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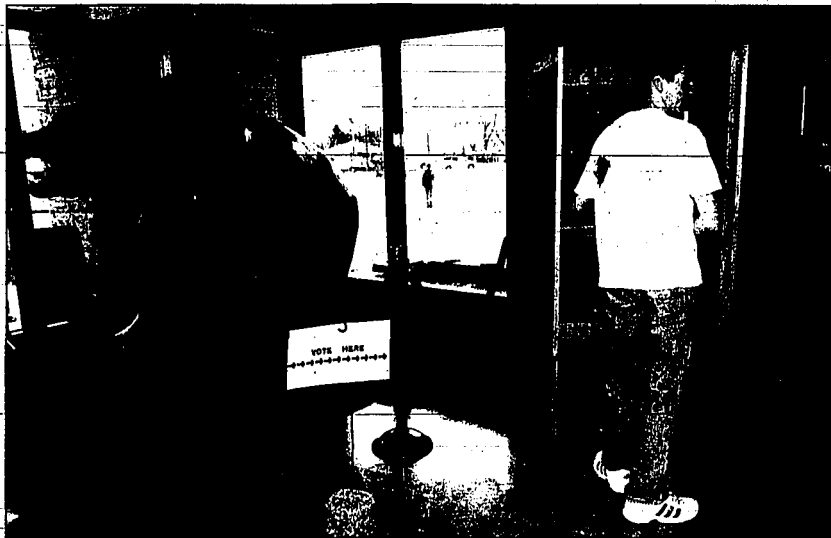
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Tech center falls



Collin Sorenson, 18, votes on the proposed technical center bond in the lobby of Twin Falls High School. Voters overwhelmingly rejected the \$7 million bond issue, with 60 percent voting against it.

Schools chief says plan is probably dead

By Robert Mayer Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS - Voters in Twin Falls School District let it be known loud and clear Tuesday that a stand-alone professional-technical center is not wanted in the community.

Needing a super-majority to pass - 66.67 percent - support for the \$7 million bond issue didn't come close.

Of the 2,965 who showed up at the voting booths, only 1,178, or 39.7 percent, voted in favor of the tech center, and 1,787, or 60.3 percent, voted against it.

Results were fairly uniform from all polling sites. The two extremes were at the College of Southern Idaho, which logged 52.3 percent in favor, and Morningside Elementary School, where only a paltry 29.2 percent wanted the facility.

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Some numbers

Official results from Tuesday's election, Twin Falls School District, 2002

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Total	2,965	1,100

telling us, twice now, that they're not interested in secondary education, and post-secondary education programs that accentuate technology," said Superintendent Terrell Donich. "They've beaten pretty solid now, twice, 10 years apart, by very similar margins."

In 1991, Twin Falls voters rejected a \$20 million bond issue for comprehensive mega-high school that included a separate technical center.

In a random exit poll at voting sites across the district, the reasons voters gave for rejecting the tech center were varied. The



Terrell Donich

most common complaint was the location of the proposed site.

One woman voting at O'Leary Junior High School said she thought it was a good program but that it needs to be at the high school.

Others were just against vocational training at the high school level. A man at the Twin Falls High School voting site said the district should educate students, not train them to do specific jobs.

Of those interviewed who voted no, only one was willing to give a name.

"It's a rip-off," said Larry Mambert, who had just cast his

negative ballot at Harrison Elementary School.

What is curious is that the public drastically changed its minds in a six-month period. Back in September, 85 percent of those who the school district polled said they not only supported the idea of a tech center, but would vote in favor of a bond issue to pay for it.

"I think we're all mystified," Donich said. "The devil is in the details. Apparently they don't like the details."

He said they were disappointed with the low turnout, and were hoping for about 6,000.

It's doubtful they'll put this tech center before the voters again.

"Bottom line is that the public doesn't want to go this way," he said. "They don't want us to build something at CSI and I'm not sure they want us to spend an awful lot of time and money in paying

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Allies gain on al-Qaida

Troops advance slowly up peaks

Combined wire reports

U.S. and coalition forces pressed their land-and-air offensive against al-Qaida's mountainous hideouts in eastern Afghanistan Tuesday amid the first signs the campaign was gaining ground.

Hundreds of Taliban and al-Qaida fighters were killed in fierce fighting Tuesday, the American commander said.

U.S. forces in the region said as many as 800 opposition fighters had been seen moving toward the battle since the American-led operation

was launched on Saturday.

"We've caught several hundred of them with RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades) and mortars heading toward the fight. We've slammed them today and killed hundreds of those guys."

—Maj. Gen. Frank L. Hagenbeck, operation commander

At the scene of U.S. deaths - C1

U.S. had report of men training to fly passenger jets - C1

Reports from the area described U.S. and Afghan soldiers inching up snow-covered mountains, using minesweepers to clear their paths. American and French warplanes flew scores of sorties over Paktia province, dropping bombs as well as decoy flares to counter heat-seeking missile defenses.

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Rep. Gary Condit

Former aide bumps Condit from race

The Associated Press

MODESTO, Calif. - Rep. Gary Condit lost to a former aide in Tuesday's Democratic primary after an underdog campaign in which he couldn't shake free of the scandal over a missing Washington intern.

Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza pulled away in the closely watched race, leading 2-to-1 everywhere but in Condit's home county.

With 68 percent of precincts reporting, Cardoza had 92,311 votes, or 54 percent, to 6,361 votes, or 37 percent, for Condit. Four other candidates split the rest.

Meanwhile, conservative businessman Bill Simon opened a wide lead over the moderate former mayor of Los Angeles in the Republican gubernatorial contest.

In the GOP primary, Simon had 258,532 votes, or 46 percent, with 20

percent of precincts reporting. Riordan had 159,140 votes, or 28 percent, and Secretary of State Bill Jones had 127,388 votes, or 23 percent.

The winner will face Gov. Gray Davis, who easily won the Democratic primary against little-known opponents.

Ignored by his fellow Democrats and unable to shake the scrutiny of

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Teachers, others rally for more money to Idaho education

Top lawmakers says: We're tapped out

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BOISE - Declo junior high special education teacher Tracey Flynn told House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, Tuesday she spends at least \$50 a month out of her own pocket to make sure her students have paper and pens.

"If I don't do it, no one will," said Flynn, who explained she is a single parent and has precious spare change for subsidizing her school district.

Flynn said she is so frustrated with the lack of reverence for education in Idaho that she's about to make a job in Washington.

Flynn and other teachers from cash-strapped Cassia County School District massed at the Capitol on Tuesday with perhaps



Thousands of Idaho teachers and their supporters gather Tuesday in front of the Statehouse, thousands of teachers from around the state to protest education cuts. While a rousing pep rally of an estimated crowd of 2,500 to 5,000 teachers, parents and students

took place outside, inside the Kemphorne administration was evaluating February tax collections that fell \$10.3 million short of the projected target.

Former Democratic Gov. Cecil

Andrus and former Republican State Schools Superintendent Jerry Evans declared the budget proposals moving through the Legislature appalling, dangerous and damaging.

Former school superintendent, Darrel Deide, R-Caldwell called the rally a party for the Idaho

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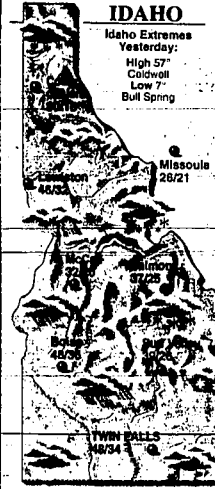
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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature
High/Low: 52°/20°
Normal high/low: 47°/27°
High/Low last year: 58°/34°
Record high: 71° in 1987
Record low: 12° in 1976

Precipitation
24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
Month to date: trace
Normal month to date: 0.20"
Water year to date (Oct. 1): 3.87"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 5.48"

Humidity
Yesterday at noon: 53%
Barometric Pressure
Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.10 in.

Pollen Yester in Twin Falls
Grass: Absent
Weeds: Low
Trees: Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Windy at times; a couple of showers.	Clouds and occasional rain.	Mostly cloudy with some rain.	Windy with morning snow showers.	Partly sunny.	Partly sunny and milder.
▲ 48° ▼	▼ 34° ▲	▲ 44° ▼ 26°	▲ 38° ▼ 22°	▲ 42° ▼ 24°	▲ 48° ▼ 28°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Mostly cloudy, breezy and mild today; a couple of rain and snow showers. Snow levels will be generally above 5,000 feet. Highs from the 20s in the mountains to the 40s in the valleys.

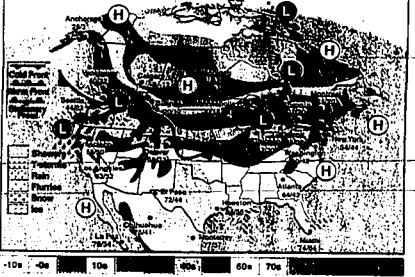
Boise: Mostly cloudy and windy at times today with a couple of showers. High 48. Mostly cloudy tonight with occasional rain; rain might mix with wet snow late. Low 36.

Northern Nevada: Windy and mild today with clouds and limited sunshine; a couple of rain and mountain snow showers, mainly in the northwest. Highs in the 40s and the 50s.

Northern Utah: Clouds and limited sunshine today with a gusty southwest wind; a couple of rain and mountain snow showers are possible in the north this afternoon. Highs 20s mountains to 50 in Salt Lake City.

Northern Idaho: Windy and colder today with several inches of snow across the mountains and some rain and snow across the lower valleys. Highs will range from near 20 in the mountains to 46 in Lewiston.

NATIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Boise	48 36	44 28	McCall	32 20	28 6
Bonners Ferry	28 16	27 20	Missoula, MT	25 21	21 18
Burley	45 33	41 21	Pocatello	42 34	42 24
Coeur d'Alene	30 18	30 20	Portland, OR	48 34	42 32
Elgin	27 28	43 19	Richland, WA	42 34	42 24
Eugene, OR	48 34	44 32	Salem	37 25	35 17
Ferguson	47 33	44 20	Salt Lake City, UT	52 38	49 31
Idaho Falls	42 30	38 26	Seattle, WA	44 36	42 30
Kamela, MT	19 12	26 6	Spokane, WA	34 20	32 16
Lewiston	42 32	40 28	Stanley	33 17	24 2
Malden	42 32	40 28	Sun Valley	39 26	37 16
Maria	3 8	7 5	Yellowstone, MT	26 12	28 4

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Comunidad

U.S. orders Apache helicopters into action

WASHINGTON (AP)—Five Marine Corps attack helicopters entered the fight in eastern Afghanistan on Tuesday, supplementing an aerial assault force depleted by damage to Army Apache attack helicopters, Pentagon officials said.

Threats to U.S. interests extend beyond the battle in Gardiz. U.S. intelligence has learned of a plot to conduct multiple car bombings in Kabul, against both Western interests and the interim Afghan government headed by Hamid Karzai, a U.S. official said, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

They were to have been carried out by terrorist cells with links to al-Qaida, the official said. It was unclear who became of the plot.

The New York Times reported in its online edition Tuesday that U.S. officials have detected Internet traffic among al-Qaida members indicating the terror network may be trying to regroup in remote sanctuaries in Pakistan near the Afghan border.

The new communications traffic was a serious concern because U.S. officials fear that al-Qaida

could use the Internet to launch new terror attacks against the United States, the Times reported, citing senior American officials.

A number of AH-64 Apaches took extensive fire from small arms Monday in battles south of the city of Gardiz. The Apaches completed their missions and none was shot down, but an undetermined number sustained enough damage from ground fire to require repairs, the officials said.

The Marine AH-1W Cobra attack helicopters were ordered into battle after moving from the USS Bantamme Richard in the North Arabian Sea to a base inside Afghanistan, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Moving with the Cobras to Afghanistan were two CH-53 Super Stallion transport helicopters.

The Cobras, with a crew of two, is armed with a 20mm cannon and can fire a wide variety of precision-guided missiles, including Hellfire and JOW anti-air missiles and Sidewinder anti-air missiles.

Condit Rally

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his relationship with intern Chandra Levy. Condit for the first time had to invest his own money in his campaign.

"I have done my job as a congressman. I have conducted myself as a gentleman," Condit told a crowd of reporters after voting in Ceres. "The only thing different is the intrigue of what's happened over the last summer and the fact that you're all here."

Condit's stiffest challenge came from Candora, his 42-year-old wife and former friend who now includes an urban slice of Stockton along with its largely rural base. Condit discussed issues at coffee shops, knocked on doors in the final days and shook just about any hand that reached out to him. The son of a Baptist preacher, Condit took to the pulpit at a black church, met with Muslims and even spread his message on Spanish airwaves in a bid to reach the multicultural electorate.

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Education Association and the Democratic Party. And indeed, speakers called on teachers and their supporters to become politically active.

"We do not have a money problem," declared Andrus, who fought repeatedly over education with Republican legislative majority during his four terms as governor. "We've got a political problem."

Idaho Education Association President Kathy Phelan said, "It is extraordinary to close schools in some communities, to ride chartered buses all night long, to change personal and professional plans so we can voice our concern for our state's 250,000 public school students. Unfortunately, nothing else we have done so far seems to have made a difference."

Afterwards Newcomb, who represents Cassia County, told teachers of the county-wide school district into his office to explain the Republican-dominated Legislature's actions. His explanation was simple: "We've looked under every rock to find every dime, and there aren't any more rocks."

Teachers asked why the rainy-day money had not been dipped into further. Newcomb told them the Legislature is saving some money to help schools in northern Idaho fix or replace unsafe facilities.

But he also warned them that the economy most likely won't look any better in April when the year's income tax receipts are tallied.

"The trend has been that each month we have been here the tax receipts have come in about 10 percent below projections," Newcomb said. He said with that in mind, he wouldn't be surprised if the April income tax receipts didn't come in about \$40 million short, which would be about 10 percent of a projected \$400 million.

Newcomb pointed out that pub-

United avers strike with mechanics contract

CHICAGO (AP)—United Airlines mechanics and aircraft cleaners approved a contract Tuesday that will give them their first raise since 1994 and end a bitter two-year dispute.

The contract was ratified by 59 percent of the voting membership, union officials said.

The approval averted a strike that could have started as soon as 12:01 a.m. Thursday EST.

Analysts have said a walkout would have grounded the airline and forced it into bankruptcy.

"Today's ratification puts a long and difficult process behind us," said United's chief executive officer, Jack Creighton.

The ratification removes a key obstacle for the struggling carrier as it pursues a recovery plan aimed at stemming its financial hemorrhaging.

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Tech

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stical-technical education."

So it's time to regroup, and to bring the district's planning committee back together. Despite the community's response at the polls, the same problems remain, he said. The figures still show that only 30 percent of high school students actually graduate from college, leaving nearly 70 percent unprepared for today's demanding and specialized work place.

"Before we do anything like this again we better take stock and try to figure out what this community wants because we do know what they don't want."

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million cut in this year's public school aid package. That 2.5 percent reduction is awaiting the signature of the governor, who proposed it in the first place along with even greater cuts in other state operations.

The House also has approved the mid-packet for next year that restores \$7 million of the cash cut from this year's budget for the 114 school districts. The Senate could approve that bill before week's end.

Republicans in both the House and Senate met behind closed doors Tuesday morning to map out a response to the charges from teachers and others that they have turned their backs on Idaho's future by shortchanging education.

Leaders pointed out that the 93 Republicans in the House and Senate have 564 children or grandchildren who attend or attended state public schools and 190 relatives who are or have been teachers in Idaho.

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City	Today	Thu.
Calgary	-8 -12	0 -12
Edmonton	-2 -12	0 -15
Kelowna	26 6	29 -1
Lehigh	11 -3	10 -3
Regina	-1 -6	3 -6
Saskatoon	-3 -21	-4 -17
Vancouver	40 32	40 31
Victoria	43 28	38 28
Winnipeg	6 2	-1 -3

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Auckland	10 10	11 10
Athens	73 57	71 57
Auckland	67 54	65 55
Bangkok	85 73	82 70
Beijing	50 27	54 36
Berlin	48 43	49 38
Buenos Aires	67 70	67 70
Cairo	82 60	88 63
Hong Kong	66 54	65 57
Jakarta	82 70	81 70
Johannesburg	77 62	63 62
London	52 43	56 45
Mexico City	66 48	62 41
Moscow	30 -32	42 -39
Paris	50 45	54 40
Rio de Janeiro	81 70	86 78
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Sydney	62 40	66 38
Tokyo	67 42	60 31
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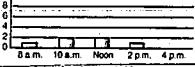
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Sunset tonight: 6:33 p.m.
Moonrise today: 2:25 a.m.
Moonset tonight: 11:43 a.m.

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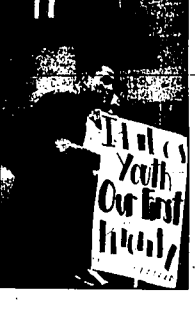


UV Index: 0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

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Baltimore	58 38	60 36
Birmingham	64 41	68 49
Boston	48 30	43 38
Charleston, SC	64 44	68 44
Charleston, WV	62 38	60 42
Chicago	42 30	42 35
Cleveland	54 30	60 44
Denver	59 33	61 31
Des Moines	44 34	32 45
Detroit	46 32	43 39
El Paso	72 44	71 49
Fairbanks	16 -11	13 -18
Honolulu	81 71	82 68
Houston	68 56	74 60
Indianapolis	62 38	68 44
Jacksonville	68 51	74 55
Kansas City	58 40	60 52
Las Vegas	66 46	68 51
Little Rock	65 50	69 53
Los Angeles	63 52	59 46

Study finds high kids' accident rates in extended cab pickups



Aaron Craythorn, a Declo High School senior, left, and Steve Homer of Meridian Valley's rally in Boise differently.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Children riding in the rear seat of compact extended cab pickups are almost five times as likely to be injured in a crash as children riding in the back seats of other vehicles, a study says.

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NATION

Bush pushes teacher pay, professional status

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush called for education reforms Tuesday that treat the nation's teachers "like the professionals they are." In terms of salary, working conditions and general support for the sacrifices they make.

The president spoke at a White House conference on teacher preparation hosted by first lady Laura Bush. Speaker after speaker

er told of how fledgling educators often are made to go through labyrinthine certification processes to enter the field, only to be pushed into the classroom with very little direction or positive reinforcement.

Bush said the education law he signed in January puts new demands on teachers to burnish their skills. Therefore, he said, teachers are entitled to certain

things in return - such as a safe, respectable work environment and even reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses when they buy supplies for their pupils.

On the average, he said, teachers spend \$400 of their own money on supplies every year.

If the public expects teachers to "always be examples to our children, to live a life of good character," teachers also have a

right to expect that parents will teach their children to be well-mannered and respectful, Bush said.

The education bill Bush signed requires states to ensure, by 2005, that all teachers are qualified in their subject areas. It also mandates annual testing for students in grades three through eight and helps students transfer from habitually failing schools.

Crew member survives 10 hours in ocean

MIAMI (AP) - A cruise ship cabin stewardess who fell overboard was rescued Tuesday after treading water for at least 10 hours in the Atlantic Ocean, officials said.

The 24-year-old Romanian woman was in stable condition and will remain on the Miami-based Norway under the care of a ship's doctor.

Astronauts hold key to Hubble

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Spacewalking astronauts prepped the Hubble Space Telescope on Tuesday for its riskiest surgery yet: a power-unit replacement that has been likened to a heart transplant.

If the operation fails, the \$2 billion-plus telescope could be crippled or rendered useless.

"Any major surgery entails a certain degree of risk," cautioned Hubble's project scientist, Dave Leckrone.

Surgery was scheduled for this morning during the third spacewalk in as many days for space shuttle Columbia's astronauts.

Assigned to the task: John Grunsfeld, an astrophysicist who has operated on Hubble before, and Richard Linnehan, a veterinarian who has cut into animals almost as big as the 43-foot telescope.

NASA said it had little choice but to replace Hubble's original power control unit, a long, narrow box with 36 connectors jammed together.

The 12-year-old unit has a loose screw that is hampering its ability to circulate electricity through the telescope. The problem has occurred on and off for the past eight years.

If the power trouble got worse, astronomers would be able to use only one of Hubble's scientific instruments at a time. In the worst case, some of the telescope's batteries could overheat, burn and wreck the Hubble.

Workfare could pay less than minimum

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration is moving to allow states to place welfare recipients in jobs that pay less than minimum wage - a reversal of federal policy that is sparking ire among public employee unions and advocates for the poor.

The White House idea is that such cut-rate jobs could provide work experience for many thousands of welfare recipients who have not moved into the labor force. Such work could take the form of community service, including tasks like cleaning up parks and helping out in offices.

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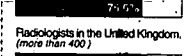
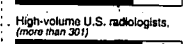
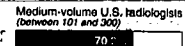
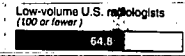
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Experience bounties in cancer detection

Doctors who perform more mammograms identify more cancer by viewing X-ray films and order fewer biopsies, according to a study released Tuesday.

Accuracy rate of cancers detected (by volume of X-ray films viewed per month)



SOURCE: Journal of the National Cancer Institute

Study compares doctors who give mammograms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors who perform the most mammograms find more cancer and order fewer biopsies, according to a study that compared the X-ray reading skills of British and American physicians.

Dr. Laura Esserman of the University of California said Tuesday that a case-by-case comparison between U.S. physicians and British doctors, who on average read far more X-ray breast films, found that experience paid off in a big way for the patients.

"It's not too surprising," said Esserman, the first author of a study in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. "People who are more experienced are better — they find more cancer and biopsy less frequently."

In the study, the researchers tested the ability of four groups of radiologists to analyze the same 50 mammography films that contained 13 proven cancers.

A lower accuracy, said Esserman, meant that more patients had unnecessary biopsies of breast tissue and that more cancers went undetected.

She said that in the United States, only 10 percent to 20 percent of ordered biopsies end up actually detecting cancer.

Study: Tomato sauce can reduce prostate cancer risk

WASHINGTON (AP) — A diet rich in tomato sauce, ketchup and other tomato-based products containing a powerful antioxidant can lower the risk of prostate cancer, a new study says.

Researchers analyzed the food choices and prostate cancer histories of more than 47,000 men and found that those who ate at least two meals a week containing tomato products lowered their risk of prostate cancer by 24 to 36 percent.

Dr. Edward Giovannucci of Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard School of Public Health, the first author of the study, said it supports earlier research involving foods, particularly tomato products, that were high in lycopene, a powerful antioxidant.

"These most recent findings add support to the notion that a diet rich in tomatoes and lycopene-containing foods, as well as other fruits and vegetables, may reduce the risk of prostate cancer," said Giovannucci.

A report on the study appears today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Giovannucci said that lycopene

CDC: Gonorrhea infections level off

ATLANTA (AP) — Gonorrhea has leveled off in the United States but rates are still rising in many cities hit hardest by the infection, a finding health officials say is unacceptable.

The national gonorrhea rate stabilized in 2000 after rising 9 percent from 1997 to 1999, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday. But the sexually transmitted disease rose in 2000 in 13 of the 20 cities

with the highest rates. Gonorrhea is quickly diagnosed and can be treated with antibiotics. Left untreated, it can facilitate the spread of HIV and cause chronic pelvic pain and infertility.

"The continued health consequences from this completely preventable STD are unacceptable," said Dr. Ronald O. Valdiserri, deputy director of the CDC's prevention center for sexually transmitted diseases.

The national gonorrhea rate in 2000 was 131.6 cases per 100,000 people, down from 132 in 1999. But the disease rose more than 20 percent in five cities that already had high rates — Kansas City, Mo.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Birmingham, Ala.; and Detroit.

It dropped more than 20 percent in Atlanta, Washington and Chicago. The CDC called for more study to find out which prevention methods worked in the cities.

Research ties lung cancer to air pollution

CHICAGO (AP) — Long-term exposure to the air pollution in some of America's biggest metropolitan areas significantly raises the risk of dying from lung cancer and is about as dangerous as living with a smoker, a study of a half-million people found.

The study echoes previous research and provides the strongest evidence yet of the health dangers of the pollution levels found in many big cities and even some smaller ones, according to the researchers from Brigham Young University and New York University.

The risk is from what scientists call combustion-related fine particulate matter — soot emitted by cars and trucks, coal-fired power plants and factories.

The study appears in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

It involved 500,000 adults who enrolled in 1982 in an American Cancer Society survey on cancer prevention. The researchers examined participants' health records through 1998 and analyzed data on annual air pollution averages in the more than 100 cities in which participants lived.

The researchers first took into account other risk factors for heart and lung disease such as cigarettes, diet, weight and occupation.

Lung cancer death rates were compared with average pollution levels, as measured in micrograms per cubic meter of air. The researchers found that the number of lung cancer deaths increased 8 percent for every increase of 10 micrograms. Other heart- and lung-related causes of death increased 5 percent for every 10-microgram increase.

Allen Deary, a scientist at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, which funded the study, called it "the best epidemiologic evidence that we have so far that that type of exposure is associated with lung cancer death."

"This study is compelling because it involved hundreds of thousands of people in many cities across the United States who were followed for almost two decades," said co-author George Thurston, an NYU environmental scientist.

Thurston said the lung cancer risks were virtually identical to those faced by nonsmokers who live with smokers and are exposed long-term to secondhand cigarette smoke.

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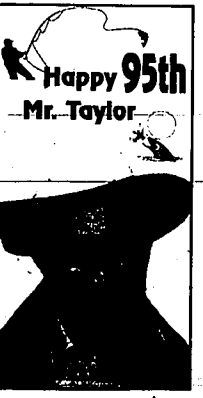
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Bush imposes steel tariffs

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Tuesday slapped punishing tariffs of 8 percent to 30 percent on several types of imported steel in an effort to aid the ailing U.S. industry, drawing criticism from American allies and mixed reviews in Congress.

"An integral part of our commitment to free trade is our commitment to enforce trade laws to make sure that America's industries and workers compete on a level playing field," Bush said in a statement issued by the White House.

The tariffs will be phased in over 18 months, but the administration did not estimate by how much. "Guessing prices is not my business," U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick told reporters at the White House.



White House briefs Congress about plans for contingency government

WASHINGTON (AP) — After lawmakers complained that they were kept in the dark, White House officials on Tuesday briefed top members of Congress about the "shadow government" that President Bush set up outside Washington as a safeguard against terrorism.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said two top Bush aides briefed Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D. on

Tuesday, and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., "had been previously informed."

But Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., was not part of Tuesday's session. His spokesman Erik Smith said Gephardt did not know about the meeting until it ended. He said he did not know why Gephardt was not invited.

"We're disappointed, we don't understand why they would choose not to invite Mr.

Gephardt," Smith said. Fleischer told reporters that Gephardt's absence was "a scheduling matter," but when pressed on whether Gephardt was invited, Fleischer replied, "I don't make all the invitations here at the White House."

"If he was not (invited), it was inadvertent," Fleischer said. He insisted that congressional leaders were informed of the plan in the proper manner, adding that

lawmakers will realize that "when members of Congress have a chance to pause, think and talk to each other."

In a brief interview after the session, Lott said: "The proper things are being done, the proper people have been and are being informed" about contingency plans.

The plans include housing 75 to 150 senior administration officials in secure underground facil-

ities. The officials rotate in and out of the secret sites, spending days at a time away from friends and family, to ensure that top government officials survive an attack on Washington.

White House and congressional aides said the lawmakers were briefed by White House chief of staff Andrew Card and Nicholas Calio, the administration's chief congressional lobbyist.

Some aides declined to discuss

details of Tuesday's session, saying it was classified.

Fleischer said the "shadow government" was a tightly held secret because the White House did not want a repeat of the underground bunker-at-the Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. It was designed to protect members of Congress in a nuclear strike, but is now a tourist site rented out for theme parties.

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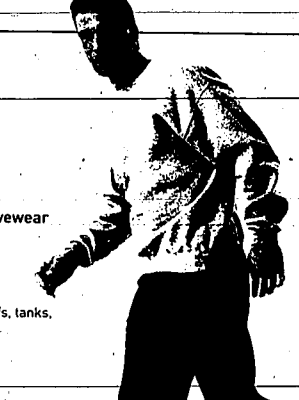
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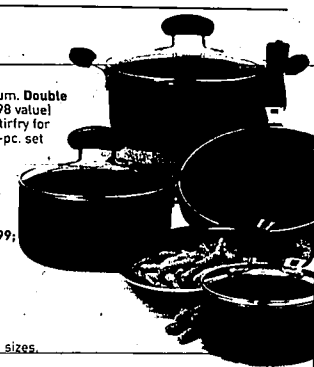
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EDITORIAL

Environmentalists play 'Go Fish' with bull trout

Finding a reason to sue the federal government over bull trout habitat is easy for environmentalists. Finding any real bull trout in West Fork of the Jarbidge River—now that's tougher. Two Idaho environmental groups are working on a lawsuit against the feds for failing to protect habitat "for the isolated bull trout population" in the Jarbidge River on the Idaho-Nevada border. The groups oppose livestock grazing and irrigation along the river, as well as Elko County's road work along the river.

The two groups, the Western Watersheds Project and the Committee for Idaho's Desert, may be itching to jump into court. But their assertion that "isolated bull trout population" is under the gun is questionable.

"Isolated"? Make that, "absent." A recent survey by a Forest Service contractor, Parametrix Inc. of Kirkland, Wash., found the West Fork of the Jarbidge is indeed suitable bull trout habitat. But snorkelers didn't find any fish. Only a dozen were found in neighboring tributaries. Nevada Division of Wildlife officials later said an electrofishing survey found three.

It appears that environmentalists once again are pushing for a scientific basis to halt human activity—even though the creatures they aim to protect may not be present.

Some people have criticized the Parametrix survey. But its point is valid. If environmentalists are going to claim road construction will harm bull trout, they ought to find some fish before going to court.

It's about time some kind of plan was made that ended the howling over federal control. This plan could do just that. It was seven years ago that Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, warned fellow legislators they were making a serious mistake by not taking state control of wolf management. Turns out he was right.

Idaho lawmakers refused to cooperate out of anger over federally mandated wolf reintroduction. Doing so only made matters worse. The state gave up the power to mediate legal disputes with livestock owners, and it surrendered the authority to treat wolves on state lands as if they were on private lands. With no state authority, wolves on state lands are handled as though they were on federal land.

The new agreement acknowledges the state's need for more federal money to manage wolves, and it allows the state to maintain its formal opposition to wolves. Now that the wolf is headed for delighting, the state can have a stronger voice in how the predator is controlled.

Do the arithmetic

We hope those who continue to harp at the Legislature for its education budget reductions took note of a chart on Page A2 of Tuesday's paper.

The data showed several useful points:

- School spending has increased 75 percent in the past 11 years, from \$520 million to \$910 million.
- School staffing has increased about 28 percent in the same period.
- Student numbers have increased much more modestly—only 7.8 percent.
- Test scores, meanwhile, have been unimpressive. The 2001 percentile average for Idaho students on the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and Tests of Achievement and Proficiency was the lowest in the past 10 years.

Once again, the demand for education money is out of step with the measurable results. It's time taxpayers—the state got more student achievement for their tax dollars. Is that too much to ask?



Secrecy can only hurt Bush administration

When administrations get into trouble, it is usually because of something the president or his aides have said or done. The Bush White House is different. It is running into problems because of its silence.

Its refusal to talk or to share information is frustrating the other two branches—Congress and the courts—and is spawning more controversy than is healthy when President Bush is trying to sustain broad support for a war on terrorism and an ambitious domestic agenda.

The headline dispute has been the battle between the General Accounting Office, an arm of Congress, and Vice President Cheney over access to certain records of the energy policy task force Cheney headed.

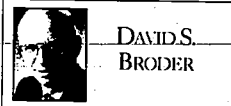
That issue has not yet gone to court, but federal judges last week expressed impatience at footdragging by the administration on other requests from private groups for information on energy matters.

Meantime, key legislators in both parties were clanging their horns from The Washington Post's Barton Gellman and Susan Schmidt that Bush had instituted a "shadow government" of sequestered senior civil servants after the 9/11 attacks without telling anyone in the White House.

Bush is absolutely right in saying that he has "an obligation as president (to) put measures in place that, should somebody be successful in attacking Washington, D.C., (would) guarantee there's an ongoing government."

But it is inexplicable that he would not share his prudent action with the four top congressional leaders, with whom he meets weekly, so they would have the reassurance that he has that knowledge. If he cannot trust them that far, what does it imply?

The leaders have been restrained in their public comments, but you know it



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troubles. As House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt has said repeatedly, his comment to Bush at the first bipartisan meeting after 9/11 was "Mr. President, we have to trust you, and you have to trust us."

That trust is vital, for there will be issues on which disagreement is inevitable. Energy is one. Critics of the administration plan are seeking to defeat it, not just on the merits but on the claim that it was shaped by industry lobbyists, some of whom were also significant contributors to the Bush-Cheney campaign.

In an ideal world, the debate would center on substance, but probing the process by which a high-profile proposal is formulated is certainly not unprecedented. Remember the fuss about Hillary Clinton's health care task force?

The courts so far have turned a deaf ear to administration efforts to keep its energy meetings secret. Judge Gladys Kessler last week ordered the Energy Department to give an environmental group some 7,500 pages of documents on contacts between outside organizations and department officials working on the task force. Two other judges accused the administration of stalling on related suits.

The issue is different in the GAO suit against Cheney; it is a test, not of the Freedom of Information Act, but of the statute that lets the GAO audit executive branch activities.

Last week, I interviewed GAO head David Walker, its top lawyer and two senior officials on Cheney's staff. It is perfectly clear that this is a dispute that

does not have to become a test of strength for a constitutional showdown between the branches.

Presidents are entitled to have confidential discussions with their aides. But that is not at issue here. Walker already has modified his original request for notes and memos of meetings with executives of Enron and other energy companies and now is asking only for the names, places, dates and subjects of meetings between the task force and outsiders.

Cheney's aides insist that the demand for "subject matter" would inevitably escalate into a perusal of notes and minutes, but Walker says that is not his goal.

Meantime, by insisting "on principle," as they put it, that Congress and the GAO have no authority to inquire into the activities of the president or vice president, because the White House is not an "agency" under the meaning of the statute, Cheney's team has rejected two options that would stop the GAO in its tracks.

Cheney could invoke executive privilege, but does not wish to create the impression that he has something sinister to hide. Alternatively, he could say that GAO is seeking "deliberative material" and that its request would "substantially impair the operations of government."

Under a 1980 statute, such a certification could not be appealed to the courts.

Cheney's team is well aware of these options, but will not use them, because that would imply that GAO has jurisdiction to probe the task force, a claim Cheney disputes.

In choosing confrontation over one of the available compromises, the administration is escalating a secrecy fight that only damages itself. It is time for talking, not stonewalling.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

A wolf plan with teeth

After years of snapping and snarling over wolf management, Idaho conservationists and livestock groups have committed to a working agreement. An Idaho Senate committee has approved a plan for wolf management once the animal is delisted from federal protection. The new proposal is on the Senate floor for debate.

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Three different rates are not fair. Naturally, a family of one or two people with a small home will use less. Maybe the size of the family should be taken into account.

MARGE HOLLEY
 Filer

Public prayer doesn't hurt anyone

To Richard Meyer Sr., who wrote a letter to this section Feb. 25: I wish I'd said that. Your letter hit the nail right on the head.

I remember when I was growing up even in grade school at all of the activities or functions, whatever they may be—there was always a prayer said, usually at the beginning and a lot of the time at the conclusion of such functions, and I don't ever remember anyone protesting, booing, threatening to sue or what have you just because the prayer was said in public. The acknowledgment of God and prayer was still going strong when I got out of school in 1961 and

well that.

Now look at what has happened in the last several years. Some say we are infringing on them by wanting to have and keep prayer in schools and public gatherings. I cannot and will not ever believe there are more people who don't want God recognized than people who do. I would like one person to tell me how a public prayer has ruined their life, made them unfit for society, be a total outcast or a complete failure. I'm really not sure if the people who protest this really believe their rights are being violated or if they're being paid by a group of idiots to stand up and look like a fool. I guess maybe we are the fools because the minority of this matter have prevailed—for now.

What happened to the judges that were appointed to represent what's good and meaningful and the representatives that we elected to carry on the principles of this country? Are they on the same payroll?

In conclusion, I'd have to agree with Mr. Meyer that if you are threatened by God and prayer, which has been part of our country's principles from the beginning, you might think about the alternative he stated. One of the great things about the United States of America is you are free to leave anytime.

Thanks again, Richard.
 KEITH OWENS
 Kimberly

Article shouldn't have run

I am writing to express my disappointment in The Times-News to publish your front-page article, "The Two Mrs. Boones, Jerome donation revisits bitter memories" to me was offensive. Why, in these times of so much unhappiness and strife, would you choose to run a very generous and benevolent gift into a bitter story?

We who knew Evelyn Crowder found her to be a very loving and appreciative woman. She was often found involved in improving our community, among which were previous donations to the library, to the improvement of the courthouse. My first encounter with her was when she came to my home soliciting signatures to preserve Auger Falls.

She was a well-read woman who lived a very quiet and frugal life on the rim of our canyon in a home she had literally helped build after her retirement. She did not have many of the comforts of life by her own choosing, but it chose to give what she had after death. Few are aware that an enormous amount of personal belongings were given throughout the Twin Falls area for humanitarian needs.

She has left behind a legacy of learning to thousands of high school students who were taught by her during her 35 years of teaching in the California school systems.

LETTERS

She was always known for her bright smile and her wonderful southern accent.

In the end, she has given a very generous and heartfelt gift to the community she loved—something that will benefit our children and their children to come. Why, in a time when we are being encouraged by the leaders of our nation to be a kinder, more thoughtful citizen, would The Times-News choose to tarnish a wonderful gift to so many.

KATHI B. LOTT
 Jerome

The differences are biological

In response to the letter from Spencer Bingham printed Feb. 28:

I hate to have a battle of wits with you since I don't like to attack anyone who is unnamed; however, this has to be addressed.

I would like to know where you get your information.

You say that God doesn't put a female spirit in a male body. The spirit has nothing to do with it. According to an article written by Kevin Jacobs, recent research has demonstrated that the brains of men and women are different in surprising ways. It has been suggested that women have greater connectivity between the two halves of their brain as a result of a thicker corpus callosum, the brain tissue

that links the two halves together. It is this greater connectivity that has been suggested as the cause of greater intuitiveness and creativity in women.

This same thickening has been demonstrated to exist in the brains of gay men, suggesting that the brains of gay men are probably more like women's brains in function than men's.

Another brain difference has been found in the hypothalamus, a part of the brain that influences sexual behavior and sexual aggression. Males tend to have much larger cell structures in certain parts of the hypothalamus, while females tend to have smaller cell structures.

And again, the studies of the hypothalamus in homosexual men have found that the smaller, female-like cell structures are present.

Now you point out that man was made in God's image; what image would that be? Is God black? white? red? yellow? Is God male or female? Is God tall? short? thin? obese?

I have a good many friends that are gay and lesbian and have done no harm to you or anyone else.

And do remember, Dear Mr. Bingham, Judge more; be judged.
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By Garry Trudeau



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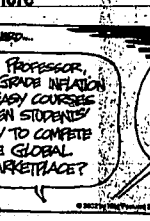
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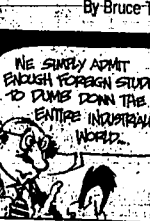
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February tax collections fall more than \$10 million short

BOISE (AP) - Tax collections fell short again in February, reinforcing the push by Republican legislative leaders to approve an austere 2002-2003 budget and then adjourn the election-year session.



Preliminary figures from the state Tax Commission showed receipts were off by about 10 percent - more than \$10 million - from the state's three primary revenue sources - personal income, corporate and sales taxes. The state had expected \$102 million in February receipts.

Kempthorne Budget Director Brian Whitlock pointed out that the revenue picture is still missing some miscellaneous receipts, but those three taxes account for nearly all of the revenue.

It comes on the heels of a January revenue falling \$16 million short of the benchmark and December receipts coming in more than \$20 million low. Those shortfalls are all on top of the more than \$60 million reduction

in the revenue estimate Gov. Dirk Kempthorne made last summer.

Lawmakers have already approved \$64 million in cuts to this year's budget, \$8.3 million more than Kempthorne proposed. The GOP majority's austere budget for the 2002-2003 spending year, now being considered, calls for a 1 percent reduction in basic spending on top of the \$100 million Kempthorne cut when he put it together two months ago.

The administration and Legislature chose spending cuts to deal with the eroding state economy to protect last year's record tax cut. Included in the package is the first-ever reduction in state support for public education.

The Legislature has put together

a plan to deal with the December and January revenue shortfalls. But if the February shortfall is not made up during the last four months of the spending year, the state could begin canceling construction projects. A list of 19, worth \$90 million, has been drawn up.

Chief economist Michael Ferguson said the preliminary revenue figures show personal income tax receipts responsible for the bulk of the shortfall - about \$9.5 million. But two-thirds of that shortfall was created by people claiming their income tax refunds, and the trend in recent years has been for those to be taken earlier in the year because electronic filing speeds the process.

Paycheck withholding, a key indicator of the economy's underlying job strength, was off only \$2.6 million, but that was a significant improvement over January collections that were more than \$14 million short.

Fetal protection bill gets go-ahead

BOISE (AP) - The House Judiciary Committee late Tuesday endorsed final legislative approval of a bill protecting fetuses under state murder, manslaughter and aggravated battery laws.

But the panel rejected another Senate-passed bill that sought to add 15 years to the prison terms of anyone convicted of attacking a pregnant woman who then suffers a miscarriage or stillbirth. "I don't see why they don't want the prosecutorial tools," said Republican Sen. Sheila Sorenson of Boise, co-sponsor of the bill the committee rejected on a divided voice vote.

Both measures were prompted by last July's beating of a pregnant Nampa teenager who then delivered a stillborn baby.

Republican Sen. Hal Bunderson of Meridian, who sponsored the bill dubbed "Noah's Ark" for the teen's baby, said it was based on laws in a number of other states aimed at ensuring women have the choice of carrying their babies to term.

Bunderson's bill - endorsed by the panel 9-4 - makes it a crime, separate from whatever violence is done to a pregnant woman,

when a "human embryo or fetus" is killed or caused "great bodily harm, permanent disability or permanent disfigurement."

Critics contend elevating the fetus to the status of a human

being goes well beyond filling the legal gap exposed by the Nampa case, essentially declaring that life begins at conception and creating a framework for future abortion restrictions.

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Amateur dentistry remains misdemeanor

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho House on Tuesday rejected legislation that would have made practicing dentistry without a license a felony.

"We don't want to build more prisons. We've said that. So why do we keep making more crimes felonies?" Republican Rep. Leon Smith, a Twin Falls lawyer, asked his colleagues before the 35-32 vote that killed the bill.

Practicing dentistry without a license now is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$3,000. The change proposed by

Democratic Rep. Margaret Henbest of Boise would have made the penalty up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$5,000.

Henbest noted that practicing physical therapy without a license is a felony in Idaho. She said only one or two of the misdemeanor cases are prosecuted each year, so making it a felony would not result in any significant additional expense to the state. But lawmakers concerned about the poor economy and tight budget were unwilling to take the chance.

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 This documentary chronicles Roberts' gift of taming a wild mustang. The program also provides insight into Roberts' nonviolent methods of horse training in the context of his life, work and philosophy.
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Legislature moves on lawsuit

Sheriff seeks info on Jerome teen-ager

JEROME - The Jerome County Sheriff's Department is seeking the public's help to find a 17-year-old girl who's been missing since Sunday evening.

Anyone with information about Natalie Carrico is asked to contact the department's investigation section, 324-0845.

According to a release from Sheriff Jim Weaver, Carrico was last heard from at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, when she told her family she was on the way home from a friend's house in Twin Falls.

Carrico is described as white, 5-foot-6, 160 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing blue jeans, a pink tank top and a blue jean jacket.

The Twin Falls Police Department confirmed that Powell is missing as well, but no other information was available Tuesday night.

In connection with the case, the Jerome County Sheriff's Department is looking for a maroon 1987 Ford Mustang with a black stripe on the hood and a lowered rear window, with license plate number FT-P0325.

Western Days committees will meet today at 6 p.m.

TWIN FALLS - The Western Days committees will meet at 6 p.m. today in the Twin Falls City Council meeting room.

Several committees need volunteers. Included are committees for the carnival, commercial/arts and crafts booths, rodeo queen, rodeo, music/dance and logistics.

Western Days is made possible every year by volunteers. Anyone who would like to help is encouraged to attend this meeting.

County commissioners consider cell phone fee

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners will meet today to consider a resolution establishing a \$1 use fee for cell phone lines in Twin Falls County.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in commissioners' chambers on the fourth floor of the county courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

The money would be used to help foot the operating costs at the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, the regional 9-1-1 center serving Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties.

A \$1 yearly fee on every land line in SIRCOMA's service area has helped fund the center's budget since it opened, but today at least 45 percent of incoming calls at SIRCOMA come from cell phones, said County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman.

Ketchum discussion series starts today

KETCHUM - Mormon culture in the 1800s and the Mexican immigrant experience will be among the topics to be explored as the Sun Valley Center for the Arts hosts "West Word: Writing from the New West."

The free reading and discussion series, in its second year, will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesdays beginning today at the center at 191 Fifth St. E.

Some of the most compelling and provocative literary voices in the West today will present short readings of their work to be followed by discussion and questions.

Tonight, Idaho native Tom Spanbauer, who now lives in Portland, Ore., will read from his fictional works "Faraway Places," "In the City of Sky Hunters" and "The Man Who Fell in Love with the Moon," which the L.A. Times Book Review called a "quirky unsettling look at American history."

On March 13 Idaho author Claire Davis will discuss her novel "Winter Range," which explores issues confronting those in the rural West today. The book is set in a small Montana town whose residents are divided over the fate of a rancher who lets his cattle stray to death.

On March 20 Judith-Freeman will discuss "Red Water," the story of John D. Lee, who was executed for his role in the Mountain Meadows massacre. The story is told through the eyes of three of his 19 wives.

On April 10 Rigoberto Gonzalez, who grew up in Michoacan, Mexico, will read from his book of poems "So Often the Pitcher Goes Over Water Until It Breaks." The narratives include personal memories and social commentary.

Compiled from staff reports

By Julio Pence Times-News writer

BOISE - Two bills that are part of a package crafted to make a school lawsuit go away passed their respective legislative bodies today.

The legislation is a response to 4th District Judge Deborah Bail's ruling 13 months ago that the Idaho Legislature has constitutional responsibility to provide children with safe learning environments.

Sixteen Idaho schools currently are challenging the Legislature to help them with school construction. Idaho is the only state that provides no financial aid for school construction from the state level but still requires a two-thirds majority for local voters to approve construction borrowing.

One bill is a sliding scale of interest subsidies for school construction written by retired school superintendent Sen. Darrel Deide, R-Caldwell.

"My heart is in this," Deide said, in spite of the fact that schools within his legislative district have built new schools without state help while suffering low property values.

Opponents argued the concept was not fair to districts that had already taken on expensive construction projects in spite of low property valuations, but Deide suggested that issue could be addressed in better financial times.

Last year lawmakers approved a bill to provide state interest subsidies under certain conditions to districts securing bank loans to finance health or safety improvements. Six districts took

advantage and the state paid out \$9.6 million in subsidies.

The new bill, approved in the Senate on a 30-5 vote, assures that any district floating a construction bond will have 40 percent of the interest paid by the state. Poorer districts would get a larger subsidy, up to 100 percent of the interest portion of the bond payment. That would be determined by how far below the statewide average a district is in the amount of property value supporting each student, the unemployment rate and per capita income.



Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman, warned that if the bill didn't pass and lawmakers chose instead to go to the Supreme Court for orders on how to solve the lawsuit, "You'll

find this is peanuts compared what we'll be paying."

In the House, Rep. Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale, pushed through "the hammer" with a closer vote of 37-30. His bill would have overruled the State Board of Education districts that refuse to address within a two-year period serious safety issues that are identified by the state. The board could decide to close down the problem buildings, and audit the district to find out why safety issues weren't being taken care of. The board could also force an increase of the district's levy rate in order to fix the problems. It could even ultimately force a consolidation with a neighboring district.

The journey is only halfway over with both bills, each having to be approved by the other legislative body.

Kee will fill in for Hart at MVRMC

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Senior Vice President John Kee will fill in for Chief Executive Officer Jerry Hart while Hart recovers from emergency surgery.

The hospital board Tuesday approved Kee to perform the necessary duties and responsibilities of Hart's until he is able to resume his position.

Hart, 66, was flown Sunday to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where he was listed in fair condition Tuesday according to David Smith, St. Al's director of marketing.

Hart managed Magic Valley Regional in October 1998, bringing 30 years of health care management experience to the job. During his tenure, he's seen the hospital through some major expansions, including the lease of its cancer center to St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute and the hospital's purchase of the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

Kee, 47, came on board as Magic Valley Regional in October 2000 as chief operating officer overseeing human resources, medical staff offices and ancillary services. He had provided practice management and consulting services to Magic Valley Regional and affiliated physicians for several years before joining the hospital's administrative staff.

In October, Kee was promoted to senior vice president to focus his energies on the purchase of the clinic and the hospital's partnerships with physician groups in the area. Kee has more than 25 years of health care experience with a strong background in managing health care organizations, both hospital-based and physician practices. He graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in business with a major in accounting from the University of Idaho.

Kee, who makes \$125,000 a year, will not receive a salary increase while filling in for Hart.

"I'm looking forward to Jerry being back," Kee said. "We're optimistic he'll be back to work."

Hospital board chairwoman Vesta Maughan said she couldn't give details about Hart's condition due to patient confidentiality.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with him," Maughan said. "We wish him a speedy recovery."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

IN THE LEAFLESS TREETOPS



Josh Weaver cuts the limbs from a tree in Twin Falls City Park Tuesday afternoon. Weaver and co-workers from Kelley Garden Center were removing the dead and sick trees identified by the Twin Falls Tree Commission as needing removal for the overall health of the park.

Opponents: Reclassifying waste undermines safety

By Chuck Oxley Associated Press Writer

BOISE - Environmental groups contend the U.S. Department of Energy's attempt to reclassify residual nuclear waste could threaten aquifers in three states.

A lawsuit in U.S. District Court asks that the Energy Department not be allowed to reclassify former-waste storage tanks buried in the ground at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Washington, and the Savannah River Site in South Carolina.

The tanks held millions of gallons of liquid acid that was used to reprocess spent fuel rods until the late 1960s. The rods were bathed in the liquid, which extracted the uranium but left behind a highly radioactive stew of other metals along with the acid.

The waste fluid was stored in buried tanks. Although much of it has been pumped out and processed into a more inert, solid form, a residual sludge remains in the tanks, coating the bottoms and sides.

About 800,000 gallons of sludge remain in 10 tanks at INEEL. The Energy Department plans to remove all but about 1,000 gallons in each tank, leaving a total of about 10,000 gallons in place, said department spokesman Brad Bugger.

The Energy Department has

asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for permission to reclassify the last remaining sludge and tanks at a level that would allow them to be filled and capped with cement and abandoned in place.

"We think that is a violation of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, and that they are using regulatory rule-making as a sleight-of-hand way to define away the problem," said Gary Richardson, director of the Snake River Alliance.

The Snake River Alliance is joined by the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Yalokima Nation in the legal action.

The lawsuit isn't new; the groups renewed the claim last week after review by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, which sent it to the lower court in Boise.

The Energy Department must respond by April 30. Oral arguments are set for July 22 in Boise before U.S. District Judge Lynn Winman.

Bugger said the federal government still does not know how it will deal with residual waste that is pumped out of the tanks.

"It is our intention to remove the waste, which is what we do with it once it out of the tanks," Bugger said.

One option is to develop technology that would extract all but the highest level of waste and ship the remaining material off to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Winslow, Ariz.

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Groups seek to improve water quality near Almo

By Nate Johnson Times-News writer

ALMO - Stream by stream, officials with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and local conservation districts are working to reduce sediment and fertilizer in the water.

In 2001, workers planted riparian plants along Almo and Edwards creeks. Every spring those creeks overflowed their banks, then dried out in the summer. After workers introduced plants, the creeks retained water throughout the summer, said Sonny Buhidar, regional manager for water quality protection with DEQ.

"We were able to get fish and water where the creeks were normally washing out and drying out," Buhidar said.

A similar project is planned for Cassia Creek this summer.

Money for the projects comes from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, through DEQ. The state agency matches 40 percent of the federal money, Buhidar said.

It's too early to know if the planting projects on the creeks are a total success, but Buhidar is optimistic. In theory, the plants will help slow the flow of water in the spring, reducing the sediment load downstream. Reducing the sediment in these creeks, tributaries of the Raft River, which flows into the Snake River, will help the community meet the limits on the total daily maximum load of pollutants it puts into the Snake River.

Representatives of Cassia con-

servation districts told Cassia County commissioners Monday they are concerned with total daily maximum load regulations. The amount of work needed to comply with those regulations, from American Falls Dam to Miller Dam, is expected to cost \$30 million, said Peter, chairman of the East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District.

The pollution comes - in about equal thirds - from industries, municipalities and agriculture. Because agricultural pollution is so hard to measure and locate, regulators can't fine farmers. Instead, regulators will force industries and municipalities to cut back further to compensate for agricultural pollution, Parr said.

The job of motivating farmers to cut runoff pollution falls to the conservation districts, making the districts the regulators of agricultural water. Parr is not comfortable with that position.

Money is not money to remove enough pollution from runoff to meet the requirements, he said.

"Someone's got to stand up and say, 'Hey, we've got bigger problems than this in this country right now,'" Parr said.

Buhidar agrees there is not the money to fix the problem immediately. The money is there, however, to take on the worst problems.

"If we start nibbling away at the elephant, pretty soon the elephant is not so big," he said.

Many of the projects cost less than \$50,000, and community members often donate time to help with the work. Some landowners are willing to pitch in.

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DEATH NOTICES

Eunice Mae Davis of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. today in the Twin Falls Cemetery (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Jack T. Ward of Elba, service at 11 a.m. today at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Elba Ward; burial will follow in the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery in Alma; friends may call from 9:00 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Elvis Arlene (Holle) Gulbranson of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. today at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St., Rupert; friends may call one hour before the service today at the church; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Herman Paul Burt Sr. of Rupert, Mass of Christian burial at 10 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery (Hansen

Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Jess Sylvester Roland Jr. of Filer, memorial service Thursday at the Buhl Community of Christ Church, 20264 Highway 30, Buhl.

Andrew Leon Christensen of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Springdale First Ward, 200 S. 475 E.; burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. before the funeral Thursday at the church.

Jesus Villalobos of Buhl, prayer vigil with rosary recited at 7 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl; burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; friends may call from 3 p.m. until the time of the rosary

Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Bonnie Elaine Easterday of Castleford, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; interment at the Pleasant View Cemetery, Twin Falls.

Vernon Eldridge Wilson of Phoenix, Ariz., memorial service and interment at 11 a.m. Friday at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

Eldon Duane Bingham of Georgetown, Calif., and formerly of Society and Young Women's societies at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; interment will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Thursday and from noon until 12:45 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Wilbur I. "Tex" Norcross of Gooding, memorial service with a

poduck lunch at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Gooding Senior Citizens Center, 308 Senior Ave. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Vicki Diane Udy of Katy, Texas, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Malta First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; interment will follow at Valley View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10:10-45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Phyllis Boley Jimenez of Burley and formerly of Murrumbidgee private family service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley; interment will take place at a later date.

Ralph J. Andree of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. March 19 at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Scott Joseph Sterling TWIN FALLS - Scott Joseph Sterling, 40, of Twin Falls died Monday, March 4, 2002, at his home from cancer. Services will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Randy P. Taylor BUHL - Randy P. Taylor, five months and one week old son of J. Marie Taylor of Buhl, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, at a Los Angeles, Calif. hospital. Cremation with a private ceremony will follow.

Daniel Dion Massie TWIN FALLS - Daniel Dion Massie died Monday, March 4, 2002, at his home. The service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, March 9, 2002, at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. Officiating will be Father Timothy Richey. Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 8, 2002, at the funeral home. Cremation and private interment are under the direction of the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

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Roger Thomas Morris Oler

Roger Thomas Morris Oler, 17, of Twin Falls, died Monday, March 4, 2002 at his home. He was born December 3, 1984 in Blackfoot, Idaho, the son of Roger and Joan Bethel Oler. He moved to Twin Falls at age 2 where he lived for 2 years. He later moved to Salt Lake City where he began playing Little League Baseball, and enjoyed having his father as coach. After the death of his father in Twin Falls, Montana where he continued playing Little League Ball, predominantly as a pitcher and catcher. At the age of 13 he was convicted as an umpire in the Cal Ripkin and Babe Ruth Divisions, and was also a baseball referee for Columbia Falls Parks & Recreation. He played 1st base on the Montana State Babe Ruth Championship team in 1996. He played football as a freshman in Columbia Falls as a fullback and linebacker. He moved back to Twin Falls in October of 2001. He was a Junior Hunter's Education instructor from age 13-16, was on the High School Honor Roll in Columbia Falls. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing and mud bogging in his truck. He was known as a very personable kid and was always willing to help. He was a member of the Twin Falls 12th Ward LDS Church, and was a priest in the Aaronic Priesthood.

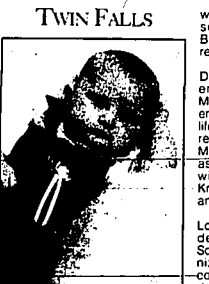
He is survived by his parents, Roger and Joan Oler of Twin Falls; sister, Kim Oler of Twin Falls; grandparents Remon and Golda Bethel of Rigby, ID; Nephew, David and Michelle of Stevensville, MT; aunts and uncles Marlen & Linda Georgia of Rine, ID; Kent & Vicki Frisby of Parker, ID; Gloria Spencer, and Nancy Maxwell both of Idaho Falls, ID; Rick & Maly Oler of Boise, Idaho; Jan & James Bentley of Sandy, UT; & Paul Oler of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

There will be a gathering of family and friends at White Mortuary, on Wednesday, March 6, 2002 from 7-8:30 p.m. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2002, at Hillcrest Cemetery in Shelley, Idaho. A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 9, 2002, at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Falls, MT LDS Church. The family suggests memorials to the Roger Thomas Morris Oler Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1144, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

RUPERT

Michael Glen Bagley

Michael Glen Bagley a 46 year old Rupert resident passed away March 3, 2002, at his home in Rupert. Michael was born May 16, 1955 in Burley, Idaho the son of Glen & Virginia Bagley. He is survived by his son Dirk Bagley of Gooding, ID; one brother Doug Bagley of Burley and his close friend Darla Schaeffer of Rupert. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2002 at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel. Friends may call from 1:30 p.m. until the service time. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.



Tiffany Amber Nagel

Tiffany Amber Nagel, infant daughter of Gary E. & Christy Ann Pierce Nagel, became an angel, March 1, 2002 in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was born October 4, 2001 in West Valley City, Utah. Tiffany was a very happy baby. She was always smiling and laughing. She was always making noises, and wanted to talk so badly. She is loved by many and was our sweet angel and will be missed by us all. Tiffany is survived by her parents, Gary and Christy; her brother, Michael Corey of Olathe, Sisters; Holly Klinger of Twin Falls, and Shelly Hampton of West Valley City, Utah; Grandparents: Larry and Patsy Pierce of West Valley City, Utah; & Paivick and Joyce Bennett of Twin Falls, Idaho; Great Grandparents: Verlyn and Leora Thomas of Salt Lake City, Utah; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Gary Nagel, Sr. and Great Grandparents, Harry Nagel, Phyllis Nagel, Norma Kump, and Roy and Elaine Pierce.

Funeral Services for Tiffany will be held Friday, March 8, 2002 at 2 p.m. at the Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 7, 2002 from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

BURLEY

Lois Jensen

Lois Jensen, 85-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, March 3, 2002, at the home of her granddaughter, Amy Rasmussen. She was born on June 8, 1916, in Vernal, Utah, the youngest of eleven children, of Benjamin Isaac and Martha Esther Cullum Norton. At the age of one, Lois moved with her family to Woodville, Idaho, where she received her education. She married Alton Jensen on October 24, 1934, in the Salt Lake Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Lois and Alton lived in Shelley, Idaho, where Alton worked herding sheep and Lois cooked for all of the hired hands. They later moved to the Springdale area, east of Chubb, where they engaged in farming. While in Springdale, Lois took an active part in farming and



Ilma Marie Krahmeyer

Ilma Marie Krahmeyer, 95, died of natural causes March 3rd. She is survived by her four children - Wilma (Meson) Govey, George (Beverly) Krahmeyer, Myrna (Jim) Jacobs, Fred (Sandra) Krahmeyer and daughter-in-law, Diane Krahmeyer. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel; son, Samuel her parents, Chas. infant daughters, four sisters, two grandsons and two great-grandsons. Services will be held at Farmer's Funeral Chapel (Buhl) March 7 at 11 a.m. Graveside services will be held March 11 at the cemetery in Brush, Colo.

working the livestock. After they sold their farm, they moved to Burley, where she has since resided.

Lois worked at Van Engelen's Department Store, prior to being employed by and Mrs. Jim Miller, at the Miller Drug. Her employment was a highlight in her life. She often recalled the love and respect she carried in her heart for Mr. Miller and also the wonderful association and friendship she had with the other clerks. Pauline Knopp, Bruce Crane, Mae Starley and Annie Harmons.

As a member of the LDS church, Lois served faithfully in the presidencies of the Primary, Relief Society and Young Women's organizations. She additionally spent countless hours arranging and producing road shows, Primary programs, Girls and Green Balls, and making parade floats. She understood her inale calling to give compassionate service, and many individuals recall the countless times she gave of love and comfort.

She was very talented and enjoyed handwork, especially quilting. She had a wonderful relationship with the Westside Quilters every Monday was quilting day, a day she looked forward to, and even after she could no longer be able to attend, her faithful friends made sure she was a part of the lunch time gathering. These wonderful adopted sisters, literally became her second family. They kept watch daily of her needs and what the ladies could not do, their husbands would fill in.

As a grandmother, we cannot help but remember her homemade bread, caramel corn, chicken soup, and the quilts and embroidered handkerchiefs she so lovingly gave. She looked forward to quality family time and loved the "Jensen Reunion" in the mountains. Many of her family recalls being her favorite and others will always remember her as "Grandma Kelly."

We wish she could have stayed on "this barnt longert" yet we know she has returned to her Heavenly Father, where she is enjoying a long awaited reunion with her loved ones.

Lois is survived by her children, Deanne (A. Max) Barbery of Salt Lake City, Utah; Allen Lee (Teresa) Jensen and Gwen (Joseph) Beck both of Burley, one sister, Edna and two brothers, Elva Hadlock, Velma Hurst, Dora Welfton, Leah Teeples and Vida Jane Norton.

The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 8, 2002, at the Burley West State Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Avenue. Burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, on Thursday, from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., and at the church on Friday, from 10:00 until 10:45 a.m.

WENDELL

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Gooding County OKs funding for youth program

By Almee New Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Gooding County commissioners agreed this week to budget next year for a program that helps at-risk youth.

The county's juvenile justice system has already been using the Parent Project, a program that helps parents of difficult or strong-willed children. Gooding city police officer Rick Cowen told commissioners Monday he would like to add a course called Loving Solutions for parents of children ages 2-12. The program has been used in 27 states and has a 60 to 100 percent success rate, he said.

Cowen said adding Loving Solutions would cost from \$1,000 to \$1,500, which the county wouldn't have to start paying for another year to a year-and-a-half.

Commissioners Carolyn Elexpuru and Rob Sauer said they felt that the program would be a good idea, and added that they would have Ralph Geer with juvenile justice put the money on next year's budget.

Cowen also reported on the Parent Project's effectiveness. A survey by Pat Traugber with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare evaluated the program from the 1999 summer session through the 2001 spring session.

All parents involved in the survey said they would recommend the Parent Project to other parents of difficult or strong-willed children, the survey said.

Other county business included: New computer server - The county's old computer server might be donated to Adams County, which is in need of a server, but has no money in the budget for one, said county employee Shelly Hayden.

Hayden said that upon receipt of a new computer server, Gooding County's six-year-old system became surplus. Hayden said she would see if the old server needs to be considered surplus property to be donated, or if commissioners could just donate it.

Computer Arts, a computer system designer and consulting company out of Glenns Ferry, has offered Gooding County 10 hours of free service time if the old server is given to Adams County.

Hayden said auctioning off the server would probably only bring in around \$50.

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Rupert warns departments to spend cautiously

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Some fund balances are lower than anticipated, Rupert city officials warned Tuesday.

Colleen Severson, city financial officer, gave a mid-year budget report and said departments need to watch their spending. The unexpected expense of putting an Americans with Disabilities Act bathroom in the Civic Gymnasium and the shut-down of Magic Valley Foods have caused the low balances.

The Magic Valley Foods shutdown has resulted in a loss of \$33,000 in wastewater revenue and \$30,000 in electric revenue, Severson said after comparing the past five months to the same time last year.

"By the end of the fiscal year that could add up," Severson said.

After looking at the report, Councilman Steve Barras said the electric and wastewater departments will need to look at their budgets; the council may need to take a look at the general fund.

"We might have to trim a few things there," Barras said.

If departments are cautious with spending, there may be no need for cutbacks closer to the end of the fiscal year, Severson said.

The council tabled a discussion on raising wastewater rates after the concerns were raised by the council.

Councilman Layne Rutschke said the rate study makes assumptions about the cost of transfers. Rutschke said transfer rates were estimated at more than \$300,000; the real cost is \$185,000. If the cost of transfers are less than estimated, the rate increase to Rupert residents could possibly be less.

"The increase might not have to be as dramatic," Rutschke said. However, "increases are inevitable, I'm sure," he added.

The council will revisit wastewater rates at its March 19 meeting.

The council approved a request that the city share the cost of printing a brochure that promotes Rupert.

Carl Hanson with the Rupert Renaissance Initiative Quality of Life Sub-committee said that Minidoka Memorial Hospital and the Minidoka County School District will already share the costs. If the city also contributes, each entity would pay between \$500 and \$700.

Color pictures would bring the cost closer to \$700; costs would also rise if the brochure were translated to Spanish.

Other council business included:

- Drug task force - The council

voted to move forward with a grant application to start a Mini-Cassia drug task force. If the grant is awarded, Rupert will provide about \$1,500 in matching funds.

Minidoka and Cassia counties and the city of Heyburn will also provide matching funds.

Todd McChie with the Rupert Police Department said drug arrests have jumped from 16 in 2000 to 40 in 2001.

Development commission - Mike Brown was appointed to serve as a non-voting member of the Mini-Cassia Development Commission Advisory Board.

The council also approved providing up to \$4,425 to the commission in the next fiscal year.

Sun Valley ski season will likely extend until April 21

The Times-News

SUN VALLEY - Sun Valley plans to keep part of Bald Mountain open through April 21, depending on snow conditions.

Sun Valley Resort General Manager Willie Huffman announced this week that the resort plans to keep the entire mountain with the exception of the Lower Bowls and Lower Frenchman's area, open through April 14. Between April 15 and

April 21, Baldy will go to a four-lift operation with the Lower River Run and Lookout Express chairs serving the River Run side of the mountain, Challenger serving the Warm Springs side and the Christmas chair serving the Christmas fields.

The last day for lift operations on Dollar Mountain will be April 7. Last year, Sun Valley extended its season by a week after the resort received a big powder dump.

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Bugger also said the department has not decided whether to abandon the remaining waste tanks. Another option might be to dig the tanks out of the ground.

"That would be extremely expensive and could expose workers to radiation fields," Bugger said. A study on the option is due to be released this summer.

Idaho has its own agreement with the federal government which stipulates that the waste

is to be removed from the state by 2012 or any further waste shipments to the state would be halted. Craig Halverson, program manager for the Idaho INEL oversight office, said the state's position includes any residual sludge.

Bugger said whatever treatment plan it authorizes must also be approved by the state.

The Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, which lies under INEL, is the sole source of drinking water for more than 200,000 people in southern Idaho, including the city of Twin Falls.

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to reduce their share of water pollutants. The projects also increase the value of their land by establishing healthy wetland areas, Buhidar said.

The East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District has one project, another small piece of the solution, planned for this summer. The plan calls for diversion of part of the river's flow at flood stages. The water would flow to the east side of the river, where it would quickly sink into the gravelly soil, Parr said.

This diversion would reduce the channeling of the river bed and "retard a heck of a lot of sediment from going into Raft River," Buhidar said.

DEQ staffers are working on assessments of Goose Creek and

Raft River and will make regulations for the total maximum daily load of these waterways in 2003, said Earl Christensen, chairman of the Lake Walcott watershed advisory group. Landowners have a vested interest in keeping their water clean, but they are nervous about regulation, he said. If there is a problem, landowners want to have a part in deciding a remedy that "won't put them out of business."

"We can achieve quality water standards without making agriculture unprofitable," Buhidar said.

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Golf pro suggests promotions to boost numbers

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The golf pro at the city's municipal course doesn't think the season pass fees should be adjusted this year, although some residents think the fees might be scaring off some season pass purchasers.

Mike Williams spoke to the Burley City Council Tuesday. Mayor Jon Anderson said residents had requested the golf course be discussed at the council meeting, so the item was placed on the agenda.

Williams suggested the best way to raise additional revenue at the golf course is to run various specials.

While he knows that approach isn't viewed favorably by managers of private golf courses, Williams said it is a good way to generate business.

Rates at the city course could be cut to encourage business at traditionally slow golf times.

Williams said. He mentioned possibly running a spring special aimed at attracting golfers from eastern Idaho to Burley. Weather conditions in the eastern part of the state prohibit golf from being played as early in the year as it can be in Burley. Williams also suggested some promotion in the Sun Valley area, where abundant snow pushes the start of the golf season until later in the year.

He'd like to offer a reduced spring day rate through the middle of the year. The daily price would fall somewhere between the winter day rate and the summer day rate, he said.

Throughout the summer Williams wants to run promotions tied to the time of day. Rates could be dropped to encourage people to play during the hotter part of the day, he said.

The Burley course will likely see some additional play this year. Rates at the city course could be cut to encourage business at traditionally slow golf times.

ment will want to play Burley a time or two before the tournament get familiar with the course, he said, and others will want to play the course just because it is the tournament site.

"We need to stay aggressive in our special and discount rates," Williams said.

Burley resident Vaughn Egan said each time the city raises the season pass price, revenue decreases because fewer people buy, throws passes. Egan thinks rates should be dropped back to the level of two or three years ago, to stimulate increased sales and therefore increased revenue.

Williams pointed out that season rates weren't increased for 2002.

"I don't know that we want to go backwards with any rates," Williams said. However, he said, it is important for the city to review rates every year.

Last year the city sold about 430 season passes.

Earl Simpson told the council

it's time for the municipal course to make money. It has operated a loss for eight or 10 years, he said.

Simpson doesn't like the fact that because the course doesn't make enough money to cover its own costs, the golf course is subsidized from other parts of the city budget.

Williams countered that it's tough for the city course to reduce expenses and maintain quality at the same time. If expenses are cut, quality is also cut, and golfers are the first to notice that, Williams said.

Simpson, who is a golf pro at the Ponderosa Golf course, said he has a proposal that will allow the city to make money on its course.

Mayor Anderson said he would like to meet with Simpson to discuss that plan.

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Publisher seeks nomination to challenge Kempthorne

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Newspaper publisher Jerry Brady has decided to seek the Democratic nomination to challenge U.S. Rep. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne in this year's election, he formally announced his entry into the race Thursday.

Brady said he will make the formal announcement in a series

of appearances around the state. He is the only Democrat to officially declare his intentions to seek the party's nomination for governor this year. Former U.S. Attorney General Shari Hiff has also been considering the race.

Kempthorne, who served as Boise mayor for more than six years before winning the 1992

race for the U.S. Senate, plans to formally announce his plans to seek re-election later this month.

He easily won the state's top office in 1998 with nearly 69 percent of the vote over Democrat Robert Huxley, a former state Supreme Court justice.

The formal filing period runs from March 25 through April 5.

Brady, whose great-grandfather served as governor in 1909 and 1910, currently serves as publisher of the Post Register in Idaho Falls and president of the Post Co., which owns the Post Register and KIFI-TV.

Brady said he has announced his intention to challenge himself from the Post Register during the campaign.

Columbine families want sheriff to quit over crime scene photos

DENVER (AP) - Friends and family of students killed at Columbine High School called on Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone to resign Tuesday after he released "crime scene" photographs were allegedly leaked to the public.

"This is the thing they promised would never happen. Outrage is probably a mild way to describe it," said Brian Rohrbough, whose son was one of 12 students killed in the attack.

The Rocky Mountain News on Tuesday reported it and several families of Columbine victims had obtained photos showing the bodies of teen gunman Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, some of the victims and the bombs they made. The News did not publish the photographs or say how it got them.

Klebold and Harris killed 13 people on April 20, 1999, before

committing suicide.

The Jefferson County sheriff's office was scrambling to verify the authenticity of the photographs. Spokeswoman Jacki Tallman said investigators had seen only faxed copies of two photos and had not determined whether they were official crime scene evidence.

Stone said the sheriff's office did not authorize the release of the photos but stopped short of saying whether they came from his department. In a written statement, he said an investigation has begun and asked anyone who has the photos to give them to investigators.

Editor John Temple said he received a letter from Stone asking for the photos, but Temple said the paper does not plan to hand them over. He said the sheriff's department should release all public documents per-

tain to Columbine, rather than asking for the public to hand over what it has.

Tallman said the newspaper could be compelled to turn over the photographs if it was determined that they are property of the sheriff's office.

"We're sickened by this. It's disgusting that they are out there," she said.

Stone's statement expressed sympathy for victims' families. "I was outraged and saddened to learn that the crime scene photographs from Columbine High School were made public," he said.

Tallman said the photos may have been stolen or obtained by an outside source. "If they are authentic, I would say the greater degree of probability is that it was released by a law enforcement agent."

Tallman said 34 law enforce-

ment agencies were involved in the Columbine investigation, and many had access to crime scene photos. She declined to discuss how evidence is protected at the sheriff's office.

Sheriff's officials and prosecutors met Tuesday and discussed seeking an outside investigation, but nothing was decided, Tallman said.

Rohrbough said he did not expect much from an internal investigation.

"So far what I've seen of their investigations have been 100 percent self-serving. They never let the facts get in their way," he said.

He believes the photographs are authentic and were intentionally leaked by someone in the sheriff's office. "There's certainly been an effort on the sheriff's part to try to punish the families for asking questions," Rohrbough said.

Utah senator works budget to ax two health office employees

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Sen. Bill Hickman makes no secret of his disdain for unwanted governmental intrusion and belief in accountability.

Two health department employees who train local health agencies on the state's environmental regulations ran afoul of Hickman's personal values when they applied the rules about swimming pool cleanliness in his district.

The two men paid with their jobs. Hickman, R-St. George, with the support of Republicans on the Executive Appropriations Committee, engineered a move to ax their positions with the state's bureau of food safety and environmental health from the 2003 budget. They will be fired on July 1.

"If we have these maverick divisions out there making rules, they ought to be in citizens' best interest," Hickman said Monday. "If not, maybe we don't need them."

The equivalent of two salaries - \$115,000 - will provide ongoing

support for a Medicaid breast and cervical cancer screening program. The program had one-time funding in 2002.

The dispute started when condominium owners in St. George objected to state rules on how they maintained their swimming pools. Because the pools were for the use of residents and guests only, they didn't think they should be held to the same standard as public pools.

Health department director Rod Beit and another employee went to St. George to negotiate the problem, said department spokesman Stephen McDonald. The result was a new rule for "limited use pools" to allow them to test the water cleanliness once a month instead of daily.

"That wasn't enough for Hickman, who regarded the daily testing and other regulations as an extreme overkill" and government intrusion where it didn't need to be.

"It was like killing flies with a baseball bat," Hickman said.

After a series of meetings, "they made some accommodations with the rule but never did away with the rule," he said. "If you're going to make these kinds of rules, you have to be accountable."

Health officials thought the problem was ironed out; in fact, they received a letter saying so from Tyler Nelson, director of a St. George homeowners' association umbrella organization representing 7,500 homeowners.

The letter also stated the associations' full support of Hickman and Rep. Steve Urquhart, R-St. George, in whatever political actions they might take regarding the issue.

The two men who lost their jobs make up two-thirds of the food safety and environmental health bureau.

Besides swimming pools, they standardize rules and regulations for the Utah Indoor Clean Air Act, sanitation and safety at hotels, motels, resorts, mobile home parks, RV parks and campgrounds.


Then they take the regulations to the local agencies and train them how to apply the sanitation rules equitably. One of them set up and monitored sanitation training and maintenance for the Olympics.

"The two who were targeted are representative of over 40 years of service in environmental health at the state and local level," said Charles Brokopp, director of the state's epidemiology and laboratory services. "It's very difficult to replace that type of expertise."

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Gooding County

GOODING - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Higley E. Brothers, 60, 153 First Ave. W., Wendell; driving without privileges (second offense); failing to provide proof of insurance; court trial April 18; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
 Lorene - Dee - Preston, 29, 5006 Horseshoe Road, Caldwell; failing to maintain liability insurance; status hearing March 14; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor sentences

Ramon Villalobos Gonzalez, 18, 424 Third Ave. W., Wendell; failing to notify upon striking unattended vehicle; \$150 fine, \$63.50 court costs, inattentive/less driving; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.
 Jeff Ramon Maroff, 37, P.O. Box 1216, Mountain Home; driving under the influence (second offense); \$2,000 fine, \$230 suspended, \$500 public defender fee, \$100 public defender fee; 18 month unsupervised probation; 365 days in jail, \$35 suspended, 365-day driver's license suspension; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Felony arraignments

Felipe M. Mirales, 35, 2209 S. 1700 E., Gooding; possession of controlled substance; pretrial conference April 23, jury trial May 15; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

Divorces

Rohn K. Shoup vs. Leroy M. Shoup
 Michelle Dawn Chitwood vs. Rodney J. Chitwood

Civil

Idaho Collection Bureau vs. Benjamin Mendiola. Seeking judgment against the defendant in the amount of \$1,249.84, plus interest of \$99.11; attorney fees of \$415; such further amount the court deems just, plus its costs. Defendant is indebted to the plaintiff for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Jerome County

JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Jason Vance Higgins, 19, 1424 Alpine Drive, Jerome; driving without privileges; exceeding the speed limit; failing to be safer; court trial pre-trial conference April 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Phillip J. Rosen, 28, 525 E. Ave. C, Jerome; domestic battery; pre-trial conference April 1; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Aaron Verdan Verret, 31, 623 E. Fourth, Jerome; driving under the influence (second offense); possession of controlled substance; pre-trial conference April 1; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Carle Villagomez, 35, 3191 S. 2000 E., Wendell; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference April 1; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Mark D. Walters, 46, 20 Butte Drive, Jerome; driving under the influence (second offense); pre-trial conference April 1; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Dairymen

may buy closing plant

BLACKFOOT (AP) - The Suprema Specialties cheese plant is shutting down, putting 26 employees out of work.
 A dairy cooperative that sold milk to the plant, however, said it is looking for ways to reopen it.
 The Paterson, N.J. company filed for Chapter 11 reorganization with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, a news release said.
 Suprema Plant manager Jim Murdoch said he received word from the company's headquarters on Feb. 27 to stop production. The plant will close when the inventory is shipped.
 Snake River Dairymen's Association chairman Gaylen Clayton said the 40-member group is looking for ways to keep the plant operating. That means finding a buyer or buying it themselves.
 "We would like very much to see it stay open. It's a place for us to sell milk, and it provides jobs for the community," Clayton said.
 The plant was built in the Great Depression-era by Kraft Foods. For many decades it has provided employment.
 When Kraft decided to close it, local dairymen formed Snake River Cheese Co. and kept it open. Clayton said they looked the contacts to market the cheese. They recruited Melaleuca owner Frank Vandersloot of Idaho Falls as a partner. He bought the company and operated it from 1994 until early 1999, then leased it to Beatrice Cheese of Waukesha, Wis.
 Beatrice in October 2000 announced it was pulling out of its line of business, but Vandersloot persuaded it to keep the plant operating until he could find a buyer. Suprema took over at the beginning of 2001.

Misdemeanor sentences

Aaron V. Bagley, 19, 183 W. 100 S., Jerome; underage consumption of alcohol; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; six months' unsupervised probation; 120-day driver's license suspension; underage possession of tobacco; \$150 fine, \$100 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Earl Hughes, 54, 312 N. Fillmore, Jerome; inattentive/less driving; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; six months' unsupervised probation; five days in jail, five suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Scott Nelson Nejedlicka, 16, 2051 Boharion Highway, Wendell; underage possession/consumption; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; 90 days' unsupervised probation; failing to provide proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Juan Ochoa-Luna, 17, 3088 S. 2300 E., Wendell; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$450 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; one year unsupervised probation; two days' Department of Juvenile Corrections commitment; 180-day driver's license suspension; failing to provide proof of insurance; fictitious display of registration card or plates; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 William Robert Purter, 31, 183 Larkspur, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; one year unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended, 180-day driver's license suspension; failing to maintain liability insurance; \$75 fine, \$10 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.
 Elizabeth A. Thomas, 22, 530 Seventh Ave. S., Jerome; failing to purchase valid driver's license; exceeding maximum speed limit; \$20.50 fine, \$10 court costs; failing to provide proof of insurance; \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Divorces

Christina M. Newlan vs. Stanton O. Newlan

Civil

Sears Roebuck and Co. vs. Martin A. Juner. Seeking judgment against defendant for the principal sum of \$2,533.46, plus interest owing at 21 percent per annum; attorney fees of \$722.21 uncontroverted, \$130 per hour contested; such other and further relief as appears just. Plaintiff claims defendant is indebted for credit extended for purchases made or cash advances obtained.

credit extended for purchases made or cash advances obtained.
 Liberty & Rocky Mountain Pipe vs. Jeanne Serviss and Dean Bezek, dba Riverbrite Dairy. Seeking judgment against the defendant for the sum of \$1,933.04 plus accruing late charges at the rate of 18 percent per annum; attorney fees in the amount of \$600 if uncontroverted, additional sums if contested; costs incurred; interest at the highest legal rate, such other and further relief as the court deems just.
 J & D Manufacturing Inc. vs. Jamie Greenlee. Seeking judgment against the defendant for the sum of \$75,270.58, plus interest; attorney fees and costs; such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper.
 Plaintiff claims defendant owes for trial loops and headlocks manufactured by plaintiff for installation by the defendant in various dairies including, but not limited to, John Beuker's Dairy, located in Gooding, Idaho.

Lincoln County


SHOSHONE - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

Arraignments

Susan L. Nance, 47, P.O. Box 312, Shoshone; insufficient funds; pre-trial conference Feb. 27; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.
 Pennie K. Barker, 33, 2045 N. Main, Carey; driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Feb. 27; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.
 Mario Humberto Ruiz, 49, P.O. Box 581, Shoshone; domestic battery; pre-trial conference March 13; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.
 Robert L. Doncaster, 43, P.O. Box 203, Shoshone; domestic battery; pre-trial conference March 6; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.
 David A. Espinoza-Alvarez, 31, P.O. Box 354, Carey; driving under the influence; failing to purchase driver's license; pre-trial conference March 6; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.
 Christopher L. Fitch, 25, P.O. Box 781, Shoshone; driving under the influence; possession of controlled substance; open container; pre-trial conference March 13; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.
 Douglas S. Easter, 45, 2017 Highway 26, Gooding; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference March 13; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.
 Tanner R. Busen, 22, 105 E. 620 N., Shoshone; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference March 13; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

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Area students build houses in Tijuana

CALDWELL - While some college students are hitting the beaches for spring break, Magic Valley students were among 72 Albertson College of Idaho students who combined their service and experimental learning with compassion during a trip to Tijuana, Mexico.

They worked as volunteers to build homes for poverty-stricken residents. This was the college's eighth annual volunteer trip to Tijuana, and there were more than double the participants as in previous years, organizers say. The project, held Feb. 16-22, is organized by Potter's Clay, a non-sectarian, multi-denominational student group coordinated by Albertson College Campus Minister Phil Rogers.

The group constructed seven homes, consisting of a cement floor, two rooms, a locking door, three windows, some electrical and a cassette roof.

They also visited children in the nearby Hogar de Los Ninos orphanage.

This year's student participants included:

Hagerman - Ryan Urie
Jerome - Jennifer King
Mountain Home - John Reinschmidt

Murtaugh - Lindsay Ward
Twin Falls - David Atkins,
Jennifer Kroll and Becca Stroehle
Wendell - Bill Strunk

The students were joined by



Albertson College of Idaho students help build houses for the poor in Tijuana, Mexico. Another group going this spring break includes several Magic Valley students.

12 Albertson faculty, staff and community members.

For information about how to contribute to the project, contact

Rogers at 459-5282 or via email at progers@albertson.edu.

CSI Blaine center offers history, computer courses

HATLEY - The College of Southern Idaho Blaine County Outreach Center will offer courses on historical trails, computer mail and more.

Historic Trails Revisited - Learn about the trails of the Great Plains: Pony Express, Mormon, California, Oregon and Bozeman.

Instructor April L. Whitten, holds a master's degree in geography/anthropology and 12 years experience in geo-archaeological investigations of natural migratory routes, trails and roads. The fee is \$45.

The class will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 7-21 at Wood River High School.

Mail Merge - Create customized form letters and mailing labels. Learn how to enter and edit mail merge data sources, and use Word's search capabilities.

The fee is \$25. The class meets from 1-4 p.m. Thursday at the Fox Building for one credit.

Beginning/Intermediate Watercolor - Geared to the new or recreational painter in a relaxed atmosphere. A variety of drawings will be available to choose from.

An \$8 materials fee will be paid to the instructor the first day of class. The fee is \$40. The class will meet from 10 a.m. to 4

Want more info?

Call Joan Davies at 788-2033/2038

p.m. Saturday at Wood River High School.

Water Garden Construction and Maintenance - Learn how to build and maintain your dream pond.

Topics include ponding water, properties of water and principles of aquaculture, goal setting, beneficial uses, construction and layout, design concepts and aquatic vegetation. Kevin Lenane, instructor, holds a degree in aquaculture technology.

The fee is \$35 plus materials. The course meets from 7-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, March 11-13 at Fox Building.

Self-motivation: The Goals of Behavior - Participants will understand the following concepts: What is a lifestyle? How lifestyle effects daily decision making?

How understanding life-style can lead to a more productive and fulfilling life, and the four directions of encouragement and how they effect motivation. The fee is \$25.

The class will meet from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 16 at Wood River High School.

Filer High School announces honor roll

FILER - Filer High School announced its honor roll for the first semester.

Top honors

4.0 grade point average

Marina Bartsch
Cole Zenzberg
Sara Boss
Maria Deklorz
Tesh Denton
Elena Feofanova
Mary Fousharen
Andrew Griff
Diana Haffner
Andrea Jensen
Teresa Jones
Carmen Koehn
Megan Lewis
Kylie Madsen
Lisa McLaughlin
Larry Moore
Adam Moulton
Nicole Peterson
Michelle Pischal
Bonnie Richards
Trevor Ross
Bradley Silvester
Danice Thae

High honors

3.5 - 3.99

grade point average

Dan Ramseyer
Tyler Lassen
Brad Griff

Carey Farnsworth
Ryan Jones
Corey Farnsworth
Scott Ortel
Matthew Bennett
Kaysha Petersen
Andrea Tapia
Emily Hamman
Ryan Jones
Cameron Knigge
Chelsey Balles
Stephanie McGregg
Sarah Brannen
Samantha Henstock
Sheeba Glidewell
Chris Thae

3.0 - 3.49

grade point average

Trinity Sackett
Jennifer DeHaan
Merced Cardenas
Danielle Haffner
Kelsie Monroe
Chase Larkin
Whitney Hurley
Heather Deckstader
Brittany Rainsford
Robin Critchfield
Krystal Demoney
Nicholas Barry
Randy Barnhart
Tiffany Hamby
Mandy Knight
Lance Peterson
Rebecca Corwin

Gretchen Storrer
Tad Gill
Joy Dragt
Tami Bennett
Preston Allen
Kari Brown
Chase Lanting
Hannah Golay
Sarah Woolley
Tara Loughmiller
Hailey Koepplin
Danier Prigmore
Chelsea Stutzman
Issac Baker
L.J. Hurley
Amanda Wilson
Cole Ulrich
Aubrey Heintzman
Matthew Dyson
Kari Hartley
Velinda Babb

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Matt Severe
Brian Allen
Coy Haner
Rebecca Boone
Tom Heintzman
Ted Brannen
Cade Lancaster
Lavi Jaynes
Chris Christopherson
Cynthia Carlson,
John Shetter
Jennica Mecham
Tristan Ash
Shawn Blass
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Christopher Behunin
Jesse Malagon
Shanna Roehm
Todd Billington
Bradley Reeder
Barbara Arsenault
Angella Hayes
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Jessica Daniels
Brandy Sobotka
Roxanne York
Rainbeau Lang
Michelle Hoyt
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Jacob Gardner
Shelly Reinke
Ryan Gailey
Cand Deckstader
Heather Black
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Ruben Mittelstaedt
Ticiana Branco
Joseph Ferrell
Lisa Roudenbush
Josie Harney
Ben Malberg
Danielle Lammons
Sara Fioranco
Alicia Fernandez
Rob Knapp
Nephi Harmon
Vanessa Neyman
Angelica Aguilar
Sam Cortez
Jennifer Losurdo
Jessica Bragg
Dustin Peters
Janelle Peters
Myka Davis
Nicole Talbot
Loretta Drake
Veronica Guerrero
Oavez
Pupplik Wang
Paul McLaughlin
Amy Rackham
Carsen Stevens
Hoby Garner
Cherise Christensen
Kasey Vanhiltzen
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BUHL-HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA PRESENTS PLAY



Phantom Pig Productions and The International Thespians Society Troupe 6053 of the Buhl High School drama department, presents "Faith County" by Mark Landon Smith at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Buhl Middle School auditorium. The auditorium opens at 7:15 p.m. Senior citizens and students cost \$3, and adults, \$4. Cast members include, from left, Eric Littlefield, Larissa Howell, Dallas Thom, Courtney Kendall, Brian Avelar, Krystal Avelar, Asiel Arroyo, Bonnie Burks and Bonnie Richard. The play depicts everyday life of a southern small town at fair time.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Paul Elementary holds carnival, Dutch oven dinner

PAUL - Paul Elementary School will have its "Olympic Spirit" school carnival from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday.

A Dutch oven dinner will be served from 5:30-7 p.m. Cost is \$4 per plate.

The event will feature a variety of games and activities, including a cake walk, basketball, bowling, fish pond, counter store and raffle. Raffle tickets are available from any Paul student or at the door before 6 p.m. People need not be present to win smaller prizes, but must be present to win one of the grand prizes, which will be drawn at 8:30 p.m. Grand prizes include a set of tires, two \$150 gift certificates and 12 yards of gravel.

Student presents master's recital Monday at CSI

TWIN FALLS - Janalen Chandler Fischer will present her master's recital on piano at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium. The performance is free.

Fischer, the daughter of Tom and Ruby Chandler of Filer, is a 1995 graduate of Filer High School. During high school, she served as student body president, played on the state volleyball team, and set the record for



Janalen Chandler Fischer

three-point shots in girls' basketball, her family says. She participated in 4-H for eight years, earning grand champion and reserve champion awards. She also volunteered at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and received a Young Womanhood Recognition Award through the Young Women's program of the LDS Church.

She studied piano for 12 years as a student of Willetta Warberg, Margaret Vincent and Teala Parin. She earned a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and is a candidate for a master's degree in music with plans to graduate in May at the University of Kentucky.

Fischer's husband, Rocky, also from Filer, is attending law school at the University of Kentucky. They reside in Lexington, Ky.

Idaho Attorney General's Office initiates scholarship

BURLEY - The Idaho Attorney General's Office has established

college scholarship program for 4-H and FFA members.

There are two \$750 scholarships, which are based on financial need.

To be eligible, students must be incoming freshmen and have a three-year involvement in either Idaho 4-H or FFA.

Interested students should contact the financial aid office of the Idaho school or college they plan to attend for application forms and deadlines. Scholarships will be selected by March 15 of each year.

For more information, call 334-2400.

Donate old cellular phones for charity at flea market

FILER - Old cellular phones will be collected for charity during the monthly indoor Filer flea market, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the merchant building at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Admission is free. For more information call 532-4439 or 431-9939.

Benefit Mexican dinner helps two families

BURLEY - A benefit Mexican dinner will be held for the Roberto H. Lopez and Trinidad Talamantes families from 3-8

p.m. Saturday at El Dorado in Burley.

The event will also include a raffle.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under and may be purchased at Idaho Migrant Council, 406 Gardner St. in Twin Falls or 3 East 200 South, Burley and Horizon Organic Dairy, 2589 E. 509 S., Paul.

Donations may be accepted at the Wells Fargo Bank in Burley. For more information, call Roy Villaseenor at 678-1171 or 734-3336.

Christian Women's Club sponsors luncheon Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Christian Women's Club will sponsor a "Designs for Living" luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday at the WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

Anita Glavin and Bonita Hepworth will speak on basic design and coordinating. Glavin has 12 years of experience in interior design and Hepworth has 23 years of experience in interior design.

Guest speaker Barbara Phinson of Caldwell will speak on bouncing back. She is a recent widow and cancer survivor.

The cost is \$8.50. Child care is offered.

For more information or lunch reservations, call Betty at 736-4592 or Diane at 736-8453.

Fitness centers hold food drive to benefit food banks

BURLEY - Curves for Women in Burley will join the Curves International Inc. "Food for Friends" food drive to benefit local food banks.

During the month of March, members who bring a bag of non-perishable food items, exercise three times weekly and lose five pounds and five inches will be awarded a limited edition T-shirt.

Anyone who joins Curves the week of March 11 may bring a bag of groceries and have the normal service fee waived.

Food also may be dropped off during business hours, Monday through Friday at 2267 Overland Ave., Burley.

For more information, call 678-2754.

Student writing project invites students to apply

CALDWELL - High school juniors and seniors who enjoy writing are invited to participate in this summer's 20th annual Whittenberger Student Writing project held June 16-28 at Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell.

This year's theme is "Exploring

One's Self" and will feature guest writers, field study, readings and writing workshops. This year's writing instructors include Vermont poet Elizabeth Powell, Twin Falls writer and river guide, William Snidebaker and fictional writer, Rosa Vallarreal of California.

A \$175 fee covers room and board. A limited number of partial scholarships are available. Applications must be postmarked by March 15.

The project is supported by the state Department of Education, the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation and the Dr. Claude R. and Ethel B. Whittenberger Foundation.

For more information and application material, call Anna Marie Boles at 459-5869 or e-mail her at aboles@albertson.edu.

Wood River school seeks location for staff appreciation

HAILEY - Wood River Middle School is still in need of a location for the staff appreciation dinner at the end of the school year.

For more information, call Janice Moulton at 578-2303 or Linda Thomas at 622-8439.

The school also will hold eighth-grade recognition night. Parents of eighth-graders who would like to be involved should call Lisa Niedrich at 788-4145.

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Unwanted species come in the form of weeds, insects or animals

BOISE (AP) — Idaho agencies faced with the task of battling invasive species such as reed-beds and water hyacinths look to the waters of Big Lost Lake to understand the money and effort required to keep those new arrivals in check.

McCall-area residents got involved several years ago to battle Eurasian water-milfoil and raised thousands of dollars for its eradication. But it may never go away in the scenic mountain lake, said Peter Johnson, chairman of the Big Payette Lake Water Quality Council.

"Eradication? I've been told it's impossible," he reported at the first meeting of the Idaho Invasive Species Council on Tuesday.

The state group is composed of officials from the federal government to the counties, Indian tribes and health districts. Last September, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne issued an executive order creating it.

Kempthorne said a recent

Cornell University study found unwanted species which often have no natural enemy in the territory they take over each year cost the nation \$137 billion to fight each year. Bugs and even animals can be invasive.

Idaho is plagued with new terrestrial-weeds-such-as-purple loosestrife, knapweed and yellow star thistle.

Aquatic weeds are getting around quickly, clinging to the props of recreational boats heading into new waters, said expert Mark Sysma of Portland State University.

"Eradicating them can be expensive, such as the case of the beautiful loosestrife covering Idaho waterways. It runs about \$400 an acre to eradicate, he said.

But federal law can get in the way.

The Endangered Species Act and a recent 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling affecting much of the West — including Idaho — essentially bars the use

of herbicides that are effective at killing the invaders, Sysma said.

Fed bank honors slain woman

MOSCOW (AP) — A woman who worked with developmentally disabled adults and was murdered in December has a food bank named in her honor.

Latah County sheriff's detectives are investigating the Dec. 11 shooting death of 21-year-old Tonya Hart, but have not charged anyone. Hart was killed at a trailer home north of Moscow.

"This is a great honor on behalf of Tonya," said her father, Barry Hart, after the Monday ribbon-cutting at the food bank. Hart worked at Milestone Decisions.

Barry Hart is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest-and-conviction of Tonya Hart's killer. If the money is not awarded, he said it would be donated to the food bank.

Health clinics treated 11,575 during Olympics

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Health clinics saw 11,575 cases of cuts, scrapes, sprains, altitude sickness, frostbite, heart attacks and other ailments during the 2002 Winter Olympics.

About 11 percent of the patients were athletes. Patients came from 94 countries, but more than half of the patients were Americans, according to International Health Care, which provided care during the games.

IHC ran 35 venue clinics. The busiest clinic was the Polyclinic at the Olympic Village, which saw 2,080 cases, mostly at the main clinic at the Main Media Center, with

IHC treated 16 patients for frostbite, 43 for altitude sickness and a few people for heart attacks. In all, 48 patients were sick enough to require hospitalization.

Erica Smith, IHC spokesman Daron Cowley.

ELDEN LIND AUCTION

Friday, March 8, 2002

Located: Declo, Idaho - 16 South 950 East
From I-84 exit 216 (Declo) go west to the road, then 1 mile east, then 1/8 mile south. Watch for auction signs.

Sale Time: 11:00 AM Lunch served by Debbie & Al

TRACTORS

1998 Case International 9350 diesel Tractor, Row crop special (power steering plus articulated body), cab, air, 12 speed power shift, hydrostatic transmission, 18.3x32 dual all-around 4 wheel drive, quick hitch, 3 pt., 300-360-1800-hour, 1800-hr. tractor can turn on a dime (almost), dual for potatoes will sell separate - 1998 Case International magna 8940 MFD diesel Tractor, 24 hp, 2000 hours, 18 speed power shift, 4 hydraulic remotes, 14.9x36 rear rubber, 215 hp, 1720 hours, 14.9x36 duals will sell separate, 1994 Case International 7240 MFD Tractor, cab, air, 18 speed power shift, 4 hydraulic remotes, 3 pt. quick hitch, 14.9 x 308 front and 14.9 x 468 rear rubber, 205 hp, 2561 hours with excellent maintenance records, 1990 Case International 9170 articulating 4 wheel drive diesel Tractor, cab, air, 3 pt. quick hitch, 18 speed hydraulic remotes, 18 speed power shift, 18 x 308 front and 18 x 5196 hours, repinned on articulating pivot pin, excellent maintenance records at Pioneer Equipment in Rupert. **NOTE:** All the tractors have excellent maintenance records. **NOTE:** How clean are these 4 tractors? Sides would not allow any smoking or soda pop inside the cabs, that's how clean they are!

POTATO EQUIPMENT

1997 model 8640 Lockwood 4 row spud harvester, offset side hitch, swing away transport boom, 36 Mfd. second section side table, field ready, 1991 Lockwood 4 row winrow cross over spud digger, left discharge (changeable) field ready, 1998 Lockwood 4 row spud planter, pick type, 4 chemical applicator boxes, with 2000 bush tank, 18' row, 18' extensions, field ready, 1996 Double LL spud planter, 30" wide belt, 50 ft. boom, the big long model, Spudnik 40 ft. long dirt eliminator, (this is the one Elden used behind the Even Flow Bin) with split intake, 24' row, 18' extensions, 1995 Case 24" folding Roller Harrow, Smizer rollers front and rear, dual rubber, hydraulic folding wings, with factory made ditch hitch on rear, 645 Case International 180 row spring tip, 18" shear, trash turners, (like new conditions), 145 Case International 4 Bottom, 2 way plow, spring tip, 18" shears, trash turners.

GRAIN COMBINE & EQUIPMENT

1994 John Deere 9600 combine, diesel engine, cab, air, 25' header, 1021 engine hours, 825 separator hours, hydrostatic drive, grain only, never been in bins, exceptionally clean machine, low hours, equipment sale with lots of very good equipment. Anyone who knows Elden, knows how excellently he takes care of his farm and equipment. All of the motorized equipment has had excellent, regular maintenance care at Pioneer Equipment. If you're in Rupert and at the equipment dealer in Ontario, if you need good, field ready, equipment, don't miss this auction. Not much miscellaneous, so don't be late, we will be selling tractors at noon. We will sell the livestock equipment first at 11:00 am.

LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT & MISC.

Powder River cattle squeeze, 12 speed, catch cattle squeeze chute - 50 RR ties (all conditions) - assorted Powder River stock gates - Everman V ditcher on rubber - W4 loader bucket - and other miscellaneous. **NOTE:** Elden is cutting back on the health problem due to a new model, low hours, equipment sale with lots of very good equipment. Anyone who knows Elden, knows how excellently he takes care of his farm and equipment. All of the motorized equipment has had excellent, regular maintenance care at Pioneer Equipment. If you're in Rupert and at the equipment dealer in Ontario, if you need good, field ready, equipment, don't miss this auction. Not much miscellaneous, so don't be late, we will be selling tractors at noon. We will sell the livestock equipment first at 11:00 am.

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LOCATION: Oceana, ID. Sandy Rock Ranch is just 13 miles west of Grandview and 20 miles east of Murphy off Hwy 78. Watch for signs off Hwy 78. Each property for sale has a sign on it listing its tract number and acres. Please drive out and preview each property today. It's a beautiful drive.

TERMS: 5% down day of auction, 30 days to close, property sold as-is with owner's confirmation, seller to provide title insurance

NOTE: Owners Jay & Carol Cox have greatly enjoyed their Owyhee Mt. home. But due to health issues, Jay is no longer able to take care of this 2300 acre property and estate. They are offering their entire ranch, updated home, equipment and livestock to be sold at auction. If you've always wanted a ranch life, this is the place to be! Panoramic views, wide open spaces, plentiful wildlife and hunting available. Several parcels to choose from, one includes use of 23.35 acre reservoir, all beautiful places!

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BEAUTIFUL OWYHEE MOUNTAIN PROPERTIES

Tract #1 Cox Ranch - 2 Homes on 278 Acres: approximately 1838 sq. ft. 3 bed/2.5 bath, double car garage, updated well cared for home w/woodstove, bordering 35 acre reservoir, terrific hunting out the back door, panoramic view. **Home #2:** approx 1296 sq ft 3 bed/2 bath home. Completely furnished home includes all kitchen appliances & utensils, washer/dryer, dining set, furniture, washbasin, couches, 3 fully furnished bedrooms, electric forced air heat, walk in unit. Previously used by Castle Creek Hunting Club quarters. This property also includes 640 sq ft metal shop, 900 sq ft metal barn, 168 sq ft tack barn, 256 sq ft bunk house, 2 round metal granaries, corral & feed lot, phenolic, cedar, & quality 273 acres consist of approx. 120 irrigable acres of hay & the balance in natural habitat. Approx 1 mile of Castle Creek flows through this property. **FREE WATER RIGHTS!** since 1974 Water rights to stone approximately 400 acre of water in 12.15 acre reservoir. This property located approximately 3.5 miles from highway 78 on Castle Creek Rd. - **Tract #2 Harton Place:** 160 & livestock water. Approximately 78 irrigable acres - **Tract #3 Doyle Place:** 148 acres with historical site. Property used as stage coach stop. Also used as the Doyle horse ranch. Unfenced with Birch Creek running through the property. Good supply of marketable land-wildlife, terrific views. Located on the back side of Doyle Mountain at the head of Hoyle Creek. Good dry land pasture. Possible cabin site with county approval. Excellent chukar, deer, bird hunting & cougar hunting. Great access. Large supply of marketable landscape rock-stock & wildlife. Property located at the head of Clover Creek and the head of Birch Creek. Very nice property with great potential of cabin site with county approval. Four wheel drive access. - **Tract #6 South Fork of Castle Creek:** approx. 200 acres w/ live year recreation property has lots of water for livestock & wildlife. Great fishing on approx. 1 mile of South Fork of Castle Creek.

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Nevada conference focuses on land issues

REMO, Nev. (AP) — Water, wilderness, off-road vehicles, grazing, hunting, recreation, endangered species — when it comes to public lands in the rural West and in Nevada in particular, there's no pleasing everyone.

That's the point of Nevada Land Use Summit 2002. A three-day conference opened in Fallon Tuesday designed to encourage dialogue on policies and issues involving Nevada's vast public lands.

"There just seemed to be a real need to start getting folks who have opposing views on land use to get together and start talking to each other — and more important listening to each other," said Assembly Member Marcia de Braga, D-Fallon, who organized the first summit three years ago with state Sen. Dean Rhodes, R-Tuscarora.

The goal is to "look for solutions instead of rehashing old gripes," and to head off hostilities before they escalate into heated rhetoric and confrontation, de Braga said.

This year's agenda includes roundtable discussions on water rights and transfers, off-road vehicle use, access, and alternative energy development. A special workshop will discuss how ranchers and farmers can offset high energy costs.

Nampa man gets prison for drive-by shooting

NAMPA — An 18-year-old man was sentenced to 15 years in prison after being convicted in a drive-by shooting.

Luis Saucedo will not be eligible for parole for the first seven years of his term under the sentence imposed by 3rd District Judge James Morfit.

Saucedo was convicted last October for firing a weapon at a vehicle occupied by a Nampa couple and their infant daughter.

He was charged with aggravated assault, using a firearm in the commission of a felony and firing a weapon into an occupied vehicle.

During Monday's hearing, a tape recording was played of a conversation between Saucedo and a Nampa police officer last week. Saucedo was heard to repeatedly threaten to shoot another officer who had testified against him.

"He turned himself up for a full-and-a-half and he got it," Deputy Prosecutor John Christensen said.

Idaho seeks help to preserve historic bridge

REXBURG — The state Transportation Department is ready to put a new bridge over eastern Idaho's Canyon Creek — but not without trying to save the old one.

The state is looking for someone to take responsibility for the 70-year-old span that is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places because of its steel truss construction linking Newbliss and Tetonia.

"We did everything by hand," recalls 85-year-old Keith Zollinger of Rexburg. He was one of a handful of local construction workers to help build the 352-foot span over a narrow, 100-foot deep between 1929 and 1932.

Tim Cramer, an environmental engineer for the department, said the state has had some success in other areas selling old bridges to private parties, either to preserve or to be moved to some other location.

Cramer hopes someone or some organization will take over the Canyon Creek Bridge and keep it open to non-vehicle traffic. If not, there could be problems trying to tear it down because of its historic status.

Utah Senate OKs 18-cent tax hike on cigarettes

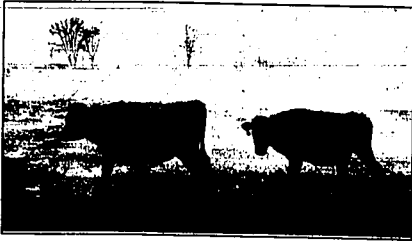
SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Senate on Tuesday approved an 18 cent price increase on a pack of cigarettes by a 15-1 vote.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Carl Saunders, R-Ogden, originally would have increased the 51.5-cent-per-pack tax by 30 cents, but the hike was reduced after lobbying by the tobacco industry.

Before the Senate approved it, they redistributed some of that money, taking some cash from a tobacco cessation program and adding it to Huntsman Cancer Institute and general fund money. The allotment to the fourth benefactor, the University of Utah Health Sciences Center, remained unchanged.

Sen. David Gladwell, R-Ogden, said he didn't want to balance the budget by relying on a small minority of the state's residents.

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Jersey cattle wander back into smoke-filled grasslands after a weed-burning fire got out of control Monday near Nampa. High winds spread the blaze before the Nampa Fire Department brought it under control.

Oregon Gov. Kitzhaber slams budget package

SALEM, Ore. — While criticizing the Legislature's budget-balancing package as "stunningly irresponsible," Gov. John Kitzhaber said he'll let most of it stand.

"This entire budget is an embarrassment and deserves to be vetoed," Kitzhaber said at a news conference Monday. Instead, Kitzhaber said he'll make three line-item vetoes and then make his own cuts to balance the budget because the state otherwise could face serious cash flow problems.

The plan passed by the Republican-run Legislature in a six-day special session that ended Saturday lacks the tax increases that the Democratic governor had sought.

It slashes state spending by almost \$350 million and uses about \$500 million in reserves and other one-time revenue to plug an \$846 million budget gap caused by declining income tax revenue.

Utah eyes sweet onion, sugar beet as state veggie

SALT LAKE CITY — The sugar beet and Spanish sweet onion will share the title of official state vegetable, under a bill passed by the Senate on Tuesday.

A bill to designate the Spanish sweet onion as the official vegetable was amended by the Utah House to add the sugar beet as the "historic state vegetable." The onion is the "contemporary" vegetable.

The Utah Senate signed off on the beet addition by a 23-3 vote. "To relegate the sugar beet to

history, what a wonderful thing," said Sen. Peter Knudson, R-Midvale.

Utah papers plan Spanish classifieds ads soon

SALT LAKE CITY — Beginning Saturday, classifieds advertising in both Salt Lake City newspapers will be available in English and Spanish, depending on the language selected by the person placing the ads.

Nearly 10 percent of Utah's population is Hispanic, providing a ready market for the Newspaper Agency Corporation — the joint advertising, circulation and printing company for the Desert News and The Salt Lake Tribune.

The Spanish classifieds will include listings arranged in five principal categories: help wanted, transportation, real estate, merchandise and general.

The listings will appear under the heading "Clasificados," anchored immediately following the English help-wanted listings. According to a 2001 Media Audit Survey, there are 51,800 Spanish-speaking people in the Salt Lake market and 202,000 Spanish-speaking people in the state.

— compiled from wire reports

Beating leads to man's arrest

BOISE (AP) — A Caldwell man has been arrested and accused of beating a man and stealing his wallet.

Police spokesman Rich Wright said Jimmy Lynn Harrison, 26, was arrested at the Greyhound Bus depot as he was preparing to board a bus out of town.

Officers said they found Salvador Madrigal's wallet in a

bus station trash can. Wright said the two men drank together at several bars Sunday night and were walking together at about 10 p.m. when the attack allegedly occurred.

Madrigal, 43, in fair condition Monday at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center, where he was being treated for head injuries Monday.



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AROUND THE NATION

Detainees provide data, lawmakers say

WASHINGTON — Afghan detainees being held at the U.S. naval base in Cuba are contributing valuable information in the investigation of the Sept. 11 attacks and other acts of terrorism, Rep. Saxby Chambliss said Tuesday.

Chambliss, the chairman of a House Intelligence panel that oversees homeland security issues, led a seven-member congressional delegation to the Guantanamo Bay base. Some 300 suspected fighters of the al-Qaida terrorist network and fallen Taliban regime are being there held for questioning. "These are the really bad guys, who have been brought over here for purpose of interrogating to find out how much information they know about Sept. 11 and other incidents," Chambliss said. "I came away with a good feeling about the work the interrogation process is doing."

Last Thursday, 194 of the detainees reportedly were refusing to eat as a protest. Chambliss said only about 20 were continuing with the hunger strike Tuesday, crediting a Muslim Army chaplain who has been talking with the detainees.

Reporter murder suspect gets step closer to U.S.

KARACHI, Pakistan — A Pakistani court on Tuesday set aside a petition to prevent the handover of the key suspect in the slaying of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl to the United States, after the government promised not to do so in violation of the law, the prosecutor said.

The government promise appeared to leave the door open to handing over British-born Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh through means in accordance with Pakistani law.

Interior Ministry spokesman Abdul Wahid Khan said the law requires defendants facing charges in Pakistan to be tried at home first before being transferred to any other country.

Anti-terror focus prompts more alerts by fighter jets

WASHINGTON — It doesn't take much these days to draw a pair of jet fighters off your wingtips — an unruly airline passenger, a wrong turn into restricted airspace or deviation from a flight plan.

Since Sept. 11, concerns about more terrorism in North America's skies have drawn investigating U.S. and Canadian fighters 292 times, military officials say.

Fighters also come when planes stop communicating with ground controllers, when they present inadequate identification or head into unusual flight patterns, said Maj. Barry Venable, a spokesman for North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), the Colorado-based military command with authority to protect U.S. and Canadian airspace.

Venable said most of the calls for fighters are precautionary, taken when civilian authorities have exhausted other options to investigate events in the sky. Regional air traffic control centers under the Federal Aviation Administration usually make the call.

Villagers worry about fighters' wives, children

SURMAD, Afghanistan — Villagers near the snowcapped mountains where fighting rages are growing increasingly upset, saying they fear American bombs are killing women and children — the families of the men the U.S.-led forces are trying to wipe out.

Although there is little or no support for the al-Qaida terrorist network of its members among villagers at the base of the Shab-e-Ak mountains in eastern Afghanistan, the bombing has disrupted the peace they hoped would come with the fall of the Taliban last year.

And they say many of the al-Qaida fighters who sought refuge in the area in December brought wives and children with them. While nobody knows for sure, villagers are convinced many were still there when the fierce new offensive began last week.

"This makes us so sad, so angry. They are killing women and children," said Bakh Mohammed, a teacher in Surmad.

Compiled from wire reports



First Sgt. Johnathan Blossom, of the 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, runs for cover during a fire fight Sunday near east of Gardez, Afghanistan. The next day, seven U.S. soldiers were killed during an assault and rescue mission.

Resistance surprised U.S.

American deaths began with rescue mission of soldier left behind

The Associated Press

SIRKANKEL, Afghanistan — As U.S. troops poured from the belly of a Chinook helicopter, a rocket-propelled grenade fired by the al-Qaida hit the craft and American forces scurried back aboard. A head count showed someone was missing.

For the Americans, their worst fears came true on Monday.

The missing soldier was captured by al-Qaida. "We saw him on the Predator" being dragged off by three al-Qaida men," said Maj. Gen. Frank L. Hagenbeck, referring to an unmanned aerial vehicle plane mounted with a real-time video camera.

"Another helicopter flew in to rescue the downed aircraft, and that helicopter included a Quick Reaction Force of about 30 special operations troops," said Hagenbeck, the operation commander.

Pentagon officials said the man killed by al-Qaida fighters was Petty Officer 1st class Neil C. Roberts, 32, of Woodland, Calif. Roberts was based in Norfolk, Va., with a Navy SEAL unit.

Marine Maj. Ralph Mills said Roberts died of a bullet wound after surviving a fall from the helicopter.

Brig Gen. John W. Rosa, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told a Pentagon briefing that a U.S. rescue team recovered the man's body.

Despite initial setbacks several

hundred Taliban and al-Qaida fighters were killed Tuesday by Apache attack helicopters and Air Force fighters, Hagenbeck said.

"On Tuesday we caught several hundred of them with RPGs and mortars heading toward the fight. We body slammed them today and killed hundreds of those guys," the commander said.

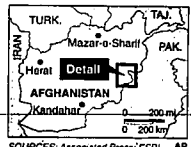
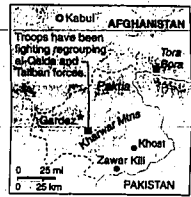
U.S. and Afghan forces met far stiffer resistance than expected in the mission to wipe out Taliban and al-Qaida troops holed up the mountains and caves in the Gardez region about 75 miles south of Kabul, commanders and soldiers said.

"I don't think we knew what we were getting into this time, but I think Sgt. Maj. Mark Nielsen, 48, from Indianapolis.

Roberts, and at least seven other Americans have died in the fighting since Saturday and about 40 have been wounded. Six others died with Roberts after they were being put down for battle by CH-47 Chinook helicopters.

Throughout the day, Quick Reaction Forces protected the men from the downed aircraft with the help of attack helicopters and Navy and Air Force fighters.

The operation, code-named Anaconda, had originally called for a small detachment of U.S. Special Forces to work with Gen. Zia Lodin, a local Afghan commander, to enter the town of Sirkankel to flush out suspected



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI AP

al-Qaida and foreign Taliban forces. Sirkankel is about 25 miles south of Gardez.

But many U.S. and Afghan troops were pinned down for hours by the unexpectedly stiff resistance from the Taliban and al-Qaida.

Early on the operation ran into problems when Zia was unable to enter Sirkankel on Saturday when his force of up to 450 men were caught in a mortar barrage killing two of his men, wounding 24. One U.S. special operations soldier was also killed in the operation and two more were wounded.

Elements of the 10th Mountain Division were pinned down Saturday after taking fire from

the town of Marzak. Lt. Col. Frank LaCamera and a force of about 40 soldiers were caught in a 12-hour battle. Mortar rounds and rocket-propelled grenades landed as close as 15 yards to their position and 13 American soldiers were wounded.

All the U.S. Apache helicopters flying air support during the first day of the battle were damaged. Several took direct hits from RPGs, but all of them were able to return to base.

Also on Saturday, Col. Frank Wiercinski, a brigade commander for the 101st Airborne, landed on a ridge to the south of Sirkankel to monitor the progress of the operation. Soon after landing, Wiercinski's detachment of about 11 men were attacked and pinned down.

"We survived three mortar barges during the day and at one point we had between 9-10 al-Qaida coming to do us," he said.

"But instead, we did them." Nielsen's detachment took fire for several minutes after the helicopters dropped them off.

Soldiers began taking fire from an al-Qaida military compound about 200 yards from where they had landed.

The troops eventually entered the compound, about a half mile from Sirkankel, and found several 57 mm recoilless rifles, an 82 mm mortar and documents.

"It was unbelievable, in the mud but where these guys slept, the beds were still warm and tea was still brewing," he said. "We also found lots of AK-47 ammunition and medicine along with night vision devices and radios. We destroyed most of what we found."

Colleagues honor seven U.S. dead in somber ceremony

The Associated Press

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany — Seven American servicemen killed fighting in Afghanistan were honored Tuesday in Germany before their flag-draped caskets were flown back to the United States.

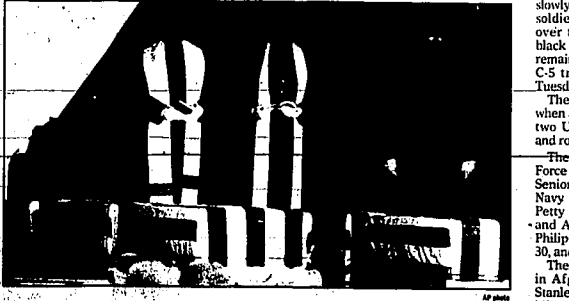
A C-17 transport jet bringing the men's remains to Ramstein Air Base was met on the tarmac by a U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force honor guard for the somber ceremony under cloudy skies in the wooded hills of western Germany.

Four Army chaplains boarded the plane the same type used to drop humanitarian aid over Afghanistan in the early stages of the war against Taliban and al-Qaida targets and read psalms and biblical verses they had chosen for the occasion.

Chaplain Michael Summers, a captain who has seen many casualties come through the base en route to the United States, said he believed some of the men were from his old unit.

"This was a little harder than most," he said.

He chose a verse from the book of Isaiah



U.S. Army chaplains say prayers Tuesday over seven coffins in the back of a C-17 jet at Ramstein air base, Germany.

that ends "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles."

After the ceremony, the honor guard

Plane alert came in '95

Report: U.S. knew of men training to fly passenger jets

The Associated Press

U.S. authorities were alerted as early as 1995 that several Middle Eastern pilots were training at American flight schools and at least one had proposed hijacking a plane to crash into federal buildings, according to documents and interviews with Filipino and U.S. authorities.

The information came from police interrogations with Abdul Hakim Murad and a computer-seized from Ramzi Yousef, two men arrested after an accidental chemical fire at a Manila apartment tipped authorities to a major terrorist plot linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Murad and Yousef eventually were convicted in the United States and sentenced to life in prison in a plot to blow up 12 U.S.-bound airliners flying out of Asia.

Filipino police and intelligence officers, along with several secret police reports reviewed by The Associated Press, say Murad's intentions were much broader than he included suicide hijackings like those that occurred on Sept. 11.

"Murad's idea is that he will board any American commercial aircraft pretending to be an ordinary passenger when he will hijack said aircraft, control its cockpit and dive it at the CIA headquarters," one Filipino police report from 1995 said.

"There will be no bomb or any explosive that he will use in its execution. It is a suicidal mission that he is very much willing to execute," it said.

Filipino authorities told AP they shared the information immediately with FBI agents in Manila in 1995, and ultimately concluded that U.S. authorities focused too much on the bombing plot and not enough on the possibility of suicide hijackings.

"We shared that with the FBI," said Robert Delfin, chief of intelligence command for the Philippine National Police. "They may have mislooked (sic) and didn't appreciate the info coming from the Philippines police."

Murad, who later claimed he was tortured during his interrogations, detailed to Filipino authorities how he and a Pakistani friend crossed the United States, attending flight schools in New York, Texas, California and North Carolina on his way to earning a commercial pilot's license.

He also identified to Filipino police approximately 10 other Middle Eastern men who met him at the flight schools or were getting similar training.

slowly carried the caskets past two rows of soldiers standing at attention with rifles over their shoulders, and took them to black hearses waiting near the plane. The remains were taken one by one to a larger C-5 transport jet, which took off later Tuesday for an air base at Dover, Del.

The seven soldiers were killed Monday when al-Qaida and Taliban fighters fired on two U.S. helicopters with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades.

The Pentagon identified the men as Air Force Tech. Sgt. John A. Chapman, 36, and Senior Airman Jason D. Cunningham, 26; Navy Aviation Boatswain's Mate-Handling Petty Officer 1st Class Neil C. Roberts, 32; and Army Sgt. Bradley S. Cross, 27, Sgt. Philip J. Svitak, 31; Spc. Marc A. Anderson, 30, and Pfc. Matthew A. Commons, 21.

The first fatality in the latest U.S. assault in Afghanistan, Chief Warrant Officer Stanley L. Harriman, 34, of Wade, N.C., was killed by enemy fire in a ground attack Saturday.

His body arrived at Ramstein over the weekend and was expected to be flown to the United States on Wednesday.

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Wednesday, March 6, 2002

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Care and diligence bring luck."
—Thomas Fuller

Trump suits are like house pets. They must be nurtured with tenderness and care. Today's declarer failed to heed this advice. It cost him his game and rubber.

Dummy's club ace won, and South played trumps willy-nilly. He led a trump to his ace and led another. Had West held the K-3, instead of Q-3, South would have survived his carelessness. However, East overtook with his king and cashed the jack, seizing the opportunity to get two of declarer's trumps for one of his. This eliminated one of dummy's ruffs, limiting South to four clubs, two trumps, a diamond, a diamond ruff and one heart — down one.

South makes his game if he handles his trump suit with more care. Instead of winning his trump ace at trick two, he ducks dummy's five-to-West's queen. If West shifts to diamonds (best), South wins his ace and cashes dummy's club queen. After cashing his trump ace, he discards two diamonds from dummy on his high clubs. East can ruff if he wishes, but he cannot stop South from winning 10 tricks via a red-suit crossruff.

Trump control is a vital part of any plan, and the trump ace is the most important card in the declarer. It rarely plays to cash this card prematurely, relinquishing control of the play to the defenders.

NORTH		3 ♠ A	
♠ 10 8 5 3	♥ J 9 5 2	♦ 5 2	♣ A Q
WEST		EAST	
♠ Q 3	♥ Q 7 6	♠ K J 2	♥ K 10 8 4 3
♦ K 10 4 3	♣ 10 9 8 2	♦ Q 9	♣ 7 5 3
SOUTH		NORTH	
♠ A 9 7 4	♥ A	♠ A 9 7 4	♥ A
♦ A J 8 7	♣ A K J 6	♦ A J 8 7	♣ A K J 6

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:
1♠ — Pass — 1♥ — Pass
1♣ — Pass — 2♣ — Pass
4♣ — All pass

Opening lead: Club 10

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ K J 2
♥ K 10 8 4 3
♦ A Q
♣ 7 5 3

North South
♠ 2 ♠ 2
♥ 2 ♠ 2
♦ 3 ♠ 2
♣ 3 ♠ 2

ANSWER: Four spades. This is a maximum initial raise. Accept partner's invitation with alertly.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 31841, Houston, TX 77231, enclosing a No. 10 self addressed stamped envelope for reply.
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Section D

An amazing show of Harr(t)

The Burley Bobcats didn't bring the best collection of talent to last week's state basketball tournament.

Nor did they bring the second, third or fourth most talented team.

But what they did bring was the best pep band I've ever heard, the best fans, a point guard I'd trade for none other I've seen this year, a coach who demands maximum effort, all demands and a team that delivered exactly that.

What they brought back from the tournament was a second-place trophy that no one saw coming besides the Bobcats when this season tipped off.



THOMPSON'S TAKEOUT
Scott Thompson

When talking to coach Matt Harr in the pressroom for the paper's preview, he told me that I'd hear from everybody that this Burley team would do nothing. And that's exactly what I heard. But he told me that such talk was wrong.

Every coach has to be optimistic - at least in print - in the pressroom, but a few things made me listen more intently than I would have had any other.

Harr was nothing but blunt in all dealings with me in the past, and I remembered a conversation I had with Minico baseball dad and basketball official Ron Dietz in the summer when he said that Matt Harr-coached team never comes out second best in the effort department.

I also knew that this team would benefit from the leadership of point guard Jono Barker, whose wise, intense and competitive fire impressed me mightily on the soccer fields this fall. At 5-foot-9 and 125 pounds, Barker is found for pound the best athlete in the Magic Valley, as no one does more with less.

And then there are the rest, all of whom willingly accepted their roles.

But we can't go by word without mentioning junior guard Cole Nelson, whose never-in-doubt 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded lifted the Bobcats past Moscow in the semifinals.

But in the end, this team, its 17-11 record and its second-place trophy were about the man at the helm, Harr.

And as a true professional, he won't like reading this and will instead want the credit going to his athletes.

But it's true, and it was never more apparent than at the end of that Moscow game, when the Bobcats looked to take a lead when senior Randy White drove the baseline for a layup to put the Bobcats on top for the first time since midway through the first quarter. Instead, the basket was waved off after a tough charging call went against Burley.

I'm not suggesting that it was the wrong call, but just a very tough one to take under the circumstances for anyone wearing green and white.

A lesser coach would have gone ape arguing that call and in the process would have sent a very clear message to his team that the game was over.

Harr didn't, and the Bobcats' belief never wavered as Nelson stroked as big a shot as I've ever seen a half minute later, after White disdained a game-tying 15-footer and kicked the ball back to Nelson for the game-winning 3-pointer.

That decision showed the heart of this Bobcat team, as Burley went for the jugular and not the extra period.

That Burley fell in the championship game is testament to how tough the Century Diamondbacks are. That the Bobcats never went away in the loss to a team as good as any in the state is testament to how tough they are.

And how tough their coach is.

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Rockets spoil Olajuwon's return

Former Houston great scores seven as Raptors lose 12th straight game

The Associated Press

HOUSTON - They came to see a former Rocket. - Hakeem Olajuwon. But a current one, Steve Francis, scored 35 points to rally Houston to a 112-107 victory Tuesday night over the hapless Toronto Raptors.

Vince Carter tied his season high with 43 points as the Raptors lost their 12th straight, tying Miami and Cleveland for the second-longest losing streaks this season.

Houston had the worst, losing 15 in a row at one point.

It was the first game back for Olajuwon since being traded to Toronto last August after 16 seasons with the Rockets. Olajuwon, who played 1,177 games for Houston, was given his customary "Hakeem the Dream" introduction and the crowd went wild during a 1-minute, 15-second standing ovation before the game.

But the 39-year-old Olajuwon didn't figure much in the out-

come, scoring only seven points and getting seven rebounds in 25 minutes play. He had returned to action Feb. 24, after missing three weeks with a right quadriceps strain.

The Rockets trailed by as many as 17 points in the third quarter before Francis scored 17 to lead a rally that closed the score to 83-82 entering the fourth.

In the final period, Carter had seven points early as Toronto outscored Houston 15-6 in a span of 3:35 to take a 109-94 lead with 6:45 to play. But Cuttino Mobley, who finished with 23 points, scored five and Francis four in a 15-2 run that



Toronto's Hakeem Olajuwon waves to the crowd after his introduction before his first game as a visitor in Houston Tuesday.

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Tournament time

C-USA, A-10, Big East begin today

The Associated Press

The regular-season title came down to overtime on the final day. There's no reason to think that the Conference USA's tournament will be any different.

Fifth-ranked Cincinnati is favored to win the tournament in its backyard this week. But no one will be surprised if someone else walks away with the automatic NCAA berth at stake.

"This is a very unappreciated conference," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said Tuesday. "There are five, six or seven teams coming in here that believe they can win."

Given how the last two weeks played out, Pitino's math is pretty close.

No. 13 Marquette (24-5) was in position to break Cincinnati's conference dominance. The Golden Eagles blew it by wasting a 4-0 lead and losing on a last-second shot in Cincinnati, then getting upset by Jewly East Carolina.

That left the Bearcats (27-3) with a clear path to their seventh straight regular-season championship, but they took a detour by losing at Louisville.

Memphis (22-8) then had a chance to win it, but blew a late lead and lost in overtime in Cincinnati on Sunday. The frantic finish gave Cincinnati - a preseason long shot - its seventh straight title and the top seed in the conference tournament.

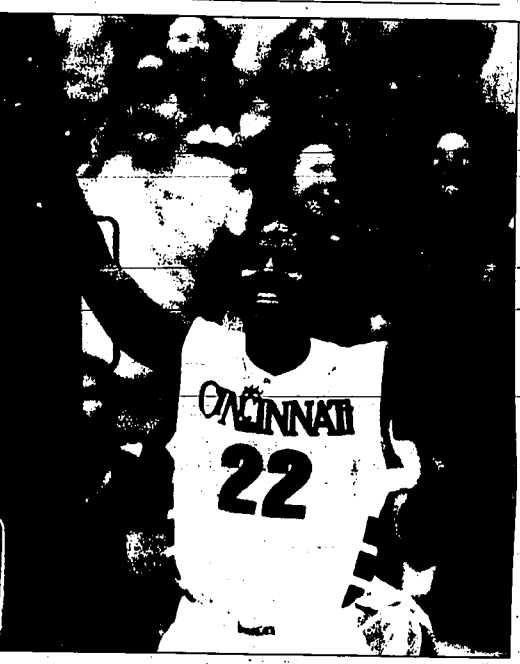
"Without question, they're the best team," Pitino said. "And they have home-court advantage."

They also have a track record of losing in the tournament.

Although the Bearcats are nearly invincible in the regular season, they've won only two Conference USA tournaments. The last one was in 1998, when it was held on Cincinnati's campus.

The Bearcats need to win this tournament, held at an arena about 15 minutes from campus, to stay in the hunt for their first No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

Cincinnati, Marquette, Memphis and Charlotte (17-10) have byes today as eight other teams play in the first round. Louisville (17-11) opens the tour-



ment against TCU (16-14).

The Cardinals finished strong in their first season under Pitino, beating Cincinnati and Charlotte to mark themselves as a team on the rise at the right time.

"The Cardinals must win four games in four days to make the NCAA tournament. Pitino, who coached the Boston Celtics for four years, has taken three other teams to the NCAA tournament.

"March is what it's all about," said Pitino, who took Kentucky to the Final Four in 1997. "Everybody becomes a fan. The conference tournaments are great. There are a lot of hard-fought games. I've missed it the last four years as a pro basketball coach."

Big East

In the Big East, Pitt is seeking to add luster to its return to national prominence with a

strong postseason run.

Panther coach Ben Howland, who led Pittsburgh to a 25-4 record, including 13-3 in the league, and a No. 7 national ranking - the school's highest since 1988 - was voted the conference's coach of the year while junior guard Brandin Knight joined Connecticut sophomore Caron Butler as co-players of the year.

Knight, a junior guard joins Charles Smith in 1987 as the only Pitt players chosen player of the year, averaged 15.6 points and 6.9 assists, up from 9.2 and 5.0 last season. The Panthers' improvement has been even more dramatic as they entered last year's tournament with a 15-12 record and no national recognition.

"I think our guys have handled the success and all the attention really well," Howland said. "This

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Cincinnati's Steve Logan celebrates the Bearcats' 80-75, overtime win over Memphis Sunday in Cincinnati. The Bearcats earned the No. 1 seed in the Conference USA tournament with the victory.



Dickau delivers for Gonzaga

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - Dan Dickau may have one-upped himself this time.

When the star point guard starts sizing up long 3-pointers late in the game, his Gonzaga teammates - and opponents - know exactly what's coming.

Late Monday night, Dickau was extra impressive. He scored 19 of his 23 points during a 32-10 run, and the No. 6 Bulldogs rallied to beat top-seeded Pepperdine 96-90 for their fourth straight West Coast Conference tournament title and automatic NCAA bid.

"I'm not surprised, but we all should be," coach Mark Few said.

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Report: Williams tried to plant fingerprints

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. - Jayson Williams, charged in the shooting death of a limousine driver at his mansion, tried to put the victim's palm print and fingerprints on the gun, Sports Illustrated reported.

Around the shooting was reported to authorities as an apparent suicide, Williams and two men also disposed of the bloody clothes the former New Jersey Nets player was wearing, a witness told the magazine in an article published this week. The magazine did not identify the witness.

Williams, 34, is charged with second-degree manslaughter in the Feb. 14 shooting death of Costas Christof.

Prosecutors have said Williams' adopted brother, Victor Santiago, initially reported the death as a suicide.

Christof, 55, was hired to drive Williams' friends from a Harlem Globetrotters game in Bethlehem, Pa., to a restaurant, and then to Williams' estate 30 miles northwest of Trenton.

Not including Williams and Christof, a dozen other people were at the house. They included Williams' brother, two children and four members of the Globetrotters.

Neither the prosecution nor the defense has described the events leading up to the shooting or identified those inside the mansion at the time.

"Asked about the article, Acting Hunterdon County Prosecutor Steven C. Lember told authorities he was called at 2:54 a.m. on Feb. 23 at the magazine's request.

"So that just proves that you can't believe everything you read in an article," Lember told The Associated Press.

Williams' attorney, Joseph Hayden, told the AP he would "address the relevant issues when we have our day in court."

Williams' agent, Sal DiFazio, refused to comment on details of the criminal investigation.

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High school basketball all-star games kick off

The Times-News

For those wanting one more glimpse of the area's finest high school senior basketball players in action, there are three more opportunities.

Starting with today's Class 1A/2A All-Star Game, which will start with the girls game at 6 p.m. at Murtaugh High School followed by the boys game at 7:30, the best boys and girls from around the area will be on display.

Tonight's contest will pit the Northern All-Stars against their Southern counterparts.

On Thursday at Burley High School, the Class 3A All-Stars will be matched up against the Class 4A-5A All-Stars, with the girls tipping off at 6 p.m. and the boys taking the floor at 7:30.

And then Monday, the best of the best will take center stage at Twin Falls High School in the

Magic Valley All-Star Game. The girls again open action at 6 p.m., while the boys provide the night cap at 7:30 p.m.

Here are the rosters:

Class 1A/2A All-Star Game

The roster for the North team at the Class 1A/2A Girls All-Star Game is made up of: Mollie Ellis, Richfield; Shamee Norman, Dietrich; Katie Brock, Valley; Monica Uhrig, Shoshone; Annika Backstrom, Camas County; Steph Dalrymple, Shoshone; Annie Shawver, Valley; Alex Kelso, Valley; Sara Vouch, Camas County; Jazz Harris, Shoshone; and Kallea Hensing, Wendell.

The South girls team is made up of: Hailey Noble, Glenns Ferry; Diana Cotta, Castleford; Teresa Uvsho, Hagerman; Katie Bedke, Oakley; Dacia Stimpson, Hansen; Andrea Harder, Glenns

All-star games

Tuesday
Class 1A/2A All-Star Game
Where: Murtaugh High School
When: Girls at 6 p.m.; boys at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
Class 3A All-Stars vs. Class 4A-5A All-Stars
Where: Burley High School
When: Girls at 6 p.m.; boys at 7:30 p.m.

Monday
Magic Valley All-Star Game
Where: Twin Falls High School
When: East girls vs. West girls at 6 p.m.; East boys vs. West boys at 7:30 p.m.

Ferry; Melissa Oman, Raft River; Ellen Freestone, Hansen; Alicia Stimpson, Hansen; and Carys McCammon, Hagerman.

Those participating in the Class 1A/2A All-Star for the North boys

team are: Jackson Uhrig, Shoshone; Tyler McCowan, Shoshone; Chris Maughan, Dietrich; Mark Telford, Dietrich; Clark Wyatt, Valley; Mike Pearson, Wendell; Cory Chandler, Wendell; Sherman King, Wendell; Brandon Blodgett, Camas County; and Cade Norman, Richfield.

The South boys will consist of: Kellen Nebeker, Murtaugh; John Gay, Oakley; Brandon Tverdy, Castleford; Corey Hgill, Glenns Ferry; Mark Black, Glenns Ferry; Calib Burk, Bliss; Whitney Martin, Hagerman; Miguel Dos Santos, Hansen; Tanner Hansen, Raft River; and Nathan Jayo, Hagerman.

Buhl; Carin Patterson, Gooding; Jamie Chatterton, Declo; Elaine Guntz, Declo; Arville Carrie Blakeslee, Declo; Tyne Wood, Filer; and Laurel Williams, Wood River.

The 4A-5A girls team consists of: Tiffany Andersen, Burley; Ryan Lyons, Burley; Amber Aston, Burley; Arville Peterson; Burley; Corrin-Ford, Jerome; Sydney Grant, Minico; Clare Bodensteiner, Minico; Lindsey Haynes, Minico; Kimberly Child, Minico; Jamie Smith, Minico; Jessica King, Minico; and Kim Strunk, Twin Falls.

The 3A boys team includes: A.W. Wells, Buhl; Joshua Boehler, Declo; Josh Villaro, Buhl; Cole Everman, Wood River; Steve Anderson, Gooding; Matt Severe, Filer; Matt Bulcher, Filer; Matt Hughes, Filer; Seamus Campbell, Gooding; and

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SPORTS

Wizards win another without Jordan

WASHINGTON (AP) - Reserve Courtney Alexander scored 26 points as the Washington Wizards won their second straight game without Michael Jordan, beating the Chicago Bulls 115-90 Tuesday night.

Alexander was instant offense, making 9 of 11 shots in 28 minutes to lead the team in scoring for the second consecutive game. The Wizards also avenged a lackluster 90-81 loss at Chicago last week.

Jordan, recovering from knee surgery, watched the game on television from the locker room. He has missed four games since his surgery, with the Wizards going 2-2. Coach Doug Collins indicated before the game that Jordan will probably miss at least nine more.

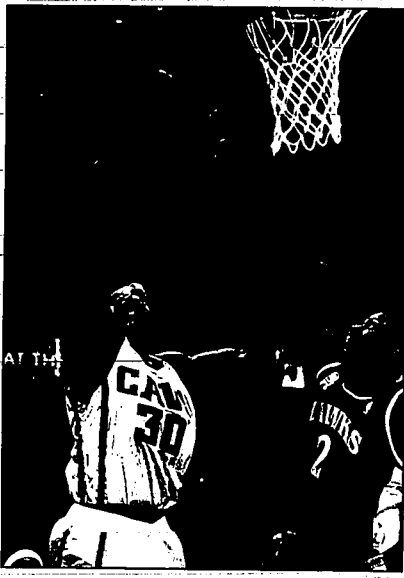
Jalen Rose scored 31 to lead the Bulls.

Cavaliers 103, Hawks 96

CLEVELAND (AP) - Lamond Murray scored 17 of his 23 points in the second half as Cleveland snapped a four-game losing streak against the Hawks.

Five other Cavaliers scored in double digits. Wesley Person scored 19 points, Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Andre Miller each had 13, Ricky Davis had 12 and Tyrone Hill got 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Cavs.

The Hawks' only lead was 2-0.



Cleveland's Lamond Murray puts up a shot over Atlanta defender Nazr Mohammed in Cleveland Tuesday.

Knicks 102, Bucks 89

NEW YORK (AP) - Kurt Thomas had 29 points and a career-high 20 rebounds and Allan Houston scored 27 for the Knicks. The victory came hours after the team extended coach Don Chaney's contract through next season.

The Knicks are 12-27 since Chaney replaced Jeff Van Gundy. Thomas scored 20 points in the first half and finished 11-16 from the field, matching his career high in points by making a pair of free throws with 1:13 left. New York won for the second time in nine games.

Heat 93, Pistons 91

DUBUQUE HILLS, Mich. (AP) - Eddie Curry's baseline jumper as time expired won it for Miami after Rod Strickland tied the game by hitting a wide-open 17-footer with 8 seconds left.

Jerry Stackhouse had beaten Charlotte on Sunday in the final seconds, but this time lost the ball out-of-bounds with 2.8 seconds to go. Then Jones took Strickland's inbound pass and hit the shot just as the buzzer sounded.

Jones led the Heat with 24 points, while Alonzo Mourning

had 18 points and 14 rebounds and Brian Grant added 16 points and 15 boards.

Stackhouse led the Pistons with 22 points and Chucky Atkins added 17. Detroit lost for just the second time in 10 games.

Rockets 112, Raptors 109

HOUSTON (AP) - Former Rocket star Hakeem Olajuwon returned to Houston, where the team's current top player, Steve Francis, scored 35 points.

Vince Carter tied his season high with 43 points as the Raptors lost their 12th straight,

tying Miami and Cleveland for the second-longest losing streak this season. Houston had the worst, losing 15 in a row at one point.

Mavericks 81, Suns 77

DALLAS (AP) - Dirk Nowitzki had 30 points and 20 rebounds, and Michael Finley scored 24, but both teams had their fewest points of the season. Phoenix's offensive flamethrower came against the Dallas defense that is allowing an NBA-worst 101.7 points per game. The Mavericks also average 105, which was their lowest output in a victory this season.

Joel Tsakalidis led Phoenix with 15 points. Shawn Marion had 13 points and a season-high 18 rebounds.

Spurs 109, Warriors 99

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - David Robinson had 13 points, passing 20,000 career points, Robinson, the 27th NBA player to surpass that point total, barely did it against the Warriors. He now has 20,001 points after hitting two free throws - and drawing a fouling ovation - in the third period.

The Spurs extended their win streak against the Warriors to 16 games. The Warriors' last win was on March 3, 1998.

Antawn Jamison led the Warriors with 27 points and 10 rebounds. Larry Hughes had 20 points.

Pacers 111, Magic 98

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Jamaal Tinsley had a career-high 30 points and added 12 assists as Indiana got its second straight victory without the suspended Reggie Miller.

The rookie, whose previous high was 29 points against Atlanta in November, had 22 points in the first half.

Orlando coach Doc Rivers was ejected with his second technical foul with just over two minutes to go.

Tracy McGrady, tied for sixth in the league in scoring at 25 points a game, was held to 13 on 5-of-21 shooting.

UConn buries BC in Big East championship

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) - Near perfection kept No. 1 Connecticut perfect heading into the NCAA tournament.

The Huskies (33-0) hit their first six shots and 10 of 11 in defeating No. 20 College 11 in the first round.

Top 25 on Tuesday night in the most lopsided championship game in the history of the Big East Conference women's tournament.

Tournament MVP Ashja Jones had 19 points and 11 rebounds and Tamika Williams added 18 points as Connecticut won its ninth straight conference tournament and secured its 14th consecutive berth in the NCAA tournament.

No. 12 Texas 63, Kansas 61

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Kala Bowers made four 3-pointers

and scored 23 points to lead No. 12 Texas to a 63-61 victory over Kansas in the first round of the Big 12 Conference tournament.

Stacy Stephens had 11 points and 17 rebounds for Texas (20-8), which outrebounded Kansas 46-34.

The Longhorns will play No. 13 Kansas State in Wednesday's second round.

No. 17 Texas Tech 78, Missouri 51

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Jia Perkins scored 24 points to lead No. 17-Texas-Tech-past-Missouri 78-51 in the first round of the Big 12 Conference tournament.

Jolie Ayers added 11 points and Natalie Richie had 10 for the Red Raiders (18-10). Reserve Cisti Greenwhite had 11 rebounds, and Candee White finished with 10 assists.

Texas Tech will play No. 7 Baylor in the second round on Wednesday.

No. 25 Florida International 66, North Texas 49

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Cheryl Moody scored 17 points and Cormisha Cotton added 15 as No. 25 Florida International beat North Texas in the final of the Sun Belt Conference tournament.

The victory was Florida International's 12th straight, and earned the Golden Panthers a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Men's Top 25

No. 18 Western Kentucky 76, Louisiana Lafayette 70

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Chris

Marcus scored 24 points, including 11 straight in the final 4.5 minutes, to lead No. 18 Western Kentucky to a 76-70 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette in the Sun Belt tournament championship on Tuesday night.

The victory gives Western Kentucky (26-3) an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament and stretches the Hilltoppers' winning streak to 18 games.

Louisiana-Lafayette (20-10) could not contain Marcus down the stretch.

Marcus, a senior who missed two months after breaking his ankle, also had 11 rebounds and six blocks in 26 minutes.

Derek Robinson had 17 points and 11 rebounds for Western Kentucky. Filip Videnov scored 15 for Patrick Sparks and Todor Pandov each added 10.

the Raptors to a 15-9 lead 4:40 into the game. Jerome Williams hit seven of eight shots the rest of the first period to help Toronto maintain a 31-26 lead entering the second.

Carter missed five straight before scoring again, but the Rockets' sloppy ball-handling started to make a difference.

Houston had eight turnovers to none for Toronto through the first quarter and a half, and trailed 49-36 when Carter got his next basket.

The lead crested at 16 before the Raptors settled for a 62-47 edge at halftime. Jerome Williams had 16 points and Carter-15 as Toronto made only

two turnovers to nine for Houston.

Francis changed the early third-quarter momentum by making six steals and scoring eight straight points to boost Houston during a 12-0 run. That closed the margin to 68-63 with 7:01 to play in the period.

Olajuwon

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gave Houston a 109-103 lead with 1:25 to play.

Two free throws by Francis with 10 seconds to play and one more by Moochie Norris with six seconds remaining sewed up the victory for Houston.

Carter hit his first five shots, including one 3-pointer, to help

ball 3-point attempt, but by then it didn't matter.

"I've seen him do some pretty incredible things," said Steffy, who scored 10 points in the run, including 20 when he got on a roll like that, you just give him the ball and get out of the way."

Said Zagz forward Zach Gourd: "It's almost scary because most of the guys just stand around and watch in amazement."

"The Waves felt almost helpless. We had them under control."

Pepperdine forward Jimmy Higgins said. "Then he started getting some good looks and knocking 'em down. All you can do is hope he misses."

The game between WCC regular-season co-champions got testy in the final minute when Higgins knocked down Dickkau on an inbounds play. When an irate Dickkau went up to Higgins, he shoved Dickkau down again and was called for an intentional foul with 43.8 seconds left. Dickkau made one free throw for a 93-87

lead.

Pepperdine (22-8) closed to 94-90 on a 3 by Craig Lewis with 6.8 seconds left.

It was a big day for the Zags. Earlier Monday, they moved up one spot in the AP poll to No. 6, their highest ranking ever. Then they won their school-record 29th game and ran their winning streak to 14, tying the school record.

The previous record of 28 wins was set by the 1998-99 team that reached the NCAA West Regional final before losing to eventual national champion Connecticut.

Gonzaga, the little school from Spokane, has reached the NCAA regional three straight seasons.

Coach Mark Few said Friday he felt the Zags could get in the neighborhood of a No. 3 seed in the NCAA's by winning the conference tourney. In their previous three NCAA appearances, the Zags were seeded 10, 10 and 12.

Pepperdine and Gonzaga

shared the regular-season title at 13-1 after splitting their series, with each team winning on its homecourt. Pepperdine was top-seeded in the tournament because of winning a coin flip with the Zags.

"We fell all along that this is our league and we didn't want to share anything," Dickkau said. "We were disappointed we didn't win the outright league title, but we knew if we came down and took care of the conference tournament that it'd be OK."

On a neutral court, they played a wild game.

Pepperdine led 45-44 at halftime, and looked like it might get its fourth win this season over a Top 25 team after making three straight 3s, including two by Mike Westphal, son of coach Paul Westphal, to take a 58-51 lead with 13:41 left.

The lead was still seven after Miami got a rebound and emphatically slammed it in with 12:00 left, but that's when Dickkau finally found his touch.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

High school rodeo warm-up takes place Saturday

BUHL - A warmup rodeo for all high school rodeo participants is scheduled for Saturday at 11 a.m. at Copus Cove Arena.

The event is just for athletes in timed events. For information, contact Dwight French 731-6635.

Magic owners decide not to sell franchise

ORLANDO, Fla. - The Orlando Magic are being pulled off the market, less than two months after the team was put up for sale.

The event is just for athletes in timed events. For information, contact Dwight French 731-6635.

"We decided we haven't finished the job, and we decided not to walk away from it," DeVos said. "We're still here and we're not going to go away."

In January, DeVos announced he was selling the Magic because he was tired of losing \$10 million a year and battling local officials over the need for a new arena.

British skier tested positive at Winter Games

LONDON - Alain Baxter returned from the Winter Games a national hero, the first Briton to win an Olympic skiing medal. On Tuesday, Baxter was fighting to clear his name of a different label: drug cheat.

Baxter flunked a doping test after his surprise third-place finish in the slalom at the Salt Lake City Games and could be stripped of his bronze medal.

The British Olympic Association said the 28-year-old Scottish skier - nicknamed "The Highlander" - tested positive for methamphetamine after the Feb. 23 race. The stimulant, commonly known as speed, falls into the most serious category of doping substances.

The International Olympic Committee said it would hold a hearing on the case early next week.

Kentucky AD resigns after scathing review

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Kentucky athletic director Larry Ivy resigned Tuesday amid a scathing review of the department.

Ivy, a longtime employee who had been athletic director since mid-2000, said he had decided to retire and his resignation takes effect immediately.

The move comes with the school on NCAA probation for violations by the football program.

Terry Mobley, the school's director of development and a former basketball player under coach Adolph Rupp, was appointed interim athletic director by university president Lee Todd.

It also recommended that former athletic director C.M. Newton give up a \$75,000-per-year fee-as-a-special-assistant to the athletic director, promised upon his retirement in 2000.

Alberta plans to tax visiting NHL players

EDMONTON, Alberta - The province of Alberta plans to tax visiting NHL players to help the financially struggling Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames.

Premier Ralph Klein said Tuesday that the tax will be included in his government's budget March 19.

Up to 14 U.S. jurisdictions levy a similar tax on visiting NHL players to help fund their operations, he said. They include California, Colorado and the city of Pittsburgh.

Klein said the tax would be a great way to financially bolster the two teams without using taxpayer money.

Last-place Knicks extend Chaney's contract

NEW YORK - Despite his dismal record as coach of the New York Knicks, Don Chaney will be back next season.

The last-place Knicks announced Tuesday that they have extended the contract of Chaney, who has an 11-27 record since taking over in November following the unexpected resignation of Jeff Van Gundy.

The decision came as a major surprise, as it was widely assumed that Chaney was a lame duck who would be dismissed at the end of the season. The team has struggled to such a degree since Van Gundy's departure that Chaney has the worst winning percentage (29 percent) of any coach in franchise history.

BSU downs Fresno State in OT at WAC

TULSA, Okla. - Andrea Swindall hit back-to-back field goals in overtime as Boise State beat Fresno State 66-54 Tuesday in the Western Athletic Conference basketball tournament.

The Bronco's (10-19) were down 53-51 when Swindall hit a turnaround shot in the lane with 31 seconds left in regulation to tie the score and force the extra session.

Boise State then outscored Fresno State (9-20) 13-1. Abby Vaughn led Boise State with 19 points, including 7 from the free-throw line. Swindall finished with 18.

Arizona State scored 15 points for Fresno State, which missed its first 13 shots.

The Bulldogs rallied from a 27-12 halftime deficit and used a full court zone press in the second half.

Boise State advances to Wednesday's game against No. 8 Louisiana Tech (22-4), which is the top seed in the tournament.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Dickau

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"You're not supposed to do some of the things he does. He's got an amazing quality about him that I think he's magical down the stretch."

Dickau, the conference player of the year and tournament MVP, and fellow guard Blake Stepp took control during a span of 10 minutes, including 3-pointers. Zags (29-3) went from a 63-56 deficit to an 88-73 lead with 4:18 left.

Dickau started Gonzaga's 32-10 run when he grabbed a rebound and put it in with 11:45 left. He punctuated it with a 3-point shot, including a four-point play.

Until then, Dickau shot poorly and scored only six points, including two in the first half.

"I wasn't hitting too many shots early in the game and I don't think my rhythm," Dickau said. "It was a thing where I knew I had to hit one shot and bang, the basket's going to start looking bigger."

Dickau even tossed up an air-

ball 3-point attempt, but by then it didn't matter.

"I've seen him do some pretty incredible things," said Steffy, who scored 10 points in the run, including 20 when he got on a roll like that, you just give him the ball and get out of the way."

Said Zagz forward Zach Gourd: "It's almost scary because most of the guys just stand around and watch in amazement."

"The Waves felt almost helpless. We had them under control."

Pepperdine forward Jimmy Higgins said. "Then he started getting some good looks and knocking 'em down. All you can do is hope he misses."

The game between WCC regular-season co-champions got testy in the final minute when Higgins knocked down Dickkau on an inbounds play. When an irate Dickkau went up to Higgins, he shoved Dickkau down again and was called for an intentional foul with 43.8 seconds left. Dickkau made one free throw for a 93-87

lead.

Pepperdine (22-8) closed to 94-90 on a 3 by Craig Lewis with 6.8 seconds left.

It was a big day for the Zags. Earlier Monday, they moved up one spot in the AP poll to No. 6, their highest ranking ever. Then they won their school-record 29th game and ran their winning streak to 14, tying the school record.

The previous record of 28 wins was set by the 1998-99 team that reached the NCAA West Regional final before losing to eventual national champion Connecticut.

Gonzaga, the little school from Spokane, has reached the NCAA regional three straight seasons.

Coach Mark Few said Friday he felt the Zags could get in the neighborhood of a No. 3 seed in the NCAA's by winning the conference tourney. In their previous three NCAA appearances, the Zags were seeded 10, 10 and 12.

Pepperdine and Gonzaga

shared the regular-season title at 13-1 after splitting their series, with each team winning on its homecourt. Pepperdine was top-seeded in the tournament because of winning a coin flip with the Zags.

"We fell all along that this is our league and we didn't want to share anything," Dickkau said. "We were disappointed we didn't win the outright league title, but we knew if we came down and took care of the conference tournament that it'd be OK."

On a neutral court, they played a wild game.

Pepperdine led 45-44 at halftime, and looked like it might get its fourth win this season over a Top 25 team after making three straight 3s, including two by Mike Westphal, son of coach Paul Westphal, to take a 58-51 lead with 13:41 left.

The lead was still seven after Miami got a rebound and emphatically slammed it in with 12:00 left, but that's when Dickkau finally found his touch.

NCAA

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is the most attention this program has received in quite a while but they've really stayed grounded."

Today's opening round has Boston College (19-10) playing Rutgers (18-11), Georgetown (16-10) facing Pepperdine (15-15), Syracuse (20-10) going against Villanova (16-11) and St. John's (19-10) meeting Seton Hall (12-17).

No. 20 Miami (23-6), No. 19 Connecticut (21-6) and Notre Dame (20-9) will meet with Pitt, which has won seven straight, for the first-day winners.

The teams that didn't earn the bye are well aware no team has ever won the tournament after having played in the opening round.

"Four days in a row is tough to do but we all know emotion is what it's going to carry you," Boston College coach Al Skinner said. "If you're underestimated enough you can get the job done. But it's one and done,

and if you're thinking of four games instead of one it may be too much. Go the old cliché is right."

The Eagles, like St. John's, Georgetown and Syracuse, would seriously damage their hopes for an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament without at least getting to the Big East quarterfinals.

"Right now we're on the bubble and we have to earn our way in," Skinner said. "If we stay where we are we would need some breaks so we have the chance to play and earn our way in."

Atlantic 10

The Atlantic 10 is also starting play today at First Union Spectrum in Philadelphia, with Xavier, Saint Joseph, Temple and Richmond all receiving byes.

The Atlantic Coast Conference, Big Ten, Big 12, Mountain West, Pacific-10 and Southeastern Conference will open Thursday.

SPORTS

Difler steps in as Seahawks' No. 1 quarterback All-stars

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) - Trent Dilfer spoke into a tape recorder as he drove from Seattle back home to California after last season's making news about his football career. His one-year contract with the Seahawks was up, and he wanted to return - but not as a backup. "It always came back to the Seahawks," he said. Coach and general manager Mike Holmgren knew to bring Dilfer back he would have to make him the No. 1 quarterback and Holmgren insisted on Seattle's franchise man. Dilfer earned it, Holmgren said. The 6-foot-4, 229-pound Dilfer signed an \$8 million, four-year contract Tuesday that makes him the highest paid player in the NFL. With incentives, he could make up to \$18 million. Meet the makeover Seahawks. New quarterback, new logo, new conference, new stadium. "I'm excited to come back to the Seahawks," Holmgren said. "I think he and I get along fine and I think he

loves playing here, but he is a competitor, he is a quarterback. They all want to start and I didn't think he had a chance to get him back here in any other role than as a quarterback. Dilfer will lead Seattle in its first year in the NFC West and its debut in a \$430-million downtown stadium. He said he decided to stay with the Seahawks because he believes he can reach his potential and get to the Super Bowl again soon. "I've been there and I've won it and I don't want to wait too much longer to get back there," he said. Dilfer, who turns 30 next week, has won 15 straight starts dating to his 2001 Super Bowl victory with the Baltimore Ravens. Also, he has won 20 of his last 20 starts. Dilfer was 40 as a starter after Hasselbeck was injured, guiding Seattle to a 9-7 record that nearly earned the team a playoff berth. He hadn't played in seven weeks, then led the Seahawks to victory in their final game of the season at San Diego. Many Seahawks fans didn't like his backup position, often chanting Dilfer's name during games.

"It was a hot topic of conversation all season long last year, and of course the quarterback situation on any football team is about as important a decision as you can make," Holmgren said. "He is a starting quarterback in this league and we were very fortunate last year to sign him." After the season ended, Dilfer and Holmgren met for what the coach called an "exit interview," in which Holmgren told Dilfer he wanted him to come back. They agreed to meet again a month later. "I plan on making this my last stop in the NFL, and I wanted to make sure it was the right decision," Dilfer said. Dilfer received a \$4 million signing bonus and will make a base salary of \$750,000 this season. He will also make a base salary of \$750,000 in 2003, and \$1.25 million each in 2004 and 2005, though incentives could boost his income in those three seasons. The incentives are based on the team winning 10 games, Dilfer compiling a passing rating of 85.0 or higher and him taking 75 percent of the snaps.

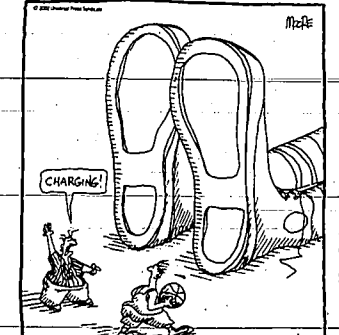
When someone noted that only a handful of quarterbacks had that high-of-a-rating last season, Dilfer quickly pointed out: "And I was one of them." Dilfer had a 92.0 rating, passed for seven touchdowns and was intercepted four times. Hasselbeck's quarterback rating was 70.9, with seven touchdowns and eight interceptions - and a 57-record. Dilfer was sacked 10 times to Hasselbeck's 38. The Seahawks signed Dilfer to a one-year contract in August after he lost his spot in Baltimore when the Ravens signed free agent Elvis Grbac to a \$30 million, five-year contract. At the time, Dilfer said he would be content in a backup role. Hasselbeck has a \$24-million, five-year contract. Dilfer promised Holmgren the best season of his life last year, and said he gave that. And he vowed to make the same kind of effort the next four seasons and beyond. "Now our quarterback situation is as strong depth-wise and quality-wise as most teams in football," Holmgren said.

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Cody Gibbons, Kimberly. The 4A-5A boys are: Jonn Barker, Burley; Eric Berg, Burley; Randy White, Burley; Ryan Chad, Minico; Ryan Fennell, Minico; Taylor Duncan, Minico; Adam Frank, Minico; Kiel Thibault, Jerome; Travis Hiatt, Jerome; Tim Davis, Jerome; and Leigh Castillo, Twin Falls. The Magic Valley Eastern All-Stars girls basketball team is: Shamee Norman; Dietrich Katie Brock, Valley; Annie Shawver, Valley; Monica Ehrig, Shoshone; Jazz Harsh, Shoshone; Laurel Williams, Wood River; Amy Allen, Declo; Alicia Stimpson, Hansen; Clare Bodensteiner, Minico; Terri Chad, Minico; and Sydney Grant, Minico. The girls Western All-Stars are: Kim Strunk, Twin Falls; Annie McCauley, Buhl;

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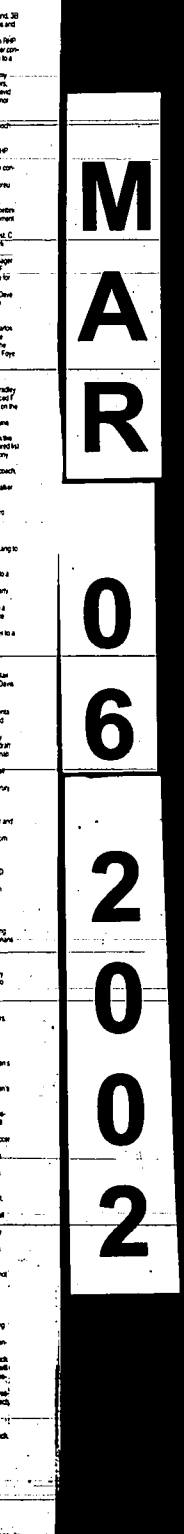
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SPORTS

Iditarod champ plans to take it easy, won't push for win

RAINY PASS (AP) - Lagging far behind the top competitors, Montana champion dog musher Doug Swingley said Tuesday he's retiring from the competition in this year's Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

"This is my victory lap," the four-time Iditarod winner said shortly after arriving at the Rainy Pass checkpoint Tuesday morning. "I'm retiring from competitive racing. You won't see me up front anymore."

"I've done what I set out to do," Swingley, of Lincoln, Mont., said he'll continue the race, but he won't be striving for the winner's circle in this year.

Swingley, who won the last three Iditarods, was far back in a field of 62 mushers only three days into the 1,100-mile race to Nome. He had baffled race watchers on Monday by arriving at Finger Lake just after noon and setting in as other mushers passed him by.

Swingley's strategy had been to go as far as possible in the race before taking his mandatory 24-hour break. In past races that strategy has run him well ahead of the other top teams and back on the trail with a rested team to build an insurmountable lead in the second half.

Some suspected the 48-year-old Swingley was playing a wily strategy against the other mushers. He hinted as much, saying that he was "hanging."

But arriving in Rainy Pass Tuesday after a 17-hour rest in Finger Lake, Swingley said he was setting competition aside—for now, at least.



"I'm seeing people I haven't seen in a long time and having a great time just running my puppies," he said. "I'm just taking a sabbatical."
"Maybe next year I'll run (the Yukon) Quest or something like that," he said, referring to the thousand-mile race between Fairbanks and Whitehorse,

Yukon Territory. Swingley's words were a complete turnaround from the stance he took less than a week ago. Just before the Iditarod started, Swingley was confident about his bid for an unprecedented fourth straight victory in the Iditarod.
"I think everybody knows it's going to

take somebody doing something special to beat me," he said Friday.
At the time, Swingley said he wasn't planning any changes to his race. "If it isn't broke don't fix it," he said.
On Tuesday, Swingley said he actually decided in December to run an easy race this time around. He didn't let on, he

said, because he "didn't want the other mushers to slack off."

Willow musher Linwood Fiedler, runner-up last year and among the Iditarod leaders Tuesday, said he believed Swingley.

"If that's what he says, it's probably what's happening. I hadn't really thought about it much," Fiedler said as he cooked his dogs' midday meal and tended to his gear. "It would be fun to have a year no to race and to enjoy the trail. I would take him at his word."

Three-time Iditarod champion Jeff King said he was disappointed with Swingley's decision, but he understands why Swingley is bowing out.

"I have mixed emotions. In one way it's a letdown from a competitive point of view. On the other hand, I'm envious. It's almost criminal to be in this big a rush."

King said those racing in the Iditarod can become oblivious to the joys of the journey.

"We don't look at people. We don't see them. We do hear them. I would like to, but you can't do both," King said. "On the other hand I'm hoping to make a paycheck."

It's possible Swingley's decision may mean a hollow victory for whoever wins this year, King said.

"They'll have to live with that. I know that when I won the race in 1993 I wanted a (four-time champion) Susan Butcher in that race," King said.

King says he does not believe Swingley's move is a ploy to get top teams to let down their guard and their speed before he makes a mad dash.

Four-time Iditarod champion Doug Swingley takes a break at the Rainy Pass, Alaska, checkpoint.
Tuesday, Lagging far behind the leaders, Swingley said he's retiring from competition in this year's race, but will complete the race at a slow pace.

Kovalev lifts Penguins past Panthers

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Alexei Kovalev scored his second goal of the game with 1:37 left in overtime to give the NHL Pittsburgh Penguins a 6-5 victory Tuesday night over the struggling Florida Panthers.

Darius Kasparaitis kept the puck alive in the zone for Pittsburgh and Kovalev fired a shot past Roberto Luongo from 30 feet for his 25th goal. Randy Robitaille also had two goals for the Penguins, who got one apiece from Robert Lang and Jan Hrdina while winning for the third time in four games.

The Penguins, trying to stay in the Eastern Conference playoff race without injuring Mario Lemieux, survived blowing a three-goal lead in the third period.

Kristian Huselius, Valeri Bure, Ilya Kovalchuk, Jason Williams and Marcus Nilson had goals for Florida, 3-16-2 in its last 21 games.

Rangers 3, Wild 2, OT

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - Brian Leach scored the tying and winning goals to rally New York. Radek Dvorak hit a short-handed goal on a pass from Petr Nedved 2:17 into the final period pulled the Rangers within one.

Later, Andreas Johansson lost control of the puck on an attempt at a wraparound shot, but it slid to Leach, who sent it sailing past Minnesota goalie Dwayne Roloson's glove with 6:22 left to tie it at 2.
A shot made a stellar save that was missed by Mike York, but less than a minute later Eric Lindros found Leach on the corner to win it with

1:16 left in overtime.
Marian Gaborik ended a 12-game scoring drought with a first-period power-play goal for Minnesota, which wasted the chance to beat the Rangers for the first time in four meetings. Antti Laaksonen also scored for Minnesota against Dan Blackburn.

Coyotes 4, Devils 1

PHOENIX (AP) - Sean Burke stopped 25 of 27 shots as Phoenix extended its unbeaten streak in regulation time to six games.

Landon Wilson, Ladislav Nagy, Drake Berehovsky and Mike Johnson scored for the Coyotes, 4-0-1 in their last six games. Phoenix moved into a tie with Dallas for seventh place in the Western Conference, two points ahead of both Vancouver and Edmonton.

Scott Gomez scored his ninth goal for New Jersey, which had won four straight against Phoenix dating to Nov. 25, 1999.

Devils goalie John Vanbiesbrouck, who stopped 31 of 32 shots in a 1-0 loss to Philadelphia on Feb. 27, allowed two goals on the first five shots he faced in his second start since coming out of retirement.

Hurricanes 2, Blackhawks 1, OT

CHICAGO (AP) - Sean Hill scored from the slot at 1:36 into overtime as Carolina extended its winning streak to three games.

Hill beat Steve Passmore after Bates Battaglia stole the puck from Jon Klemm behind the Chicago net and centered it.
Erik Cole also scored for the Hurricanes, who got 19 saves from Tom Barrasso.



Pittsburgh's Stephane Richer, top, celebrates as teammate Darius Kasparaitis, left, hugs Alexei Kovalev after Kovalev scored the game-winning goal against Florida Tuesday in Pittsburgh.

Passmore, making consecutive starts for the first time this season, blocked 15 shots.

Igor Korolev scored for the Blackhawks, who suffered their first overtime loss of the season.

Williams strives to take Terrapins to next level

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) - When he accepted the job as coach at Maryland in 1989, Gary Williams had one goal: to restore respectability to a program rocked by the death of Len Bias and burdened by stiff NCAA sanctions.

"Inheriting a team that went 9-20 overall and 1-13 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, Williams turned things around in his first season, leading his alma mater to a 29-14 record and a berth in the NIT."

With a 267-142 record and a program again among the nation's elite, Williams is coming off the first Final Four appearance in school history last March and has the second-ranked Terrapins poised to go the distance this time.

After winning their first outright league title since 1980, the Terps (25-3, 15-1) are the team to

beat in this week's ACC tournament. Already assured a school-record ninth-straight trip to the NCAA tournament, Maryland has designs of entering as a No. 1 seed for the first time.

Here's something else the top seed we still have to play in the ACC tournament, but I'd love to be the No. 1 seed," Williams said. "That's another step for our program. That's never been done before."

Here's something else the Terrapins have never done: been ranked No. 1. Maryland has been ranked in the Top 25 in every poll since Nov. 22, 1999, but has never reached the top.

Before the Terrapins beat

Virginia 112-92 Sunday night in the final game at Cole Field House, Williams watched No. 1 Kansas defeat Missouri 95-92.

"I was really rooting hard (for Missouri), but it didn't happen," Williams said. "I'd like to be No. 1 because it would be another step-for-our-program, but we're very proud being No. 2 going into the NCAA tournament."

The Terrapins have come a long way since Bias died of a cocaine overdose in 1986, days after he became the top draft pick of the Boston Celtics. The tragedy cost Lefty Driesell his job as coach and paved the way for three disastrous years under Bob Wade, who went 36-50 and was guilty-of-NCAA-rule-violations that severely hindered Williams' rebuilding effort.

Williams is delighted with what he's accomplished, but he won't be completely satisfied until the

Terrapins win it all. As far as he's concerned, a fourth straight 25-win season, the best ACC record in school history and a 12-game winning streak is merely a start.

At this point, the 57-year-old coach is couldn't ask for much more from a team that rebounded from a season-opening loss to Arizona to win 25 of its next 27 games.

"I'm proud of these guys," Williams said. "It would have been very easy for them to say, I went to the Final Four and be satisfied with that. But they came out hard right away at the start of practice, and it's been a good ride so far."

And, if all goes as planned, the Terrapins' journey will end in Atlanta, site of this year's Final Four. "If we play our best basketball, like we've been playing all season," center Lonny Baxter said, "then we can beat anybody."



Gary Williams

Williams

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The magazine crossing that the Globetrotters in the home were Chris Morris, Benoit Benjamin, Paul Gaffney and Curley Johnson.
Christofi was shot in Williams' bedroom. Several visitors, hearing the gun, rushed to the room and found Christofi slumped

against a wall, the magazine reported.

Williams screamed for someone to perform CPR on Christofi and began pressing on the driver's chest, feeling a pulse and talking to him, the magazine reported. A witness told SI that Christofi "looked like he was in shock," then all of a sud-

den he was dead."

At about the same time, some of Williams' guests saw him and one other man trying to place Christofi's palm print and fingerprints on the shotgun. Sports Illustrated quoted the unidentified witness as saying,

Two of the Globetrotters have been given immunity by

prosecutors in exchange for detailed testimony, the magazine reported. It did not identify them.

Williams made an initial court appearance Monday on the manslaughter charge. He did not enter a plea and is not required to do so until a grand jury hands up an indictment.

Red Sox dump Kerrigan; Indians lose Escobar

The Associated Press

Spring training

The Boston Red Sox took another step in their transformation under new ownership, firing manager Joe Kerrigan—on Tuesday and replacing him with interim manager Mike Cuddage.

The move came six days after John Henry's group bought the team, and five days after general manager Dan Duquette was dismissed in favor of interim GM Mike Port.

"This kind of decision is always difficult to make," Port said. "We have the utmost respect for Joe, and admire his work ethic and his achievements as a pitching coach. ... We firmly believe that this action is in the long-term best interest of this franchise."

Duquette promoted Kerrigan late last season after he fired Jimmy Williams on Aug. 16.

Earlier Tuesday, the Roberto Alomar trade got worse for the Cleveland Indians. Alex Escobar is out for the season.

Escobar, the young outfielder the Indians got as the centerpiece of the deal that sent the All-Star second baseman to the New York Mets, will be lost because of a major knee injury.

The 23-year-old prospect will undergo reconstructive surgery after completely tearing his anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

"This is the worst-case scenario," general manager Mark Shapiro said Tuesday. "We know injuries are part of the game. It is frustrating and disappointing, but we expect him back playing at 100 percent next year."

Escobar was injured Monday while running into the center field wall at Bradenton, Fla. An MRI exam showed Escobar tore his ligament and sustained a second-degree sprain of his medial collateral ligament.

Coincidentally, the Indians announced Tuesday that Escobar signed a contract for the 2002 season.

The Indians weren't the only team dealing with an injury to a young player. St. Louis' Rick Ankiel will miss his next sched-

uled start because of pain in his left elbow.

The 22-year-old left-hander, who has struggled with his control since the 2000 playoffs, allowed six runs in two innings Sunday in his first start of the spring. On Monday, he reported feeling pain.

"The doctors don't think it's anything serious," Duncan said. "I didn't know anything about it until the next day."

Instead of starting Friday against the Minnesota Twins, Ankiel will throw in the bullpen, if he elow allows.

Left field might be a bigger issue for the Cardinals. Eli Marrero became the fifth starter at Japan's position in six games.

In that role, import So Taguchi was the opening-day spring starter in left, and he's the only player with two starts at that position. The Cardinals are anxious to see whether Taguchi, who's played well in the field but is 0-for-12 at the plate, is worth the three-year, \$3 million contract they gave him.

New York Yankees infielders Derek Jeter and Jason Giambi felt better on Tuesday but remained out of the lineup.

Jeter is expected to miss at least four more games with a strained neck muscle. Giambi's left leg stiffened Monday, and he hopes to return Thursday.

"I kept tightening up because it was so cold," said Giambi, who took batting practice indoors Tuesday. "Knowing how to manage it is a big plus. If this was the season, I'd be out there."

The second baseman Jeff Kent returned to the San Francisco area for additional tests on the broken bone in his left wrist, which revealed minor ligament damage.

One player who is back is Colorado man-of-war Buddy Bell, who returned to the Rockies on Tuesday, five days after leaving spring training for follow-up tests on the back surgery he had Dec. 11.

Sarah Hughes withdraws from world championships

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) - Don't read anything into Sarah Hughes' decision to skip the world championships.

The Olympic gold medalist withdrew from worlds Tuesday, saying the whirlwind that followed her Salt Lake city upset hasn't left her any time to train. But she isn't turning pro like Tara Lipinski did after winning gold four years ago, and she still plans to compete at the 2002 Olympics level next year.

"She said, 'Make sure everybody knows I'm still going to compete,'" said Robin Wagner, Hughes' coach. "She really wants to compete. She says, 'I've won this title, which is great, but I want a national title, I want a world title. I just really love competing.'"

Hughes pulled off one of the biggest upsets in Olympic history when she won the women's free skate Feb. 21 and soared from fourth to first. The 16-year-old

from Great Neck, N.Y., beat Irina Slutskaya of Russia and six-time U.S. champion Michelle Kwan.

Hughes also met the toughest technical program, becoming the first woman to complete two triple-triple combinations at an Olympics.

She considered going to the world championships, which are March 18-24 in Nagano, Japan. But she hasn't even been on the ice since the Olympic exhibition Feb. 22, let alone had time to train.

Since leaving Salt Lake City, she's been on the Grammys, where she met the Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears and Train. She's made numerous TV appearances. She also visited the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, where she rang the opening bell.

She even took a job with New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and got a key to the city. And this weekend, her hometown is throwing a parade in her honor.

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI offers Web page design class

TWIN FALLS - Small-business owners with basic computer skills who want to give their businesses a presence on the Internet are invited to an all-day workshop Saturday.

College of Southern Idaho's Instructional Technology Center director, Ed Sazant, will teach "Level II: Putting Your Business Online for Free." Students will learn how to take digital pictures, scan and manipulate images for use on a Web site.

Attendees can either bring photos to class that they will scan, or they can bring items to photograph with a digital camera that will be provided. Photos can be of anything the students want to include in their Web sites.

The class will be spent creating Web pages. Students should have a good understanding of how Web pages work and be comfortable using a computer to move, manipulate and upload or download files. All equipment will be provided. Students should bring some text they want to include on their Web sites.

Cost of the class is \$40. It will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in CSI's Aspen building, room 34. A lunch break will be provided for students to use on their own.

For information, call the Idaho Small Business Development Center at CSI at 733-9554, Ext. 2450.

Business development center holds class

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will hold a one-evening Introduction to Business class from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

Business consultant Lori Ward will teach participants the basics of setting up a business and writing a good business plan. She stresses that having a working business plan is vital to the successful development, operation and growth of a venture. Attendees will leave the workshop with the tools they need to develop such a plan, CSI said.

Cost of the workshop is \$25 per person. Spouses or business partners can register for an additional \$10 each. Prepayment and preregistration are required. For information, call the ISBDC at 733-9554, Ext. 2450.

Intimate Brands will broadcast sales data

TWIN FALLS - Ohio-based Intimate Brands - which has a Bath & Body Works store in Twin Falls and will open a Victoria's Secret store here this year - will broadcast a call releasing the company's February sales.

The call will feature Debbie Mitchell, vice president of communications and investor relations. The broadcast will be available on the Internet at 5:30 a.m. Thursday.

Log on to www.IntimateBrands.com or dial 1-800-294-4342 followed by passcode IBI (424).

The call will be archived for seven days on www.IntimateBrands.com.

Food-sized trout sales decline in Idaho for 2001

BOISE - Food-size trout sales in Idaho were down 7 percent last year, the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service said Monday.

Sales totaled \$34.4 million compared with \$36.8 million in 2000. The total number of fish sold was down 12 percent from 45.5 million to 40 million.

Grocery chains battle for business on Internet

VANCOUVER, Wash. - Two rivals, Albertson's and Safeway, are competing for years to get customers into their stores - are going head to head for Internet customers.

This week, Idaho-based Albertson's.com was launched. Albertson's.com, an online grocery ordering and delivery service.

Scott Charleston, Albertson's.com spokesman in Bellevue, Wash., said the company's venture in Clark County, Wash., and Portland, Ore., marks the first metropolitan area in the United States where the two companies will compete toe to toe for online business.

Safeway started its service here in January.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Mini-Cassia plans small-business expo

The Times-News

BURLEY - Small businesses have a chance to show their stuff.

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, South Idaho Press and Snake River Plaza announced the 2002 Small Business Expo, to be held March 15-16 at the Snake River Plaza in Burley.

The theme of this year's expo - the third of its kind - is "Growing Communities - Growing Businesses."

The Business Expo is both a networking

opportunity for Mini-Cassia businesses and a rewarding outing for families and shoppers, said Steven Thompson, marketing director of the Snake River Plaza and chairman of the chamber's tourism and events committee.

"Businesses will meet new prospects, generate and develop new leads, expand their customer base and network with other local business owners and managers; while our Mini-Cassia friends and neighbors will be able to have a good time shopping, picking up samples and taking part in

product demonstrations," Thompson said.

The chamber will hold its monthly luncheon meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. March 15 at the mall during the expo, instead of its regular Thursday meeting.

Lunch speakers will be Barbara Knudsen of the College of Southern Idaho speaking on "Changes in Your Business" and Kent Williams of Pre-Paid Legal Services speaking on "Keeping Good Employees with Enhanced Benefit Plans."

Lunch cost is \$7. For reservations, call 679-4793 by Tuesday. The luncheon will be

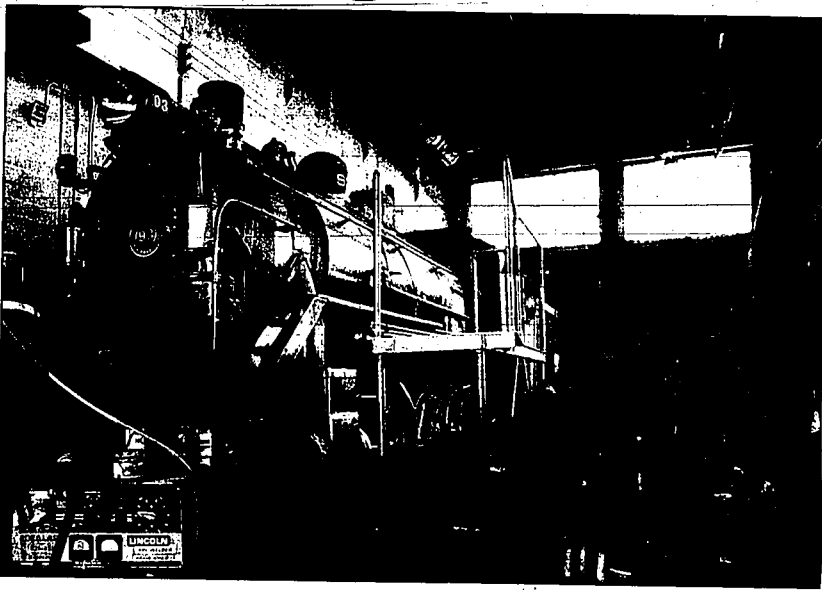
catered by Farmer's Corner.

"The 2002 Business Expo is for everyone," said Joan Asson, executive director of the Mini-Cassia chamber. "It's for all businesses and members of our community."

Some booth spaces are still available to businesses. Spaces cost \$25 and measure 10 feet by 10 feet.

For more information on the event or to reserve a booth, call the chamber office at 679-4793, Christina Coleman at 678-2201 or Thompson at 679-3143.

Turning to tourism



An employee for the Nevada Northern Railway Museum works on Engine 93 at the museum June 2, 2000, in Ely, Nev. In an effort to fight a depressed economy, area residents are rallying behind Sen. Harry Reid's plan to boost tourism by designating a 250-mile stretch of U.S. 50 as a national heritage area.

Nevada counties hope heritage draws visitors, dollars

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev. - Devastated by the 1999 closure of its last major mine, an eastern Nevada county is chasing a new pot of gold.

White Pine County residents are pushing Sen. Harry Reid's plan to boost tourism by highlighting a colorful past of prospectors, pioneers, Pony Express riders and American Indians.

The Nevada Democrat's bill seeks to designate a 250-mile stretch of U.S. 50 from west of Ely, Nev., to Fillmore, Utah, as a national heritage area.

The designation would make the remote, sparsely populated region eligible for up to \$10 million in federal money to promote and restore historic and natural attractions along what's billed as "the loneliest road in America."

Like other rural Nevada counties, White Pine is turning to heritage tourism to help cushion the blow of a struggling mining industry. Since 1997, 13 mines have closed statewide, taking 4,400 mining jobs with them.

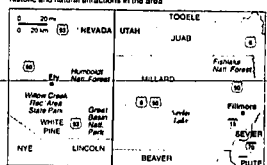
"This is critical for our whole survival out here," said business owner Lorraine Clark of Ely, a town of 4,000 located 320 miles east of Reno. "Promoting all that heritage, that's what we hope to use as an economic stimulus."

The 1999 closure of the Robinson copper mine near Ely motivated the push for the designation, said Tonia Harvey, president of the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership, which supports Reid's bill.

The closure not only cost more than 400 mine jobs, but contributed to a 20 percent drop in Ely's population, a 23 percent decline

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in student enrollment and severe city and county budget deficits.

"Mining has always been a part of our heritage," Harvey said. "The problem is if you let yourself depend on mining solely, you'll ask for it. Mines come and go."

"Heritage tourism has become of great interest to people across the country, and is a natural for us because we have so many historical and natural attractions," she added.

They include Great Basin National Park, the Pony Express Trail, the Nevada Northern Railway Museum, the old McGill Drugstore ghost towns, wildlife viewing areas and Indian pictographs.

During an ongoing mining slump attributed to low gold prices, other rural Nevada counties are also promoting heritage tourism to help diversify their economies.

Among other things, Eureka has stepped

up entertainment in its 122-year-old Opera House, and Winnemucca is offering self-guided tours of its historic district.

Plans also are afoot for a \$15-million California Trail interpretive center near Elko that will focus on covered-wagon pioneers' journey across Nevada during the Gold Rush.

"What rural Nevada is doing is similar to what Pacific Northwest communities have done" since federal logging restrictions were imposed in the 1990s, said Sam Males, head of the University of Nevada, Reno's Small Business Development Center. "They're trying to reinvent themselves and regenerate themselves."

"It's hard to forget the past where mining played such an important part of the economy. But they're looking to new opportunities ... and redefining what it takes for a community to prosper," he said.

But Males and others are skeptical whether tourism can replace mining in importance to rural Nevada.

Mining is the driving force of the rural economy, employing 10,300 people directly and accounting for countless other jobs. The average mining salary in Nevada is \$59,305 compared with \$32,275 overall.

Nevada's second-largest industry is mining, and the state is the world's third-biggest producer of gold behind only South Africa and Australia.

"Can tourism replace mining? Probably not," said John Dobra, an economics professor at UNR. "But tourism has a lot to offer rural Nevada. I think there's a lot to sell out there."

Reid said Nevada's Great Basin has played an important role in the exploration

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Credit crunch: Businesses struggle for access to funding

Los Angeles Times

As signs of economic recovery increase, a key question is whether businesses have access to enough credit to finance growth. It's an issue of surprisingly intense debate.

On one side, some analysts contend that banks, skittish about the blowups of Enron Corp., Global Crossing Ltd. and other major borrowers, are denying loans to worthy companies, as they did a decade ago in a credit crunch that helped keep U.S. growth stunted in 1991 and '92.

"Small-business borrowers are paying for the sins" of large, troubled companies, especially those in the telecom sector, said John Rutledge, an economist who heads a Greenwich, Conn., buyout enterprise.

In a stinging report last week for the National Association of Manufacturers, Rutledge described a two-tier economic recovery, with giant companies still able to borrow at decent rates via bond offerings, while many smaller companies, dependent on banks for expansion capital, endure higher interest rates,

special fees and outright denial of access to credit.

In a survey last month, 34 percent of the manufacturing group's members said credit was tighter than a year ago, and 26 percent said that was restricting their expansion. Association President Jerry Jasinowski urged banks to "rethink" economic recovery in its cradle.

For the overall economy, however, the picture appears brighter. Counting three major sources of credit - bank loans, short-term notes known as commercial paper and long-term

bonds - U.S. businesses have had substantially more access to credit during this economic downturn than in the last three recessions, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. reported last month.

Many smaller businesses, particularly in nonmanufacturing sectors, said they have no funding sources. A January survey by the National Federation of Independent Business found plenty of companies talking of expansion, with bank loan rates averaging a low 7.2 percent.

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COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

BOISE - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Donald E. Day and Edith B. Day, also known as Suy B. Day, 240 E. Fifth St., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40284.

Charles Frank Koehel, 171 Blue Lakes Blvd. S., No. 21, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40283.

William F. Perry Jr. and Pat A. Perry, 105 Madison St., Twin Falls, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40281.

Earlene L. Lewis, 98 S. 1050 E., Dietrich, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40280.

Wendy Michelle Bassett, 528 W. Ave. E., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 02-40279.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Dorothy J. Butler, 709 E. Ave. D, Apt. 2, Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-40281.

Timothy K. Fleming and Tonya J. Fleming, 702 Third St. W., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 02-40293.

Chapter 11, business, \$1 million to \$40 million

Keith Edwin Soderquist and Christie Soderquist, doing business as C&K Farms, 22295 Kimberly Road, Kimberly, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 11, 16-49 creditors, assets \$1 million to \$10 million, liabilities \$1 million to \$10 million. Case no. 02-40276.

Leader gives Penney a new shine

Los Angeles Times

In the summer of 2000, J.C. Penney Co. was held out as a dinosaur, an aging chain of dud department stores squelched by smarter department stores such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and high-priced specialty clothing retailers such as Gap Inc. Shares in Penney's stock plummeted to less than \$10 from a 1998 high of more than \$77.

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MONEY

Wall Street retreats as investors take profits

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street retreated Tuesday as investors cashed in their winnings from the market's spectacular two-session rally.

The technology-focused Nasdaq composite index proved steadier, its losses mitigated by optimism about earnings prospects at bellwether Intel. Analysts said the market's overall mood was cautious, but still showing signs of bullishness.

The Dow closed down 153.41, or 1.5 percent, at 10,433.41, giving back just under a third of the 480 points gained during the previous two sessions.

Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Nasdaq advanced 6.97, or 0.4 percent, to 1,866.29, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 7.70, or 0.7 percent, to 1,346.14.

"This is just normal profit-taking after a fairly strong run in market," said Bill Barker, investment consultant at RBC Dominion.

But the slide in commercial and industrial loans outstanding also was tied to many companies' decisions to cut back on financing as they pared expansion plans and liquidated inventories amid the weak economy.

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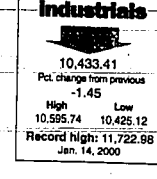
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High: 10,595.74
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Jan. 14, 2000

also fell. Procter & Gamble lost \$1.92 to \$85.06.

Tech stocks were more mixed. Microsoft dropped 22 cents to \$63.08. But Intel advanced 85 cents to \$32.70 after Morgan Stanley upgraded the stock to "strong buy" from "outperform," citing the prospect for better personal computer sales this year.

The tech sector's relatively strong performance might also be attributed to the fact it had a smaller advance than blue chips in the recent run-up. As a result, it had fewer gains to lose in profit-taking — and investors might have decided it was time to invest there.

"The Dow is catching its breath after its big rally and guess what's getting the move back up?" said Ralph Acampora, director of technical research at Prudential Securities.

"Technology, because it's lagged behind. This is just catch-up."

Blue-chips fell on losses in retailers including Wal-Mart, which fell \$2.22 to \$60.76. Home Depot slid \$2.40 to \$47.50, a 4.8 percent loss. The sector had been steadily moving higher, on anticipation it would benefit when the economy stabilized.

Consumer goods companies

As with bank loans, some of the decline in commercial paper reflected companies' decisions to shift to longer-term financing as interest rates fell.

Another factor, however, was investors' worries about rising corporate failures. The high-profile bankruptcies of Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and Enron, companies once regarded as rock-solid, shook buyers of commercial paper and made them less willing to extend credit to certain companies, because commercial paper is unsecured debt.

In recent weeks, rumors of financial troubles have shut companies including Tyco International and Quest Communications out of the commercial paper market.

In such an environment, "You can have a perfectly good company that can't roll over its paper," said Ray Kennedy, a portfolio manager for Pimco bond fund in Newport Beach, Calif.

Treasury secretary says economy may have never been in recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy may not have fallen into recession after all, according to Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill.

It seems quite clear now that our economy may have never suffered a recession," O'Neill said Tuesday. That would conflict with the finding of a board of academic economists who unofficially declare the beginnings and ends of economic downturns.

O'Neill spoke in Kuwait City, Kuwait, during a tour of Middle Eastern countries.

He noted the economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, slunk at an annual rate of 1.3 percent in the July-September quarter last year, reflecting the jolt of the Sept. 11 terror attacks on economic well-being already in place.

In the fourth quarter, however, a resurgent, but still-weak economy

may have never been in recession, the government reported last week.

One rule of thumb for classifying a recession is two consecutive quarters of declining GDP, which did not happen in this downturn.

The National Bureau of Economic Research, the unofficial arbiter of recessions, uses several monthly statistics, however, to better pinpoint the economy's exact turning points. The bureau declared in November that the economy had fallen into recession in March 2001.

Some economists privately quibble with that, saying that the current downturn lacks the depth, duration and diversity of normal recessions. Many believe the panel could get up and go in an official end of the recession in either December, January or February. The bureau's decision is not expected for some months.

Credit

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Credit availability was cited as a "most important" issue by 2 percent of the federation's 600,000 members.

"There's tons of money available," said William C. Dunkelberg, chief economist for the group, in which manufacturers make up only about 10 percent of the members. Dunkelberg's index of small business optimism rose from 100.4 in December to 103.5 in January — the highest reading since the first quarter of 2000, when economic growth still was strong.

Here's a look at the trends in each credit sector:

Bank loans

In a report last week, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said banks' commercial and industrial lending fell nearly 10 percent last year, a decline greater

than in the recession of 1990-91.

Some banks' drop unquestionably reflected banks' reluctance to extend credit to some borrowers, analysts said. But the slide in commercial and industrial loans outstanding also was tied to many companies' decisions to cut back on financing as they pared expansion plans and liquidated inventories amid the weak economy.

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Long-term bonds

While banks' business loans and companies' issuance of commercial paper fell last year, long-term corporate bond issuance rose.

Likewise, major companies continue to borrow in the bond market this year. Last week, General Motors Corp. sold \$3.3 billion of 30-year bonds. Even struggling retailer Gap Inc. was able to sell \$1.2 billion in seven-year notes last week.

Many companies have opted to take advantage of lower interest rates to lock in debt costs for the long haul, analysts said. And investors have been willing to buy bonds because bond owners typically have the strongest claims to company assets in the event of financial trouble.

Still, many bond issuers are paying more than usual to borrow. The lowest-rated levels of investment-grade corporate bonds historically have paid about 2

percentage points more in yield than 10-year Treasury bonds. But that spread reached 3.5 percentage points after the Sept. 11 attacks, and it's still about 3 percentage points.

Yields on noninvestment-grade bonds — junk debt — also have remained high as junk bond defaults continue to rise.

Despite that, Walter Einhorn, a former chairman of the Commercial Finance Association who spent 25 years as a Mellon Bank executive, sees no dearth of credit hobbling businesses.

"There is no credit crunch," said Einhorn, whose Sunrock Capital Corp. in Philadelphia makes loans to stressed companies that pledge equipment, inventories or unpaid accounts as collateral.

"It's just that (unwise) deals of the kind approved as standard five years ago are no longer being approved (by banks and other lenders)."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks like AAPL, MSFT, and their price changes.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes columns for Most Active, Gainers, and Losers.

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NEW YORK (AP)—Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange for oil and other energy products.

penign promoting adventure tourism — activities such as dropping by helicopter, ski-riding snow and ziplining and slipping down sand dunes — near Winnemucca.

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BEANS

Table of bean futures prices for various types of beans, including soybeans and lentils.

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WORLD

Mideast violence shows no signs of ebbing

The Washington Post

JERUSALEM — Amid the bloodiest eruptions of violence between Israelis and Palestinians in a generation, the two sides pounded each other with missiles, bombs, rockets and bullets Tuesday as the fighting reached a new level of lethality — and, perhaps, a chilling new clarity.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who for a year had failed to frame a policy most Israelis could grasp, this week finally explained that his approach is to kill Palestinians at a rate sufficient to force them to cry uncle.

"Now they have to be hit... They must be beaten," said the Israeli leader, who as a teenager used a stick to beat Arab peaches on his father's land. "We have to cause them heavy casualties and then they'll know they can't keep using terror and win political achievements."

Palestinian street leaders have issued a similar call, urging militants to strike Israeli hard. "We have reached the point of no return," said Marwan Barghouti, the West Bank chief of Yasser Arafat's powerful Fatah faction, whose armed wing, known as the Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, has taken the lead recently in guerrilla and terrorist attacks.

More than 85 people have died in the last week alone, the steepest toll in 17 months of steadily escalating mutual destruction.

Even after days of double-digit death tolls, there was every indication both sides were ready for more intense fighting. Israeli F-16 war planes and helicopter gunships struck targets in the West Bank and Gaza Strip Tuesday, killing at least two militants.



An Israeli Arab elder tries to prevent Israeli border police from shooting tear gas at a crowd of Palestinian youth demonstrating Tuesday at an Arab Israeli playground in the village of Tzur Bahar after an explosive device detonated there. Israel said Jewish extremists claimed responsibility.

Those attacks followed the killings of five Israelis in three separate Palestinian mortar-bombing attacks Tuesday morning at a breakfast time in a trendy restaurant in Tel Aviv that killed three; a suicide bomb on a bus in northern Israel; and a sniper attack on a road used by Jewish settlers in the West Bank.

For the first time, Palestinian rockets fired from the Gaza Strip into southern Israel, hit an Israeli town early today, striking the first floor of an apartment building in the southern town of Sderot and wounding three children.

It was a measure of the deepening mayhem here that Tuesday's death toll — five Israelis and at least two Palestinians, plus dozens injured — seemed modest

compared to the 17 Palestinians

killed Monday or the 22 Israelis killed over the weekend. Still, today there was a new wrinkle in the 17 months of violence here: A bomb planted at an Arab school in East Jerusalem, possibly by revenge-seeking Jewish vigilantes, exploded just as several hundred pupils were arriving for their morning lessons, injuring seven children and a teacher.

The hardening of attitudes on both sides has destroyed time-tested Middle East aphorisms. For most of the 1990s Israelis and Palestinians routinely dismissed the idea that their conflict could be resolved by force; now large numbers on both sides believe they have been left no choice.

The result is a grueling, gruesome test of national wills — daily trading of punches that has strewn the streets with victims, most of them non-combatants, and transformed the daily news into an extended obituary.

Some Indians tried to help, despite religion

AHMADABAD, India (AP) — Horrified by the screams of his Muslim neighbors being beaten and burned alive, Vising Rathod put aside fear and did what many other Hindus could not get up the courage to do.

The burly Hindu and his two sons jumped in a truck, rammed their way through frenzied Hindu rioters and began pulling Muslims from the street just before midnight Thursday.

He saved 25 Muslims that night and has since sheltered dozens in safe houses across this city engulfed by Hindu-Muslim violence that has claimed more than 50 lives.

The heroism showed by Rathod and a few other Hindus stood out amid a week when Hindus and Muslims killed one another with fire, daggers and bombs.

Ten of his Muslim neighbors were still hiding in Rathod's home Monday, being comforted by his family and other Hindu neighbors.

"I struggled when asked if he's a hero. 'I did it out of humanity, because in my heart I knew it was the right thing to do,'" he said, sitting in his tiny notary public office just behind a gutted mosque and across the street from a charred Muslim house.

"What has happened is shameful." Violence has gripped Gujarat state since last Wednesday, when Muslims set fire to a train carrying Hindu nationalists. The 58 deaths provoked a retaliatory rampage by Hindus. Most of those killed since then have been Muslims. It was the worst Hindu-Muslim violence in India since 1993, when 800 people died in

Report: Officials led many of the mob attacks

AHMADABAD, India (AP) — Police say a local leader of India's governing party and officials from a Hindu nationalist group linked to it led mobs that burned to death 107 Muslims during religious riots.

Police reports obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday named several important figures in two attacks in the city of Ahmadabad, part of riots that have killed 512 people.

Police officers wrote and filed the reports on Sunday in the neighborhood of Naroda, where 65 Muslims were burned to death as they slept by Hindus who set the slum on fire Friday morning, and in Mehanagar, where thousands of Hindus burned to death 42 Muslims in their homes Thursday night.

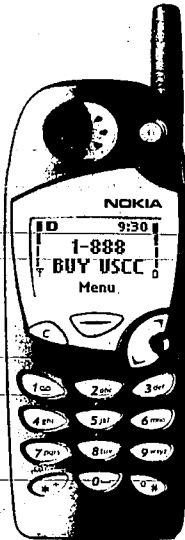
The men accused in the reports have been avoiding police attempts to question them, said Deputy Police Commissioner P.B. Gandya.

religious riots in Bombay.

Still, India's 120 million Muslims live in relative harmony among the 1 billion Hindus and other minorities of India.

Gujarat is the home state of Mohandas Gandhi, India's beloved independence leader who struggled for reconciliation between the Hindu majority and Muslim minority amid riots that killed nearly 1 million people after independence in 1947.

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Getting started

Even rookies can negotiate the perils of home improvement

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — So a guy walks into a Home Depot holding a photograph of a tree house, ripped from a magazine.

"Do you own a hammer?" the salesman wonders.

"No. Is that a bad thing?"

Home Depot, which airs the preceding colloquy in a current television commercial, doesn't think so. The nation's second-largest retailer has made a roaring success of pitching lumber, tools, plumbing and lots of free home-improvement advice to complete tyros.

"It happens in here too," said Cal Bonander, who owns Canyon Rim Ace Hardware. "You learn to take it small steps."

Hot-selling you-too-could-be-handy books such as "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Trouble-Free Home Repair" and "Home Repair for Dummies" and "Home Maintenance for Dummies" trumpet the ascendancy of 10 thumbs.

But can it really be that easy? "The intimidation factor isn't as great as you might think for most people," said Bonander, who estimates that 60 percent of his customers are female. "Especially with women. They just dive right in."

"A lot of times it's out of necessity," said Quinn Montague, who manages Rupert's ACE Hardware store. "People are on limited incomes and live in houses that are kind of fixer-uppers. You can't afford to contract to have it done, so you learn to do it yourself."

Montague encourages rookies who are dreaming of projects that are doable, but he makes sure they know the risks — especially when it comes to electrical work and plumbing.

"Some people are just not comfortable working with electricity," he said. "And with a plumbing project, well, sometimes you run into problems you didn't anticipate and have to get help."

By far the most common newcomers to home repair are painters, Montague says. That's a good place to start because there's a high probability of success with a brush and a bucket.

"A lot of people just kind of grow into their projects," he said.

There are some advantages to starting from scratch, says David Tenenbaum, a Wisconsin freelance writer who wrote "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Trouble-Free Home Repair."



Tom McKay stocks lumber at General Building Supply in Twin Falls. McKay's specialty is helping people select the right equipment and supplies for home building and improvement projects.

"In home repair, the perfect is the enemy of the good," he said.

"Don't be afraid of making a 'perfect enough' repair. Remember, rookies seldom start in the major leagues."

And pick your shots, he advises.

"Size up your projects," he

writes in "Idiot's." "Some are easy, and some are hard. Hire professionals for the ones that are plain impossible. Your morale and your home will both benefit."

As time goes on, Tenenbaum promises, you'll learn what you're doing. You'll gather better tools and learn to distinguish possible

projects from preposterous ones.

For his part, Bonander goes out of his way never to discourage do-it-yourself newcomers, however grand their schematics.

"I just make sure they know what's involved," he said. "Then we go from there."

It's not necessary to have Tim

("Home Improvement") Taylor's

tool-box-when-you-begin, Montague says.

"Get the tools that you need for the project you're working on now," he said. "Buy the rest when you need them."

But a concept is an indispensable first step, according to

Bonander.

"If you have a clear idea what you want, that's the first step to getting there."

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Know your limitations

Jobs for beginners

- Weather-stripping doors and windows
- Replacing window panes
- Lubricating window panes
- Resurfacing an asphalt driveway
- Minor-league drywall or plaster repairs
- Painting, staining and varnishing
- Replacing outlets and switches
- Unclogging drains

Jobs for the confident

- Repairs on a relatively flat and low roof

—Source: "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Trouble-Free Home Repair" (Alpha Books, \$16.95)

- Masonry and concrete repairs
- Fixing large holes in plaster or drywall
- Installing new outlets or switches
- Installing small amounts of copper or plastic pipe

Jobs for a pro

- Replacing windows and doors
- Serious drain cleaning
- Installing galvanized pipe
- Working on high or steep roofs
- Repairing the fuse box or circuit-breaker box
- Fixing an air conditioner

In over your head? seven questions to ask yourself:

1. Are you good at solving problems in this field? If you are an ace roofer but a complete zero at plumbing, take this into account.
2. Do you own — or know where to borrow or rent — the tools you'll need?
3. Can you get professional advice suggested for a major project if you need it?
4. Can you do the work alone? If you'll need help, is it available?
5. How soon must the project be finished, and will bad weather hold you up?
6. How long will it take?
7. How much of your house will be out-of-commission — no electricity, no water, floors covered by tools or dropcloths? Some rooms are expendable, but bathrooms and kitchen should not be out of commission for long.

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Just how long can I expect my things to last?

The Times-News

Most household appliances have a lifespan of 10 to 20 years, while other parts of the house can last up to 100 years.

Here's a look at a typical home, and what you can do to extend the longevity of its elements:

30 years



Aluminum gutters - Gutters and downspouts are essential to a home's proper watershed and, when well maintained, can prevent everything from a roof leak to sticking windows-and-doors. Cleaning, caulking and painting count among the most common gutter maintenance tasks.

25-50 years

Screen windows - You must keep screens clean in order to get a good exchange of air. Grit and grime can hasten deterioration, thereby diminishing the life of a window screen.

15 to 30 years



Asphalt or wood shingle roof - A wood shake or shingle roof covered with pine needles, leaves, moss and other debris may retain water, causing the shingles to rot prematurely. An annual sweeping with a stiff broom cuts down on fungus damage by enhancing proper watershed. Cleaning is important on other types of roofs, as well. Built-up debris can create a dam which causes a leak.

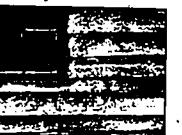
Roof preservation requires occasional super-cleaning that completely exposes all the pores of the wood. It cuts through the grime and makes your wood shake or shingle roof almost as good as new. A pressure-washer is the essential tool; it converts water supplied from the garden hose to a high-pressure mix of forced air and water. This mixture comes through the hose with enough force to cut through soft wood.

10 to 100 years

Vinyl siding - Vinyl siding never has to be painted, but it catches in time. As the surface deteriorates, the paint result causes the material to become dull and prone to stain.

The only way to combat this problem is to regularly clean the siding. Twice a year is good - once in the spring and again in the fall. Use a pressure washer with laundry detergent to get the surface clean.

20 to 50 years



Wood siding - When wood's moisture content reaches 20 to 30 percent, fungus deep within its fibers begin to grow and flourish, causing wood rot.

Wood siding should be treated with an application of oil, stain, or paint to prevent rot. These materials act as a barrier, preventing water from coming into direct contact with the wood.

50 years

Toilets - Porcelain is forever - well, almost forever - but over time you'll have to replace all the moving parts within. To keep those parts functioning, make sure the mechanism is not snagging itself; watch a full

cycle with the tank uncovered. Check that the stopper and the float ride on top of the water, and the stopper should stay up during the whole flushing cycle. Check the holes under the rim, and clean them with a coat hanger when they're plugged.

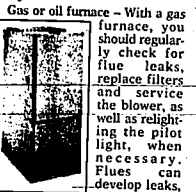
50 years

Aluminum siding - Think of aluminum siding in the same way that you think about a car body. It's a smooth metal surface covered with paint that needs to be regularly cleaned, polished and waxed. Pressure-wash regularly, once or twice a year, and don't forget the laundry detergent. Your aluminum siding will remain bright and shiny for years.

19 years

Gas range - Removable gas burners should be taken out periodically and cleaned with a stiff nylon brush, using baking soda and hot water to keep the gas jet holes clean. Between the burners is a control panel with an opening with a pilot light and electric spark igniter. In most cases, this configuration is part of the burner assembly and can be cleaned as described above.

18 years



Gas or oil furnace - With a gas furnace, you should regularly check for flue leaks, replace filters and service the blower, as well as relighting the pilot light, when necessary. Flues can develop leaks, releasing carbon monoxide inside your home. Inspect the chimney and the flue, paying particular attention to the pipe between the furnace flue and the chimney. Some blowers have direct-drive motors, others operate with an adjustable V-belt-and-pulley setup. You needn't worry about adjusting the direct-drive type, but check the manufacturer's instructions about oil; or look for lubrication points. If you find some, add a few drops of SAE 10 non-detergent oil at the beginning of each heating and cooling season. Belt-drive blowers require just the right amount of belt tension. Check the belt for fraying, cracks, signs of wear.

In oil furnaces, the critical part is the burner, which requires a regular - ideally, monthly - maintenance program, and an annual tune-up. Neglecting this greatly undercuts the furnace's efficiency, adds to your oil bills and could lead to costly repairs. Maintenance programs vary, so check the owner's manual for specifics. In addition, you'll need to change the oil-filter once a year, clean the pump strainer annually, clean the fan blades monthly, lubricate the burner motor every month or two unless it's permanently lubricated, check the flue connections annually and call a specialist for a tune-up every fall.

17 years

Electric range - Plug-in burners have a tendency to collect grease and moisture down at the tips where they go into the power source receptacle. This leads to minor arcing, or electrical shorting, that slowly builds and eventually rains the burners. When you do replace a burner, you must also replace the arcing receptacle to prevent the arcing problem. This isn't cheap or easy, so to prevent the problem remove the plug-in burner and carefully clean the surface and tips with a damp rag or stiff nylon brush. Never fully submerge plug-in burners in water. Always keep drip-pans under the heating elements to prevent grease and oil from entering the works of the range.

17 years

Refrigerator - The most important thing for any refrigerator is to keep the condenser coils clean. Air passing over these coils is what cools the refrigerator, and if they are dirty, the unit has to work harder to do its job. These

coils are usually located at the bottom of the refrigerator behind a removable grille. To clean the coils, first unplug the fridge. Remove the grille by grabbing both ends and pulling gently. Use a vacuum cleaner with a brush or crevice attachment to get as far into and under the unit as possible. While the grille is off, remove the refrigerator drip pan and wash it. Use the power-saver switch. It controls small electric heaters that keep the outside of the cabinet from sweating. Only turn the switch when it's humid and you see moisture beads. The chilly environment of a refrigerator is kept that way primarily by a gasket at the perimeter of the door. To help maintain an airtight seal, remove mold from around the gasket, clean it with a solution of chlorine bleach and water and scrub well with an old toothbrush. Then apply a light coat of lemon oil or mineral oil.

15 years

Central air conditioning unit and compressor - Factory-sealed components, charged with pressurized refrigerant, keep central cooling systems humming - and when things go wrong, only a service contractor should attempt repairs.

Don't wait until a unit breaks down. Schedule a tune-up for the start of every cooling season. Some of the refrigerant may have leaked out - a condition that gradually diminishes your system's efficiency.

Check regularly to make sure air is flowing freely through the condenser and evaporator coils and your system's blower unit. Leaves, debris or dust on these aluminum fins can choke off the air flow. But when you clean fans, treat them gingerly; they bond easily.

15 years



Wood deck - Especially if neglected, but even if well cared for, decks develop many of the same problems that plague porches - rot, plus a host of structural maladies. Posts, beam and joists are particularly prone to rot, as they're often near ground level and covered by decking. Steps and railings work loose through normal use, and finishes - no matter how tough - give way to weather. A twice-a-year inspection is your best protection against letting your deck's condition decline. If problems develop, tend to them quickly.

For dirt, grime, grease and everyday stains, wash the area thoroughly with mild household detergent. Rinse. For mildew, scrub the area with a mixture of water and chlorine bleach. For sap stains and finish failure, use mineral spirits and finish with shellac refinishing. For damaged decking and other components, replace part promptly.

10 to 15 years

Fiberglass bathtub - Fiberglass fixtures aren't as durable as other types of fixtures and must be treated with care. Don't use a caustic cleaner, wet the surface to be cleaned with water, sprinkle on a layer of automatic dishwashing power, let it set for an hour while keeping the surface wet and use a nylon brush to scrub stains away.

14 years

Dryer - Clean the lint screen after every load. If it's filled and clogged with lint, the air won't circulate, the clothes won't dry and

the dryer runs far longer, which wears it out faster and wastes lots of energy dollars.

14 years

Electric water heater - If the bottom of your water heater fills with sludge, the heater won't operate at peak performance. The water heater has an enclosure and a tank and one or two electric elements that heat the water. The electric elements can become covered with lime and mineral deposits that reduce their effectiveness or cause them to overheat and short out. Drain the tank by turning off the power and the cold-water valve at the top of the water heater. Attach a garden hose to the drain valve at the base, open the valve and open a hot-water faucet somewhere in the house to facilitate draining. Remove the element (your owner's manual will tell you how), and clean it with a solution of vinegar and water or sodium carbonate and water with a scouring pad. An element that has begun to corrode should be replaced.

13 years

Gas water heater - Gas water heaters contain burners instead of electric elements, and they should be periodically inspected to make sure they're burning efficiently. Turn off the gas shutoff valve, remove the access panel and vacuum the burner and chamber. A stiff wire and wire brush clears clogged burner ports and removes rust.

13 years

Washing machines - Use a citric-acid solution to clean tub interiors; it removes mineral deposits, lime and soap building that affect the pump operation.

11 years



Carpet - If you want your carpet to last, vacuum it often; soil is your rug's biggest enemy. Carpets wear out because foot-traffic grinds embedded dirt into carpet fiber. Also consider using welcome mats and area rugs to catch any leftover grime before it gets into the house. And your carpet will last longer if everyone removes his or her shoes.

10 years

Dishwasher - There's only one rule for making your dishwasher last: Keep the interior clean. Keeping the hoses and passages clean lets the machine operate freely. The best way to clean your dishwasher is with citric acid; fill your main soap cup and run the dishwasher through a complete cycle. Dishwashers should be run at least once a week to keep all the seals moist and to prevent leaks and eventual failure from drying.

10 years

Garage door opener - A monthly inspection of a garage door's springs, cables and rollers will extend the life of the automatic garage door opener.

7 to 10 years

Paint - The best protection for paint, be it oil-based or acrylic, interior or exterior, is to keep it clean.

7 years

Wallpaper - Time is not kind to wallpaper: The edges peel up, the adhesive gets tired, bubbles develop and the wear and tear of normal life starts to take a visible toll. Loose wallpaper or tears can be repaired with a thin coating of lap-and-seam adhesive. Strips - provided you kept some extra wallpaper of the same pattern - can be

fixed the same way.

Source: National Association of Home Builders, "Home Maintenance for Dummies," by James and Morris Carrey (IDG Books, \$21.99); "Better Homes and Gardens Complete Guide to Home Repair, Maintenance and Improvement," (Better Homes and Gardens Books, \$19.95)

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You may not like what you find on the roof

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Spring is the time to decide whether your roof needs attention; by summer, roofing contractors are busy and by fall it may be too late for some homeowners to upgrade their roofs before the snow flies.

It takes from a few days to a week for a team to tear off the old roof and put on a new one.

Moisture isn't the primary cause of a roof's demise. Wet weather merely reveals existing damage caused by the aging effects of sun and its ultraviolet radiation, along with wind, condensation, fungus and tree debris.

Stop-gap patches and plugs become the roof's weakest link. The roof will ultimately fail where the new seal meets the old material.

A mounting roof repair bill can help you gauge when the roof should be replaced rather than simply patched.

About 90 percent of all roofs are asphalt and gravel composite shingles and when they curl at the corners, become brittle and begin to disconnect, don't wait for the roof to leak before considering replacement.

Leaks damage the roof's under-structure and, if there aren't enough pots and pans to go around, the contents of your home.

"A roof is not leaking one minute and completely dysfunctional the next," said Jack

Giving your roof a checkup

To Keep a Tight Roof Overhead, examine it every spring and fall. You needn't haul out that awkward extension ladder and risk life and limb getting up on the roof either. Just scan it from all sides through a pair of field glasses.

If you do decide to climb up for a closer look, use caution. Also bear in mind that the sun does more damage to a roof than wind and rain combined. So you may want to focus most of your effort on sunny slopes.

If a number of shingles are broken, brittle or balding, and most seem to have lost their luster, prepare yourself for a re-roofing job.

Ridge shingles often fall first. Look for cracks and wind damage. A leak here could show up almost anywhere in your house.

Valleys are another place where

Can your roof pass this test?
Here's how to figure out if you'll soon have to install a new roof:

- ✓ Pinch off a corner of a shingle. If the inside is black, it still has life; if it's gray or crumbly, you'll have to replace it.
- ✓ Shingles should be flexible and resilient on a 70-degree day. If you bend back a few corners and the shingles crack or splinter brittle, they won't be doing their job much longer.
- ✓ Discoloration or streaking on shingles indicates that the granular top coat is deteriorating.

— Source: "Reader's Digest The Family Handyman Manual - Hints," (Reader's Digest, \$19.95)

deterioration soon causes problems. If there's flashing here, make sure it's still sound.

- ✓ Check all other flashings, too. They should be tight, rust-free and sealed with plastic caulking or roofing cement.
- ✓ Any loose, curled up or missing shingles will admit moisture that could weaken sheathing and harm walls and ceilings below.
- ✓ A large accumulation of granules in the gutter means your roof is losing its coating. You can expect problems soon.
- ✓ Wait for a heavy rain to find out if gutters and spouts are clean and free-flowing. Flooding can work up under shingles.

— Source: "Better Homes & Gardens Complete Guide to Home Maintenance, Repair and Improvement," (Better Homes & Gardens Books, \$29.95)

Robinson, technical director for the National Roofing Contractors Association in Rosemont, Ill. "Generally, it's more of an economic decision — when the cost to

making some calls and doing your homework.

To pinpoint leaks in your roof, understand that any water that gets through your roof may follow a meandering, brook-like course — along sheathing, a rafter, even electrical cable — before it shows up as a damp spot on a ceiling or wall.

If you have an attic, you may be able to trace the stream to its source from up there. Look for water stains on framing, sheathing and insulation; bearing in mind that any leak will originate higher than the area where it first appeared.

On a sunny day, a leak may show up as a tiny pinhole of light. If you find one of these, push a wire up through it. This marks the spot on the roof itself; it may also guide the water to a bucket until you have time to make repairs. If there's no hole, but dampness indicates that you've found a leak, drive a nail up through the sheathing.

If your attic is finished, you'll have to do your sleuthing on the roof itself, carefully examining the critical points. Wait for a dry, mild day, wear sneakers or other rubber-soled shoes, and don't walk on the roof any more than you have to — you could cause further damage.

— Sources: Knight Ridder Newspapers; "Better Homes & Gardens Complete Guide to Home Maintenance, Repair and Improvement," (Better Homes & Gardens Books, \$19.95)

How to make your home energy efficient

The Orlando Sentinel

• Paint the outside of your home a light color. This will have a huge impact on your annual cooling costs and actually will not cost you anything extra to do because you pick the materials and colors for the outside anyway.

Light-colored shingles are a good choice, though even then you ought to have the radiant barrier, added insulation and good attic ventilation.

• Buy appliances and lights that are energy efficient. While the first step will help keep heat from getting into your house, the second step will help cut down the heat generated from inside. Each 3 kilowatt hours of energy you save by using energy-efficient products will cut down on another kWh of energy used by your air conditioner.

In other words, efficient appliances save energy by themselves and by generating more heat into the home than the air conditioner has to remove. Most important of all home appliances is the refrigerator. All of its heat gets released into the home, and it is constantly in operation, so it can have a big impact.

• Use a set-back thermostat. These digital, programmable thermostats do the careful job of adjusting the air conditioner and heating to match occupancy needs — a job you can't do manually by yourself.

You generally can figure that for each degree Fahrenheit that the house is cooled below 80 degrees, you'll increase your

annual cooling bill by about 12 percent.

• When buying a new air conditioner, get one with a high Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio. It's worth the extra money up front to save big over time. When your contractor sizes your home and recommends the proper-size air conditioner, go with that size. You're actually better off sizing down to the closer unit than going to a larger one that will cost you more money to operate.

There are a lot more ideas:

- Try to put the duct system inside the house where leaks won't waste your money.
- Put the central air conditioning unit in the garage or outdoors, not in the attic.
- Consider a solar water-heating system to provide most of your family's hot water needs at low cost.
- Shade the windows, design the home for cross ventilation, and put ceiling fans on wall switches so they'll be easier to turn off when you leave the room.
- If you're building a new home, orient windows properly. For example, if the home design calls for a large, fixed window facing west, it's essential that you have an effective awning, a wide overhang or a porch or some other building feature to cut down on heat gain from the sun.

It is generally best to maximize windows on the north and south, and minimize them on the east and west.

— Source: Danny Parker, Florida Solar Energy Center

Do it yourself, but understand what you're doing

Knight Ridder Newspapers

When Kansas City homeowner Jack Mitchell bought his early 1930s house a few years back, he knew it needed work.

Like many homeowners, Mitchell, a former construction worker, decided to tackle it himself. Fortunately, he had the construction background and friends in the building trade were willing to help.

Since moving in nine years ago, Mitchell has refurbished nearly every room in the two-story house. He has torn out and replaced pipes, floors, cabinets, ceilings, walls and windows; upgraded the electrical system; torn and rebuilt the front porch; and had a new roof put on Mitchell's next project: Redoing the upstairs bathroom.

Mitchell is part of the do-it-yourself craze. They're motivated by the prospect of saving money and putting his creative talents to use. "I couldn't afford to hire it all done," Mitchell said. "But I was able to do things the way I wanted. And I enjoy this kind of work." It's also hard to find professionals to come out and do some of the smaller home-improvement jobs, said Brian Patchman, executive director of the Remodeling

10 Important preventative maintenance tasks

- Caulking:** This stuff is pumped into a gap to make it airtight or watertight. There are a million different types and colors. It sticks to just about anything.
- Painting:** Painting provides a protective coating to a surface that prevents rot and deterioration and makes for easy cleaning.
- Cleaning:** One of the least expensive and most important maintenance tasks: It's almost always the first step when performing a do-it-yourself maintenance task.
- Replacing filters:** Good air quality in your home can make you feel better and prevent illness — especially if you have allergies. Replacing furnace filters often helps keep the air in your home clean; it's like taking out the garbage.
- Lubricating:** A little lubrication can go a long way in helping parts move more easily.
- Lubrication:** puts less stress on a motor, which reduces its operating cost and extends its life.
- Sealing off drafts:** A fancy name for getting rid of drafts around windows, doors, pipes and electrical switches and outlets. This is done with insulation, caulking, weatherstripping, expandable foam, and other materials. Caulking infiltration makes you more comfortable, lowers your utility bill, and saves energy.
- Testing:** If it has a "test" button, test it! Smoke detectors, water heater pressure and temperature relief valves, and carbon monoxide detectors are a few examples. Always, a life has been lost due to a faulty smoke detector.
- Keeping up with heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems.** These systems contain motors, fan belts, refrigerant, tanks, burners, furnaces, filters, dampers, ducts, and a host of other elements. Clean, adjust, and lubricate them often for maximum efficiency.
- Caring for drains:** Few things are more irritating than a backed-up sink, an overflowing toilet, or a slow-draining tub. Keeping your drains running freely can help prevent nasty accidents from occurring and eliminate foul odors.
- Looking after the watershed:** Water is without a doubt one of a home's biggest threats. Be it from rain, snow or irrigation, water can turn your crawlspace or basement into a pond, pool or steam bath. Gutters, downspouts, drainage system and grading are your best defense.

— Source: "Home Maintenance for Dummies," by James and Morris Carey (IDG Books, \$24.99)

Council of the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C. Many are busy with bigger, more ambitious projects.

According to the Home Improvement Research Institute of Lincolnshire, Ill., and McGraw-Hill Inc., in 2001 consumers took on home-improvement projects estimated to ring up \$121.1 billion in product purchases. That compares with \$46.1 billion by the professionals.

Good planning, product research and skills are necessary for successfully taking on such projects. Nothing is more satisfying than completing a home-improvement job successfully.

Doing it yourself has its advantages. But understand that the work is not always easy, and plenty of planning is involved. And even if you plan and budget, you can still run smack into all kinds of extra expenses and problems you never dreamed of.

There's nothing worse than bungling a job. And fixing a botched job could end up costing you much more than if you'd hired

a professional to do the work in the first place, the experts say.

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The Times-News

Living Color

Beyond White Walls

A vast number of people mistakenly suspect that there must be a secret set of rules that regulate the use of color. And, afraid to violate any of these unknown rules, they pass themselves off as lovers of off-white with beige trim. But just how could anyone be frightened by pale lilac walls? Or accessories in a rich blue? Or accents of green? Here's a test: In your mind's eye, delete those hues from the dining room, above, and it goes from perfect to safely pallid. "Color is one of the most powerful decorating tools I know," Bob says. "Used in the right way it can

"Color is one of the most powerful decorating tools I know"

your emotions; visually change the dimensions of a room; or direct you through a space." It can also make you feel relaxed and welcome. When the sun streams in through my windows, it now finds walls that engage it playfully rather than blankly throwing-it-back.

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Bathroom remodeling: Do it yourself or bring in a ringer?

The Times-News

Bathroom remodeling is the great minefield of home improvement, especially for do-it-yourselfers.

Are you ready to make the leap? Take some advice from Chris Casson Madden, author of "Bathrooms" (Clarkson Potter, \$30).

Inventory: How big is your bathroom? Where are the fixtures located? How much linen storage is there? How convenient is your towel bar? Does your vanity hold all of your toiletries? Using graph paper and a straight edge, make a floor plan (Use the scale 1 inch equals 1 foot). Note location of doors, skylights and architectural elements.

List: Make two lists — one with all the elements of the bathroom you like and the other with what you don't like.

Analyze: Look at the flaws and figure out what could be done to correct them. Is the lighting poor? Is the tub located in a bad spot?

Decide: What type of bathroom do you need? What else will you do there? Read? Exercise? Write a description.

Think resale: Your favorite color may be blue, but it's best to use neutral-colored tiles and fixtures for resale. Color can come from wallpaper, paint and accessories. Select fixtures that won't look too trendy or dated in a few years.

Budget: Determine how much you can spend. Remember, most renovations will cost 20 percent to 30 percent more than you expect.

Getting started: Get three estimates and ask for the renovator's budget in writing. Don't be forced into something you don't want. Make sure the professional makes his or her own floor plan.

Timeline: Before the contractor begins, get the completion date in writing and make sure the subcontractors will be available to



There's often more space in a bathroom than you realize; careful planning and a little imagination can yield impressive results.

work during that period. Always allow yourself some extra time. Remember that every project can run into delays.

Bathroom rejuvenation can start with something as small as a new moisture-resistant wallpaper. Other wall treatments include wood paneling treated to resist moisture, plastic laminates that can be applied in sheet form, and moisture-resistant hardboard. The most common and most durable of bathroom wall materials, of course, is ceramic tile.

Bathroom floors can be improved in many ways by the do-it-yourselfer. The use of carpets in bathrooms has become more practical with the advent of indoor-outdoor carpeting. Vinyl and asbestos floor tiles come in many colors and designs and can easily be installed by an amateur. A floor that is currently tiled could even be resurfaced with mosaic tiles if carpeting or vinyl tiles do not appeal to you.

Apart from the decorative additions you can bring to your bath-

room, think seriously about new fixtures. Color-matched toilet bowls and vanity units are no longer prohibitively expensive and can transform your bath. Most installations that involve an exchange with the old units do not require much in the way of plumbing skills. Even if done professionally, this job won't take a costly length of time.

Mirrors and cabinet fixtures are favorites with most handymen since they're easy to install. Ready-made lavatory units built into finished cabinets are an efficient and attractive replacement choice.

Removing the old vanity takes less than an hour in most cases. If you can sweat copper pipes, you are all set to handle the trickiest part of the new installation. The cabinet/lavatory combinations come in standard sizes to fit almost any bathroom.

—Source: South Florida Sun-Sentinel; "Reader's Digest Complete Do-it-yourself Manual," (Reader's Digest Books, \$9.95)

Vanities drive bathroom design nowadays

Newsday

Vanity of vanities, they're everywhere nowadays.

As bathrooms have evolved from merely functional rooms to "environments" for chilling out, the fixtures and components found in them have been rethought and redesigned to fit in with the new looks and uses assigned to today's baths.

To complement the bath's new functions, cabinetry, particularly for the vanity, has taken on a multitude of new forms. A vanity used to mean a sink, a countertop and a plain-base cabinet, which supported the counter and sink, afforded some storage and concealed the plumbing.

Now, vanities have a variety of interpretations. They can be single unit with integral sink, counter and cabinet, or they can consist of an ensemble of detached cabinets fitted around or over a sink.

Of course, the traditional sink, counter and base cabinet combinations are still popular, but they're incorporating materials and styles previously reserved for other areas of the house. Plastic laminate, the dominant material in vanity countertops, has been joined by solid-surface resins, granite and marble. And veneered pressboard in cabinets has yielded in many cases to real-wood-quality woods.

"Bath design is expanding, and people are building larger bathrooms and turning them into suites," said Carol Fenker, residential-market manager for DuPont's Corian, a solid-surface resin that originally had been used in kitchen counters and is finding broader use in bathrooms. In fact, DuPont has expanded the use of its Corian in the bath with shower-wall systems and floor tiles that match or complement whatever styles and colors are used in vanity counters.

Wood, especially fine woods such as walnut and cherry, had not been associated widely with bathrooms because of the destructive effects of moisture and household cleaners have on it. Modern protective finishes, however, have solved those problems. As a result, the revival of tradition-minded design that started a few years ago and brought wood back into other parts of the home has extended its application to the bath.

"The early '80s had a very built-in Formica look," said

Ricki Cerino, showroom manager for Hastings Tile and Il Bagno Collection and Kitchen Studios. "Now, it's a more of a wood look. Bleached floors are being translated into cabinets."

Also being translated into cabinets is the look of fine furniture; pieces usually found in

and accessories through its. Baker Knapp and Tubbs furniture subsidiary, makes a line of high-end vanities with the look of classic furniture.

"The trend that drove us into the vanity business was the merging of the bedroom and the bathroom," said David Kohler, director of fixtures marketing.

"We sought to create bathroom furniture that you could bring into the bedroom."

Still, not all is reminiscent of the bygone days or driven solely by design. "Although there is a higher priority for styling, the trend is still very much in function," said Michael Auburn of Poggenpohl USA Inc., the American division of a German cabinet company.

The functional benefits, say industry sources, have enabled vanities to survive a growing infatuation with pedestal lavatories.

"Most people want the countertop, because with it comes the storage," Cerino said. "The American market, unlike the European, wants wall-to-wall vanities."

Nevertheless, pedestal lavatories are enjoying a growing popularity, primarily because they give small spaces a splash of style: The lack of storage is being addressed by manufacturers of bath fixtures and cabinet-makers, who are designing cabinetry that can be configured over, under or around pedestal lavatories or wall-mounted sinks to dress up the bath with providing as much storage as the room can handle.

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Plumbing noises

What causes them, and how to fix them:
Ticking in pipes: When hot water flows in a cold hot-water supply pipe, the pipe expands, producing a ticking sound. Be sure the expanding pipe has room to slide on its hangers.

Gurgling drain: Improper venting and wrong drain-pipe size are the usual causes. Try installing an anti-siphon trap at a recess.

Whistling sound: Water under high pressure that flows too fast a restriction can produce a high-pitched whistle. The most common example is a whistling toilet outlet valve. Some toilets have an adjusting screw that lets you to reduce the flow below the whistling level. If yours does not have this feature, you can turn the tank's float valve until the flow is reduced and the whistle stops. Check all valves

in the water-supply system to be sure that none of them are partially closed.

Water hammer: Water hammer is a harsh, hammering sound in the piping when a faucet or an automatic washer solenoid valve turns off rapidly. Water moving swiftly through the pipes while the valve is open comes to an abrupt halt as the valve is closed, and heavy pressure is put on the entire water-supply system. Eventually, the pipe or one of its fittings could burst — which makes this more than just a nuisance.

The problem is lack of, or improperly operating, air chambers. The air chamber lets moving water bounce gently against a cushion of air when a valve closes, taking the strain off the pipes. Commercial air chambers — also called water-hammer arrestors or air cushions — are made of several types. The most

common is a flexible copper tube, wound in spiral, with one end sealed and the other connected to the cold or hot-water line.

An air cushion can fill with water. To restore the air to all air chambers, turn off the main shut-off valve and completely drain the water-supply system. Open all faucets to let air in. Then close the faucets and turn on water again.

Rumbling water: Check into the sound of water running through pipes when nothing is turned on. A leaking toilet tank may be the cause. Sometimes it's just a partially open faucet in the house. Sound caused by a vibrating pipe can be silenced by wrapping the pipe with felt or installing extra pipe hangers.

—Source: "Reader's Digest Complete Do-It-yourself Manual"

Buying appliances: The price tag doesn't tell the whole story

The Orlando Sentinel

The cost of a refrigerator, stove, clothes washer or other appliance is not just the purchase price of the product but also the cost of operating it over its lifetime. Just because Product A costs \$500 and Product B, \$800 doesn't mean that Product A is cheaper. It may use a lot more energy.

The product's "life cycle cost" equals Purchase Price plus Annual Energy Cost multiplied by Estimated Lifetime (multiplied by Discount Factor). The purchase price is what it will cost you to buy the product. The annual energy cost can be taken off the yellow "EnergyGuide" label on appliances. The average lifetime of a major appliance ranges from around 12 to 20 years. You can often get this information from the sales literature or the information I'm about to give you. The discount factor is a number that is used to adjust for inflation, essentially saying that money you spend today could instead have been invested to earn interest. This number is based on a discount rate and an energy escalation rate.

Consider this example. You want to buy a refrigerator, and narrow your choice to two models — one costing \$800 and the other \$900. The labels tell you the first model will cost about \$130 per year for electricity, while the second one will cost \$100 per year to operate. Looking at the following chart, you get the average lifetime and discount factor for refrigerators, and plug all this

into the formula:
Refrigerator A: 800 plus (130 multiplied by 20 multiplied by 0.76), which equals \$2,776. Owing this model for its 20-year lifetime will cost this amount.
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Spacious Clearfield has intriguing facade

The Associated Designs

An intriguing variety of textures and shapes enhances the visual appeal of the Clearfield. The clean, straight lines of lap siding are central, accented by randomly shaped stone veneer wainscoting below, and the texture of rustic shake shingles under the gables. A graceful arch crowns the entry, running counterpoint to the array of grid-shaped detailing and embellishes windows and doors.

Inside, arched opening lead out to the left entry in two directions, and double doors on the left open into a room that could be used as a home office or a fourth bedroom.

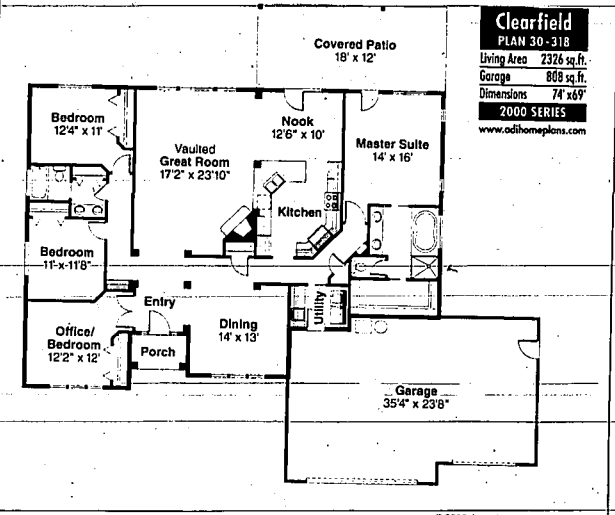
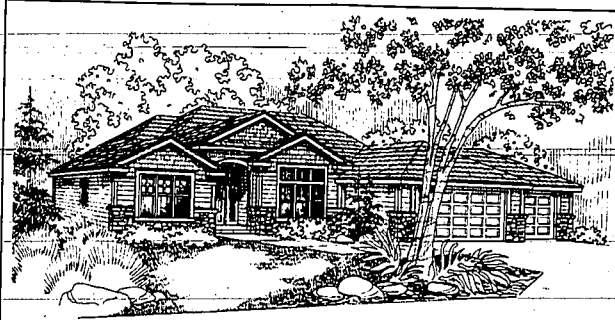
A dining room with an 11-foot ceiling is on the right. The high ceiling adds to the expansive feeling of this space, and a tall bank of windows sparkles across most of the front wall. On the opposite wall, a wide arched opening offers access to the hallway, adding to the sense of spaciousness.

The kitchen is large enough for whole-family cooking, and when folks want to chat but not cook, stools along the raised eating counter keep them out from underfoot. Standing at the sink, you have a panoramic view of the vaulted great room, nook, patio and beyond.

Laundry appliances are mere steps away, in a passthrough utility room that links the house to a deep, three-car garage with lots of storage.

Display shelves nestle into a small corner in the hallway to the Clearfield's well-appointed master suite. Amenities here include a roomy walk-in closet and a luxurious bathroom with dual vanity, shower, extra-large soaking tub, and separately enclosed toilet. The sleeping area has a stately tray ceiling and also offers direct access to the covered patio.

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Here's a novel concept: An attractive laundry room

The Washington Post

OK, it's still the ugly ducking of home design. But there's no longer any reason that your laundry room has to be a sty.

The laundry room is a much nicer place," said Sarah Anti, director of the Whirlpool Institute of Fabric Science, which has determined that the average American household is doing about seven loads of laundry per week, with each load rinsing and tumbling about \$350 to \$500 worth of clothes.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, 75 percent of new single-family homes have separate laundry rooms, up from 60 percent in existing residences. And in more cases, that fully outfitted and color-coordinated space is moving up the main floor, closer to where many people dress and undress.

NAHB figures show that 31 percent of home buyers would prefer the laundry located near the bedrooms. Kids can download filthy soccer uniforms instead of on to their bedroom carpets.

"Everybody has dirty laundry," said Heloise, America's household hints queen, whose syndicated column appears in 500 newspapers. Heloise says frequent questions are still her most frequently asked. "It's a chore that won't go away."

Heloise likes the idea of "making the area you wash your clothes in as pleasant and as workable as possible" and says if she were to redesign her San Antonio, Texas, laundry room, she would put in better lighting and build in more room for folding.

Manufacturers have developed a hamper full of products to entice consumers to organize and prettify the area around their washers and dryers.

Stores such as Bed Bath & Beyond now have entire departments dedicated to laundry and ironing accessories. Rubbermaid recently introduced an attractive wheeled hamper so it's easier to shuttle dirty clothes to the washer.

If you can't afford the \$130 German-engineered Rowenta iron or the \$139 chromed-steel professional ironing board with padded cotton cover, perhaps you can treat yourself to the \$25 folding minimalist drying rack with vinyl-coated rods.

And if you aren't about to hire a decorator to tart up your basement, you can turn to Martin Stewart for help. As coordinated by Stewart's catalog "Martha by Mail," your perfect, honey little

How about a clothes-care center?

The first thing to consider when planning a laundry room is the volume of work your family requires. If you do six or seven loads of wash a week, plus ironing and occasional mending, you may need a central clothes-care center.

A central installation brings washer, dryer, ironing board and sewing machine into the same room. An elaborate arrangement could include storage for linens and blankets as well as storage for out-of-season clothing.

Basements, with their ample — and often unused — floor space usually provide the best locations for a laundry center, although one room of the house can be used if you have no other need for it. There are some disadvantages, though, in taking the laundry center out of the basement. First, the plumbing will generally require extensive alterations in order to accommodate the water supply and drainage needed by the washer. Second, the 240-volt electrical hooking for the dryer has to be hooked to the new location. The alterations can be expensive.

Here are two basic laundry center plans:

Optimum

- Separate, large-capacity washer and dryer
- Built-in hampers to store soiled clothes sorted by type of washing load
- Cabinets for storing laundry aids and other household supplies
- Counters for folding and sorting clothes
- Ample floor space for ironing board
- Sewing center
- Closets for storing linens, vacuum cleaner, mops, etc.
- Large sink

Minimum

- Washer and dryer combination
- Appliance tops for sorting and folding
- Cabinet for storing laundry aids
- Small sink

—Source: "Reader's Digest Complete Do-it-yourself Manual," (Reader's Digest Books, \$9.95)

laundry space would be cozy and well-organized. There would be gallon-size apothecary jars storing detergent and quinine clothesline bags holding vintage wooden clothespins. A trio of handwoven, white ash baskets fitted with ticking-stripe fabric liners would be perfect for sorting loads.

But don't make the room too nice. The whole point of the Power Laundry Room is to spend less time there.

House leaks? Getting to the source can be tough

The Baltimore Sun

If there's water in your basement, you're in for more than bailing and mopping.

Finding the source of a leak can be tough. Where the water is getting in on the outside may be far removed from where it's showing up on the inside. The best way is with an ordinary garden hose. Wait until you have a nice dry day to do it.

Start at one end of the wall where the water comes in. Slowly work your way along the wall, letting the water from the hose run against the wall. You will need someone inside to tell you when the water begins to come in. "Slowly" means very slowly — about one foot every five minutes. The water may be entering a crack, filling up to a point inside the wall, and then leaking on the inside. The water-hose method also works very well for finding the source of roof leaks.

Once you find the source of the leak in the wall or roof, you know where to correct the problem. However, the hose system may or may not work as accurately on an underground, or basement, wall.

Actually, there are several things you can do help prevent foundation leaks.

First, look at the grade of the land around the foundation. It should always fall away from the house. Check the way the down-

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sputors are located and where the water from them is directed. If a downspout is dumping water along the wall, it is likely to at least be contributing to the problem. Be sure you have splash blocks under the downspouts and that the water is being directed away from the house.

If you have rain leaders (underground pipes) that your downspouts feed into, check to see that they are not clogged or broken. Old terra-cotta rain leaders often break and fill with dirt. If they don't drain, you should either replace or abandon them. Planters or landscaping timbers around the foundation walls can trap water and cause it to run back to the wall.

Those are the first things you should check, and correcting them could solve your problem simply. However, if you still have leaks, you most likely need professional help. There are many ways to deal with leaky basement walls. The best is to dig around the foundation, all the

way down to the footing, and re-waterproof the walls. This is very expensive and makes a really big mess in your yard.

The alternatives deal with the problem on the inside of the walls. The most common solution is to install or repair an existing French drain. The drain is installed by removing about one foot of the concrete floor around the perimeter of the basement. Then you dig down to the footing, below the slab, and install a perforated pipe that drains into a sump pump pit.

The block walls need to have holes drilled in them to allow any water to drain into the French drain. Then the concrete is replaced, usually with a gap at the wall to allow any water that might run down the wall to go

into the drain. There are some newer systems that are made of vinyl or PVC (polyvinyl chloride), in which sheets of material are applied to the walls to direct the water to a base channel 3 or 4 inches high that is applied to the floor with epoxy glue. The base channel carries the water to the sump pump. These systems do not require breaking up the floor. They also do not stop the water from coming through the wall, although they control it once it does.

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If you feel you need to hire a waterproofing contractor, there are a lot of good ones out there. Be sure to check references and get prices from more than one. You will likely get a variety of solutions from different contractors. You just have to decide which is the best one for your situation.

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Woman wants to hang on to secretive man

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Jay" for four months. When I met him, he gave me his cell phone number. He said he doesn't have a home phone. He won't tell me where he lives because his "ex-woman" stalks him, is dangerous, and he doesn't want her to cause me any problems. He says she has access to his apartment. (The apartment is in her name.)

I care a lot for Jay and don't want to lose him. He has keys to my house and knows my home and work numbers. I've kept no secrets from him, but I suspect he is still involved in a relationship, and that's why he doesn't want me to know where he lives. Should I continue to trust Jay, or do you think he is deceiving me?

—FEELING HURT IN THE NORTHWEST



DEAR ABBY:
Abigail VanBuren

with her. My advice is to change your locks and home phone number, and if he calls you at work, be unavailable.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old female and have been repairing computers for two years. I thoroughly enjoy it. However, the field is dominated by men, and I have a problem:

My boss doesn't take me seriously. He will put a malfunctioning computer in front of me; I will test it and tell him what I think is wrong with it. Abby, he always disagrees with me.

When he puts the same computer in front of one of his male techs and they will tell him the same thing, he always agrees

I think it's time he gave me credit where credit is due. Is there anything I can do to change my boss's behavior, or should I consider moving on?

—FRUSTRATED GEORGIA TECH

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You're not going to change a member of the old boys' club. Consider moving on, but not until you've found something equally good or better. Now that you have experience, I'm sure there are plenty of job opportunities for a tech with your diagnostic skills.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Gerald" for more than 50 years. He is a wonderful husband and a splendid father. He still showers me with affection: kisses me good morning and good night, calls me from the office at least once a day. Is a great provider, never an guess about money—essentially I can do anything I want. In addition, Gerald is an

attentive and highly competent lover.

Throughout the year, Gerald gives me presents—flowers, candy, things for the house, etc. However, he never gives me presents for my birthday, our anniversary or Hanukkah. I receive only a card and a hug.

I don't like it, Abby. When I tell him how I feel, he just smiles, gives me a hug, and a kiss, and says, "Honey, that's not my thing." Nothing I say or do convinces him to change. Any suggestions?

—PATRICIA IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR PATRICIA: If after 50 years of marriage this is his only fault, consider yourself a very lucky woman. Develop a sense of humor. Go shopping for holiday gifts for yourself. Show them to him and say, "This is from you. Thanks, Honey."

DEAR FEELING HURT: I think he's deceiving you. Everything you have written about him indicates he's still involved with someone else and probably living

Bees can always tell what time it is



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

That animal most mongrelized of all, it's said, is the human being. Bluntly, man will mate with anything. Client asks, "But what is the purest of natural animal breeds?" The cheetah, research suggests. Cheetahs are so alike genetically that any one of them will accept a skin graft from any other.

At last report there were said to be 1277,600 cheetahs in this country. Surprised to hear that? Who stayed awake long enough to count them?

Rats can't burp.
Q. Aren't dogs and cats colorblind?

A. Dogs, yes. Cats, not quite. You won't see any demonstration of this at intersections, but it's now known that cats can indeed distinguish red and green.

Q. Would a space ship in orbit ever get dusty out there?

A. Presumably. An estimated 1,000 pounds of cosmic dust falls to earth daily.

Q. Beavers mate for life, you said. Who's boss?

A. They devote virtually all their time to fixing up their home. She is.

side by snake.

Bees always know what time it is. That's suggested because some flowers open and close at the same times each day, and bees show up within a minute or so of those times.

It was the Chinese who invented the ship's rudder, too.

Q. Is "fear of dogs" common enough to have a scientific name?

A. It is. Cynophobia. The more helpless the baby animal, the more intelligent it is. Generally, if an animal matures quickly, it relies on instinct to do so. If it matures slowly, it relies on its intelligence to learn how to grow up. The human animal in infancy is the most helpless of all.

If there really were a Dracula who survived on blood, it probably would be because of the salt in said blood. That's why the Masai tribesmen of East Africa drink the blood of their cattle. Their bodies crave the salt therein. They can't get enough salt elsewhere. I'd tell you about this Masai practice in greater detail, if I thought you'd put up with it.

Pisces: Delay doesn't mean defeat

IF MARCH 6TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are drawn to and to biographies of composers. You have melodious voice, can sing in and out of the shower. Taurus, Libra and Scorpio persons play important roles in your life, could have these letters in names: F, O, X. April will feature money and love. During May, you reach beyond the immediate and foresee your own future.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Open lines of communication. Emphasize "definitive romance." Take quick plunge into your own destiny. Reach above and beyond current situation. Virgo involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Conditions at home improve if you're willing to make intelligent concession. Financial aspects of partner or mate come to light. You receive gift that brightens surroundings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If possible, make yourself invisible! Means work backstage, keep out of sight. Time is on your side; play winning game. Mysterious stranger enters your life. Pisces plays role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep health resolutions. Handle added responsibility with aplomb. Romantic relationship grows hot and heavy. Decision reached tonight on where you are going and why.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You might be asking, "Is it love or lust?" You will discover that it's a blend of both, much to your advantage and pleasure. Aries, Libra individuals play sensational roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let go of preconceived notions. Take initiative, highlight original thinking. Explore new areas, especially those involving real estate and land. Leo figures in scenario.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on trips, visits and decision relating to partnership, marital status. Contemplate the "direction of your life." Capricorn, Cancer natives will play astonishing roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Elements of timing and luck ride with you; number 3 figures prominently. Popularity on the rise;

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omarr

some people insist on winning and dining you. Sagittarian will play role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lunar cycle high; circumstances take turn in your favor. You will get proverbial lucky break. Emphasize personality, sex appeal. Gemini, Scorpio play top roles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look-behind-scenes-for-answers. Be quiet within; meditate. What you feared turns out to be "laughing matter." Read and write, enter the "unknown." Have luck with number 5.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be smiling and laughing. Many of your fondest hopes, wishes materialize. Power of persuasion heightened; you will win friends and influence people. Romance lends spice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Do not equate delay with defeat. Despite disillusionment, give romance another chance. Past endeavors will be recognized via promotion. Be sure to define terms.

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HOME FIX-UP 2002

Take it easy on your knees and back this year

We can feel it in our bones: One day soon the sun will shine irresistibly and we, the fools that we are, will run outdoors to perform forty-eleven garden feats in one afternoon. The efforts of the day will most certainly be felt in the bones by evening. We will barely be able to reach for the Ben-Gay.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

How about we get smart this year?
A little stool makes weeding and planting easier on the old bod than bending over. Some of the new foam knee pads beat kneeling on the hard ground. And, just because Grams always bent down to use a little trowel or tiny rakes doesn't mean we have to follow his example. Those tools come with nice, long handles these days. A person can play in the dirt standing up.

Seen the trend to put cute little benches here and there in the garden? Those aren't just so you can lay a garden hat on to take its picture. No, indeed. Those are for the gardener to sit upon and admire his work now and then. Or frequently.

Lugging heavy bags of soil is not my cup of tea. My friend, Marianne Benetti, advised in her book, "Easy Answers for Great Gardens" that we don't lug them. Instead, get some muscle-bound fellow to put them in the car at the nursery. When you get home, set a tarp beside the car door. Roll the bags onto the tarp. Drag the tarp to the work site. Split the bags with a knife and

let everything fall out. Spread the material with a long-handled tool—standing straight up. Perhaps with a glass of iced tea in one hand.

DEAR CATHY: I have a trumpet vine that is over four, maybe even five years old and it has never bloomed. Mine is in a north-east corner with a fence around it and has lots of sunshine. I have been told to be sure to mulch around it, which I did, but it didn't make any difference. I have taken a start and placed it in a different place in the yard, but it hasn't been there long enough to see if it will bloom. My daughter bought one at the same time I did and hers has never bloomed either. Any suggestions?

- OUT OF TUNE
DEAR OUT OF TUNE: Most plants that aren't blooming but should are victims of one of two things: Their prospective blooms have been pruned off at the wrong time of year or they're fat and lazy.

Your trumpet vine *campsis discolor* are to be pruned much like a rose. In late winter or early

spring it should be cut back about 1/8 inch above a plump bud. Choose one that faces the direction you want the new shoot to grow. Like roses, make it a slanting cut away from the bud so water won't puddle up and invite infection. Too far away will leave a stub that dies back, and too close a cut can damage the bud. Trumpet vines do like a little mulch so they can keep their roots cool and moist. The mulch is a

good idea. If you're giving your vine a nice, rich fertilizer high in nitrogen—stop it. They only want to be fed with a little balanced fertilizer early in the season, and that's it. I expect your trumpet to be playing a different tune this year.

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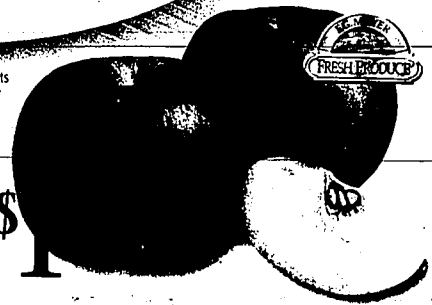
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Tools: The basics

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 - An adjustable (crescent) wrench, turns hexagonal and square nuts and bolts. The 12-inch size is best for all-around use.
 - A combination wrench, with an open end and a box end; it holds nuts and bolts better than an adjustable wrench. You're better off buying a set. For the strongest grip, use the box end, which is less likely to slip off a nut or bolt.
 - Long-nose (needle-nose) pliers, useful for almost everything in electrical work; they are great for looping wire to connect to screw terminal.
 - Locking pliers, or Vise Grips. They can be used for turning nuts, grabbing other tools and pulling nails. They also make an emergency vise, clamp and handle. Get the 10-inch model for general use.
 - A slip-joint plier, holds small stuff, such as a screwdriver or a chisel.
 - Two or three slotted screwdrivers for innumerable tasks. Save money and buy-and-assortment.
 - A couple of sizes of Phillips screwdrivers are essential, but you'll probably use a power screwdriver or a variable-speed drill for driving most Phillips screws.
 - All metal marks wood and metal. It can punch holes for starting small wood screws or prevent a drill bit from wandering as it starts.
 - A nail set is used to punch finishing nails below the surface, preventing hammer dents in wood. Start with a 3/32-inch model.
 - An electronic stud finder helps you find support for a shelf, picture or bracket.
 - A magnetic stud finder works more slowly, but it's cheaper. When the magnet nears a nail, it shifts position to let you know that you've found a stud.
 - An oil can is used to lubricate tools, hinges or almost any squeaky metal. (Penetrating oil, such as WD-40, is good for loosening rust parts, but to prevent further rust, you need a heavier, less volatile motor oil such as SAE 10 or SAE 10W40.)
 - A plane is used for general wood removal, such as smoothing the edges of doors, windows and drawers. A block plane works on the end grain found on door bottoms. Planes are great for removing saw marks after rip sawing.
 - Spade drill bits come in various sizes. Usually sold in sets, they are used for drilling large holes in wood.
 - A contoured bit matches the taper on wood screw and countersinks the head in one operation. Sold in sets, they greatly simplify the chore of hand-driving wood screws.
 - Combination wood or metal drill bits make holes for rivets, sheet-metal screws and bolts.
 - A countersink removes wood so that a flat-head screw can rest flush with the surface.
 - A wood chisel (1/2 to 1-inch wide) removes wood to "make mortises (cutouts) for locks and hinges, and other purposes. Don't bother buying the most expensive one—medium quality is fine.
 - A tape measure, sized from 8 feet to 25 feet, is essential for almost any repair job. A 12-foot to 16-foot model is a good compromise length.
 - A Surfform brand wood rasp will remove wood across or with the grain. It leaves a tough finish, but it's good for fitting doors, windows and drawers, particularly on end grain.
 - A 16- to 24-inch level helps in marking electrical box-openers, installing appliances and shelves and raising doors.
 - A rip saw is useful for fast cutting with the grain and for rough cutting across the grain.
 - A hacksaw cuts steel, copper, aluminum or plastic. Eighteen teeth per inch is a good blade for general purposes.
 - A 16-ounce claw hammer is an all-around tool for hammering and pulling nails.
 - A carpenter's square is used to measure and mark straight or square lines.
 - A C-clamp is one of the handiest tools you can own. It will clamp wood for gluing, make a substitute vise, and hold two pieces of wood together as you nail them tight.
- Source: "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Trouble-Free Home Repair," by David Tenenbaum (Alpha Books, \$16.95)

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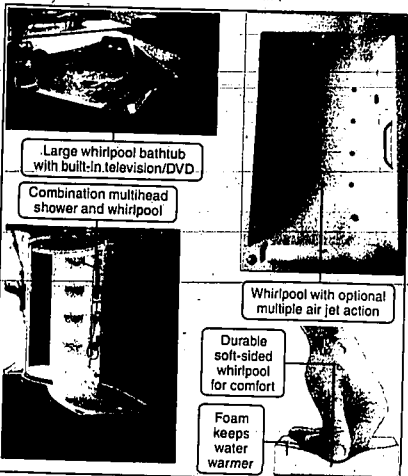
Ways to add a cost-effective whirlpool to your bathroom

DEAR JIM: A whirlpool hydromassage sounds great after work. With budget limitations, what features are most important to look for in a whirlpool tub? It must not increase by utility bills too much, either.

-ALG.
DEAR AL: It sounds as if you are most interested in cost-effective functionality of the massage action and efficiency as opposed to a jazzy appearance. There are some very effective, reasonably priced whirlpools available. The primary costs to operate a whirlpool tub are the energy to heat the water and the electricity to operate the pumps. Smaller, one-person whirlpools that fit in place of your old tub cost the least to operate. Less water is needed to fill one and the smaller pumps are used.

There are several key design features you should consider when comparing various whirlpool tubs: jet types, massage control methods, comfort features and tub materials. These affect the cost and the massage action. Before you buy a whirlpool, sit in it to see if it fits your body well. Most modern whirlpool jets combine air and water. This combination of bursting air bubbles and forced water stream produces the hydromassage action. Most models allow you to adjust and control the massaging action. Some new designs use a larger number of air-only jets to create an air massage bath. Its intent is to create a relaxing, free-floating sensation. The air is heated and some models offer as many as 65 speed and temperature variations. They have a built-in V-shaped backrest to massage your spine.

It is best to select a model with a combination of several types of jets. Several powerful spa-type jets are effective to keep the warm water circulating briskly in the tub. Combine these with several smaller rotating jets in the backrest, neck and foot areas to target sore or tense spots. Although they may not fit your budget constraints, some new computerized models control the sequence of the warm water flow from the small jets. With a large number of small jets in the back area, you can set them to either massage up or down your back to simulate a real hand massage. Padded pillows, contoured shapes and armrests are excellent comfort features at a reasonable cost. Oscillating jets built into a pillow can massage and relax the back of your neck. For an audio/visual experience, select one with surround sound, fiber optics, colored lights, TV and DVD. Most whirlpools are made from acrylic and less expensive gelcoat. They all look good when new, but acrylic is more durable. Another option, that also keeps the water warm, is a soft-sided tub. It is made of a tough vinyl skin over soft foam. It is comfortable and safe, especially for the elderly.



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DEAR JIM: I like the idea of using solar energy in combination with an efficient geothermal heat pump. Is there an effective method to couple solar energy with a ground-source geothermal heat pump?

-TOM B.
DEAR TOM: There are probably methods to preheat the refrigerant in a geothermal heat pump with solar collectors. Actually though, a geothermal heat pump is in effect already a giant solar heating system. The earth is the largest solar collector we have. The sun warms the ground all day long. The water from the geothermal heat pump flows through the pipes in the ground and absorbs this natural solar heat.

Vinyl-tile floors make repairs easy

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Vinyl tiles make durable and long-lasting floors, but occasional damage to a few tiles can usually be expected.

Fortunately, vinyl tiles are not only easy to install, repairs are also relatively simple, especially for those who have had the foresight to save some matching tiles.

A rule of thumb: When installing a vinyl-tile floor or having one installed, always put aside at least a dozen extra tiles for possible repairs. Finding matching tiles at a home center or tile dealer for a floor installed years before can be difficult and frustrating because tile patterns and styles change so often.

Usually, there are also slight color differences, even if matching tiles can be found.

Those who must scour dealers for repair tiles should lift and take along a small sample of tile from an inconspicuous place, such as a closet floor or underneath an appliance or piece of furniture.

To lift the sample, apply heat to the tile to soften the adhesive, then cut a small piece from a corner of a tile and gently pry it from the floor with a putty knife or utility knife. If carefully removed, the sample piece can be replaced later.

Heat can be applied with a heat gun of the type used to remove paint, a gun-type hair dryer, or a warm iron. If an iron is used, put a towel or thin piece of cardboard under it to avoid marring the tile.

If extra tiles are on hand or matching tiles can be obtained, replace any damaged tile rather than attempting to patch them. However, small defects up to about an inch in diameter in vinyl tiles or vinyl sheet flooring can be patched.

Another repair strategy that is sometimes recommended for those who haven't saved extra tiles or can't find matching tiles at a dealer is to seal tiles from areas of the floor where they are hidden or seldom seen - closets, under appliances and so forth.

The stolen tiles can be replaced with new tiles that most nearly match the existing tiles. Because most vinyl tiles are 12 inches square, fitting in new tiles is not a problem. However, it's next to impossible to remove full tiles

from a floor without damaging them beyond use. Anyone who wants to try it should first heat the tile as described above, then pry carefully with a wide drywall knife or spatula.

Still another method, if matching replacement tiles aren't available, is to replace defective tiles with contrasting tiles to form a pattern, giving the impression that everything was planned that way in the first place.

For example, a diamond of contrasting tiles can be laid out in the floor or tiles can be replaced in a checkerboard pattern. Before using this system, loose-lay the contrasting tiles in the planned pattern to make sure the finished floor will be pleasing to the eye.

Removing damaged tiles without harming surrounding tiles can be tricky. Warm the damaged tile with a heat gun or iron, then cut a large X in the center of the tile. Use a putty knife to lift the flaps of the X and pry toward the edges, taking care not to nick bordering tiles.

When the damaged tile is removed, carefully clean the surface under it with a scraper and sandpaper. Even small particles or bumps in the underlying sur-

face will show up when the new tile is installed. Vacuum the surface immediately before installing the new tile.

Self-adhesive replacement tiles are easiest to install - simply pull off the paper backing and press the tile in place. If the tiles are not self-adhesive, spread vinyl-tile adhesive on the area with a notched spreader, which leaves small ridges of adhesive, and then press the new tile into place.

Use a rolling pin or wallpaper seam roller to press the new tile firmly in place. Put a few heavy books on the tile overnight to help secure it. If replacement tiles aren't available, patching is a good strategy for minor damage such as cigarette burns and gouges marked by chair legs or dropped objects.

A new vinyl floor repair kit by Homax Products Inc. - 1-800-729-9029 or <http://www.homaxproducts.com/> - will repair defects up to about the size of a quarter, according to the manufacturer. The kit, which contains enough materials for up to three one-inch patches, is not yet widely available in home centers and hardware stores but can be ordered from Homax for \$15.95 plus \$3 shipping. Making a typical patch takes about 15 minutes.

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A funny thing happened on the way to the E.R.

One of the things that I respect most in a person – and especially in another guy – is the ability to recognize his own limitations.

It's not that common a characteristic – fools, I learned long ago, frequently rush in where even fools fear to tread – all the less so with the advent of mega-home improvement retailers.

The box stores – notably Home Depot and Lowe's – are stuffed with hundreds of thousands of items, the great majority of which neither you nor I are capable of wielding.

They're sharp. They invite you to mix water and electricity. And they will lead, in the course of a generation or so, to uncounted numbers of swayback decks and geyser-spewing hot tubs.

And yet the tools of all this ignorance are marketed so invitingly. Home Depot is running a TV ad right now in which a father so fearless that he should not be allowed to use a vacuum cleaner goes to Home Depot and gets all the gear and know-how necessary to build his kid a tree house. A tree house with electricity.

Come on. The guy confesses that he doesn't even own a hammer.

And yet you see him every day in the aisles of these stores, and as you walk by you overhear ominous conversations about wiring and plumbing. You just know that he's gonna go home, tell his spouse that he can save \$1,500 by remodeling the bathroom himself, and plunge his family into a second mortgage – and an extended period of outdoor plumbing.

For rather than admit failure, most do-it-yourselfers who discover they're in over their head simply stop work and leave the job unfinished.

I know such a couple. He embarked on a bathroom remodel so ambitious that he removed the window and cut a big rectangle in the wall, intending to replace it with a bigger window.

Never happened. They lived for two years with plastic covering the hole in the side of the house until she finally summoned a contractor to finish the job.

And that's how a \$2,000 home-improvement project becomes an \$8,000 home-improvement project.

The term *home improvement* itself oozes with irony. You and I both know that in seven cases out of 10, there is no chance anything close to improvement will occur.

I know a property appraiser who always asks the same questions before he ever sets foot in the house:

"Have you remodeled the place? Did you do it yourself?"

It saves my appraiser friend time, you see.

And it doesn't take a big project to be dashed on the shoals of handymanhood. Another friend of mine came acropper merely trying to install ceramic tile in the bathroom.

He ripped up the linoleum, made some rough measurements, and set to work, confident that everything would come out even in the end.

It didn't, of course, and the fool made it worse but starting



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

the tile job at the opposite end of the bathroom from the toilet.

When he finished, the floor looked a bit like the smile of a hockey goalie who's played too many years without a mask.

When the inevitable contractor was called, he took one look and said, "What color linoleum do you want me to install?"

I have several rules of thumbs – and that's not a typo – that I use whenever a do-it-yourself project tempts me:

- What are the chances that I will complete this endeavor and still retain all 10 of my digits?
- Will this project require me to crawl through the wasps' nests in the attic?
- Is there any prospect that this project will cause untreated sewage to back up in my basement on the hottest day in August?
- Does this project require me

- to connect any colored electrical wires to any other colored electrical wires, and how much damage will the ensuing fire do?
- Is pre-cut lumber available for this project? (And by pre-cut, I mean pre-measured, and if at all possible, pre-nailed.)
- Will this project require me to touch a loaded staple gun?
- Will this project demand that

I paint a ceiling?

- How high will the new water heater fly after I forget to attach the pressure valve?
- Will I be able to begin my conversation with the insurance adjuster with the phrase, "It was a one-in-a-million shot, Bob ..."

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