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THE TWO MRS. BOONES



In this photo from the mid-'60s, Oren and Juliet Boone stand on the farm they later sold to investors to make way for the Magic Valley Mall in north Twin Falls. The couple later divorced, and Oren married Evelyn Crowder (pictured below), whom upon her recent death gave \$1.9 million to support libraries in Jerome.

Jerome donation revives bitter memories

Did Evelyn Crowder take advantage of wealthy Oren Boone in his old age?

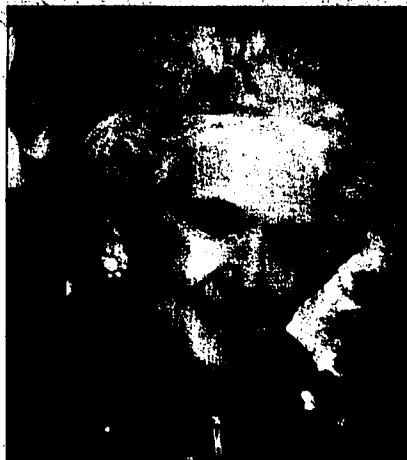
By Robert Mayer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It seemed like an outstanding act of generosity. A retired school teacher leaves nearly \$2 million to Jerome's public library and school district upon her death. That a public school teacher, who supposedly never married and had no children, could quietly amass such a small fortune was greeted with muted wonder.

But there is more to the story. Evelyn Crowder, who taught in California but retired in Jerome County, was, in fact, married a decade ago to a man of substantial wealth, Oren Boone. Moreover, Boone's family members allege that she acquired such a hefty savings by taking advantage of her husband's senility in his final years and siphoning money from the estate of him and his former longtime wife, Juliet.

"I just want to clear up some of the facts that Evelyn Crowder left out of her story," said Mike Leeds of Buhl, nephew of Oren Boone.

The story of Crowder and the Boones is a painful and unsettling tale. It encompasses court fights in two states, multiple allegations of misappropriated money, and a lingering bitterness that has outlived all three of its principal participants. Years later, some family members



Evelyn Crowder bequeathed \$2 million to libraries in Jerome.

insist that the story be told, so that the community can know the truth. Yet even now, the truth remains subject to debate.

While Twin Falls court records confirm Crowder's marriage to Boone, they document that she

only gained \$350,000 from the relationship.

Rob Williams, attorney for Crowder's estate, said he was surprised to learn of her marriage to Boone, but that it shouldn't detract from her handsome gift.

"We're not going to engage in debate of who had the higher moral ground," he said. "It's hard to knock her generosity."

According to court records, Crowder and Boone had been romantically involved since the early '80s. However, he was already in a marriage, albeit one that was mutually rearranged. In its latter years to allow both parties to pursue other relationships.

Before 1988, Oren Boone earned his wealth through the sale of an 80-acre potato farm — operated for years by him and his wife, Juliet — to investors to make way for the Magic Valley Mall. The Boone home, a stone structure built in 1918 and on the National Register of Historic Places, was moved in 1994 from its Blue Lakes Boulevard address to its present site on Anderson Lane.

Soon after they sold the farm, Boone's mental condition began to deteriorate.

In January 1990, Boone, then 79, divorced Juliet, and two months later he married Crowder, then 72. At the time, Oren Boone was described by the clerk who issued the marriage license as not completely coherent.

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Odor law receives scrutiny

Bill gets another hearing after panel vote ends in tie

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BOISE — The latest chapter of the dairy odor drama ended with a cliffhanger Tuesday.

The House Agricultural Affairs Committee produced a tie vote on proposed tightening of odor legislation put forth by Chairman Doug Jones, R-Fler. A hearing on the bill had lasted more than five hours, so members agreed to meet again on Monday in order to work out some amendments.

The bill would have more clearly defined the term "odor" than legislation of a year ago, in addition to establishing a matrix for punishing violators \$1 per day per animal unit.

Some other language that addressed a definition of a "waste system" gave specifics on when construction of waste systems can begin.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Bill Brockman lent support to Jones, proposals, saying that odor legislation is a work in progress. He said up until the Legislature put odor rules in place last year, no one in the Magic Valley had any basis upon which to abate dairy odor.

"Now we have some order Please see ODORS, Page A2

Advocates promote term limits

The Associated Press

BOISE — Term limits advocates on Tuesday filed a petition to allow voters to overturn the Legislature's repeal of a 1994 term limits law.

"Their arrogance and disrespect for the voters, taxpayers and citizens of Idaho will not be allowed to stand," term limits leader Don Morgan said.

The Idaho Committee to Restore Term Limits filed the petition to void the repeal. Citizens for Term Limits — Idaho Campaign have also filed an initiative to restore term limits for state office only.

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Feds ponder chip implants in humans

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Florida technology company is poised to ask the government for permission to market a first-ever computer ID chip that could be embedded beneath a person's skin.

For airports, nuclear power plants and other high security facilities, the immediate benefits could be a closer-to-footprint security system. But privacy advocates warn the chip could lead to encroachments on civil liberties.

The implant technology is another case of science fiction evolving into fact. Those who have long advanced the idea of implant chips say it could someday mean no more easy-to-counterfeit ID Please see CHIP, Page A2

WANTED IN U.S.



A man believed to be Ahmed Omar Saneel Shabazz, the alleged mastermind behind the kidnapping of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl, is led into a Karachi, Pakistan, court Tuesday. The U.S. is seeking Saneel's extradition to the United States to face charges. For more, please see page A3.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO

Idaho Extremes
 Yesterday: High 41° Low 19°
 High 41° Low 19°
 Snowfall 0.0"
 Precipitation 0.0"
 24 hours ending 8 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
 Normal to date (Oct. 1): 3.85"
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 5.21"

ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 8 p.m. yesterday
 Temperature: 29°/11°
 Normal high/low: 45°/25°
 High/low last year: 40°/28°
 Record high: 85° in 1980
 Record low: 4° in 1980
 Humidity: 74%
 Barometric Pressure: 30.24 in.
 Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.24 in.
 Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:
 Grass: Absent
 Weeds: Low
 Trees: Absent
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho



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 Temperature: 40°/18°
 Today's high and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Sunshine and a few clouds.	Partly cloudy.	Partly to mostly sunny and cloudy.	Partly sunny.	Clouds and sunshine; milder.	Partly sunny and mild.
▲ 40°	▼ 18°	▲ 40° ▼ 20°	▲ 42° ▼ 22°	▲ 48° ▼ 28°	▲ 50° ▼ 30°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Partly to mostly sunny and cold today. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the low 40s in the valleys of the west. Partly cloudy tonight; a few spots in the north and east might have a snow shower.

Boise: Sunny to partly cloudy and chilly today. High 42. Partly cloudy and cold tonight. Low 20. Sunshine and patchy clouds tomorrow. High 44. It will remain dry Friday.

Northern Nevada: Bright and sunny today with a pleasant afternoon. Highs mostly in the 40s and the 50s. A clear sky tonight. Lows 6-40. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow. Highs again in the 40s and the 50s.

Northern Utah: Partly to mostly sunny today; a gusty wind, mainly this morning. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the low 40s in the valley. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Lows 2-30.

Northern Idaho: Sunshine will mix with clouds today; a couple of spots across the far north will have a snow shower late. Highs will range from the 20s in the mountains to the 40s in the lowest valleys.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 90° in San Gabriel, CA Low -30° in West Yellowstone, MT

NATIONAL WEATHER

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



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Thu	High	Low
Calgary	31	18	31	11
Edmonton	28	18	27	9
Halifax	32	18	31	11
Lethbridge	33	18	27	9
Regina	18	-2	20	-18
Saskatoon	28	18	20	13
Vancouver	48	34	47	35
Victoria	48	34	47	35
Winnipeg	18	-15	21	-25

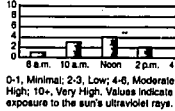
WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Thu	High	Low
Acapulco	89	72	89	72
Auckland	59	50	66	52
Bahia	72	58	72	62
Bangkok	87	75	89	78
Beijing	60	36	54	29
Berlin	45	33	41	27
Buenos Aires	61	68	71	62
Cairo	88	44	73	47
Hong Kong	74	65	76	65
Los Angeles	59	44	63	44
Johannesburg	77	65	83	65
London	43	38	48	41
Mexico City	63	41	69	28
Moscow	31	30	34	24
Paris	46	34	48	34
Rio de Janeiro	71	44	74	44
Rome	64	48	63	48
Seoul	52	43	50	39
Sydney	83	68	83	68
Taiwan	54	48	58	37
Yokohama	47	35	47	33
Zurich	47	38	45	38

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:17 a.m.
 Sunset tonight: 6:25 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 7:09 p.m.
 Moonset tonight: 7:54 a.m.

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu	High	Low
Atlanta	36	16	46	20
Baltimore	42	26	40	26
Boston	32	14	31	11
Birmingham	34	18	48	27
Boston	40	28	39	24
Charlotte, NC	50	22	50	25
Charleston, WV	20	21	38	19
Chicago	28	12	30	18
Philadelphia	28	12	31	18
Denver	34	10	32	17
Des Moines	28	12	34	16
Detroit	28	12	31	18
El Paso	60	30	60	41
Fairbanks	19	2	28	2
Fort Worth	52	22	50	27
Houston	79	64	80	63
Honolulu	50	30	82	48
Indianapolis	24	22	31	20
Jacksonville	50	23	55	29
Kansas City	32	18	39	23
Las Vegas	66	34	66	34
Little Rock	38	25	50	32
Los Angeles	80	50	78	48
Los Angeles (W)	sunny, pe-panty cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, F-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, H-ice			
Memphis	59	44	63	44
Miami	70	46	68	54
Milwaukee	25	13	31	18
Nashville	28	16	43	28
New Orleans	45	27	50	44
New York	42	26	38	28
Omaha City	41	21	69	28
Omaha	30	13	32	18
Orlando	58	31	60	40
Philadelphia	43	21	48	31
Phoenix	80	50	79	49
Portland, ME	43	27	48	35
Raleigh, NC	47	21	48	35
Rapid City	28	8	29	5
Reno	80	26	86	52
Rio de Janeiro	71	44	74	44
St. Louis	28	18	41	29
St. Paul	24	9	26	7
St. Petersburg	72	42	72	42
San Diego	68	52	66	50
San Francisco	72	48	68	48
San Jose	68	48	68	48
Tucson	74	42	74	42
Washington, DC	42	26	42	28

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu	High	Low
Boise	42	20	44	24
Bonners Ferry	37	24	38	15
Burley	38	20	38	15
Coeur d'Alene	41	14	42	7
Egona	54	30	54	32
Hagerman	41	22	42	7
Idaho Falls	26	10	28	14
Kalispell, MT	29	18	33	14
Lewiston	44	30	44	30
Malad	30	17	31	11
Malta	25	8	26	8

City	Today	Thu	High	Low
Call	28	8	28	8
Mitkula, MT	30	18	34	18
Pocatello	32	18	32	12
Portland, OR	52	34	52	38
Richland, WA	47	27	51	27
Salt Lake City, UT	34	18	34	18
Seattle, WA	50	34	50	38
Spokane, WA	38	20	38	18
Starley	29	3	24	-5
Twin Falls	40	18	40	18
Yellowstone, MT	20	0	24	-8

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Epidemic of drinking by young

Even though state laws ban their buying alcohol, people under 21 account for 25 percent of all U.S. consumption of beer, wine and liquor.

Binge drinking common
 Percentage who have five or more drinks in a row once a month or more:

- 42% of all 12th-graders
- 21% of all ninth-graders

Percentage of ninth-graders who drink regularly:

- 49% of males
- 41% of females

Alcohol at home
 • One-third of all homes have alcohol at home.
 • Other people's homes are being searched for alcohol.

Youth drinking becomes problem, group contends

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly a third of high school students say they binge drink at least once a month, according to a new report by an advocacy group. The government estimates that underage drinkers account for 11.4 percent of all alcohol consumed in the United States.

"Underage drinking has reached epidemic proportions in America," said Joseph Califano Jr., president of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, which issued the report Tuesday.

The report, which analyzes two years' research, "is a clarion call for national mobilization to curb underage drinking," said Califano, a former U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare.

Califano's group also asserted that young people between the ages of 12 and 20 accounted for 25 percent of all alcoholic beverages consumed in the United States.

That contention prompted the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the government agency that conducted the 1998 survey cited by Califano's group, to issue a statement saying underage drinkers account for 11.4 percent of U.S. alcohol consumption.

"Regardless of any discrepancies," said Joseph Califano Jr., president of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, which issued the report Tuesday.

"It looks like Mr. Califano and CASA have adopted Enron's accounting practices," said Phil Lynch, a spokesman for Brown-Forman Corp., whose products include Jack Daniel's Tennessee whiskey.

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Limits Odors Chip

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Morgan, a Post Falls stockbroker, also heads that group. He said signatures will be sought for both petitions and a decision will be made by April 30 which to pursue.

Each petition requires the signatures of at least 43,685 registered voters. The initiative signatures must be filed by April 30. The referendum signature must be filed 60 days after the Legislature adjourns. Depending on House and Senate votes on key budget bills, that could be sometime in mid-March, putting the signature deadline for the referendum in mid-May.

But before signatures can be gathered, both petitions must be reviewed by the attorney general's office and given descriptions. That process can take up to nine weeks.

The initiative has been under review by the attorney general's office since Feb. 12. The process is just beginning for the referendum.

Morgan accused the attorney general's office of obstructing the initiative effort. But state officials pointed out that the timetable has been set in law.

The initiative would allow legislators to limit denials of two-year terms in one house and two more in the other before being forced to sit out for two elections. Statewide elected officials would be limited to two four-year terms in 15 years.

The referendum would restrict the 1994 restrictions that limited school board and county commission members to six years in 11 and all other elected city, county and state officials to eight years in 15.

The nation's most Republican Legislature ignored the veto threat of GOP Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and voted overwhelmingly to repeal the initiative and then override the veto. They claimed term limits denied local and state government experienced policymakers and accused out-of-state groups such as U.S. Term Limits of financing slick campaigns that misled Idaho voters.

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ent of his surroundings or of the proceedings.

Soon after the wedding, Boone and Crowder left to Oregon, where she owned property. They traveled regularly together and had made several previous trips to Oregon, court records show.

By June 1990, Boone suffered a significant stroke. A CT scan revealed he had likely suffered several small strokes previously, which could have contributed to his mental decline.

Crowder's response to her husband's medical condition made her ability to act as his guardian questionable, wrote Circuit Judge Hugh C. Downer Jr. of Gold Beach, Ore. For instance, Crowder took Boone to a nursing home rather than a hospital, when he needed a physician's care. She then made false statements to nursing home administrators stating that he was married for 40 years and that she was worried about the inability to pay for his care, the judge said.

His incapacitation began a battle between Boone's family members and Crowder for his guardianship as well as the conservatorship of his estate. Family members had discovered Boone's whereabouts and started court proceedings in Twin Falls to have him returned to the area and to freeze his financial assets.

However, the Oregon judge declared that they, too, were acting dubiously — offering conflicting testimony, and painting a false picture of the quality of Boone's care in Oregon.

The judge struggled with the case because he believed that the family members as well as Crowder seemed more interested in Boone's estate than in his well-being.

Ultimately, the judge saw Crowder as unfit to be Boone's guardian and awarded the role to a distant relative of Boone.

When he died in 1992, his personal wealth was \$1.6 million. Of that, Crowder received \$350,000 in a settlement, court records show. The remainder was distributed among 10 family heirs, each receiving a little more than \$100,000 — lawyers and the Internal Revenue Service.

Speculation continues that Boone was actually worth several million dollars, but that Crowder had squirreled away portions of his estate prior to intervention by the courts. However, that remains hearsay, and if there was discrepancy over Boone's wealth, the matter was decided in court," Williams said.

He maintains that Crowder's assets were built through her own investments.

Even if some of Crowder's fortune came from Boone, the conclusion of the story is innately positive. After all of the bitterness and rancor that surrounded the Boone estate for so many years, a significant amount of the estate will end up benefiting the community.

Crowder died in April 2001, leaving \$1.9 million to the Jerome and the Jerome School Foundation to be spent on the community's libraries. Susan Jacobsen, head librarian at the Jerome Municipal Library, said the library board hasn't decided yet to spend the money.

Oren and Juliet Boone died within a month of each other in June 1992. Juliet's will gave \$300,000 to the College of Southern Idaho Foundation.

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Record section from Magic Valley County included disallows two felony charges against A. Blake. The cases were missed in January 2001. The Times-News regrets this error.

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CORRECTION

The student tuition and fee increase at the College of Southern Idaho was incorrectly reported Tuesday. It will be raised to \$77.50 per unit.

A blurb in Monday's 'For the

U.S. asks Pakistan to hand over suspect

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — After meeting with Pakistan's president, the U.S. ambassador said Tuesday he is "not disappointed" with his response to American requests to hand over the key suspect in the murder of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl.

But Ambassador Wendy Chamberlin said no decision has been made about whether Pakistan will deliver Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh. The Bush administration said it wants to get its hands on the suspect, who already has been indicted in the United States in an earlier kidnapping.



Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh

Pakistan wants to hand over to Saeed for now — hoping he can help locate Pearl's body and identify his killers, an Interior Ministry official said on condition of anonymity. Thus far, Saeed has not been seen known to provide any help.

In Washington, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said it was made clear to President

Pervez Musharraf during his meeting with Chamberlin that Washington wants Saeed sent to the United States, but he acknowledged Pakistan's rights in the case.

"A crime, a murder was committed in their country, and they have their own ways and laws of dealing with it. It's not atypical at a time like that, when another nation makes a request, for that request to be considered, and it takes time," Fleischer said.

In a telephone interview with The Associated Press, Chamberlin said she had spoken several times with Musharraf in the past few months about the

British-born Saeed. Saeed, 28, had been in custody for more than two weeks when the video confirming Pearl's death was made public. U.S. officials say they had requested Saeed's extradition two months before he was implicated in the Pearl murder.

A U.S. federal grand jury has secretly indicted Saeed in the 1994 kidnapping of four Westerners in India, including one American. The suspect spent five years in an Indian jail for that crime, but was freed as part of hostage-prisoner swap after Muslim militants hijacked an Indian airplane.

Pentagon will close highly criticized propaganda office

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon will close a new office that reportedly has proposed spreading false information abroad, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

Rumsfeld denied that the Office of Strategic Influence would be used to spread misinformation but said news reports and commentary have made it impossible for the agency to do its job.

The Defense Department created the office after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Rumsfeld said the office was supposed to help get the United States' side of the story out to counter the views of opponents such as the Taliban and the al-Qaida terrorist network.

Last week, reports surfaced that the office had proposed giving false information to foreign journalists as a means of furthering the U.S. war against terror-



Donald Rumsfeld

ism. The New York Times reported that the office, headed by Air Force Brig. Gen. Simon P. Worden, had begun circulating classified proposals calling for using the Internet and clandestine operations to spread such disinformation.

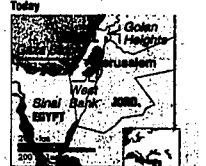
Rumsfeld said the Pentagon has not spread lies and would never do so in the future. President Bush pledged on Monday that "we'll tell the American people the truth."

The Pentagon will continue trying to get its message across overseas, just not through the Office of Strategic Influence, Rumsfeld said.

Saudi peace plan

Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah's peace initiative brings new hope for the Middle East peace process.

Region after 1967 war



Israel captured Golan Heights, Gaza, Sinai and West Bank. Golan Heights since 1961 under Israeli civil administration. In 1982, Sinai Peninsula returned to Egypt. Limited Palestinian self-rule in Gaza, West Bank.

The peace proposal

- Arab recognition of the state of Israel
- Israeli withdrawal from all occupied territories and East Jerusalem, back to borders existing before war in 1967
- Proposal should be backed by U.N. resolution, the U.S. and be unconditionally accepted by Israel

Bush lauds prince's Middle East peace plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush voiced support Tuesday for a Middle East peace proposal by the crown prince of Saudi Arabia, but stopped short of considering it a major breakthrough toward ending Israeli-Palestinian hostilities.

Bush telephoned Crown Prince Abdullah to express U.S. hopes of working along with the Saudi kingdom "in the pursuit of Middle East peace," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

"The president welcomes all attempts at a comprehensive peace in the Middle East," Fleischer said. "It's important to have a vision of what peace should look like at the end of the day, but it's a long time until the end of the day in the Middle East."

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, Israel and the Palestinians resumed security talks Tuesday and Palestinians and some Israeli officials welcomed the Saudi peace initiative. The European Union's

foreign policy chief, Javier Solana, will hold previously unscheduled talks with Abdullah today in Riyadh, Solana told reporters after meeting Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

Bush and the crown prince did not discuss the thorny subject of the Saudi nationals who were among the hijackers in the Sept. 11 attacks, Fleischer said. Nor did they discuss a possible visit by the crown prince to Israel to advance his peace proposal, although Fleischer said Bush thinks face-to-face meetings between any of the regional parties would be beneficial.

"The United States would support that," he said.

Fleischer said Abdullah's plan provided "a note of hope" toward progress in the region, but would do little to change conditions in Israel. When asked whether Bush thought the Saudi proposal was a breakthrough, Fleischer said: "No, I've not heard the president use that word."

Ashcroft defends Justice budget as being focused against terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John D. Ashcroft defended to skeptical senators Tuesday the Bush administration's plans to reduce federal money for state and local police as it shifts its budget to pursuing terrorists and preventing new attacks.

Even while praising one Clinton-era grants program as among the Justice Department's most successful, Ashcroft told a Senate appropriations panel that money to hire more local police officers was needed elsewhere.

"Obviously, there is a need to do some things federally that we haven't done," Ashcroft said. "It is not as possible for us to be as generous as we would otherwise be at the state and local level."

Ashcroft later amended his



John Ashcroft

answer to tell senators that federal money available overall to state and local police actually increases under the administration's budget proposals because of the funds available under the administration's budget proposals.

Ashcroft argued that the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks against New York and Washington caused the department to dramatically reshape its \$30.2 billion budget proposal.

AIDS vaccine shows promise

SEATTLE (AP) — The first preliminary human testing of a highly anticipated new kind of AIDS vaccine offers tantalizing hints it may ultimately protect against the killer virus.

The study of Merck & Co.'s experimental vaccine is perhaps the most closely watched experiment in all of AIDS research. The approach seems highly effective in monkeys, and many believe it or something similar is the best bet for a shot that could slow the worldwide epidemic, which has already killed 20 million people and infected 40 million more.

Even though the vaccine is only part-way through first-stage safety testing, Merck's Emilio

Emini was asked to update researchers in an address Tuesday at the 9th Annual Retrovirus Conference in Seattle.

His bottom line: At this stage, the vaccine appears to trigger the same immune system response in people that it does in newly immunized monkeys, though the volunteers have not been put to the crucial challenge of exposure to HIV.

"We are encouraged," said Emini, head of Merck's AIDS vaccine program. "Obviously, the big question is how effective this will be in preventing or mitigating infection. That will have to wait until we get into long-term studies."

"The assumption is the increased survival of people with AIDS is driving this, and that's good news. It shows the benefits of therapy," said the CDC's Dr. Patricia Fleming.

Brothers' remains sent to U.S.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The remains of three American brothers of ethnic Albanian origin who were killed and dumped in a mass grave in Serbia will be sent to the United States, the U.S. Embassy said Tuesday.

Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi were living in New York

City and working in a pizza business when they decided to leave the United States to fight for Kosovo's independence against Serb forces in 1998-1999. The bodies were found last June on top of a grave with more than 70 other Kosovo Albanians in Petrovo Selo.

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Unexpected pensions surprise farm hands

WATSONVILLE, Calif. (AP) - When the stranger showed up at his tiny house six months ago, the 86-year-old retired farmworker...



Modesto Montero, an 87-year-old retired farm worker now living in Watsonville, Calif., has discovered some hidden fruit to his labors. He recently received a pension check for more than \$73,000.

Cesar Chavez. It is no easy task. Many of those who devoted years of back-breaking labor to the fields and...

Also, many of the workers used multiple Social Security numbers to dodge immigration laws, and many of the numbers were not valid. 'We have thousands of just skeletal records out there,'...

Ex-Enron chief denies lying to Congressmen

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling told senators Tuesday 'I didn't lie to Congress or anyone else' in the denying he was aware of...

High blood pressure risk hits many Americans

CHICAGO - Middle-age Americans have a 10 percent chance of eventually developing high blood pressure, a new study estimates. But experts say many can still beat the odds with diet and exercise.

Edmunds was inspecting a home on Brattleboro Road. Edmunds had to go through a closet to get to the attic. The unusual shelf support kept catching his eye. 'I tugged on it, and it came out and it was a drawer,' he said.

Man pleads guilty to forcing woman into Florida swamp. FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - A driver who knocked an 83-year-old woman's car over a railing and into a swamp, where she lay for three days before being rescued, pleaded guilty Tuesday to leaving the scene of an injury accident.

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Neighbor of missing girl faces murder charge. SAN DIEGO - A neighbor of 7-year-old girl who vanished from her bedroom was charged with murder, kidnapping and possession of child pornography Tuesday.

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Georgia crematory operator faces 100 more charges. LA FAYETTE, Ga. - Authorities filed 100 more criminal charges Tuesday against the operator of a crematory where hundreds of corpses have been discovered.

Coast Guard suspects four dead after tugboat sinks. PORT HERMAN, Md. - Four crew members missing from a tugboat that colliding with a cargo ship were presumed dead Tuesday as crews assembled equipment to raise the vessel.

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Iran says Afghan warlord has disappeared

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A former Afghan warlord who opposes the interim government in Kabul and its American ties has disappeared from his home in Iran's capital after being told to leave the country, Iran's official news agency said Tuesday.

Reports of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's disappearance came a day after an Afghan official said he would be treated as a war criminal if he returns to his homeland and as Afghan Prime

Minister Hamid Karzai ended a three-day visit to Iran.

Earlier this month, Iranian authorities closed Hekmatyar's offices in the country, apparently as part of diplomatic efforts to ease growing tension with the United States. Washington has accused Iran of working to destabilize Karzai's government by harboring its enemies and sending commandos across the border into Afghanistan.

Hekmatyar, a former Afghan

prime minister, has called Afghanistan's interim government a U.S.-imposed administration.

The state-run Islamic Republic News Agency quoted an unidentified official as saying Hekmatyar "has left his place of residence in Tehran" and that his whereabouts were unknown.

IRNA said that Hekmatyar had been told to leave Iran a few days ago. It said he had lived in Iran for the past five years.

Gunmen kill 10 worshippers in mosque

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen opened fire on minority Shiite Muslims praying in a mosque near Pakistan's capital Tuesday, taking aim at the wounded in a final round of bullets. Ten people were killed.

At least nine other worshippers were wounded at Shah Najaf mosque in Rawalpindi, outside Islamabad. The attack came days after President Gen. Pervez Musharraf promised to crack down on Islamic militants —

including those responsible for rising sectarian violence.

"Groups opposed to the government's policy of fighting against terrorism are out to block it from pursuing it vigorously," Pakistan's state-run news agency, quoted Musharraf as saying after Tuesday's attack.

Religious violence claims hundreds of lives each year in Pakistan, where small but heavily armed Shiite and Sunni Muslim extremist groups target one

another's followers. Much of the violence takes place in the port city of Karachi.

Two men with assault rifles walked into the tiny neighborhood mosque as Shiite Muslims were gathered for evening prayers, survivors, witnesses and police said. A third assailant stood guard outside the mosque.

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EDITORIAL

National party isn't helping Idaho Dems

Democrats who abhor Idaho's one-party politics have a right to feel frustration. When a single party has unopposed control, spirited debate can give way to a monotone chant.

But Democrats are wrong if they blame Republicans for monopolizing power. Democratic Party policies, not GOP tactics, have pushed Idaho voters away from supporting Democratic candidates. Until those policies change, the party will struggle in this conservative state.

The Idaho Democratic Party is made up of solid, bright, honest individuals. Democratic candidates generally have been upright citizens who represented their party well.

The party is filled with members who know they have an uphill fight, but who are ready to mount a challenge to Republican control. That is commendable. The problem with the Idaho Democratic Party is its middle name. Its national counterpart has evolved into a different party from the one that many Idaho voters supported years ago.

Environmentalists have put so much money into the party that it has been forced to turn its back on agriculture, mining and timber - industries that were the traditional backbone of Idaho's economy. Those industries once provided jobs for many Democrats.

Idahoans proudly elected environmentally minded candidates such as Sen. Frank Church and Gov. Cecil Andrus during the '70s. But today's environmental movement is a far cry from those leaders' policies. Instead, today's Democratic environmentalists are taking the public out of public land usage.

The Democratic National Committee also continues to defend liberal stands on such hot-button issues as abortion, homo-

sexual rights, capital punishment and gun control. This is in stark contrast to conservative states like Idaho.

Then there's the tax mania that runs rampant in the party. Democratic politicians seem to think the solution to every problem lies in the pockets of taxpayers.

Yet despite the growth of government, there never seems to be enough money. A number of Democratic candidates have done well in Idaho politics: Andrus, former Gov. John Evans, former Attorney General Larry Echo Hawk, former Congressman Richard Stallings, state Controller J.D. Williams, Superintendent of Public Instruction Marilyn Howard. But remember, as a state, Idaho voters haven't picked a Democratic candidate for president since 1964 - and the gap between the party and the people is widening.

In Idaho politics, the loyal opposition to the Republican leadership is other Republicans. Just look at the race for lieutenant governor, with four candidates in the GOP primary and no challenger from the Democrats.

Throughout the state, the real competition for political positions figures to take place in the GOP primary - not in the November general election.

When you add it up, a majority of Idahoans would rather have a one-party system than a two-party system.

Democrats may think that situation has changed. They pin high hopes on public disinterest over term limits, education budget cuts and dairy regulation. But the party may be overestimating its chances. For Democrats to make progress, fielding strong candidates isn't enough. Those candidates must also escape the stigma of being in the Democratic Party. Voters will watch them with an untrusting eye.

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LETTERS

Tech center will teach skills

We think that building a new tech center in Twin Falls is a great idea. It would give students a chance to learn new skills needed in the work force that are not offered at the high school. This would produce a better alternative to get some needed skills for certain industries or occupations. Since these occupations are important in today's economy, students who take courses here will have a jump start in these industries. The tech center would provide a better, cheaper way of attaining certain certifications. Certifications make you more qualified to join the work force at a higher level. That, in turn, will allow you to get better-paying jobs. Having a tech center would give students hands-on experience in different areas of specific businesses. The sooner that these opportunities are available, the better off future generations will be.

DANIEL NORRIS
KENNY KERNGHAN
Twin Falls

Students need hands-on experience

As a former teacher, I taught woodworking, drafting and carpentry for close to 29 years. I'm retired now and have read recent comments about the tech center at the College of Southern Idaho with great interest. We as adults and teachers tend to forget how much students need to try out and experiment with their dreams. They want to be framers, plumbers, carpenters, mechanics, farmers; but in a lot of cases, they just read about it or see these professions. Many kids need the hands-on experience to see if they can and really want to train for these occupations. As I look back over my career,

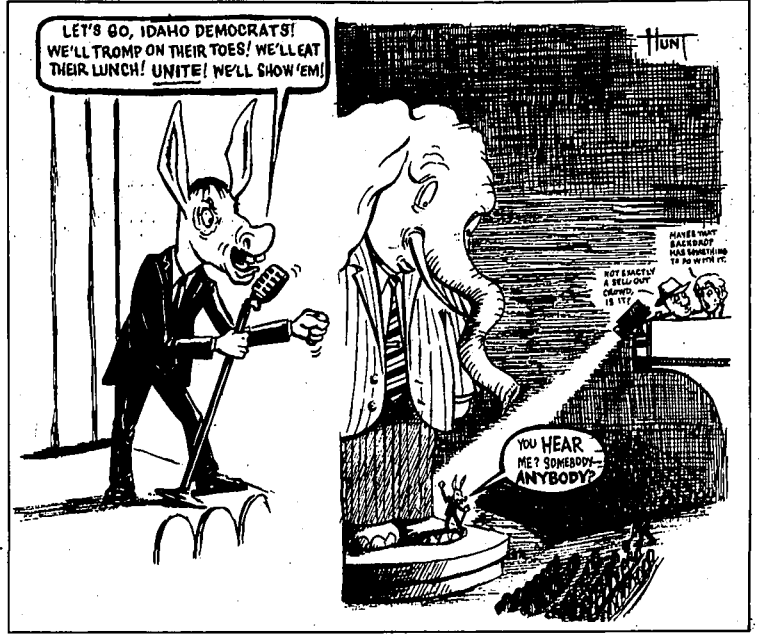
the one thing that stands out in my mind is how many students entered a particular class and, over a period of time, realized they did not want to be draftsmen, architects, carpenters or mechanics.

We are leaving out a very important phase in education today. Young minds need to experience a variety of areas to see if they have the desire and ability to continue. They need hands-on experience in several different areas. Even college-bound students can benefit from this idea.

We used to have hands-on experiences available to students. We called it "industrial arts." We would offer classes in plastics, woodworking, mechanics, mechanics, electricity, plumbing, drafting and leatherworking. They were all exploratory courses lasting for nine weeks. Students had a chance to put their hands in the pie. They could find out if they liked dust over grease. What we are doing today is jumping over this important part of education and saying to these kids, here is your choice, take it or leave it. We have provided you with this great big expensive tech center that offers three or four choices for you to choose from and it doesn't really matter if you have exploded your dream along the way. Take it or leave it. Or change your major. But don't forget to pay back those loans we made you while you were making up your mind.

Don't get me wrong. I think a tech center is a good idea. But before we spend lots of money on this center, we should stop and think about providing ways for our kids to put their hands in the pie first. Maybe we should back up and look at this issue a little closer. Could we spend our money (and the students') more wisely?

RALPH FRIEDMANN
Jerome



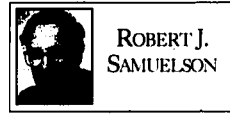
Recession ravages telecom sector

The recession, say most economists, is over or soon will be. Whether or not they're correct, one giant sector remains flat on its tummy: telecommunications. Hardly a day passes without more bad news. In January, Global Crossing - a big Internet network - declared bankruptcy. Shipments of cell phones dropped 5.1 percent in 2001. WorldCom and Qwest are both struggling with lowered debt ratings. Last week, Ciena - a major equipment manufacturer - reported that sales for the past three months were 54 percent below the same period last year.

One response is political: the Tauzin-Dingell bill, named after its sponsors, Reps. Billy Tauzin, R-La., and John Dingell, D-Mich. It promises a telecom revival by encouraging the wiring of homes for high-speed Internet services. The bill is hugely controversial, because it favors some telecom companies over others. The House debates the legislation this week, but even if it becomes law, it won't single-handedly resuscitate this industry.

The telecom sector subdivides into two parts: carriers - companies like AT&T, WorldCom, AOL Time Warner, Verizon - that transmit voice, cable-TV and data signals; and manufacturers - Nokia, Nortel, Ciena, Lucent and the like - that make cell phones, fiber cable and network equipment. Both face two problems. The first is glut. Because communications traffic isn't growing as rapidly as expected, many carriers over-expanded and can't pay their bills. After the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which sought to encourage competition, telecom carriers borrowed immense sums. From 1998 to 2000, debt rose \$320 billion, report Thomas Dausterberg and Jeremy Leonard of the Manufacturers Alliance/MAPL, a trade group. Carriers that can't service their debts are toppling like dominoes.

No one knows the glut's size. Based on a survey of 20 carriers, the consulting



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

company RHK estimates that 34 percent of the North American communications network is being used, says Melanie Swan of RHK. The glut is concentrated in long-distance Internet networks.

The basic mistake "was to assume astronomical and consistent growth rates for Internet traffic - the mythical 'doubling every three to four months,'" says Andrew Odlyako, director of the Digital Technology Center at the University of Minnesota. He thinks that Internet traffic - measured in data flows, not dollars - is doubling every year. By contrast, a doubling every three months would mean that traffic increases annually by a factor of 16. A company believing a projection like that would have vastly over-expanded.

Less noticed is the industry's second problem: mounting costs to consumers. They are buying so many telecom services that the total expense is beginning to bite. This means it's harder to sell new services and people are cutting back some of the old. Anyone with a typical set of services also has a hefty bill. The table below shows average household payments in 2000 for a landline phone (local and long distance), a cell phone, cable TV and Internet dial-up. The figures come from the Federal Communications Commission and industry sources.

Service	Monthly	Annual
Local Phone	\$35	\$420
Long Distance	\$18	\$216
Cable TV	\$38	\$456
Cell Phone	\$45	\$540
Internet Dial-Up	\$22	\$264

The total is \$1,896. Ouch. People economize. More long-distance traffic is diverted

to cell phones (with flat monthly fees or high allowances for nationwide calling) and e-mail. A recent USA Today-CNN-Gallup poll found that 18 percent of cell phone owners regard it as their main phone. Some are canceling regular phone service. In 2001, Verizon lost almost 1.5 million normal phone lines, a 2 percent drop.

Inevitably, telecom carriers have reduced investment. They can pay for investment only by borrowing, selling stock or relying on cash flow (after-tax profits plus depreciation). But it's hard or impossible to borrow and sell new stock - and profits are dropping. In 2001, operating profits from AT&T's consumer long-distance business declined 29 percent, from \$6.9 billion to \$4.9 billion.

Salvation seems to lie in more "broadband" Internet lines - offering faster connections - to homes. By mid-2001, almost 8 percent of households had high-speed cable-modem or DSL connections, reports the FCC. Although that had doubled in a year, the Tauzin-Dingell bill assumes that growth suffers because FCC rules discourage local phone companies (Verizon, BellSouth, SBC and Qwest) from selling DSL services. The assumption is wrong. The rules may or may not make sense, but they're not crippling broadband. Customers simply wonder whether the extra cost (\$20 to \$40 a month) is worth what the Internet offers.

During the boom, Americans thought new technology offered only bright promises and high profits. In reality, it also creates huge uncertainties, miscalculations and losses. Perhaps an economic recovery has started, but the boom's lingering after-effects counsel against premature celebration. Indeed, telecom's plight is an extreme case of a common condition: Lots of American companies have huge debts, ample unused capacity and cloudy sales outlooks. Hold the champagne.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek.

LETTER

Center will send right message

Two big issues face our community: A new jail and a new professional technical center. Investing in structures that educate and expand young people's minds is visionary. Building jails is an endless reaction to cure our social ills. Investing in schools is prevention and economic growth. Believing in our young people is the

finest statement we can make as a community. It says that we care about our children. It says we want them to be able to have good local jobs. It sets an example of what a good community member we all should be.

Twenty-eight million dollars for a new jail, \$7 million for a professional technical center? The professional technical center will provide opportunities to our young people in a positive way. Offering

challenging courses that allow our children to develop into goal-oriented adults is the finest statement we can tell our young people that we care enough about them.

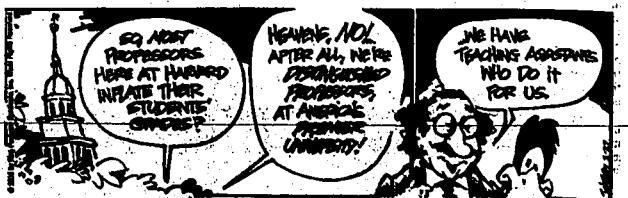
As the saying goes, "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." This center represents a clear vision of where we want to go as a community. Please vote yes March 5. DENNIS MAUGHAN
Twin Falls

Boonesbury Flashback



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

LETTERS

Move ahead with center

As a technical student at Twin Falls High School, I am growing anxious about the professional-technical center planned for the College of Southern Idaho campus. I am a student in the information technology field, a field which will benefit greatly from the planned center. We only have a couple of teachers who are qualified to teach these information technology classes, and they can only offer a certain number of classes in their current situation. For a student to gain their full Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer Certification, they must earn seven separate, smaller certifications. Even though I started this program as a sophomore, I won't be anywhere close to getting my full certification by the time I finish high school. The high school doesn't currently offer the required classes that I need to learn the necessary skills. If this program is moved to the technical center, along with access to CSI's resources, new students in the program would be able to graduate with their full industry certifications. The center would allow the program to offer a larger number of classes utilizing better equipment. It is time for us to move this school district into the 21st century. We need to provide for the students in the world that they are growing up in, not the world that our parents grew up in.

MATHAN TARTER
Twin Falls

Out-of-state donations pile up

In response to the Feb. 24 letter from "Citizen Legislator for life" hopeful Cameron: Isn't it fascinating that out-of-state, big-money interests are so active in perpetuating Idaho's right-wing reactionaries in office? For those who access to the Internet, there's an enlightening Web page called opensecrets.org. It reveals that in the last national elections, some 97 percent of \$200-plus contributions to congressional campaigns in Idaho went to Republican candidates. And of that amount, some 73 percent came from out-of-state donors! Is it not logical to suspect that the same national lobbying interests have under their control those legislators who disenfranchised Idaho's term limits proponents? I believe strongly, too, that California-born and reared Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's interests have overturned the term limits edict of the people with full awareness and approbation of its subsequent override. Other than that, to Merrie Hase, whose letter appeared in the same issue of the Times-News, I say, right on!

LINDA PARRISH
Twin Falls

Writers don't know business

I have followed the anti-dairy letters in your paper for some time now. Several names I could mention seem to be regular contributors. After reading their comments, I have to conclude that they have little knowledge or understanding of the dairy industry because most of what they say is just not true.

MARTIN R. LEE
Jerome

It looks like buyout falls

We were never ones to gripe about our power bills until now. The latest increase, which the power company said was to help pay the costs of the buyout of the irrigation water which would eventually be a benefit to us since there would be more water to use generating electricity seems to be a failure. The word on the street is that at least some of the folks that took the buyout set up generators and went right pumping. We would hope the power company will take a good look at this before another season.

LARRY BARLOGI
Hagerman

Toos out tax proposal

Max Vaughn, the Minidoka County assessor, is sponsoring a bill in the Idaho House of Representatives that would allow small farm properties of less than five acres and unsold lots in subdivisions in small towns to be taxed at an exorbitant rate. HB-487 would allow counties in Idaho to tax these properties up to 10 times the rate presently taxed. This bill would completely stop future subdivisions in small towns where development is not rapid and would endanger any landholder who is farming a plot of less than five acres.

Max Vaughn has been the Minidoka County assessor for too long. He has joined with the tax commission bureaucrats in Boise who believe in more taxing and spending. It is time to find an assessor who will look out for the interests of the Minidoka County taxpayers.

DURELL AND MARILYN MOON
Heyburn

Greater opportunities await

As a student of Twin Falls High School, I can see the need to build a technology center at the College of Southern Idaho. I am currently enrolled in two computer tech classes offered at Twin Falls High. To get into these classes, a student must first apply; only a limited number of students are chosen to take these courses because of class space. Opening a technology center would allow more students in the valley a greater opportunity to learn the knowledge they need to be successful in the community without having to leave Twin Falls to obtain this knowledge. Twin Falls businessmen would have a larger base of potential employees with proper training to choose from. The center will allow students who may or may not have the resources to attend a four-year college the opportunity to experience training in a career field that they are interested in. The center will open doors to more students interested in many different fields. Please support the proposed technology center.

CASEY TUCKER
Twin Falls

Don't ban snowmobiles

Anti-snowmobile extremists, inside and outside the National Park Service, dramatized for the press the purported impact of the machines on air quality by recently donning gas masks. They refuse to admit that simple good management measures can protect snowmobile access, visitor choices and the environment. First of all, existing snowmobile use in Yellowstone and Grand Teton parks has not violated any ambient clean air standards, contrary to what some park service managers and their green friends would like people to believe. Second, this year entrance passes are sold elsewhere - not at the gate. Visitors just drive through, with no stopping and no fumes buildup. Snowmobile clubs and businesses had requested this reform for years. Nevertheless, the snowmobile industry has demonstrated that the machines can be cleaner and quieter. Last November, the National Park Service received data from snowmobile manufacturers showing that some new snowmobile models reduce emissions by 90 percent. These are production models available today from local snowmobile dealers. The National Park Service decision that would ban snowmobiles and replace them with snowcoaches would not improve air quality. A recent study sponsored by the state of Wyoming found that snowcoach emissions are six times higher than the new snowmobiles. Did you know that snowcoaches are so noisy that passengers have to don earplugs to ride in them? We don't need bans, we need balanced management. For more information, see the Web site at <http://www.saveyellowstonepark.com>.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Beating victim remains in critical condition

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man who police say was beaten Monday with a baseball bat remained in a Boise hospital Tuesday while three men charged in connection with the beating were held in the Twin Falls County Jail in lieu of \$500,000 bond each.

Justin Weaver, 23, was listed in critical condition at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, a hospital spokesman said. He was the victim of a beating at about 1:40 a.m. Monday that investigators say might have involved a fight over money.

Boise residents Russell Parker, 44, Stephen Kingsley, 44, and John Cowie, 19, were arraigned Monday on one count each of aggravated battery. They face preliminary hearings on March 8 in Twin Falls.

MVRMC inpatient beds will come under one roof

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is getting ready to house all its inpatient beds under one roof.

Beginning at 7 a.m. Tuesday, inpatient beds will all be located at the Addison West facility. The hospital's downtown facility, formerly the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, will no longer be offering inpatient services, according to a news release from the hospital.

"By uniting our inpatient services in one convenient location, we will combine the expertise and resources of our staff and be better equipped to provide outstanding care for patients and their families," said Janie Draney, Magic Valley Regional's vice president of patient care, in the news release.

Outpatient services, including lab, diagnostic imaging (X-ray, ultrasound, open MRI, CT scan), and same-day surgery will continue to be provided at the downtown location, the news release said.

Kimberly HS gets 'best educational facility' honor

KIMBERLY - Kimberly High School was named Idaho's "Best of 2001 Educational Facility" in the December issue of *Intermountain Contractor Magazine*.

The 50,720-square-foot high school, which opened in 1998, serves 421 ninth-through 12th-graders and was designed for future expansion. The school includes a 2,400-seat gym to accommodate school activities and community events, along with a full range of teaching spaces, media center, student commons and administrative offices.

The building was designed by Hummel Architects of Boise, recipient of the award as the "Architecture Firm of the Year" for 2001 by *Architecture and Engineering Quarterly* magazine.

The school was built with money generated by a \$4.86 million bond issue approved by Kimberly School District residents.

Supreme Court rules on Minidoka insurance case

BOISE - Payment of an extra insurance premium does not void a pre-existing condition exclusion in medical insurance policies, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday.

The high court's decision unanimously reversed a district court ruling that Troy Gravatt of Minidoka County was entitled to coverage because of payment of an extra premium. He paid the premium after disclosing to Regence Blue Shield that he had been diagnosed with what he called thoracic outlet syndrome. The condition causes numbness, tingling and reduced motor skills.

Gravatt sought the additional insurance at the urging of his employer, who believed the normal coverage was insufficient. He disclosed the condition and paid the extra premium for the policy, which included a year's waiting period for pre-existing conditions.

Gravatt's symptoms were then diagnosed as resulting from a tumor, which he had removed. Regence Blue Shield declined to cover the cost under the pre-existing condition exclusion, and 5th District Judge John Melanson ordered the bills paid.

But the high court ruled that the conditions of the policy were clear and precise and that payment of the extra premium did not waive them.

Compiled from staff reports

Officials answer tech center questions

By Robert Meyer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They arrived, armed with skepticism and a slew of questions about the proposed professional-technical center, and at least some left generally satisfied with the notion that the new facility would benefit the community.

"I was frankly, somewhat pessimistic about the proposal," said Art Selin, a bookseller who attended Tuesday night's informational meeting. "But I guess, having heard the explanations I think that it changed my mind to where I'd probably favor it."

T.F. school district residents vote on issue Tuesday

In their continuing series of tech-center presentations, Twin Falls School District officials spoke to about 20 members of the community at the Vera O'Leary Junior High School auditorium. However, most of the time was spent answering the numerous questions lobbed at the presenters.

On Tuesday, March 5, residents living in the school district will be asked to vote for a \$7 million bond issue to pay for building and equipping a tech center adjacent to the College of Southern Idaho.

The most common reoccurring question during the campaign and again Tuesday night is: Why not build this facility at the high school?

Bottom line is, there just isn't any space at the high school to place a 60,000-square-foot facility, said Ken Edmunds, co-chairman of the tech center's campaign committee. Yes, there is already an existing 15,000-square-foot vocational facility at the school, but there is a waiting list quickly growing from teachers vying for the vacated space that will open up if the bond issue passes, he said.

There's also a waiting list of students trying to get into tech classes at the high school such as Information Technology.

But more importantly, the proximity will provide students access to CSI's technical equipment.

"There's several millions of dollars of equipment that the district would never be able to have on its own and CSI is willing to make those available," Edmunds said. "But this isn't an attempt to merge high school students into a college."

Because students will spend only a half-day at the center, they'll still be a part of their high school community, he continued.

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HONORING THEIR OWN



A Twin Falls firefighter checks out the sculpture "Out of the Rubble" at the fire station in downtown Twin Falls on Tuesday. The sculpture was created by Oregon artists Hyatt Thomas and Rick Boswell. Thomas is a volunteer firefighter with the Sulistaw Valley Fire Department in Oregon. The pair plans to donate the sculpture to a fire station in New York City.

Jerome sheriff pledges fairness to minorities

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The Jerome County Sheriff's Department will be fair to everyone regardless of race, the sheriff told members of the mayor's committee on minority relations.

"My office is there to support and work with the Hispanic community," Sheriff Jim Weaver said Monday. "In some South American countries and in Mexico the police are often trained as *judenes*. That is not the case here. In the Jerome County Sheriff's office are your friend and want to help."

Claudia Fabian was hired recently as a deputy to work in the driver's licensing office and can provide Spanish translations whenever necessary, Weaver said.

The Idaho driver's manual is available in Spanish as well as English. The driver's test can also be taken in Spanish.

Rita Rodriguez, another Spanish-speaking deputy, was hired to work in the sheriff's office, Weaver said.

When asked about deportation procedures, Weaver said that personal property of the person being deported is returned to that person. "If anyone in my office refuses to return personal property, I want to know about it. Because that is just not acceptable."

Weaver also agreed to distribute sample copies of Mexico identification cards to his deputies so they will be familiar with them.

Other committee business included: Inter-cultural relations - Committee member Lupe Cisneros said she had been asked to provide a four-hour ses-

sion on inter-cultural relations to Idaho State Police academy recruits in Meridian.

Scheduling problem - The committee agreed to look into a concern of Monica Luna's. Luna said the Hispanic Youth Symposium is scheduled for the weekend of April 26-28, and Jerome High School's prom is Saturday, April 27.

Youth who attend the symposium are required to stay at the symposium through its entirety or lose their eligibility for a scholarship, Luna said. Many of the students going to the symposium want to go to the prom on Saturday night and return to the symposium Sunday morning.

"Why can't the Hispanic students go to the prom and get their scholarships too?" Luna asked.

The committee agreed to see what it could work out between the high school and symposium organizers so that Hispanic students can go to the prom without being penalized.

Inter-cultural youth programs - The committee is looking for inter-cultural programs aimed at youth. It is planning to have high school students call and talk to other students in Idaho and Nevada to discover what programs work best.

Some programs might be designed for minority students to give them a place to belong, while other programs might be aimed at getting the various students to mix together and get acquainted with one another.

Committee member Chris Horgan, a youth representative from Jerome High School, will be recruiting volunteers from among the high school student body to man the telephones. The city has volunteered the use of the city telephones for the project.

'My office is there to support and work with the Hispanic community.'

- Sheriff Jim Weaver

Former patients, colleagues remember Twin Falls doctor

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - If you were born in Twin Falls between 1952 and 1965, there's a good chance Dr. Virgil Telford welcomed you into the world.

Telford delivered some 3,500 babies during that time.

Telford died Saturday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a battle with cancer. He was 81 years old.

Former patients of the general practitioner remember him fondly. Elizabeth Christ and Bill Price's youngest son, Bryan, lived in 1975.

"He was just a wonderful, caring man," Cheryl Price said. "He would do anything for anybody. I haven't been able to find a doctor since as good as him."

Her husband was also one of Telford's patients until the doctor retired.

"He was just one of the best," Bill Price said. "He was a general practitioner who took care of anything you needed. You didn't have to go to a specialist - you just went to see Virg."

Dr. Ben Katz was a Twin Falls pediatrician from 1952 to 1997. When asked what he remembered about Dr. Telford, he said "mostly his white hair."

"He was a very jovial, very friendly individual," Katz said.

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CSI Fine Arts Building addition waits as budget debate goes on

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - A planned addition to the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Building remains in limbo while state officials wrestle with the effects of an eroding state economy.

Persistent concern over Idaho's short-term financial health has convinced lawmakers to set aside the \$121 million Gov. Dirk Kempthorne asked for last month as a hedge against further red ink.

The Joint Finance Appropriations Committee meets Wednesday to divert to the general treasury \$22 million that was to have paid for interior renovation of the State Capitol and \$19 million in tobacco settlement money. Those transactions



would cover the unanticipated \$36 million shortfall in December and January tax revenue collections that many lawmakers hold out little hope of seeing recovered in the final five months of the current spending year.

Another \$80 million in construction projects that Kempthorne postponed last month - including the \$6.3 million expansion of CSI's Fine Arts Building - would be turned over to the state's Board of

Welfare proposal raises Idaho concerns

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - Requiring more welfare recipients to work, along with allowing greater state flexibility in integrating welfare programs, are among the pieces of President Bush's proposed welfare plan that stood out Tuesday in Idaho.

While the average state has 30 percent of its welfare recipients working, Idaho has nearly 50 percent. By 2007, Bush is proposing that 70 percent of all recipients have jobs.

The plan came Tuesday with other proposed changes to the 1996 welfare overhaul. Besides stiffening work requirements, the plan advocates marriage for single parents and premarital counseling.

States now must have 50 percent of their welfare recipients working at least 30 hours a week to receive federal block grants for cash-assistance welfare programs. The Bush plan would increase the required hours per week from 30 to 40, and it would boost the percentage of people who must be working to 70 percent by 2007.

Idaho has a cash-assistance caseload of 1,400. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare says 60 percent are children. The rest - 560 - are families, and to keep its block grant the state must have about half of them working.

Raising the work requirement to 70 percent is a worry, particularly in rural areas with fewer options, said Tom Shanahan, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

"There is a worry with the 70 percent, if the economy doesn't pick up, how we would accomplish that," he said.

State welfare workers like the sound of the proposed flexibility in Bush's plan, Shanahan said. It would allow case workers to look at family needs as a whole.

Bush says his plan encourages integration of various services such as child care support and food stamps.

State support programs now operate under different agencies, different rules and different reporting requirements, said U.S. Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, in a statement supporting the Bush proposal.

"Under the president's proposals I believe our state can take even more people from the dependency of the welfare rolls and on to the independence and dignity of being on the payroll," Otter said.

Idaho's cash-assistance caseload plunged from over 9,200 in 1996 to an annual average of about 2,250 cases.

The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare says the 24-month limit has been a motivating factor, not just to recipients but to Health and Welfare staff

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Watershed	% of Average
Upper Snake River	75%
Salmon Falls Creek	100%
Oakley Basin	109%
Big and Little Wood	98%
Lower Snake River	96%

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Corrections department hires new manager

BOISE (AP) — Nearly a year after a prison scandal rocked the Idaho Department of Corrections and forced the resignation of the department's director, the state has hired a new manager to oversee Corrections Industries.

Lynn McAuley will join the department on March 4. For the past 10 years, she has run the Corrections Industries program in Hawaii.

Idaho Department of Corrections spokesman Mark Carnopis said McAuley has been working on a temporary, part-time basis since October. Her full-time salary was not immediately available. She earned \$45 an hour on part-time status.

Before her work at the Hawaii Department of Public Safety, she managed Washington's Corrections Industries program for 12 years.

"She was hired for her many years of experience and her reputation in the field. She also is rec-

McAuley fills void left by last year's scandal

ognized nationally in Corrections Industries," department director Tom Beaulacir said in a prepared statement.

Corrections Industries is a program of about 400 state prisoners manufacture and distribute furniture, metalwork and license plates. The program is intended to earn a profit and give inmates work skills.

Last March, former director James Spalung resigned when the state attorney general's office and the Idaho State Police released reports describing how Corrections Industries inmate workers stole almost \$4,500 worth of materials in 1999. Investigators said they created false delivery manifests and

manipulated a flawed computer system. The program's administrator, Mike Yac, resigned about a month before the report was made public.

Investigators found that inmates themselves picked which inmates would accompany civilian drivers, coerced those drivers to cooperate and entered inventory and accounting data in the system's computers.

That enabled the inmates to falsify records and add furniture to deliveries. It then was given to relatives or traded for cash or contraband.

In addition, the reports said inmates coerced delivery drivers into letting them visit strip clubs, meet their wives and girlfriends for sex, drink beer and smoke cigarettes during runs, then smuggle tobacco back into the prison.

Since then, department policy changes have stopped overnight deliveries, and inmates no longer control inventory.

Teacher asks for involvement

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — The state Legislature is planning to rewrite some provisions in the Individuals with Disabilities Act so Buhl's special education director is encouraging local involvement.

Mike Gemar told the Buhl School Board Monday that recommendations by special education instructors or board members are welcome.

The school district has 123 students from kindergarten to 12th grade who are schooled under the act, Gemar said in a report to the board.

Gemar outlined the district's system, which included how the students qualify for the program through pre-referral method by staff, parents or the special education evaluation team.

Each student is set up with an individual education plan that is reviewed yearly to see if the goals set for the student have been reached, Gemar said. The results of academic and IQ testing are checked against standards to determine any discrepancies.

Gemar said the State Department of Education keeps a close watch on the programs and randomly select files to be checked. Special education teachers spend many hours keeping records up to date.

"You had better be able to support files and documentation for

qualified students," Gemar said. "Each district gets a state-audit every five years."

"Some districts over-qualify students just to get the funds," he added.

The district works closely with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare on behavior problems and discipline.

Other school board business included:

School reform demonstration plan — Popplewell Elementary School staff presented the Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Program, which will supplement the 90 percent reading goal set by the district.

The program was successful last year and a new three-year federal grant of \$50,000 each year has been approved. With federal, state and local funding, the teaching staff will offer more reading and math time to the students.

"We are confident that all our students will be reading at grade level by the third grade," said Kim Quigley, a teacher at Popplewell.

Highway district plan — The board approved a request by Buhl City Councilman Bob Vandewater for the district to join the City Council in its support of the highway district's master plan.

The plan will identify areas of needed improvement.

Law seminar — Board members Pam McClain and Armand

Eckert and Superintendent Rick Hill attended a law seminar last week in Boise.

Transportation bids — A pre-bid meeting will be held March 12 and bids will be opened on March 15 at noon at the district office.

Resignations — The board accepted the resignations of Buhl Middle School Principal Barry Espil and gifted-and-talented educator Sue Brown, who are both retiring.

New students — The board approved the enrollment of Twin Falls 11th-grader Angela Henson and Castelford first-grader Diego Topic.

Health insurance — The board agreed to a request by Employee Benefits Inc. of Boise for the district to review the company's health insurance policy.

State budget presentation — Hill presented a preliminary state education budget to the board showing where funds would be cut. The preliminary figures show the district will lose about \$40,000 in program funds. Hill said the final figures were due from the state this week.

Times-News correspondent Mary Lou Potts can be reached in Buhl at 543-8854.

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TWIN FALLS

Dr. V. V. Telford
Dr. V. V. Telford of Twin Falls, Idaho died Saturday, February 23, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls of cancer. Virgil requested cremation and a Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2002 at 2:30 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. East, Twin Falls, with Pastor Brian Thorn officiating. Masonic Rites by area masons will take place. The family suggests memorials to the Southern Idaho Learning Center Virgil Telford Memorial Fund in Twin Falls, Idaho or the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah. Contributions may be left with Reynolds Chapel staff at the services or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

and 15 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

Virgil also loved to fish with his best companions, brother-in-law Melvin Barrett and Bob Taylor. He also loved to read and enjoyed taking care of flowers in his yard.

He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America during his 1940s years and a member of the Exchange Club in Twin Falls for several years. He also served as chairman of the Board of Commissioners for Twin Falls Housing Authority, and Medical Consultant for the Vocational Rehabilitation in Twin Falls Office.

During his later years he was a member of Free Masons including York and Scottish Rites, and Shriners. He served on Masonic committees for Twin Falls lodges 45 and 94 including the Bowers Trust which confers college tuitions; Southern Idaho Scottish Rites; and the Board of Directors to Shriners Hospital for orthopedic or burns management; related needy people needing eye surgery to Krishna Tempier (Yok Rite).

was devoted to her family, and was always a loving mother to Beverly Gonsalves, her daughter in Denise Scott, Debbie Cuneo, and Diane Gonsalves, and a dear great-grandmother to Michael Albanese, Christine Albanese, Jessica Scott, and Steven and Jennifer Cuneo.

She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Graveside funeral services for Barbara will be held Friday, March 1, 2002, at 2 p.m. at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Arrangements and services are under the direction of The Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

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Virgil Telford was born December 11, 1920, to George Victor Telford and Anna Jane Sargent Telford in a Chicago, Illinois home. His father, Dr. Hubbard attended his home birth and home delivery was usual in those days. He was welcomed into the world by his sister, Venice Telford, who was 3 years older, and a world warmer, with great wit (sometimes a trifle acid) and almost always (ricque) along with several cousins, and 18 aunts and uncles.

During his early years he moved to Twin Falls in 1932. His father owned a Delco Light Agency in Twin Falls. He attended Washington School, Twin Falls Junior High School, and graduated from the University of Idaho in 1940. He also completed a year of post-graduate at Twin Falls High School. He went to Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah in 1940 for undergraduate degrees in bacteriology and chemistry, graduating in 1944. He attended Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois from 1946 to March 1950 to get his medical degree. He taught bacteriology to nurse's classes at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois while studying for his medical degree. His internship was completed at Denver General Hospital and he completed a one-year residency for his surgical degree at Thomas O. Deo Hospital in Ogden, Utah.

Virgil served in the U.S. Navy for 2 years and taught crops school at Fairport, Idaho and served as bacteriologist in Naval hospitals in Seaside, Oregon and Seattle, Washington.

Virgil practiced in Twin Falls from 1952 through 1985 as a general practitioner. During this time he delivered 3,500 babies and performed most of the obstetrics required by his patients. Dr. Telford truly cared for and loved his patients.

He married Iola Adams in 1940 and they were divorced in 1957. Four children were born to this union: Paula, Virgil, Sheila, and George Steven. He married Virginia Taylor Savage in 1959 and they divorced in 1976. During this marriage he became stepfather to Debbie, Shari, Bridgett and Mark and she and Virginia had one son, Todd Taylor Telford. He married Emma Steyer Johnson in 1980 and became stepfather to Kelli and Lori. He was blessed with 25 grandchildren and 100 great-grandchildren.

Virgil is survived by his wife of 21 years, Emma Telford; children, Rita (Diane) Hansen, Meridian, Idaho; Virgil (Bob) Richard, Hayward, Idaho; Todd (Angie) Telford, Hailey, Idaho; step-children, Debbie (Greg) McDonald, Boise, ID; Shari (Robert) Richard, Hailey, ID; Bridgett (Bary) Walters, Parker, CO; Mark (Sue) Savage, Boise, ID; Kelli (Greg) Ross, Walnut Creek, CA; and Lori (Mae) Johnson, Twin Falls, ID; along with 25 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and 15 step-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

Surviving family members include his son, George Steven (Nancy) Telford and Daughter Sheila (Brad) Herbst and his sister, Edna (Edna) Sheer Jones and her husband, Mel Barrett, preceded him in death. Virgil lived a life of unselfishness and service to others and was truly loved by the beauty of his last days when he chatted with his beautiful love of God and Man, his uncomplaining patience made him content to all who knew him, his delightful freshness and joy of his spirit.

SHOSHONE

Edna LuLena Sheer Jones
Our dear, beloved Edna LuLena Sheer Jones, 85, of Shoshone, Idaho, died in her sleep, Thursday, February 21, 2002, at her home in Shoshone, Idaho.

She was born February 10, 1917, in Kathay, North Dakota, to Lydia and Carl Sheer. She was the 3rd of seven children. The family moved to Hazelton, Idaho in 1925. Edna attended schools in Montana, Filer, Idaho and later finished at Gem State Academy in Caldwell, Idaho. She was an L.P.N., and worked at Gooding Memorial Hospital for many years.

Edna is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church at Eden, Idaho, and belongs to the Dorcas Society. She always attended church faithfully and whenever possible.

She was married to Orville K. Jones; they were both longtime Shoshone residents. Orville made a home for her and her three sons, Jeran and Tony Stevenson and Rick Robinette. Orville passed away in 1990. Edna was a sweet and dear woman who loved animals of all kinds and anything beautiful. She knew her Heavenly Father's love and shared it through her kindness and love for others. She was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She will be missed and remembered for her beautifully abundant gardens, and berry and fruit trees, from which she shared the harvest with many.

Edna is survived by her three sons, two grandsons, one granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren. Her two sisters, Virginia Sheer Pharris and Alice Sheer-Hohnhorst; three brothers, Edmund Sheer, Arthur Sheer and Walter Sheer; many nieces and nephews; special friends, Mae, Bobbie Jo, and Kaleya; and her husband's two brothers, Waldo Jones and Elmer Jones of Shoshone, Idaho.

Memorial services for Edna will be held Saturday, March 2, 2002, at 3 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Private Inurnment are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

Vernon Eldridge Wilson
Vernon E. (Van) Wilson, 83, a Virginia native, passed away in Phoenix, AZ on February 26, 2002. A veteran of W.W. II, he served as an Army Air Force pilot instructor from 1942-47. He received his PhD from Iowa State University in the field of plant pathology. As a legume specialist, Dr. Wilson was attached to the USDA Agricultural Research Station in Twin Falls, Idaho from 1954 to 1963. He was a USDA research scientist at Washington State University, Pullman, WA until 1980. Dr. Wilson published many articles in the course of his career, and served as an agricultural advisor in Pakistan and India.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, LaVene Hedges Wilson, of Scottsdale, AZ, stepdaughter, Lucy McDonald, of Phoenix, AZ, and stepson James Leo Murray, Jr. of Spokane, WA, and two brothers, Harold Wilson of Vero Beach, FL and Fred Wilson of Frederick, MD.

Memorial service and interment will be at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona on Friday, March 8 at 11 a.m.

HAYWARD, CALIF.

Barbara E. Nelson
Barbara E. Nelson, 85 of Hayward, California and formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, died February 22, 2002, at Kaiser Hospital in Hayward, California. She had resided in Hayward for the past 4 years, since moving there from the Twin Falls area.

Barbara enjoyed dancing, traveling and all kinds of crafts and handwork, such as doll making. She loved being on the "go." She

MANCHESTER

John Edward Manchester
BOISE — John Edward Manchester, 81, of Boise died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002.

The graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise.

Former state representative will run for state controller

BOISE (AP) — Former state Rep. Gene Winchester announced on Tuesday that he will seek the Republican nomination for state controller.

Although he served 14 years in the Idaho House, Winchester declared his support for term limits.

Services

Paul L. Roberts of Filer, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Filer Church of the Nazarene (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

William "Bill" Smazal of Phoenix, Ariz. and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church; interment will follow in the Clover Cemetery; friends may call one hour before the service today at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Ina B. Portney of Burley, service at 1 p.m. today at the Bonners Ferry First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; burial will follow at the Grandview

Cemetery; friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Home (Burley).

Patricia Dianne Lehmann of Wendell, memorial service at 5:30 p.m. today at the American Legion in Wendell (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Rose Werner of Rupert, prayer vigil with rosary at 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church; burial will follow at the church (Rasmussen Funeral

Home, Burley).

Dr. V. V. Telford of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls.

John Henry Watland of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Wilbur I. 'Tex' Norcross of Gooding, memorial service with a potluck lunch at 11 a.m. March 9 at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Theresa Savala
TWIN FALLS — Theresa Savala, 85, of Twin Falls died Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Ivy Spencer
BURLEY — Ivy Spencer, 89, of Sautiquay, Utah and formerly of Burley died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, in Sautiquay.

The funeral is pending and will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

DEATH NOTICES

Brown, 24, of Burley died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at her home from complications of Cystic Fibrosis.

The funeral is pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

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Scott Holloway
KIMBERLY — Scott Holloway, 55, of Kimberly died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Sharon Egbert
TWIN FALLS — Sharon Egbert, 62, of Caldwell and formerly of Filer died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Albert E. Mayer
TWIN FALLS — Albert E. Mayer, 87, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2002, at Bridgeview Retirement Estates in Twin Falls.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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BURLEY — Amber Michelle

Most senators vote for F&G confirmation

The Times-News and The Associated Press

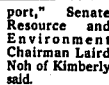
BOISE — With the support of all but one Magic Valley senator, the only woman to serve on the Idaho Fish and Game Commission won confirmation to a second term on Tuesday after a month of controversy over her stands on key policy issues.

The Senate voted 28-6 for Nancy Hatley, a Sandpoint businesswoman who also had widespread support from sportsmen, businessmen and political leaders in the Panhandle. Sen. Robbi Barrutia, R-Elgin Ferry, was the only Magic Valley senator voting in opposition.

"I don't believe I've ever experienced an individual nominated for anything, especially the Fish and Game Commission, who has had such broad and deep support," Senate Resource and Environment Chairman Laird Noh of Kimberly said.

Opponents criticized Hatley for her role in the firing of former Fish and Game Director Steve Mealey, who had many legislative allies, and her support for his successor, Rod Sando, who was forced out of office last month. They blasted Sando for indicating support for breaching the lower Snake River dams to improve salmon runs — a policy that has been roundly denounced by Idaho's elected leaders.

Early in her first term, Hatley had also tentatively backed a Fish and Game Department



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report on salmon restoration that labeled the dams the cause of salmon demise. Later, the commission said more normal river flows would improve runs but stopped short of supporting dam removal.

"There are a lot of things about her that impress me, but I think it's a question of judgment," Republican Stan Hawkins of Ucon said. "I'm not comfortable believing that in the future this is going to be a productive member of the Fish and Game Commission."

But Noh called Hatley a fountain of good judgment, wisdom and experience.

"She knows when to seek coun-

sel and why, and I would guess that's the reason the governor chose to reappoint her," he said.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne declared his strong support for her earlier this month during a speech in northern Idaho, and the commission's decision to hire department veteran Steve Hatfakler as director eased some of the turmoil.

It was the second big Fish and Game Commission nomination victory for Kempthorne. Two and a half years ago he picked Don Clower over widespread opposition. He then convinced the Senate to confirm Clower even though the outspoken sportsman had criticized several senators in the past, questioned the integrity of some state game management decisions and led the successful campaign to oust Mealey.

Burley library board will look into forming foundation

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Burley Public Library board will look further into how to proceed with forming a library foundation.

Kathleen Hedberg shared information with the board Tuesday about foundations and library-friends groups. Currently, the library has a Friends of the Library group, but it is nearly defunct, Hedberg said.

Hedberg said the Jerome library recently received a large sum of money but was forced to put the money into the city's budget for the library, because a library foundation was not available. There could be problems intermingling library funds with the city, she said.

The Twin Falls Public Library has a library foundation, said Shari Chaney. There is a 10-person board; each member is elected and serves three-year terms. One member from the library's board of directors also serves on the foundation board.

The foundation purchases books for the library and is only supplementary; the library budget does not decrease with money from the foundation, Hedberg said.

"Creating a foundation would take time, Hedberg said, and it would take the right person to move the project along.

The Friends of the Library might not be much help in creating a foundation and the library might actually consider ending the group, Hedberg said. There are more than 100 members, but many are not active or are becoming too old to be active.

Board member Dave Gibbons said a foundation could be added in addition to the friends group. The board does not want to alienate any of the friends who have supported the library.

Hedberg said she had talked

with people in the friends group; many supported the creation of a foundation.

"I don't think you would offend any of the friends members," Hedberg said.

Board members decided to consider the options of a foundation and/or friends group and take action at a later meeting.

"This is going to take some time," said board member Frank Bauman.

"A foundation is definitely the direction we need to go," said board member Maxine Adams.

Adams did voice some concern about creating a foundation at the same time the board might go to the public to raise tax levy rates and non-resident fees. However, the board agreed creating a foundation may take years to get up and running.

Other library board business included:

- Eagle Scout project — The board heard from Boy Scout Nathan Mitton about a possible Eagle Scout project building shelves for the library.
- Earlier, Kyle Geratt built shelves in the library basement for his Eagle Scout project. The shelves will be similar in style, Mitton said.
- Purchase approval — The board approved the purchase of a digital camera. Library staff will begin to take photos of library cardholders to be added to the cardholders' computer file. When the library card is scanned, the photo will appear on the computer screen.
- Long-range plans — The board also approved final changes in its five-year long-range and five-year technology plans.

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Junior high honors teacher by naming field

The Times-News

RUPERT — Some mornings it pays to read the newspaper.

Lee Van Houten didn't know what a yellow teacher was talking about when the teacher congratulated him on having the athletic fields at East Minico Junior High School named after him. The colleague had read it in the newspaper that morning.

Van Houten said he thought the idea was silly and gave it no more thought. He didn't think about it when school officials announced an assembly and the entire student body filed into the gymnasium.

It was only when the cheerleaders did a cheer using the initials V.H. — Van Houten's nickname — that he began to think he was involved in something, somehow.

"I had no clue. I had no idea this was going on," Van Houten said.

Officials from East Minico Junior High attended the Mini-Cassia County School Board meeting Monday night, where the board approved naming the field "Van Houten Field."

A letter to the board asked the field be renamed due to the "enormous amount of change" East Minico is about to go through as it changes from a junior high to a middle school, and as an additional way to honor East Minico's teacher of the year,



Lee Van Houten, teacher and coach at East Minico Junior High School, stands on the field behind East Minico which now bears his name.

Van Houten.

The letter concluded, "East Minico would like your permission to honor this respected coach and teacher."

At the assembly Tuesday, teacher Grant Kilroy presented Van Houten with a framed cer-

tificate and talked about Van Houten, who has been a teacher and coach at East Minico Junior High for 30 years.

"It's a great honor," Van Houten said. "It's been just a great 30 years."

The naming of the field in Van

Houten's honor was a big surprise, Van Houten said. He thanked the student athletes and students of East Minico and the school board for making the name possible.

"I'll read the paper now," Van Houten said with a grin.

Ketchum filmmaker shows picture on wild horses

KETCHUM — Ketchum filmmaker Patsy Tobin will show her investigative film "Wild Horses: Homeless on the Range" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Clarion Inn Conference Room.

Tobin, of Alpenglow Films, will field questions from the audience after the film.

The film, part of the Outdoor Life Network's Earth Rescue series, looks at wild mustangs that are being rounded up and sold at auctions to make room for grazing sheep and cattle. Some of the mustangs are being sold overseas for human consumption, said Tobin.

Admission for the Armchair Adventure show is \$5 for Environmental Resource Center members and \$10 for the general public.

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These areas is encouraged to attend.

Mini-Cassia Democratic Committee Chairman Damien Rodriguez said the meeting is being held because of concerns about cuts to Medicaid, youth programs and education and "raids" on Social Security and Medicare funds. Those actions may hurt citizens, he said. Democrats are also concerned about the need for good jobs, he said.

"We as Democrats need to work to restore these programs," Rodriguez said. "If you're unhappy with the lack of checks and balances, if you want change, then come to our meeting. It's time to return to a two-party state."

Heyburn council continues talk of traffic light

HEYBURN — The City Council is set to meet at 7 p.m. today at City Hall.

The council will hear a report on the proposed traffic signal at Highway 20 and Seventh Street. The council is expected to ratify an agreement with J-U-B Engineers and discuss creating an electric utility sale task force group.

The council will also hear

from Heyburn Police Chief George Warrell III regarding the Mini-Cassia drug task force and discuss the Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association youth rally.

Also on the agenda is consideration of a request from PSI Waste Systems regarding a cost of living increase and a presentation by Joey Bryant.

Idaho Youth Ranch meets standards, gets accreditation

RUPERT — The Idaho Youth Ranch meets national standards, according to the Council of Accreditation for Children and Family Services.

The council reviewed the organization's human resources, financial, risk management, quality improvement, mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment practices. Following the examination, the council determined the Youth Ranch was in full or substantial compliance with 565 of its standards.

The council has given accreditation to the Idaho Youth Ranch for five consecutive years.

The Idaho Youth Ranch is a nonprofit organization, which operates residential programs, including the Youth Ranch near Rupert, family counseling programs, an adoption agency and 17 thrift stores.

— compiled from staff reports

Woman gets two to five years for role in slaying

BLACKFOOT (AP) — A Blackfoot woman will spend two to five years in prison for her role in last year's murder of Rogelio Torre in Shley.

Maria Arredondo, 29, appeared before 7th District Judge James Herndon on Monday after pleading guilty to being an accessory to Torre's slaying.

Torre was shot to death after Arredondo urged Manuel Moreno, 22, of Blackfoot, to kidnap and rob him, according to court records. Moreno shot Torre as he tried to escape from the car. Police said he was left on a Shelley street.

Moreno then asked passenger Juan Conde, 20, of St. Anthony, to throw the gun out the window, investigators said.

Arredondo originally pleaded innocent to being a principal to first-degree murder but changed her plea for the reduced charge last month.

Bingham County Prosecutor Scott Andrew told Herndon that Arredondo did not cooperate with investigators, failed to report the murder and even drove Moreno to Jerome after the crime.

"You were involved in an unnecessary killing. You made every effort to conceal him and help him get away," Herndon told Arredondo.

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Others showed concern Tuesday about the actual construction of the facility, whether the school district advertised broadly and long enough to attract a competitive array of contractors. The winning bidder, The Starr Corporation, happened to be the only bidder.

However, the school district did advertise the proposal in *The Times-News* and notified construction associations to spread the offer outside the Magic Valley, Edmunds said.

"The school followed proper procedure for the process," Edmunds said.

The facility is billed as a regional tech center. But surrounding school districts remain uncertain about their participation, particularly due to the potential of lost state funds.

Edmunds said he receives state funding based on full-time stu-

dent attendance. However, in 1998 Idaho implemented House Bill 510, which allows a school district that's sending students to receive its normal reimbursement, and the host district to receive 50 percent.

"The state is trying to promote technical education and they've done it through various mechanisms," Edmunds said.

The district is hoping for other sources of money, such as grants. Still, school Superintendent Terrell Donich said there's the slim chance that outside districts may need be charged a per student fee, perhaps \$100-\$300.

"It's a far cry from what it would cost these districts if they had to supply the programs themselves," he said.

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Practicing medicine was a lot different back in the 1950s, Katz said.

"I do one knew about MRIs and CAT scans," he said. "Cancer in those days was a situation where you told someone how long they had to live. If a child had leukemia, you told his parents to enjoy them while they had them."

But today, thanks to chemotherapy, patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, one of the most deadly forms of leukemia, have an 80 percent chance of overcoming the disease, Katz said.

Rob Leth, a counselor at the local Vocational Rehabilitation office, said he'll miss seeing Dr. Telford come in each week to consult on cases.

"He was such a nice, compas-

ionate guy," Leth said. "I really enjoyed talking to him. I really looked forward to him coming in."

Leth said Telford often reminisced about his days as a general practitioner. He said the doctor took pride in the fact that patients he'd delivered came back to him to deliver their own children.

"He said he really felt it was important to take time with patients," Leth said. "He said it meant a lot to him."

His patients and colleagues miss the doctor, but it's his family who miss him most.

"I miss him terribly," said Emma, his wife of 22 years. "He was just the love of my life."

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Budget

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Examiners. The board, composed of Kempthorne, Attorney General Al Lance and Secretary of State Pete Coatsworth, began canceling them this spring as the economic picture continues to deteriorate.

Some legislators fear tax receipts will keep slipping to the point that half of these projects, including several on state college campuses, will have to be eliminated. They have been spending over which of the 21 construction projects would be canceled first, each trying to protect projects assessed for colleges in their districts during last year's secondary glut of cash.

All the committee's decisions

must be ratified by the Legislature.

Ironically, Kempthorne last fall participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Fine Arts Building expansion, which was planned to add 17,000 to 20,000 square feet to the structure that was one of the first two buildings on the Twin Falls campus.

The enlarged building was planned to contain new faculty offices, more classrooms, an additional theater with more storage areas, more restrooms and a larger lobby and reception area. Enclosing the front of the building in glass and adding a staircase and upper floor would allow for the extra room.

Meanwhile, the economy and

the commitment to protect last year's record tax cut doomed plans to remodel the old Ada County Courthouse adjacent to the Capitol. That project was to be financed with \$1.1 million a year currently being paid on the bond for construction at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding. That bond will be paid off this fall.

The state intended to use the courthouse space for staff relocation during the Capitol renovation. But with the renovation on hold until the state's financial situation improves, the need for additional space is no longer imminent. Legislative leaders said the money from the Gooding bond could be freed up for more

immediate spending needs.

Budget writers tried to put the financial package together two weeks ago. But then they got caught up in a debate over which construction projects should be canceled first and whether the rest of the \$64 million Capitol renovation should be financed with bonds. Bonds had been authorized for up to \$32 million of the cost, but lawmakers have been leery about increasing state debt in a struggling economy.

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Welfare

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members charged with finding them jobs.

State's program has been criticized by the National Campaign for Jobs and Income Support for having among the shortest eligibility periods, the lowest benefits and severest work requirement for new mothers.

The program's current proposed budget maintains the core \$16.5 billion cash assistance grant to states and reinstates two funding streams that had expired — a \$319-million-a-year program for supplemental grants and a contingency fund worth \$2 billion

over five years.

Under the Bush plan, child care funding remains at \$4.8 billion. Does state flexibility to use \$4.7 billion in other programs for child care. Also maintained is the \$50-million-a-year absence-education grant.

Bush also is asking Congress to set aside about \$100 million for experimental programs aimed at getting single mothers on welfare to marry. The plan directs up to \$300 million for programs that encourage what the White House calls "healthy, stable marriages" and includes premarital education and counseling.

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Dems decry GOP's Idaho education cuts

BOISE (AP) — The Legislature's small Democratic minority blasted Republicans on Tuesday for its decisions during the past month to slash education support to balance the state budget.

The GOP majority, with the acquiescence of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, was confident that at this late date its budget plan, even more austere than Kempthorne's, will win approval. But Democrats still called for draining the balances in any remaining funds and rolling back last year's tax cut. They want to restore support for public, higher and professional-technical education to at least the levels originally set for the current school year.

Sen. Bert Marley of McCammon took aim at Kempthorne's dedication of his administration to "The



"I'm sure glad this is the Generation of the Child here in Idaho because I'd hate to think what it would be like if it weren't the Generation of the Child."

— Sen. Bert Marley, D-McCammon, referring to one of Gov. Kempthorne's administration themes

Generation of the Child." "I'm sure glad this is the Generation of the Child here in Idaho because I'd hate to think what it would be like if it weren't the Generation of the Child," he said.

The Republican budget cuts public school support \$23.3 million this year and restores only \$7 million of that next year. It cuts \$7 million from this year's higher education budget and another \$16 million next year. And it reduces

professional-technical support \$1.4 million this year and another \$3.9 million next year.

It is the first time public schools have been included in spending reductions to balance the budget. But with only 12 of the 105 legislative seats, Democrats have little influence on spending decisions.

Republican leaders contend the state has been so generous with education in recent years that it can withstand bearing some of the budget-balancing burden now.

But a number of economists and other officials have cautioned the state about cutting back education support because that could affect the quality of its work force and the speed with which it emerges from the current slowdown.

Idaho OKs petition to revamp F & G

BOISE (AP) — A sportsmen's petition to revamp the selection process for Idaho Fish and Game commissioners does not appear to pose any constitutional problems, according to an attorney general's opinion.

The Idaho Wildlife Federation and other sportsmen's groups filed a petition on Jan. 31 to overhaul the selection process to favor wildlife rather than politics. Some portions which were changed after a 1998 initiative created the commission would be returned to their original form.

"The initiative is recognized by the Idaho Constitution as a legislative power; therefore, these changes may be made through an initiative," Attorney General Al Lance wrote. "As a result, this measure does not appear to pre-

sent any legal issues at this time." To put the measure on the November ballot, the petition organizer has 43,683 valid signatures by April 30.

Given the short time frame in which his office could respond, Lance said the review can only solemnly note, not provide in-depth analysis of each issue.

The initiative would return the number of commissioners from seven to five; increase their terms to five and provide for staggered terms; limit the governor's role in appointing commissioners; eliminate the restriction on political party affiliation; and create five citizen wildlife advisory councils from which commission members would be nominated.



Budget cuts - B1

Bush scales down Arctic drilling proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is floating a proposal to reduce the amount of land that would be opened for oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, hoping to sway some senators to favor the drilling.

"It's an option. It's been out there for a while," Interior Department spokesman Eric Ruff said Tuesday.

But even the administration appeared to be divided on the matter and Senate Democrats said the issue was not about how much land to open, but whether

to allow oil development at all in the refuge in northeastern Alaska.

"It doesn't matter whether it's a smaller or a larger segment of land," said Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "It's a precious natural resource that needs to be protected."

A number of Democrats have vowed to filibuster energy legislation that includes drilling in the Arctic refuge and Republicans so far don't have the 60 votes to break such a filibuster.

An Interior Department official said Tuesday, speaking on condi-

tion of anonymity, that one of several options under consideration is proposing drilling in roughly a third of the coastal area previously being considered, or about 500,000 acres.

The House already has passed a bill that would open up the refuge's coastal plain, an area of 1.5 million acres where the oil and gas is believed to be located.

"There are a number of discussions taking place right now but we are not locked into any one position," Ruff said. "We're looking at ways we can win." But it was unclear Tuesday

how seriously the Bush administration is willing to push the proposal to limit the drilling area to a third of the coastal plain, or whether Alaska's senators would go along.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said the White House is not considering a deal involving smaller acreage. He said any proposal to decrease the proposed drilling area was "not at the request of the White House."

"The White House will continue to work with the Senate to get the job done," he said of the Arctic refuge drilling issue.

Idaho employee health coverage cost hits lawmakers

BOISE — The increase in the cost of state employee health coverage is twice as great as lawmakers had anticipated, according to the Legislative Budget Office.

Legislative leaders are trying to decide how to cover the estimated \$11.5 million bill for the year beginning in July.

Members of the budget committee had hoped to avoid a reduction in take home pay for state workers by absorbing their share of the cost increase. The economic slowdown prompted the Legislature to freeze state employee pay.

But analysts say significant reductions in health coverage will probably have to be made to accommodate the escalating premium.

Budget writers are considering dramatic increases in deductibles and co-payments, deferral of vision coverage and extension of the waiting period for new employees to qualify for coverage from 60 to 90 days.

House OKs measure aimed at wildlife damage to land

BOISE — The Idaho House on Tuesday approved a bill that supporters said would streamline the system for paying claims from landowners whose property is damaged by marauding wildlife.

A 60-7 vote forwarded to the Senate, legislation that backers said would help realize the original intent of the Department of Fish and Game's depredation claims program.

Legislature in brief

Bill targeting predatory pricing dies on House floor

BOISE — Support for free enterprise overcame concerns about predatory pricing Tuesday as the House killed a bill that would have decriminalized but increased monetary penalties for selling goods below cost.

Supporters said the measure rejected on a 28-41 vote came in response to the attorney general's office acknowledging it lacked the money and manpower to prosecute the existing ban on below-cost sales.

It would have exchanged a \$500 misdemeanor penalty for violations for a civil penalty of up to \$5,000, with any receipts to be dedicated to public schools.

Bill gives state power to order school safety work

BOISE — Legislation increasing the leverage of state officials over school districts facing building safety problems cleared the state Senate on Tuesday.

It would send the House on a 22-12 vote, gives the state Division of Building Safety the authority to order serious safety problems corrected within a year. Failure of a district to comply would free the state to seek a court order closing the school and diversion of state aid to the district to fix the problems.

The current law only applies to imminent safety hazards that must be corrected immediately

or the school can be shut down and cash diverted to make the improvements.

The bill is the latest attempt by lawmakers to satisfy a district judge who has held the state constitutionally responsible for providing every student a safe place to learn. Even the advocates of the bill admit it is just another step toward complying.

The judge has indicated she is considering a corrective order if lawmakers fail to take meaningful action. But the attorney for school districts demanding state assistance has already asked for another hearing this summer to assess the situation.

Panel backs change in 'offensive' Idaho names

BOISE — A House committee on Monday unanimously endorsed legislation encouraging changes in place names that some people find offensive.

The State Affairs endorsement sends to the full House a resolution stemming from last year's legislative debate over changing the names of 93 geographic features in Idaho that include the term "squaw," which is offensive to some Indians.

It would not have the force of law, but the resolution urges individuals and local governments to recommend changes to the State Historical Society when they identify place names that might be offensive.

The Historical Society then would consider forwarding the recommendations to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, which last September officially

changed the name of Chinks Peak outside Pocatello to Chinese Peak.

House urges protection for voluntary school prayer

BOISE — Claims of courts running amok and outrageous denials of religious freedom were aired Monday in the overwhelming Republican Idaho House.

A 60-7 vote forwarded to the Senate a memorial calling for Congress to pass an amendment to the U.S. Constitution protecting voluntary school prayer and other public religious speech.

Democratic Floor Leader Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum led the mild Democrat dissent. She called the measure unnecessary and divisive, and questioned who would decide what forms of religious expressions were acceptable in public places. "Diversity is a much better way to go," Jaquet said.

Term limits prompts bill expanding lobbyist identity

BOISE — The Idaho House has rejected a bill that would have expanded Idaho's lobbyist registration law to include expenditures by uncompensated, volunteer activists.

It was prompted by the efforts of term-limits supporters who failed to stop the Legislature earlier this session from repealing the 1994 law enacted by voter initiative. Some legislators strenuously objected to newspaper and radio advertising used in the stop-repeal campaign. But since the term-limits advocates were unopposed, they were not required to register as lobbyists.

— compiled from wire reports

Senate hikes fine for not wearing seat belts

BOISE (AP) — An increase in the fine for failure to wear a seat belt won final approval in the state Senate on Tuesday, but state's higher-than-average highway death toll opponents blame that on the winding two-lane highways that make up much of the state's road system.

Advocates said they would try again next year to make seat belts mandatory for all drivers, something a majority of lawmakers have consistently resisted for more than a decade.

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Seat-belt usage is currently about 60 percent in Idaho, well below the national average. Seat-belt supporters blame that for the state's higher-than-average highway death toll. Opponents blame that on the winding two-lane highways that make up much of the state's road system.

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Killed in House

HB593 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Allows fees to be included in the definition of "cost to wholesaler" under the Unfair Sales Act, increases civil penalties and deletes criminal penalties. Legislative Action Complete.

HC44 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Repeals a Correction Department regulation on record confidentiality. Confirmed by Senate. Nancy Hadley, Sandpoint, to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

Introduced in Senate

SCR130 (State Affairs) — Extending temporary rules of the Idaho Department of Agriculture on crop residue disposal.

SCR131 (State Affairs) — Rejecting some State Board of Morticians administrative rules.

SB1477 (State Affairs) — Authorizes surcharges on mobile wireless phone customers.

SB1478 (State Affairs) — Updates the state law on library districts.

Introduced in House

HB679 (Revenue and Taxation) — Exempts machinery and equipment used in production of or caring for nursery stock from property taxes.

HB680 (Revenue and Taxation) — Makes a technical correction regarding property tax replacement received by Idaho school districts.

HB681 (Revenue and Taxation) — Changes from seven years to five years the time period before which certain types of unclaimed property are deemed abandoned.

HB682 (Education) — Mandates state Board of Education actions when school districts fail to address serious safety hazards within two years.

HB683 (Appropriations) — Appropriates \$20 million from the general fund for public schools in the budget year that begins July 1.

HB684 (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides a tax credit for venture capital investments.

HB685 (Revenue and Taxation) — Lets mine operators provide an alternative form of financial assurance for reclamation projects through annual payments to a dedicated account.

HB686 (State Affairs) — Defines "established business relationship" within the Idaho Telephone Solicitation Act.

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Defendant Nathaniel Bar-Jonah, left, listens to closing arguments by defense attorney Don Vernay Monday in Butte District Court in Butte, Mont. Bar-Jonah was convicted of sexually assaulting three Great Falls, Mont., boys almost three years ago.

Jury convicts man accused of feeding boy to neighbors of sexual assault

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — A man accused of butchering a 10-year-old boy and feeding the remains to his neighbors has been convicted of molesting a teen-ager and assaulting his 8-year-old cousin.

A jury convicted Nathaniel Bar-Jonah Monday night of kidnapping and sexually assaulting the 14-year-old in 1999 and assaulting the boy's cousin with a weapon — a rope and pulley by which he raised the boy off the floor to watch him choke.

The jury found Bar-Jonah, 45, innocent of sexually assaulting the oldest boy's 5-year-old brother and deadlocked on whether he sexually assaulted the 8-year-old.

Bar-Jonah showed no emotion as the verdicts were read. He could get up to life in prison.

Bar-Jonah has a record of assaults against young boys in Massachusetts dating back to

when he was a teen-ager. He spent 11 years in a mental hospital there after one attack and assaulted another boy shortly after his release. Then he was sent to Montana to live with his mother.

He was set to go on trial in May for the 1996 killing of 10-year-old Zachary Ramsay. Authorities say Bar-Jonah butchered the boy's body, then cooked the child's flesh into stews and other meals he served to unsuspecting neighbors.

Prosecutor Brant Light said Monday night's verdicts may cause him to reconsider whether to go ahead with the murder trial.

Defense lawyers Don Vernay and Greg Jackson said they will appeal.

"He still maintains his innocence," Vernay said. "He wants to see it through."

The defense claims news coverage of the gruesome allegations in the murder case made it impossible to find an impartial jury.

After jury selection began last week, defense lawyers asked the Montana Supreme Court to abort the trial because many of the prospective jurors — including most of those finally chosen — knew about the Ramsay case. The court refused.

"From the outset, we were concerned about the atmosphere," Vernay said. "I have never seen a jury with so much foreknowledge. We were hamstrung."

Light said he will pull out all stops for sentencing, which District Judge Kenneth Neill set for April 9.

"We have to prepare for the sentencing almost like another trial," Light said. "We can bring in his whole past."

Forest Service swaps trees for restoration

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service has approved a scaled-down timber sale on the Panhandle, saying it will improve damaged land in one of the Northwest's most ecologically fragile forests.

The Coeur d'Alene River Ranger District backs a 1,400-acre timber harvest, but set aside nearly 500 acres of old-growth timber under pressure from environmental groups.

The timber sale along the Little North Fork would pay for restoration work in the Iron Honey watershed.

District ranger Joe Stringer said the old-growth stands will be reevaluated to determine whether cutting would be allowed.

"We're fairly confident we have better old-growth stands," he said.

"These stands have a lot of rot and other diseases. We have to look at what's going to provide the best old-growth habitat over the long term."

Environmental groups are threatening to appeal the decision, but both sides agree the drainage's creeks need protection and restoration.

Located just south of Lake

Pend Oreille, the drainage has been so degraded that a regional study said there is "much to gain and relatively little to lose" through restoration.

A decade of logging eroded creek banks and removed white pine and western larch. Twelve of 14 creeks in the Iron Honey watershed are considered at-risk.

The Forest Service plans to remove 76 miles of roads and 176 small culverts that could contribute to flooding. Five miles of restoration will help stabilize creek beds.

While environmentalists praised the restoration, they warn the logging would remove too many trees, resulting in increased flooding in a region already strewn with downstream mining waste.

Much of the work would be done through a stewardship contract, which allows the government to trade trees for restoration work. Environmentalists see some stewardship projects as timber harvests disguised as forest recovery.

The contracts are a creative way to fund stream and forest work, said Stefany Bales with the Intermountain Forest Association industry group.

White separatist might lose home over back taxes

HAYDEN LAKE (AP) — White separatist Richard Masker has a few more months to pay back taxes before Kootenai County takes ownership of his home.

Masker, a longtime associate of former Bryan Nations leader Richard Butler, quit paying property taxes in 1997 on the house and his wife own next to the fourth hole of the Avondale Golf and Tennis Club in Hayden Lake.

After numerous notices and meetings, the Maskers agreed last year to pay \$240 per month for five years to erase about \$10,000 worth of back taxes.

The Maskers paid until October but refused to pay in November when they sent a letter to friends threatening to burn their house down and commit suicide if the county tried to seize the property.

On Friday, the county sent notices to 212 residents who have not paid property taxes for 1998, including the Maskers. Kootenai County Treasurer Tom Malzahn said they can avoid problems by paying by May 14.

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would not force the Maskers to leave. However, he buys the house at auction would decide whether to evict them.

Masker said on Monday that he had heard nothing new about the tax bill.

"They are trading on very dangerous ice if they proceed with this," he said.

Neighbor Joe Netzel made the Maskers' November payment just before the deadline. But Masker said he wished Netzel had not since the money would be used by a "subversive" government in a society "controlled by fear and intimidation."

The Maskers missed payments in December and January and have not made the February payment due Friday, Malzahn said. If they wait until May 14, they would have to pay about \$4,700.

Masker was fired from a water treatment job in Corvallis, Ore., for sending Hitler birthday cards to Oregon State University professors. He also was fired from a city job in Sandpoint when he didn't show up for work after being told of refusing to pay a \$30,000 loan on a Jeep.

Commissioners deny motions to reopen power plant hearing

CALDWELL (AP) — Opponents of a proposed Middletown Power plant have been rebuffed by Canyon County Commissioners again, and now the matter is likely to go to court.

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Deloris Cram of Canyon County Citizens for Responsible Government contended the plant site, owned by Commissioner Pat Galvin and her husband, was improperly rezoned from agriculture to light industrial in 1996.

Commissioner Matt Beebe said the rezoning was not contested at the time.

Cram said even though she does not live near the proposed plant site, she does not want the plant constructed anywhere in the Treasure Valley. She recommended placing it near Mountain Home.

Ida-West Energy President and CEO Randy Hill said he was not surprised by the outcome.

"The motions were without merit or substance," he said.

Washington, Idaho agree to study aquifer

POST FALLS — Washington and Idaho officials have agreed to a comprehensive study of the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer, which provides drinking water to 400,000 people in both states.

More than 40 state, county and city officials met privately Monday to plan the \$2 million study and computer model.

"We got the support we needed today — that was evident," Jeff Selle, regulatory affairs coordinator for the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce, said after the meeting.

It could take two to four years to develop a model predicting the changing flows in the aquifer, Selle said. The group will pursue federal money this year to pay for the study, he said.

A power company proposal to draw 7 million gallons a day from the aquifer showed that little information was available about the aquifer. A hydrogeologist for Cogentrix Energy said its proposed plant's water use would not have a measurable impact on flows in the aquifer or the nearby Spokane River.

Montana town will gain spot on Superfund list

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday agreed to name the asbestos-tainted town of Libby to the national Superfund list as the most significant hazardous site in Montana.

The so-called "silver bullet" designation — each state is allowed to name one such "most significant" place for Superfund listing — automatically makes Libby one of the EPA's top 100 Superfund priorities.

Gov. Judy Martz made the request to the EPA in January to help with cleaning up contamination from the now-defunct vermiculite mine there. W.R. Grace & Co. operated the mine, which is being blamed for nearly 200 deaths and health problems of hundreds of other area residents.

Newspaper reports in 1999 first linked health problems in Libby to the mine, which closed in 1990.

The mine's vermiculite ore, which was used to make household products including insula-

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tion, contained harmful tremolite asbestos. The vermiculite also was used around town, including as a running surface on a school track.

Doctors plan surgical hospital in Post Falls

POST FALLS — A group of doctors will break ground this spring on an \$18 million specialty surgical hospital, setting off a dispute with Kootenai Medical Center, a nonprofit general hospital.

Ten doctors who own North Idaho Day Surgery have teamed with Chicago-based National Surgical Hospitals to launch the facility. National Surgical Hospitals is the majority owner.

Doctors involved in the project said Monday their hospital is expected to gross \$7.5 million to \$10 million a year, but deny it will have a major impact on Kootenai Medical Center.

Kootenai Medical Center's board of trustees last month adopted a resolution that gives the board the power to strip doctors of their hospital privileges if they have a conflict of interest — such as a stake in a competing hospital.

Panel blocks oil exploration near Arches National Park

WASHINGTON — An Interior Department appeals officer has halted oil exploration just outside of Arches National Park in Utah, saying letting the project proceed could cause irreparable harm.

Environmentalists blamed the Bush administration's rush to develop energy resources for the inadequate environmental studies.

"This is going to be example

one in the environmental community's case as to why the Bush administration energy policy is going to be damaging to the public lands," said Heidi McIntosh of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance.

The exploration is taking place a few miles from the northern border of Arches National Park, a 76,518-acre preserve known for its 2,000 arches carved by wind and water from sheer red sandstone.

BLM spokesman Larry Rifer said the bureau believed the concerns from the other agencies were taken into account. The bureau plans to provide the Interior's Board of Land Appeals with additional information justifying the project, said Utah BLM spokesman Don Banks.

Board tells tribe to reveal nuclear storage payments

SALT LAKE CITY — A federal regulatory board has told Goshute tribal leaders that they must disclose details of payments received from a consortium of power companies proposing to store nuclear waste on the Skull Valley reservation.

The financial details are being sought by tribal members opposed to waste storage.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board also said Goshute leaders must reveal how they spent the money and what future payments are expected for the proposed nuclear-waste storage pad about 45 miles from Salt Lake City.

The order follows years of speculation — much of it from Skull Valley members opposing the waste facility — about the money and how it has been used.

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Cigar lovers puff away at festival

Enthusiasts try out new brands in Cuba

HAVANA (AP) — A broad smile spread across his deeply creased face, world renowned Cuban tobacco grower Alejandro Robaina opened this year's international cigar festival inside a 16th-century Spanish fort with lots of rum, salsa and smoke from the world's most coveted stogie.

"This a pleasure for me," said Robaina, who turns 84 on March 10. This year's annual Habano Festival celebrates the fifth anniversary of the cigar brand created in his honor, the Vegas Robaina.



World renowned Cuban tobacco grower Alejandro Robaina presides over Monday's opening of the international cigar festival.

Over at the next table, Cuban leader Fidel Castro's eldest son, Fidelito, puffed away on a cigar as hot music groups Polo Montanez and his band entertained hundreds of foreigners Monday with their Latin-style country dance music.

About 600 cigar enthusiasts from 47 different countries will try out new brands, visit tobacco plantations, and go to elegant receptions and a \$400-a-head dinner traditionally attended by Fidel Castro during the five-day event.

The guest of honor, Robaina said he was also celebrating an especially good tobacco growing year that yielded some of the finest cigar wrapper leaves he had seen in some time. The year has been high, as well as the quality of the finished cigars, Robaina said.

Nevertheless, he admitted that exports had fallen in recent months, especially since the

an exceptional smoke.

"We have had a special year," he said.

"We now have wrappers to last for two or three years."

The general quality of the overall tobacco crop in the last year has been high, as well as the quality of the finished cigars, Robaina said.

Nevertheless, he admitted that exports had fallen in recent months, especially since the

start of a world recession aggravated by last September's terrorist attacks on the United States.

"When the economy is like this, it's normal," Robaina said. But he said he was sure that cigar export sales would pick up as the global economy improved "because the quality is getting better and better."

Cuba's cigars are among the world's most expensive. A box of

25 Cohiba "esplendidos" costs \$383.75 at one of Havana's many tobacco retail shops.

At least 70 percent of the Cuban cigar exports go to Europe. The other 30 percent is divided among other world markets, including the Middle East, Asia and Canada.

The U.S. trade embargo on communist Cuba prohibits the sales of Cuban cigars in the United States.

Pictures of man's ex-wife haunt his grieving widow

DEAR ABBY: My husband, Tom, had a heart attack and died six months ago. I was his second wife. He was married to his first wife, "Becky," for seven years before their divorce. They split up because Becky found someone who made more money. Five years later, Tom married me. We had seven happy years together. There were no children in either marriage.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

It took a month before I felt strong enough to go through Tom's personal belongings. He owned one wallet. Sadly, there were no pictures of me in his wallet, even though we had studio portraits taken together on two occasions and I had given him wallet-sized prints.

What I did find hidden in his wallet were two small snapshots of Tom and Becky, taken when they were newlyweds. I was stunned. In all the years we were married, if Becky's name was mentioned, Tom made nothing but negative remarks about her.

I feel certain they were not having an affair, but I can't help but wonder if Tom still loved her. Whenever I ask anyone, the person tells me what I want to hear—that the fact he could never say a kind word about Becky proves that he loved me. Abby, what are your thoughts on this? Please be straight with me.

DEAR HURTING IN VIRGINIA: DEAR HURTING: OK. There are many reasons why people keep souvenirs. It doesn't always mean that the person is carrying a torch. It's possible that your husband carried the old snapshots to remind him how lucky he was to have you in his life instead of the woman he had trusted who had caused him so much pain.

I know it's convoluted thinking, but since Tom is no longer here to explain it, please hold a good thought. I'm sure the pic-

tures had nothing to do with his feelings about you, with whom he spent seven happy years.

P.S. Wouldn't it be ironic if the pictures were there because Tom never bothered to clean out his wallet?

DEAR ABBY: As a first-time writer who loves your column, I am desperate for your advice.

I am 31, and for the past seven years have been married to a man I dearly love. We adopted two wonderful children who have made my life complete. Every day I thank God for the miracle he has given me by sending these precious little ones to us.

The problem I'm facing now seems insurmountable: My husband no longer wants to work. He was working before we adopted the kids, but now he won't stay on a job more than a few weeks at a time.

I love my children too much to put them through the heartache of doing without — and I don't want them growing up with their dad as this kind of role model.

As much as I love my husband, I am at the point of asking him to leave. Would it be wrong for me to do that, Abby?

—ON THE BRINK
IN KINGS MOUNTAIN, N.C.

DEAR ON THE BRINK: Before doing anything drastic, consider this: Your husband could be ill, depressed or drug-dependent. Insist he see his physician for a complete physical exam — and possibly counseling to explain his sudden change in behavior.

Cramped-up feeling won't last forever, Libra

IF FEBRUARY 27TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY — you possess humanitarian instincts, are generous and romantic. Life for you is giving and being in love. Aries, Libra persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters in names: L, R. During current cycle, you could change residences and marital status. Decision made last week will turn out to be favorable. Your intuitive intellect will be honored to razor-sharpness during March.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Relationship intensifies; it could get too hot not to cool down. Pressure is on due to added responsibility. You will be up to it if aware of time and finances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Leaving home for necessary journey could be a good thing. Look beyond the immediate, dare to dream. Individual you helped in past will return favor. Aries representative.

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Sydney Omarr

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Despite conversations with relatives, make fresh start in new direction. Wear brighter colors, make personal appearances. Romantic relationship grows hot and heavy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Potential exists for increase in income. Tonight will be a night of love and laughter, if you so permit. Cancer, Capricorn natives play major roles. Lucky number 12.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Lunar cycle high; your power of persuasion will be immense. Accent personality. Realize you will be at right place at crucial moment almost effortlessly. Sagittarius involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Feeling of "confinement" is temporary. Rewrite and rebuild; what had been rejected could now be accepted. Secret meeting tonight will lend spice. Scorpio plays fascinating role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get ideas, concepts on paper. You win friends and influence people. You will have luck in matters of speculation by sticking with number 5. Gemini will reveal top secret.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Conflict could exist between career and domestic life. Be diplomatic, don't force issues. Financial prospects brighter than expected. Libra helps decorate home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lunar position accents communication, travel and romance. Avoid self-deception. Dreams can become realities if you put promises in writing. Virgo will play prominent role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Investigate financial stability of one who would be your partner or mate. Occult literature could provide answer to dilemma. Cancer native will play sensational role. Listen!

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You could be talk of the town! Focus on legal rights, permissions and marriage. Travel invitation could include foreign nation. Aries, Libra persons will play significant roles.

Arizona's climate gives boost to state's population

Among the men of ancient Germany, only the servants were clean-shaven.

Film crews working in the deserts keep buckets of ice chips handy, and dip into same with great regularity. A variation of the Foreign Legion's old pebble-in-the-mouth trick, that keeps water consumption. Unsticks the tongues of the actors.



REVISTED
L.M. Boyd

nothing as stupid as an educated man, if you get him off the thing that he was educated in."

Sign on Extrasensory Perception Laboratory door at the University of California, Los Angeles: "ESP Lab. No need to knock. We know you're there."

Q. Why is midday — 12 o'clock — called "noon"?

A. Fasting among Christians centuries ago permitted a snack

at the ninth hour after sunrise — a time called "Nones." It usually occurred around 3 p.m. But the hungry devout fasted, bringing it ever earlier. In the 12th century, it stabilized at midday and became "noon."

Q. Where was the world's first high school built?

A. Near Niagara Falls. More specifically at Lockport, N.Y. in the 1850s.

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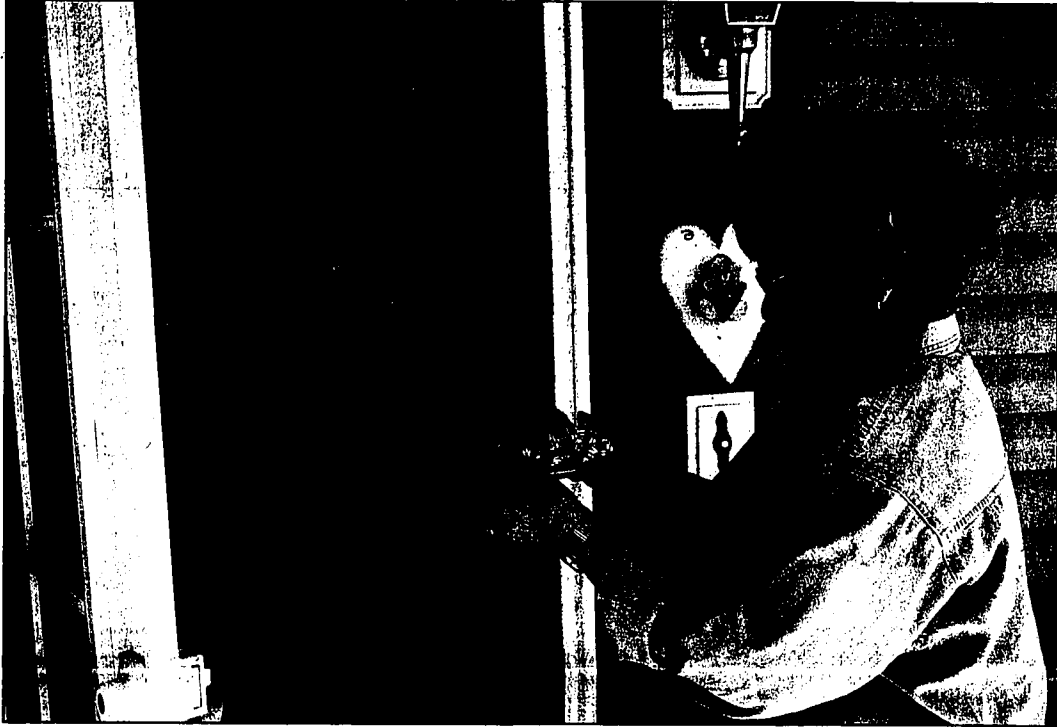
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Section C

Comfort foods



Carolyn King delivers a plate of fresh-baked Chocolate Chip Cookies to her neighbor, Sharita Barnes. King is a favorite visitor in her neighborhood, where she knows everybody, because she bakes weekly and always shares her goodies.

Local woman cooks for others, helps others learn to cook

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - She is of pioneer stock, from the Oakley area. Carolyn King, born and reared in Springdale, a settlement just outside of Declo, specializes in comfort foods.

Her mother taught her to cook soups and stews and breads and cinnamon rolls and cookies.

When she was a child, she says, her mom made beans and homemade bread at least once a week and stew once a week, too.

Her father was co-owner and operator of a bean and grain elevator, so King learned to appreciate beans early.

His family raised sheep, and he

taught his daughter Dutch-oven cookery.

As a full-time mom, King always tried to have something cooked when the children came home from school.

After a while, the children started bringing friends home with them, and other neighbor children would just show up.

King worked as a teachers' aide in a special-needs classroom for about four years, but her mother's health was failing, so she quit work to take care of her mother.

King and her husband, Ron, have three grown daughters and an 18-year-old son, who will be going on a mission in the spring.

The Kings have seven grandchildren.

These days, when many young

women don't know how to cook, King feels so strongly about the importance of young people learning to cook that she took on the job of storage-cooking specialist for her church's women's group. She now teaches young women cooking basics.

The Kings are avid skiers. They introduced their daughters to skiing when they were around 3.

Ron King was a ski instructor at Sun Valley, so their son was introduced to skiing at an even earlier age, around 18 months.

By the age of 3, he was skiing on his own.

In addition to skiing and cooking, King also quilts, works with stained glass and paints in oils, acrylics and watercolors.

She advises cleaning and rinsing

beans and putting them into a pot of cold water before cooking them. Then, bring to a boil and boil for 1 minute. Shut off the heat, allow the beans to sit for 1 hour, drain the water off the beans and cover with fresh, warm water. Add a pinch of baking soda to the pot of beans if you have hard water. Put back on the heat, and cook according to your recipe.

When the King family hosted a girl named Miriam from Brazil, they received this recipe.

SEIJOADA (Brazilian Black Beans)

4 cups Brazilian black beans, prepared as advised above.

Once you put the warm water on the beans, simmer for 2 hours. When the beans are starting to get tender but aren't yet done, add;

1 pound salt pork
8 sticks beef jerky, cut up
Cook for 1 hour longer.
Add 1 pound link sausages, cut up and a few bacon strips, cut up. You can also add a ham hock, some short ribs or pork ribs, if you wish.
1 onion, chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced

Add all this to the beans and simmer till the beans are done and all the meat is tender. To test the beans for doneness, lift one out onto the lid of the pan and mash it with a fork. Remove the meat from the pot of beans, remove any bones and return the meat to the pot. Serve in a bowl over white rice.

In Brazil, they serve this dish with sliced oranges on top.

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Have fun with tulip arrangements

Netherlands Flower
Bulb Information Center

When it comes to flower arranging, no flower is more adaptable - or impish in the vase - than the tulip. Floral experts say tulips are among the easiest cut flowers to arrange, and the most fun to try to control.

"Tulips have what floral designers call big personality," said Mieke Stap, design expert for the International Flower Bulb Center in Hillegom, Holland. "This is because the flower itself is so defined - with its classic shape, strong stem, vivid colors and colorful history."

And then there's the fact that tulips "dance."

Once you turn your back, tulips you just arranged may begin to move around in the vase, by themselves," Stap said. Indeed, in speeded-up, stop-action film tulip flowers can actually be seen bobbing and weaving in the vase, twisting

and turning at will.

Unlike other flowers, tulips also continue to grow taller after they are cut, according to Stap, and the flower is attracted to sources of light and affected by gravity.

The resulting movement, affectionately dubbed "tulip droop," is highly prized by hip floral designers.

These traits, plus their vast variety and long vase life, can make tulips fun to arrange for beginning floral designers, because they usually sort themselves out in the end.

Spring is a good time to have fun with flowers. Short days seem brighter with playful arrangements of colorful blooms.

Here are some tips. For more, visit www.bulb.com.

QUICK TRICKS WITH TULIP LEAVES: Tulips have great leaves. But sometimes, when vases look crowded, we'd like fewer leaves and more flowers. It's easy to strip off leaves by pulling them downward with a



gentle tug. To get more flowers in one arrangement, place some "leafless" flower stems throughout the arrangement, particularly in the center. A tip: Retain the leaves on the outermost tulips,



positioning some of these so the lower leaves fan gracefully (rounded out at the crease) over the container edge.



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FOOD & HOME

Real estate prices in Aspen rise sky high

By Mimi Avins
Los Angeles Times

ASPEN, Colo. — Five days before former Enron Corp. Chairman Kenneth L. Lay took a verbal whipping from members of the Senate Commerce Committee, a 3,015-square-foot home he and his wife, Linda, bought in 1991 for \$1.95 million sold for a soothing \$10 million.

The Lays had planned to retire to the cozy retreat they called "the cottage." One of their grandchildren was baptized there, and they'd celebrated a son's wedding in the yard, which borders the roaring Fork River, a scenic stream that meanders around the village of Aspen. Now the Lay 1950s cottage is someone else's tear-down. Brad Bell, executive producer and head writer of a CBS soap opera, could replace it with something bold and beautiful.

"In Minneapolis or Cincinnati, people would make some improvements on a house like this. But here, someone paid \$10 million for the dirt," said local investor Bruce Carlson. "The buyer will probably scrape the house and build a pretty nice place for another \$10 million."

The Lays collected some rarefied Rocky Mountain dirt. Before the collapse of Enron and the specter of stratospheric legal bills mandated some quick de-acquisition, the couple owned three houses and a lot in Aspen, in addition to property in Houston, where they are based, and Galveston, Texas.

Besides the cottage on Shady



Former Enron chief Kenneth Lay and his wife sold one home in Aspen, Colo., for \$10 million.

Lane, they are also selling a 4,537-square-foot house for which they paid \$4.825 million in November 1999 (list price: \$6.125 million) and a slightly larger house across the street, for which they paid \$6.145 million in August 2000 (list price: \$6.150 million). A 3-acre lot in a subdivision of \$5-million homes that face the ski runs of Ajax Mountain sold for more than \$2 million on Feb. 12, the day Lay, 59, was in Washington exercising his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination.

Midwestern merchant princes, Wall Street power lords, Texas oil barons, Hollywood knights and Bel-Air trust fund princesses have been coming to Aspen, a once-booming silver mining town nestled 8,000 feet above sea level, since the 1950s. As luxury playgrounds go, Aspen has it all: spec-

tacular natural beauty, athletic diversions, sophisticated restaurants and a range of intellectual pursuits and cultural activities, crowned by a summer music festival.

What other American ski burg has Chanel, Gucci, Prada, Fendi, Bulgari, Louis Vuitton, Dior and Baccarat boutiques? The Alpine Bank automated teller machine at the foot of Aspen Mountain's Silver Queen Gondola spits out crisp, new \$100 bills so anyone getting \$500 of pocket change won't be burdened by a messy wad of twenties.

Among its other charms, Aspen, which has only 6,000 year-round residents, has become known as a smart place to invest in real estate. But even Aspen has its version of hard times. Joshua Savlove of Joshua & Co., who represents

the Lay properties, reduced the prices of the pair of larger homes last week from \$6.5 and \$6.8 million. Until these homes sell, the Lays will be on the hook for monthly mortgage payments of \$36,429 and \$28,217. The annual property taxes on the two homes are \$9,967 and \$7,672.

Employee housing is a problem that Aspen government has made an effort to address.

"The chambermaids and busboys have to live in Paonia, Basalt and Silt," Carlson said. "On a winter day, that's a two-hour drive."

During the Christmas holidays, the Lays sometimes took half a dozen rooms at a \$300-per-night motel for their staff.

When they were in town, the couple said, "in an effort to get involved with a number of local organizations. All but \$4 million of the \$52.5 million in the Lay Family Foundation in 2000 was in Enron stock, according to the Wall Street Journal, so it isn't clear whether a \$300,000 pledge they made to the Aspen Music Festival and School and a \$110,000 payment, the second of a pledged \$550,000 to the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies, will be made.

If a man has been touched by scandal, does he find himself alone on a chairlift designed for four? Convicted insider traders and trophy wives with questionable histories have settled happily in Aspen, which is considered a very forgiving town.

Bill White, whose family owned the Bank of Aspen from the '60s to the '80s, said, "In Aspen, the only sin is not having enough money to come to the party."

A look inside Lay's Aspen homes

By Mimi Avins
Los Angeles Times

ASPEN, Colo. — Kenneth and Linda Lay's two 4,500-square-foot houses that are now on the market for just over \$6.1 million sit on a pretty cul-de-sac with views of Aspen Mountain, in a neighborhood called Oklahoma Flats. According to neighbors, the Lays, who have five adult children and six grandchildren, preferred to stay in the cottage while family members would vacation in the Oklahoma Flats homes.

Linda Lay, 56, decorated the cottage herself and designed some of the landscaping. In the living room of the larger Oklahoma Flats house, which has river frontage, a red, yellow and blue plastic child's table and bench is the only element that clashes with the earth tones of the formal country decor. All the conventions of the Aspen look are included: high, vaulted ceilings, exposed lodgepole beams, a two-story rock fireplace in the living room, windows generous enough to do justice to the dramatic environment and a natural stone wall surrounding the property.

By liberally appointing every room with exquisite materials in the other home, across Spring

Street, local developer-designer Kristeen Church created the feeling of a medieval manor in the English countryside. A wood-savvy company in Pennsylvania provided old barn siding as well as weathered, mitered beams that could have graced an Amish farmhouse. For the floors, Church had random widths of antique wooden inlaid planks and glazed with a natural finish that lets the warm brown, orange and golden tones of the wood shine through. The marble in the master suite has been crushed and tumbled to give it a more primitive finish, then moldered. In the house's 1 1/2 bathrooms, cabinets are of distressed alder wood are stained a deep chestnut. Kitchen cabinets are of whitewashed bead board.

Stairway railings attached to the wall are carved branches; hand-hewn and waxed; reproductions of old, rustic hinges are dark metal; local farmer's stone in the living room fireplace has been aged; burnished copper exterior pipes glimmer in the afternoon sun. It was Church's idea to sink wide logs into the plaster of one wall in a guest bedroom. But Courtney Herrold, the wife of Linda Lay's son David, chose all the furnishings and fabrics.

King

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Caroly King said beans freeze well, and she likes to make large dishes and freeze part for another day when she may not have time to make the dish from scratch.

CHILI

2 cups dry small red beans
Clean, bring to a boil for 1 minute, let sit an hour, rinse and cover with warm water. Let the pot simmer 1 hour.

Add:
2 teaspoons chili powder, or to taste
A sprinkle of cayenne pepper 1 bay leaf

In another pan, brown 2 pounds ground beef and 1 onion, chopped. Drain, and add to the bean pot.

Add:
3 garlic cloves, minced
3/4 cup brown sugar
1 chili brick
1 teaspoon ginger
Cook on low with the lid off till everything is nearly done, then add 1/4 quart tomato juice or 2 cans tomato paste and 3/4 cup catsup.

NOTE: King said tomatoes need to be added last, when the beans are done, because the acid in tomatoes stops the cooking of the beans.

Beans go well with homemade bread.

MISSI'S CANT-FAIL BREAD

Makes 1 1/2-pound loaf

In your bread machine, put:

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons water

2 tablespoons oil

Measure out into a bowl:

3 cups bread flour, sifted to fluff it up a bit

2 tablespoons sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons powdered milk

Make a well in the flour, and add 2 teaspoons yeast. Mix the dry ingredients together, and add to the bread machine. Set the machine to regular bread, and let it do its thing.

Serve the chili and bread with a green salad.

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

2 pounds margarine

3 cups white sugar

4 cups brown sugar

Beat 5 minutes. Add 6 eggs.

Beat 3 minutes.

Add:

12 cups flour

3 teaspoons salt

3 teaspoons soda

2 teaspoons vanilla

Beat 5 minutes.

Add 4 cups chocolate chips and chopped nuts, as desired. Drop onto greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350 degrees 10-12 minutes.

Mulch makes a blanket to protect your garden

Let's see if we can define mulch so that everyone has a clear understanding of what it is and how to use it.

Mulch is a blanket we use in the garden. That blanket is laid on top of the soil to moderate soil temperatures and moisture, prevent wind seeds from sprouting and help the garden look tidy.

The most desirable mulch material is something organic, something that will break down naturally and enrich the soil beneath with nutrients and improved texture. A three-inch layer of bark mulch is ideal. Other materials, such as leaves, sawdust and grass clippings are commonly used, too.

Non-organic mulch blankets include black plastic, landscape fabric and the like. None of these materials will allow the soil to breathe as well as the organic blanket, and none will break down to enrich the soil.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

If you leave a layer of bark, grass clippings or leaves undisturbed on garden soil for several months, good things happen. First, you'll notice that the layer of mulch you put down isn't as thick as it once was. When you lift a small section, you'll find it decayed. You have recanted what Mother Nature does on the forest floor.

Nature renews soil when leaves and other organic debris drops to the ground. The debris decays, releasing nutrients that help plants grow, as well as tiny particles

that improve the soil structure. When your mulch decays, you may decide to turn it under, into the soil, to help it rot more quickly. Or, you can simply put a fresh layer of mulch over it.

DEAR CATHY: How do I sprout an avocado seed?
—LOTTA GUACAMOLE

DEAR GUACAMOLE: My mother used to stick three toothpicks into the avocado seed right about where you might say it has a waist. The bottom, or rounded end, was suspended in a glass of water. Then the whole thing went onto the windowsill. It took a long time to sprout, but Mom kept the glass filled high enough to keep the bottom wet.

I have a book that recommends you soak the seed in hot water for 30 minutes, which keeps root away. Then they cut a thin slice

off the top, or pointy end, dip that end in fungicide and set it in sandy seed oil mix with the cut end slightly above the soil surface. It takes about four weeks for the avocado to sprout. By this time next year, you should have an attractive avocado tree growing in your living room.

TIP OF THE WEEK: This time of year, my windowsills get quite crowded. I extended the windowsill garden by putting a 9-by-13-inch cake pan upside down on the counter beside the sill. Pots on the cake pan are almost as high as they would be on the sill, get lots of lights and it's easy to water them all at once. I can get two six-inch pots on one cake pan.

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

Tulips

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WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE: Anything that can hold water can be a container for cut flowers. Why limit yourself to "official" vases? Also, try old stuff you find around. Cut tulips are equally at home in a child's bucket, plastic tumbler, tin can, candy dish, pitcher or teapot.

LEAKY VESSELS? Leaky vessels can make good containers, too — if you hide a water-tight container inside. The technique: Slip an ordinary glass container or can inside an outer decorative container. Be sure to make a good "fit" so the inner container won't be tipsy. Fun outer-options to consider: Colorful woven baskets, brightly painted flower pots, worn leather work boots, scooped-out melons, wooden boxes, even toy

barns and silos. Use this technique to keep using beloved-but-broken containers and vases.

GREEN SLEEVES: For a look that's as fun as it is fanciful, try "leaf lashing" to transform an ordinary vase with a leafy green sleeve. Select large, sturdy non-wilting leaves (such as magnolia leaves) to position vertically around a vase, each slightly overlapping. (These can be purchased from a floral shop.) Trim the leaves uniformly to the height of your vase. Wrap two long strips of double-sided cellophane tape around the vase to serve as an anchor to hold the leaves during assembly and after. Secure the finished product with a tied-on belt of ribbon or ruffia.

FRIVOLOUS FILLERS — FEATHERS FOR INSTANCE: Flowers are sleek; feathers are fluffy. Mix the two together for a frivolous look that's equal parts elegant and silly. (Wired feather tufts are available from craft and floral supply stores.) What else might you mix in instead? You name it. It's your arrangement.

SHAPE ECHOING: Another concept used by professional floral designers is repetition of shapes within an arrangement. This is fun to do and adds a new twist to mixing and matching flowers and vases. For example, you might start with plump, double tulips (which have a round, full flower shape reminiscent of peonies) and then echo round shapes throughout your arrangement. One round combo mixes lush double tulips with ball-shaped viburnum in a potbellied pitcher.

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Hawaiian food can leave its mark on visitors

I sampled sumptuous Hawaiian cuisine first-hand this winter. I spent a couple of weeks on the Big Island at a family reunion hosted by a sis, who lives near Hilo.

We soaked up the sunshine and learned all about live volcanoes. Kilauea is still oozing lava down its eastern flank, just a few miles from where Sis lives.

Every time the family went out to eat lunch or dinner in a restaurant, one brother-in-law would order steak and potatoes. Not me. I ate Hawaiian at every opportunity. It's not every day that I get to eat authentic foods prepared by cooks of other ethnic backgrounds in their own backyard with their unique home-grown ingredients.

I even raided the Sunday-morning Farmer's Market at Pahoa and took some fresh foods back to my sis's house to fix in her kitchen later.

"Ulu," or bread fruit, tastes like a cross between summer squash and potatoes. Jackfruit tastes like Juicy Fruit gum. Taro tastes like veggie burger. Tiny finger bananas that grow wild in the jungle are as sweet as banana bread. Guava tastes like Planter's plunch. Tree-ripened strawberry papaya is absolutely out of this world.

A couple of Hawaiian cookbooks found their way into my suitcase for the trip home, so I could recreate some of the flavors of Hawaii. Hawaii really shows the melting-pot nature of America in a small space.

At the Farmer's Market, I tasted a spicy beef curry dish that could have been made from this recipe. It was served up by a lady dressed in a sarong.

BEEF CURRY
Serves 6 to 8
1/3 cup hot water
1 tablespoon dried tamarind
3 tablespoons macadamia oil (can substitute peanut oil)
1 1/2 pounds round steak or



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

stewing beef, cut into 1-inch cubes

- 1 tablespoon curry paste
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cups unsweetened coconut milk
- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon cardamom
- 1 large potato, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1/2 cup chopped macadamia nuts (can substitute almonds, cashews or filberts)

In a small bowl, combine the hot water and tamarind. Let stand 30 minutes, then strain. Reserve the liquid, and discard the solids. Set aside. In a large pot, heat the oil over medium heat. Add beef and brown on all sides. Add the curry paste and stir to coat the beef well. Add onion, and stir to mix. Stir in the coconut milk and reserved tamarind liquid, fish sauce, sugar and cardamom and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer 1 to 1 1/2 hours, stirring often, until the beef is very tender. Add potatoes and nuts. Cover and simmer an additional 30 minutes, stirring often, or until the potato is tender. Serve over steamed rice.

This dish shows the strong Philippine influence found in Hawaii.

- CHICKEN ADOBO**
Serves 11
5 pounds chicken thighs, skin removed
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/2 cup white vinegar
1/2 cup water
3 cloves garlic, crushed
2 bay leaves
1 whole cinnamon stick

- 1 whole star anise (available in Asian markets)
 - 1/2 teaspoon whole peppercorns
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
- Combine all ingredients in a large pot, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer for 45 minutes. Serve with rice.

The word "manapua" is a contraction of Hawaiian words and literally means "delicious pork thing." This dish shows an Asian influence.

- MANAPUA**
Makes 16 to 20
1 pound lean boneless pork
3 tablespoons finely chopped mushrooms
2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro
1 stalk green onion, finely sliced
2 containers refrigerator biscuit dough
Red food coloring
Char siu marinade
1/2 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup sugar, or to taste
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 drops red food coloring
Cut the pork into 4-by-2-by-1-inch strips. Combine the marinade ingredients and marinate the pork about 30 to 60 minutes. Place the pork in a baking dish and roast for 15 minutes at 450 degrees. Turn the pork slices over, reduce the heat to 350 degrees and roast for 30 minutes more. To prepare the manapua filling, dice the meat. Add the mushrooms, cilantro and green onion. To assemble the manapua, flatten 1 biscuit dough slightly, shape it around a tablespoon of the filling. Pinch and twist the dough closed. Repeat, using all the dough and filling. Place the manapua, twisted side up, on a piece of wax paper, arranged in a metal or bamboo steamer. Stick the end of a chopstick into the red food coloring and imprint a dot in the center top of each manapua. Steam the manapua for 15

minutes or brush the tops with oil and bake in the oven at 350 degrees for 12 minutes or until golden. Makes 16 to 20 manapua.

Macadamias combined with chocolate are the essence of Hawaii.

- TRIPLE CHOCOLATE MACADAMIA ICEBOX COOKIES**
Makes about 24 cookies
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
2 ounces unsweetened chocolate
2 tablespoons butter
3/4 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/2 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
2 cups finely chopped macadamia nuts (can substitute almonds, cashews or filberts)
1/2 cup white chocolate chips
In the top of a double boiler, melt the chocolate chips, unsweetened chocolate and butter over simmering water. Stir to blend well. Set aside to cool. In a large bowl, beat together the eggs, sugar and vanilla until the mixture is pale and thick. Beat in the cooled chocolate mixture until smooth. Add flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in the macadamia nuts and white chocolate chips. The dough will be very soft and sticky. With a rubber spatula, form the dough into a log about 15 inches long on a piece of plastic wrap. Roll tightly, and secure in another piece of plastic wrap. Freeze at least 3 hours and up to 3 months. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly oil two baking sheets. Remove dough from the freezer. Slice dough 3/4-inch thick, and place on prepared baking sheets. Bake about 12 minutes, or until cookies are set. Cool on baking sheets.

Dixie Thomas Reale welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is 503 W. Eighth, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

SPAM recipe contest champ breaks the mold

By Rex W. Huppke
The Associated Press

GOSPORT, Ind. — Mary Jones, homemaker, wife and mother, rarely strays from the rural roads of south central Indiana. She hasn't been to a mall in more than six years. She has never been on an airplane.

That's about to change. Inside the green-and-white checkered walls of her tiny kitchen, Jones created a recipe for oversized muffins made of cranberry, corn bread stuffing and SPAM Oven Roasted Turkey. Judged the best of 1,400 entries in SPAM's annual national recipe competition, her concoction will soon appear on 5 million cans of luncheon meat.

It already is seen globally on the Internet (<http://www.spam.com>). Her prize includes a \$2,500 shopping spree at the Mall of America in Minneapolis.

"All this is just so fast-paced for me," Jones says. "I don't fly and I don't travel. Nothing really happens here in Gosport."

Well, that's not entirely true. A wicker basket atop a cabinet in the Jones kitchen overflows with red, white, purple and blue ribbons. There's first place in the Fluffy Biscuit Contest. And she and 10-year-old son Daniel won the 2000 Sweet Treat Championship at the state fair, knocking judges out with no-bake key lime cookies.

Jones' doting mother, Beverly

Rossell, who met with fame here by traveling to San Francisco last year for the Pillsbury Bake Off, believes this is her 30-year-old daughter's reward for living selflessly. Rossell points out the branches of red rose hips, which Jones picked from the roadside, lining the living room ceiling, a way to brighten her aging two-story farmhouse on a tight budget.

Now, Jones has plans to scoop up video games for her children, a guitar for her husband, Billy, maybe a few things for the house. With whatever's left over she'll buy herself something nice, maybe a new dress or an outfit.

Here's the winning recipe:

- SPAM OVEN ROASTED TURKEY MEGA-MUFFINS**
4 eggs
2 cups heavy cream
1 6-ounce package cornbread stuffing mix
1 12-ounce can SPAM Oven Roasted Turkey, cut into 12-inch cubes
1/2 cup sweetened dried cranberries
Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, combine eggs and cream. Add stuffing mix, SPAM and cranberries. Stir until evenly mixed. Allow to set for five minutes. Lightly grease an extra-large muffin or popover pan; fill 2/3 full. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until set in center. Let stand for five minutes before removing from pan. Makes 6-8 muffins.

IHOP imitation might as well be the real thing

By Beverly Bundy
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Pat Holding, Keller, Texas, e-mailed looking for IHOP's harvest grain pancake recipe. IHOP doesn't share its recipes, but I found a copycat version on the Web. You can cover and freeze these after they cool. To reheat, just put a stack in the microwave on high for 2 minutes.

- IHOP HARVEST GRAIN 'N NUT PANCAKES**
Yield: 12 pancakes
3/4 cup Quaker oats
3/4 cup whole-wheat flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups buttermilk
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 egg
1/4 cup sugar

- 3 tablespoons finely chopped blanched almonds
 - 3 tablespoons finely chopped walnuts
 - Lightly oil a skillet or griddle, and preheat it to medium heat. Grind the oats in a blender or food processor until fine, like flour. Combine ground oats, whole wheat flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a medium bowl. In another bowl combine buttermilk, oil, egg and sugar with an electric mixer until smooth. Combine dry ingredients with wet ingredients, add nuts and mix well with mixer. Ladle 1/3 cup of the batter onto the hot skillet and cook the pancakes for 2 to 4 minutes per side or until brown.
- <http://joyceplace01.tripod.com/Recipes/international-house-of-pancakes.htm>

Shrimp fits the mold of the best seafood dip ever

By Ellen Hawka
The Baltimore Sun

Gil Collins of Baltimore remembers attending a party 18 years ago where everyone brought a dish. "and this lady made what she called a seafood dip and she gave me the recipe, which I later misplaced. It was the best dip I have ever had." Christine Tomosky of Latrobe, Pa., responded: "I believe it is the one Gil Collins is seeking. My

Recipe finder

mother tasted this recipe at an office party, and it has been a family tradition ever since."
SHRIMP MOLD
1/2 cup cold water
2 envelopes Knox gelatin
1 can tomato soup
1 8-ounce package cream cheese, at room temperature
1 pound shrimp (or 1/2 pound shrimp and 1/2 pound crab

meat), shelled, deveined and cooked
1/2 cup finely diced celery
1/2 cup finely diced onion
1 cup mayonnaise or Miracle Whip
Mix water and gelatin in a small bowl and let rest. Make soup according to the directions on the can. Over medium-low heat, add the cream cheese and mix well until the cream cheese is dissolved in the soup. No cheese lumps should remain.

Remove from heat. Add the gelatin to the soup/cream cheese mixture. Combine remaining ingredients in the soup mixture. Place mixture in a decorative mold. Refrigerate until firm. Serves 12 as an appetizer.
NOTE: Be sure to use the kind of mold with the removable round circle that releases the mold (Tupperware makes lots of these). This is perfect served with an array of crackers or slices of baguette.

Prevent Childhood Injury During Sports and Recreational Activities

Participation of children, especially girls, in organized and informal sports and recreational activities continues to grow. At present, more than 30 million kids participate in organized sports in the United States. Sports participation is beneficial to children in many ways. It can improve physical fitness, coordination, self-discipline and teamwork, as well as promote a sense of personal satisfaction and accomplishment. However, growth in sports participation has contributed to an increase in sports- and recreation-related injuries. The

risk of physical injury is inherent in sports participation. Furthermore, children are more susceptible to these injuries because they are still growing and are in the process of gaining motor and cognitive skills. It is estimated that half of all organized sports-related injuries among children can be prevented. Protective equipment, safer playing environments and rules designed to prevent injury are successful in reducing the frequency and severity of sports- and recreation-related injuries among children.

These sports have the highest risk of injury if no safety precautions are taken.

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| Basketball | In-line Skating | Sledding |
| Football | Roller Skating | Snow Skiing |
| Soccer | Skateboarding | Bicycling |
| Baseball | Playgrounds | Gymnastics |
| Softball | Trampolines | Ice Skating |
| | Snowboarding | |

Injury Prevention Tips

- Protective equipment, safe play conditions (e.g., field surfacing, maintenance, etc.) and the development and enforcement of safety rules help reduce the number and severity of sports and recreation injuries.
- Children should always wear appropriate safety gear when participating in sports and recreational activities.
- Make sure proper physical and psychological conditioning, use of appropriate safety equipment, a safe playing environment, adequate adult supervision, and safety rules that are enforced are included in any sports program.
- Ensure that children drink an adequate amount of liquids while engaging in athletic activities.
- Provide children with proper training and skills building when they are learning a new sport.
- Match and group children according to similar skill level, weight and physical maturity, especially for contact sports.

Source: National SAFE KIDS Campaign.

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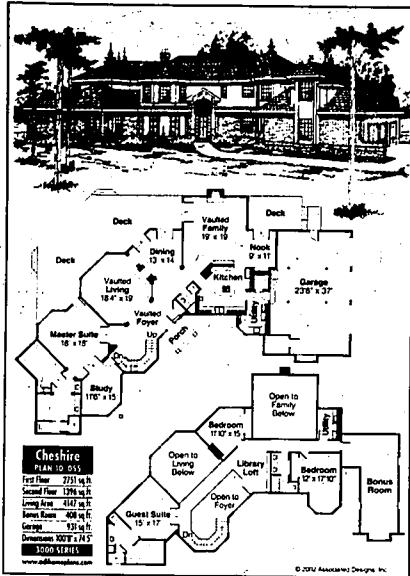
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Small, electric space heaters can reduce your utility bills



Large, estate-quality home gives elegant first impression

Classic columns support the Cheshire's grand entry portico, creating an elegant first impression in keeping with this large, estate-quality home. Brick and stucco combine with multipaned windows to give it a Tudor flavor.

Inside, the home is equally stately. The ceiling in the paritrican entry and richly glassed octagonal living room is two stories high. A second floor bridge divides the two environments while leaving the illusion that the living room and entry are one huge room. A polished wooden balustrade, on the left, sweeps up to the second floor.

The luxurious master suite is an adult retreat, well-isolated from family activities. Amenities include a bayed sitting area, enormous walk-in closet, sumptuous spa tub, oversized shower, two vanities and access to the expansive patio. A door could be added between the study and the master bedroom.

Kitchen and family room are bright and open, with only an

eating bar separating them. The spacious kitchen has every convenience. Utilities are but a few steps away, accessible from the three-car garage, as well. In the family room, vaulting adds drama to the two-story-high skylit ceiling. Still more light streams in through stacked windows that flank the fireplace.

Second floor rooms in the Cheshire are equally generous in size. They include a library/loft that overlooks the entry, three bedrooms (one with walk-in closet and private bathroom), a dual-compartment bathroom, a balcony open to the family room and an L-shaped bonus room.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Drive, Department W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Cheshire 10-055 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 300 home plans is available for \$15. For more information, call (800) 634-0123.

Turnovers make dinner easy

By Andy Badeker
Chicago Tribune

Here is a convenience-oriented modification of a family favorite, biscuits. This version of a meat pie is said to have immigrated to the Plains states with "Volga Germans." These farmers, invited to homestead in Russia in the 1700s by Catherine the Great, had their privileges revoked in the 19th century; many headed for the Americas.

- EASY BEEF AND CABBAGE TURNSOVERS**
Yield: 16 turnovers
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped
1/2 pound ground beef
1/2 head green cabbage, cored, thinly sliced
1/2 teaspoon each: salt, freshly ground pepper
2 packages (17.3 ounces each) refrigerated large reduced-fat biscuits (16 total)
1 egg yolk
2 teaspoons water
Heat olive oil in large skillet over high heat. Add onion; cook, stirring, until starting to brown, 3

Dinner tonight

minutes.
Add ground beef; cook, breaking up lumps, until all pink is gone, 5 minutes. Drain fat. Stir cabbage; reduce heat to medium.
Cover; cook, stirring occasionally, until cabbage is limp and translucent, 10 minutes.
Uncover; cook to let excess moisture evaporate, 2 minutes. Stir in salt and pepper.

Let cool. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Roll biscuits out between sheets of wax paper to 6-inch-diameter circles. Arrange about 1/4 cup of the cabbage mixture on lower half of each biscuit, leaving a 1/4-inch border of dough.
Fold top half over mixture; press edges together with tines of fork to seal.
Whisk together egg and water; brush turnovers with egg yolk mixture. Place turnovers on foil-lined baking sheets. Bake until tops are golden brown, 12 minutes.

DEAR JIM: A couple of rooms in my home are always chilly. I want to use two small efficient electric space heaters instead of turning up the thermostat. How can I determine which designs are best and safest for my children?

-SUE R.

DEAR SUE: Using small electric space heaters is wise. Even if you have a gas or oil furnace, using a few heaters instead of cranking up the thermostat can cut your utility bills. It can also improve your comfort because you get heat where you need it the most. When you are shopping for one and see the myriad of electric space heater designs, styles, sizes, and prices, it can be mind boggling. There actually are significant differences in the controls, heat distribution and safety of the various designs and models so don't just buy the cheapest one on sale.

Before buying an electric space heater, think about how it will be used most often. This determines the best design and important features to consider. The basic design types are convection (fan), low-temperature radiant (oil-filled) and high-temperature

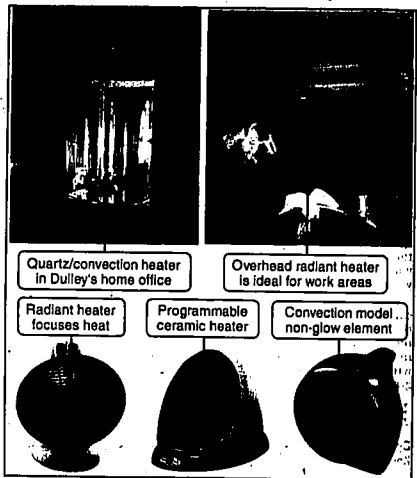
focused radiant heaters. To heat a large area, convection, baseboard or tall oil-filled radiator, types of electric heaters are effective. For smaller areas or a specific spot, a high-temperature radiant heater focuses the heat more effectively.

Within the basic types are many design variations and features. Since you mentioned safety around children, some of the newer convection models use either non-glow elements or ceramic elements. These reduce the chances of a hand getting burnt or having a child ignite a piece of paper in the heater.

Ceramic heating elements are unique in that they self-regulate the heat output. As the room temperature gets warmer, the resistance of the ceramic element increases so less electricity is used and less heat is produced. The newest ceramic heaters are programmable and use digital displays.

For the most precise temperature control in a room, select one of the new convection heaters with a temperature dial. Instead of the unit just switching on and off when the temperature setting is reached, it stays on but the heat output slows. This maintains more even room temperatures.

Quartz heaters use elements that glow red to radiate heat like the sun does to target a specific area. Some models also include a tiny, quiet fan to gently circulate and mix the room air. Select one with a child-safe, snap-off grill to allow you to replace the bulbs or clean the reflectors.



Space heaters provide comfort and all-around savings.

Technically, all electric heating elements are 100 percent efficient, so do not let the packaging hype fool you. Check for these features - adjustable thermostat, several heat settings, automatic freeze guard, and timers.
Write for Update Bulletin No. 706 - buyer's guide of 10 electric

space heater manufacturers listing design types, heat settings, thermostats, comfort and safety features, a savings chart, and safe usage tips. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE.
Write to James Dullea, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Good old lettuce begins a comeback in dinner salads

By Adrienne Cook
The Washington Post

After several years of being upstaged by the wildly popular "mesclun" or baby-greens salad mixtures that have become so trendy, tried-and-true lettuce appears to be making a comeback.

In the excitement over such novel greens as arugula, sorrel and mache, we have perhaps lost sight of the extraordinary variety of plain old lettuces. Except even ordinary varieties are never plain when they are harvested young and fresh from the garden. And nothing can surpass the sheer beauty of many lettuce varieties, which can look stunning when sown together.

Seeds can be started indoors in a sowing tray in the garden in about a month. There are nearly 800 varieties of lettuce in the United States, though only a fraction of that number is widely available. More obscure varieties come and go as seed companies change offerings. The gardener who grows a beloved variety might consider saving seeds to ensure a supply by letting a few plants bolt to flower and seed in early summer.

There are four types of lettuce, each with its distinct appearance, growth habit and, to a certain degree, flavor.

• Looseleaf types are open and often frilly, with leaves that are tender but not fragile. As a class, they are the easiest to grow and come in the greatest range of color and shape, including red, pink, speckled, lobed, ruffled, frilly and pointed. With names like Oakleaf and Deertongue, Smile, Bionda Liscia, Gold Rush and Merlot, they are endlessly exciting.

• Butterhead types are like a Boston lettuce: A distinct head - or heart - at the center with larger, overlapping leaves encircling the tender middle. Butterheads share similar foliage shape, but come in a range of colors and sizes. They are less robust in all ways than other lettuces: The leaves are delicate and fine, tearing easily. The flavor is mild, buttery and sweet, often considered the best-tasting. Butterhead

types include the always available and utterly reliable Butterhead; Little Gem, a smaller version; and the wonderfully named Grandpa Admire's. Slow to bolt and with leaves of green-flecked bronze, it is named after a Civil War veteran named George Admire.

• Romaines are the muscular lettuces, strong leaves forming a tight cylinder that rises above the rest of their companions, sometimes a foot in height. The foliage is crisp and holds up brilliantly under heavy dressings, making romaine the choice for a Caesar salad. Fresh-picked romaine will have none of the bitterness that can accompany store-bought heads, instead boasting flavor

high in sugar and richly complex. A salad composed of chopped romaine with vine-ripened tomatoes hardly needs to be dressed. Though most romaines are a lively green, Rouge D'Hiver and Red Romaine are two with a distinctly burgundy cast.

• Crisphead is the catalog euphemism for iceberg, that cabbage-hard, pale green lettuce that dominates the fast-food industry's idea of lettuce. It's unfortunate that store-bought varieties tend to

be so bland because home-grown versions are surprisingly flavorful.

Selections for home gardeners can be found in Seed Savers' Exchange (563-382-5990; seed-savers.org), founded nearly 30 years ago to save and distribute endangered and heirloom varieties; and Cook's Garden (800-457-9703; www.cooks-garden.com), a Vermont mail-order house vested in, among other things, unusual greens and lettuces.

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It's back to basics: A roast in every pot

By Russ Parsons
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - The most talked-about dish in Los Angeles right now isn't some daring fusion of distant ethnic cuisines. After decades of menus based on quick-cooking sauts and grills, chefs and diners are rediscovering the pleasures of slow food: The braise is back.

At Luques, chef Suzanne Goin is going through braised short ribs like nobody's business. She says she sometimes serves 50 orders a night, which means cooking more than 100 pounds every day.

"I don't know what's going on with the short ribs," Goin says. "Part of it is that everyone's talking about it, so, of course, everyone wants it. And there's also the comfort food thing."

BRAISED BEEF SHORT RIBS WITH YOUNG SPINACH AND HORSERADISH CREAM

Serves 8

- 8 meaty short ribs, about 2 1/2 pounds
- Freshly ground pepper
- Fresh thyme sprigs, divided
- Salt
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1/4 cup diced celery
- 1/4 cup diced carrot
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 sprigs Italian parsley
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups red wine
- 1 1/2 cups Port
- 3 cups veal or beef stock

Place the ribs in a glass baking dish. Season with pepper and add about 8 sprigs of thyme. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. The next day, season the ribs on all sides with salt and bring to room temperature. Brown the ribs in the oil in a Dutch oven or roasting pan over high heat until well browned on all sides, about 5 minutes a side. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Remove the ribs to a platter. Cook the onion, celery and carrot in the same pan over medium heat, stirring constantly, to pick up all the crusty bits left in the pan. Cook until the vegetables are lightly browned, about 6 to 8 minutes. Add the bay leaf, about 6 sprigs of thyme and the parsley.



Chef Suzanne Goin, of Luques restaurant in Los Angeles, goes through braised short ribs like nobody's business.

Add the vinegar, red wine and Port and reduce by three-quarters; this will take about 15 minutes. Add the veal stock and bring to a boil.

Place the ribs meat-side down in the pan. The liquid should come 3/4 of the way up the side of the meat. Cover the pan with oven-proof plastic wrap and then cover the ribs in the oven and braise for approximately 3 hours. After 2 hours 45 minutes, check the meat for doneness. It should be tender and falling off the bone. Insert a paring-knife into a rib; the meat should fall off the knife easily. When the meat is done, uncover the pan and let the ribs brown in the oven, 10 to

15 minutes. Let the ribs rest for 1/2 hour in their juices, then remove them to a baking sheet and strain the pan juices into a bowl. When the juices cool you will be able to skim off most of the fat. When ready to serve, place the ribs in their juices in a 400-degree oven to reheat, about 15 minutes.

Potato puree:
2 large baking potatoes
2 large Yukon Gold potatoes
1 tablespoon plus 3/4 teaspoon coarse salt, divided

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut into chunks
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup whipping cream
Boil the baking and Yukon

Gold potatoes (skin on) in water to cover with 1 tablespoon of the salt until tender, about 20 minutes. Strain them and set aside until cool enough to handle. Peel the potatoes and put them through a food mill or potato ricer, then place them in a heavy-bottomed pan. Stir the potatoes with a wooden spoon over medium heat to dry them out, then slowly add in the chunks of butter, stirring constantly. Season with the remaining 3/4 teaspoon of salt. Meanwhile, heat the milk and cream together in a separate pot. When the potatoes have absorbed all the butter, slowly add in the milk mixture until you achieve the consistency of a puree. Taste for seasoning and remove from the stove. If you are going to serve the puree soon, you can hold the potatoes in a metal bowl covered tightly with plastic wrap. Otherwise you can make them ahead of time, let them cool, keep them refrigerated and later heat the puree in the oven with a little more cream. At the restaurant they pass the mixture through a fine mesh tamis with a rubber spatula two times. This makes an extremely smooth puree. You can skip this step if you want a more rustic-style potato puree.

Horseradish cream:
1/4 cup creme fraiche (in the dairy case)

2 teaspoons prepared horseradish, or more to taste

Mix together the creme fraiche and horseradish. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Assembly: Melt a tablespoon of butter in a skillet over medium heat. Cook 4 thinly sliced shallots, stirring until softened, 4 to 5 minutes. Rinse 4 cups young spinach but do not dry; then add it to the pan. Cook the spinach until just barely wilted, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. In the center of each of 8 large bowls, place a spoonful of the hot potato puree. Divide the spinach among the 8 bowls. Place a short rib in the center of each bowl and spoon over some of the braising liquid. Top with a generous spoonful of horseradish cream and serve immediately. Makes 8 servings.

Pancakes make any meal

Knight Ridder Newspapers

CORNMEAL AND BACON PANCAKES

- 4 servings
- 2 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled; reserve 1 tablespoon drippings
- 1/3 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 egg
- 1 1/4 cups milk
- 1 tablespoon reserved bacon drippings

In large bowl, mix dry ingredients. In separate bowl, mix egg, milk and bacon drippings. Stir into dry ingredients, mixing well. Batter should be fairly thin; add milk if necessary. Mix in bacon. Cook pancakes on a greased skillet or on a griddle, and serve with butter and maple syrup. -From "The American Country Inn and Bed & Breakfast Cookbook"

COCOA PANCAKE-ETTES WITH SUSAN'S FUDGE SAUCE

- 6 servings
- Susan's Fudge Sauce:
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- Finch of salt
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 8 pieces
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pancakes:
- 1 1/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 cup whole milk
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- 1/4 cup mini chocolate chips
- Confectioners' sugar

To make the fudge sauce, stir cocoa, sugars and salt in medium saucepan until blended. Stir in cream; the mixture will be very thick. Add butter. Cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture is smooth and comes to a boil. Remove from heat and let stand 5 minutes. Stir in vanilla. Serve warm. The sauce will keep in the refrigerator for about a month.

To make pancakes, sift flour, cocoa, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt into large bowl. In separate bowl, whisk buttermilk, milk, egg and melted butter until blended. Add to dry ingredients and gently fold until blended. Fold in chocolate chips. Do not overmix. Heat a large nonstick griddle or skillet over medium heat until hot enough to sizzle a drop of water. Brush with a thin film of vegetable oil, or spray with nonstick cooking spray. Add batter by rounded tablespoons. Adjust heat to medium-low and cook until bubbles begin to appear around the edges and the bottoms are lightly browned. If necessary, reduce the heat to low to prevent the pancakes from scorching or browning too fast. Carefully turn and lightly brown other side. Repeat with remaining batter.

Reheat fudge sauce, if necessary. Arrange pancakes on dessert plate; about 4 per serving. Sprinkle liberally with confectioners' sugar. Drizzle with warm fudge sauce. Spoon a little whipped cream onto the side of each plate. Serve warm. -From "Pancakes A to Z"

Fresh-salmon marinade makes mouths water

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

QUESTION: About 20 years ago there was a delicious recipe in the Ellyria, Ohio, Chronicle Telegram for a marinade for grilling fresh salmon.

ANSWER: Here's a favorite of mine, adapted from the Junior League of Boca Raton's "Savor the Moment." I have used it for many types of fish, and it's great even if you skip the rum butter. Bottled clam juice can be substituted for fish broth.

CAFE MAXX VANILLA RUM BUTTER SALMON

- Citrus Marinade
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- Juice of 1 orange
- 2 tablespoons white wine
- 1 teaspoon chopped shallot
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Salmon:
- 6 (7- to 8-ounce) salmon fillets
- 1 cup fish broth
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1 star anise clove
- 1 star anise clove
- 2 or 3 slices fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon chopped lemon grass

Shape magazine judges junk food

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

JUDGING JUNK FOOD: In time for National Snack Food Month, Shape magazine and Onion

Tibits for cooks compiled a list of the nutritionally best and worst junk foods. Three winners were named the best: tandy bar, Doritos 3D's the best chips, Hostess Twinkies the best snack cake and Mallomars the best cookies. The worst: Snickers candy bars, Chips Ahoy cookies, Late 7's and Our Cream and Onion Potato Chips, and Dolly's Zingers Iced vanilla creme-filled snack cakes.

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Vanilla Rum Butter Sauce:

- 1/4 cup white wine
- 3/4 cup dark rum
- 1 star anise clove
- 1 vanilla bean, split
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- 1 teaspoon chopped shallot
- 2 tablespoons cream
- Reserved cooking liquid
- 4 to 6 tablespoons butter
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives

Combine the olive oil, citrus juices, wine, shallot, salt and pepper in a glass baking dish. Add fish; turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 30 to 60 minutes. Combine the fish broth, wine, bay leaves, star anise, ginger and lemon grass in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat. Let stand off heat for several minutes to blend flavors. Pour over the fish. Bake at 350 degrees until the fish flakes easily (about 20 minutes). Remove to a serving platter; reserve cooking liquid.

For the sauce: Combine the

wine, rum, star anise, vanilla bean, lemon juice, lime juice, shallot and cream in a small, non-aluminum saucepan.

Cook over medium-low heat for 12 to 15 minutes, until reduced. Stir in the reserved cooking liquid. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and cook for 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in the butter; remove from the heat and strain.

Season with salt and pepper. Stir in the chives. Spoon over the fish. Makes 6 servings.

Here's a classic recipe we ran years ago.

BEVERLY HILLS CAFE MEATLOAF

- 2 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons horseradish
- 1/2 cup tomato sauce
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 ounce Accent
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 cups bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 3 tablespoons diced celery
- 3 tablespoons diced onion

Crumble the ground beef into a large bowl. Add eggs, horseradish, tomato sauce, dry mustard, salt, pepper, Accent and garlic.

Mix well with your hands. Add the bread crumbs, onion, celery and bell pepper; mix well. Eat into 2 loaf pans. Cover with foil and bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for 50 minutes. Check center to ensure meat is cooked through. Makes 12 servings. (6 per loaf).

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FOOD & HOME

Mac and Cheese goes modern with variations

By Kristin Eddy
Chicago Tribune

No matter what you do to macaroni and cheese, it's always pretty darn good. It can be the plainest dish imaginable, or dolled up with lobster meat and truffle oil, but the slippery noodles and creamy base are always a pleasurable meal.

Many cooks add their own touches, with interesting cheeses, savory bread crumbs, maybe some vegetables or meat.

In this stovetop preparation, chef Michael Dean Hazen of Rushmore restaurant in Chicago prefers sharp white Cheddar cheese from Grafton Village, Vt., available at specialty stores or online at www.graftonvil-lagecheese.com/cata/index.html.

ULTIMATE MACARONI AND CHEESE

Makes 8 servings

- 1 package (1 pound) elbow macaroni
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup white bread crumbs
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 pound sharp white Cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/4 teaspoon each or to taste: kosher salt, freshly ground pepper

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
Heat a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Cook pasta until al dente, 10-12 minutes; drain. Meanwhile, heat butter in small saucepan. Add bread crumbs; cook, stirring, until lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Set aside. Combine macaroni, cream and mustard in a large saucepan; cook over medium heat until hot, 3 minutes. Add cheese; stir to melt. Add salt and pepper. Place macaroni in serving bowls. Sprinkle with reserved bread crumbs and chopped parsley.

The beauty of this recipe, from chef Peter Repak, is that the macaroni and cheese can be made ahead, chilled, then cut into fun-sized individual shapes. They can be eaten cool or at room temperature or heated in the microwave. (They will collapse when reheated.) Kids love this one.

MACARONI AND CHEESE WEDGES

Yield: 6 servings

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 quart milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Pasta:
1 package (1 pound) penne or gemelli pasta

- 3 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 cups panko (Japanese bread crumbs) or fresh bread crumbs

1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
For the sauce, melt butter in a large saucepan. Add flour; cook 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Whisk in milk. Heat to boil; simmer, stirring constantly, 5 minutes. Add salt and black pepper to taste. Set aside; keep warm. Cook pasta in salted boiling water until al dente, about 7 minutes. Drain. Spread pasta on wax paper-lined cookie sheets. Cool 5 minutes. Fold Cheddar, 1/4 cup of the Parmesan cheese, salt and white pepper into the sauce. The cheese should not fully melt. Mix pasta into cheese mixture. Pack into a plastic-wrap-lined 8-inch-square baking pan. Chill until firm, 3 hours or overnight. Melt butter in a small skillet. Add bread crumbs; toast until golden, 4 minutes. Mix with parsley and remaining Parmesan cheese. Pack onto the top of the macaroni. Cut macaroni and cheese into desired shapes, such as triangles. Serve at room temperature or heat in microwave, 1 to 1 1/2 minutes on medium high, or until melted and warm.

This recipe, developed by Mark Graham in the Chicago Tribune test kitchen, adds both color (from the tomatoes) and texture (crisp bits of bacon) to a macaroni and cheese base. You can experiment with other versions by stirring in chopped ham or chicken along with your favorite vegetables.

MACARONI AND CHEESE WITH BACON AND TOMATO

Yield: 8 servings

- 3/4 cup bread crumbs

- 1 package (1 pound) cavatappi or penne pasta
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 quart milk
- 1/2 teaspoon each, or to taste: salt, freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 pound each, shredded: Gruyere cheese, processed cheese (such as Velveeta)
- 1 pound bacon, cooked, crumbled

3 ripe plum tomatoes, diced
3 tablespoons olive oil
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter a 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Add 1/4 cup of the bread crumbs; shake to coat dish evenly. Heat large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook pasta until al dente, about 7 minutes. Drain. Place in large bowl. Melt butter in large saucepan. Whisk in flour; cook, stirring, 2 minutes. Add nutmeg; cook 1 minute. Whisk in milk all at once. Heat to boil; simmer, stirring, 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Remove from heat; stir in cheeses until melted. Add sauce to pasta, mix well. Spoon 1/2 of the mixture into prepared baking dish. Add tomatoes and bacon in an even layer. Top with

remaining macaroni mixture. Combine 1/2 cup of the remaining bread crumbs with olive oil in small bowl. Sprinkle over macaroni. Bake until golden and bubbly, 45 minutes.

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Treat yourself to broccoli gratin

By Jimmy Schmidt
Detroit Free Press

Broccoli is very high in vitamins C and A, riboflavin, calcium and iron and contains a very powerful anti-cancer component in its florets, stems and leaves.

BROCCOLI AND MACARONI GRATIN

- Makes 8 servings
- 2 cups low-fat or fat-free milk
- 1 clove garlic, peeled, minced
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Freshly ground white or black pepper

Generous pinch thyme leaves

1 head of broccoli, florets separated, stems cut on the bias 1/8-inch thick

1 quart fat-free milk

1 quart water

1/2 pound dry macaroni

1/4 cup snipped fresh chives

1 cup grated Swiss Gruyere cheese

1 cup diced Brie, rind removed

1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. In a medium saucepan, combine the 2 cups of milk and the garlic. Bring to a scald over medium heat; set aside and reserve. In another saucepan, melt the butter over medium-high heat. When the butter is bubbling, stir in the flour and cook 2 minutes without browning. Remove from the heat and gradually add the hot milk while continuously

whisking to combine. Return to the heat and bring to a simmer; cook 5 minutes or until thickened. Remove from the heat and keep warm. Season generously with salt, pepper and thyme. In a large pot of salted boiling water, blanch the broccoli (add leaves, if desired) until al dente, about 3-4 minutes. Drain in a colander under running cold water to stop the cooking; drain well.

In a large pot, combine the remaining 1 quart of fat-free milk and 1 quart of water and bring to a simmer over medium-high heat. Season with salt. Add the macaroni and cook until al dente, or still resilient to the bite, about 8 minutes. Drain and reserve. In a large bowl, combine the blanched macaroni and the sauce. Fold in the chives, Gruyere, Brie and cheddar cheeses. Season well with salt and pepper. Divide the macaroni into three portions. Spoon one portion of macaroni into a ceramic, ovenproof 2-inch-deep quiche pan. Top with a half of the broccoli. Cover with another portion of the macaroni. Top with the remaining layer of broccoli. Finish with the remaining macaroni. Sprinkle the Parmesan cheese over the top. Transfer to the oven and cook until bubbling and the top is golden, about 15 minutes.

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Hit the fondues for memorable, enjoyable dinner

By Teresa J. Farney
The Gazette

You don't have to do anything elaborate to make a memorable dinner. Go for something, oh, a little Swiss, like creamy cheeses and fondus that are easily gathered together for a meal that you can linger over for hours.

In other words, go for fondues and raclette.

Fondue is back, even if it involves dusting off your sorry-looking olive green 1970s set. Try a recipe from Rick Rodgers' "Fondue: Great Food to Dip, Dunk, Savor, and Swirl."

Fondue sets include a pot, a stand on which to place the pot and, unless they're electric, a container to hold fuel (usually Sterno) to keep the pot's contents hot for cooking. Some come with a heat-proof tray and long forks.

There are three basic types: metal cookers, ceramic pots and dessert pots. Since metal can withstand very high heat, this type is for fondues that must be cooked in hot oil or broth — meat fondue, for example. By turning the heat down, it can also be used for cheese or dessert fondues.

Ceramic, pottery or earthenware pots should be used for cheesy fondues. They should never be used for a hot-oil fondue since the high heat required would crack the pot. Dessert fondue pots are the smallest, designed to hold rich mixtures in smaller quantities. Because it's smaller, a candle warmer is adequate to keep the pot's contents warm.

Raclette (pronounced rah-LEHT), a staple of wintertime in Switzerland, is essentially melted cheese served over boiled potatoes with lots of ground black pepper and accompanied by small pickled onions and cornichon (French for gherkin) pickles. "Raclette" comes from the French verb "racler," meaning to scrape — referring to the way the softened cheese is scraped off the block.

Sue Style ("A Taste of Switzerland") describes the traditional method of serving raclette: "Buy yourself a wedge of real raclette cheese. Light a good fire. When the fire has died to a mass of glowing embers, place a large stone before the fire. Set the cheese on top, its cut surface exposed to the heat. Nearby, have a supply of plates. As the

cheese melts, scrape it off on to the plate and serve at once. Continue in this way until everyone is full."

The more popular and less unwieldy method for making this delicacy is to buy a raclette machine. The top of a raclette machine is a grill. Under the grill is an electric heating coil that heats the surface where meats, fish and vegetables can be cooked. Under the grill and coil is a shelf where you can place small dishes with long handles. While the food cooks on the grill surface, slices of raclette cheese are placed in the small dishes and placed under the hot coil — sort of like grilling and broiling at the same time. When the food on the grill is done, the cheese will be melted. Place the meat and vegetables on a plate and scoop out the cheese over the top.

CLASSIC SWISS FONDUE
Serves 12
3 cups shredded Gruyere cheese

2 cups shredded Swiss Emmentaler cheese
3 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cups dry white wine
1/4 cup milk
2 tablespoons Kirsch
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
Ground white pepper to taste
1 loaf French, Vienna or sourdough bread, cut into 1-inch cubes, for dipping, or precooked broccoli florets, cauliflower florets or bite-sized carrot chunks

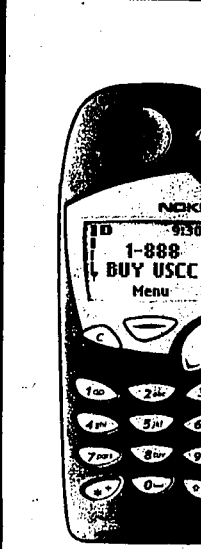
Bring cheese to room temperature, toss with flour. Heat wine in large pot over medium heat until small bubbles rise to surface. Reduce heat and add cheese a little at a time, stirring constantly, making sure each addition of cheese is melted before adding more. Stir until mixture is bubbly. Stir in milk, Kirsch, nutmeg and pepper. Transfer to fondue pot. Keep mixture at a gentle bubble. If mixture becomes too thick, add a little more warm milk. Serve with bread cut into 1-inch cubes or precooked broccoli, cauliflower or carrots.

RACLETTE
Serves 4
8 small red potatoes
4 large sour pickles, sliced into quarters
20 small cocktail onions
1 loaf French, Vienna or sourdough bread, cut into chunks and staled

1 1/2 pounds raclette cheese
Early in the day, boil potatoes with skins on just until tender. Drain and chill. Build hot fire in fireplace. Allow to burn down to coals, taking 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Set 3 bricks side-by-side close to fire in grate and allow to heat through. Place ovenproof plate atop bricks. Allow plate to heat three minutes. Meanwhile, assemble chilled potatoes, sour pickles, cocktail onions and bread on low table near fireplace. Place wedge of raclette cheese on warmed ovenproof plate. As cheese begins to melt, guests take turns scraping melted cheese off wedge. Each guest places the softened cheese on his or her choice of potatoes, pickles, onions and bread.

SWEET AND TART LEMON FONDUE
Serves 6
1 1/2 cups water
3/4 cup sugar

3 tablespoons cornstarch
6 tablespoons (1/2 stick plus 2 tablespoons) unsalted butter, chilled and cut into pieces
1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
3 large egg yolks
Zest of 1 lemon
3 cups fresh strawberries
In medium-sized, heavy-bottomed saucepan, combine water and sugar. Sprinkle cornstarch over top and whisk to dissolve. Bring to a simmer over medium heat, whisking often. Remove from heat and whisk in butter, then lemon juice. In small bowl, whisk egg yolks. Gradually add about 1/2 cup hot lemon juice mixture to yolks. Stir yolk mixture into saucepan. Stirring constantly, bring to a simmer over medium heat. Strain into a ceramic fondue pot or chafing dish (straining will remove any stray bits of coagulated egg white). Stir in the zest. Serve immediately, with strawberries for dipping.



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The Washington Post

BARBECUED SEA TROUT WITH GRAPEFRUIT-GINGER SHALLOT SAUCE

(4 servings)
Sauce:
1 cup freshly squeezed grapefruit juice
1 tablespoon finely diced shallots
1 teaspoon finely chopped ginger root
2 tablespoons sugar
Kosher salt
Cayenne pepper to taste
Pinch of paprika
Juice from 1/2 lemon
1 grapefruit, peeled, pith removed, segmented, then cut into wedges
2 tablespoons julienneed grapefruit zest

adjust the seasoning with salt, lemon juice, sugar and cayenne pepper. (May make up to an hour in advance up to this point).

Just before serving, add the grapefruit sections to the warm sauce. (Reserve the zest for garnish.)

Fish:
Four 6-ounce sea trout fillets, skin on (may substitute any firm white-fleshed fish)

2 tablespoons grape-seed or other neutral vegetable oil
Kosher salt and freshly ground white pepper to taste

Brush the fish lightly with oil, season with salt and pepper, then grill or broil until cooked through, 2 to 5 minutes per side, depending on the thickness of the fillet. Spoon the sauce onto 4 warm plates. Place a fillet in the center of each plate, then garnish with grapefruit zest and serve.

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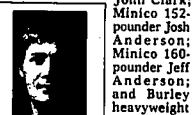
Grappling with success

Six lousy minutes. Six glorious minutes. Entire seasons - nay entire years of countless hours of work - on the line.

For just six lousy minutes. For six glorious minutes. That is the beauty of wrestling. An individual bout in mid-January is an interesting contest of wills and skills but at the finals of the state tournament where it really matters, everything is riding on just six lousy minutes. Six glorious minutes.

Sport is rarely so good. And into that crucible of pressure came four Mini-Cassia wrestlers, who strutted into their final high school meet at the state tournament in Nampa last week with perfect records and the pressure that comes with being in everyone's bull's eye squarely on their formidable shoulders.

They were Declo 103-pounder John Clark; Minico 152-pounder Josh Anderson; Minico 160-pounder Jeff Anderson; and Burley heavyweight I x s o n Jones.



THOMPSON'S TIMEOUT
Scott Thompson

Wrestlers who only give up one loss have had great seasons unless their lone loss comes in the state tournament and then that season becomes a train wreck.

And each of the four knew it. You could see it on their faces which became more taut as the tournament progressed.

And you could certainly see it on two of their faces when they lost.

You could see it in their tears and you could feel it in their body-racking sobs.

When asked before the tournament how devastating a loss would be, both Andersons were incredulous at even the suggestion that they could lose.

But after Jeff's championship victory, he admitted: "My confidence continued to grow. But then I'd think, 'I can't give up anything now.'"

He nearly did, falling behind 11-3 in his first-round match before pinning Lewiston's Matt Blewett.

Even after pulling out the victory, he was shaking mad at his performance.

But he was never challenged again.

At least until he had to strike a balance between celebrating his title with bolstering the spirits of his fallen teammate and good friend, Josh, who not only lost but was pinned by Skelly's Chase Johnson in the bout before Jeff's. "I'm really happy and really sad at the same time," Jeff said afterward.

Six lousy minutes. Six glorious minutes.

Declo's Clark wanted no part of those six minutes, not even taking a minute to pin Logan Lusk of American Falls for the title. He came up with both fists pumping.

Burley's Jones, who was cheering for his cross-river rivals and Team Idaho teammates from Minico, used all of his six minutes for just the fifth time all season.

Down a point with a final minute left, Jones gave a final surge, expending everything to get a title-clinching takedown against Caldwell's Dan Ledda. He fell short and his face became a distorted mass of emotions as though it were being viewed in a carnival mirror.

Six lousy minutes. Six glorious minutes.

But like Josh Anderson, Jones was classy to the end. Even while answering hard questions of what went wrong.

They may not have come out on top Saturday but neither were losers.

Second best on this day was pleasing good friend, Jones.

Six glorious minutes. Four glorious champions.

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Jordan will go under the knife

Injured knee puts NBA star's season in doubt

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Michael Jordan will have exploratory arthroscopic surgery on his right knee this week and there is a possibility his season is over.

Jordan, who has played an average of almost 37 minutes a game for the Wizards, has had the knee drained of fluid three times, but this would be the first time he has had any type of surgery on either knee in his career.

Coach Doug Collins said Jordan became very concerned about his knee after it stiffened and swelled on the plane ride home from Sunday's 12-point loss to the Miami Heat. The knee has

bothered Jordan since last summer, but the problem was believed to be tendinitis. He sat out a game last week against Detroit with what was believed to be a bone bruise in the right knee.

Team officials said once the procedure is completed they will know how long Jordan will be out. It is possible he could be out for the season.

He was placed on the injured list today for only the second time in his career and rookie Kwame Brown was activated. Tyrone Nesby will take his place in the starting lineup.

"How much damage is unsure," Collins said. "Michael is very disappointed."

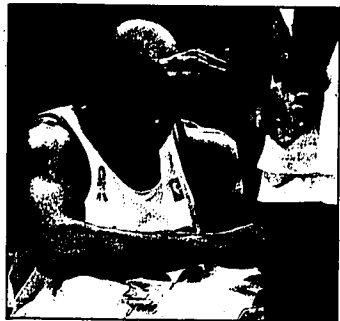
The injury comes at very inopportune time. The Wizards (27-28) have lost five in a row and have seen their playoff hopes fade. They play four of their next five games at home and play nine of the next 10 games on the road.

Jordan, 35, will miss two games against the Chicago Bulls, his former team.

The Wizards lead the league in attendance and have sold out every game at home and away primarily because of Jordan.

"Nobody is going to wave a white flag," Collins said of playing without Jordan. "In no way am I going to coach a team that has given up."

The surgery will be done today or Thursday in Washington.



Washington's Michael Jordan, seen here in Thursday's game against New Jersey, will have surgery on his injured right knee.

BOYS STATE BASKETBALL

Castelford leads five area 1A teams to Caldwell

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Andy Wiseman hopes this time is as good as the last time his Castelford boys basketball team went to the state tournament.

Castelford won it all in 1990 and after a 12-year absence, Wiseman and the 22-1 Wolves return to lead five Magic Valley boys basketball teams into the Idaho 1A Boys Real Dairy Basketball Championships starting tonight at Caldwell and Vallivue high schools in Caldwell.

Joining Castelford is district runner-up Shoshone (17-7), Hagerman (15-10),

Dierich (13-12) and Murrough (20-6).

Wiseman knows that as good as his deep and talented team is, it's going to need some luck over the next four days.

"We're in a good spot," he said. "We're real focused, and we're trying hard not to get too hyped up (because) you got to have some talent and to win it, you need a little bit of luck."

And as fate would have it, the Wolves open with Horseshoe Bend (15-9), Soules familiar? It should. It was the Mustangs who booted Castelford out of the state football chase back in November.

"The guys know it's just another game," Wiseman said. "It's the fans and parents who are making a lot more of a rivalry out of it."

The winner plays the victor between District Five champion Sho-Ban and Dierich on Thursday in what should be comparable to a track meet.

The Chiefs (14-5) rebounded from a 3-17 campaign a season ago to make the tournament and Dierich relies on all-everything senior Chris Maughan (17.0 ppg, 9.0 rpg) to lead the Blue Devils.

"I think we match up well with Sho-Ban," said Dierich coach Hubert Shaw. "They're pretty fast, but at state, anything

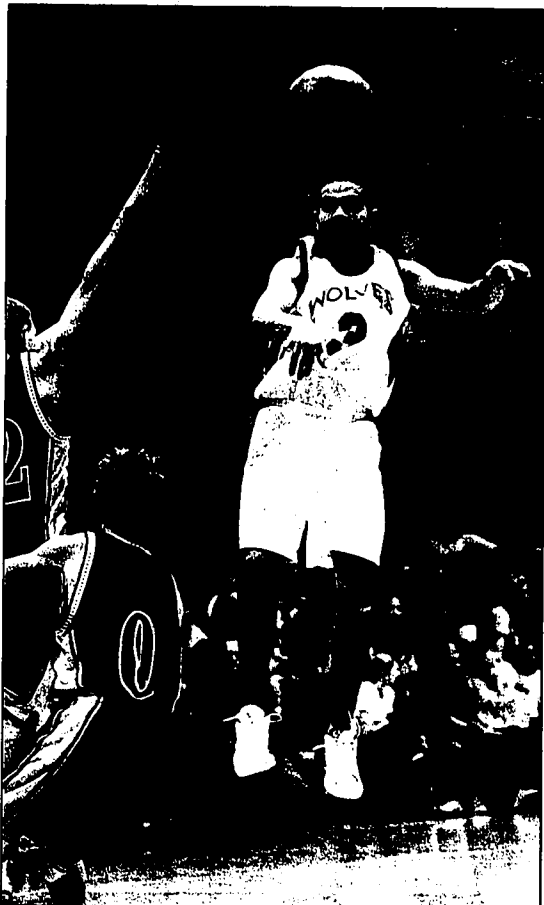
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Boys state tournaments

The Times-News previews the boys state basketball tournaments today and Thursday.

Today: Team-by-team breakdowns of 4A and 1A.

Thursday: Classes 5A, 3A and 2A.



Castelford's Ervin Medina goes airborne while dishing a pass to a teammate during the Wolves' 73-68 overtime win on Jan. 11 against the Murrough Red Devils. The once-beaten Wolves lead five Magic Valley 1A teams to the state tournament starting today.

Burley pins hopes on seniors

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Experience.

Burley has a ton of it and none of it. The Burley Bobcats have no state tournament experience since 1994 but with a lineup that includes seven seniors, head coach Matt Harr isn't concerned with how his team will react when it tips off against Bishop Kelly at 8 p.m. Thursday in the opening round of the Idaho 4A Real Dairy Boys Basketball State Championships.

"We're not too high and we're not taking anything for granted," Harr said. "Hopefully, we can stay focused."

Harr is confident the Bobcats (15-10) can go far in the tournament and even capture a title.

"The No. 1 thing is we have to get to the championship game and we can," he said. "I only see one powerhouse team and that's Century. The rest of the field is pretty even. We have to play eight good quarters."

The Bobcats need to play consistently, Harr said.

"We have to play 32 minutes of basketball," he said. "We can't have one of those four or five minute spells where we give up 12 points and don't score any."

Burley likes an uptempo game and will push the ball up the floor even after made baskets with hard-driving guard Jono Barker running the show.

"I think our guard play - and Vallivue's - is probably the best in the tournament," Harr said.

However, Burley has to protect against becoming too perimeter-oriented.

"We have a tendency when we see zone to want to do nothing but shoot threes," Harr said. "We need to use all

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4A Boys Real Dairy Shoot Out

At Albertson College

Thursday's first round pairings:

Emmett vs. Post Falls, 1:45 p.m.

Century vs. Vallivue, 3:15 p.m.

Moscow vs. Bonneville, 6:30 p.m.

Burley vs. Bishop Kelly, 8 p.m.

CuJo breaks hand in Leafs' 4-1 win

The Associated Press

TORONTO - Curtis Joseph made 27 saves before breaking his

left hand as Toronto beat

Carolina.

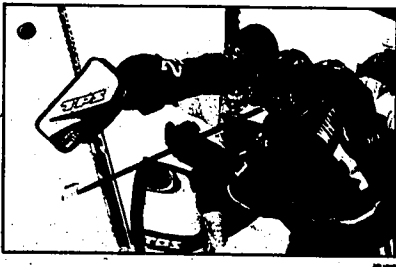
Joseph, who left with \$22 remaining, is expected to be sidelined 6-to-8 weeks. He was replaced by Corey Schwab.

The Maple Leafs have won five straight at home and six of seven overall.

Shayne Carson, Robert Reichel, Gary Hall and Gary Roberts had Toronto goals.

Sam Kapranov beat Joseph with his 22nd goal for the Hurricanes, who have just two wins in 13 games.

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Philadelphia goalie Roman Cookman, left, blocks a shot by Chicago's Peter Witte during the first period Tuesday.

Golden Eagles miss out on final NJCAA poll

The Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho men received votes, but not enough to make the final National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Men's Basketball Top 20 poll, which was released on Tuesday.

But Scenic West Athletic Conference nemesis Dixie State College (26-2) made the cut. The Rebels, who wrapped up their second consecutive SWAC title last weekend, are ranked No. 81 with one first-place vote and 84 total points.

Michigan's Schoolcraft College

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(26-0) finished the season at No. 1 with nine first-place votes and 129 total points. The Ocelots won the annual K&T Steel Invitational Tournament Nov. 15-17 at CSI, including a 96-95 win in overtime against the Golden Eagles.

Coffeyville (27-1) of Kansas finished second with five first-place votes and 106 points with San Jacinto College (27-1) third with one first-place vote and 93 points. Okaloosa-Walton (25-3) rounded out the top five with 60 points.

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 Another rivalry resumes tonight when Mountain takes on District Three champion Cole Valley Christian at 8 p.m. at Caldwell High School. The Red Devils beat the Chargers 75-72 back on Dec. 7 at Mountain's holiday tournament.

That winner plays the winner of Shoshone and Council, two teams that on paper, look pretty even. But on the court it'll be a contrast of styles with the long ball shooting Bruins against a Lumberjack team that likes the inside game.

"We need to reverse the ball and our outside shooting has to be dropping," Shoshone coach Larry Meisick said. "Council starts their kids inside that are 6-4 and are aggressive. But I like the matchup."

To have a chance, Shoshone will have to shoot better than the 28 percent it did in its 60-44 loss to Castleford in the district championship game.

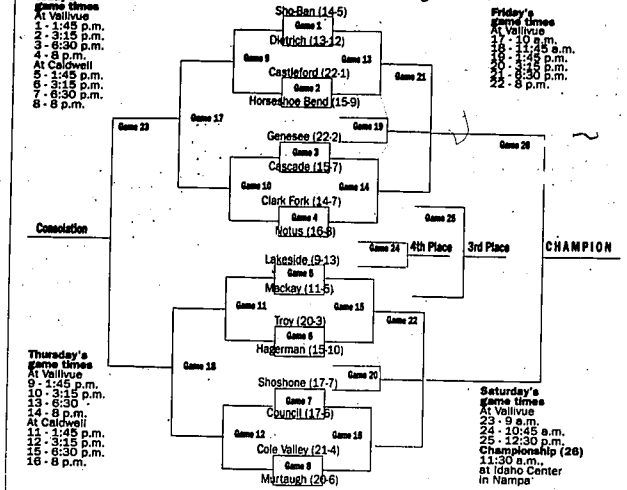
Mountain opens with a new look as Troy team that includes Troy-Cato described as "up and down."

"They are pretty athletic and tall with a 6-7 kid (Brad Bigford) and a couple of 6-3 kids," he said. "We bring a little physicality and we can do some things to neutralize their height."

All of the coaches agreed that a few of the teams in Castleford, Cole Valley and Genesee — are probably the favorites to play for the state title at the Idaho Center on Saturday, but all like their chances. "It's a brand new season," Shaw said.

Class 1A Boys State Basketball Tournament

Today-Saturday, at Valliuue and Caldwell high schools



Get Bruins back in the hunt

As a native of Twin Falls and former coach at Twin Falls High School (1966-1981) of baseball and basketball on both the sophomore and varsity levels, I would like to offer my overview and critique in regard to the recent meetings being held behind closed doors to address concerns of the Bruin parents who are apparently perceived as unsatisfactory.

I want to make it clear that this letter is intended in the spirit of positive suggestions and doesn't pertain to all sports.

Over the years, the Bruin athletic programs have been competitive, well-supported and always in the "hunt" for conference championships and frequent trips to state.

As of lately, the Bruins have taken their lumps and have caused concern that has resulted in a group of people presenting them to the school board.

Rest assured that the scheduling, pool reorganization and level of competition has made it increasingly a challenge to become successful in our athletic programs.

I offer, in a positive way, the ingredients that were in place during my tenure from 1966 to 1981 that made the Bruin athletes successful and, in essence, each program fed off of each sport's team success.

1. We had the complete support from the school board and administrators at all levels for athletics.

2. We had tremendous support from the parents and community with a subsequent feeling of pride to be part of Bruin athletics.

3. We had excellent student body support and attendance at all sports events.

4. We had excellent commitment and participation from our student-athletes in all sports at all levels.

Obviously, the priorities in the school district have changed drastically. The efforts and results of being the Bruin for academic success of great importance and should be lauded; let us not let athletics be the sacrificial lamb.

Like it or not, our culture has deemed the success of our sports program to be an integral part of our school and community pride; this will never change.

We all have to do our part in improving our athletic program by supporting it as I alluded to earlier.

Most important, support the participants of each sport at all levels and their coaches. I have never met a coach that didn't have the best interest and success as their top priority.

For those that know me, I have

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always spoke my mind, and if I have offended anyone, it was not my intention. As the old saying goes: If the shoe fits, wear it.

Hopefully, all involved — parents, administrators, school board, student body, parents and coaches can pull together to put the Bruins back in the "hunt" and let it be a positive experience in doing so.

RON W. WATSON
Twin Falls

Support M.V. swim team

My name is Amanda Blastock, I am 16 years old, and I have been a member of the Magic Valley Marlins Swim Team for eight years. The last two years, I have also competed on the Twin Falls High School swim team from August to November, competing in two individual events and two relays at the state meet.

I want to share with you some of the things I have gained from being a member of this team.

The skills and endurance that I have attained from eight years of swimming has helped me to start teaching younger children and swimming skills and water safety to obtain my lifeguard certification.

Last spring and summer, I spent numerous volunteer hours helping with swim lessons and working as a lifeguard between lesson sessions. The fitness level I have attained has allowed me to take part in the Dierkes Lake team triathlon where my various teams have placed first for the last three years.

The year before last, I earned the bronze level of the Congressional Award. Last year, I completed 100 hours of community service at the city pool helping with swim lessons, more than 100 hours of physical fitness through the swim team, my personal development goal of earning my lifeguard certification and a special exploration. I have now completed all my goals and will be receiving the silver level Congressional Award medal, along with several other awards and a special ceremony later this month. Last February, it was such a thrill to be on stage with Sen. Larry Craig, Sen. Mike Crapo and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne hang the bronze medal around my neck. I am really looking forward to the ceremony this year.

The friends I have met through the swim team are good students and are involved in similar activities. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, and I hope that you will consider sponsoring our team!

AMANDA BLASTOCK
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SPORTS

NHL

Avalanche 2, Flames 2, OT

DENVER - Joe Sakic had a goal and an assist and Radim Vrbata added a goal as the Colorado Avalanche tied the Calgary Flames 2-2 Tuesday night.

Sakic, the Olympic MVP for Team Canada got his 20th goal of the year and climbed within six points of NHL scoring leader Jarome Iginla of Calgary. Patrick Roy stopped 30 of 32 shots, including a breakthrough by Marc Savard in the final five seconds of overtime.

Scott Nichol and Savard had goals for Calgary, which ended the season series with the Avalanche 1-3. Roman Turek had 27 saves.

Devils 4, Rangers 3

NEW YORK - Scott Gomez scored twice, and Canada's gold medal-winning goalie Martin Brodeur made 21 saves as the New Jersey Devils beat the New York Rangers 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Scott Niedermayer, who also won gold, also scored for the Devils. Eric Lindros and Theo Fleury, other members of Team Canada, scored for the Rangers.

Islanders 3, Bruins 3

UNIONDALE, N.Y. - Michael Peca's second goal of the night - a short-handed tally with 1.4 seconds left in regulation - lifted the New York Islanders into a 3-3 tie Tuesday night with the Boston Bruins.

Andrew Raycroft, recalled earlier in the day from Providence of the AHL, stopped 26 shots in his season debut. Dennis Bonvie, Sergei Samsonov and Glen Murray scored for the Bruins.

Adrian Aculin had New York's other goal.

Capitals 4, Panthers 3

WASHINGTON - Ken Klee broke a tie midway through the third period as Washington extended its unbeaten streak to a season-high five games. Jaromir Jagr and Adam Oates each had a goal and an assist, and Matt Pettinger also scored for the Capitals, 4-1 in their last five games.

Pavel Bure scored twice for Florida. Sandis Ozolinsh also tallied for the Panthers.

Kings 5, Blue Jackets 1

COLUMBUS, OHIO - U.S. Olympian Adam Deadmarsh scored two goals and added an assist to lead Los Angeles over Columbus.

Jason Allison had a goal and three assists, and Ziggy Palffy scored his team-leading 21st goal and added two assists for the Kings.

Robert Kron scored late in the first period for the Blue Jackets.

Flyers 5, Blackhawks 4

PHILADELPHIA - Olympians Jeremy Roenick and Simon Gagne each had a goal and an assist, leading Philadelphia past Chicago.

Keith Primeau, Eric Desjardins and Ruslan Fedotenko also scored for the Flyers.

Michael Nylander had a goal and an assist, while Tony Amonte, Eric Daze and Tyler Arnason also scored for the Blackhawks.

led his career high with his 12th victory. Tim Connolly had the only Sabres goal.

Senators 5, Canadiens 2

MONTREAL - Daniel Alfredsson scored his 29th goal on a power play midway through the third period as Ottawa beat Montreal.

Chris Neil, Shawn McEachern and Radek Bank scored as the Senators built a three-goal lead, but Oleg Fetoyev scored twice for Montreal, including his 21st of the season early in the third period, to make it 5-2.

Red Wings 4, Lightning 3, OT

TAMPA, Fla. - Brendan Shanahan, playing with a broken thumb, scored two goals, including the game-winner with 2:55 into overtime.

Jimmie Oviestad scored his first goal in 50 games to give Tampa Bay 3-2 lead midway through the third period. Lightning forward Dave Andrejuk scored his 241st career power-play goal.

Detroit got the equalizer with 8:25 left in regulation when Luc Robitaille scored his 24th goal of the season and 614th of his career.

Red Wings goalie Dominik Hasek stopped Dan Boyle's second-period penalty shot at 7:20.

Sharks 5, Predators 1

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Teemu Selanne scored a pair of first-period goals, and Patrick Marleau and Alexander Korolyuk each had three assists as San Jose beat Nashville.

Marco Sturm scored the first goal at 8:45 of the first period. Vladimir Orszagh scored Nashville's only goal.

Shaq, Kobe lead Lakers past Bucks; Sonics beat Cavs for 14th straight time

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal scored 28 points and Kobe Bryant added 27 as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Milwaukee Bucks 95-89 Tuesday, completing a two-game season sweep.

The Lakers are 4-0 on their five-game road trip, which ends Wednesday in Minnesota. The Bucks had five players in double figures, led by Sam Cassell with 21 and Glenn Robinson with 19. Tim Thomas had 17, Ray Allen 15 and Anthony Mason 14.

SuperSonics 109, Cavaliers 89

CLEVELAND - Gary Payton scored 25 points, Brent Barry finished two rebounds shy of a triple-double and Seattle held Cleveland to 33 points in the second half.

It was the seventh straight road victory for the Sonics, who never trailed. Wesley Person had 22 for the Cavaliers, who have lost 14 in a row against Seattle.

Clippers 94, Rockets 84

HOUSTON - Elton Brand had 26 points and 15 rebounds and the Los Angeles Clippers used a late 11-0 run to defeat Houston.

Curtino Mobley had 27 points and Steve Francis 25 before fouling out with 3:21 to play.

Mavericks 104, Grizzlies 91

DALLAS - Michael Finley had 30 points, Raef LaFrentz added 17, Dirk Nowitzki had 16 points and nine rebounds and Nick Van Exel added 12 as the Mavericks won for the fourth time in five games.

Shane Battier's 18 points, Lorenzen Wright's 17 and Pau Gasol's 15 paced the Grizzlies, who had their fourth straight and their 17th in 20 games.



Seattle's Gary Payton, left, jumps toward the basket behind Cleveland's Andre Miller in the third quarter Tuesday in Cleveland.

Magik 112, Bulls 97

CHICAGO - Tracy McGrady scored 25 points and Pat Garrity added 18 as Orlando handed the Bulls their first loss in four games since acquiring Jalen Rose and Travis Best.

Rose had 24 points and eight assists to lead Chicago.

Spurs 99, Suns 91

SAN ANTONIO - Tim Duncan had 29 points and 15 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs ended a two-game losing streak.

Stephon Marbury, who scored a season-high 36 against the Spurs on Sunday, had 35 points and 10 assists.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Not taking to the skies

Passenger boardings for SkyWest Airlines — a Delta Connection carrier — at JoAnn Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport:

January 2002: 3,377

That's an unwelcome 6.2 percent decrease from the 3,600 SkyWest boardings in January 2001. And it starts the year off in more negative territory than 2001 overall, when boardings showed a 4.6 percent annual decrease from 2000 levels.

For comparison, January boardings were 3,669 in 2000 and 3,896 in 1999. Those totals don't include charter flights.

Source: Darlene Johnson, airport executive assistant.

Satellite TV firms plan to offer local channels

Plan includes Magic Valley viewers

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — The satellite TV companies behind DirecTV and the Dish Network have developed a plan to let their merged company offer local channels in the Magic Valley and across the country.

The two satellite TV providers now separately offer local channels in 42 of 210 U.S. markets, including just a small portion of Idaho, in the state's southeast corner. The companies are seeking regulatory approval for their proposed merger.

EchoStar Communications Corp., which offers Dish

Network, and DirecTV parent Hughes Electronics filed a joint satellite application this week in which it outlined its plan to offer local channels in all 210 markets, including Hawaii and Alaska. That includes Magic Valley and the rest of Idaho.

"While there are numerous consumer and competitive benefits from this pending merger, the ability to offer local channels to every consumer in Idaho — including rural and underserved areas — certainly is one of the most compelling aspects of this deal," EchoStar chief executive Charlie Ergen said.

Federal law requires all pay-television providers to carry

every channel in markets where they provide local channels. But satellite TV providers say they have had to limit the number of markets they serve because they do not have enough capacity on their satellites to beam down local channels for every community.

They say their merger, if approved by federal regulators, would let them free up space by eliminating duplication among 500 channels that both carry.

"This is good business for us in terms of meeting the needs of our customers," Ergen said. "It's also good public policy and as a result of that we are confident the FCC will grant approval of our merger as will the other regulators."

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Charlie Ergen, chairman and CEO of EchoStar Communications Corp., speaks at a news conference in New York Oct. 29, 2001.

Counting on Disney dollars



James B. Adamson, Kmart's new chairman, second from right, takes questions from reporters Tuesday after a news conference and fashion show to announce a retail agreement for Disney brand clothes to be sold at Kmart.

Kmart debuts Disney apparel, hopes for sales boost

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — Kmart Corp. hopes a new line of Disney clothing will enchant its children's apparel sales.

The Troy, Mich., retailer, which is five weeks into bankruptcy proceedings, unveiled its Disney clothing line for newborns to preteens Tuesday at a store in New York. James B. Adamson, Kmart's new chairman, said developing exclusive partnerships with vendors like Martha Stewart, Disney and Sesame Street, while fortifying the company's urban business, will be key to its turnaround.

"That is sold everywhere," said Emmie Kooloff, retail analyst at Sanford Bernstein in New York. "They are just going to have to come up with a compelling reason for people to shop at Kmart."

The company has stores in Twin Falls and Burley.

The contract gives Kmart the authority to design, manufacture and sell clothing that features Disney characters such as Mickey and Minnie Mouse as well as non-character apparel that carries the

Disney label. All items are priced at \$12.99 or less.

Some retail analysts are skeptical that Kmart's Disney line can create the revenue needed to help turn around the retailer.

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Karen Seck, a retail analyst for Standard & Poor's in New York, commended Kmart for continu-

ing to focus on its product assortment in the midst of a reorganization, but agreed it will take more than just a new clothing line to rescue the retailer.

"It makes sense to try to find ways to distinguish Kmart from the pack of discount retailers," Seck said. "But it would have to be a product that consumers can't get anywhere else."

Kmart's two fiercest competitors — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Target Corp. — sell

Disney-related clothing, as do a number of other retailers like Mervyn's.

Kmart says the Disney line will also help it attract a significant demographic — girls between the ages of 4 and 8 — now overlooked in the retailer's apparel line.

'One of Kmart's goals is to find really great quality brand names that can resonate highly with customers.'

—Lorna Nagler, senior vice president of apparel and jewelry

President and CEO of two utility companies steps down from one

The Associated Press

BOISE — After holding the dual role of president and CEO for both Idaho Corp. and Idaho Power Co., Jan Packwood is stepping down from one of his posts.

Packwood announced he is relinquishing the Idaho Power president's title to J. LaMont Keen, a Burley native and 28-year veteran of the company. Currently the company's chief

financial officer, Keen, 49, will take over as president and chief operating officer for the company, which provides electricity to much of the Magic Valley.

Packwood said returning Idaho Power to financial health requires the efforts of a full-time president.

"Buffered by below-normal stream flow and unprecedented wholesale energy prices, Idaho Power's challenges have been considerable and will continue to

be so," Packwood said. "LaMont's promotion demonstrates our commitment to the business we still consider the cornerstone of Idaho Corp."

Keen said he is happy to be named to the position and believes his financial background will benefit the company.

"In this time of enhanced financial scrutiny of the industry, hopefully the skill sets I bring will be of value," Keen said.

Darrel Anderson, Idaho Corp.'s treasurer and vice president of finance, will move up to the position of chief financial officer.

Anderson, 43, joined the company in 1996 as a corporate controller.

"He's worked closely with LaMont over the last six years in all areas of the company's financial operations," Packwood said. "And the transfer of CFO responsibilities is expected to be seamless."

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Gooding bank holds ribbon-cutting event

GOODING — Magic Valley Bank's Gooding branch plans a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in its new facility.

As part of the grand-opening festivities, Magic Valley Bank is giving away \$25 gift certificates to Gooding-area merchants and a grand prize of a one-year, \$500 certificate of deposit payable to anyone or the charity of the winner's choice.

Prize registration is at the Gooding branch, 740 Main St., Thursday and Friday. Drawing for the CD will take place at 3 p.m. Friday.

Magic Valley Bank will also give away commemorative travel coffee mugs in limited quantities, Magic Valley Bank pens and balloons to anyone who comes to the branch Thursday and Friday.

Magic Valley Bank opened its first branch office in Gooding in April 2000, in a temporary facility.

Sonic says analysts are on the mark about earnings

TWIN FALLS — Oklahoma City-based Sonic Corp. — a restaurant chain with a franchised location in Twin Falls — said Tuesday it remains comfortable with analysts' consensus earnings estimate of 16 cents per diluted share for its second quarter, which ends Thursday.

That would represent an increase of more than 20 percent over earnings in the year-earlier period. In second quarter last year, Sonic reported revenues of \$63.2 million and net income of \$5.5 million or 13 cents per diluted share (adjusted for a three-for-two stock split) distributed this month.

Sonic expects to report quarterly results during the last week of March.

"Estimated systemwide same-store sales for the second quarter remain strong and will likely exceed a 4 percent increase," said Clifford Hudson, Sonic's chairman and chief executive. "Our strong sales performance continues to be driven by additional media expenditures, new product news and our daypart strategy, including the new breakfast program that is currently in approximately 400 drives."

Sonic said it remains on track for 18-20 percent earnings growth for the fiscal year.

Qwest pulls plug on Qwest Digital Media

DENVER — Qwest Communications International Inc. has decided to end Qwest Digital Media, its venture with the Archant Corp.

The shutdown affects 50 employees, including 43 in Denver. Thirty-four of the employees will lose their jobs this week, said Qwest, Magic Valley's dominant local-phone company. Others will keep their jobs while the unit is being closed.

A video-production division with 141 employees in Nashville, Tenn., and Washington, D.C., will continue to operate, but Qwest plans to sell it by the end of the year. Qwest spokeswoman Kate Varden said.

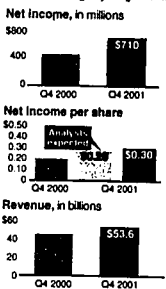
"Despite a strong business plan and some great ideas, the company was unable to generate revenues to support it until the market improved," Varden said.

Qwest Digital Media produced and delivered multimedia services over the Internet, such as streaming video.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Home Depot's buildup

Temperate weather helped The Home Depot build up its fourth-quarter earnings by 53 percent.



SOURCE: Associated Press

Home Depot reports big profit jump

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Mild winter weather and consumers' torrid spending on their homes helped The Home Depot report a 53 percent jump in fourth-quarter profit Tuesday.

The world's largest home improvement retailer said net income was \$710 million, or 30 cents per share, up from \$465 million, or 20 cents per share, in the same period of 2000.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial/First Call had expected Home Depot to earn 28 cents per share.

Sales rose 29 percent to \$13.5 billion, helped by a 14th week in the fourth quarter, which ended this month. The seven extra days added \$880 million in sales and boosted per-share earnings by 3 cents, said the Atlanta-based company with a store in Twin Falls.

For the full year, net income was record \$3 billion, or \$1.29 per share, up 15 percent from \$2.6 billion, or \$1.10 a share, in the 2000 fiscal year.

SkyWest posts unexpected income growth

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. GEORGE, Utah — SkyWest Inc., showing unexpected strength at a time when the airline industry generally is suffering, reported fourth-quarter net income of nearly \$14.1 million, up 12.1 percent from the same time last year.

For the quarter ended Dec. 31, shareholders realized net income of 25 cents per diluted share, compared with 22 cents on profit of just less than \$12.6 million in 2000's final quarter.

Chuck Hill, research director for Thomson Financial-First Call, saw the quarter's results as a welcome turnaround for the St. George-based regional commuter airline — the only commercial airline serving the Twin Falls airport.

Earnings topped analysts' expectations of 20 cents per share.

"That's better than what a

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MONEY

Stock market cools after two-day rally

-NEW YORK (AP) - Investors tried to shake off doubts about a decline in consumer confidence Tuesday, but lingering misgivings put an end to a two-day rally as stocks lost ground in largely indecisive trading.

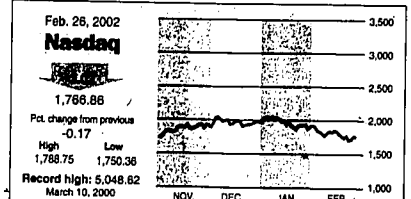
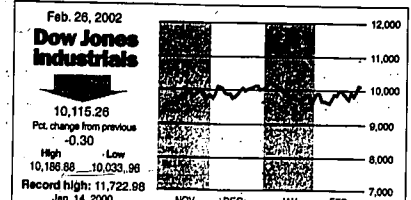
The backslide continued a pattern of stops and starts that have largely robbed the markets of momentum in recent weeks, but there were some signs investors are preparing to move ahead, analysts said.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 30.45, or 0.3 percent, at 10,115.26, after climbing 311.03 in the previous two sessions.

The broader market also fell. The Nasdaq composite index fell 3.02 or 0.2 percent, to 1,766.86. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was essentially unchanged, off 0.05 to 1,093.58.

Analysts said after two days of gains, the market had been poised for more uncertainty regardless of the news on consumer confidence.

"We've been now for 6.5 weeks in a range-bound correction," said Alfred E. Goldman, chief market strategist at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in St. Louis. "The problem today is we were subject to some profit-taking."



and that was going to happen good news, bad news or no news. The news Tuesday was in an announcement by the Conference Board that its Consumer Confidence Index fell 0.51 this month from a revised

97.8 in January. Analysts had expected a reading of 97.

The decline, reversing two consecutive monthly gains, reflects increasing pessimism about the job outlook and the economy.

Analysts said the drop in stock prices grew out of concerns that consumers, whose spending has been largely responsible for lifting the battered economy, might be wearing down. But as investors studied the report, those concerns eased somewhat.

"Anyone can point to this statistic and say 'Here's the consumer starting to give ground,'" said Joseph V. Battipaglia, chief investment strategist at Gruntal & Co. in New York. "That would spook the market and that's what we see playing out here."

In addition to the consumer confidence report, analysts attributed the market's morning drop to a rumor, quickly denied by the Pentagon, that the U.S. had ground troops in Iraq.

Investors are obsessing less about Earnings and more about Earnings and focusing more on improving earnings and economic news, said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co.

Novell chief operating officer resigns, more changes expected

PROVO, Utah (AP) - Novell's chief operating officer will be leaving the company in the next several weeks, the computer networking company announced Tuesday.

Steve Nelson's resignation is the first of "significant changes" in coming days, Novell spokesman Bruce Lowry said.

"Stay tuned for additional communications on management issues in the near future," Lowry said, adding that further changes would take place within days.

Lowry would not elaborate on what Nelson's next position would be and did not say if Nelson was leaving Novell for a position with another company.

Nelson worked for Novell for eight years and is leaving as part of a mutual agreement, Lowry said. Though Lowry, Nelson declined to comment.

Nelson's resignation was part of restructuring following a July acquisition of Cambridge Technology Partners, Lowry said. Changes after the acquisition include providing professional services and technology rather than just the latter, Lowry said.

Satellite

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But opponents ranging from the Rev. Al Sharpton to Rupert Murdoch of News Corp. have opposed the merger, citing concerns it would form a satellite TV monopoly.

EchoStar and Hughes, meanwhile, paint the merger as a step toward creating more competition for cable.

"Today, approximately 42 million TV households do not have the option to receive local channels via satellite, and as such, have no choice but to subscribe to cable," Ergen said.

Ergen said the satellite is expected to cost about \$300 million. It would be part of a fleet of 16 satellites of the combined companies if the merger is approved.

He said the cost of implementing the new plan is balanced by the prospects of getting new customers, having lower turnover of current customers and increasing revenues from advertising.

Eddy Hertenstein, chief executive officer of DirecTV, said the plan offers an economically viable prospect that neither one of the companies could have afforded in spectrum or satellite assets to do alone.

The plan calls for a nationwide subscription rate. Also, current customers would have access free of charge to new set-top boxes and satellite dishes to receive the new satellite signals.

"In addition to delivering local channels in all Idaho television markets, the combined company will bridge the 'digital divide' by offering affordable high-speed satellite internet access to consumers in rural markets, including the most rural areas of the country," said Jack Shaw, chief executive of Hughes.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins contributed to this report.

Investors look for hint of early retirement from Greenspan

WASHINGTON (AP) - When Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan goes before Congress Tuesday to deliver the Fed's new economic forecast, investors will be listening for hints about his own future as well as the economy's.

The issue of whether Greenspan, now in his 15th year as Fed chairman, will leave the central bank before his term is over in June 2004 has become a

hot subject on Wall Street.

The Blue Chip Economic Indicators forecasting newsletter even polled its 52 top economic forecasters this month for their picks of who should succeed Greenspan. The top choice: Treasury Undersecretary John Taylor, an academic economist who served on the Council of Economic Advisers for President Bush's father.

Those who believe the chairman may be contemplating an early exit point to the calendar. Greenspan, who will turn 76 next week, has already served in the Fed job longer than all but one of his predecessors.

With the economy apparently pulling out of recession, why not step down at the top of your game? these analysts ask.

The election calendar also

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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

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Table showing various market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, etc.

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

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Table of soybean futures prices for different grades and contracts, including soybean meal and soybean oil.

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Consumer confidence falls; reversing two-month rise

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SkyWest

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MUTUAL FUNDS

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

IT WAS A DARK AND STORMY NIGHT

CSI offers another session of popular tating class

BURLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia enrichment program is offering another four weeks of tating instruction from 6-8 p.m. starting Tuesday.

With a shuttle, thread is used to form tiny knots so the lace takes shape in your hands, instructors say. Janette Baker instructs the \$25 course and all supplies are provided.

Class size is limited. To register by phone with a credit card, call 678-1400.

Magic Valley Iris Club will discuss events for new year

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Iris Club will hold its meeting and luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at North's Chuck Wagon, 1839 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

The members will discuss upcoming events for the new year and a slide show will be presented.

Officers for the year were voted on recently. The new officers are: Vicki Harney, president; Joanne Scolari, vice president; Glenda Chadd, secretary; Jeanette Graham, treasurer; Joy Erdman, newsletter; Jessie Clifton, sunrise lady; and Dorothy Bormann and Shirley Coyle, photographers.

New members are always welcome. For questions, call Glenda 733-0040 or Vicki 733-8838.

Gooding County Jaycees hold pool tournament

GOODING - The Gooding County Jaycees will hold another broomstick pool tournament Saturday at the Wood River Inn in Gooding.

Registration, which is \$5, will begin at 7 p.m. with the tournament following at 8 p.m. The winner will receive half of the proceeds. The remainder will fund future Gooding County Jaycees projects and donations to community causes.

For more information, call Diana at 534-5125.

Magic Valley New Neighbors holds meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley New Neighbors will hold its monthly luncheon on March 5 at Elmer's Pancake and Steak House on 1824 Blue Lakes North.

To make reservations, call Jean Gritz at 733-6159 no later than Sunday.

If you would like more information concerning the Magic Valley New Neighbors, call 735-1694.

Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced weekly winners:

Winners for Feb. 14 were: first, Harold and Renee Bulcher; and second, Enid Cook and Doris Watts. Howard and Mary Tucker brought a cake to celebrate their first wedding anniversary.

Winners for Feb. 16 were: first, Ada Burgess and Evelyn Meyer; second, Herb Burgess and Tom Schmidt; third, Joy Astorquia and Jessie Lingway; and fourth, Joe and Helen Stastny.

Winners for Feb. 18 were: first, Mary Tucker and Dorothy Young; and second, Don and Shelley Montgomery.

Winners for Feb. 19 were: first, Madeline Sawaya and Sam Smuty; second, Bonnie Aspiarte and Joan Siegel; third, Beverly Reed and Dorothy Young; and tied for fourth through sixth, Al and Frances Anglin, Lonnie Burns and Bill Simonsen and Joy Astorquia and Betty Franz.

Winners for Feb. 20 were: first, Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Herb Burgess and Max Thompson; third, Jan Fitzhugh and Polly Mulliner; and fourth, Joy Astorquia and Jessie Lingway. First and second in Flight B were Al and Frances Anglin and Elaine Bowen and Ruth Skeem.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. Twin Falls. Refreshments are served. For a partner, call 324-2000.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces results

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the winners for the Feb. 22 club championship:

Overall winners were: first, Beverly Burns and Bev Clark; second, Susan Faulkner and Marge Peterson; third, Adelaide Gerard and Joan Berenson; fourth, Les Saunders and Joe Stacey; and fifth, Barbara Burke and Beverly Reed.

Winners for north/south were: second, Bud Fovey and Lisa Hildner; first, Don and Lorna Bard; and fourth, Babette Plankey and Mary Kiellen. Refreshments were served.

The club meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Gooding City Hall.

Medical benefit account set up for Twin Falls man

TWIN FALLS - A medical ben-

efit account has been set up for John Pohlman of Twin Falls at Magic Valley Bank.

Pohlman, who is an active community member, has cancer, organizers say.

A benefit will also be held May 3 at the Turf Club. More details will be available closer to the event.

For more information, call Christie Sidwell at 733-8834 or Jeff Pohlman at 736-7696.

Leon Friedman Foundation awards scholarships

HAILEY - The Leon Friedman Foundation is accepting applications for scholarship grants for the 2002-2003 academic year.

The fund is intended to provide financial assistance to graduates of Hailey-area and Wood River High Schools to further their education at an institution of higher learning or vocational training.

Awards are made on the basis of grade-point average, recommendations, quality of the application and other achievements. Financial awards range from \$500 to \$5,000.

Applications may be obtained in the guidance office at Wood River High School, Wells Fargo Bank in Ketchum and Wells Fargo Bank in Hailey.

Applications must be postmarked no later than April 1. Awards will be announced May 22.

Ruth Rebekah Lodge hosts state assembly president

BURLEY - The Ruth Rebekah Lodge 107 of Burley will hold a meeting Thursday with guest, State Assembly President Anna Breeze of Pocatello.

The evening will begin with a covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. All Rebekahs are urged to attend.

We want your news

Please send your news and photos to:

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For the Wednesday page: noon Friday

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The Burley High School drama department presents "It Was a Dark and Stormy Night," a spoof on mystery comedies written by Tim Kelly. Shows will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Monday and March 6-9 at the King Fine Arts Center Little Theatre. Seating is limited. Call 878-KING for tickets. Cost is \$4 for reserve seating or \$8 at the door.

HealthNet honors longtime teacher

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition named Paul Remaley as the December Asset Builder of the Month. Remaley has been a teacher in the Twin Falls School District for 33 years, teaching elementary and middle school.

He also is a tutor for teachers, helping with curriculum, technology and building needs, and is always volunteering his time to help others, the coalition reports.

He is a longtime member of the Twin Falls Education Association, Idaho Education Association and National Education Association, and has been a delegate to the National Representative Assembly for six years. Twin Falls Education Association vice president for three years, regional rep-



Paul Remaley

representative to Region Council for 16 years, on the IEA Board of Directors for nine years and on the IEA resolutions committee for 10 years, among other positions.

Remaley is a member of the boards of the Magic Valley Teachers Credit Union and Pioneer Federal Credit Union; Methodist Church for 45 years, serving as conference delegate, adult representative to the Conference Youth group, Sunday school teacher and youth adviser; Masonic lodge; Order of the

Eastern Star, where he is a worthy patron; and a Shriner in the El Korah temple.

He is a coach and referee, and spends spring breaks as a tour director for education travel trips, taking students to Washington, D.C. every year, the coalition reports. He also has been named in the Who's Who of American Teachers.

Remaley always is working for the betterment of young people and community, and helping to build the assets in students in many ways, the coalition reports.

He and his wife, Sue, have been married for 35 years, and have three children, Sherwyn, Trey and Derek. Assets are defined as developmental building blocks needed by children to succeed in life.

CSI classes include photos, food, Easter eggs

GOODING - Photos, Greek food and Easter egg creations are among the classes offered by the College of Southern Idaho North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. N. in Gooding.

Adobe Photoshop instructor Darrell Muck will teach the basics of digital image capture (scanning, digital photography), editing, compression and distribution to printing, CD or disc. A good working knowledge of the PC computer and Windows is necessary.

The class meets from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 13 to April 17 at Gooding High School. No class will be held March 27. The fee is \$92.50.

devoted to sampling and enjoying cuisine from other countries. "Second Stop - Greece: Lemon, herbs and Honey" gives students the opportunity to experience the cuisine of traditional spring feasting and celebration typical of Greek culture. Fresh herbs will be used in the preparation of a traditional menu: skewered lamb souvlaki, tzatziki sauce, Greek salad with lemon dressing, spanakopita spinach pie and baklava and honey pie for sweets. The class will meet from 6-8 p.m. March 15 at the Gooding County Extension Building at the county fairgrounds. The fee is \$25.

Paper Wrapped Decorative Eggs will make unique additions to Easter decor. Precise cutting is

the only skill necessary. Students bring only a ruler and a pair of small, sharp scissors. The sample eggs are on display at the CSI North Side Center.

The class meets from 7-9 p.m. March 22 at the North Side Center. The fee is \$15.

Living/Decorating with Vintage Items instructor Patty Carrico will answer questions about antique and vintage pieces, and help identify basic furniture families. The course is offered at Hanna's Hat at 246 Main St. in Gooding. It will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 13, March 20 and March 27. The fee is \$20. For registration information, call the CSI North Side Center at 934-8678.

Civic

Twin Falls - Noon Thursday at the Turf Club in Burley, 736-475 or 734-2464.

Optimist Clubs

Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at Crowlake Restaurant; 733-2378, 733-7113 or 734-7865.

Burley - 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Elmer's Pancake and Steak House on 1824 Blue Lakes North. 733-6159.

Idaho - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn, 934-5545.

Hailey - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County, 788-0957 or 788-2114.

Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at China Village, 1211 N. Main St., 338-0020.

Ketchikan/Blaine Valley - Noon Tuesdays at Rich's Pizzeria and Subs Restaurant, 300 Broadway St., 338-0020.

Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge, call Jack at 436-5111.

Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center, 886-2211 or 885-2883.

Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls, 736-4029 or 734-6549.

Ureah Clubs

Burley - Noon Fridays at Priya's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., East Blaine, 678-5533.

Burley - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Elmer's Pancake and Steak House, 1824 Blue Lakes North, 733-6159.

Gooding - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays at the Lincoln Inn, 934-5111.

Hailey - Noon first and third Wednesdays at the Hailey Senior Center, 444 E. 50 N.

Jerome - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at Jerome Civic Library, 324-7910.

Kimberly - 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Crowds Under Methodist Church, 423-5522.

Rupert - 8 p.m. second and fourth Mondays (April to November); 7:30 p.m. (November to April). Red Cross, 436-4032.

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CLUB CALENDAR

To make or add a listing for your club or organization, please send it to a redie with: Name of the organization or club; Time, day and week (s) of the meeting; Purpose of meeting; and Telephone number of a group contact person.

welcome at any session. Call Vickie at 734-7751.

Ride Bunching Out to Each Other - for children who have learned to ride through death

4 p.m. first Thursdays at KAMV meeting place at the Elmer's Pancake and Steak House, 1824 Blue Lakes North, 733-6159.

Grief support group - 4 p.m. Sundays, Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 N. St., 436-3354.

Topa Jerome Chapter - 4 p.m. Wednesdays at the public library, 124-7408 or 324-5722.

MOMM Club of Magic Valley - 10 a.m. first Friday at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. in Twin Falls, call Heather at 734-8255 or email mommclub@yahoo.com.

Bagerman Valley Cancer support for patients, family and friends - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at St. Joseph's Beginning Church, call Ralph at 230-1577.

In Lanche League - Breast-feeding support - 10 a.m. second Thursdays in KAMV meeting place at the Elmer's Pancake and Steak House, 1824 Blue Lakes North, call Vickie at 734-7751.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Gooding - Tuesday night Freedom group, 8 p.m. at the Gooding Episcopal Church, 125 7th Ave. W., call 934-4335.

30th Twin Falls Chapter - 309 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 425 Westwell Ave. W. on Tuesdays, call 734-5538.

Alzheimer's support groups

Burley - 7-8 p.m. second Thursdays at Burley Senior Center, sponsored by Ashley Manor Care Center, call Bill at 677-5541.

Twin Falls - 10:30 a.m. third Wednesdays at Southside Care, 640 Filer Ave. W., call Steve or Dawn at 734-3645.

National Alliance for the Mentally III - for survivors of mental illness, their families and friends.

Hailey - NAMI of Idaho - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wood River Middle School faculty lounge, call 736-3524.

Twin Falls - NAMI of Idaho - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays in conference room of the Magic Valley Medical Center downtown campus, call 1-800-572-9940.

ADARND - for people affected by someone's death - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays, call 1-800-523-1198.

Send to: Attention: Club Calendar, The Times-News

P.O. Box 548

Twin Falls, ID 83303

Or fax to 734-5538

or email to patm@magvalley.com

For more information, call 735-3288.

Alatone - for younger family members affected by someone else's drinking. For scheduling information, call 1-865-592-3198.

Debtors Anonymous

For information, call 734-1160 or (800) 328-5257 or 678-1330.

Narcotics Anonymous

Burley - 7 p.m. Saturdays, 119 Broadway Ave. N.

Gooding - 8 p.m. Mondays, corner of 3rd and Idaho, call 934-4335.

Hailey - 7 p.m. Mondays; 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays - all at 220 E. Ellis St.

Idaho - 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays; 6 p.m. Mondays; 8 p.m. Saturdays; Women's group, 7 p.m. Mondays; Meditation group, 8 p.m. Mondays; In Works, How and Why Book Study, 8 p.m. Tuesdays; Exercise Group, 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Book Text Book Study, 7 p.m. Thursdays.

Rupert - Noon Thursdays, 121 W. 100 S.

Twin Falls - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, 229 South Central, 734-5538; 8:30 2nd Ave. N.; 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 1201 Falls Ave. E. No. 21; 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 228 South Ave. W. (west entrance).

Overeaters Anonymous

Hailey, call 679-9511 for more information.

Military

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Burley - Post 3604, Thurston Ponce Post, 543 - second Tuesday at Lincoln Court, 543-4377.

Burley - Post 3043 and auxiliary, 8 p.m. second Thursday at VFW Hall, 554 Highland Ave.

Declo - Post 3072, N. Andrew Miller Post, 8 p.m. first Tuesday at Declo Elks Building, 675-2110.

Glass Ferry - Post 3646, Glenns Ferry

Post, 7 p.m. third Thursday at Veterans Memorial Hall, 366-2710.

Gooding - Post 3076, Topona Post, 8 p.m. p.m. third Thursday at Gooding War Memorial Building, 346-2202.

Hailey - Post 4124, Big Wood River Post, Bellevue, 509 Fourth St. E., 8 p.m., third Thursdays, 34-202.

Kimberly - Post 10328, Kimberly Post, 7:30 p.m. first Wednesday at senior citizens center, 423-4443.

Rupert - Post 3676, Harlow Hoopes Post, 7:30 p.m. second Thursday at Rupert Child Development Center, 436-6694.

Shoshone - Post 3001, Little Wood River Post, Twin Falls, 426 4th Street, 8 p.m. first Wednesday members homes, 886-2725.

Twin Falls - Post 4126, Henry Lytle Post, 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Twin Falls DAV Hall, 459 Shoop, 734-0687.

Wendell - Post 3374, Thousand Springs Post, 7 p.m. first Thursday at Wendell Senior Citizens Center Building, call quarter master at 324-0416.

American Legion

Burley - Post 17, 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday at 1501 Oakley Ave., call Lyle Morton at 878-5347.

Fielded - Post 19, Elmer Miller Post, 8 p.m. first Wednesday, 447 2nd St. in Shoshone, call Gene Behning at 934-5796.

Gooding - Post 19, Perry Byrum, 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at 447 2nd St. in Shoshone, call Gene Behning at 934-5796.

Jerome - Post 46, Lincoln Street and Legion Hall, North Lincoln Street and Seventh Avenue East, call P. L. Vinyard at 423-5945.

Kimberly/Hailey - Post 76, 8 a.m. first Tuesday at Traveler's Oasis, call Ed Hudson at 42

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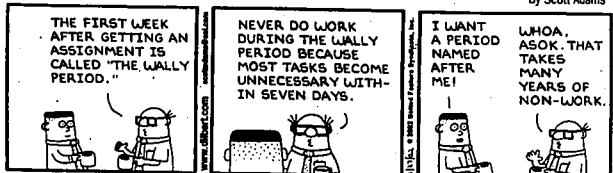
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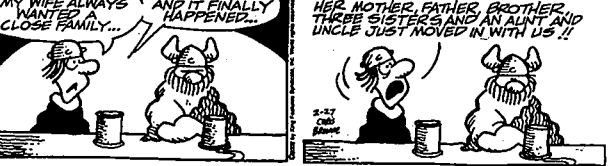
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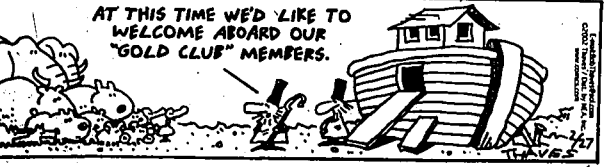
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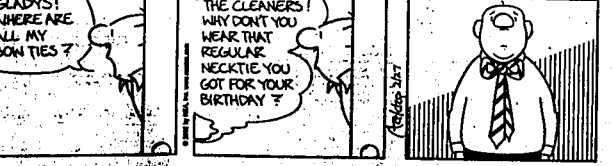
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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

By Greg Evans



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Non Sequiter

By Wiley



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 411
Twin Falls County, Idaho
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
from the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon to 8:00 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of voting upon the question and proposition of issuing general obligation school bonds in the principal amount of \$7,000,000 for the purpose of financing the acquisition, building, furnishing, and equipping a regional technology center and other related technology facilities and equipment of the District, and related costs.

The total estimated cost of the Project is \$7,000,000, all of which is to be paid from the sale of the proposed bond issue.

The question to be submitted to the electors shall be by ballot reading substantially as follows:

TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 411 BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE THE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF \$7,000,000 TO BE DUE IN 12 YEAR INSTALLMENTS AS MAY BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE FINAL INSTALLMENT TO FALL DUE NOT MORE THAN TWELVE (12) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING, BUILDING, FURNISHING, AND EQUIPPING A REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER AND OTHER RELATED TECHNOLOGY FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT OF THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING ALL LIGHTING, HEATING, VENTILATION, AND SANITATION THROUGH FEBRUARY 5, 2002, NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE SUCH FACILITIES, AND RELATED COSTS AND FEES, ALL AS PROVIDED IN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEES ADOPTED ON JANUARY 14, 2002.

The following information is required by Section 34-440, Idaho Code:

The interest rate anticipated on the proposed bonds is 4.56% per annum. The range of anticipated rates is from four percent (4.0%) to eight percent (8.0%) per annum. The existing interest on the District is \$6,146,472. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed bonds, principal and interest, based on the anticipated rate, is estimated to be \$9,372,628.

Qualified electors may vote at any one of the polling places set forth in Exhibit "A" which is annexed to this Notice between the hours of 12:00 o'clock Noon and 8:00 o'clock P.M. on March 5, 2002.

Qualified electors eighteen (18) years of age or older who are United States citizens who have resided in the State of Idaho and in the District for at least thirty (30) days next preceding the election, duly registered as required by law, and who execute the elector's oath in the presence of two witnesses, and no others, will be permitted to vote at said special election.

The Clerk of Twin Falls County, Idaho, is the Registrar of the District, and the place of registration for such electors is the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 201 Stone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho. Persons may register on each business day at any time during office hours of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 201 Stone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. as qualified elector of the District who is duly registered as voter, and who continues to reside at the same address in which he or she is registered, shall be required to re-register.

Any person who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at a polling place established by the elector, by completing a registration card, making an oath on the form prescribed by law, and providing proof of residence in the manner provided by Section 34-440, Idaho Code, and the manner provided by law.

Any qualified elector who expects to be absent from the District on the day of election, or who will be unable, because of physical disability or blindness, to go to a polling place, may vote by absentee ballot in the manner provided by law. Applications for absentee ballots shall be made to the District Clerk prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on March 4, 2002.

If the special bond election two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified electors voting at the election assent to the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000, the Resolution of January 14, 2002, the general obligation school bonds of the District will be issued, which bonds will be payable over a period of twelve (12) years, which bonds will bear interest at the rate or rates agreeable to the Board of Trustees, which will be payable from taxes levied upon all taxable property within the District.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 411
Twin Falls County, Idaho
Attest: Rose Stephens, District Clerk

INVITATION TO BID
ALL sealed bids will be received and opened on March 1, 2002, at 2:00 P.M., at the Idaho Transportation Department, Purchasing Section located at 3311 West State Street, Boise, ID. Bidders and other interested parties are invited to be present at the bid opening. This is to furnish (equipment) and all materials for **MOVING AND REPLACING RIGHT OF WAY FENCING**, as directed in the designated areas, as per the specifications contained in requisition number D-141520.

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by a acceptable guaranty in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. The guaranty must be in the form of a certified check or a cashier's check drawn on an Idaho bank, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a bidder's bond. Surety will be forfeited in the event of failure to sign the contract.

The Idaho Transportation Department reserves the right to reject all bids or to accept the bid deemed best for the State of Idaho.

Dated this 20th day of February, 2002
ROD BECKER, PURCHASING AGENT
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
Specifications, bidding documents and other information may be obtained at the Idaho Transportation Department, Purchasing Section at 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho 83703. Contact the Purchasing Section at (208) 334-8872 for copies of plans or by contacting your local plan room.

PUBLISH: February 25, 26, 27, 28 and March 1, 2002

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT, TRANSFER NO. 06984
SHELLEY H. RICHMOND, Right No. 2-10203
704 W MADISON AVE
GLENNIS FERRY, ID 83623
12/16/1953
704 W MADISON AVE
GLENNIS FERRY, ID 83623, has filed Application No. 95984 for changes to the following water rights within TWIN FALLS COUNTY.

Priority 12/16/1953
Source Snake River
Point of Diversion (121.76 acres) 2.05 CFS
Point of Application L1 SWSESE 527 TOSS ROPE
Class of Use 326 TOSS ROPE
Remarks: Applicant purchased 2.05 cfs Snake River water from Ball Rapids Mutual Irrigation Company that will be no longer used for irrigation on 121.8 acres in the N1/2 S1 R8E R12E, Twin Falls County, for the purpose of diverting downstream to irrigate 121.8 acres in the County.

Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code.

Any protest against the proposed change must be filed in the Department of Water Resources, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise, ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for all applications on or before March 1, 2002. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J. DREHER, Director

PUBLISH: February 20 and 27, 2002

RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
FA-10189
On the 10th day of April, 2002, at the hour of 10:30 A.M., of said day, (recognized local time), in the Office of First American Title Company, 280 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as well sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real estate situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

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Adopted February 10th day of January, 2002.
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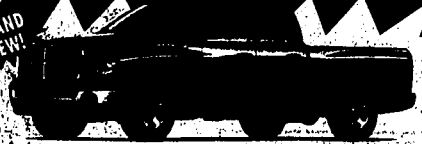
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