated newspapers in the Magic Valley since 1968. The Lee family has a long history of ownership and operation of newspapers in the Magic Valley. Lee Enterprises is a family-owned company with a strong commitment to the community and to providing quality news and information to our readers.

Officials nab kidnap suspect

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) - Police arrested a British-born Islamic militant Tuesday they say masterminded the kidnapping of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl - the biggest break yet in the quest to free him. An official close to the investigation said the suspect told police Pearl is alive.

Ahmad Omar Saeed Sheikh, 27, was arrested Tuesday afternoon in the eastern city of Lahore, according to Tasneem Noorani, a senior official of Pakistan's Interior Ministry. Saeed was expected to be transferred to Karachi for further questioning.

Following the arrest, police fanned out across this city of 14 million people, raiding homes of suspected Islamic extremists and searching settlements along the bleak and thinly populated Pakistani coast. Police cautioned that rescuing Pearl could still take time.

Saeed "is one who is highly educated and one who I would feel is a hard nut to crack," Karachi Police Chief Kamal Shah said. "I don't think it would be very easy to break him straight away. It would take time I feel before we get all the details about Daniel from his interrogation."

Saeed's capture followed an intensive, nationwide hunt and was announced ahead of Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's meeting Wednesday with President Bush in Washington. Musharraf is expected to seek U.S. economic and political support to help combat Muslim extremism in this predominantly Islamic country of 147 million people.

The Pearl kidnapping has been an embarrassment for Musharraf, who's been trying to dispel Pakistan's image as a hotbed of Islamic fundamentalism. Saeed's arrest is a boost for the Pakistani leader as he meets Bush.

Pearl, 38, the Journal's South Asia bureau chief, disappeared Jan. 23 on his way to meet with Islamic extremist contacts.

Prosecutors call fiery wreck 'suspicious'

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - A driver's license examiner charged in a scheme with some Middle Eastern men to sell fraudulent licenses died the day before her first court appearance in a fiery car wreck prosecutors called "most unusual and suspicious."

Forensics tests were being performed on Katherine Smith's car to determine what caused the fire. FBI spokesman George Bolde said Tuesday that investigators were looking into the possibility that explosives were used.

Smith, 49, was killed early Sunday. The 1992 Acura Legend she was driving ran off the road and struck a utility pole just north of the Mississippi state line, Highway Patrol Lt. Col. Mark Fagan said.

PATRIOTIC IMPERSONATOR



Rob Emmons, dressed as Elvis, and his wife, Melinda, participate in Mardi Gras festivities Tuesday in the French Quarter of New Orleans.

Lawmakers ready debate on finance

WASHINGTON (AP) - On the eve of a House showdown, supporters of campaign finance legislation declared Tuesday the moment for reform was finally at hand, while critics attacked the bill as an unconstitutional assault on free speech.

With the Enron scandal casting a cloud over the White House and the Capitol, the House has a historic opportunity," Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., said as debate opened on the most sweeping changes in campaign rules in a generation.

But Rep. Tom Reynolds, R-N.Y., said the bill would merely create new loopholes and establish "a pathway to new and more underground money," all at the expense of political liberties.

With a vote expected late today, both sides maneuvered for advantage in private while debate unfolded on the House floor.

Supporters of the bill, laboring for solid support, announced they had agreed to leave current free-spending rules in effect until after this fall's election, rather than implement them 30 days after the bill was signed.

That gave critics an opening they swiftly seized, passing word they would propose restoring the bill to its original language when their turn came to offer amendments today. In another job, they also said they would press a broader ban on unlimited donations known as soft money that was contained in the bill.

Report: Taliban leaders will surrender

Los Angeles Times
KANDAHAR, Afghanistan - More than a dozen fugitive Taliban leaders - including the deposed regime's chief, Mullah Mohammed Omar - are preparing to come out of hiding and turn themselves in to Afghan and U.S. authorities, according to officials in the southern province of Kandahar.

"Right now we are in contact with more than 15 senior Taliban leaders," said Khalid Pusthoun, an aide to Kandahar Gov. Gul Agha Shirzai. "We are trying to convince them that they will be treated with dignity and honor."

On Friday, the Taliban foreign minister, Wakil Ahmed Mutawakel, turned himself in to

Afghan authorities and was escorted to the U.S. military base at the city of Kandahar's airport.

Details and conditions of his surrender remained murky four days later. Pusthoun said that was by design, since he and Shirzai were working to persuade the rest of the Taliban cabinet to follow in Mutawakel's footsteps.

At a security meeting at his headquarters, Shirzai said he was confident that Omar would not remain at large much longer.

"Our efforts (in) searching for Mullah Omar are continuing, and soon you will learn about his surrender too," Shirzai said.

Mutawakel's surrender was carried out in secret. Kandahar's police chief, military commander and chief of military intelligence

acknowledged in separate interviews that they had not been informed of it either before or immediately afterward.

"The Pentagon," as well as Shirzai, confirmed that Mutawakel surrendered to Afghan authorities, not to U.S. forces as some had presumed. The governor was in Europe at the time but said Pusthoun handled the surrender in his absence and personally escorted Mutawakel to the U.S. base, which has a large detention facility. Afghan officials provided no other details.

Secondhand reports suggest that Taliban leaders have remained in hiding largely in and around the Pakistani city of Quetta.

Document helped prompt terror alert

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The 17 men named by the FBI this week in an extraordinary terrorist warning were first identified from a document recovered last month in Afghanistan, which also contained details of a surveillance operation on the U.S. embassy in Yemen, authorities said Tuesday. That document helped bolster a decision in mid-January to evacuate the embassy and suspend consular services there,

sources said, but authorities decided the information was not specific enough to warrant a broader, public alert.

That changed late Monday, after interviews with al-Qaida prisoners in Afghanistan and Cuba had confirmed a plot and a target date of Feb. 12, officials said. One detainee told U.S. officials that one of the men might be in the United States, a source said.

"This was like an earthquake that started slowly and then just

erupted," said one FBI official. "It wasn't until Guantanamo that we had a date. That was really the key."

The alert ordered by FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III named 17 men, including suspected ringleader Fawaz Yahya al-Rabעי, and said they may have been planning a terror attack in the United States or Yemen for as early as Tuesday. It was the fourth and most specific terror alert issued by the U.S. government since Sept. 11.

Judge to administration: Get serious about record lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP) - A federal judge directed the White House on Tuesday to save records from energy task force meetings and warned the Bush administration it must take seriously a private group's lawsuit seeking the records.

President Bush has refused to turn over records of meetings with Enron executives and others who advised the administration on energy policy last year.

Congress' investigative arm, the General Accounting Office, is expected to see soon for the records' release. Tuesday's hearing involved a similar lawsuit, filed last July by the private group, Judicial Watch.

"I get the feeling the government's underestimating the seri-

ousness of this case," U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan told Justice Department lawyer Anne Weismann.

He asked Weismann where the records were. The office of Vice President Dick Cheney and eight agencies that Weismann said have information should maintain it, Sullivan said.

The Justice Department already had instructed the White House and the Commerce, Energy and Treasury departments to keep all Enron records.

The judge also asked if the White House would claim executive privilege if he sought information about meetings as part of the suit. Weismann said administration officials may, but it would not be their total defense.

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A woman walks near the rubble of her home Monday in Fallbrook, Calif. A fire fanned by Santa Ana winds destroyed homes and damaged others in the area Sunday.

The cuts erratic path of destruction

FALLBROOK, Calif. (AP) — An untouched American flag still flew outside a destroyed home. A small statue of the Virgin Mary lay unscathed in the rubble of another.

Items that had survived the wreckage of a wildfire pushed through town by fierce Santa Ana winds were potent reminders that the path of destruction showed no logic.

A day after it began on Sunday, firefighters began to get control of the blaze that destroyed 30 homes. By Tuesday, the fire had blackened more than 5,200 acres. It was 60 percent contained and full containment was expected Tuesday evening.

The uncontained section was burning across uninhabited land on the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton.

"It's not going anywhere now," said Roxanne Provanik, spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry.

The cause of the blaze was unknown, although authorities were looking into reports that it started in an area where trash was being burned. It was quickly pushed out of control by the hot winds that blew down to the ocean from Southern California's mountain passes.

Al Gebhart's home was one of 30 the fire destroyed, but the 48-year-old man reminded himself of what he had survived.

"I'm alive. My wife's alive. My dogs are alive. My horses are alive," he said. "What more could I ask for?"

Grants will help troubled youths

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Labor Department awarded a \$100,000 grant Tuesday to link Job Corps programs with religious and community organizations working with troubled young people.

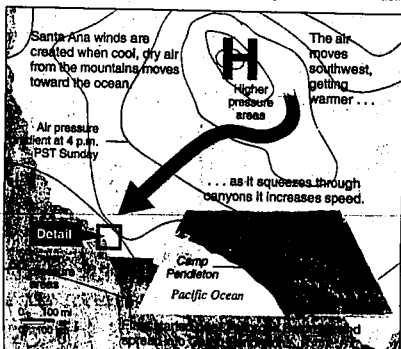
President Bush has said that religious groups are key to solving many social problems. His administration opening a dozen new placement programs to church- and other religious organizations is stalled, but he gave his first grant last week to a compromise bill that would make it a bit easier for some groups to get government grants.

Rep. Tom Lantos, 71, said he was pleased by the program.

"It helps to know that there are people out there who want to help us," Hayes said.

Santa Ana winds propel flames

A wildfire propelled by 60-mph winds, continued to burn Monday on the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base and surrounding areas. The strong winds were caused by a high pressure system to the northeast.



SOURCES: National Weather Service; NOAA; AccuWeather; USGS; Associated Press

The green lawn in front of Gebhart's ruined ranch home remained unscathed, along with a pine tree still bearing red, green and yellow holiday lights. A few feet away was a burned palm tree. On a pole in front of the ruins, an American flag remained unscathed.

"There's a silver lining to this," Gebhart said. "I don't know what it is yet, but I'm sure I'll find out."

Similar scenes played out throughout the hills around Fallbrook, a community filled with homes worth as much as \$1 million.

Jail

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together the original Norco plan. The lease would have to be renewed every year and would include a no-penalty escape clause for the county, said Commissioner Gary Grindstaff.

The county would have to hire 37 more people to staff the jail, Tousey said. He said the new jail's budget, including salaries, is figured into the lease payments.

Commissioner Bill Brockman said the project will end up paying for itself with the money saved from not having to pay to house inmates in other county jails. The county would also be able to keep more inmates from the state and from the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which would also bring more cash to the county.

The county currently spends \$40 a day for each inmate it houses in other county jails. The county spent \$225,000 this year on inmates at other jails during fiscal year 2000-2001, Twin Falls County Jail commander Capt. Bob Wright told The Times-News in December.

"Every time we move a person, there's also the cost of deputies and transportation," Tousey said.

The county receives \$45 per day

for each INS inmate and \$40 per day for each state inmate it houses in its jail.

County commissioners agreed that something must be done, and soon, because the current jail is bursting at the seams. The jail can house 172 inmates, Tousey said.

"It can be pretty crowded," he said.

Grindstaff said when he was first appointed to the commission two years ago, the county was shipping out about 30 inmates to other jails. Today, the county is sending 50-plus inmates to other facilities. And those jails are also feeling the pinch.

"The state facilities are filling up, and by the last part of April, the state beds will be full, which eliminates the beds we rent from someone else," Hempleman said. "The whole state is going to get into a real bind."

Commissioners said if they approve the project, the next step would be to get judicial confirmation. Judicial confirmation allows local government to take a building project before a district judge for review and possible approval rather than asking voters to approve a bond issue.

Report: U.S. birth rates begin rising

ATLANTA (AP) — American women, encouraged by a decade-long economic boom, are having more children than at any other time in the past three decades — 2.1 on average in a lifetime, the government said Tuesday.

For the first time since 1971, women are producing enough children to offset deaths in the United States, the National Center for Health Statistics said.

The center reported 4,058,814 births in 2000, the latest year for which figures were available — up 2.5 percent from 1999.

It was the first time since 1993 that births topped 4 million.

Researchers said the roaring economy of the 1990s was probably a major factor, helping potential parents feel more comfortable about supporting a family.

Enron

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that six members of its board of directors will resign in the next month.

Before being called to the witness table, Lay sat expressionless, his lawyer Earl Silbert at his side, as senator after senator spent over an hour vilifying his stewardship of the company.

"You are perhaps the most accomplished confidence man since Charles Ponzi," said Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill. "I'd say you're like a carnival Barker except that might not be fair to carnival barkers. A carnies will at least tell you up front that he's running a shell game."

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-ND, said he wanted to know "how it is that 29 Enron executives at the top were able to earn \$1 billion in stock sales in 2001 while people at the bottom lost everything."

"Obviously Mr. Lay the anger here is palpable," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass. "Lives are ruined, many lives at the top and at the bottom."

Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., noting Enron's exotic structure and spectacular collapse has shaken the financial markets, suggested the company may be an anomaly. "This is not capitalism — this is a conspiracy that may be a crime," he said. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said her state was "bled



Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

dry" by Enron price gouging during last year's energy crisis there.

The scathing criticism from senators of both parties Tuesday was in sharp contrast to the reception Lay and Enron had received in Washington in past years. As one of the largest sources of political donations in corporate America, Enron was welcomed heartily on Capitol Hill and in the White House. Most of the members attacking Lay accepted campaign contributions from Enron in the past.

While most members kept clear of partisan rhetoric, Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., the committee chairman, derisively referred to Lay as "Kenny Boy," the nickname given him by his old Texas friend, President Bush.

The only mild statements directed at Lay came from Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican who has received \$101,000 in contributions from Enron over the past decade. She said she wanted to hear from Lay about what can a CEO do when a company's stock is in free fall.



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Group warns of computer vulnerability

WASHINGTON (AP) — Much of the Internet's network devices — from desktop computers to traffic management systems — have a security flaw that could allow hackers to shut them down or gain control of the devices, a government-funded research group warned Tuesday. The problem is most serious for Internet service providers, which use systems called routers to manage the flow of messages across computer networks and

the Internet, the group said. "ISPs that don't act will have a reasonable chance of having their routers go down," said Alan Paller, research director at the Sans Institute in Maryland. The CERT Coordination Center, based at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, planned to release an alert Tuesday. Mary Lindner of CERT said hundreds of vendors use the Internet protocol found

to be at risk. The warning, to be posted on CERT's Web site, lists the steps businesses and consumers should take to protect themselves. CERT is funded in part by the Defense Department. "Some companies actually have all their patches ready to go," Lindner said. "Some companies have been diligently working on patches, but they have a lot more work to do."

Congress mulls computer crime penalties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Computer hackers could face up to life in prison for their crimes under a bill being considered by a House panel Tuesday. The bill would expand computer crime provisions in the federal anti-terrorism legislation passed in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The government is increasingly concerned about the well-being of government and business computer systems in the face of both

teen hackers and foreign cyber-soldiers. "As we increase individuals' physical safety at our airports, borders and even sporting events, we should not forget to strengthen cybersecurity as well," said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, the bill's sponsor. The bill would give judges greater flexibility in imposing sentences for computer crimes. Current law ties the severity of the crime to the cost of damage

and limits jail terms to 10 years. Smith's legislation would require judges to take other factors into account, including the sophistication of the offense, intent and whether the victim's privacy rights were violated. If the criminal "knowingly causes or attempts to cause death or serious bodily injury," the judge could impose up to a life sentence.

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EDITORIAL

Tax shortfall forced JFAC to keep cuts

Make no mistake about it. The buck has stopped at the Idaho Legislature's Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. In fact, about 64 million bucks stopped with JFAC.

JFAC members voted 10-9 last week to make the past year's budget holdbacks permanent. Though there may be some weeping and wailing about the committee's decision, it was the right one. Looking ahead, the Legislature may have little choice but to pass JFAC's recommendation and cut \$64.1 million from the existing \$2 billion general tax budget.

If there were any hopes of avoiding permanent holdbacks, news of January's projected \$17 million tax receipt shortfall chased them away. That left JFAC with little alternative but to solidify the cutbacks, which amount to 2.5 percent for public schools, 3 percent for higher education, and 4 percent for all other agencies.

Despite their efforts to save public schools from a reduction of \$23 million, Idaho's educators have to face the stark reality of the times. State government has to cut back. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the Legislature are still trying to insulate public schools from the cuts. Their 2.5 percent holdbacks represent the smallest cuts to state programs. Even after holdbacks, last year's final public school

budget of \$910 million was still the biggest piece of the state's appropriation pie.

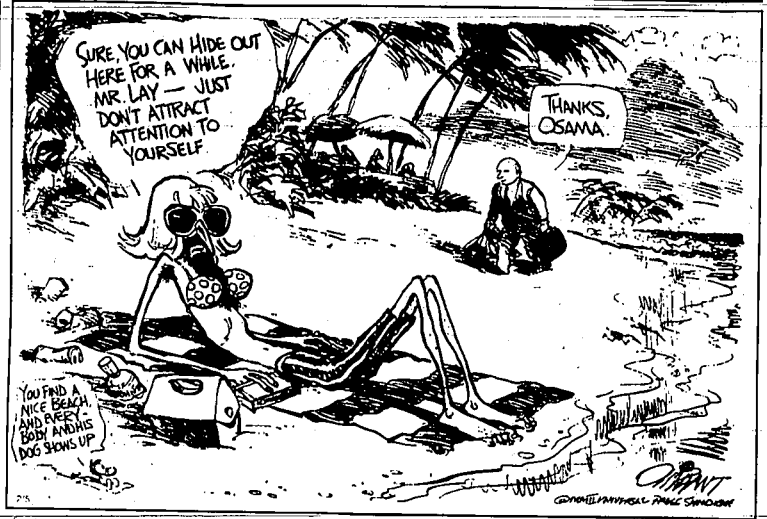
Contrary to what some holdback opponents claim, the answer to solving the current economic predicament in Idaho isn't to repeal last year's tax cut. More taxation would only abuse and batter Idaho consumers. And they're the ones that will bring us out of the downturn.

Last year's tax cut represents pennies on the dollar compared with the growing state budgets that have kept increasing over the past several years. Undertaxation isn't the problem in Idaho. Government overspending is.

Furthermore, the Idaho tax cut didn't cause the economic downturn in the Treasure-Valley's technology industry or the national recession. This will come as news to those who contend state and federal tax cuts are what put Idaho and the country in this mess.

The decision by JFAC to make the holdbacks permanent will attract some criticism, but the committee's move is the right approach. Sometimes you have to cut the cloth to fit the pattern. Doing otherwise would only show that Idaho's state government is unable to do what most families do in tough economic times. It's time for government to feel the pain as well.

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Tech center plan meets community's need

As co-chairmen of the citizens campaign committee to construct a professional-technical center, we are happy to respond to the editorial asking for details about the center.

The proposal: During the district's strategic planning process in 1998, citizens expressed their interest in more diverse technical education options for students. While related courses and a great introductory health occupations class were offered at the high school, patrons felt there needed to be more. Since then, a computer curriculum has been implemented. Information technology and network management classes have been added, along with four computer labs, two located in the industrial arts area. Even with these efforts, last year a citizen-based facility study committee stated, "The construction of a technical center on the college campus should be a top priority for the district. This interest seemed to be shared by the community, as 85 percent of more than 400 patrons randomly sampled in a public opinion poll stated they would vote to construct such a center."

Tax issues: Refinancing the district's current debt allowed the district to shorten the current payment by one year and save the taxpayer \$412,000. The lower interest rates allow a new bond to be layered into the existing debt without increasing tax rates and only extending payments by four years beyond the original payoff date. The combined debt will be paid off in 2012.

READER COMMENT

Dan Olmstead and Ken Edmunds

Space limitations: The current professional-technical classes (i.e., ag, health occupations, information technology and network management) serve approximately 300 students and occupy less than 15,000 square feet. The proposed center will serve a minimum of 600 students and occupy 60,000 square feet. While the ag program could accommodate another 150 students, other programs are full. Space limitations won't allow for expansion or addition of new programs.

Existing ag programs: Due to decreased student enrollment at Twin Falls High School over the last two years, staff positions had to be cut. While ag classes are popular with students, two instructors teaching a duplicate course was not feasible when cuts needed to be made. With the construction of the center, ag sciences will be moved to the center. The content will be renovated to meet industry demands, align with College of Southern Idaho programs, and offer students entry levels of industry certification. The goal is to move beyond offering unrelated courses to offering a coordinated program that builds to industry certification through the high school program or a two-year

college program. New programs at the center: As the national and state economies rebound, funding for schools will ease. New programs will be added as student enrollment in the center increases, as students from surrounding school districts participating in the programs bring with them new revenues (via HB510) and as additional funds are secured (including ARTEC funding and federal grants). In determining which courses to add and when they will be offered, the board of trustees will take into consideration input from a district-citizen advisory committee. This committee will look at national, state and local labor market trends; local employer needs; and student interests. It is hard to predict exactly what new programs will be added within the coming years. Ten years ago, it would have been difficult to forecast that computer network management would be offered on a high school campus. By working in cooperation, the school district and its patrons have the opportunity to ensure that future student and community needs will be met in both academics and professional-technical education.

Patrons with questions are encouraged to attend the next community presentation scheduled on Feb. 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the O'Leary Junior High Auditorium.

Dan Olmstead and Ken Edmunds are the co-chairmen of the Professional-Technical Center Citizens Campaign Committee.

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LETTERS

Tax Idea Isn't fairest

In response to the editorial dated Jan. 29, the opinion expressed was that the "easiest" and "fairest" way to fix budget shortfalls would be to cut salaries of state employees and educators. I disagree.

Selecting a segment of the state population and adding what is tantamount to an extra tax burden of 1 percent to 5 percent may be the "easiest" way to solve the problem. It is not the "fairest." This is not just a state employee or education problem; it is a state problem. The folks that you have targeted to carry the burden of the budget deficit already pay state income taxes on their salaries.

The editorial also expressed that the private sector should follow the example of the state sector. You will find that the number of state employees has been steadily declining over the past several years while the state's population and demand for services has increased.

Education studies show that we are experiencing a serious deficit in the number of teachers in this state. In contrast, the Legislature has, by statute, mandated increased services and standards for both state agencies and school districts. Any student of economics knows that increased demand with decreased resources equals an increase in the cost of the service. Should state agencies and school districts follow the model of the private sector, the cost for those services would go up. They would actually be adding employees instead of allowing vacancies to go unfilled.

Anyone who has lived in this area for any length of time knows that these budgetary emergencies occur with about the same frequency as drought. Waiting until we are in the middle of the problem and then looking for the quick fix is not the solution. The legislators in this state need to have the discipline and courage to save the surplus in times of plenty. They could not spend the surplus on special projects or return it in the guise of

"tax relief."

State agencies and our public school system are going to have to carry through the next few months while our economy recovers. They are doing that. This is not a time to panic and resort to knee-jerk reactions that, in the long run, will damage our state. Let's let our legislators that we want the "roof fixed while the sun shines" and accept a solution less than long-term solutions to a chronic problem.

ALEX TUBBS
Twin Falls

Make kindness a way of life

I am a pusher. I am pushing for the Random Acts of Kindness movement.

This week, Feb. 9-16 is Random Acts of Kindness Week. This week, forget your worries, your concerns, your problems and concentrate on the needs of others. This week, do kind things for your family, your friends, your associates and everyone you come in contact with. Think of acts of kindness you can do for others. Kindness is catching. The person you are kind to will likely be kind to the next person he or she meets. Practicing acts of kindness is also habit-forming. It makes you feel good that you will always be doing little kind deeds for others because it gives you a natural high. Most kind deeds don't cost anything, either.

So this week, hold a door open for another, let someone with only a couple of items in front of you in the checkout line, smile at everyone you meet, pick up trash and dispose of it properly, tell your kids you love them, show them you love them, mend a quarrel, shovel snow for a neighbor, let someone in your lane of traffic.

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Paul

Bush allows corporate dishonesty

When will Bush kick the chief executive officers out of his bed and begin working for us? Never. Back-peddling so fast from "Kenny-Boy," he fell on his face! Lying: "I've had no... dealings with this company. Why would anyone associate me with a Houston-based energy giant that's mismanaged itself into the ground?" Maybe because Enron bought you with almost \$2 million in bribes? Maybe because Cheney had Enron CEO Lay in his office writing his own energy policy? Bush's touted "integrity" allowed Private Lay to loot millions from his employees! The White House branch of Enron - corruption, lies, cover-up - thrives.

Bush sneers that criminal corporations will keep their rights, allowing them to steal at will from public contracts while poor black folks lose all their rights. Ignoring freedom of access law, Bush is cowardly hiding old Reagan-Bush documents that now belong in public domain. To protect the guilty. Now unbinding, he labels Iran, Iraq, North Korea the "axis of evil." China too big for this bully? We have murdered 4,000 Afghan civilians so far. We have murdered 350,000 Iraqi children under age 5. Should be enough innocent blood for all super patriots, but it's not. Bush saw his rating in the poll before 9-11, double with his "war." Rumsfeld laughs, "There are 15

nations" we can still bomb to keep polls high. "The insanity is over," our hero emotes. "Our long national nightmare of peace and prosperity is finally over." As usual, Bush got it half right.

Neocoms espousing double standards out of both sides of their mouths claim that criticizing Bush is "America-bashing!" Remember Limbaugh's lip fluttenence when he sneered that 12-year-old Chelsea Clinton was "a real dog." Not a whisper out of you then. Dissent is most needed when it is most unpopular because it is the lifeblood of democracy. William Fullbright said: "Violence has become the nation's leading industry." True. War is good for business, so invest a son or tow. Dow Jones and Mr. Bush will love it if you do!

RUSSELL L. FOREN
Twin Falls

Term limits vote shows wisdom

Showing foresight and wisdom, Bruce Newcomb has stopped the loss of critical leadership all over our state. We still have the ability to vote our own politicians we feel aren't doing the job, but we're not throwing the baby out with the bath.

My dad, Lynn Manning, served Minidoka County as a highway district commissioner for 42 years. He was chairman for the last 25 years. He learned more each year he served and his wis-

dom and experience at money management taught him avoidance of spending county money if state or federal funds were available. Recent decisions and controversy over poor choices are the result of on-the-job training. Examples stand clearly at the crooked bridge at 300 West Baseline (one mile north of Minico) and the Oneida and Highway 25 junction (former Cameron's Corner) where two stoplights should have been one and angles prohibit truck turns to the west. The recent controversy about locating beer dumping grounds on county roads demonstrates why they were formerly restricted to state or federal highways and maintenance will cost our county millions of dollars over the many years.

The first 17 years, Dad was learning from the experience of others and term limits would have eliminated them both. We need more respect for the time it takes to learn what is needed to make good management decisions. Term limits do accomplish their intent. Term limits cannot legislate ethics or stop corruption; they eliminate training needed to do the job.

When voters decided younger ideas and enthusiasm was needed, Dad lost the election, so the system worked.

I hope we can keep an open mind and consider other options.
JUDY WEST
Paul

Boonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

LETTER

Term limits vote was wrong

I think I have just seen democracy go down the drain in the state of Idaho. The absolute gall and ego of the politicians who tell the voters, "You vote the way we tell you or else." We run the state of Idaho, not you.

Now that they have seen their power, the next law they can pass is to automatically override any vote that they don't like. Maybe vote themselves into office for

life. They think the people of Idaho are too stupid to know what's good for them. They think they are the only ones that know how to do the job and all of Idaho will go into total chaos if they leave office.

Believe it or no, I voted against term limits. But I will vote for democracy any day. God bless the people of Idaho. ROY DAVENPORT Buhl

Getting in touch

Want to make your feelings known to your representatives in Congress? Here's how:

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1292 Addison Ave. E. Twin Falls, ID 83301 734-6780, Fax 734-3905

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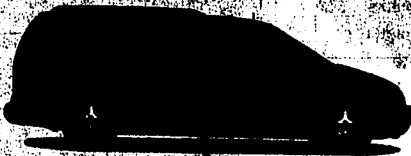
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AROUND THE VALLEY

SIRCOMM board meets tonight

TWIN FALLS - Budget issues will be the focus of discussion at tonight's meeting of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center's joint powers board.

The board meets at 6:45 p.m. in the SIRCOMM building at 911 E. Ave. H in Jerome.

Twin Falls City Business Manager Gary Evans has been asked to review the center's budget and the terms of a promissory note tied to the center. He will report his findings to the board. Finance attorney Brent Hyatt will also talk to the board regarding his recent audit of the center's budget.

The board will also:

- Consider an equipment and maintenance contract with the Intergraph company.
 - Discuss the status of a transmitter tower on Dietrich Butte.
 - Consider the purchase of new radios for rural fire departments.
 - Discuss candidate assignments for Twin Falls police officers.
 - Consider the hiring of a part-time secretary at the center.
- The board will also hold an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Officials slate waste cleanup meeting for today

TWIN FALLS - A discussion of the U.S. Energy Department's proposed budget and top-to-bottom review of its nuclear waste cleanup program will be held at 7 tonight at the College of Southern Idaho.

The Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office will host the meeting. DOE-Idaho officials say they will discuss their ideas on how to best accelerate cleanup of radioactive and hazardous contaminants at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory near Idaho Falls. They say they also want to hear the office's thoughts on ways to clean up the site more quickly and efficiently.

The meeting will be in Room 276 of the Taylor Building at the College of Southern Idaho. More details about the DOE's budget and cleanup plans can be found online at www.energy.gov.

Hansen qualifies for Gem Community status

HANSEN - The city has received a Gem Community certificate from Gov. Dirk Kempthorne which will open the doors for community development and block grants.

The Gem Community Committee has worked for several weeks to complete the certificate requirements. The first project will be establishing a community center in the old City Hall building.

In other City Council business Monday, motorists who travel south on Rock Creek Road might see improvements at the railroad crossing this year.

Councilman Roger Shanahan said the new crossing will be wider to enable bicycle and foot traffic to cross without using car lanes. The city of Hansen and Twin Falls County will purchase concrete planks and Eastern Idaho Railroad will install them.

The council voted to donate \$200 to Crime Stoppers.

Mayor George Urie recommended the council start making plans for the July 4th celebration. He appointed councilwoman Ruth Mitchell to chair the project.

The council voted to give \$100 to the girls basketball team to help with expenses for the state competition.

Police officer Brent Wright introduced Randy Fullerton as the new officer on the Kimberly-Hansen force.

Compiled from staff reports

Senator proposes bill to ease tire piles

Tire recycling tough in Idaho

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A bill introduced in the state Senate would help Lincoln County clean up what appears to be an abandoned tire pile north of Shoshone if other removal efforts fail.

An estimated 1 million tires are stockpiled on private property on Idaho Highway 75, a scenic byway north of Shoshone on the way to Sun Valley. Lincoln County permitted up to 100,000 tires at the site operated by the now-closed Floyd Tire Recovery owned by Tom Floyd of Nampa.

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

The proposed legislation, Senate Bill 1394, would add an

extra dollar charge every time a consumer buys a new tire.

"It creates a one dollar tire fee to be paid to the county where the tires are," said Clint Stennett, the Ketchum Democrat who authored the legislation.

It doesn't matter where the tires are bought, the fee would support counties who need to dispose of tires, he said. Excess funds may be used for the handling of other solid waste.

The bill probably will be heard in the Senate Health and Welfare Committee next week, he said.

"I think it's an alternative in

case the resources aren't there," Lincoln County Commission Chairman Jerry Nance said. "It think the responsibility should certainly lie with Mr. Floyd and ITR. He has been paid to do a job, and he hasn't followed through with it."

The bill would be a help to other counties struggling with tire disposal, Nance said. If the bill doesn't pass, the Idaho Association of Counties plans a summer study committee to draft legislation, he said.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality will ask a judge to require Floyd or the past and present property owners to clean up the tire pile. Craig Hadden of Shoshone sold the property to Bruce Neal Richards of Richfield in November. Floyd has blamed the stockpile on embezzlement

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By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A bill proposed by Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, is similar to a state law that sunset in 1996.

Idaho charged an extra dollar to consumers when they bought a new tire. The fee generated seed money for tire recycling markets.

Stennett, who co-authored the original legislation, said the markets didn't develop. Once the law sunset, tire piles began appearing, the worst being in Shoshone, he said.

Accompanying legislation, still in effect, prohibited landfills from taking used tires chopped or whole. All discarded tires are

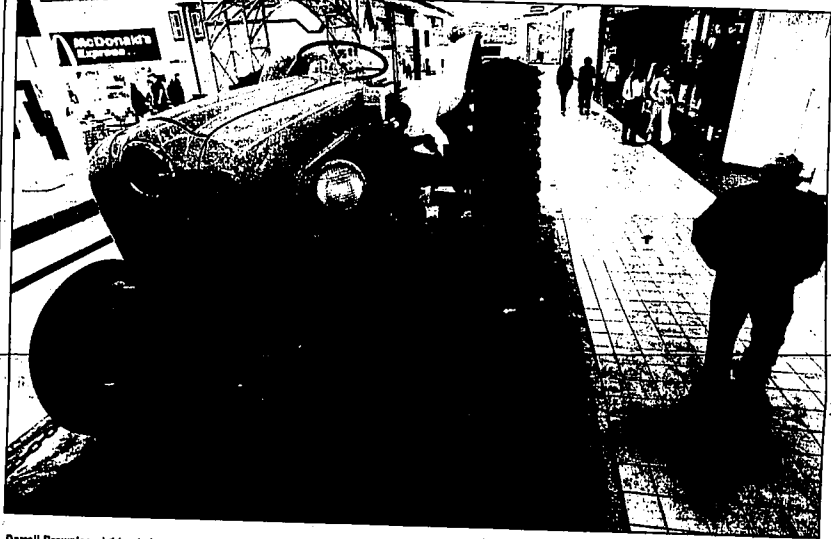
required to be recycled or used for power generation. Used tires can be burned in a controlled environment to generate power.

Some tire retailers may still charge the original \$1 fee, calling it a disposal fee, to help offset their disposal costs, Stennett said. In some cases, that means consumers could see a total of a \$2 disposal fee charged for every new tire they buy if the bill passes.

Other states modeled their waste tire programs after Idaho's, said Dean Ehler, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's solid waste program coordinator in Boise. But other states have the volume to generate markets, he

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PAST-TIMES REMEMBERED



Darrell Brownlee, right, admires a 1955 Ford 800 series tractor at the Magic Valley Mall. Brownlee farmed in Jerome County for 60 years and owned three of the tractors at one time. Several trailer loads of antique engines and tractors were put on display at the mall by the Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers Association. The tractors will be on display until Sunday.

Detectives hunt for arrowhead thief

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Investigators this week were still busy trying to track down the person or people who in November stole a collection of artifacts one detective described as "priceless" from the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum east of Jerome.

Whoever took the artifacts probably had a key to the building they were in, IFARM and Jerome County Historical Society representatives said. Even so, the lead detective on the case said he doesn't suspect it was an inside job.

Meanwhile, the collection's owner said she didn't find out until this month that it was missing.

Iras Anderson of Buhl said she lent her family's extensive American Indian arrowhead collection to IFARM last year in hope that it could be displayed and enjoyed by the public. But it

was only recently that she found out the collection had apparently been stolen and police had been investigating the case for months, Anderson said.

"I'm worried that whoever took it might have split the collection up," she said.

The collection - which was displayed in 22 glass cases and included hundreds of arrowheads - probably has a value that can't be calculated, said Jerome County Sheriff's Department Detective Lt. Jim Dunsbergen. He said it came as a surprise to him that Anderson hadn't been told of the theft.

"During the investigation, I had no idea who the victim actually was," he said. "I was under the impression that she had been told."

IFARM curator Ralph Peters and Jerome County Historical Society President Francis Egbert said Anderson wasn't deliberately kept in the dark. Rather, it was an unfortunate lack of communication, with everybody

apparently assuming somebody else had told Anderson the collection was missing, they said.

"It was just a slip-up," Egbert said. "Nobody got the message out to her."

Dunsbergen said there were no signs of forced entry at the building the arrowheads were in. He said investigators had identified at least one possible suspect, but would not discuss the case in detail.

Peters said the collection was taken from the Main Street building at IFARM.

"Near as we can tell, they must have had a key, because there are three doors there that all take the same key, and they got through all three doors," he said.

Even so, Peters said there's no reason to think anybody with IFARM or the historical society was involved.

"We're all opened up during our live history days and have

people walking all over the place. Somebody might have found a key then," he said. "This just shows how the 1 to 3 percent of bad people can screw things up for everybody else."

There apparently is a considerable market for arrowheads and similar artifacts, Dunsbergen said.

"A lot of them can end up for sale on the Internet at the eBay site," he said. "We've been checking it and similar sites to see if any of the ones we're looking for have come up."

Anderson's son, Roy Williams of Kottbus, Ala., said he has put up a \$25,000 reward for information leading to the recovery of the arrowheads or the identity of the person or people who took them.

"My mother is very upset about this," he said.

Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-3238 or by e-mail at mheinz@magicvalley.com.

Ag panel looks at additional regulation

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - While some say Idaho's Ag Department doesn't do enough controlling, industry members claim the agency is stifling business through over-regulation.

"The truth is probably halfway between," says Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, "and politics is the art of finding the middle."

Area lawmakers continue to look for the best way to protect the public from extreme odor problems related to agricultural operations.

They have also taken up three bills that would establish a seed indemnity program to provide state insurance against seed dealers who go bankrupt.

Interested?

Check out new ag legislation on the state of Idaho Web site at <http://www2.state.id.us/legislat>. Click on "Legislation," then on "Legislative Topic Index to Bills." Look under "Agriculture" in the legislative topic index.

Anderson is proposing a board of directors for the Ag Department, saying that some direction from a statewide oversight group would improve the agency.

More odor legislation

As chairman of the House Ag Committee, Jones put forth Tuesday his new plans to continue tightening up regulations on odor management rules. He said much of the proposed legislation is linked to comments he heard at a public hearing in January. He is proposing to add to the definition of odor "frequency, intensity, duration, offensiveness and health risks" beyond "acceptable agricultural practices."

Jones also introduced a matrix for fining odor violators.

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Introduction of new test this spring brings big implications

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The new standardized tests are on the way.

In preparation for the Idaho Standards Achievement Test to be given to students in grades 3-12 in April, a workshop for teachers and administrators - as well as parents - is today at the College of Southern Idaho.

"Anybody, whether parent, teacher or general citizen, will be affected by the outcome of these tests," said Laurie Bowen, spokeswoman for the Idaho

State Board of Education. "It is important for everybody to come."

ISAT is just one piece of the larger puzzle - the State Board of Education's comprehensive assessment plan - meant to improve measurement of academic progress and knowledge in Idaho's K-12 students.

"It's one of the largest reforms in education in Idaho," Boston said.

Officials are shooting for 2005 to have the entire plan in place. Meanwhile, it begins with pilot programs such as that for the ISAT. All ninth-graders and a

Learn about ISAT

What: Idaho Standards Achievement Test workshop
When: 3:15 p.m. today for educators, 6:7 p.m. for public
Where: Taylor 276 and 277, College of Southern Idaho

random sampling of the state's 10th-, 11th- and 12th-graders will take the pilot test in April.

Ultimately, the test will target 10th-graders only. However, students who stumble in some portions of the test will have the opportunity to retake the failed

segments in either 11th or 12th grade.

ISAT will be used in conjunction with levels testing - another test in the plan - administered to grades 2-9.

Originally, the tests were conceived to adequately assess students' academic knowledge before handing out diplomas, said Dale Layne of Idaho Assessment and Accountability Commission. However, the legal ramifications that accompany "high-stakes" tests made assessment officials seek other avenues of measurement. Thus,

by applying levels testing to grades 2-9, educators will be able to monitor a student's progress more effectively so that by the time the student makes it to high school, a standardized exam to graduate won't be necessary.

Other standardized tests in the comprehensive plan include direct writing and math, Idaho Reading Indicator, and the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

The ISAT in April will be given with pencil and paper, but it will change to computer-administered tests by fall.

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SERVICES

Isabelle Sue Cummins, infant daughter of Robby and Mary Chesley Cummins of Hansen, service at 2 p.m. today at the Pella First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 400 South 160 West, Burley; interment will follow at the Pella Cemetery; friends may call from 12-1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Joretta Louise Lawrence of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. today at Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, at the corner of Hankins Road and Ninth Avenue East; burial will be at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Robert E. Denton of Paul, service at 1 p.m. today at the Burley First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave.; interment will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 12-12:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Lyle Hogan Wilkinson of Boise, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 East Main St.; friends may call one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Clifford Gerald (Jerry) Baumann of Boise, burial with military honors at 1 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery

(Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell) Richard 'Dick' Strickland of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Gooding United Methodist Church; interment will follow at a later date at the Wendell Cemetery (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Jeanette Mardell Strunk of Jerome, Memorial Mass at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E., Jerome (Farnsworth

Mortuary, Jerome). Ila Naomi Williams of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Violet 'Dixie' Meigs of Twin Falls, service at 2:30 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary; interment will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery; visitation from 4-8 p.m. Thursday and from 1:30-2:15 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Barbara G. McKinnon TWIN FALLS - Barbara G. McKinnon, 89 of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Downtown Campus. Service arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Eldon 'Mac' MacFfee NAMPALA - Eldon 'Mac' MacFfee, 80, of Nampa and formerly of Hagerman, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at a Boise hospital. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise.

Hubert W. Burke CAREY - Hubert W. Burke, 88,

of Carey died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002, at the Blaine Manor in Hailey. Arrangements and cremation are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

Trinidad Talamantes HAZELTON - Trinidad Talamantes, 60, of Hazelton died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2002, in Twin Falls of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. A funeral Mass will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 7503 Northview, Boise. Burial will follow at a later date in Mexico.

Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at the patient's request. Admitted Cordell Wayne Johnson of Jerome, Voreen

Brooks of Twin Falls and Arthur Pierce of Gooding. Dismissed Janise L. Kerner of Jerome

OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS



Wallace 'Wally' J. Arndt

Wallace 'Wally' J. Arndt, 64 years old of Twin Falls, was born with Jesus on Feb. 9, 2002 after an extended illness at St. Lukes Hospital in Boise, ID. Wally was born July 15, 1937, in Pipestone Co., MN to Albert and Edith Arndt. He was raised and went to school in Holland, MN. Wally joined the Navy in 1955. He married Lucy Rhonda in 1956. Two children were born to this union. They were later divorced. He married Neta Prian on October 27, 1968, in Lyons, NE. Wally retired from the Navy in 1974 and moved to Twin Falls, ID, where he worked for Idaho Frozen Foods, later Lamb Weston as Buyer/Storeroom Mgr. He retired in 1999 after 24 years. Wally enjoyed camping, fishing, woodworking, traveling, his yard and pets.

He is survived by his wife, Neta, of Twin Falls; daughters Rhonda (Ron) Larson of Idaho Falls, Brenda (Steve) Bentley of Wahlaia, HI; grandchildren Erica Larson, Brad & Chris Bentley, He also survived by brothers Ezra (Joann) of Idaho Falls, Albert (Mary) of Jasper, MN, Roger (Carolyn) of Kingman, AZ, sisters Dolores Nielsen of Brewster, MN, Doris (Greg) Gomez of Kingman, AZ, Sandy (Dennis) Hook of Monticello, MN along with numerous nieces & nephews. Wally was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, February 15, 2002, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church with Pastor Don Christensen officiating. Military Rites by area Veterans & Auxiliary. The family suggests memorials in memory of Wally to the Twin Falls Reformed Church Building Fund. Contributions may be left with Reynolds Funeral Chapel staff at the services or mailed to

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BULLHEAD CITY, ARIZ.

Dolores Jean Weiner Dolores Jean Weiner died February 9, 2002, at her home in Bullhead City, Arizona. She was 72. She was born to Melvin and Elsie Eldred, January 23, 1930, in Jerome. She graduated from high school in Jerome, and attended Colorado Women's College where she was an accomplished pianist. She married Irving Weiner in Denver, Colorado where they resided until 1977 when they moved to Bullhead City, Arizona. She was a loving wife and mother. She is survived by her mother Elsie Eldred of Twin Falls, her daughter Irving Weiner and daughter Darcy Weiner both of Bullhead City, Arizona, her sister Shirley Moore of Hailey, Idaho, and her brother Richard Eldred of Glendale, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her father, Melvin Eldred.

TWIN FALLS



Darlene Roman

Darlene Roman, 67, of Twin Falls passed away Saturday, February 9, 2002, at Desert Rose Retirement Estate. Darlene was born March 3, 1934, in Rupert, the daughter of Doyle and Remedios Evaseita Hale. The family moved to Minidoka, Idaho, in 1940. She attended school in Minidoka and graduated from Rupert High School in 1952. She moved to Twin Falls in 1952. Darlene married Norman G. Roman in 1955. They were blessed with one son, James Doyle Roman. They were later divorced. She raised 'J.D.' and he was the light of her life. He passed away in 1990. Darlene worked for Albertson's for 34 years and was a very dedicated employee. Her son and her job were her life. She retired from Albertson's in 1996.

Darlene is survived by her mother, Remedios Hale of Twin Falls, a sister, Karlen Musgrave of Twin Falls, a brother, Larry Hale of Burley and one grandson, Kyle James Roman of Gilbert, AZ, two nieces and two nephews. Her father, her son and one brother preceded her in death.

Funeral services for Darlene will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, February 16, 2002, at White Mortuary with Bishop Gary Walker conducting. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Visitation will be held on Friday at White Mortuary from 4-8 p.m. and 1 hour prior to the services on Saturday. The family wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the owners and staff at Desert Rose Retirement Estate for their kindness and loving care of Darlene. The family suggests memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1111 S. Orchard St., Suite 200, Boise, Idaho 83705.

Buhl council incorporates public comments into utility proposals

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUHL - The City Council brought a new proposal on increased water rates to a second public workshop Monday, following public comments from an initial workshop late last year.

After listening to the community then, the council went back to the drawing board and came up with a change to the proposal regarding water rates.

The council proposed increasing the number of gallons covered by the \$18 base rate from 4,000 to 6,000. Residents currently pay \$15.50 for up to 4,000 gallons.

The council is also proposing that for between 6,000 and 30,000 gallons, customers would pay the base rate plus 90 cents per thousand gallons over 6,000 gallons.

Between 30,000 and 250,000 gallons, customers would pay a \$38.60 base rate plus \$1.05 per thousand gallons over 30,000

gallons. Customers currently pay \$38.12 plus 97 cents per 1,000 gallons over 30,000.

Over 250,000 gallons, customers would pay \$270.60 plus 85 cents per thousand gallons over 250,000 gallons. Customers currently pay \$251.52 plus 78 cents per thousand gallons over 250,000.

The council is proposing rate changes to all city utilities. Council members will again review the rate committee's proposals before scheduling a public hearing, said Mayor Barbara Gietzen.

City engineer Scott Bybee told residents Monday that rate increases to the city regarding power, insurance and landfill fees have forced costs onto the public.

Bybee reminded residents that the state and federal governments have also issued edicts about cleaning up the arsenic in water supplies.

Costs seem high now but they may become higher if the Environmental Protection Agency demands cleanups in city water and sewer facilities in

the immediate future," Bybee said.

Wanda Gullick-Woxen and her husband, James Woxen, who own the Oregon Trail Motel on Broadway, said their water bills are about \$800 per month even when the rooms are not being rented.

Bybee said the bill and the information the couple has given do not balance. Bybee said he would be willing to sit down with the Woxens and see if there is a problem.

Bybee said the suggestions that come from the community, after being researched, are usually more expensive than what the city has proposed. Such as the case with the public's recent suggestions, such as hiring an outside garbage collector or cutting trash collection from twice a week to once.

Gietzen said she had issued a request for all department heads to cut budgets by 2 percent this year.

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Buhl officials mull new turn lanes

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUHL - The new left turn lanes on Main Street in Buhl are still in limbo.

Property owners and business people of the local improvement development committee have met with members of the downtown enhancement project committee to plan a solution to the decrease in parking that came with the new lanes.

An enhancement project-co-chairman, Pat Hamilton Jr., and Jim Barker, presented the council with a proposal on Monday.

Some parking was made parallel to make room for the left turn lanes.

The plan purports to meet the needs and desires of the community for left turn lanes on Main while returning to diagonal parking.

The plan says diagonal parking could be kept if the sidewalks were narrowed for 13 feet to eight or 10 feet for the length of the left-turn lanes.

The committee agrees that future safety needs could cause the council to return the parallel parking if necessary.

New streetside trees would be replaced along the narrower sidewalks with non sidewalk-lift-

ing varieties. Some awnings on buildings might need to be changed. The city would have to put a variance in the city ordinance to allow for that.

Sidewalk streetlights would accommodate the sidewalk widths, and rounded curb corner would be installed to ease turning movements.

There would be a 15-minute parking/loading zone in front of Pioneer Floors Store for loading and-unloading carpets.

The project engineer and City Council will review the plans and offer recommendations and evaluations to the committees.

In other council business: Tracy Ahrens of J-U-B Engineers gave an update of Well 6.

The new water tank had two small leaks that were repaired and the disinfecting solution was good to the tank and the distribution pipes are ready to hold and pump water.

The pump station is ready also. Some asphalt and cement work has to be completed but the weather warms up, according to contractor, Bodiford Construction.

A walk-through is planned for Friday.

TurnKey Construction is finishing up its end of the project and will meet with city officials to finalize payments.

The city is reapplying for a grant from the Department of Commerce for sewer replacement and a service road to the housing project at the east end of town.

Police Chief Terry Tipton announced Rev. John Burke of the First Assembly of God Church has been commissioned a police chaplain.

Mayor Barbara Gietzen made the following appointments to the planning and zoning board: Randy Clark and Marianne Barker will serve four-year terms and Candy Tipton and Lonnie Hill three-year terms.

Clark was also named to a five-year term on the library board.

Gietzen appointed Waive Stager, Mike Aland and Mavis Easterday to the tree committee.

The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. March 11 at City Hall.

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Superintendent, lawyer urge lawmakers to act

BOISE (AP) - The superintendent of a school district using the state over-unsold facilities promised a package of bills in the Senate as "the first reasonable piece of legislation that does something for all the schools in Idaho."

But the lawyer for the Cottonwood School District and more than a dozen others in the lawsuit predicted on Tuesday that proposals from Republican Sen. Darrel Deide of Caldwell would

not satisfy 4th District Judge Deborah Bail.

"My prediction is either this session the Legislature does something really meaningful or the judge will do it for us," former Idaho Supreme Court Justice Robert Huntley told lawmakers. "My guess is, frankly, that it's got to be something that requires an effort of 30 to 35 million dollars a year."

He said he would soon ask Bail to conduct a hearing this summer on the state's progress toward addressing what she ruled a year ago was an unconstitutional inadequate system of ensuring schools are safe, learning-conducive environments.

After that hearing, Huntley said, he would recommend that the judge direct a solution and retain jurisdiction to give the Legislature another chance to comply.

That also would head off an immediate appeal of whatever decision she makes. Huntley said a new estimate of the statewide school facilities needs, address health and safety problems, total between \$560 million and \$700 million.

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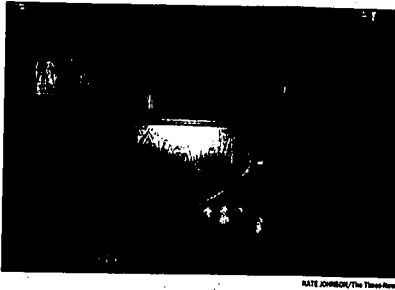
Lent offers time for reflection

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Sacrifice and cleansing of sin characterize the season of Lent, which begins today.

For many, Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten season, is the biggest religious event of the year, said the Rev. Juan Garatea at the Little Flower Catholic Church in Burley.

More people will come to the church on Ash Wednesday than any other time of the year, Garatea said. People will come to the church throughout the day, whenever they have time, to take part in a ceremony and receive a mark of ash on their forehead.



Seminarian Dat Vu spreads a purple altar cloth at St. Nicholas Church in Rupert. Many Christian churches replace the traditional white altar cloth with purple on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

"It is a deep custom, to go to the church and receive the ashes," Garatea said.

The priest will visit the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center to deliver ashes to inmates who choose to participate in the ceremony.

The ash is a symbol of both death and rebirth, said Dat Vu, a seminarian at St. Nicholas Catholic School in Rupert. Christians who observe Lent struggle to purify themselves and remove sin from their lives.

Sin is in many ways synonymous with death in Christian religions, he said. After Lent comes Easter, marking the resurrection of Christ and symbolizing victory over sin and death.

The season correlates with the new growth of plants and birth of animals.

The ritual of placing the ash on the forehead is an important part

of Lent, Garatea said.

"Sometimes what they can see and touch makes more of an impression than the invisible mysteries of faith," he said.

The ritual provides a tangible link to the intangible.

The ash comes from the burned palm fronds, from Palm Sunday the previous year. Because priests bless the palms,

the church cannot throw them away nor put them to a secular use, Vu said. Burning the palms for Ash Wednesday keeps Catholic churches from filling up with the leaves.

Many Catholics who observe Lent pray, fast, do acts of charity and make personal sacrifices during the season. Garatea tells his congregation it is better to help other people than to simply give up candy for Lent. Both community action and internal change is important.

The tradition of Ash Wednesday and Lent is especially important to Hispanic Catholics, Garatea said. In the Hispanic community, people have observed the holy season for generations.

"It is something special that they have in their culture and their hearts," he said.

The Catholic church has observed Lent since the council of Nicea in 325 A.D., said Sister Maria Elena Schaefer at St. Nicholas. The church follows the example of Jesus, who spent 40 days in the desert, fasting and praying, Schaefer said.

Catholics spend certain days of Lent, including Ash Wednesday, fasting or abstaining from meat, she said.

M-C man requests canyon road work

Filters might help improve water quality

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - An Albion man suggested Monday the Cassia County commissioners apply for a grant to install filters alongside Howell Canyon Road.

The commissioners should make an effort to clean up the water quality violations created by building the road, Earl Warthen said. Applying for a grant, available to government agencies under the Clean Water Act, would be a good way to fix the problems, he said.

Commissioners decided to consult with road department officials to determine if there is a need for the proposed environmental safeguards.

of the highway district officials who were involved in the project.

Government agencies in other areas have been forced to pay large cleanup fees after waterways have been polluted, said Ed Christensen, chairman of the Lake Walcott advisory group. He warned that the salt used on the road could pollute the runoff from melting snow.

"If they are dumping 60 tons of salt up there, well, we don't have saltwater fish in that stream," Christensen said.

The construction of the road severed several springs and drainage trenches along the road, but these account for only 199 acres, Warthen said. There are also more springs draining beside the road, which were not identified in the study, he said.

"We need a qualified expert to make a call as to whether there is a problem or not," Commissioner Warthen suggested.

Warthen suggested the commissioners call on the expertise

of the highway district officials who were involved in the project.

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Because his land is downstream from the area, Warthen is concerned with water quality. When the Federal Highway Administration built the road, it did not pay proper attention to environmental impacts and permitting, relying instead on clout, he said.

"For one, sitting on private land, could get away with it. But here the feds come in and dig up our headwaters," Warthen said.

In other business, the commission canvassed the votes on the annexation of part of west Cassia County into the Rock Creek Fire District. Voters approved the annexation, with 13 votes cast in favor and none against.

Commissioners also renewed a beer license for Pit Stop Cycle Repair in Burley.

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Prospective buyers take look at Heyburn electric system

By Shari Chaney
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HEYBURN - Four local utilities have shown interest in buying Heyburn's electric distribution system, according to Heyburn City Attorney Steven Tuft.

The city wants to sell the electric distribution system as part of an agreement resolving litigation between itself and the J.R. Simplot Co.

Idaho Power Co. and United Electric Co-op, both in Heyburn, Raft River Electric Co-op, in Malta, and Riverside Electric Co-op, in Rupert have all expressed an interest, Tuft said. Actual proposals are expected near mid-March.

Prospective buyers from the city and EES Consulting of Bellevue will provide additional information to the interested parties and answer any questions, Tuft said. After proposals are in, the council will spend four to six weeks evaluating the proposals.

The city has hired EES Consulting to determine how much the utility should sell for, Tuft said. Last fall, EES Consulting provided a cost of service analysis for electric rates. Consultants also provided information about electric rates in the area, Tuft said.

The City of Heyburn will negotiate with the interested utilities to ensure terms are acceptable. The utilities will also offer rates to Simplot which must be agreed upon by Simplot officials, Tuft

said. And the residents of Heyburn must approve the sale through a vote.

It is much like a three-legged stool, Tuft said.

Tracy, general manager at Raft River Electric said the entity is looking to see if buying the system would bring benefits to its members. The co-op is looking to the future.

Tracy said co-op officials are still waiting on some additional information from the consulting group the city of Heyburn hired.

Ralph Williams, general manager at United Electric, said a primary goal, if the cooperative acquires the electricity distribution system, would be to "work with J.R. Simplot Co. to keep them viable in our community."

United would also like to be

able to spread its fixed costs over a larger base of customers and larger kilowatt hours of sales, Williams said.

Tuft is uncertain how much money the sale could generate and how city officials will use that money.

"I haven't got a clue," Tuft said. "I've never sold a utility before."

Tuft said one option he is sure the council will consider is using the money to help defray the cost of the litigation with Simplot. Those costs total more than \$400,000.

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Albion officials prepare to issue liquor licenses

By Mary Lynne Bristol
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ALBION - Albion city officials Monday suspended their rules and approved on one reading an ordinance which allows liquor licenses to be issued.

Typically, ordinances are approved on three separate readings.

City Council members discussed the process for issuing liquor licenses at their special council meeting. The discussion followed last week's vote by Albion residents to allow liquor licenses to be issued in the community. For years, only beer licenses have been available in Albion.

measure. The council accepted the election results.

Also Monday, councilmen approved a management structure proposed by Mayor Don Danner. Danner will oversee risk management, grant aid, planning and zoning, emergency planning and special projects. Councilman Brent Stauffer will oversee the water system, the sewer system and sanitation. The electrical system, fire and police and capital improvements will be supervised by Councilman Don Bowden. Administration, public relations and public health will be supervised by Councilman Len Marrs. Councilman Darren Smyer will be in charge of roads and grounds; curbs and sidewalks and flood control.

City Attorney Kerry McMurray said applicants must first obtain state and county liquor licenses and then pay the city fee, which is 75 percent of the state fee. The City Council and officials with the Cassia and Sheriff's Office will review applications to ensure there are no violations of the code.

Initially, licenses will be valid until July 31. New annual licenses will be issued Aug. 1.

Council members also canvassed the results of the Feb. 5 election, in which voters agreed to allow liquor and wine to be sold by the drink at properly licensed Alibon businesses.

City Clerk Heather Whitehead reported 124 votes were cast, including six absentee ballots. Some 65 people voted in favor of the question, and 59 votes were cast in opposition to the

plan prepared by Mayor Don Danner's submission to the Idaho Department of Commerce, the city will be recertified as a Gem community. The plan includes long- and short-term goals for the city's infrastructure and economic diversification and business retention and expansion. Council members are the project leaders for each of the one-year action plans.

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based on a sliding scale of \$1 per animal unit per day or \$1 per day per cubic yard of material (such as rotting potatoes).

Jones said the idea for sliding-scale fines is a response to warnings from the Ag Department attorneys. They said the department could be accused of assigning arbitrary fines without some thing definitive, Jones said.

But dairy lobbyist Brent Olmstead said no agency, including agriculture, has a matrix of the sort that Jones is proposing.

Julie Pipal, spokeswoman for the Ag Department, said that at the present time the agency does not use a one-size-fits-all approach.

"We make decisions around here on a case-by-case basis," she said. "But the Legislature does set minimum and maximum fines."

Olmstead also objects to the philosophy of Jones' fines. He said severity rather than size should dictate how much a violator pays.

Jones said he has run the proposal to tighten up odor management past the governor's staff as well as the Ag Department. The Ag Committee voted to print the

proposal into a bill. The next step is a hearing.

Seed insurance in the pipeline

Three other proposals the Ag Committee has passed along for printing into a bill relates to the infamous AgriBio Tech bankruptcy, in which about 200 Idaho farmers lost significant money. The legislation was spurred along by Ag Department director Pat Takasugi, who had taken a significant hit himself when the company went belly up two years ago, Jones said.

The proposed legislation would force seed dealers and warehousemen to acquire bonding in addition to charging farmers 4 percent of each dollar to insure the seed. The money would go into a state fund that would be maintained between \$10 million and \$12 million.

Commodity dealers have been required to bond since the 1920s, Jones said. And a farmer-planters insurance fund for commodity grain and beans has been in place for some time, too. In fact, part of it was tapped into in order to pay some of those who lost money in

the ABT fiasco.

The difference between the growing seed and growing commodities is that seed growers essentially are being paid for their labor because they grow under contract while commodity producers sell on the open market.

This legislation for seed producers would also require the department to send out investigators to make sure dealers are reporting their inventory accurately to the state. The agency already does that with commodity warehouses.

But seed dealer Bob Stark of Kimberly's seed has never paid a grower late, he said. "This stems from a conglomerate of companies that were badly managed. So now we have protect farmers from their own bad judgment."

He predicted, as Olmstead said, that all the proposed ag legislation will stop a lot of agribusiness from coming into

Idaho.

Controlling the controllers

In addition to putting more controls on agriculture, however, Jones is suggesting a board of directors to oversee the Ag Department's overseers.

So far, he said, the folks at the Ag Department don't seem to appreciate the idea of being controlled any more than the people they regulate. Still, Jones said the idea of a seven-member committee from the public and private sector has merit.

For example, Jones said he believes the department's rules that were rejected by the House, Ag Committee recently would have been better written to begin with had the agency gotten better input.

That would have come from the board.

Jones also pointed out that the Department of Agriculture is the only Idaho agency without a board of directors.

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said. On average, about one waste tire is generated every year per person, and Idaho's small population doesn't generate enough tires for viable markets, he said.

With the closure of Idaho Tire Recovery, the Southern Idaho

Solid Waste District had to find someone else to haul off its waste tires. Magic Valley residents pay a \$2 tipping fee for every passenger car tire they take to the landfill. The waste district paid Idaho Tire Recovery \$1.50 a tire to haul them away. The tire company earned about \$21,750 a year

from its contract with the waste district.

The waste district recently contracted with Tire Disposal & Recycling Inc. owned by Mark Hope of Clackamas, Ore. Hope will charge the district \$1.10 per tire to haul off its used tires - an estimated 6,370 passenger-car

tires a year. The district's total contract, which includes higher fees for large truck and farm equipment tires, will cost about \$20,200 annually. Hope's company reports collecting and processing over half a million tires a year throughout the Northwest.

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by an employee and temporary shutdowns by cement plants that burn the tires for fuel.

It looks like the tires won't be going anywhere for a while, as the county waits for the lawsuit to play out and for state help.

Efforts are under way to create shredders and add sprinklers to build in a pond around the tire pile, Pence said.

The property borders the

range.

"Waste tires are a hard waste stream to deal with," said Dean Ehlers, the DEQ's solid waste program coordinator in Boise.

Shoshone's pile is the worst, but other counties, including Bonneville and Lemhi, have tire piles that need to be cleaned up, he said.

Shoshone's bill also would allow counties to landfill chipped or shredded tires. Existing state law

prohibits landfills from taking tires shredded or whole. Whole tires create air pockets in the landfill, leaving the potential for tires to work their way to the surface.

The DEQ's preferred option for tire disposal is re-treading or recycling, Ehlers said. But that depends whether a market exists. For small or remote counties that don't generate enough waste tires to make recycling economically viable, shredding is

the next best option, he said. Shredders are expensive, though, costing about \$100,000, he said. It might be cost-effective for counties to create a solid waste district such as Magic Valley's to combine their resources to handle tire disposal, Ehlers said.

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T.F. event lets parents learn about proper car-seat safety

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Idaho children, according to a study by the Idaho Transportation Department.

In 2000, there were 13 child fatalities between the ages of 4 and 14 years.

"Car seats, when correctly installed and used, reduce the risk of death by up to 71 percent," said Wendell Lane, health education specialist for the South Central District Health Department, in a health department press release.

"Unfortunately, misuse is a common problem with most car seats," Lane said. "Misuse includes, but is not limited to, using an inappropriate seat for the child's age and size, placing

an infant who is either under age 1 or (less than) 20 pounds in a forward-facing seat, not securing the seat tightly in the vehicle, and not securing the child correctly in the seat."

Feb. 10-16 is National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week. Local law-enforcement agencies, Magic Valley Safe Kids and the health department will hold "Buckle-Up" events. These events are free and give parents the opportunity to make sure their car seats are being used correctly.

Buckle-up events are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at Con Paulos in Jerome and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at Kim Hansen Chevrolet in Burley.

For more information, call Lane at 734-5900, Ext. 247.

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Cassia district aligns curriculum

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

BURLEY - For a year or two, some students may hear the same social studies information twice. The Cassia County School District approved Tuesday a recommendation from Oakley teacher Marge Woodhouse to align social studies curriculum with state standards.

sophomores, and ninth-graders next year will miss world geography. Declo teacher Kelly Kidd said teachers will incorporate missing pieces of social studies into the curriculum they are teaching. Once the curriculum is aligned, students will benefit, Woodhouse said. Woodhouse said each social studies teacher in the district was polled about changing the curriculum and all were in agreement of the alignment. The board also discussed the calendar recommendation for the 2002-2003 school year and decided to take it back to the calendar committee for further work. An early start of Aug. 22 was a concern for board member Deb Critchfield. She was concerned with the summer heat and with registration falling during fair week. She felt that beginning Aug. 26 would be better. LeRoy Funk supported the early start, especially if it meant students would be out by Memorial Day. "The fair is over. The summer is over. Go to school," Funk said. "It will be easier to control children in the fall than in the spring," Funk said, and Burley teacher Carolyn Hondo agreed. Critchfield said more compromise might be needed to come out with a workable calendar. "This is pretty much a teacher's calendar," Critchfield said of the present calendar. Shortening Christmas break was also mentioned. It is scheduled for two full weeks, which is more than it has been in other years.

The board also heard a presentation from Dan Long with Energy Education Inc. about a program to save the district money on utilities. Energy Education trains the district on how to save utility costs, Long said. The company guarantees the district will save \$108,000 in the first year. The district pays \$60,000 per year for four years for Energy Education's services. Other costs include an energy education manager, seminar and travel expenses and energy tracking software, Long said. After four years, Energy Education will continue to support the program, but the district no longer pays the \$60,000. The \$60,000 per year is based on the size of the district, Long said.

Richfield considers building new library

By Sandy Calkins Times-News correspondent

RICHFIELD - A City Council meeting with the Richfield library board explored options from upgrading the existing library to building a new structure. The consensus was that a new structure would be the wisest investment, but a final decision was not made. A committee consisting of two council members and two library board members will determine the city's needs in a new structure. The committee will report back to the City Council at its March meeting with a decision. The council and library board decided the building would go up on an existing city property. A contractor would be hired to pour the cement slab and build the outer shell. The inside would be finished with volunteer labor from the city. Grants from foundations would be pursued to help fund the project. In other business: The council approved the second reading of two area-of-impact ordinances. One ordinance lists the legal description of the area of impact and the other approves the map for the area of impact. The ordinances will be finalized at a third reading in March. Another area-of-impact ordinance concerning how the area will be governed is still being discussed at both the city and county levels. To be decided is who will appoint a representative from the area of impact to the city planning and zoning commission. The council approved building permits for Kevin Lakey and Teresa Miller to bring in single-

wide trailers. Both homes had been inspected by the building inspector and approved by Richfield planning and zoning. Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Ellis presented a report on deputies' hours in Richfield. Fewer hours were spent in Richfield this month, but they would be made up next month. Ellis said the sheriff's office was getting some software that would make reporting hours easier and more accurate. In response to a question about a recent shooting in which a home had been hit, Ellis said the investigation was complete and the information had been turned over to the county prosecutor. On the topic of dogs running loose, he said the prosecutor had told him he could not prosecute unless a dog's owner could be proved by licensing. A representative from the auditing firm of Ware and Associates of Twin Falls presented the yearly audit report to the City Council. He said the books and records were in good order and in compliance with state code. He further stated there was an increase in cash in all areas and that his report to the state was good. The council accepted the audit and rehired the firm for next year. The council supported a county proposal to install a buffer zone around cities where a limited number of cattle could be held in a confined animal feeding operation. The council tabled a request from the Idaho Power Co. through the Western Union to provide a pay station for electric bills.

GOP intends to cut school spending

BOISE (AP) - Democrats on Tuesday failed again to create some financial breathing room for public schools as budget writers slash spending to handle a slowing economy and protect last year's record tax cut. "It's a question of whether it's more important now to protect our public schools," Rep. Ken Robison of Boise said. But he managed to win the support of just two of the 18 Republicans on the 20-member Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. The panel accepted the state Land Board's decision to cut state nearly \$4.4 million from the state's contribution to public education for the 2002-2003 school year. A day earlier, Robison and Democratic Sen. Bert Marley of McCammon drew the support of

only three Republicans in their plan to claim \$26 million in anticipated 2003 tobacco lawsuit settlement payments for school aid. Instead, that money will be put in a trust with the earnings earmarked for anti-smoking programs. Besides the attempts to hold the line on state aid for the next school year, Idaho's 114 school districts face a contraction in finances during the next 18 months. A slight reduction in endowment money was expected to buffer the stock market's effect on that \$800 million trust. But the investment manager for the state pension fund had advised the board that it could maintain public school payouts from reserves for several years without any problems. The board, however,

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chose to scale back annual distributions to reflect less robust economic times. Endorsement of the decision to cut the school payment to \$43.3 million next year came on the eve of the committee's deliberation of the state's school aid package for the coming school year. The committee has already taken the unprecedented step of slashing state support for school operations this year from \$688.5 million to \$845 million to avoid a deficit. That cut must still be approved by both the House and Senate, something neither chamber has ever done since school aid became the largest item in the state budget over 30 years ago. The reduction has forced districts to tap their own reserves, which were set aside for critical good on contractual obligations. Those without sufficient reserves have had to make reductions in programs and activities. Kemphorne had proposed just over \$558 million in operating support for local school districts next year. But Republican budget writers have already planned to reduce the 2002-2003 general tax budget by \$20 million more than the governor wanted after cutting \$100 million from basic state spending. Some lawmakers want to hold schools at about \$852 million, and several are pushing to freeze next year's state allocation at the \$845 million schools would get this year after the budget cut.

Judge rules against man held on charge

POCATELLO (AP) - A federal magistrate has ruled that there is enough evidence to charge a Chubbuck man with illegally possessing a firearm and detain him because of possible links to last month's triple killing on the Fort Hall reservation.

Magistrate Larry Boyle ordered 24-year-old Abel Daniel Hidalgo jailed because of the risk he poses to the community. Boyle's decision came after FBI Special Agent Darwyn Berg testified on Hidalgo's possible role in the killings. Leigha Tacunan, 21, her 11-month-old baby, Deland Schmidt, and her 42-year-old mother, Margaret Fallows, were killed in Tacunan's home on Jan. 31. The two women had been shot multiple times, and the infant died from blows to the head and chest. Berg, who is supervising the investigation, testified that it had been determined through interviews that Hidalgo was Tacunan's ex-boyfriend and had supplied drugs to her. Berg said one of those interviews was with Blacio Tol resident Ramon Ortiz, who admitted calling Hidalgo a 45 semiautomatic pistol and 10 rounds of ammunition.

On the morning of the shootings, Berg said, Ortiz and a friend gave Hidalgo a handgun and some money she allegedly owed him. When they pulled up in front of her house, Hidalgo told them they should cover their faces. They reported hearing gunshots, female screams and more gunshots. Berg said Ortiz told investigators he saw Hidalgo dismantle a firearm and throw pieces out the passenger-side window along Bank Highway and Interstate 15. Investigators combed the roads and found parts of the gun, including a magazine. The parts have been sent to a laboratory for testing. Boyle said the evidence provided probable cause for a grand jury to review the felony possession charge.



This snowman in the front yard of Kenny and Elma Ames' home in Albion appears to be tired of all the snow and wind that have been present this winter in much of Cassia County.

DEAD TIRED?

Senate votes to rescind elk ranching rules

BOISE (AP) - A sharply divided state Senate voted on Tuesday to rescind rules imposing up to \$5,000 a day in fines for violating elk ranching regulations and quarantining land for five years if elk are found to carry chronic wasting disease. Critics called the regulations

unfair and heavy-handed in a state where the fatal disease has never been found. Still, they managed only a 17-16 victory as advocates of strict regulation warned that the rules were being attacked by one "flagrant violator," who has ignored the regulations to the point of running up as

much as \$781,000 in potential penalties. And they called repeal of the administrative rules - if the House approves - a hollow victory for Rexburg elk rancher Rex Rammell and his allies since the fine is written into state law and remains on the books. "I wouldn't say it would kill the projects, but it would be hard to bring them to fruition." They would have to seek private foundation grants, which can be hard to find and apply for. The rural initiative is supposed to help small communities survive the economic downturn and be ready to take off when times are

Budget worries economic development officials

LEWISTON (AP) - The region's largest economic development association is keeping a vigil on the state budget to see if the governor's rural initiative survives. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne called for a 3-percent budget holdback statewide. But he has included \$3.5 million for the rural initiative he implemented six months ago, with another \$9.9 million in start-up money. "That's good news for us," said Eric Phillips of the Clearwater Economic Development Association in Lewiston. "We are sitting and watching with our fingers crossed." Four projects are ready to submit, should the initiative money make it through the Legislature, Phillips said. Elk City seek funds to help build an incubator for new small timber-related businesses that use wood in their manufacturing. The money would go to office space, bookkeeping and other costs. In Kootenai, the money would go to Upper Clearwater Arts Council for a gallery. In Pierce and Weippe, there are plans for local start-ups of diversified wood products manufacturers. If the initiative money is deleted, the road will be bumpy for these business ideas, Phillips said. "I wouldn't say it would kill the projects, but it would be hard to bring them to fruition." They would have to seek private foundation grants, which can be hard to find and apply for. The rural initiative is supposed to help small communities survive the economic downturn and be ready to take off when times are

better, Idaho Commerce Department spokeswoman Georgia Smith said. Rural initiative funding has been well used in its six short months, Smith said. More than \$3.7 million of the \$3.9 million allocated last summer by the governor has been committed to projects statewide and will help create 346 jobs, she said.

2002 Auction Calendar listing various auctions through February 24, including Saturday, Feb. 16, 11:00AM Black Trucking Co. and Sunday, Feb. 17, 11:00AM Prime Cut Restaurant Equipment.

Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment. The USDA, Rural Development has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Murtaugh. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the USDA, Rural Development has adopted an Environmental Assessment that evaluated the potential environmental effects and consequences of the proposed project.

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NATION

Grant links Job Corps, religious groups

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Labor Department awarded a \$100,000 grant Tuesday to link Job Corps programs with religious and community organizations working with troubled young people.

Labor Secretary Elaine Chao and representatives of Public-Private Ventures, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit organization that supports religious groups in developing and implementing programs for youth and young adults.

"Give someone a little help and you give them a lot of hope," Maurice Hayes, 19, said he was encouraged by the program.

Established in 1964, Job Corps is the nation's largest educational training program for disadvantaged youth age 16 to 24. The program has trained and educated more than 2 million young people to date, serving over 71,000 young Americans in 2000.

Study links hormones with breast cancer

CHICAGO - A new study adds to the growing body of evidence that recent, long-term use of hormone supplements after menopause may increase the risk of breast cancer.

Nation in brief

Commission said Tuesday. "This is the kind of activity that somebody's grandmother could be engaging in without fully appreciating that it's illegal," said Eileen Harrington, a director with the FTC's division of marketing practices.

Look a little closer for Oscar surprises

By Terry Lawson Knight Ridder News Service

On the surface, Tuesday's Oscar nominations seemed almost less than ordinary. Two successful, expensive mainstream films, the fantasy adventure "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" and the inspirational drama "A Beautiful Mind," won 13 and eight nominations, respectively, a daring commercial and critical disappointment, "Moulin Rouge," won eight.

OSCAR 2002 nominations. The 74th annual Academy Awards will be presented March 24 at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood, Calif. Nominations in major categories: Best actor: Russell Crowe, Sean Penn, Al Pacino, Matt Damon. Best actress: Halle Berry, Monica Bellucci, Judi Dench, Nicole Kidman. Best director: Ron Howard, Ridley Scott, Robert Altman. Best picture: "A Beautiful Mind", "Gosford Park", "In The Bedroom", "Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring".

But, as a recent Oscar-winner implied, look closer. Though none of the experts who were trotted out to do instant analysis for the morning TV shows seemed to notice, Oscar's big 2002 breakthrough was the color barrier. For only the second time in Oscar history, three African-Americans were nominated in major acting categories.

Denzel Washington, who played the corrupt cop in the "Training Day," and Will Smith, who had the title role in the impressionistic biography "Ali," will be competing against each other for best actor. Their other competition will be Tom Wilkinson ("In the Bedroom"), last year's winner Russell Crowe ("A Beautiful Mind") and Sean Penn ("I Am Sam").

Halle Berry, who dispelled arguments that she was just a pretty face with her powerful portrayal of an abusive mother in "Monster's Ball" and won the big dance on March 24. She'll be in the company of other best-actress nominees Judi Dench ("Iris"), Nicole Kidman ("Moulin Rouge"), Renee Zellweger ("The Hot Chick") and Sissy Spacek ("In the Bedroom").

appeared in three different films. Look deeper yet, and you'll also see a seismic shift in both the Hollywood power structure and Academy Award Picture Arts and Sciences voter allegiances.

Walt Disney Studios, which produced the most expensively budgeted film in history last year with "Pearl Harbor," earned seven nominations, all in technical categories (three for "Pearl Harbor," three for "Monsters, Inc.," one for "The Royal Tenenbaums").

Editor of online magazine steps down

SEATTLE (AP) - Michael Kinsley, who founded Slate magazine nearly six years ago and watched it blossom into one of the top online publications, is stepping down as editor, saying he felt "a need for change" was in order.

ought to do for my health," he said from his Seattle-area home. "On the other hand, I was thinking if I do this everyone will be thinking it's because of the Parkinson's. So that actually was (causing) me to put it off."

Kinsley is a former editor of The New Republic, a weekly commentary magazine, and has also been a co-host of "Crossfire," a CNN political talk show. He has also held editing posts at other high-profile magazines including Harper's, The Economist and The Washington Monthly.

But in a memo to his staff Monday, Kinsley said he felt "a need for change, and I think Slate could use a change as well."

While Warner Bros. earned only seven Oscar nominations this year, its New Line division brought home 14.

"To be blunt, we haven't yet accomplished my main goals here, which were to establish the kind of publication that would become self-sustaining," Kinsley said. "We're very close to proving that but we're not there yet - but I intend to be here to celebrate what we do."

The increased risk was about 50 percent for developing ductal cancer - which occurs in the milk ducts - and about 20 percent for developing lobular tumors, which form in the milk-producing glands and account for about 10 percent of all breast cancer cases.

The latest study is in line with research linking long-term hormone use to an increased risk of breast cancer. However, it lacked information on participants' habits that could influence breast cancer risk - including alcohol use, physical activity and breast-feeding.

Study suggests Viagra is OK for many heart patients

CHICAGO - A study that had patients sit on their backs to simulate the rigors of sex suggests that many men with heart disease can safely take Viagra.

Unlike some of the previous studies, the current research was not funded by Viagra's manufacturer. It was conducted through grants from the Mayo Foundation and the American Heart Association.

Government warns senders of e-mail chain letters

WASHINGTON - More than 2,000 people involved in an Internet chain letter that promises \$46,000 or more in the next 90 days are receiving government warnings that the scheme is illegal, the Federal Trade Commission said Tuesday.

Woman, feds spar over her jailed husband's sperm

HARRISBURG, Pa. - The sperm of a New York mobster is the subject of a court battle between the government and his wife, who helped bribe a guard to smuggle the fluid out of the prison where her husband is doing time.

The government is demanding the frozen sperm in 2000 at the office of Maria Pariviechko's gynecologist in New York City and has refused to release it.

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MORNING BREAK

Stepfather's abuse leads teen to find comfort elsewhere



DEAR ABBY: Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior in high school. My mother is married to an alcoholic who periodically gets very drunk and screams unprintable things at me until I'm huddled crying on the floor. He hates me and has threatened to hurt me on at least two occasions. He refuses to get counseling or go to AA. Mom has been present during some of these episodes.

About a year ago, I started dating a guy who is very supportive. Because of the situation at my house, I have started going to his house every day after school and returning as late as possible. Sometimes I tell Mom the truth about where I am; sometimes I tell her I'm working late at school. I am an editor in chief of our school paper, so this isn't unusual.

Abby, I know my mother is very hurt by the fact I'm never home. She gets angry and accuses me of avoiding home because I don't want to do chores. How can she say that when she knows how

her where you're spending your time and why. Explain that your boyfriend's house is a safer place for you because you don't have to fear threats and verbal abuse. If you want to spend more time with your mother before you leave for college, do it away from the house. An excellent place for both of you to start would be Al-Anon. It is listed in your local phone book. As for your dropping grades, I urge you to find a teacher or counselor at school in whom you can confide. Talking it out will help - and in one more semester you'll be away from the pressure. I wish you much success.

DEAR TORN: Your mother blames your absence on an unwillingness to do household chores because she's in denial about how her husband's drinking and temper have affected you. If she can place blame on you, she won't have to address her failure as a parent to protect you from his abuse. I see nothing to be gained by lying to her. She bears some of the responsibility for this. Tell

millions of miles away emotionally. Four years my junior, Phil and I never bonded as children. Our father was harsh and rejecting. He was a driven workaholic who never displayed affection, nor did our mother. I married just as Phil graduated from high school. We saw very little of each other after that.

It has come to me in these golden years of my life that inclusiveness is better than exclusiveness, forgiveness is better than resentment, and civil communication is better than silence. I made the call. We chatted on a somewhat superficial level, but I'm glad I did it. Now if my brother ever wishes to call me, he knows he will get a warm, positive response. Many thanks for the reminder, Abby.

DEAR JOYCE: I enjoyed your annual New Year's piece, "Just for Today," based on the original credo of Al-Anon. Something about the idea of trying each day to be a better person in 2002 prompted me to spontaneously call my long-estranged brother, "Phil." He lives only 30 miles from me, but he's always been

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Actor Spacey plans extended break from acting career

BERLIN (AP) - Kevin Spacey says he's taking a break from acting "for a while" to give full attention to his movie company, Trigger St. Productions. "It can be more difficult to raise \$2 million than \$20 million," which an established filmmaker can command, Spacey

said Monday at the Berlin International Film Festival. "It's my honor and responsibility to send the elevator back down." Spacey is co-producing and starring in "The United States of Leland," written and directed by Matthew Hoeg. He was at the festival to pro-

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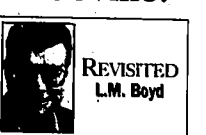
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secret. Be discreet in connection with "romantic interlude." Pisces in picture. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep resolutions concerning health; vitality could make amazing comeback if you so permit. Relationship could be too hot to cool down. Organize priorities. Capricorn plays role. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You could encounter "love of your life" during cruise. Answer to question: Yes, give romance yet another chance. Participate in humanitarian project; you'll gain added recognition. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Highlight original thinking. Take initiative in making fresh start and employing innovative ways to get job done. Love relationship reigns spark. Leo figures prominently. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You could be "invaded" by relatives. Focus on making home more attractive, comfortable. Relatives have something to tell you; don't believe everything you hear! AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This could be the beginning of a winning streak! Elements of timing, luck ride with you. In matters of speculation, stick with number 3. Sagittarius in featured role. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will overcome obstacles, legal and otherwise. Personality proves overwhelming; your "sex appeal" rises to the occasion. You could be on precipice of fame and fortune.

Who knows the gender of the Barber of Seville?

Suppose you already know the Barber of Seville is a woman. A fellow named Bill Knox told bowlers, "Don't look at the pins, but at a spot on the lane right in front of you." They didn't believe him. So he set up a screen across the lane to hide the distant pins but not the closest few feet of lane. He then bowled a perfect game. At the Olney Alleys of Philadelphia in 1933, this. The father of spot bowling was he, Bill Knox. Q. What kind of bird somersaults backwards in flight? A. The tumbler pigeon. Why don't you pay attention when I tell you the rings of Saturn are no more than 50 meters thick? Q. If real dog-leaders never yell "Mush," what do they yell? A. Some variation of "Let's go!" That thickening bacteria called salmonella got its name not from a fish but from the 19th century American veterinarian David E. Salmon. In Niagara Falls are honey-moon cabins, and on one of same an obnoxious woodpecker hammers at length, disturbing the



REVISITED L.M. Boyd serenity therein of newlyweds Walter and Gracie Lantz. Bad, but not too bad. It inspired Walter to create the cartoon character Woodpecker, and Gracie to do the bird's voice. New England's renowned pies and doughnuts were popularized by a stupid law. Women of early Massachusetts liked to visit over cakes and buns. The male lawmakers contrived to break up these gossip get-togethers for what they thought was the good of the colony. They outlawed bales of cakes and buns except for special occasions. The letter of that law, the women started turning out pies and doughnuts. The sunflower is not one big bloom but a whole bunch of little ones.

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Prosecution in trial accuses Milosevic of 'medieval savagery'

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Slobodan Milosevic orchestrated the murders of thousands of people in a campaign of "savagery" with the sole goal of satisfying his all-consuming thirst for power, a prosecutor said Tuesday, opening the former Yugoslav president's trial for war crimes.

Milosevic, the first head of state to face an international tribunal, listened impassively, occasionally jotting notes, as United Nations attorneys sketched a complex case spanning nearly a decade of horror in three Balkan countries.

The prosecution gave a first glimpse of a array of agony — rape, torture, looting, expulsion and almost gleeful killing — that survivors will recount during a trial expected to last two years.

The trial is the biggest war crimes case since Hitler's henchmen were brought before a mili-



Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic appears before the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague, The Netherlands, Tuesday, on the first day of his trial for alleged atrocities during the breakup of Yugoslavia.

Kosovo that killed thousands of people and displaced more than a million others. Each count carries a maximum sentence of life in prison.

In one massacre in Bosnia, said prosecutor Geoffrey Nice, Serb forces promised safety to 45 family members in a Red Cross vehicle, and instead locked them in a house and set it ablaze. "They were burnt alive, and the baby's screams were heard for two hours before it, too, succumbed," he said.

Milosevic is expected to give a spirited response today to the prosecution's six-hour statement. He has refused to recognize the tribunal or appoint a lawyer, and has launched separate proceedings to fight his detention.

Millions of people across the Balkans watched the opening day on television. For some, like Munira Subasic, 63, in the Bosnian town of Srebrenica, a

"No one is above the law or beyond the reach of international justice."

— Chief prosecutor
Carla Del Ponte

trial in the immaculate confines of the U.N. war crimes tribunal in the Netherlands fell short of expectations. "The Hague is too good for him," said Subasic, who lost her only son, her husband and several other relatives in the 1995 Srebrenica massacre.

Opening a case that took years to prepare, chief prosecutor Carla Del Ponte said Milosevic was consumed by his thirst for

power. "An excellent tactician, a mediocre strategist, Milosevic did nothing but pursue his ambition at the cost of unspeakable suffering inflicted on those who opposed him or represented a threat to his personal strategy of power," she told the three robed judges.

All his actions were "in the service of his quest for power," the Swiss prosecutor said, speaking a combination of French and English. Now and then Milosevic glanced and nodded at supporters among the packed public gallery behind a wall of bullet-proof glass.

In previous court appearances, he refused to wear headphones providing him with the translation of proceedings into his native Serbian language. On Tuesday, a loudspeaker set up in front of his desk gave him no choice but to listen.

Milosevic faces world's court

Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic goes on trial Tuesday for war crimes in the Balkans in the 1990s. The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia was established by the U.N. Security Council in 1993 to prosecute crimes committed since 1991 in Yugoslavia or its former republics. It is the first international court since the military tribunal that judged Nazi and Japanese leaders after World War II.

Jurisdiction	Defendants	Composition	Detained	Indictments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The tribunal recognizes four punishable offenses: violations of the laws and customs of war, crimes against humanity, grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, and genocide. The tribunal has a maximum life sentence and no death penalty. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most defendants have been ethnic Serbs, but Muslims and Croats also have been indicted. In the Kosovo conflict, prosecutors investigated alleged war crimes by NATO forces during the 78-day bombing campaign in 1999, but no indictment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 permanent judges are assigned to three-member courts and one five-member appellate chamber. 27 short-term judges were appointed last year to keep up with the case load. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 44 detainees are being held in the three-story U.N. detention center, an annex of a Dutch prison in the suburb of Scheveningen, including Milosevic. Six have been released until their trials. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prosecutors have served more than 100 indictments. Key figures still at large include former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and military chief Ratko Mladic. Of the 31 men brought to trial, 25 have been convicted and

SOURCE: Associated Press

Officials believe 118 aboard Iranian plane died in crash

KHORRAMABAD, Iran — An Iranian passenger jet crashed Tuesday in the mountains of western Iran amid snow and rain, and all 118 passengers and crew on board were believed dead, an official said.



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI, AP

World in brief

Residents reported hearing an explosion and seeing the sky lit up red as the Russian-made Tu-154 went down in the Seif Koh mountains outside Khorramabad.

Rescue workers were delayed by snow and heavy fog before finally reaching the crash site. Reza Niknam, an advisor to the governor-general of Lorestan province, said he saw many remains on the mountainside and believes nobody could have survived.

Peres' peace plan calls for creation of Palestinian state

JERUSALEM — Foreign Minister Shimon Peres outlined a peace plan Tuesday negotiated with a senior Palestinian lawmaker that calls for a cease-fire, the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Long on optimism but short on supporters, the plan was reached between Peres and Palestinian parliament speaker Ahmed Qureia, known as Abu Ala, after several months of unheeded negotiations in which they strove to move beyond the daily violence and heated rhetoric.

In their peace efforts, Peres and Qureia appeared to have reached broad agreement on several important points, but it remained far from clear how much support their plan would generate among Israeli and Palestinian leaders.

Bahraini company sent money stolen at Heathrow

MANAMA, Bahrain — A Bahraini finance company said Tuesday that \$6.5 million stolen from Heathrow Airport a day earlier was money it was sending to a foreign bank.

U.N.: Coastal degradation has led to dugong's decline

BOGOTA, Colombia — A mammal considered the inspiration for seafarers' tales of mermaids is disappearing from the planet, signaling the despoliation of coastal environments, a U.N. agency told the world's environmental ministers Tuesday.

The dugong is apparently gone from many of its habitats in the Indian Ocean and South China Sea, including tropical waters off Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, and the Seychelles, the U.N. Environment Program said. It is on the brink of vanishing from the Indian Ocean off East Africa.

The dugong is a key indicator species, meaning that if it is declining, "then the coastal environment which provides protein in the forms of fish and invertebrates in terms of tourism is also being degraded," the report said. For food, the herbivorous mammal depends on seagrass beds, which in many areas of the world are being cleared for development or smothered by silt and mud from runoff caused by overgrazing and deforestation, the report said.

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Finding your niche

High school student earns culinary acclaim

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - This young man has been cooking as long as he can remember.

Brad Hendrickson's parents divorced when he was 14, and he assumed the responsibility of cooking dinner when his mother was working late. Before long, he had found his niche.

The Twin Falls High School senior has since won lots of awards for his culinary skills. He competed in a Family Careers and Community Leaders of America contest last year and took first place at the state level. Then, he went on to the national contest, where 150 students competed, and received a silver medal.

Last year, Brad worked a 40-hour week and maintained a 3.5 grade point average. This year, he has cut back on his work hours to enjoy his senior year.

He plans to go to chef school in the fall. Which one has yet to be decided. He's been accepted - and received a \$2,500 scholarship - to Johnson and Wales University, which has five domestic campuses and opportunities for foreign study. He's also applied to the Culinary Art Institute of Seattle, and will compete for a \$2,000 scholarship in March.

Last summer, he completed an internship with Kenny Pratt, of the Sun Valley Corporation. Pratt is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

In Twin Falls, Brad has worked at Tomato's restaurant and also at the Hungry Bear, a restaurant at Twin Falls High School. The Hungry Bear is a product of the business hospitality class, where students learn how to operate a restaurant from top to bottom. The students plan the menu, do the shopping, decorate the dining room, set the tables, serve the customers and balance the books.

Brad said he is often recruited to cook at parties and gatherings for his friends, too. And he's never alone on Super Bowl Sunday. Because of his cooking talent, his friends make sure he has plenty of invitations.

However, he doesn't spend all his time in the kitchen. He's a member of the high school's philosophy club, and he likes to rock climb and fly fish.

Lelle Poppletton, a family and consumer science teacher at Twin Falls High School, characterized Brad as a talented chef.

"He has many good recipes that we have

tried in the Hungry Bear Restaurant," she said. Here, he shares a couple of his favorites.

PEPPER JACK CHICKEN

Mix a 1-to-1-part ratio of salt and cumin together and rub on as many boneless, skinless half chicken breasts as you wish to make. Slice pepper jack cheese about 1/8-inch thick and wrap two to three pieces around each breast, fastening it with twine. Roll the cheese-covered breast in flour and sear the outside in a skillet with just enough grease to keep it from sticking. Place the seared chicken breast on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 15 minutes. It will be done when it registers 180 on a meat thermometer, is tender. (You can cut into the breast to be sure if you don't have a thermometer.) The chicken breast should be served with Spanish rice. You can use a packaged Spanish rice like Rice-a-Roni or other boxed rice. Follow package directions.

The accompaniments: In a pan, heat a 15-ounce can of black beans till just warm. In another pan combine a 4-ounce can of green chilies, a 1-ounce can of Mexican corn, and a 4-ounce can of sliced black olives. Heat this pan till just warm, also. Then combine the corn mixture with the pan of rice. Last, drain the pan of black beans and add them to the rice/corn mixture and toss lightly. You drain the black beans and add them last because you do not want them to add a black color to the dish. Lay a bed of the rice, corn, beans, olives and chilies mixture on a serving platter. Lay the chicken breasts on top. Garnish with lightly steamed spinach.

Cooking the filling in a double boiler eliminates the cracks from the cheesecake.

DOUBLE BOILER CHEESECAKE

Crust:
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 cup graham cracker crumbs or Oreo crumbs

Mix the crumbs and butter together and press into the bottom and up the sides of a springform pan. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 5 to 10 minutes.

Filling:
Place 3 pounds cream cheese in a double boiler on medium heat and melt, stirring till it is creamy. Add 2 cups of sour cream and combine again, till it is creamy. Add 2 cups of sugar and mix till creamy. Add 2 eggs and continue to mix and cook until it is thickened, smooth and creamy and has no lumps. Pour the filling into the crust and refrigerate 2 to 3 hours before serving.



Brad Hendrickson is a Twin Falls High School student who has completed an internship with the executive chef at the Sun Valley Corporation. Brad also works at Molly's Bagel Bakery in Twin Falls.

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Flower power

For some, pursuit of the perfect orchid matters more than nearly anything else in the world

By Ann Gerhart
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The renovated U.S. Botanic Garden opened its new orchid show in January, a profusion of blowsy cattleyas and nymphet cymbidiums and fan-dancer vandas - 300 specimens pulsing with erotic color and form.

Merritt W. Huntington, who likes to boast he is the oldest person continuously growing orchids in the United States today, has several greenhouses in Maryland. He started cultivating orchids when he was a boy of 17 and ladies wore corsets on Sundays. Now he is a spry 75, and houseplant orchids are, globally, a \$10 billion-a-year industry.

Orchids are ancient and adaptable and often outlive their owners. Many collectors make provisions for their plants in their wills. In the Botanic Garden greenhouses live the offspring of a *Paphiopedilum olivium* from 1878. At Kensington Orchids, an Anzac cattleya dates to 1921.

Their very name derives from the Latin orchis, which means testicle, suggested by the shape of the tubers and the old folk wisdom that the flowers burst from the seed spilled when animals mated. In practice, orchids are sexually deceitful, using a technique the botanists call pseudocopulation to ensure their reproduction. Through a variety of seductions, they lure insects to mate with them and spread pollen to the next orchid. Only about half of the species offer any nectar in return.



Washington Post photo

Above, Merritt Huntington, 75, tends to his charges at Kensington Orchids in Kensington, Md. He says he is the oldest person continuously growing orchids in the United States today.

Left, a dewey-petaled phalaenopsis hybrid orchid beckons to visitors at the U.S. Botanic Garden in downtown Washington. Orchids are ancient and adaptable and often outlive their owners.

Far left, an odontoloda hybrid at the U.S. Botanic Garden opened its new orchid show amid a profusion of blowsy cattleyas, nymphet cymbidiums and fan-dancer vandas - 300 specimens in all.



FOOD & HOME

Use window of opportunity to save your trees

Remember those funny bumps on the walnut tree last summer? The leaves were sticky and yellow and the tree just didn't seem to feel well?

Those little bumps were scale insects. You could do much about them last summer, but you can now.

Scales come in all colors. All the better to match the bark they're camped upon. Scales can be gray, brown, yellow or even white. They can be as small as a pin head or as big as 1/4 inch in diameter. They can be flat or rounded like a little Volkswagen. They can be circular or pear-shaped or oval. They are found on trunks, stems and lower leaf surfaces, but only if you look carefully. Scales look a lot like their surroundings, so they get away with murdering your tree, often undetected.

Female scales lay their eggs under their protective little shell.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

Beginning in late spring and continuing through mid-summer, the babies, called crawlers, crawl out from under Mom's old shell. The female sort of dies and dries up, leaving the shell for the kids. Like aphids, the little crawlers suck sap from the plant and leave honeydew all over everything.

Honeydew is a nice way of saying that the insects can't digest all the sugar they suck out of your tree, so it goes out the tailpipe. Ants love this stuff, and their presence is often your first clue that there is something wrong. Ants like honeydew so much that they will fight off

other bugs to protect aphids and scales.

On top of that, the honeydew sometimes grows sooty mold. Fungus develops on the sugary stuff and turns the whole mess black and well, it looks just like soot. When that happens on a leaf, sunlight can't penetrate the glop, the leaf can't work and it dies. An uncontrolled infestation of scale can kill a tree after two or three seasons.

You could have sprayed the young scale crawlers if your timing had been just right, but most likely you missed the narrow window of time last summer. Make up for it now.

Anytime now before buds break on the deciduous trees and shrubs, you can spray the bare branches with a dormant oil. Pick a calm, dry day. Spray the whole trunk and all the branches. If the bark is loose in spots, be sure to get the oil into the crevices.

Dormant oil spray works by plugging up the little air holes the mommy scale left for her eggs. The eggs can't breathe and they simply die before they can hatch and do any damage.

There are several types of dormant oil sprays on the market, and you must check the label to see if the plant you're trying to protect is on the label. If not, don't use that one. Some can kill evergreen plants.

If you should miss this golden opportunity to kill the scales this winter, you can watch for the young to hatch in late spring. Take your magnifying glass out with you and look for them. When you see them actually moving, fill up the sprayer with Sevin or Orthene and kill them then.

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

Cookbooks heat up Valentine's Day

By Liz Alwood
The Baltimore Sun

VALENTINE'S DAY: Just in time for Valentine's Day, here are two cookbooks for lovers. Ellen and Michael Albertson, "The Cooking Couple," have written "Pleasure and Power of Aphrodisiacs" (Simon & Schuster Trade Paperbacks, 2002, \$14), which reveals the power of erotic edibles. And Jacques E. Haerlinger, chef de cuisine at L'Auberge Chez Francois restaurant in Great Falls, Va., has written "Two for Tonight" (Bartley Press, 2001, \$26.95), which contains recipes for a variety of romantic meals.

Tidbits for cooks

FOCUS ON CHOCOLATE: Chocoloholics can salivate over the Food Network's newest show, "Chocolate With Jacques Torres," which premiered Saturday. To celebrate the series, the network offers a week of all-chocolate themed programming until Feb. 15.

CHINESE NEW YEAR: Get out the chopsticks for Chinese New Year on Tuesday. Celebrate Lunar Year 4700 (the Year of the Horse) by decorating your table with narcissus and arranging a mound of oranges on a platter. And don't forget the fortune cookies.



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These tips, trends will tempt your palate

By Carol J.G. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

TOOL MAKES DEVEINING SHRIMP A SNAP: Until last summer, the Shrimp Butler was an obscure product from a Florida-based family business. But in June, an article in Southern Living magazine turned the homegrown invention into a hot gadget for shrimp lovers.

The apparatus, which costs about \$40, is a shrimp-cleaning machine that removes the vein while leaving the peel.

The Shrimp Butler got its start in 1992, when Doug and Mary Shelton were preparing shrimp at their Stuart, Fla., home.

Mary Shelton complained about how much she hated the deveining.

So her husband, a sometimes inventor, came up with the

Shrimp Butler.

The Shrimp Butler went on the market last year, but until food editors at Southern Living magazine tried it, the Sheltons didn't have much luck selling it. After the June article, the phones started ringing.

The Shrimp Butler does not remove the vein from every shrimp.

Sometimes the blade cuts the vein and leaves it in pieces that wash off with a quick rinse under the faucet.

Likewise, the Butler doesn't peel the shrimp; it silts the peel so the outer shell can be washed off.

Or, the shrimp can be grilled or steamed with the peel on, if desired.

Shrimp Butler is available online at ShrimpButler.com, Cooking.com or Shrimp.com. Or call toll free, (866) 837-2821.

CORNBREAD COOKOFF: Get out your cast-iron skillet and cook up the winning recipe in the National Cornbread Cook-Off sponsored by Martha White and Lodge Cast Iron.

First prize is \$2,500 plus a 30-inch FiveStar stainless steel gas range.

Entries must be an original main dish recipe cooked in a cast-iron skillet and prepared with at least 1 cup corn meal or 1 package cornbread mix.

Send entries to National Cornbread Cook-Off 2002, 209 Seventh Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. 37219. To enter by e-mail, send recipes to cornbread@lodge.com.

Recipes must be postmarked or e-mailed by Feb. 28. For complete rules, visit www.MarthaWhite.com or www.LodgeMfg.com.

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The Right Care is Right Here

Lentils stand out as most luscious legume

By Ronnie Fein
The Stamford Advocate

Many of us first learned about lentils from the Bible, not a cookbook. In Genesis, we read that the unimprudent Esau promised his birthright in exchange for a "potage of lentils" cooked by his younger brother, Jacob, who inherited everything.

Surely Esau had no business savvy; this was an astonishingly one-sided bargain. On the other hand, he knew the value of lentils, tiny legumes that provide extraordinary nourishment for the money. They are loaded with vegetable protein; in fact, when cooked with certain cereal grains such as rice, the protein is equal to meat's. Lentils are low in fat, high in fiber, have no cholesterol and are a good source of B vitamins, iron, calcium and potassium.

Because they are so nutritious and cheap, lentils have always been a mainstay in poor societies. These days, famous chefs in upscale restaurants serve them, too, often as beds for rich foods such as braised lamb or grilled salmon.

Common lentils (Chillean) sometimes look green, sometimes brown, and are bold and earthy tasting. They add a hearty note to soups and take wonderfully to vinaigrette dressing for salad.

Red lentils — when cooked they turn cornflower-yellow — are especially good when pureed, seasoned and served as a side dish with roasts and grilled entrees.

Green lentils take longer to cook. Le Puy lentils are the most delicately flavored, the preferred variety of French chefs, and used for soup, salad or side dish.

Black lentils (find them in health food stores or gourmet specialty shops) look a little like caviar and are among the most flavorful of lentil varieties.

Unlike most other dried legumes, lentils don't require soaking, and they cook more quickly.

The Bible doesn't offer a recipe, but most historians believe that Esau's potage was a simple concoction of lentils and rice, cooked with olive oil, onions and perhaps a little salt. This dish is suitable as a meek dinner, but may also be used as a side dish, particularly with lamb.

LENTIL SOUP
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 onion, chopped
2 carrots, chopped
2 leeks, white part only, chopped

2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 large stalk celery, chopped

1/2 cup cured ham, chopped
6 cups vegetable or chicken stock
1 28-ounce can Italian style tomatoes, chopped
1 cup un-drained lentils

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
Salt and black pepper

1/2 cup ditalini or other small pasta
Heat olive oil in a soup pot. Add the onion and cook until soft. Add the celery and heat for 2 minutes. Add carrots, leeks, garlic, celery and ham and cook another 5 minutes, stirring often. Add the

stock, tomatoes, lentils, parsley and some salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, cook for 1 minute, reduce the heat, cover the pan and cook for 45 minutes. Add the pasta and cook another 15-20 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes 8 servings.

WARM LENTIL AND SAUSAGE SALAD
1 pound lentils, preferably French green lentils
6 cups water
Salt
1 pound Italian style sausage
2 shallots, chopped
6-8 tablespoons olive oil

until tender but not soft. Remove from the heat, drain the lentils and set them aside. While the lentils are cooking, fry the sausage and shallots together over moderate heat, breaking the meat up into small pieces. When the sausage is crispy, remove the pan from the heat and add the sausage mixture to the lentils. Toss ingredients together. Combine 6 tablespoons olive oil, the vinegar, mustard and sage, blending the ingredients thoroughly. Pour the dressing over the lentils and sausage. Add the remaining olive oil if the salad seems dry. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes four

to six servings.

PUREED LENTILS
1 cup red lentils
3 1/2 cups water
Salt
2-inch piece of cinnamon stick
4 whole cloves
1 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped fresh ginger
1 teaspoon ground cumin
A few drops of lemon juice
12 finely chopped fresh mint leaves, optional
Black pepper

Place the lentils, water and some salt in a saucepan, bring to a boil and cook 1 minute. Add the cinnamon stick and cloves. Lower the heat, cover the pan and cook the lentils for 18 minutes, or until soft. Remove from the heat, drain the lentils but reserve the cooking liquid. Discard the cinnamon stick and cloves. Puree lentils by hand or in a food processor. Add the remaining ingredients. Stir in some of the cooking water if the puree seems dry. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes 4 servings.

MJEDRAH
1 cup lentils, preferably red
3 3/4 cups water, or lamb, beef or chicken stock
Salt
6 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup rice
2 medium onions, chopped
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Place the lentils, 2 cups of water or stock and some salt in a saucepan, bring to a boil and cook 1 minute. Lower the heat, cover the pan and cook the lentils for 15 minutes, or until tender. Remove from the heat, drain the lentils and set them aside. While the lentils are cooking, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a saucepan. Add the rice and saute the grains over moderate heat for 2-3 minutes. Add the remaining water or stock, bring to a boil, lower the heat, cover the pan and cook for 18 minutes or until rice is tender and all the liquid has been absorbed. Heat the remaining olive oil in a saute pan over moderate heat. Add the onions and cook for about 7-8 minutes or until they are soft and lightly browned. Combine the lentils and rice and toss gently. Put the mixture on a serving plate. Top with the onions, sprinkle with parsley and a little salt with taste. Makes 4-6 servings.

LENTILS, nutflour and cheap, have always been a diet mainstay.

The Stamford Advocate photo illustrates

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French chef Christian Le Squer presents a cod dish in the kitchen of the Ledoyen restaurant Tuesday in Paris. The restaurant now gets a prestigious three-star rating in the famous French food lover's bible Guide Rouge 2002 (Red Guide), formerly known as the Guide Michelin, which will be available on March 1.

Three French restaurants earn Michelin's third star

PARIS (AP) — Two elegant Paris favorites and a family-run village restaurant earned the ultimate accolade in French gastronomy Tuesday: a three-star rating in the authoritative Red Guide, formerly known as the Michelin Guide.

Michelin announced that Guy Savoy, Ledoyen and L'Arnsbourg won top honors in its 2002 edition. They join France's elite club of 21 three-star establishments — a mention that guarantees international celebrity for a chef and makes reservations a must, months in advance.

"I feel total happiness," chef Guy Savoy, whose hamesake restaurant in Paris' Right Bank has made do with two stars since 1985, said in a telephone interview from his kitchen.

"It's like winning an Olympic gold," he said. "It's the culmination, the manifestation, the acknowledgment of all your work."

family-run establishment with "remarkable, resolutely imaginative cuisine," Michelin said. Klein's restaurant is in the eastern village of Untermyhlthal, near the border with Luxembourg.

The three-star rating means "exceptional cuisine, worth a journey" in Michelin parlance. A two-star restaurant is described as "excellent cooking, worth a detour."

The guide downgraded Le Crocodile, in the eastern city of Strasbourg, from three stars to two, and demoted two restaurants from two stars to one. The reasons for demotions are never revealed.

Le Crocodile declined to comment on the demotion, but in a sign of the guide's influence, it said chef Emile Jung planned to hold a news conference Wednesday.

First published in 1900 as a guide for French motorists, the Michelin guide is regarded internationally as the nation's most reliable food and hotel guide. Unlike many other food guides, it contains no advertising, allowing it to boast independence from restaurant owners and hotel chains.

For each annual guide, a team of anonymous inspectors travels around France tasting food, visiting kitchens and even checking out bathrooms. Inspectors cannot give interviews or be photographed.

Ledoyen chef Christian Le Squer called his restaurant's upgrade from two stars "a dream come true." In an interview, the Brittany native described his cuisine as Breton cooking "with a touch of creativity" that "explodes on the taste buds at the very first bite."

Dining at Ledoyen, in an 18th-century pavilion off the Champs-Elysees, is "a true celebration," Michelin said in a statement.

Chef Jean-Georges Klein won the top rating for L'Arnsbourg, a

Boxing champ sells home in Bel-Air for \$3.7 million

By Ruth Ryan
Los Angeles Times

OSCAR DE LA HOYA has sold his Bel-Air home for \$3.7 million. The boxing champ, scheduled to meet Fernando Vargas in a junior-midweight championship fight May 4 in Las Vegas, has a number of homes elsewhere, including one where he trains in Big Bear, in the mountains east of Los Angeles.

The house he sold has eight bedrooms and 10 bathrooms in 10,000 square feet. The home also has a gym, screening room, game room, pool and tennis court. De La Hoya bought the home for about \$3.5 million in 1997. He had the house, built in 1990, completely redesigned and then listed it for sale at \$5.5 million in 2000. Since then, it has been on and off the market.

De La Hoya, 29, has won several championship titles in different weight classes since he was a 1992 Olympic gold medalist in the lightweight boxing division. Also a singer, De La Hoya released a debut album in late 2000. The album was on the Billboard Latin charts for more than eight weeks.

The buyer of De La Hoya's Bel-Air home was described as a physician from the South Bay.

Actor David Schwimmer has sold his Hollywood Hills home for just under \$1.2 million. Schwimmer, who plays Ross Geller on the NBC sitcom "Friends" and co-starred in the

Hot property

fall HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers," had put the four-bedroom, 3,000-square-foot house on the market at \$1.25 million in October. Four months earlier, he had purchased a nine-bedroom, 11,000-square-foot house on more than an acre in Hancock Park for \$5.5 million.

The actor, 35, sold his traditional-style Hollywood Hills home, behind gates with a pool and city views, to Nadine Watt, granddaughter of real estate magnate Ray Watt, and her fiancé, film executive Andrew Jameson. Nadine Watt is president of Watt Plaza in Century City; Jameson is senior vice president of Commotion Pictures, which recently wrapped production on its first film, to star Tom Arnold, under a multi-picture deal with MGM.

ERIC SZMANDA, who plays eccentric forensic-lab technician Greg Sanders on the CBS television series "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," has become a first-time home buyer with his purchase of a four-bedroom Studio City house for \$785,000.

The Milwaukee native, in his 20s, bought a one-story, 2,835-square-foot house, built in 1969. The house has slate floors, maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances, a family room and a front courtyard.

Parents should teach sons to cook

By Marilyn Marter
The Philadelphia Inquirer

I encourage parents to foster cooking skills in their sons as well as their daughters. It's practical for day-to-day living and helps to broaden tastes and educate in other areas, such as math and science — and you need only look at the predominance of men among professional chefs to know that some guys really enjoy cooking.

This came to mind as I went through two weeks' worth of accumulated mail post-vacation and found several letters from male cooks. Harry W. Sailer, of Harleysville, Pa., wrote: "Some years ago, The Inquirer had a recipe for pistachio nut bread. I used it often, and it's great with coffee. I can no longer find the clipping and hope you have it in your files since I have three cups of shelled pistachios waiting in the freezer."

PISTACHIO NUT BREAD
Makes 2 loaves
1 box yellow two-layer cake mix (about 18 ounces)

1 (3.625-ounce) box pistachio pudding
1 cup sour cream
1/2 teaspoon almond extract
4 large eggs
1/2 cup melted shortening or vegetable oil
1/2 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup finely chopped pistachios

In a large bowl, combine the cake mix and pudding mix. Add the sour cream, almond extract, eggs and shortening. Beat with an electric mixer at medium speed for 2 minutes. Divide half the batter between 2 lightly greased 9-inch loaf pans. Mix the sugar, cinnamon and pistachios. Sprinkle half the mixture over the batter in the pans. Divide the remaining batter over top and sprinkle with the remaining topping. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven until the loaf pulls away slightly from the sides of the pan, about 50 minutes. (A toothpick inserted at the center of the loaf should come out clean.) Let cool on a wire rack before removing from pans.

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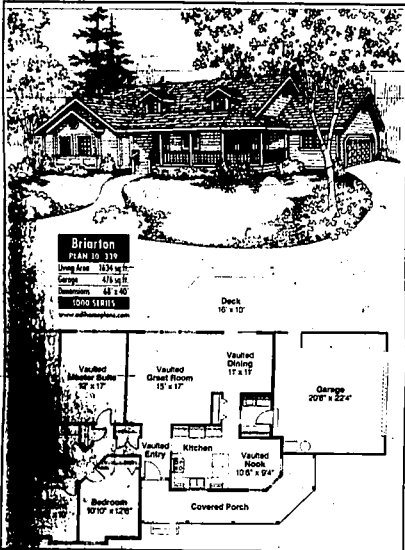
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Vaulted night shutters into the vaulted entry through a slender side-light and half-round window near the top of the door. A roomy coat closet is off to the left, and the kitchen is to the right. Counters wrap around four sides of the kitchen, offering abundant work space. A raised eating bar

rimms the peninsula counter that bounds the window-rich vaulted nook. Potted plants thrive in this bright space, and the morning light helps ease family members gently into each new day. Laundry utilities are nearby in a pass-through space that links the house to the garage. Cabinets and a counter fill the wall opposite the appliances.

Bedrooms cluster together on the left. The master suite has a deep walk-in closet, plus a private bathroom with dual vanity and a large shower. Both secondary bedrooms have rectangular window bays that could house window seats.

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New book waxes passionate about chocolate

By Marta Barber
The Miami Herald

Chocolate evokes passion. Homeless know it when they leave that foil-wrapped morsel on your bed at night. Lovers know it when they rush to buy a box of bonbons for Valentine's Day.

Passion for chocolate is what drives Maricel E. Presilla, the author of "The New Taste of Chocolate: A Cultural and Natural History of Cocoa with Recipes." The Cuba-born Presilla has a simple purpose in writing the book: She wants to change the world. At least the way the world chooses and labels chocolate.

"Want to know the (beans') and amounts of sugar," Presilla, a chef and restaurateur from her home in New York City. "I'm supposed to

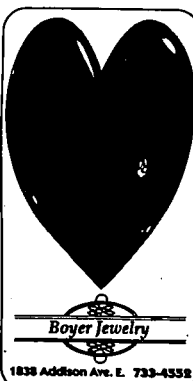
evaluate this taste and don't know what's in it?" Presilla, a cultural anthropologist with a doctorate in medieval history from New York University, knows how to give a lesson, including precise ones on how to taste and choose chocolate. These are followed by a score of beautifully photographed recipes that call for the very best manufactured chocolates. (She never uses "semi-sweet" or "bittersweet" chocolate. "What does that mean?" she asks, slightly annoyed.)

Maricel E. Presilla recommends Cacao Barry Equateur 5 (60 percent cacao) or Callebaut (56 percent cacao) for this rich dessert created by Fran Bigelow of Seattle, "the grand dame of American chocolate confection."

DEEP CHOCOLATE TORTE
1 pound dark chocolate, finely chopped
6 eggs
1/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons Grand Marnier or other liqueur
1 cup heavy cream
Cocoa for dusting

Place the chocolate in a heat-proof bowl or the top of a double boiler over a barely simmering water and allow it to melt completely. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter a 9-inch round cake pan or spring-form pan. Cut a 9-inch round of waxed paper and press it over the bottom of the pan. Beat the eggs, sugar and liqueur in a large, heat-proof bowl. Place the bowl over a saucpan of simmering water, stirring with a wooden spoon until warm but not hot. Remove from the heat. Beat with

an electric mixer (using whisk attachment if available) for 5 minutes. Slowly stir in the melted chocolate. Whip the cream to soft peaks and gently fold into the chocolate mixture. Carefully transfer the batter to the pan. Bake for 40 minutes, until a cake tester inserted 2 to 4 inches into the torte from the side comes out clean. The center should be just set; do not over bake. Let cool to room temperature, remove from the pan and peel off the liner. Dust with cocoa and serve. Makes 8 servings.



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1/2 cup olive oil spray
10 to 8 ripe plum tomatoes, diced (2 cups)
2 medium cloves garlic, crushed
1/2 tablespoon dried rosemary
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Remove as much fat as possible from lamb and cut into 1 to 1 1/2-inch cubes. Spray a medium-

size nonstick skillet with vegetable oil spray.
Heat skillet 1 to 2 minutes and add lamb pieces.
Brown on all sides for 2 minutes.
Add a little salt and pepper to the browned lamb.
Lower heat and add tomatoes, garlic and rosemary. Sauté 5 minutes.
Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with Minted Rice. Makes 2 servings.
Minted Rice:
1/2 cup long grain white rice

1/2 medium cucumber, diced (1 cup)
1/4 cup chopped fresh mint
1/2 cup non fat plain yogurt
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Bring a large pot with 3 to 4 quarts water to a boil.
Add the rice and boil 10 minutes.
Meanwhile, mix cucumber, mint and yogurt together in a serving bowl.
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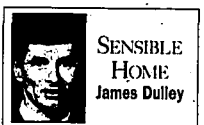
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—PAT B.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Duley

DEAR PAT: It is very important to install a tight-sealing dryer vent cover for several reasons. The dryer vent duct is a direct open path from indoors to outdoors. If the vent cover does not seal well, it is just like leaving a window partially open. This drives up your utility bills year-round.

Other less obvious problems are insects, mice, etc. that enter your cozy, warm home through the vent. If you ever wondered how mosquitoes get into your house during the summer, a leaky dryer vent cover may be the source. It may also be a source of pollen and mold spores that aggravate allergies.

Kits are available with lint traps for venting an electric dryer indoors in the winter to save the heat and humidity (check your local codes about this). NEVER vent a gas dryer indoors. The dryer, if attached to the outdoor vent, so you just flip a lever to switch from outdoors to indoors.

One of the best-sealing dryer vent kits is a floating cap design. I use one at my own home. It is made of durable plastic, so your children will have a difficult time breaking it. You can paint it to match your house or just keep its natural beige color. It extends out only about seven inches.

When you turn your dryer on, the pressure from the exhaust air flow lifts a lightweight plastic sealing cap inside of the unit. It continues to float until the dryer stops and then the cap sets back down. All of the internal parts are made of very smooth plastic to minimize lint buildup.

Another good option is a draft

sealer kit that mounts inside the house where the vent pipe comes in from outdoors. In that location, the sealing flap is less prone to damage and degradation from the sun and bad weather.

When using one of these, you can cover the outdoor vent with a pest/rodent-resistant cover only or another standard vent flapper kit. Since there will be double seals then, inspect them and clean out the lint regularly. It is important there is not too much resistance that impedes the dryer air flow. Be careful not to bend the dryer duct too sharply. If space is limited, install a flat expandable aluminum dryer vent extender and run the flexible duct from it. The dryer can then be placed only three inches from the wall.

If sealing the dryer vent does not eliminate the pests inside your house, consider trying an efficient electronic pest repeller. They use very little electricity. Models with sweep frequencies cover a wider range of pests.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 621 — buyer's guide of 11 tight-sealing dryer vent kit and pest repeller manufacturers listing product details, and dryer efficiency tips. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE.

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Cut back heating bill, but keep your home toasty

By Mary Beth Breckenridge
Akron Beacon Journal

Some simple remedies can help make your heating system work better and your house feel warmer.

- **Redirect heat.** Rooms closest to the furnace are typically the toastyest, while those farther away can be chilly. Closing registers partway in the warm rooms and opening them fully in the cold areas can help rebalance the heat. If you have rooms that you don't use regularly, close the registers there and shut the doors. Or close the baffles in the heating ducts that serve unused rooms, says Ohio handyman Jack Kleinman, who produced a video called "The Klutz's Guide to Saving Money on Home Repair. Bill" (216-932-4600 or www.klutzguide.com). Each heating duct in a forced-air system has a little handle on the side that controls the baffle, which is essentially a door. When the handle is in line with the pipe, the baffle is open. When it's perpendicular, the baffle is closed. Don't overdo the closing of ducts or registers, though, cautioned Gary Jackson, of Jackson Comfort Systems in Northfield, Ohio. Closing too many can restrict air flow in the house, and "less air movement generally means less heat, or less even distribution." And don't close vents if you have a heat pump. That could harm the unit.
- **Keep it clean.** Dirty furnace filters allow less air into the furnace, which means less warm air comes back out. Changing the furnace filter can improve the flow and distribution of heated air. Check the filter monthly and replace a disposable filter or clean a reusable one as needed. You'll be keeping dirt from building up on the furnace parts and

decreasing the likelihood of a breakdown. Likewise, dirt on registers, baseboard heaters and radiators keeps some of the warm air from reaching a room. Get out the vacuum and give them a good cleaning.

- **Make sure furniture, draperies and other obstacles aren't covering heating vents or cold-air returns.** Cold-air returns supply air to the furnace, so if you block their way, you reduce the amount of air that's available to be heated.
- **Boiler system upkeep.** If your house has a boiler system, which circulates water to radiators to create steam heat, you may need to turn the water temperature up in extremely cold weather, according to Mark Quinn, of Quinn Furnace Co. in Akron. A control on the boiler lets you turn the temperature up or down. Normally the water temperature is set around 180 degrees in winter, but in very cold weather, a setting of 210 may be necessary. Bleeding the radiators (letting trapped air out) periodically will help them heat better. Open the bleed valve until only water escapes. Some valves require a screwdriver to open; others use a radiator key. Placing heat-resistant radiator reflectors between exterior walls and radiators also helps redirect the warmth into a room, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.
- **Heat pump care.** A heat pump can't work as well if air flow around the unit is impeded. Clear away any leaves, trash or debris around the pump.
- **Use fans wisely.** Running the furnace fan continuously keeps the house more evenly heated. Switching the thermostat to the "fan on" position keeps room temperature air circulating all the time and helps it get to the farthest reaches of the house.

This isn't an energy-saving measure, however. Running the fan requires electricity, so you'll end up paying for the comfort. On the other hand, ventilating fans, such as kitchen and bathroom fans, should be used only as long as needed. In just one hour, they can suck out an entire houseful of warmed air. Although booster fans for registers or ducts are available to pull more air to underheated areas, "we've had kind of mixed results with them," Jackson said. He recommends trying them only after you've tried other methods to redistribute heat.

- **Open and shut case.** Window coverings let you control the amount of sunlight coming into a room and the amount of heat escaping. During the day, open curtains or blinds on windows that face south and west to let the sun's warmth in. On a day when there's a break in the weather, clean the windows to let even more sunshine in. At night, closing window coverings helps hold warmth inside. That effect can be increased by installing insulated drapes or cellular window shades.
- **Stop air leaks.** Even small cracks and openings in exterior walls let cold air in and warm air out. It's not wise to seal up a house so tightly that no air is exchanged, most houses can benefit from sealing air leaks. Some leaks are too small to feel, so hold a lit candle near door and window openings. If the flame wavers, it's not wise to seal up. In the short run, you can stop a draft under a door or window by simply blocking it with whatever's handy - a few towels, an old sock or a sticking leg filled with rags. When you have more time, add or replace the weatherstripping on those doors and windows. It comes in forms from stick-on

gaskets to spring metal strips. You can use an apply caulk to gaps inside the house, around window and door frames or at holes where wires or pipes enter the house. Save exterior caulking for warmer weather. One huge leak that's easy to remedy is air escaping up the fireplace chimney. Leaving the damper open when you're not burning a fire is like leaving a window wide open.

- **Plug outlet leaks.** Electrical outlets and light switches on exterior walls are notorious heat robbers, but they're easy to fix with seals available at hardware stores and home centers.
- **Insulate windows.** You can cut heat loss by adding plastic film insulation that's made for interior installation.
- **Humidify.** Adequate humidity in the air makes it feel warmer. The best way to add humidity to the air is with a whole-house humidifier, but even setting pans of water around the house will help. If moisture condenses on the windows, turn down the humidifier.
- **Seal the ducts.** Sheet-metal ducts in a forced-air system leak, usually in small amounts in lots of places. That's not a problem where the ducts run through heated areas, but leaky ducts in cold spaces, such as unheated basements and crawl spaces, can rob a house of heat. Jackson recommends sealing all the seams, as well as little holes and other leaks. Pro use a special mastic, but he says caulk will work just as well. Apply it in a regular household duct tape the best choice for a long-term fix. Duct tape with the Underwriters Laboratories logo will hold up better.
- **Get a tune-up.** If you haven't had your heating system checked by a professional in a while, do it. An annual inspection is best.

Warm up cold nights with chicken quesadillas

The Seattle Times

CHICKEN AND MOZZARELLA QUESADILLAS

2 servings
4 (8-inch) flour tortillas
1 cup shredded cooked chicken
1 plum tomato, halved, seeded and diced
1 cup shredded mozzarella
1/2 teaspoon dried basil
2 teaspoons olive oil
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Arrange the tortillas on a baking sheet and toast 5 minutes; turn over and bake an additional 5 minutes. Top 2 of the tortillas with the chicken, diced tomato, mozzarella and basil. Top with the remaining tortillas, pressing down lightly. Brush the tops with olive oil. Bake about 8 minutes, or until the cheese has melted. Remove from oven and cool a few minutes before cutting into wedges.

SOUTHWEST CHICKEN QUESADILLAS

4 servings
3 green onions, finely chopped
2 tablespoons minced cilantro
8 (6- to 8-inch) flour tortillas
1 cup prepared salsa
1 (6-ounce) package cooked Southwestern seasoned or roasted chicken-breast strips (see note)
1 cup grated jack or cheddar cheese or mixed grated cheeses
Combine the green onions and cilantro; set aside. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Arrange the tortillas on two baking sheets; they

will overlap. Toast 5 minutes, turn over and continue toasting 5 minutes. Spread 4 of the tortillas with some salsa. Layer with the chicken and then the grated cheese. Sprinkle with the green onion mixture and top with the remaining 4 tortillas, pressing down lightly. Stagger the baking sheets on oven racks and bake 10 minutes, rotating the sheets halfway through the cooking time. Cool a few minutes before cutting into wedges.

NOTE: We used Louis Rich Carving Board chicken-breast strips in this recipe.

QUESADILLA WITH CHEESE AND CHILI

1 serving
2 flour tortillas, about 8 inches in diameter
2/3 cup shredded Mexican-style 4-cheese mix
2 tablespoons canned chopped green chilies
Optional: 1 green onion, finely chopped
Heat oven to 400 degrees. Place the tortillas on a baking sheet and toast 5 minutes. Turn over and bake an additional 5 minutes. Spread the cheese on top of 1 tortilla, leaving about 1/2 inch around the edge. Sprinkle the chilies and green onion on top. Top with second tortilla, pressing lightly. Bake 8 minutes on center oven rack, or until the cheese has melted. Cool a few minutes before cutting into wedges.

-Adapted from "Williams-Sonoma: Cooking for Yourself"

Find Dresden plate info in guide

By Anita Gold
Knight Ridder News Service

QUESTION: How can I find out the value of Dresden plates with reticulated rims, as well as Dresden figurines with lacy clothing?

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Cook up your own freestyle Olympic moments

By Karen Herzog
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Can't afford to take your family and friends to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City for front-row seats? With the right game plan and a vague notion of Olympic sports lingo, you can host your own gold medal event around the big-screen TV with munchies that will have guests doing the Dinner Roll on the Scramble Leg to the Trough.

Looking to cash in commercially? Betty Crocker has been busy brainstorming Olympic recipe ideas. Check out her Web site for recipes inspired by the games at www.bettycrocker.com. Among the recipes: Triple-Axel Taco Casserole and Finish-Line Chicken Fettuccine.

By the time the Olympic flame is extinguished Feb. 24, 2,654 athletes will have competed for 477 medals, and what time it takes Fred Usinger Inc., which is making the official hot dog for the Olympic Games, will have sold some 1.6 million frank.

A menu of the lingo

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

In snowboarding, many of the jumps and tricks have food-inspired names. Curling has Takeout. And skiing wouldn't be much fun without an occasional Dinner Roll. Here's a glossary of sports jargon from the official Olympic Web site, www.SaltLake2002.com, to inspire your Olympics party plan.

- **Dinner Roll:** 1998 Olympic champion Jonny Moseley's famous ski jump, in which he flips off a mogul and rotates twice with his body parallel to the ground.
- **Scramble Leg:** The first leg of a relay race in the Nordic Combined ski event, so named because the relay race features mass starts with everyone bunched together.
- **Trough:** Deep path of runs between freestyle ski course moguls.
- **Pop start:** An aerial snowboarder starts in which the rider goes up fakie (backward) and lands going forward, thus not rotating.
- **McTwist:** Sounds like an ice cream cone from McDonald's, but it's really an aerial, 540-

degree snowboarding flip. Named after skateboarder Mike McGill.

- **Constant motion air:** A snowboarding move in which the rear hand reaches behind the rear leg to grab the toe edge between the bindings while the rear leg is straightened.
- **Chicken salad air:** Another aerial snowboarding move in which the rear hand reaches between the leg and grabs the heel edge between the bindings while the front is straightened.
- **Road:** Aerial ski. This aerial snowboarding maneuver has the rider grabbing the heel edge between the bindings with the rear hand and the rear leg is straightened.
- **Ho ho:** Any two-hand plant in snowboarding.
- **Takeout:** A type of shot in curling that removes another rock from play.
- **Platter lift:** A figure skating lift in which the man raises his partner overhead with his hands resting on her hips and she extends her body horizontal on the ice in a position that resembles a water holding a platter.
- **Full full full:** Three flips in freestyle skiing with three twists.

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 cup brandy
1/4 cup whipping cream
3 ounces soft mild goat cheese such as Montrachet, crumbled (about 1/3 cup)
3 ounces Gorgonzola cheese, crumbled (about 3/4 cup)
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (about 2 ounces)
3/4 pound tri-colored rotelle (corkscrew-shaped pasta) or other multicolored pasta

In large, heavy skillet, cook garlic and herbs in butter and oil over medium heat, stirring until garlic is softened but not browned. Remove skillet from heat. Add brandy and ignite, being careful as flames shoot up. Shake skillet gently until flames die out. Return skillet to medium heat and stir in cream. Add cheeses, one at a time, stirring until each cheese melts before adding the next. Cook sauce at bare simmer until thickened

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Utah is the Beehive State. Here's a National Honey Board's Beekeepers' "Favorite Appetizer" recipe contest winner, from the North Central Beekeepers' Association.

SWEET TASTE OF VICTORY CHICKEN WINGS

1/2 cup honey
1/3 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup chili sauce
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
8 drops red pepper sauce
3 pounds chicken wings or drumettes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine honey, soy sauce, chili sauce, garlic salt, pepper and red pepper sauce. Arrange chicken in single layer in 13-by-9-inch baking pan and pour on sauce. Turn chicken over to coat with sauce. Bake in preheated oven 1 hour, turning over once. Cool slightly and serve. Makes 8 servings.

Here's a recipe from Gourmet magazine and www.epicurious.com that reminded us of an Olympic sport always represented by Wisconsin: curling.

FLAMING, CURLING CHEESE PASTA

3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon dried herbes de Provence or dried rosemary, crumbled
1 tablespoon unsalted butter

1/2 cup boiling water (divided)
1 package (4-serving size) Berry Blue gelatin
1 package (4-serving size) strawberry gelatin
1 cup cold water (divided)
2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
Large marshmallows
Colored sugar
Stir 1 cup boiling water into each package of gelatin in separate bowls 2 minutes or until completely dissolved. Stir 1/2 cup cold water into each bowl of gelatin. Pour into separate 8-inch square pans. Refrigerate at least 3 hours or until firm. Cut each pan into 12-inch cubes. Spoon blue gelatin cubes evenly into 8 dessert dishes. Top with whipped topping, then red gelatin cubes. Garnish with additional whipped topping, if desired. Flatten marshmallows; cut into star shapes. Moisten slightly and sprinkle with colored sugar. Place on top of dessert. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes 8 servings.

NOTE: Recipe can be doubled. Use 1 package (8-serving size) or 2 packages (4-serving size each) of each gelatin. Pour each mixture into separate 13-by-9-inch pans. Use 1 tub (8 ounces) whipped topping.

Fred Usinger Inc.'s quarter-pound, skinless Certified Angus Beef frankfurter is the official hot dog of the Olympics. This recipe came from Elsie Donges Usinger, daughter-in-law of the company founder, and appears in "What's Cooking with the Elves." And hot dogs do remain a favorite.

BORSLED BARBECUE

1 medium onion, chopped or sliced
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons vinegar
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 tablespoons lemon juice
4 cup ketchup
3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tablespoon prepared mustard
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup chopped celery

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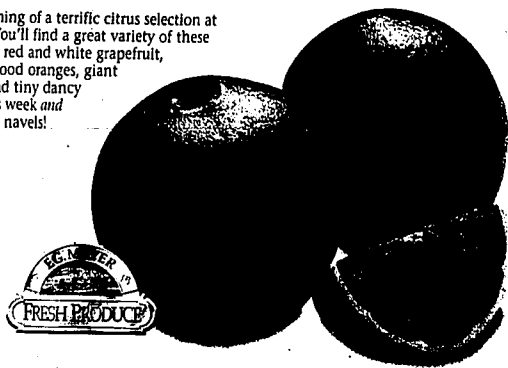


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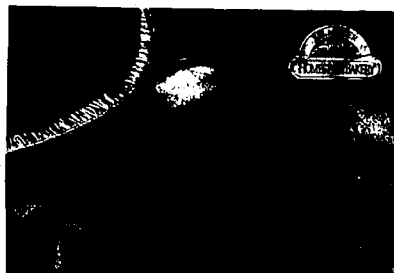
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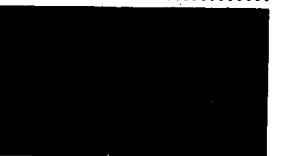
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When Linda Phillippi, of Roman, Mont., started serving this casserole, it was just a creamed vegetable dish. Over time, she enhanced it by trying different vegetables and adding nutmeg. The scrumptious dish that resulted was featured in Taste of Home magazine.

CARROT COIN CASSEROLE
12 medium carrots, sliced
1 large onion, cut into 1/4-inch slices
2 cups frozen peas
1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

4 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 1/2 cups milk
1 cup crushed butter-flavored crackers (about 25 crackers)
Place carrots and a small amount of water in a saucepan; cover and cook over medium heat until crisp-tender, about 6 minutes. Add onion; bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 4-6 minutes or until onion is crisp-tender. Drain. Add peas and toss. Place 4 cups in a

greased shallow 3-quart baking dish; sprinkle with cheese. Top with remaining vegetables. In a saucepan over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon butter. Stir in flour, salt, pepper and nutmeg, until smooth. Gradually add milk, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil. Boil and stir for 2 minutes. Pour over the vegetables. In a small saucepan or skillet, combine cracker crumbs and remaining butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until toasted. Sprinkle over casserole. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 30-40 minutes or until bubbly. Serves 12.

Stove-top rice pudding makes a fine dessert

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

Dianne Bucolo of Ellicott City, Md., wrote, "I am responding to the request for a rice custard pudding cooked on top of the stove. The recipe that follows is one that I have been making for many years. It is a family favorite that was given to me by my mother, who says she took it from the side of a box of Minute Rice at least 30 years ago ... my family enjoys raisins mixed into the rice pudding. If this is your preference, you can add about 1/2 cup of raisins to the final mixture after the egg-yolk mixture is incorporated, but before the pudding has time to cool. The heat and mois-

Recipe finder

ture of the rice mixture plumps up the raisins nicely. You might want to add a little extra milk, a tablespoon or two to the original cooking if you know you will be adding raisins."

RICED PUDDING
1 cup (4.25 ounces) Minute Rice
2 1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons milk, divided use
1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 egg yolks
Cinnamon, for sprinkling
In a heavy saucepan, combine

the rice, 2 1/2 cups milk, sugar, butter, vanilla, nutmeg and salt. Heat over medium heat until mixture starts to simmer nicely. You must stir continuously. Once the mixture is simmering, reduce heat to low and continue to stir as you allow the mixture to cook for the next 15 to 20 minutes. After the cooking time is completed, remove the mixture from heat. In a separate bowl, thoroughly combine the yolks with the 2 tablespoons of milk. Gradually add this egg-yolk mixture to the hot rice mixture, stirring constantly. Pour this into a ceramic casserole-type container or individual custard dishes or ramekins. Sprinkle with cinnamon lightly. Allow to cool before enjoying. Serves 4 to 6.

This cheesy, fast-to-fix meal will please your entire family

Taste of Home

Try this quick-fix feast, which will get you out of the kitchen in about 30 minutes. The menu is from Taste of Home magazine.

Italian Grilled Cheese, a delicious, dressed-up version of the original favorite, is from Vera Ambroselli, of Lehigh Acres, Fla. Marlene Muckerhilt, of Delano, Minn., highly recommends her savory Sausage Bean Soup. And Pretty Cherry Parfaits, from Bernice Morris, of Marshfield, Mo., are just the treat to try when you want a dessert that's easy, lovely and yummy.

ITALIAN GRILLED CHEESE
4 slices Italian bread (1 inch thick)
4 slices mozzarella or provolone cheese
3 eggs
1/2 cup milk
3/4 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
2 1/2 cup Italian-seasoned bread crumbs

Cut a 3-inch pocket in each slice of bread; place a slice of cheese in each pocket. In a bowl, beat eggs, milk, Italian seasoning and garlic salt. Soak bread for 2 minutes on each side. Coat with bread crumbs. Cook on a greased, hot griddle until golden brown on both sides. Makes 4 servings.

SAUSAGE BEAN SOUP
3/4 pound bulk Italian sausage
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
1 can (15 1/2 ounces) butter beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) beef broth
1 tablespoon minced fresh basil or 1 teaspoon dried basil
2 tablespoons shredded Parmesan cheese

In a large saucepan, cook sausage, onion and garlic until the sausage is browned. Drain. Add beans, tomatoes, broth and basil. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Sprinkle each serving with



Here's a nutritious meal you can pull together in a hurry.

Parmesan cheese. Makes 4-6 servings.

PRETTY CHERRY PARFAITS
1 can (21 ounces) cherry pie filling
1/4 teaspoon almond extract
1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
1 cup cold milk
1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix

Whipped topping, chopped almonds and fresh mint (optional)

Combine pie filling and extract. Set aside. In a mixing bowl, combine sour cream and milk.

Stir in pudding mix. Beat on low speed for 2 minutes. Spoon half into parfait glasses. Top with half of the pie filling. Repeat layers.

Garnish with whipped topping, almonds and mint, if desired. Refrigerate until serving. Makes 6 servings.

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FOOD & HOME

There's always room for Jell-O in Utah

By Candice Thomson
The Baltimore Sun

What's shaking in the home of the Winter Olympics? Jell-O. You know, that sugary, wiggly, Bill Cosby-giggly, eat-it-for-a-trouble-dummy demerol.

It seems the folks of Utah eat more Jell-O per capita than anyone in the country. We know this because Cosby, the ambassador of Jell-O nation, went to the Utah Legislature last year and swore it to be true. The lawmakers were so taken with the humor that they set aside the second week of February each year to pay tribute.

Cosby came back to Utah last week to introduce a traveling Jell-O Museum that will set up shop right in downtown Salt Lake City for the duration of the Winter Games.

Why is the Beehive State so gaga over Jell-O? Finding that answer is like trying to nail the proverbial flavored gelatin to the wall. But food historians have offered these correlations:

- Jell-O has a wholesome image. Utah, the home of the Omonds, is wholesome.
- Jell-O can be made in large batches. Utah families, by and large, come in large batches.
- Jell-O is the perfect church supper meal-ender. Utah, the headquarters of the Mormon religion, provides the churches.

As a matter of fact, one of the more popular pins at the Olympics is one of a large family holding a bowl of green gelatin with the caption beneath saying "Mormon Soul Food."

Jell-O has been around for slightly more than 100 years. Contrary to one theory, it was not invented by the guy who lost out on the tapioca patent. In fact, Jell-O was invented in 1897 by a carpenter, Le Roy, a small town in upstate New York, who was trying to concoct a cough syrup and laxative tea and came up with a fruit-flavored dessert instead. Failing to find a market for his product, he sold the recipe in 1899 to a neighbor for \$450.

That neighbor, Orator Woodward, was known for his own foodlike substance, "Grain-O," a coffee-type beverage made with roasted cereal. "For those who can't drink tea or coffee," Woodward turned around and sold his O's to Sam Nico for \$35, prompting locals to adopt the municipal mantra, "Grain-O, Jell-

O, Nico."

The Jell-O factory moved from Le Roy to Dover, Del., in the 1960s, but the little town situated between Buffalo and Rochester still displays its gelatin background in a museum on Main Street. Some of those displays are part of the traveling museum at the Olympics, although Jell-O is quick to note that it is not an "official" sponsor of the games.

The curator of the Jell-O collection is Lynne Belluscio, a food historian with a hearty laugh who often sips a cup of hot Jell-O during her afternoon break and rattles off the four original flavors without taking a breath ("strawberry, raspberry, lemon and orange").

The museum opened in 1997 as

part of the Jell-O centennial, and the staff soon found that its summer hours weren't enough. A grant from the Kraft-General Foods Corp., Jell-O's parent corporation, paid for a furnace and bathroom for the 19th-century schoolhouse, and now visitors come year-round.

A bit of Jell-O trivia: Adrian Upton, a Canadian doctor, once hooked a mold of lime Jell-O to an electroencephalograph, a machine that records the electrical activity of the brain, and found that the Jell-O showed the same activity as the human brain.

A hospital in upstate New York ran a second test and, sure enough, says Belluscio, "You can't tell a human brain from a bowl of Jell-O."

Check out the cookbook top eight list

Los Angeles Times

1. "Fast Food Nation" by Eric Schlosser

2. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins
3. "Lidia's Italian-American Kitchen" by Lidia Bastianich
4. "Weight Watchers New Complete Cookbook"
5. "Weight Watchers Simply the Best: 250 Prizewinning Family Recipes"

6. "Make It In Minutes: Easy Recipes in 15, 20 and 30 Minutes" by Weight Watchers
7. "Kitchen Confidential" by Anthony Bourdain
8. "Salt: A World History" by Mark Kurlansky

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MAYNARD

Serve shrimp fried rice for dinner tonight

By Kristin Eddy, Chicago Tribune

With the Year of the Horse ready to kick off Chinese New Year next week, you may be in the mood for a Chinese restaurant classic: shrimp fried rice. This recipe is a lot lighter and brighter than many takeout versions. Be sure to put down some red and gold at your place setting for good luck.

SHRIMP FRIED RICE

Yield: 4 servings
1/2 cup each: soy sauce, chicken broth

2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar or sherry
1/8 teaspoon ground white or black pepper
1 pound raw shrimp, peeled, deveined

2 tablespoons sesame oil
2 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
1 1/2 cups fresh snow peas
1/2 cup each: fresh or frozen corn kernels, shredded carrot
2 bunches green onions, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced
2 eggs, beaten
2 cups jasmine or long-grain white rice, cooked

Combine soy sauce, broth, vinegar and pepper in a small bowl; set aside. Place shrimp in a large bowl with the sesame oil; toss; set aside. Heat peanut or vegetable oil in a large skillet or wok over high heat. Stir in snow peas; corn, carrot, green onions and garlic; stir-fry until vegetables are glossy and softened, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon to a plate; set aside. Add shrimp and sesame oil to pan; stir-fry until shrimp become pink, 2 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon; reduce heat to medium. Add eggs to pan; cook, stirring gently to scramble, 1 minute. Remove from skillet; set aside with the shrimp. Add soy sauce mixture to skillet. Cook 1 minute. Stir in vegetables, shrimp, eggs and rice; cook, stirring to combine and heat all ingredients, 1-2 minutes. Serve hot.

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“No regrets what so ever. If I were to die and come back tomorrow, I'd do it all over again and I'd do it exactly the same.”

—Olympic skier Picabo Street after competing in her final race Tuesday.

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No medal, no matter



Above, Picabo Street reacts after finishing 16th in the women's downhill in Snowbasin, Utah, Tuesday at the Salt Lake City Olympics. Below, Street pauses during a post-race news conference in which she announced her retirement.

Street gets roaring cheers, announces retirement after race

The Associated Press

SNOWBASIN, Utah — Her finish was unremarkable, her reception anything but. Picabo Street kissed the ground before the final race of her career, knowing it would all be over in about 100 seconds. And when it was, she stood among the also-rans — far behind surprise downhill winner Carole Montillet of France, and just third behind the U.S. team.

Yet it hardly mattered to the throng of cheering a drafting woman known as much for her courage and spunk as her unusual name. “This is the best day in my ski racing career and it's because of you. Thank you,” she said, grabbing a microphone in the finish area and blowing kisses to the crowd.

“Really my dream was to come in here, cross the finish line and hear the roar,” she said. “Everything else was kind of fuzzy and blurry and hard to imagine. But coming in and hearing this crowd was crystal clear, and it was just that when I came in.”

And with that, Picabo Street said goodbye to the Olympics and competitive skiing. The 30-year-old racer, completing yet another amazing comeback from major injury, was trying to become the first American woman to win three Olympic skiing medals.

Instead, she lost crucial time struggling to maintain balance midway down a deteriorating Wildflower course and finished 16th. That she was on the mountain at all was remarkable.

“This is the best day in my ski racing career and it's because of you. Thank you.”

— Picabo Street, addressing the crowd after her race



For a few days before the Olympics, leaving the World Cup circuit, telling friends she needed to get away from the repeated questions about Cavagnoud.

“I still think of Regine Cavagnoud and I will continue to do so. She will always be in my heart and on my mind,” said the winner, who carried her nation's flag during opening ceremonies and was wrapped in France's blue, white and red.

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Picabo walks away with no regrets

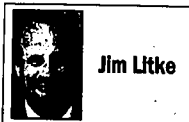
SNOWBASIN, Utah — Six months ago, Ron “Stubby” Street cracked open a fortune cookie and stared at the slip of paper inside.

“Someone you know will make you very proud,” it said. Picabo Street's father already knew who that someone was. What he couldn't know at the time was how proud she would make him.

On Tuesday, with the sun shining bright overhead, Stubby waited a few hundred yards from the finish line of the Olympic women's slalom course. The slip of paper sat in his wallet, his heart was in his throat.

Tucked under Street's arm was a well-worn American flag. It had covered his daughter's bed when she was just 3, and traveled with her to Lillehammer, Norway, and Nagano, Japan. Now, like some faithful old friend, the flag waited for the best female ski racer America has ever produced to reclaim it one final time.

“I'm not sad, I'm very proud of her,” Stubby Street said. “She persevered. She got back on that horse. And there's no better way to retire than after you've climbed back in the saddle.”



Jim Litke

Picabo Street called it a career

Tuesday. She had too little cartilage and too few ligaments left to sacrifice for the cause. She finished 16th in her last Olympic race, eight years and a handful of knee surgeries after she won a surprising silver in the downhill and four years after she followed it up with an improbable gold in the super giant slalom. To know her is to know she had no regrets.

“If I were to die and come back tomorrow, I'd do it all over again,” Picabo said. “And I'd do it exactly the same.”

And yet, when someone asked Street how she wanted to be remembered, her answer had only so much to do with her accomplishments on the slopes, with her comebacks from one career-threatening injury or another. More than any of that, it

was what she learned about sharing all of those achievements with the people who mattered.

“Letting your fans live vicariously through you by showing your emotions,” Picabo said. “Because your fans will love you for it. I know by my experience today that your fans can be enough.”

Picabo Street was successful and brash and tough and loud. It wasn't always what she did as much as how she did it.

“When she was 10 or 11,” Stubby recalled, “she told me she wanted to win a gold medal at the Olympics.”

Twenty years later, he still remembered the moment he knew it would come true.

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Hornets, Indians head to state with confidence

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

It's deja vu.

The Declo and the Buhl High girls basketball teams have gone back-and-forth all season again, with the Hornets once again winning the 3A District Four title to enter the Class 3A state tournament as the area's top seed.

Just like last year.

Unlike last year, the Hornets (22-2) are hoping to ride the momentum from their district title to an opening-round win and

Valley readies for 2A state tourney — D2
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an eventual state championship. Declo coach Kim Johnson is confident this year's Hornets have what it takes to make that happen.

She said this team is the best that she has ever brought into a state tourney — even better than the team she brought to the show

3A State Tournament

At Bishop Kelly High School, Thursday's first-round pairings:
• Shelley vs. St. Maries 1:45 p.m.
• Marsh Valley vs. Buhl 3:15 p.m.
• Declo vs. Snake River 6:30 p.m.
• Fruitland vs. Lakeland 8 p.m.

three years ago that entered the state tournament 21-1 before finishing 1-2 at the tournament.

Depth is a big asset for the Hornets who go to their bench without skipping a beat.

“I have a really good inside

play and some guards who can step up,” Johnson said. “I think benchwise — that's why we're better than in the past.”

After scouting teams on tape and in person, Johnson is also confident that the Hornets will be in the thick of things.

“I think we stack up really well,” she said. “It's whoever goes out and plays the best ball.”

Declo opens up with Snake River (16-7) at 6:30 p.m. at Bishop Kelly High School on Thursday. If the Hornets can get

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American takes gold in speedskating

The Washington Post

KEARNS, Utah — A small pylon on the inside of the speedskating track at the Utah Olympic Oval went flying, nudged by the skate of American Casey FitzRandolph deep into Tuesday's 100-meter race.

FitzRandolph, the leader heading into Tuesday's final heat, leaned too far while rounding the last turn, his right leg kicking the ice for his leg kicked back wildly. But he instantly composed himself, churning through the final 100-meter straightaway and won the gold medal with the best cumulative time of two heats (the first was Monday).

FitzRandolph was edged out in that last race of the day by fellow American Kip Carpenter, who took the bronze. Japan's Hiroyasu Shimizu, the world record holder and 1998 gold medal winner, won the silver just 0.3 seconds behind, despite a painful lower-body injury.

FitzRandolph's gold was the first for an American male in this event since Eric Heiden won five gold medals at the 1980 Games, and Tuesday was the first time since 1952 that two American men won medals in the same speedskating event. Heiden whose performance inspired FitzRandolph to leave ice hockey for speedskating, counseled the 27-year-old before the race, which was memorable, if not picture-perfect.

“I think the nerves showed up today,” FitzRandolph said. “It was very hard to sleep when you're sitting in gold medal position. It's very hard to come to the rink the next day and stay relaxed even though your heart is racing while you're just sitting in the locker room. That showed and it wasn't the best race in the world, but it was just good enough.”

FitzRandolph, who aspires to get a tryout as a place kicker for

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Baseball approves moves for Expos, Marlins

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In an unprecedented move, baseball owners unanimously agreed to the takeover of the Expos by the commissioner's office and the sale of the Florida Marlins to Montreal's current owner.

Tuesday's votes, taken just three days before those teams start spring training, caused immediate management shifts. Montreal manager Jeff Torborg quit and became Florida's manager, and Hall of Famer Frank Robinson was hired as the Expos' manager.

Larry Beinfest, who had been the Expos' interim general manager, resigned to become Florida's general manager and was replaced by Omar Minaya, who had been senior assistant general manager of the New York Mets.

Tony Tavares, who quit the Anaheim Angels last month, was appointed by baseball commissioner Bud Selig as Montreal's team president.

“From this day forward, in terms of the decisions they make, they are on their own,” Selig said in a conference call.

Selig would not assure survival beyond this season for Montreal, which joined the major leagues in 1969. He promised the Expos would be run independently and

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SPORTS

Minico moves on at Region tournament; Bruins drop opener

RUPERT - The Minico boys basketball team weathered a first quarter storm by Pocatello, then blew past the Indians in the opening round of the 5A Region II tournament on Tuesday.

Senior Ryan Hapworth poured in 16 points and John Fennell added 11 to lead the Spartans. Michael Waldrum finished with seven points for Pocatello. The Spartans held the Indians to just two points in the second quarter.

The win avenged the loss Pocatello handed Minico on Feb. 6. The Spartans (16-5) meets Highland at Pocatello on Thursday.

Highland 54, Twin Falls 45. POCATELLO - It took a little longer to get going than it was expected, but Highland's 54-45 win over Twin Falls in the first round of the Region Three Tournament lifts the Rams one step closer to their goal - state.

With both teams trying to find their rhythms, Twin Falls was able to take a slim 21-20 lead after the first half.

The Rams found themselves trailing 24-20 only 10 seconds into the third quarter when Twin Falls' Chris Heringer scored on a break-away lay-up and was fouled.

That was the last time the Bruins were able to get in control, however, as Highland ripped for 15 unanswered points to surge into the lead.

Dexter Hill had 11 points, blocked three shots and grabbed 12 rebounds. Twin Falls, which will play at Pocatello Tuesday in a loser-out game, was paced by Castillo's 20 points.

3A District Four Tournament. Buhl 63, Wood River 48. HAILEY - Buhl upset Wood River in a loser-out game Monday in Hailey.

A.W. Wells led all scorers with 18 points and Tim Bourner added 17 points for the Indians. Wood River (1-2) will be led by Matt Beck who scored on a lay-up gooding at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. Thursday.

3A JV Championship. Kimberly 63, Declo 47. HAILEY - Brandon Musser scored 17 points to lift Kimberly over Declo 63-47 Tuesday night in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Junior Varsity championship in Hailey.

Ricky Zozdro added 14 points and had eight rebounds for the Bulldogs. "Our presses in the second half really hurt Declo," Kimberly coach Brian Wilford said.

We were able to break through their presses and make

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some easy lay-ups. Our rebounding in the second half was great and it really made the difference.

Kimberly JV finishes the season SCIC champions with (17-3, 9-1 SCIC).

2A District Four Canyon Conference Tournament. Wendell 67, Glens Ferry 56. WENDELL - Wendell beat Glens Ferry 67-56 Tuesday night to advance to the championship game of the 2A District Four Tournament.

Kael Pope posted a 20 point, 13 block, 19 rebound triple-double to lead Wendell. Cory Chandler added 17 points for the Trojans. Mark Black had 23 points to lead Glens Ferry.

Wendell (19-2) will play the winner of Valley/Glens Ferry on Tuesday.

Magic Valley Conference Tournament. Murtaugh 77, Hansen 72. MURTAUGH - Murtaugh nipped Hansen 77-72 Tuesday night in Murtaugh to send the Huskies home for the season.

Ben Roseborough led Murtaugh with 26 points. Kellen Nebecker added 18 points for the Red Devils.

Miguel Dos Santos led all scorers with 33 points for Hansen.

Oakley 56, Raft River 52, OT. MURTAUGH - Oakley got by Raft River in overtime 56-52 Tuesday night in Murtaugh to end Raft River's season.

Amund McBride led all scorers with 17 points for Oakley. John Gray added 15 points for the Hornets.

Tanner Hansen led Raft River with 16 points. Oakley plays Murtaugh Monday night in Murtaugh.

Northside Conference Tournament. Dietrich 77, The Community School 73. SHOSHONE - It took three overtimes, but in the end Dietrich defeated The Community School 77-73 Tuesday in the Northside District Tournament in Shoshone.

Dietrich's win ensures it a spot at the 1A Boys State Tournament on Feb. 27. Mark Telford led all the Blue Devils with 26 points and Chris Maughan added 20 points. Adrian Charbonnet led all scorers with 27 points for the Carthagens.

Dietrich plays Shoshone on Monday for a chance at the Northside championship.

Vikings gear up for another run at title

The Vikings girls basketball team is far from uncharted territory as they march off to the 2A 2002 Girls Real Dairy Shoot Out State Basketball Tournament.

It is the Vikings' third trip to state and their opponent, Lapwal, is far from an unknown entity.

Valley, which has gone two-and-out at the state tournament the past couple of years, fell to the Wildcans 65-55 in the opening round a year ago.

"We were 0-2 the last two years and they have something to prove," Valley coach Brian Hardy said. "They want to go out with some wins up their sleeve."

The Vikings (21-1) come into the tournament on a roll, having defeated Glens Ferry 73-34 in the 2A District Four championship game thanks to a 44-13 advantage in the second and third quarters.

But that was last Monday. "We have to keep our game tempo going," Hardy said.

In the Wildcans, the Vikings face a team that is its mirror image in the 3.5 team, game at Middleton High School on Thursday.

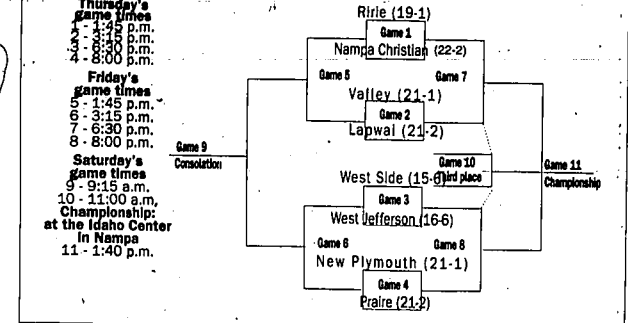
Lapwal (21-2), which fell to eventual state champion New Plymouth in the second round last year, likes an uptempo game and presses a great deal.

So, do the Vikings. Both teams enter with a ton of confidence. Lapwal's only two losses were at the hands of Prairie (21-2) in the district title game and once in the regular season, while Valley fell only to 1A power Shoshone.

New Plymouth (21-1) is back to defend its crown, which it won by defeating Prairie 49-39.

The two teams meet again Thursday in the opening round.

Class 2A Girls State Tournament



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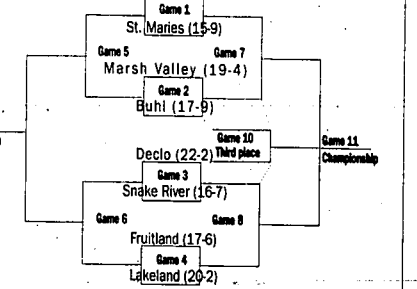
At Middleton High School. Thursday's first round pairings: Nampa Christian 3:45 p.m., Valley vs. Lapwal 3:15 p.m., West Side vs. West Jefferson 6:30 p.m., New Plymouth vs. Prairie 8 p.m.

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Tourney. Continued from D1. past the Panthers, they have a possible second round date with Lakeland (20-2), which is basically the same team as last year's championship squad.

"Nobody has even challenged them in their league up there," Johnson said. "But you know once they're into state and into a tight game, who knows how they'll react."

With their loss to Declo in the district title game, Buhl (17-9) may have actually drew the better side of the bracket since they are opposite Lakeland.

The Indians drew Marsh Valley in the first round and Buhl coach Joe Shepard also likes his team's chances after the District Four tournament.

The Indians played three straight games last week, beating Wood River Monday with a state berth on the line, then downing Declo Tuesday to keep their district championship hopes alive before falling to the Hornets in the championship game Wednesday.

"This kind of preparation really helps," Shepard said after the second Declo game. "It's a great way to get ready for state."

The Indians also have last year's run at the consolation title fresh in their minds. "That won't hurt either," Shepard said.

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MLB. Continued from D2. that their top young players, such as Vladimir Guerrero, wouldn't be traded.

"The only baseball decisions that will be made by Omar and Frank will be ones they believe are in the best interests of the club," Selig said. "There have been no conversations among us about fire sales or anything like that."

Current Marlins owner John Henry, frustrated at the failure to get a new ballpark, heads a group that was given approval Jan. 16 to buy the Boston Red Sox for \$660 million from the Jean R. Yawkey Trust.

Jeffrey Loria is buying the Marlins from Henry for \$158.5 million and selling the Montreal franchise for \$120 million to Baseball Partners LP, a Delaware limited partnership owned by the other 29 teams. The commissioner's office is loaning him the difference between the prices.

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Loria, who hopes the sales will be completed Friday, will be the third owner of the Marlins, who began play in 1993 and won the World Series in 1997. Founding owner H. Wayne Huizenga, convinced the government wouldn't help fund a ballpark, sold the team to Henry in January 1999.

"We're fully committed to the team and the Florida community," Loria said. "My desire to bring interest back to a championship level, give some fans and give our cities, will be the difference."

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Spice Girl steals the show at Westminster

NEW YORK (AP) — A prancing, black package of pom-poms put a little Spice into the Westminster dog show.

In an upset, a miniature poodle named Surrey Spice Girl walked off as America's top dog Tuesday night when she was picked as best-in-show at Madison Square Garden.

"She oozes breed type," praised Judge W. Everett Dean Jr. "Every step was right. She was smooth, gorgeous."

The perfectly manicured 3-year-old became the first miniature poodle to win America's most prestigious dog show since 1959.

The victory completed a kind of Triple Crown for breeder Anne Clarke. She previously won best-in-show as a handler at Westminster and also judged the award.

A Kerry blue terrier named Torum's Scarf Michael had been the early favorite among dog fanciers and the crowd of 10,000. He was bidding to become only the second dog ever to win Westminster and Crufts, England's banner show.

But instead of becoming a world beater, the 5.5-year-old terrier called Mick appeared a bit distracted and left room for Spice.

There were more than 2,500 entries at the show, representing 159 breeds and varieties.

The two-day event attracted celebrities such as Candice Bergen and Glenn Close. It also drew an Irish setter co-owned by New York Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina — a Pembroke Welsh corgi called Sammy Sosa wound up winning a best-of-group award.

Group winners earlier Tuesday evening were a Brittany called Jester (sporting), a Rhodesian ridgeback named Wenu of Kalahari (hound) and the corgi called Sammy Sosa (herding).

A standard schnauzer named Charisma Jailhouse Rock won the working group and an offspinner called Cosmo won the toy group Monday night.



Surrey Spice Girl, a miniature poodle owned by Ron and Barbara Scott, wins Best In Show at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show Tuesday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Buhl takes pride in program

In my 15 years as head girls basketball coach at Buhl High School, not one parent has requested a meeting with myself, our athletic director or principal about the treatment of their daughters. It seems strange that this mistreatment is being brought to light by a man that just moved back to the Magic Valley and just happened to choose to come and watch the Buhl Lady Indians basketball games.

At the beginning of each basketball season, we talk to the girls about our team philosophy and goals. They are old at that time that in a tight contest only seven or eight girls will see much playing time. They are also told that they are an integral part of our team and that they are making their teammates better by playing hard in practice. This is stressed at different times throughout the season. They are a very important part of our team.

The Buhl High School girls basketball coaching staff takes pride in its hard worked efforts at winning basketball games. We also, as a staff, understand the efforts of all the girls on the team and strive to get them in games when they can be successful and help the team. We feel the best when we win a game and every member of the team gets to play.

As far as politics go, my father

was a railroadman in Pocatello for 35 years and a staunch Democrat. So, I guess I'm a Democrat. However, I did vote for Cella Gould and hopefully, my father didn't roll over in his grave. It is very difficult to find five girls in this area that have parents that are Democrats, so we quit using that as a criteria for being a starter.

Our "favorites" are the ones that make the highest percentage of shots, play good defense, handle the ball, rebound, come to all practices and have a good attitude. That has always been our criteria for playing time with the Buhl Lady Indians.

We take a lot of pride in our team achievements over the years. We strive to teach good sportsmanship and to always be fair to all members of our basketball program.

In closing, I would like to mention that, after last Monday night's victory over Wood River, there were 15 extremely happy members of the Buhl Lady Indians basketball team. Every member of the team, whether they played or not, was cheering, happy and extremely proud of their team's accomplishment. They will now be going to the state tournament in Boise. They will always remember being a part of the Buhl Lady Indians basketball team that went to State in 2002. Regardless of how big a part they were in the victory.

JOE D. SHEPARD
Buhl

BASEBALL

Tuesday's College Baseball

Game	Score
Alabama 1, Louisiana Tech 0	
Arizona 2, Utah State 1	
Ark. State 2, Mississippi State 1	
Cal State Fullerton 2, San Diego State 1	
Florida 2, Georgia Tech 1	
Georgia Tech 2, Florida 1	
Illinois 2, Indiana 1	
Indiana 2, Illinois 1	
Mississippi State 1, Arkansas 2	
North Carolina 2, Wake Forest 1	
Wake Forest 2, North Carolina 1	
West Virginia 2, Virginia Tech 1	
Virginia Tech 2, West Virginia 1	
Yale 2, Cornell 1	

FOOTBALL

Friday's Football

Game	Score
Alabama 28, Auburn 14	
Arkansas 21, Mississippi State 14	
California 28, Stanford 14	
Colorado 21, Utah State 14	
Florida 21, Georgia Tech 14	
Georgia Tech 21, Florida 14	
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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

SCORES AND STATS

National Basketball Development League

Game	Score
Chicago 20, Memphis 10	
Denver 20, Salt Lake City 10	
Golden State 20, Los Angeles 10	
Indiana 20, Milwaukee 10	
Los Angeles 20, Memphis 10	
Memphis 20, Chicago 10	
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ON THE AIR

TELEVISION

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HOCKEY

National Hockey League

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Atlanta 2, Carolina 1	
Carolina 2, Atlanta 1	
Colorado 2, Dallas 1	
Dallas 2, Colorado 1	
Edmonton 2, Phoenix 1	
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SKI ROPES

Location	Time
Alpine	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
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BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Game	Score
Atlanta 95, Charlotte 88	
Charlotte 88, Atlanta 95	
Chicago 95, Dallas 88	
Dallas 88, Chicago 95	
Denver 95, Houston 88	
Houston 88, Denver 95	
Los Angeles 95, Memphis 88	
Memphis 88, Los Angeles 95	
Phoenix 95, Portland 88	
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SKI ROPES

ATP Copenhagen Open

Player	Score
Andre Agassi	6-4, 6-3
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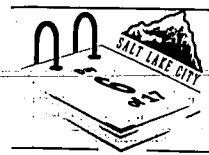
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SALT LAKE OLYMPICS 2002

Moseley pulls off roll, doesn't medal

- PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - Jonny Moseley stole the show with his Dinner Roll jump. Then a fellow American, Travis Mayer, came along and bumped Moseley off the medals stand.

Richard Gay of France won bronze, leaving Moseley in fourth even after pulling off his revolutionary jump without a hitch.

"I thought I stuck two sweet jumps today," said Moseley, the trendsetter who won gold four years ago in Nagano. "That was my personal goal - to come out here and put on a good show."

Mayer's silver was something of a surprise. On the U.S. developmental team less than a year ago, he qualified for the Olympics at the Gold Cup in December, an event in which the winner gets an automatic spot in the games regardless of what he does the rest of the year.

"I was just hoping to come out and have a good time," Mayer said. "To make the Olympics was way beyond my expectations this year. I thought if I skied my best for a couple runs, that would be a great day. To end up second behind one of the greatest moguls skiers ever, it's the ultimate Olympic experience, pretty much."

Jeremy Bloom, who put off playing football at Colorado for a year to compete at the Olympics, finished sixth. Teammate Evan Dylwyg crashed during qualifying, injuring his right knee. He had to be carried off the bottom of the mountain.

Mayer won medal No. 7 of these Olympics for the Americans - six of which have come in the new-age sports of freestyle skiing and snowboarding.

His surprise was a nice ending to an event that Moseley defied and energized, even though he didn't win anything for his efforts.

In the seconds leading up to his historic run, the chant of "Moseley, Moseley, Moseley" rang out from the rowdy flag-waving crowd that was pro-American, but really, more pro-Jonny.

Moseley smiled and pumped his fists, then pushed off from the starting line. For his top jump, Moseley executed a triple-twister, flying off the ramp and moving the ski 90 degrees right, then left, then right again. That was the warmup.

The Dinner Roll was the main course - revolutionary, controversial and exciting, and unlike anything anybody else tries.

After approaching the second ramp, gold medals in the sport.

2002 Winter Games

Stars
Casoy FitzRandolph, United States: Won America's first men's 500 meters speedskating gold since Eric Heiden in 1980. Teammate Kip Carpenter took the bronze.

Carola Montillet, France: Surprise winner of wind-swept women's downhill.
Travis Mayer, United States: Silver in moguls behind gold winner Janne Lahti of Finland.

Andrus Veerpalu, Estonia: Won country's first Winter Games gold by taking the men's 15-kilometer cross-country.
Listens to the music: Nightly concerts at Olympic Medals Plaza have been the hottest ticket in town. The Dave Matthews Band, Lifehouse and the Foo Fighters have drawn lively, sellout crowds at the 20,000-seat plaza, with Sheryl Crow, 'N Sync and Brooks and Dunn coming up.

Marc Pelchat was 28th in 500 meters speed skating. ... John Bauer was 12th, Patrick Weaver 16th and Kris Freeman 22nd in 15-kilometer cross-country. ... Wendy Wagner 38th, Nina Kemppel 40th in the 10-kilometer cross-country. ... Defending champion Jonny Moseley was fourth in moguls, Jeremy Bloom ninth. ... Jonna Mendes 11th, Kristina Clark 12th in downhill. Two-time medalist Picabo Street was 16th in the final race of her career.

What's next
U.S. speedskater Apolo Ohno makes his Olympic debut today in the prelims of the 1,000 meters in the men's downhill. He goes to ... Skater Amy Peterson, the U.S. flagbearer in the opening ceremony, races in the 1,500 meters ... Alan Aborn, 11th in the 90-meter jump, tries for America's first ski jumping medal in 78 years in the 120-meter jump.

Moseley took off, got his body almost parallel to the ground and did two side rolls, the first with his skis crossed, the second with them parallel.

The crowd gasped, then went wild after the smooth landing.

Always the showman, Moseley headed straight toward the stands when he finished, where he started high-fiving anyone and everyone. He even thought about jumping the fence to celebrate, before an Olympic worker talked him out of it.

For 15 magical moments, Moseley was in first place with a score of 26.78, and his quest to push this sport into the future with the unheard-of jump looked like it would pay off with more than just good publicity.



But Gay, who had never finished above fourth in world-class competition, knocked him out of first with the help of a triple-twister spread and a little bit faster time. Then came Lahti, the 1998 silver medalist, who is more technically precise than almost any skier in the world. He goes faster, smoother and more upright between the bumps. A quad-twist at the top and a triple-twister spread - both conventional jumps, but very difficult to pull off successfully - put him over the top. He was the winner, but like everyone else, he knew the Dinner Roll was the talk of the slope. "It's a great jump, no doubt about that," Lahti said. "But you need a lot more than one jump to win the competition."

At the Games

2002 Winter Olympic Daily Schedule

Today's televised events
On NBC - 2:30 p.m.
Blathon; men's 10-kilometer.
On NBC - 6:30 p.m.
Alpha sliding, men's combined, K120 wild jumping final; Speedskating, women's 500-meter qualifying; women's 1,500-meter short track final; Luge, women's singles.
On MSNBC - 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Women's hockey, Canada vs. Russia; Blathon, women's 7.5-kilometer; Men's Curling, Germany vs. United States.
On CBC - 4 p.m.-10 p.m.
Men's hockey, Switzerland vs. Belarus; France vs. Ukraine; Men's Curling, U.S. vs. Norway

USA's Jonny Moseley competes in the men's freestyle race Tuesday in Park City, Utah. Moseley finished fourth.

Today's schedule of events

Subject to change
Alpine Skiing
At Snowbird
Men's Combined Slalom, 10 a.m.
Blathon
At Soldier Hollow
Men's 10km sprint, 11 a.m.
Women's 7.5km sprint, 1:30 p.m.
Curling
At The Ice Street, Ogden, Utah
Men
Draw 4
Switzerland vs. Finland, 9 a.m.
Britain vs. Norway, 9 a.m.
Germany vs. United States, 9 a.m.
Denmark vs. Sweden, 9 a.m.
Draw 5
Britain vs. Germany, 7 p.m.
Canada vs. France, 7 p.m.
Sweden vs. Switzerland, 7 p.m.
Norway vs. Switzerland, 7 p.m.
Women
Draw 4
United States vs. Canada, 2 p.m.
Germany vs. Japan, 2 p.m.
Norway vs. Switzerland, 2 p.m.
Sections vs. Denmark, 2 p.m.
Ice Hockey
At The Peaks Ice Arena
Women's prelim, Sweden vs. Kazakhstan, 2 p.m.
Men's prelim, France vs. Ukraine, 7 p.m.
At Center
Women's prelim, Russia vs. Belarus, 4 p.m.
Men's prelim, Switzerland vs. Belarus, 4 p.m.
Luge
At Utah Olympic Park
Women's Singles, Runs 3 & 4, 4 p.m.
Short Track Speedskating
At Salt Lake Ice Center
Women's 1500 meters, 6 p.m.
Men's 1000 and 500, 6:35 p.m.
Men's 5000 Relay prelims, 8 p.m.
Women's 1500 final, 8:35 p.m.
Ski Jumping
At Utah Olympic Park
K120 individual final, 9:30 p.m.
Speedskating
At Utah Olympic Oval
Women's 500 qualification, 5 p.m.

American star prepares to begin short-track medal chase

By Joe Juliano
Knight Ridder News Service

SALT LAKE CITY - For a few precious hours Tuesday night, Apolo Anton Ohno will put aside controversy and publicity and do what he does best: skate swiftly and smoothly around an ice rink.

The 19-year-old Ohno, of Seattle, begins competition in Olympic short-track speedskating at the first round of the 500-meter race, starting with many anticipate will be a sweep of all four

gold medals in the sport. It has been an interesting last couple of weeks for Ohno, the son of a single-parent father who works as a hairdresser. Last month, Ohno was accused of conspiring to assist his friend, Travis Davis, win the final race of the U.S. Olympic Trials and take the sixth and last spot on the team. Tommy O'Hare, a 1998 Olympian, filed a request for arbitration that he later withdrew.

Then, in the days leading to the Salt Lake City Games, Ohno received massive exposure in the

press as someone who could rule his sport the way no other American has done in the Winter Olympics since speedskater Eric Heiden won five golds in 1980 at Lake Placid, N.Y. He even made the cover of Sports Illustrated's Olympic preview, which is often viewed as



Apolo Anton Ohno

the kiss of death in some circles. Now, however, it's time to lace on the skates. "There's definitely a little pressure on me," Ohno said last week. "It's natural. I'm human. At the same time, I'm going to do my thing and just pretty much try to perform the best I can regardless of what's happening around me."

Ohno is quick to acknowledge that the opportunity to sweep all four short-track events is "almost impossible." Short-track is run in laps on a standard-sized hockey

rink and has been compared to roller derby for its jostling and unpredictability. Because contestants skate in close quarters, anyone can fall at any time and wipe out someone else in his race. "It's short-track, anything can happen," Ohno said. "I've got to go through prelims, heats, semis, quarters, before you even get to the final. If I make one mistake, it'll be a hundredth of a second too late to pass, then the race is over. So you definitely have got to have the golden horseshoe if you're going to win four."

Downhill

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white and red in the finish area. Montilet, who finished in 1:19.56, was skied in 1 minute, 39.56 seconds. She then watched, somewhat in shock, as the pre-race favorites failed to match her time.

By the time Street started from the 26th position, her course was getting messy. The course was

built for Street's gliding style, but Mother Nature did not cooperate. Street had been slated to start because of windy, when the race was postponed because of high winds. The race was delayed another two hours Tuesday by wind, and Street was hoping it would be postponed again.

"I wish the wind wouldn't have

stopped blowing. I would have had a better chance," she said. "It was colder and the snow was harder in the morning. The sun changed the snow."

After she crossed the finish line, she stared at her time of 1:41.17 in disbelief and lowered her head, but quickly recovered and blew kisses to the crowd.

Picabo

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"We were skiing not long after that and the rest of the family was skiing in powder. Picabo was already over on the race course. I don't know that she ever came back and skied with the rest of us much after that," he said. "She missed a lot of good powder."

There will finally be time for that, and everything else she put off to get down the hill one final time. Street plans to marry ski technician John Mulligan sometime in the fall. The two met while Street was rehabbing her broken left leg and mangled right knee, the result of a horrific crash just a month after winning the

gold in Nagano. Being Picabo, she ran off and hid from Mulligan a while because she didn't want a romance to complicate her comeback. She also plans to use her position as director of skiing for the nearby Park City resort to help fund and nurture talented young kids to take her place.

"I'm not going to have to live without skiing," she said. "I'm just going to have to live without trying to be perfect on my skis everyday, which is wonderful. It's very relieving."

For a while, at least, there will be no more competing. Picabo grew up in Triumph, Idaho, a town with only

eight kids and seven of them were boys. The only time she wasn't racing them, hiding from them, or firing BB guns at them when she was issuing a challenge.

"That's the Picabo she wants to rest a while. "I told myself I was giving myself two years to figure out who I am outside of being a ski racer. Ski racing has defined me for the last 25 years," she said. "I know there's a different person that's going to surface. I'm excited to meet that person."

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Gold

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the Green Bay Packers one day, and Carpenter spent the time after Monday's first round trying to keep their minds off of what was ahead of them; FitzRandolph set an Olympic record Monday and Carpenter was unexpectedly sitting in the

third position. They asked friends and family members not to mention the upcoming race, lounged on the couch watching hunting shows (at FitzRandolph's urging) and slept, perhaps, five hours. Despite it all, Carpenter, who converted to long track racing after failing to

make the 1998 short track Olympic team, had the best times of his life. "That's a confidence inside," Carpenter said. "I knew that when this day came it would be the best performance of my life ... I'm just super excited. This is the best day of my life."

Judging snafu leads to calls for reform

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Figure skating judges have drawn criticism for years, their whims and shenanigans raising questions about whether the sport even belongs in the Olympics.

The latest flap sure isn't going to help. A day after the Russians narrowly beat the Canadians for the gold medal in pairs despite an obvious technical error, Canada's Olympic delegation demanded an investigation.

The International Skating Union said Tuesday it would conduct a rare "internal assessment" of the way the two performances were judged, but it wasn't clear if that was enough to satisfy the Canadians.

Others in the sport, meanwhile, said figure skating needs to make changes to ensure an "embarrassment" like this doesn't happen again. "You need to look at everything," said Scott Hamilton, the 1984 gold medalist who was working as a commentator for NBC at Monday night's event.

"You really need to analyze the entire sport from top to bottom and see how something like this could happen. Now is the time - get through the Olympics, and then just have some really fundamental changes in the organization and structure of figure skating."

Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze won the gold medal by the tiniest of margins over Jamie Sale and David Pelletier. "We were the first to skate, and there was nothing to keep

Tuesday's Olympic results

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Name, Country, Points. Lists results for various events including Figure Skating, Curling, and Biathlon.

our rivals from getting a 60 presentation mark for skating after us." Sikharulidze told the Sport Express, a Russian newspaper. "But they didn't, and that means they were not head and shoulders above us ... So let me repeat, I think that our victory is a worthy one." But not only did Sale and Pelletier skate cleanly, they displayed the kind of passion fans will remember years from now. The winners, meanwhile, made an error when Sikharulidze stepped out of a double axel. Instead, the Canadian team lost a 5-4 split of the judges, getting only four 5.5s for artistry compared with seven 5.5s for the Russians. Chinese judge Yang Jiansheng, who favored the Russians, also was supposed to judge the men's short program Tuesday night. But he withdrew a few hours before the competition due to illness, according to an advisory on the Olympic information network. "This is not good for the sport," Pelletier said Tuesday. "It is the same in track and field and boxing. Every time there is a controversy like this, it's not good for the sport."

Medals Table

(4 medal events)

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
United States	3	4	2	9
Australia	4	1	5	7
Norway	3	3	0	6
Germany	2	3	1	6
Finland	1	2	2	5
France	2	1	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	2
Netherlands	1	1	0	2
Estonia	1	0	1	2

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Qwest pays half million to settle complaint

PORTLAND, Ore. — Attorney General Hardy Myers said Tuesday that Qwest Corp. will pay \$575,000 to settle complaints that the Denver-based telephone company packaged extra but unwanted services to Oregon customers in a practice known as "cramping."

Myers said Qwest also misrepresented its wireless service and its high-speed Internet access service, called DSL, or digital subscriber line.

"Qwest's unethical practices railroaded new customers into paying increased fees for services they did not need," Myers said.

Under an agreement with Qwest and its affiliate, Qwest Wireless, the telephone company must give refunds or credits worth up to six months of service to Oregon customers who already have complained or complain in the next 120 days.

The \$575,000 settlement will be paid to the state consumer protection fund managed by the Oregon Department of Justice.

Qwest also agreed to significantly change the ways that its employees represent the costs and availability of basic service and extra features, especially feature packages.

"We will grow from this experience and be able to serve customers more effectively," said Jim Smith, Qwest spokesman.

Also, Qwest said it has received a subpoena in a federal investigation of Global Crossing Ltd. and will cooperate fully with authorities.

Qwest battled Global Crossing in 2000 for U.S. West, the Denver-based Baby Bell offering local phone service in much of the Magic Valley. Qwest launched a successful hostile bidding war to break up Global Crossing's merger agreement with U.S. West.

The Securities and Exchange Commission is investigating allegations that Global Crossing, which filed for bankruptcy in January, misstated revenue and expenses. Company officials have said the accusations by Roy Olofson, former vice president of finance, are without merit and that they are cooperating with the investigation.

Florida-based Global Crossing listed \$2.3 billion of debt and \$22.4 billion of assets — making it the largest telecom bankruptcy case in United States history.

Professor says economy is on rebound

By David Burgess
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The United States appears to be already out of recession, and the intermountain region shows more vitality than other parts of the country, an economics professor told a Twin Falls audience Tuesday.

"The general feeling now among economists is that the United States is out of the recession," Stephen K. Hoppel said. If there are no more shocks such as a war or a terrorist attack, "then we are clearly rebounding."

First Federal Savings Bank sponsored the breakfast event for local business people. Bank President Alan Horner told the crowd the bank had a record year, despite dire predictions for the economy early on.

Horner introduced Hoppel as a professor of economics from the Arizona State University College of Business who speaks frequently to organizations about national economic trends.

Hoppel began by explaining his perspective. "I am a Milton Friedman disciple," he said.

Hoppel referred to the 1976 Nobel laureate economist a number of times in his entertaining speech.

He said that as a monetarist he supports free trade, a strong economy and a growing money supply.

The strong growth seen in the late 1990s — annual 4 percent increases in the gross domestic product — is sustainable in the right conditions, he said.

He said the recession conditions resembled those of 1929.

"It was an investment-led recession," he said. It was a drop in business investment — businesses losing confidence — that in both cases created the downturn.

Consumer spending is leading the recovery. Hoppel explained the strength of consumer spending in demographic terms. Baby boomers have reached their peak spending years, and Generation Xers exiting college are spending more. Teen-agers are also keeping the economy going, he said.

"The average teen-ager spends \$480 a month," Hoppel said.

He highlighted the economic power of the youngest generation in the United States. That generation is equal in size to the Baby Boom generation at 77 million people.

Hoppel also said Idaho appears to be bouncing back even more strongly than Arizona, which has long been pro-growth.

The most positive sign he has seen recently was the Federal Reserve's decision not to lower rates again at its last meeting, he said. He also cited decreased inventories.

The dark spot on the horizon is inflation, he said. Money supply continues to grow faster than GDP, and that concerns a monetarist, he said.

"Monetarists are always worried about inflation," he said.

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Tahoe Card creator cleans up



Jim McAlpine, the creator of the Tahoe Card and www.snowbomb.com, plays with his dog, Brewer, in his office at his home near Tahoe City, Calif., Jan. 2, 2001. For \$50, customers can buy McAlpine's Tahoe Card, which carries with it unlimited discount lift tickets at nine Tahoe resorts, free rentals, tune-ups and more.

Entrepreneur hits it big with Web site, resort discount card

The Associated Press

TAHOE CITY, Calif. — Six years ago Jim McAlpine was a reluctant player in the Young Magma Game. You know the type: college grad, Silicon Valley grind and a guy without a spare second to walk the dog.

But that persona didn't last long.

"Two weeks was the most I ever I stayed in any of those jobs," McAlpine, 31, said. "Every day I dreamed going to work. I was just going through the motions and sitting quietly in my little cubicle all day long."

"I didn't like it that I was working so hard to make other people money, so I decided to go into business for myself."

A 1995 graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder with a degree in sociology, McAlpine said that during his college days he was looking for a

low-stress way to get through school. No business and economics courses for this future entrepreneur.

"I don't think I was ready to work hard then. I mostly wanted to ski. I looked at the football players and saw what they were taking and kind of mapped them."

Today McAlpine, who lives in Tahoe City, Calif., is making a great living, bringing joy to tons of skiers and snowboarders and hanging tough with his dog, Brewer.

Behold the creator of the Tahoe Card and www.snowbomb.com.

For \$50, customers can buy McAlpine's Tahoe Card, which carries with it unlimited discount

lift tickets at nine Tahoe resorts, free rentals, tuneups and more. Better yet, if you purchase the card on snowbomb.com, you can get it for as little as \$22.

"So far the Tahoe Card is our main income generator," McAlpine said. "It has grown 50 percent a year for the past four years."

"We've installed an e-ticketing feature on our Web site so that skiers and boarders can print their own tickets right at home. It's a virtual

ticket booth."

McAlpine's Web site is kind of a 21st century crash pad for the frugal skier and rider. It's a place to hang when you can't be out on the slopes. It offers information on current conditions at Tahoe

resorts and the deal-of-the-moment; it provides a marketplace in which to trade gear; and it even has a chat room (the Bombsquad) which has evolved into cyber slope-meet.

All the above spells success. So how did this Teflonless businessman become a star?

"I just took baby steps," McAlpine said. "A lot of people have these extravagant plans when they first go into business — venture capital and all that. Not me. I started out back in the college market going from campus to campus trying to sell cards that offered discounts on local pizza places, laundromats, bars and whatever."

The first resort deal he made was with Sugar Bowl and that was on the card he sold to Stanford University students.

"That was the hit of the card," McAlpine said. "It was the word of mouth."

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Sales declines force Gap to reconsider approach

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Shannon Hartnett used to shop at the Gap at least once a month, figuring it was a pretty reliable stop for basic turtlenecks, T-shirts and a good looking pair of jeans.

Until two years ago, that is, when the jeans became too long-slung for her taste and the sweaters cropped to expose the midriff, started appearing in "hideous colors."

"I bypass the store now," the 33-year-old Alexandria, Va., resident said. "They're trying to be too hip."

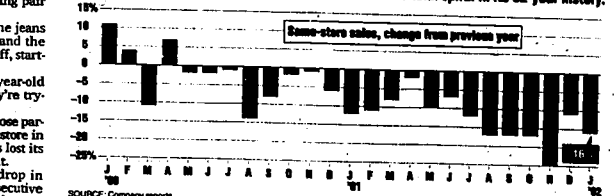
The San Francisco-based chain — whose parent is preparing to open an Old Navy store in Twin Falls — is the first to admit it has lost its way. And it has the numbers to prove it.

Gap Inc. reported a 16 percent drop in January sales, marking the 21st consecutive monthly decline for stores open at least a year, including those in sister chains Old Navy and the more upscale Banana Republic. The company also said it expects to post a loss for last year's fourth quarter when it reports earnings later this month.

Gap's stock has lost more than half its value over the past year. And the company has amassed \$2 billion in debt.

Falling at the Gap

Plummeting sales have sent Gap Inc. into the worst financial spiral in its 32-year history.



SOURCE: Company reports

After two years of soul-searching, Gap officials say they've pinpointed the problem: just about everything.

The mix of clothes. The clothes themselves. The layout of stores. The size of stores. And the company's spending habits.

"We need to fix it," said Stacy MacLean, a Gap spokeswoman.

How did this happen? The company's simple style was such a hit that it inspired copycats. That caused Gap to veer in a different direction with its fashions. Ultimately, it drove away its core customers.

Exacerbating matters was the soft economy. "It was the word of mouth."

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Radio station plans switch to broader music mix

The Times-News

KETCHUM — Alternative-rock radio station KSKI will change programming to a broader mix of rock music, starting at 6 a.m. Thursday, owner Alpine Broadcasting Ltd. said.

"We're moving in a direction that will appeal to a larger audience," General Manager Larry Flynn said in a statement. "The station will still play a lot of the modern artists of today; however, we'll be mixing in more artists of the '80s and '90s as well."

The station calls its new format hot adult contemporary.

Since KSKI started as an AM station in 1959, it has moved to the FM dial, upgraded to full-power facilities of 53,000 watts and switched tower locations from the floor of the Wood River Valley to atop Bald Mountain. Programming has changed through the years, too, Alpine said.

"We're very excited about the change in format," owner Scott Parker said. "It's a big move for us, and one that people have been asking for."

Parker, a Sun Valley resident, expects the station to gain more appeal with female audiences.

Morning show "The Morning Lift" will remain on the air — from 6 a.m. weekdays — but hosts will adjust their music selection to the new format.

KSKI, heard on 103.7 FM, is a sister station to KECH (95.3 FM) and KYZK (107.5 FM). The offices and studios of all three stations are in the Northwood Business Park in Ketchum. The company plans an open house there from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday.

Glass tile business will move to Idaho

The Associated Press

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Sandhill Industries is moving to Idaho this spring so the glass tile business can grow.

It was a tough decision for co-owner Terry Raudenbush. Sandhill has grown as much as it can in Fairbanks. It needs to be closer to raw materials and that means moving to the Lower 48, Raudenbush said. In April, she and her husband, Jim, will move the business to Boise.

The couple's business makes colored glass tiles from recycled crushed glass in a small warehouse and office space in Fairbanks.

Terry Raudenbush runs the operation. Her husband works for the Bureau of Land Management. The two started the business three years ago with a start-up loan of \$500,000 from the Alaska Science and Technology Foundation.

Now their tiles sell in 60 locations nationwide, competing head to head with Italian manufacturers.

The process uses clear, crushed glass the consistency of sugar that is mixed with crushed glass for color. It is poured into molds and baked in a kiln.

Alaska can no longer keep up with the demand for glass, and

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MONEY

Opportunity knocks for retirement savers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some changes are in store in 2002 for people saving for retirement...

\$800,000 for retirement. Annual tax-favored contribution limits for traditional or Roth individual retirement accounts...

For those age 401(k) in 2006. For those age 50 and over, the limits will be \$1,000 higher for IRAs and \$5,000 higher for 401(k)s...

The new tax law offers significant opportunities for this group to accelerate their savings in their pre-retirement years.

— Bob Corcoran, Fidelity Investments

Options exist for those who have trouble paying taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Figure it out: The Internal Revenue Service is big tax law for many...

high interest rate. An IRS installment agreement currently charges 6 percent interest — the lowest rate since 1994 — plus a monthly penalty...

Form 9465 is used to request such a payment plan, which is guaranteed for taxpayers whose total liability doesn't exceed \$10,000...

Taxpayers who are unable to file their tax return by midnight April 15 also can take advantage of new automatic four-month extension...

One thing to consider, tax experts say, is whether it is worth using a credit card that charges a

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Stock prices taper as investors lock in gains

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors collected profits on Wall Street Tuesday, ever aware of the uncertain economy and questionable accounting and taking no chances after two days of sizable gains...

Dow, off 1.6 percent. The collapse of Enron, brought on by irregular accounting practices, has made investors more careful.

The stock market's slippage wasn't surprising as buyers had been lured to stocks Friday and Monday by bargain prices, not a renewed faith in an economic turnaround.

Essentially, what we are left with is: What do the earnings numbers look like? And, can we trust the numbers? said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president of Fainstuck & Co.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 21.04, or 0.2 percent, at 9,863.74, having climbed 259.34 in the previous two sessions.

A congressional appearance Tuesday by former Enron chairman Kenneth Lay, who declined to answer questions before the Senate Commerce Committee, increased investor's uneasiness.

The broader market was also lower. The Nasdaq composite index fell 12.45, or 0.7 percent, to 1,834.21, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 4.44, or 0.4 percent, to 1,107.50.

People are worried about what other accounting bombs might be out there, said Richard A. Dickson, technical analyst for Hilliard Lyons in Louisville, Ky. It doesn't help to hear all this congressional testimony going on, all these Enron (Amendment) protection. It sets a sour mood.

Glass

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Agency to develop glass bricks, she said, and they would be too expensive to ship from Fairbanks since they sell for much less than there.

In Boise, Sandhill Industries can rent a larger warehouse, a loading dock and office space for what it is paying in Alaska, Terry Rauschenb said.

Rauschenb plans to take her three employees with her. She estimates she will be able to tap into the large manufacturing labor force in Idaho as the company grows.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Area musical groups sponsor Valentine dinner

BURLEY - A Valentine dinner and show will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday on the King Fine Arts Center stage.

The theme is "Crazy 'Bout Ya, Baby," and the event is sponsored by musical groups, Forever Plaid, The Taffetas and Soft Touch.

Cost is \$35 per couple. Tickets are available by calling 678-7221.

Former Twin Falls woman celebrates birthday

PROVO, Utah - Henrietta Hansen, formerly of Twin Falls, celebrated her 90th birthday Jan. 23, 1910.

Henrietta Binderup Hansen was born Jan. 23, 1910, in Nebraska. She attended school there, graduating from Kearney Teachers College. She then moved to Twin Falls where she married Maurice Hansen. She resided in Twin Falls until a year ago, when she moved to Provo, Utah.

Hansen has two daughters, Linda Pease of Heyburn and Sardi McDaniel of Woodruff Hills, Utah; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Those who would like to send her cards can mail them to 1001 N. 500 W., Provo, Utah 84604.

Health Check program offers mammograms at no cost to women who are age 50 or older with limited income or health insurance with a high deductible.

For more information about qualifying for the Women's Health Check program, call the Idaho CareLine at 1-800-925-2589 or South Central District Health at 734-5900.

Government event will be held Saturday through Monday in Boise.

New applicants were interviewed on Jan. 14 to select Lincoln County's participants. Jade Sorenson, Crista Lucero, Peggy Robinson, Kathy Kimball and Ron Thameret were on the selection committee. Applicants were asked questions and judged on their response.

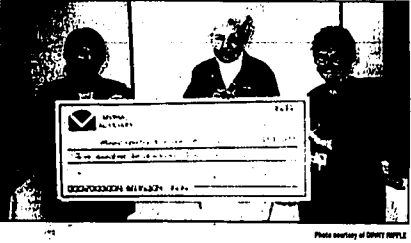
Eight members will attend the event.

The Leaders Association will pay for the bus fair.

Kassidy Whiteaker attended the event in 2001 and produced a poster to display at district about the legislative process. This year, he will attend the judicial workshop.

For more information, call the Lincoln County office at 886-2406.

VALUE OF VOLUNTEERISM



From left, Loraine Devey, director of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Volunteer Services, and Rosale Stover, president of Magic Valley Regional's Auxiliary, present a symbolic check to Vesta Haughan, hospital board chairman. The check for \$210,382 represents the donated hours volunteers worked at the hospital during 2001. Hospital volunteers are special people committed to make a difference in the lives of the patients and their families, Stover said. "Volunteering is an enriching experience, providing many rewarding opportunities."

CSI workshops for deaf advocacy start today

TWIN FALLS - A series of six workshops will start today at the College of Southern Idaho to help the deaf and hard of hearing advocate for themselves.

Co-sponsored by the CSI's Support Services and the Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind Postsecondary Transition Program, the workshops are designed to empower the deaf and hard of hearing. ISDB program coordinator Paula Mason says the workshops will help with setting up sign language interpretation, how to do business and communicate your needs, what services are available, and how to appeal for better services.

Reed Brown will lead a panel discussion in the first workshop from 1-2:30 p.m. today in Taylor meeting room 276. There is no charge.

For information, call Mason at 733-9554, Ext. 2257 or by e-mail at pmason@csi.edu.

Organization encourages donation of food items

BURLEY - In recognition of Random Acts of Kindness Week, Feb. 10-16, the Institute for Liberty & Justice for ALL Inc., a Burley-based patriotic organization, is sponsoring a food drive for the needy.

Canned and boxed foods or donations can be dropped off at the Snake River Plaza in Burley.

Food will be distributed by the Helping Hands Mission in Burley and Oasis Community Outreach Center in Rupert. For more information, call Steven Thompson at 679-3143.

American Red Cross holds blood drive in Jerome

JEROME - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in St. Jerome's Parish Hall, 216 Ave. E., Jerome.

For more information or an appointment, call Karen Lopez at 324-5622.

Twin Falls couple wants to start food co-op

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls couple is starting a food co-op. Members will buy in bulk and trade food ideas and food.

The first meeting will be held at the home of Frank Mascari, 412 West St., Twin Falls.

For more information or to RSVP, call Mascari at 732-5272.

IN MEMORY OF ...



Master of the Albion Grange Bruce Bristol, left, and Executive Committee member Helen Anderson show plaques in the Grange Hall placed in memory of Jim Chitburn, a member of the Albion Grange since his youth, and Don Merrill. At the request of their wives, Betha Chitburn and Loretta Merrill, respectively, memorial donations were sent to the Grange. The organization used the money to purchase a new kitchen range and made needed repairs to the hall, which is often used for community meetings.

Hospital auxiliary hosts annual Employee's Tea

JEROME - The St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Auxiliary will host the annual Employee's Tea from 2-4 p.m. Monday.

Auditory members are requested to bring a favorite dessert or treat to the lunch room by 1 p.m. on Monday. Chairmen of the tea are Edna Pierson and Donna Hartwell.

Symphony league announces winners of benefit card party

TWIN FALLS - Chairwoman Doris Miller has announced the winners of the Magic Valley Symphony League Card Party Benefit Jan. 25.

Pat Harder was high bridge scorer. Debrah Cole and Doll Smith tied for second high bridge scores. V. Teeter was high pinhole scorer and Marjorie Benedict was second pinhole scorer. High scorers received cash prizes.

Sheri Richie won a painting by Twin Falls artist Wynne Gensey and Geri Speckert won a hand-woven wrap by Twin Falls weaver Gloria Hann.

Winning gift certificates were Doll Smith, Vi Harrison, Shirley Blaha and Dian Adams.

All proceeds from this event went toward support for the Magic Valley Symphony.

Wood River Middle School plans star night, Teen Topics

HAILEY - Wood River Middle School announced the following upcoming events:

"Be a Star" night will be held Feb. 22 at the school. The night is an opportunity for students to show their artistic talent. Baked goods and flowers will be sold during the intermission. Those bringing baked goods should bring them to the school from 4-6:30 p.m. Mandatory dress rehearsal will be held after school Tuesday. For more information, call 788-3501.

The school is looking for someone willing to open their house for the staff appreciation dinner at the end of the school year. Those who offer their home will not have to work during the dinner. A chairman also is needed for the dinner. For more information, call Janice at 578-2303.

Teen Topics are held from 3:30-5 p.m. every Wednesday in classroom 732. Students learn listening skills, play interactive games and juggle. The meetings are facilitated by Cameron Cooper and Marie Cooper. Teen Topics are free and voluntary. For more information, call 726-6016.

Helping Hands Christian Outreach seeks donations

BURLEY - Helping Hands Christian Outreach in Burley is seeking donations.

The organization says its major work is distribution of food, as well as household items. It provides food boxes to those in need at 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Twin Falls.

A small staff of volunteers operate the facility.

Helping Hands seeks the following: finances to cover monthly expenses and power bills; diapers, baby items and formula; warm clothing; wood, kerosene and coal; toilet paper, paper dips, nappkins, towels, cups and plastic forks; garbage bags (30 and 13 gallon); soap (antibacterial), dish, hand and liquid laundry; gloves for handling food; after-shave, razors, shaving cream, shampoo, tooth paste and toothbrush; plastic shopping bags for commodities; sugar, pancake mix and syrup; food items; peanut butter, jelly, honey, beans and rice; blankets, sleeping bags, coats, hats, gloves and boots.

Representatives say the center is nonprofit and licensed with the state of Idaho, and depends solely upon donations and support from the community.

Donations can be brought to Helping Hands at 1250 Miller Ave. in Burley.

For more information, call 878-9140.

Christian school releases honor roll

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| TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Christian School in Twin Falls released its first semester honor roll. | Jordan Lee
Rachele Paulson
Eleventh grade
Zach Dron
Luke Tucker
Twelfth grade
Christian Amstutz
Tweel Davis
Andy Folkert
Ben Hornbacher
Buddy Somero
All A's and B's
Sixth grade
Kristine Liike
Jodi Lund
Emily Nussbaum
Juliana Reoloffs
Emma Wiersma
Amanda Wybenga
Tevie Boyce
Megan Alexander
Marcus Lee
Eighth grade
Jessica Alexander
Michael Allen
Jon Jarvis | Adrian Southfield
Alyssa Swifford
Danya Tyrrell
Nick Wilson
Ninth grade
Kylie Culbertson
James Jarvis
Nicole Lee
Alison Mode
Jeff Sweet
Jeremy Vandenberg
Jack VanderHulst
Tenth grade
Jim Park
Ashlin Turrell
Ashley VanderStelt
Jessica Whitmore
Eleventh grade
Jessica Crozier
Katie Wiernma
Delena Willis
Twelfth grade
Luis Arredondo
Lieske Crozier
Anna Nussbaum |
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Twin Falls singer appears in Albertson College program

CALDWELL - The Albertson College of Idaho-Chore and Chamber Singers will present an evening of love songs and poetry accompanied by ballroom dancing at 7:30 p.m. today at the Langroise Center recital hall on campus.

Featured soloists will include Brent Hillie of Twin Falls. Admission is free.

For more information, call 459-5275.

Local residents sell tickets for German dinner

BOISE - The Amaranths will serve a German dinner from 5-8 p.m. Saturday in the Scottish Rite building, 1407 W. Bannock St. in Boise.

Tickets are \$10 per person and available at the door or by calling 733-1247 or 1-800-720-1247. The Amaranths raise money for di-

Know Your Government event starts this weekend

BOISE - The 4-H Know Your

CLUB CALENDAR

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Boise - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at WestCoast in Twin Falls; 7:40-7:50 at 734-1187.
Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; call Rose at 678-7020.
Buhl - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at the Grange in Buhl.
Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn; 534-4548.
Hayden - Noon Thursday at the Center of Blaine County; 883-0897 or 788-3210.
Jerome - Noon Tuesday at Civic Village, 1235 Alder; 324-7090 or 324-4511.
Northwest - Noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at Rolo's Pizzeria and Pasta Restaurant; Bob Stone at 726-1100.
Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge; Call Jack Bell at 436-5611.
Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center; 886-2221 or 886-2883.
Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls; 736-0429 or 734-5549.

Lions Clubs

Burley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; Ken Ray; 678-5253.
Burley - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Twin Falls Business Center; 444-2-555.
Albion - Noon Wednesdays at 25th N. Alhambra Road; James Edinger; 678-0328.
Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Gooding Elks Lodge.
Hayden - Noon first and third Wednesdays at Hayden Elks Lodge.
Jerome - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Jerome Elks Lodge.
Northwest - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Northwest Elks Lodge.
Rupert - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at the Rupert Elks Lodge.
Shoshone - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Shoshone Elks Lodge.
Twin Falls - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Twin Falls Elks Lodge.

Knights Clubs

Buhl - Noon Wednesdays at The Grange; call Bob at 543-2320 or 543-8276.
Hayden - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave.; 436-5228 or 436-0272.
Philis - Noon Tuesdays at the Philis Methodist Church; 252-0230 or 252-8063.
Rupert - Noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks; 436-5213.

Optimist Clubs

Jerome - Noon Thursdays at the Jerome Senior Center, 212 First Ave. E.; call 324-3232.
Shoshone - 7 a.m. Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch; 736-4276 or 734-4244.

Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at Creekside Recreation Center; 733-7035 or 734-7880.
Jerome - 6 p.m. Wednesdays; Pop's Market; 324-5649.
Jerome - 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays at the Grange Restaurant in Jerome; 536-6477.

Soroptimist International

Burley - Noon second, third and fourth Thursdays at George K's; call Arlene at 438-8666.
Twin Falls - Noon first, third and fourth Tuesdays at WestCoast Hotel in Twin Falls; call 736-0429.

Rupert - Noon on first and third Fridays at Rupert Elks Lodge; 678-2765 or 438-2611.
Shoshone - Noon first, third and fourth Tuesdays at WestCoast Hotel in Twin Falls; call 736-0429.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

Alpha Chapter - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays at 443-5232 or 443-5236.
Tau Chapter - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays; Sept-May, in Burley; 673-6294 or 438-2611.
Xi Mu 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 Tuesdays in November and December; Call Crystal at 734-7192 or Shirley at 735-6545.

YMCA

Magic Valley Ys - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Idaho Job Center; 598 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.; Twin Falls; call 734-5377 or 736-1176. New members welcome.

Gooding County Ys - 7 p.m. first Wednesday at WestCoast Hotel; 1343 and Idaho; call 334-5125. Guest welcome.

Other civic

Boise River Elks Lodge - 8 p.m. second and third Thursdays at 913 Golf Ranch on Highway 31, 6 miles south of the Jerome and French Connection Road; 733-0151 or 808-431-3001.

Magic Valley Ys - 12:10 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Elks Restaurant, 348 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls; call 736-0429.

Jerome County Historical Society - 7:30 p.m. second Thursday at Jerome Civic Library.

Masonic activities

Star of the West 35 Order of Eastern Star - 8 p.m. first Thursday at Wendell Masonic Lodge on North Idaho Street.
Gooding Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Masonic Temple, Ninth Avenue and California Street.
Edaboo chapter 72 Order of the Eastern Star - first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, 111 E. Idaho; 678-6429.
Rupert 39 Order of the Eastern Star - meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the Masonic Temple, 620 E. St.; 531-9190.
Twin Falls Chapter 29, Order of the Eastern Star - meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the Masonic Temple, Blue Lakes Boulevard North; 733-8010.
Twin Falls Lodge 47 - 8 p.m. first Wednesday at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.; 423-5937.
Rupert Lodge 65 - 8 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at 630 E. St.; 436-4047.
Boise - 8 p.m. second Tuesday; Rupert Masonic Temple; 438-0317.
Royal Arch Masons - 8 p.m. second Tuesday; Rupert Masonic Temple; 438-0317.
Paul Lodge 77 - 8 p.m. first Thursday at 1200 W. Adams.
Twin Falls Chapter Order of DeMolay - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. North; 733-8010.
Masonic Relief Society - 7:30 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at the Lodge Hall, Gooding.
Rupert Lodge 65 - 8 p.m. first and third Mondays at 1200 W. Adams.
Blue Rebekah Lodge 107 - meets the second and fourth Thursdays at the Burley Odd Fellows Lodge at West 13th Street and Idaho Avenue; 436-6115.
Marguerite Rebekah Lodge 98 - 2 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at the Lodge Hall, Gooding.
Springs Rebekah Lodge 110 - 8 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 132 E. Ave. and 4th Street.
Other organizations
Jerome United Methodist Church - 8 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at 422 E. Langerman.
Other organizations
Odd Fellows - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Odd Fellows Hall, 13th and Oakley; Burley; 678-1437.
John Doughters
Buhl 18 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1517 W. Adams in Buhl.
Bethel 16 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 225 First Ave. E. in Jerome.
Hayden - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.
Bethel 26 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

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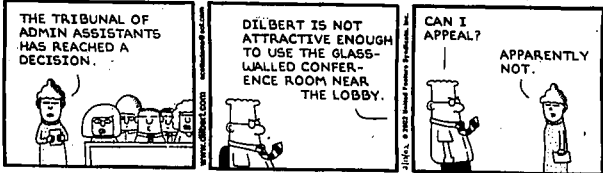
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Dibbert

By Scott Adams



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hi and Lois

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By Brent Parker & Johnny Hart



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Boethe Bailey

By Mort Walker



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For Better or For Worse

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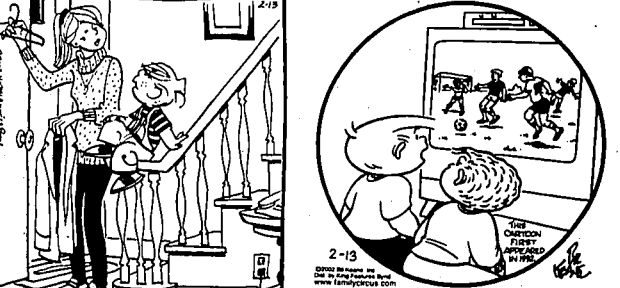


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The Family Circus

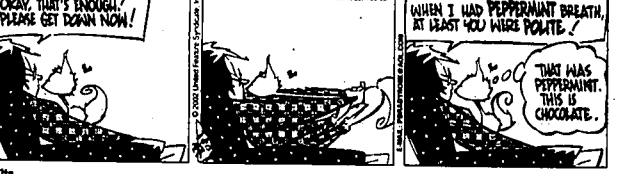
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GUESS HOW MANY SITTERS MY MOM TRIED BEFORE SHE GOT YOU.

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



VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 282

NOTICE OF SALE
The Board of Trustees of Valley School District No. 282, Jerome County, Idaho, pursuant to Section 33-601, Idaho Code, as amended, has determined that it is in the best interest of said school district to sell the property as identified below...

INVITATION TO BID

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center
Sealed written bids for the following equipment item will be received by the Executive Director, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, P.O. Box 409, 650 Addison Avenue West, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0409...

Executive Director

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Sealed written bids for the following equipment item will be received by the Executive Director, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center...

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 411

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOND ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a resolution adopted on January 14, 2002, of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, a Special Bond Election will be held in the District on Tuesday, March 5, 2002...

NOTICE OF MEETING

GROWER MEMBER OF THE IDAHO POTATO COMMISSION
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 5, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Idaho Potato Commission...

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Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2002

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolf

"It were not best that we should all think alike; it is difference of opinion that makes horse-races."
—Mark Twain

"I could have defeated the game," confessed East.
"How so?" asked a skeptical South.

"All I had to do was duck partner's club queen," replied an insistent East.

"It's betting time," replied South.
On which side would you put your money?
Actual play went fairly quickly; the post-mortem was a bit slower. East took West's club queen at trick one and returned a club. South won and lost a trump finesse to East's queen. East returned a third club with high hopes, but South ruffed. East was dealt another trump trick, but South had an easy claim for 10 winners.

In the betting parlor, East claimed he would have defeated the game by ducking West's club queen at trick one. When South lost the trump finesse, East would lead his singleton diamond, and when he won his trump ace, a club to West's nine would secure a diamond ruff for one down.

"Hold on," argued South. "You cannot dictate how I will play the hand if you duck the first club. If you do duck, why can't I merely return a club at trick two? My 'Seasons Greetings' eliminates an entry to West's hand, and your diamond ruff disappears."

Who won the bet? It's not clear that any money changed hands. However, it's obvious South had the last word. Would he have done it at the table? That we will never know.

NORTH 3-1-A
K 10 7 3
A 7
Q J 10 9
7 4 2

WEST 2
Q 10 9
8 6 5 3 2
Q J 10 9

EAST A Q 4
J 8 5 4 2
4
A 8 5 3

SOUTH J 9 8 5
K Q 3
K 7
K 6

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South
The bidding:
South West North East
4♣ Pass 3♦ Pass
4♦ A♠ 4♠ Pass
*Limit raise (0-11 HCP)
Opening lead: Club queen

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♦ A Q 4
♥ J 8 5 4 2
♦ 4
♣ A 8 5 3
North South
1♥ 1♣
2♥ 2♣

ANSWER: Four hearts. The trump suit is shabby. However, the control structure is good. Perhaps partner's trumps will solidify the trump suit.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, 1014 S. West, 82101, Twin Falls, ID 83421, enclosing a \$5.00 SASE or a check. Send \$1.00 for a year's subscription. Send \$3.00 for a 3-year subscription. Payment in advance. Standard postage for paper. Copyright 2002, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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