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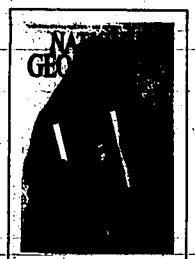
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IP looks to trim power costs

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Power Co. customers would see reduced rates beginning in May if state utility regulators approve a plan to borrow money short-term as a way to provide consumer relief from soaring power costs. Idaho Power announced Tuesday that it asked the Idaho

Bond sale would repay debt, avoid price hike, utility says

Public Utilities Commission for authority to sell \$172 million in revenue bonds. Ratepayers would repay the cost over a three-year period. Idaho Power says paying off the debt would be a cheaper alternative to another one-year, double-digit increase in consumer power costs.

The borrowed money would be used to pay the \$147 million Idaho Power owes to irrigators and Astaris, the Pocatello phosphate maker, for last year's buy-back program. It also would pay for \$18 million remaining from a rate increase last year. Another

\$7 million is factored in to cover the cost of issuing the bonds. The interest rate would be determined by the bond market. "Rather than seeing an increase in rates, the result of this bond sale would be a rate reduction of around 10 percent this year and an estimated 13

percent projected in 2003," Idaho Power President and Chief Operating Officer LaMont Keen said in a statement.

"It is a mechanism to bring rates back toward more normal levels for our Idaho customers," Keen said. "We've proposed converting the recovery of these extraordinary power supply costs

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Felipe Ramirez dives for a soccer ball on a field at the College of Southern Idaho Tuesday. Ramirez is the goaltender on the Pumas, a team in the Latin Soccer League. The Pumas are one of 12 teams in the Magic Valley. The season for the league begins on April 18.

SEASON TUNE-UP

Senate OKs plan to lock up funds

Tobacco settlement money would earn permanent interest

By Julia Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - The state of Idaho is halfway to establishing a savings account that could yield more than \$50 million a year by 2025.

On Tuesday, the Senate passed unanimously a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by Sen. John Sandy, R-Hagerman, that would stash funds the state gets as a result of tobacco settlement money. The account, referred to as the Idaho Millennium Fund, has about \$52.4 million.



Rep. John Sandy

Sandy's plan assumes that as long as payments after 2003 are always put into the account, with an 8 percent compounded interest schedule the principal would amount to more than \$1 billion at the end of 25 years.

The first payment of \$9 million in settlement money came to Idaho in December 1999. At the time Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recommended putting the cash in a trust and spending only the interest earned on the money.

The money had been accumulating in an account, with the exception of relatively small withdrawals for health-related expenditures such as tobacco education programs in schools. The 2003 budget diverts about \$5 million.

With the onslaught of financial difficulties, however, the Legislature hijacked \$18 million this year before it was paid into the fund. Lawmakers are planning to take another \$10 million from the 2003 payments, which should amount to almost \$27 million.

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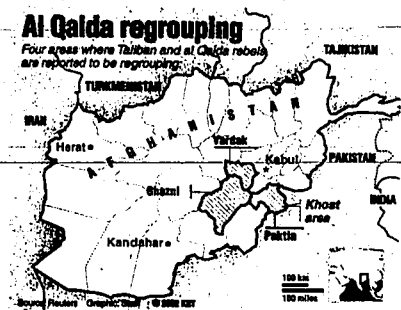
Troops battle al-Qaida; U.S. rejects amnesty

U.S. forces begin searching caves

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
GARDEZ, Afghanistan - Advancing U.S. and coalition forces fought with small groups of al-Qaida and Taliban holdouts Tuesday as allied troops worked their way through the warren of mountain caves in eastern Afghanistan and U.S. officials flatly rejected a suggestion by one of their Afghan allies that the remaining al-Qaida fighters might be allowed to go free.

"We are not going to stop the fighting to make any deals," said Lt. Col. Dave Lapan, a spokesman for the Pentagon in Washington. Throughout the day, high-flying U.S. B-1 bombers pounded al-Qaida and Taliban positions on a ridge line that U.S. officers dubbed "the whips." The dull thud of distant detonations could be heard Tuesday night in Gardez, about 20 miles northeast of the front line.

As U.S. bombers flew overhead, Afghan fighters maneuvered tanks into position for what commanders said would be a final push to eradicate al-Qaida



Al Qaida regrouping
Four areas where Taliban and al-Qaida reboots are reported to be regrouping: Herat, Kandahar, Kabul, and Khost area.

fighters. Afghan fighters loyal to commander Zia Lodin said they breached the first lines of al-Qaida and Taliban defenses Tuesday but were stopped by hostile fire and land mines. Another commander, Abdul Matin Hasankhail, predicted it would take several days for government forces to organize for a final push.

Advancing Afghan troops found the bodies of seven foreign fighters Tuesday, according to an Afghan commander, Abdul Hanan. He said he was not sure whether they were Arabs or Pakistanis.

U.S. CH-47 Chinook helicopters flew what appeared to be small tanks into the battle area of Operation Anaconda at the base of the snowcapped Shah-e-Kot mountains.

"We will continue combat operations in this area until we remove these parasites from Afghanistan," said Maj. Bryan Hilferty, spokesman for the 10th Mountain Division.

At the Pentagon, Air Force Brig. Gen. John Rosa said U.S. troops had begun searching abandoned al-Qaida caves in the area. He said there were "upwards of 40" caves there and that there had been no additional American casualties.

A U.S. special forces delegation met Tuesday with members of the Gardez town council to enlist their help in preventing Taliban and al-Qaida fugitives from receiving food, supplies and shelter from sympathetic local Afghans.

The U.S. delegation also urged the council to convince residents to turn in Taliban or al-Qaida fighters who manage to escape the coalition onslaught in the Shah-e-Kot area, according to council chairman, Saifullah. U.S. aircraft dropped leaflets with a similar message over five villages on the Pakistani side of the border, residents said. The Shah-e-Kot region contains hundreds of possible escape routes to Pakistan, and residents scoff at suggestions that all of them can

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Idaho receives another blow to revenue

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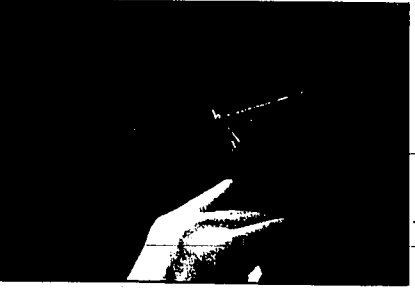
BOISE - As lawmakers try to wind down the Idaho Legislature's 2002 general session, the Kempthorne administration is struggling with yet another - multimillion-dollar financial problem.

The economic stimulus package President Bush signed on Saturday includes a huge tax break on business investments since last Sept. 10. Analysts say the break will cost Idaho about \$25 million a year in lost tax receipts for the next three years. "It's one of those good-news-bad-news things," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said on Tuesday. Please see **IDAH0**, Page A2

Jury convicts Texas mom of killing her kids

Case hinged on whether she knew right from wrong

THE WASHINGTON POST
HOUSTON - With stunning swiftness, a jury Tuesday convicted Andrea Pia Yates of capital murder, rejecting the defense argument that she was in the throes of a psychotic breakdown and could not distinguish right from wrong when she drowned her five children in the family bathtub last June. She could be sentenced to death in the trial's penalty phase, scheduled to begin Thursday.



Andrea Yates listens to closing arguments Tuesday in Houston, watching the jury file into the crowded, hushed courtroom with the verdict sheet. Defense lawyer George Parnham held her close.

his left arm around her waist. As Judge Belinda Hill announced "guilty" to each count, Yates's head quivered and her eyes blinked rapidly. But she remained silent, betraying no emotion, as sheriff's deputies ushered her away.

In the spectator gallery, her husband, Russell Yates, sat with his hands clenched and pressed against his forehead; his eyes cast downward. "Oh, my God," he muttered, rocking slightly in his seat.

"It seems to me that we're still back in the days of the Salem witchcraft, when you take a demonized woman, and take her life," Parnham said later in brief remarks to reporters outside the courtroom. The judge has ordered lawyers in the case not to comment publicly on the trial until the penalty phase is over and Yates

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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 and chilly; a rain or snow shower. ▲ 40°	Mostly cloudy; perhaps a flurry. ▼ 26°	Cloudy to partly sunny, brisk and cool. ▲ 38° ▼ 24°	A couple of snow showers. ▲ 38° ▼ 24°	A few snow showers possible. ▲ 34° ▼ 20°	Clouds and occasional sunshine. ▲ 42° ▼ 26°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Windy and cool today with clouds and occasional sunshine; a shower or flurry will cross parts of the area. Highs from near 30 in the mountains to the 40s in the lower valleys.

Balzer: Cloudy to partly sunny and cooler today with a brisk wind; a stray shower, high 44. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. Low 28. Clouds and some sunshine tomorrow. High again 44.

Northern Nevada: Tricky clouds and sunshine today with a cool wind. Highs will range from near 40 in the higher elevations to the 50s in the southwest. Partly cloudy and cool tonight. Lows 16-34.

Northern Utah: Windy and chilly today with clouds and limited sunshine. A rain or snow shower in a few valley spots; snow will accumulate a few inches in the mountains. Highs 24-46.

Northern Idaho: Breezy and chilly today with clouds and limited sunshine. A few showers in the lower elevations; a couple of inches of snow in the mountains above 3,000 feet. Highs 25-46.

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Thu	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo
Calgary	19	3	2	32	22	30	20	10
Edmonton	19	3	2	32	22	30	20	10
Regina	25	9	17	37	27	35	25	15
Saskatoon	25	9	17	37	27	35	25	15
Toronto	49	39	40	39	38	40	39	38
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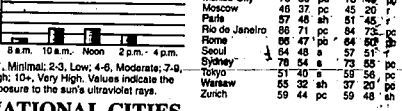
SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 6:54 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 6:42 p.m.
Moonrise today: 7:11 a.m.
Moonset tonight: 6:27 p.m.

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Atlanta	65	48	75	53	48	75	53	48
Birmingham	66	49	77	53	48	77	53	48
Chicago	58	38	45	31	20	45	31	20
Cleveland	59	40	56	49	30	56	49	30
Denver	62	30	38	20	10	38	20	10
Detroit	59	37	48	34	20	48	34	20
Los Angeles	62	54	78	45	34	78	45	34
London	51	40	54	48	34	54	48	34
Los Angeles	62	54	78	45	34	78	45	34
Phoenix	65	48	75	53	48	75	53	48
Portland, ME	48	37	45	27	18	45	27	18
Rapid City	44	24	36	18	10	36	18	10
San Francisco	56	44	66	48	34	66	48	34
Seattle	56	44	66	48	34	66	48	34
St. Louis	65	48	75	53	48	75	53	48
Washington, DC	58	48	68	54	40	68	54	40

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo
Bowling Green	44	28	36	26	16	36	26	16
Donnerstag Ferry	41	25	33	23	13	33	23	13
Coeur d'Alene	40	24	32	22	12	32	22	12
Elgin	48	32	40	30	20	40	30	20
Hailey	41	25	33	23	13	33	23	13
Idaho Falls	38	22	30	20	10	30	20	10
Kalispell, MT	40	24	32	22	12	32	22	12
Lewiston	46	30	38	28	18	38	28	18
Malden	47	31	39	29	19	39	29	19
Mata	45	29	37	27	17	37	27	17

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"While it might stimulate the economy, we're looking at another \$25 million."

Budget Director Brian Whitlock said the state Tax Commission has begun looking at options, but he conceded that the only way Idaho could avoid the loss is by breaking the tie between the state and federal tax systems, something he suggested was not likely. "The odds are we've got to conform for a wide variety of reasons," he said.

The federal tax change affects Idaho because like many other states Idaho bases its state tax structure on the federal corpo-

Security Council for first time ever backs Palestinian state

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council approved a resolution Tuesday night endorsing a Palestinian state for the first time, supporting a U.S. measure that also calls for an immediate cease-fire in the escalating Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The resolution, the first the United States has introduced since the latest bloodshed began in September 2000, came hours after Syria tabled a Palestinian-backed resolution. The U.S. measure won support from 14 of the 15 council members, with Syria abstaining.

The Security Council has adopted a number of resolutions over the years calling for Mideast peace, but none had referred to the contentious issue

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has been sentenced.

After 17 days of testimony from 38 witnesses and impassioned closing statements by prosecutors and defense attorneys this morning, the jury of eight women and four men deliberated for just 3 1/2 hours before returning the verdicts at 5 p.m. CST. Some legal experts had anticipated days of deliberations, and perhaps a hung jury, but the case rife with emotion and complex questions about the criminal culpability of a woman whose history of postpartum mental illness was undisputed by the prosecution.

Although she admitted drowning in the care of her children, ages 6 months to 7 years, Yates was charged with only two counts of capital murder in three of the deaths. After hearing additional testimony in the trial's penalty phase, the same jurors will decide whether Yates should be executed. Under Texas law, if they vote to spare her life, she will be sentenced to life in prison with parole eligibility after 40 years.

The jury Tuesday confronted what many observers thought would be a very quiet verdict as Yates's mental illness so severe last June 20 that she could not distinguish right from wrong when she intentionally drowned her daughter and four sons, one

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The fund has been under siege all session with various legislators wanting to borrow from it or divert funds to prop up recession-ravaged state budgets. Democrats as well as educators have repeatedly suggested the money would be better spent for education.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said Tuesday he wasn't ready to endorse any plans that would reduce the state's financial flexibility at this point.

"I'm reluctant to lock up any funds right now, because I need to see this economy turn around and because I need to see a resolution to the school facilities lawsuit," he said.

Sandy's bill would allow the millennium fund to be dipped into upon the approval of two-thirds of both houses.

"That way, if we absolutely had to, we could get into it," he said.

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be monitored or closed.

"We were asked by the local authorities not to give any shelter to al-Qaida or the Taliban, and we are committed not to give them shelter, because we don't want trouble in our area," said Khan Marjan Wazir, a village leader.

Despite U.S. efforts to prevent the remaining enemy forces to escape capture or death, some of the Afghan allies were considering offering the holdouts an opportunity to surrender or leave the area unharmed.

Afghans said the proposal was made by Gul Haider, commander of an Afghan government force sent here last week by interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai.

Haider told local Afghan leaders he could guarantee a 10-day halt in the fighting if the al-Qaida and Taliban commander "is ready to join us or leave the area," according to the deputy police chief, H. Surmand, Gulam Mohammed Farooq.

U.S. officials rejected any sug-

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from a huge single-year payment, to a series of smaller payments recovered over three years."

Idaho Power says not issuing the bonds could mean a rate increase of 11 percent in May when the company makes its annual rate adjustments subject to the approval of the state Public Utilities Commission.

The PUC must approve the proposal before Idaho Power could sell bonds, said Gene Fadness, commission spokesman.

The proposal has the immediate advantage of lowering rates, but the drawback could be encountering another bad year before paying off the debt, he said.

"I think there couldn't be other options," Fadness said.

Issuing bonds wasn't an option until last year. The 2001 Legislature approved the legislation lobbied for by Idaho Power during the middle of the 2000-2001 recession crisis. The new law allows public electrical utilities to use natural gas utilities to stretch out high rate increases by issuing bonds and borrowing the money.

Idaho Power would create a limited liability company to act as a conduit or trustee for the

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House gives boost to immigrants' hope for residency

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The House approved legislation Tuesday that would allow thousands of foreigners to seek legal residency in the United States, even though they are in the country illegally.

The 275-137 vote handed President Bush, an advocate of the measure, a victory he can tout as a sign of U.S. goodwill toward immigrants when he travels to Latin America next week. It also was a defeat for lawmakers, mostly Republicans, who favor restricting immigration.

Analysts question Arctic drilling's job creations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pitching the president's energy agenda, Interior Secretary Gale Norton told a farm group in Arkansas last week that oil drilling in an Arctic wildlife refuge would produce more than 700,000 jobs.

She also cited the number at stops in Missouri and Indiana — and has used it in recent months on talk shows, in speeches and in newspaper op-ed articles.

But some independent economists call the figure highly suspect, based on a 12-year-old study using assumptions that may or may not be valid. A separate study for the Energy Department estimates about a third as many jobs. Environmentalists say a more accurate number — though disputed as well — would be about 50,000.

Even some drilling supporters say the Norton number is at best a "high water mark" guess. As the Senate prepares in the coming weeks to debate whether to allow oil companies to drill in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the spin from both sides of the issue has contained distortions ranging from the amount of oil the refuge contains to the likely environmental impact.



Rep. Mike Simpson and Rep. Butch Otter.

sided with the majority. The measure, considered under rules that required a two-thirds majority for passage, edged the House by the barest of margins. A one-vote switch would have defeated it. The mea-

sure now heads to the Senate, which has already given broad bipartisan approval to similar legislation.

Bush praised the House action, saying it will help keep families together and make America a "more welcoming society." He urged the Senate to pass the measure quickly.

The core of the House bill would allow thousands of potential immigrants — most of whom entered the country illegally or overstayed visas — to remain with their families while they complete paperwork to obtain a precious green card entitling them to settle in the United States. To do so, applicants would have to

pay a \$1,000 fine. Without the exemption, the would-be immigrants would be forced to return to their native countries to file an application. Once there, they could be barred from re-entry for up to 10 years — a major disincentive to many of those who would otherwise make a bid to become legal residents.

Last year, a similar four-month program drew 400,000 applicants. Wedding chapels in cities across the country, including Los Angeles, were thronged by people hoping to emerge from the migrant underground. Some advocates estimate 200,000 or more people could

step forward under a renewal of the program, many from Southern California. But others say the numbers this time could be much smaller, in the tens of thousands.

The window of opportunity opened by the measure would be narrow. The provision would apply only to foreigners who had obtained a qualifying sponsor — through employment with a U.S. company, for example, or marriage to a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident — before Aug. 15, 2001. They would have until Nov. 30 of this year to apply for an adjustment of their immigration status. Then the measure would end.

Rescuers find bodies of 11 firefighters

NEW YORK (AP) — The remains of 11 firefighters and two civilians were pulled from the World Trade Center rubble Tuesday as workers continued in the last stages of the recovery effort, said a fire-department spokesman.

As of last week, 148 firefighters' bodies had been found and positively identified through DNA testing — fewer than half of the 343 who were killed in the Sept. 11 attacks, said spokesman Pat Cleary.

The remains removed Tuesday were found in a six-story heap of debris where the south tower once stood, Cleary said.

Targets included women, children

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military disclosed Tuesday that American fighter jets attacked a vehicle in eastern Afghanistan on March 6, killing 14 people, including women and children. One child was wounded.

The announcement by Central Command, which is responsible for U.S. military operations in Afghanistan, said the wounded Afghan was taken to a military hospital and is listed in stable condition.

A Central Command spokesman said it has not been determined whether all 15 people were

civilians, but he said U.S. officials believe they were somehow affiliated with the al-Qaida terrorist network.

The vehicle was attacked by two U.S. fighters after it was spotted leaving what the U.S. described as a compound known to be used by al-Qaida members.

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Report: Nuclear plants did not hear of militants' threat

The Associated Press

U.S. officials received a warning as early as 1995 that Islamic militants were plotting to attack an American nuclear site, but did not pass along the information to the agency that oversees nuclear facilities or to the plant managers themselves, The Associated Press has learned.

The warning came in police interrogations of convicted terrorist Abdul Hakim Murad and from a computer seized in the Philippines from Ramat Yousef, mastermind of the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center. Both men were linked to Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida terrorist network, and are serving life in prison in the United States for plotting to blow up 12 U.S.-bound pilgrims.

The AP learned of the 1995 warning through secret intelligence documents and interviews

with officials in the United States and the Philippines.

According to a secret Philippines report, a letter obtained from Yousef's computer indicated he was "planning to attack any nuclear facilities in the U.S. and unspecified targets in France and Great Britain."

Yousef, who ran the al-Qaida cell that targeted the World Trade Center in 1993, discussed the plan with Murad when the two met in October 1994 in Qetta, Pakistan, according to statements Murad made to interrogators. But Murad, who was arrested in Manila in January 1995, said he was unaware of the specifics of the plan to attack nuclear facilities.

Rodolfo Mendoza, a former police official in Manila who was among those who supervised Murad's interrogations, said the details on the nuclear threat were immediately shared with U.S. authorities.

Inspectors find 6-inch deep hole in reactor cap at Ohio nuclear plant

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — An acid leak inside a nuclear power plant at a hole 6 inches deep into a steel cap that covers the plant's reactor vessel, federal inspectors said.

The hole, which was stopped by a layer impervious to the acid, does not pose a safety threat, said Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Jan Strama.

If the acid had penetrated the massive cap and allowed steam to escape, safety systems would have immediately cooled the reactor, he said. And while the steam would contain some radioactive material, it would be confined by the reactor containment building. Even if steam had escaped from the building, there would have been no danger to the public, Strama said.

"It's only when you get into the what-ifs that you would have had any leakage from the reactor-cooling system," Strama said Tuesday. "There was no hazard," he said earlier. "It's certainly very unusual. It's a deterioration of a very important safety feature."

has alerted the nation's 102 other commercial nuclear plants to watch for similar problems. It said this was the most extensive corrosion ever found on top of a U.S. nuclear plant reactor.

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Firefight in refugee camp signals new phase of conflict

JEBALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip (AP) — The rattle of tanks and the crackle of gunfire in narrow, twisting alleyways are the hallmarks of a bloody, new phase of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict: intense warfare waged inside crowded Palestinian refugee camps.

In an assault that lasted into the early hours Tuesday, Israeli troops and tanks, backed by assault helicopters, stormed the biggest camp in the Palestinian territories, Jebaliya, where 100,000 Palestinians live crammed into a teeming warren of cement-block hovels at the northern tip of the Gaza Strip.

The operation killed 31 Palestinians in one of Israel's largest military operations ever in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

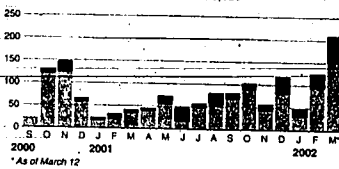
Seven Israelis were killed, including six in an ambush just inside the border with Lebanon. The attackers disguised as Israeli soldiers, were reportedly Palestinians who slipped across Israel's previously quiet northern frontier — raising the prospect of a new front in the current Mideast conflict.

Israel says raids on the refugee

Violence escalates in March

Since the beginning of March, 151 Palestinians and 59 Israelis have been killed, making it the bloodiest period since fighting broke out in September 2000.

Total deaths in West Bank, Gaza Strip and Israel
 ■ Israel: 348 ■ Palestine: 1,161



SOURCE: Associated Press

camp, unleashed for the first time last month in the West Bank, are meant to smash weapons factories and put Palestinian militants on notice that they can find no safe haven anywhere.

But human rights activists — and those who live in the camps — say incursions like this one pose the greatest peril yet to

Palestinian civilians, who already run a gauntlet of daily dangers.

For Israelis, the worst carnage of the 17-month-old conflict has been caused by suicide bombings and mass shootings in their cities and towns; on the Palestinian side, military operations inside refugee camps have been a driving force behind recent jumps in the death toll. Eighteen people



Palestinian Muleh El Sultan comforts his son in front of their destroyed home in Jebaliya, northern Gaza Strip, after an Israeli troop incursion Tuesday.

were killed during the three-hour incursion into Jebaliya, and more than 75 were wounded.

For all the force that was unleashed, the Israelis only pushed a few hundred yards into the camp. As tanks staged a three-pronged assault, leaving trademarks on the narrow, rutted streets, hundreds of Palestinian gunmen took up positions in

abandoned buildings and rooftops and began firing on troops and vehicles.

As the firefight intensified, people in the camp's cramped hovels did not know whether to stay put or run. Some huddled indoors in terror; others ran into the streets wearing only night clothes. A few hastily hitched up the donkey carts that are a main form of transport in Gaza; many others fled on foot.

Schoolteacher Abdul-Khader Ibrahim was on the telephone with a friend when he heard heavy machine-gun fire start up only yards from his home. "I've got to get my children out of here!" he shouted.

One of the first airstrikes hit the area's main transformer, plunging the camp into darkness. "They are killing us!" cried Laila Ayoub, 38, who grabbed her baby girl and ran to take shelter with relatives living outside the camp. She said helicopters rained down fire as she and others ran.

Like the other refugee camps scattered throughout Gaza and the West Bank, Jebaliya is a tinderbox of poverty, hardship and fury against Israel.

Students claim assault on Islam

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Saying Islam is under attack around the world, protesting students streamed out of Egypt's largest university on Tuesday and marched on the Israeli Embassy, where they were pushed back by hundreds of baton-wielding riot police.

University students enraged by continuing Palestinian-Israeli violence have protested at several campuses across Egypt in recent weeks.

Security has been tight in a country where the government has little tolerance for free expression, and the protests are usually confined to campuses.

About 1,000 students at Cairo University, Egypt's largest, managed to break away from an on-campus protest Tuesday that had drawn 3,000 people. The breakaway group was stopped about 50 yards from the heavily guarded Israeli Embassy near the Nile.

Zimbabwe sees antagonism as presidential vote tally starts

HARARE, Zimbabwe — Independent observers and rights groups blasted the Zimbabwean government Tuesday, saying presidential elections were deeply flawed by violence and intimidation, confused voter lists and the arrest of some 1,400 observers and polling agents during the balloting.

The criticism came as officials began counting the ballots Tuesday from three days of voting in the country's most competitive election ever. It pitted President Robert Mugabe — the only leader the country has known in 22 years of independence — against Morgan Tsvangirai, a former labor organizer.

A collection of church and civic groups known as the Crisis in Zimbabwe Committee said it was discussing whether or not to organize a nationwide general strike to channel voter anger into a peaceful protest.

Mugabe led the nation to independence in 1980 and faced little dissent until recent years, when the nation's economy collapsed and political violence — blamed mostly on the ruling party — became rampant.

Experts authenticate 'Black Diaries' of Irish patriot

LONDON — The diaries of Irish rebel Sir Roger Casement, which recorded his homosexual contacts and perhaps paved the way for his hanging, are genuine, researchers said Tuesday.

Some of Casement's supporters have contended the so-called "black diaries" were forged, though since they were made available for study in 1959 there has been a growing acceptance that they are authentic.

Casement, born in 1864, was a former British civil servant knighted for his accounts of Belgian exploitation of natives in the Congo. Disillusioned with the

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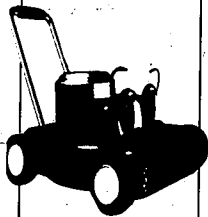
British Empire, he traveled by U-boat to Germany during World War I to seek support for an Irish uprising.

He was captured by British soldiers after sailing back to Ireland aboard a trawler carrying 20,000 German rifles. He was hanged for treason in 1916.

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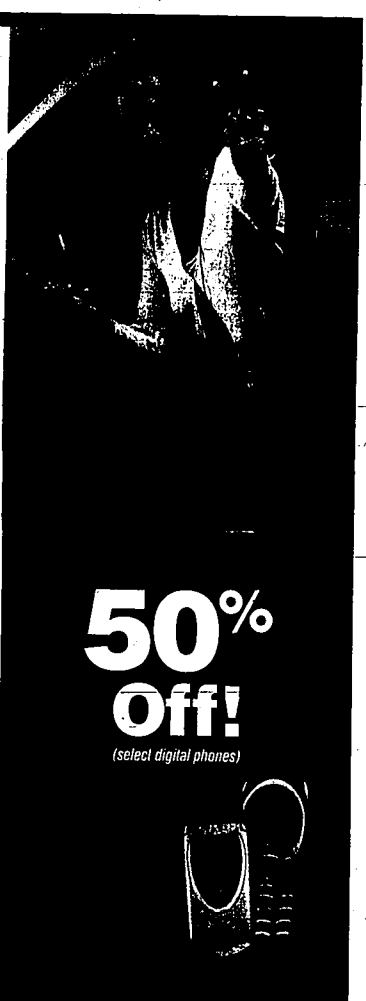
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Teen concealing miscarriage must reach out for support

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "All Alone in Tucson, Ariz." who is 14 and had a miscarriage. I had a similar experience. I, too, began having sex at an early age. It caused a lot of problems. I am still dealing with in adulthood.

Sex is not fun and games. It can ruin your self-esteem faster than a speeding bullet. Once you lose your self-esteem, it can take years to get back.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

I hope "All Alone" gets to a doctor and resolves her issues with her mother. They need to talk. It's important that she tell her mother that she needs her guidance. Boys come and go, but the mother-daughter bond lasts forever.

- FINDING MY WAY BACK IN SACRAMENTO, CALIF.
DEAR FINDING: I'm sorry you have to learn these life lessons the

hard way. I hope "All Alone" will learn from your experience and take your advice. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: We mothers need to remind ourselves that when our daughters are teenagers, it's not important whether their room is neat or what kinds of clothes they wear. It's more important that they know we care for them - that we'll always be there for them no matter what happens in life. Many times mothers are the primary source of support and love. We must fulfill that role.

The only thing "All Alone" wants is the assurance that someone cares for her unconditionally.

She wanted love from the boy who shunned her, from the child she lost, and from the mother she feels will "kill" her when she finds out she was having sex.

A mother's job is not so much to teach a child how to make a bed, study hard, or even not to have sex before marriage, as much as it must be to love her child, make sure he or she knows it every day, and to teach the child to love him or herself. If a mother can do these things, the child will be empowered to live life in a positive way.

- A MOTHER WHO LEARNED IN TIME
DEAR MOTHER: You have said it beautifully.

Trombone has wide range

Start with the lowest note a normal bass singer can sing. Go up to the highest note a normal tenor can sing. There you have it - the total range of a trombone.

The law officer doesn't chalk a wheel on that parked car. He wedges a peanut under a tire. If the peanut is still in place uncrushed when the officer comes back, the car gets the ticket. That's how it's done in at least one U.S. city now, writes a client. Might work. If the squirrels don't mess it up.

Many an umbrella a century ago was oval shaped. It stuck out behind, sort of. To keep the rain off a lady's bustle.

Was once a fad among users of snuff in Great Britain to impart



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from India square cloths tied-dyed by a method known as "bandhani." Tobacco chewers in the old American West picked up the fad, except they called the cloths "bandanas."

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Elevate your prestige with writing, Gemini

IF MARCH 13TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY - you are inquisitive and charming; you find ways of getting your way. You have been hurt emotionally but are always willing to give romance another chance. Taurus, Leo and Scorpio individuals play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: D, M, V. Marriage is highlighted during your current cycle. You decorate your home or remodel during April; domestic adjustment could include actual change of residence.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): What "brightens" you in the past will turn out to be a laughing matter today. Popularity on the rise; people want to be with you because you can make them laugh.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Your wishes come true! Blend practicality with fantasy. Don't ask for more than you can handle. Elements of timing, luck ride with you. You get almost everything you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Write now! Call to elevate your prestige and improve financial standing. Take notes, write your impressions. Submit

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a report; it will be enthusiastically received.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Discuss "philosophy" with family. Be sure you are all on the "same page." Focus on home, where you live and marital status.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Maintain aura of exclusivity. Do not tell all, don't confide or confess. You will be fascinated by Protest who does "parlor tricks." Focus, self in emotional climates.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Lie low, play waiting game. Focus on authority, power and added responsibility. Relationship is red-hot. If merely playing games, move on. Capricorn plays mysterious role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Predict your own future; you can make it come true. Keep health resolutions. Be of service to loved one. Aries,

another Libra will figure prominently. Luck with number 9!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You exude aura of sensuality, sex appeal. Make fresh start; don't want to be told. Imprint your own style. This is the time for you to go into business for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be considering sale or purchase of home; do not overlook essentials, such as roofing, plumbing. You earn more about "direction of your life." Cancer native involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Give full play to intellectual curiosity; don't be afraid to ask questions. You could invent a game or win a contest! Relative will make a "peace offering."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What was lost will be recovered. Money-making idea is valid - follow through! Don't be deterred by those who lack talent, faith. You will be aided by Scorpio who is much attracted.

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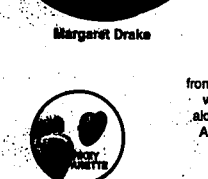
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EDITORIAL

Teachers union lacks an effective game plan

Making noise outside the Idaho Capitol is one thing. Making a difference for education inside the building is another.

The Idaho Education Association successfully did the former last week, when it brought thousands of union members and teachers to shout their dissatisfaction over education funding.

But achieving the latter will be even tougher for IEA in the future. Last week's rally only widened the gap between the IEA and legislators. And if that weren't enough, the rally may have soured many Idahoans on the teachers union.

If the union wants to influence budget decisions in the future, it should change its approach.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne first announced budget holdbacks in August, because a faltering economy was eroding state revenue. Soon afterward, terrorists attacked the United States, and the economy felt even stronger tremors. Layoffs increased, tax receipts plunged further, and another wave of holdbacks was ordered.

Only at the end, when the holdback bill had passed both houses and was on its way to the governor, did teachers start waving placards.

The teachers union and its allies in the education lobby have maintained that last year's holdbacks shouldn't have applied to schools. They further demand that the 2003 appropriation should be \$933, which was the size of the 2002 budget before holdbacks.

Thus, in a year when thousands of Idahoans have lost their jobs, and when many Idahoans are having trouble paying their power bills, the education establishment says its programs and salaries should remain immune to recession. The IEA and the Democrats say the way to do that is to roll back tax cuts and increase the tax burden on businesses and individual taxpayers.

Doing that might only prolong the state's recession. A tax increase now would further imperil struggling businesses. That would mean fewer jobs in the private sector, on which public employment depends.

The teachers union rally had the support of former state officials and Democrats who contend the Republican-controlled Statehouse is more partisan than ever. But it's funny: Nobody was complaining when Republicans voted a 13 percent increase in government spending last year.

By calling for a political solution, former Gov. Cecil Andrus demonstrates how times have changed since the '80s and early '90s. Today's Legislature is more conservative and fiscally responsible. No appeal by Andrus is likely to change that.

To make a difference inside the Capitol, teachers need to go to Boise with an agenda of compromise, not selfish demands. Doing just the opposite hurts their cause. That's why their rally melted like a snowball on a warm spring sidewalk.

The response from the union was muted, at best. Though educators opposed the holdbacks, they offered no constructive suggestions to stop the bleeding.

This pattern continued through the legislative session. Only at the end, when the holdback bill had passed both houses and was on its way to the governor, did teachers start waving placards.

They were too late.

But bad timing is only part of the IEA's faulty approach.

Education lobby simply asks too much of Idaho legislators and citizens, who are facing drastic shortfalls in tax revenue. The cloth has to be cut to fit the pattern. Legislators have done so this year by keeping holdbacks in place.

Even so, education is receiving more



Legislature made government cuts top priority

What a difference a year can make. A year ago January, the steady increases suddenly exploded with a surplus of grand proportions. We felt that we managed the bounty with balance. We sent one-third back in tax cuts, left one-third unspent and placed the remainder to support one-time building projects and to address some unmet needs. These needs included education, law enforcement and economic development. Sharply weaker revenues and widespread uncertainty followed the one-time windfall.

The economic slide began with wholesale loss of jobs in Emmet, Pocatello, Nampa and Boise. Well over 4,500 jobs were lost in our state in 2001 and thousands more face salary and/or benefit freezes. The impacts of these job losses were apparent last August when the revenue began coming into the state tax collections about 10 percent under estimate. In fact, each month has deepened the revenue hole. So as the old adage goes, when in a hole you stop digging.

Last fall, the governor in his wisdom placed a holdback on the 2002 budget. Since then, we have passed a bill to make his action official and have proceeded to reduce the bases for the 2003 budget. Gov. Kempthorne and the Legislature have chosen to take the steps necessary to have the state live within its means. For taxpayers, it is understand-



READER COMMENT
Maxine Bell

able and right. For those who use the services, the lower level of state spending may cause some adjustments and great misunderstanding.

Because educational funding takes about 70 percent of the budget, those adjustments have received the most attention. Unfortunately, the whole funding issue is misrepresented or misunderstood. First, the revenue shortfall is the largest in the state's history. Secondly, in order to use a fiscally responsible approach to the taxpayers, whose money we are here to manage, there have to be some difficult decisions to balance needs and the ability to pay.

The public school budget that will begin this July 1, will show a 2.7 percent increase over the prior year. This is still a 4.1 percent increase after the \$23 million, which was removed when revenues could not support it. The other state budgets for the coming year average a decline of 1.3 percent.

Over the past 14 years with relatively good economic times, our public school budget increases have ranged from a low of 1.9 percent in 1993 to a high of 17.5 percent in 1995. In the past 14 years, the average annual increase for our public schools was 7.7 percent. The American Federation of Teachers own Web site shows Idaho has the fourth highest growth rate from 1990 through 2000 in average teacher pay.

The record shows when the revenue is available, education has received good increases. It would be unconscionable to knowingly fund our schools at a level that would be politically popular now yet might land us in deep trouble at mid-year with only one solution - higher taxes!

Two things stand out in this process:

First, Gov. Kempthorne and the Legislature have conscientiously chosen to have the state live within its available means. Recognizing the financial reality of a shocking decline in revenues, they have cut spending, diverted millions from the Budget Reserve Fund, tied up a big part of this year's tobacco settlement payment, and put a hold on the Capitol Restoration and other building projects.

Secondly, for taxpayers, the good news is that the legislature did not raise taxes. After all the spending cuts and revenue diversions from other sources have fallen short of the mark, the only other option would be to raise taxes to increase the revenue. We have chosen instead to trim government spending.

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LETTERS

Polis can't be trusted completely

Regarding Lucien's Tuesday column, who believes in polis? If the right list is pulled, one can be able to prove the moon is made of blue cheese. My dad told all youngsters he knew that was true. Pretty soon, our telephones will begin ringing and questions asked regarding politics, which is no one's business as that is the reason for voting booths.

So Lincoln was the best of things? Then why did someone kill him or have him killed? Are we in a Holy war? Were the 700,000 Civil War casualties less important than the New York City casualties? Did their families and friends care less for them? Bush says we are going to lose some casualties. Does he have someone in mind?

Reagan sure could memorize his speeches for his role, but he had Nancy consulting the horoscope. Thomas Jefferson (my favorite) didn't believe in slavery, but it didn't keep him from having an affair for years beginning when Sally was a teen-ager. I've wondered if he sold their kids.

Before Clinton's inauguration, the media descended on him and his family like a flight of vultures. His wife was beautiful, intelligent and educated, but she was belittled. Now enough people believed in her to elect her to the U.S. Senate. When an executive has a house included in his salary package, the house he lives in becomes his home. Friends that helped get him the job in

Power corrupts, even in Idaho

Power corrupts, absolute power corrupts absolutely. Such is the saying we have all read and heard. It is coming true in Idaho.

The people of Idaho, rightly or wrongly, voted in term limits. Our all-powerful Legislature overturned the people's will. The rationale was that our communities are not large enough to have a sufficient number of qualified people to fill the

County acted fiscally responsibly

The Idaho Legislature recognized that counties could not properly operate Enhanced 911 within the limits of their taxing structure and passed enabling legislation for a user fee. The Legislature also believed counties had a responsibility to provide the service and required funding also with tax dollars. The fee funds, collected for several years before the service was provided, were put into a dedicated, interest-bearing account and used to purchase the land and build the building - without financing costs. Here are the counties being criticized for that? Isn't that good fiscal management?

It appears the counties are also being criticized for the \$3.6 million financing which was obtained to purchase the necessary equipment. I was not a commissioner at that time. However, I believe the board was fiscally responsible at that time also. The financing was

warned, term limits were passed, and they still insist on doing what they want to without our input.

If you were not a term limits fan before, the arrogance of our county commissioners may well cause you to become one. The county commissioner's position is that they know better than anyone and they don't even need to discuss or explain it to us. Have you ever felt superficial before? You should now.

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obtained solely on the signatures of the four counties.

If refinancing is necessary when the balloon payment is due, it will require the same signatures.

The Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center has not had enough budget problems - let's pay attention to the budget and our figures, not all the political rhetoric. SIRCOMM has had problems and will continue to have problems as long as we have human beings involved in the process.

There were problems with all former dispatching agencies.

The only funds for operating our emergency dispatch system are tax dollars and user fees.

Since cell phone calls represent 45 percent of the 911 calls, a user fee seems appropriate. With the fee on cell phones, SIRCOMM will have the enhanced feature of the cell phone number identified, which they currently do not have.

Even the Federal Communications Commission acknowledges that affordable Geographic Information Systems technology to pinpoint the exact location of a cell call is not yet available. I am sure when that technology becomes available, and if the taxpayers and users are willing to pay the price, the counties will gladly provide the service.

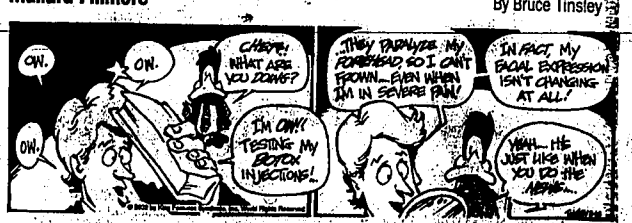
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(Editor's note: Veronica Liermann is a Jerome County commissioner.)

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Economic stimulus bill comes too large, too late

Tom Carper has not been a senator long enough to understand how the game is played.

He was elected in 2000 and began serving just 14 months ago, so he has not yet absorbed the lesson that in Washington, symbolism is far more important than substance. Even though he served an apprenticeship in the House of Representatives more than a decade ago, his eight years as the Democratic governor of Delaware raised him.

Carper, like other governors of both parties, became accustomed to being judged on the results he produced for his state, not on his rhetoric. That is why he was able to defeat a popular incumbent, William Roth, in their gentlemanly Senate election campaign. And it is why he looked at the so-called stimulus bill that whisked through Congress last week and was signed by President Bush on Saturday with such a skeptical eye that he was one of only 12 legislators in the entire House and Senate to vote "no."



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He explained to his constituents that he could not be part of the game when "Congress passed a bill that spends money we don't have to fight a recession that is already over."

Four hundred and seventeen representatives — all but three of those who voted in 85 of the 94 voting senators disagreed, and many of them spent the past weekend at home, bragging about the help they delivered.

The new law extends unemployment benefits in most states an additional 13 weeks, provides rapid tax depreciation as an inducement for business investment, funnels aid into the New York City area hit by terrorists last Sept. 11, and keeps in place a few random tax provisions that otherwise would have expired.

The lead sponsor of the measure, Rep. Bill Thomas, a California Republican, said it would cost the Treasury \$41 billion over the next 10 years — less than \$3 billion of which would go to the jobless; 90 percent or more would go to business. Critics put the overall cost much higher, but

agreed that Republicans had scaled down the tax cuts from the earlier versions they had pushed through the House.

It was the scale of those tax cuts — some of which promised rebates of hundreds of millions of dollars to Enron and other giant firms — that caused Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle to block the earlier bills. In turn, House Republican leaders rejected the Democratic bills, which put most of the money into unemployment and health benefits for the victims of 9/11 and the recession.

All of this partisan-by-partisan meant that help which might have reached businesses and workers before winter was not approved until two days after Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan had declared that economic recovery was "well underway."

Something else changed while Congress was dithering: The war on terrorism, the earlier Bush tax cuts and the recession tipped the federal budget into deficits. That means, as Carper pointed out,

that the Treasury will be borrowing Social Security taxes to provide further corporate tax breaks, most of which won't "stimulate" anything until 2003 and 2004.

But the measure almost everyone in both parties is celebrating makes even less sense. Unlike earlier versions, it fails to provide any help for those who lost their health insurance when they were laid off.

And it adds insult to injury when it comes to state government. Earlier versions of the bill had recognized the damage the recession had done to state budgets and had increased federal payments for Medicaid — the health care program for the elderly and the indigent.

Runaway Medicaid costs are the main reason more than 40 states are facing budget deficits totaling more than \$40 billion.

Instead of helping the states, this bill penalizes them. The more generous tax write-offs given to corporations in this bill will reduce their tax obligations to their home states by an estimated \$14.6 billion over the next

three years.

It is not easy for one measure to be both so ill-timed and so substantively flawed. And this is probably only the beginning. As the Concord Coalition, a bipartisan budgetary watchdog group, has pointed out, this is "a very bad start" in an election year when the temptation will be strong for Congress to buy off every military and domestic claimant and just let the deficits soar.

The few Tom Carpers in Congress are going to have to practice holding their noses.

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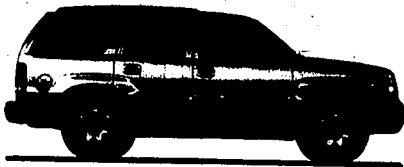
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Water transfer bills will have to wait

BOISE — Two bills to ease the transfer of water rights are dead for this session, but they may be back in a proposal would have struck wording that gives the public the right to protest such transfers based on potential negative environmental impact. The dairy industry had lobbied to get rid of the language that had been in Idaho code since 1978. Lewis Ellers, executive director of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, proposed new language that would give the Idaho Department of Water Resources the right to determine if "adverse environmental impacts of the proposed water diversion or return flow" have more importance than "potential economic benefits."

A second proposal would have given more power to the director of the Department of Water Resources to decide if protests are being filed as a form of harassment. The new language would also give the director the authority to determine fines and sanctions for those entities considered to be filing frivolous protests.

The protests have been used to hinder the transfer of rights to large dairies in recent years, Ellers has said.

But Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, who chairs the Senate Resource and Environment Committee, said the proposed language changes had far-reaching implications that he could not support.

Representatives of all sides will meet over the summer to begin work on new legislation, Noh said.

Crash near Jerome claims life of Wendell man

JEROME — A 77-year-old man died at the scene of a two-vehicle crash near Jerome early Tuesday, according to the Idaho State Police.

Robert W. Stacey of Wendell was pronounced dead at the scene, near the intersection of 200 West and 200 North in Jerome County, according to the ISP.

Frans Aardema, 81, of Wendell was driving a 2002 GMC Envoy south on 200 West and stopped at a stop sign at the intersection. He then pulled into the path of Stacey, who was driving a 1983 Isuzu pickup west on 200 North, according to the ISP. Both drivers were wearing seat belts.

High school foreign exchange program meets

TWIN FALLS — AFS-Intercultural, a high school foreign exchange program, holds an informational meeting for interested students and their parents today at 7:30 p.m. at the Barnes and Noble bookstore.

The meeting will include information about sending students overseas for a summer, a semester or a year, and also on hosting foreign students.

For more information, call 1-800-AFS-INFO or 345-5078.

Fire destroys house near Declo when embers reignite

DECLO — A house which caught fire Monday evening was destroyed when embers reignited the fire early Tuesday morning, according to Declo fire officials.

Firefighters responded to a 5:20 p.m. Monday fire call at a home located about six miles east of Bufley. They tore down a wall and holed down a ceiling to douse the fire. But hidden embers caused the fire to start again Tuesday morning. Firefighters returned to the house at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday after receiving a report of flames coming through the roof of the house, Steve Barker of the Declo Fire Department said.

"The house was a total loss ... we're guessing there was still a hot spot," Barker said. But, he said, "Nothing was smoking when we left" Monday evening. Eight firefighters and two trucks responded to Monday's fire call.

The fire may have originally been caused by an overheated furnace, fire officials said. But, Deborah Fennell, who with her husband, Scott, owns the house, reported the Monday fire after she saw smoke billowing out the front door of the house. The house was owned by Jeff and Cindy Johnson.

— compiled from staff reports

Plans for new school proceed on track

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

WENDELL — Plans are right on track for a new middle school in Wendell. "It's going very well," said Superintendent Larry Manly. "I think it's going quickly, myself."

Nearly 95 percent of the 30 construction contracts have been completed. All bids accepted were the lowest offered. The groundbreaking ceremony is planned for April 4.

Wendell residents provided last May the supermajority needed for a \$4.6 million plant facilities levy to construct a new 35,000-square-foot middle school and a separate 3,000-square-foot professional-technical center. The levy was accompanied by a \$1.5 million state Safe School plant facilities grant slated to pay the

Building a new school

Here are some of the substantial contracts for construction of a new middle school and tech center in Wendell:

- Masonry — \$560,000, Mickelsen Masonry, Rigby
- Mechanical — \$570,000, JM Mechanical, Utah
- Electrical — \$590,000, Argus Electrical, Twin Falls
- Site work and asphalt — \$370,000, Idaho Sand and Gravel, Jerome

- Concrete — \$295,000, Gambrol, Twin Falls
- Interior finish — \$255,000, REK, Twin Falls
- Ceramic tile — \$39,000, Builders Emporium, Twin Falls
- Painting — \$65,000, Gary Hansen Painting, Jerome
- Plumbing — \$295,000, John's Plumbing, Jerome
- External signs — \$5,000 Lytle Signs, Twin Falls

interest on the levy.

The harsher-than-usual winter slightly delayed the project's start, Manly said.

Brennan Construction of Pocatello will oversee construction. In the last few years, the company has built such local facilities as Sears in Magic Valley Mall and the strip mall housing Barnes and Noble.

In addition to classrooms, the new middle school will feature a gymnasium and locker room, computer and science labs, and a media center. It should be ready to occupy by July or August 2003.

One of the contracts yet to be placed is to demolish the existing 80-year-old school. The city of Wendell offered the demolition in exchange for the land and

the classroom annex. There are tentative plans to use the annex for the new city hall.

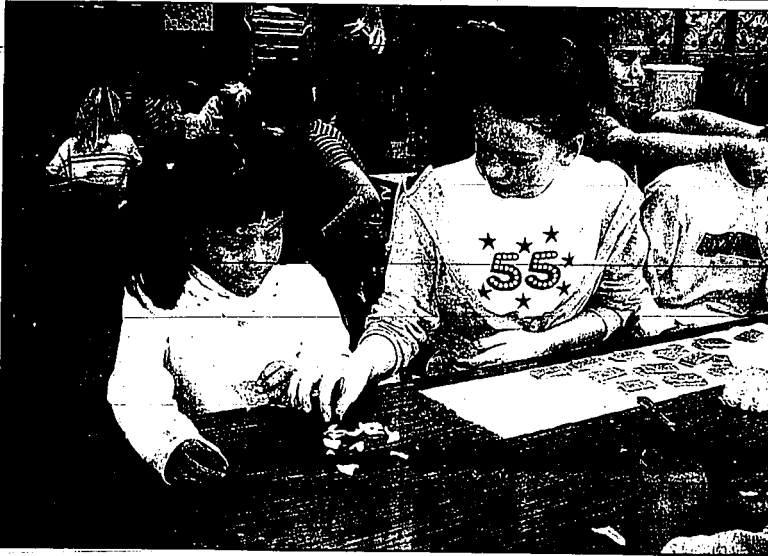
"It's still up in the air," said Mayor Paul Isaacson. "We're in negotiations, and nothing yet has been determined."

The proposal would save the school district \$217,000. Manly said he would like that extra money for added amenities such as playground equipment.

The existing middle school was partially condemned because of a faulty foundation. In turn, Wendell gained national attention for its crumbling schools and the citizens' inability or reluctance to pay for the school improvements. The levy was rejected first time around.

In the meantime, Wendell students have been rotated about, using the classroom annex, library, portable building and classes at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind in Gooding.

EATING HEALTHY



Raft River Junior High School seventh-grader Katie Branch helps kindergarten student Kenia Sanchez prepare snacks of dried apples Tuesday afternoon. The project was part of a junior high health class program in which students were learning about healthy snacks.

Recent precipitation helps drought situation

The Associated Press

BOISE — After a dry January and February, early March precipitation is helping the state catch up on water storage.

At a meeting of the Idaho Water Supply Committee on Tuesday, the committee projected average precipitation over the next few months. But it likely will not be enough to fill all major reservoirs to full capacity.

"We've started out March pretty well, and it looks like that's going to continue," said Jay Breidenbach, a hydrologist with the National Weather Service. But he said water levels in storage basins are still well below normal.

"It's unlikely that we're going to see enough precipitation to make up the deficit," he said.

The northern and southwestern regions of the state are in good shape, but eastern Idaho has only about three-quarters the water of a normal year. Lower water in eastern Idaho means some groundwater irrigators in southern Idaho may have to plan for a 10 to 15 percent curtailment, said committee chairman Hal Anderson.

The average snowpack throughout the state is at about 94 percent. That includes a range of belows — from 18 percent of normal in the Panhandle to a low of 73 percent in southeastern Idaho's Bear River basin.

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Officials seek public approval for 911 fee

Issue will be on ballot in May

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minidoka County residents may see an increase on their phone bills, with the planned result of better 911 service.

At their regular meeting Monday afternoon, Minidoka County commissioners agreed to question voters May 23 about adding a \$1 fee to telephone bills of county residents, County Clerk Duane Smith said. The \$1 fee could be added to each telephone line in the county.

The money would be used to improve the 911 system in Minidoka County. Paul Aston, Minidoka County planning and zoning administrator, told commissioners upgrades are needed to expand the current emergency phone system to allow two dispatchers to work at the same time, when needed.

Commission Chairman Don Handy said it came down to two choices. Commissioners can

implement a surcharge, or the money can come from other taxes already paid by county residents.

"We need to make those upgrades, and they are expensive," Handy said Tuesday.

Project Mutual Telephone has absorbed many of the 911 system costs in Minidoka County. PMT General Manager Charlie Creason spoke with commissioners about concerns PMT has with the surcharge. PMT's directors are concerned taxpayers would feel they were paying for services twice, as PMT had provided equipment and services to ensure a surcharge would not be needed, yet such a fee could still be charged, he said.

Other concerns were with how the tax would be fairly administered.

A surcharge on phone lines distributes the tax more equally, Handy said. The number of peo-

ple who use 911 includes more than those who pay property taxes.

Commissioners also discussed whether the \$1 fee should be assessed to cellular phone customers. Smith said the intent of the commissioners is to include cell phones, but a decision has not been made.

The exact amount of the surcharge has not been determined yet either, Smith said. The rate will be determined by the commissioners if the surcharge is approved. If the measure is approved, the commissioners would determine how much money is needed for system upgrades and how quickly the money is needed. Those factors would determine how much the 911 fee should be, he said.

"I'll be on the ballot in May. We'll see where it goes," Handy said.

Other commission business

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	80 %
Salmon Falls Creek	98 %
Oakley Basin	103 %
Big and Little Wood	89 %
Henry's Fork	90 %

Critics say ICAN actions fall short

By Loraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — As officials with the Idaho Community Action Network plan to reorganize and open a new food program in Burley, some past and current members still dispute the way the organization is run.

ICAN officials plan to have new food committee members elected, they stated in a press release. That step is necessary because the former food committee members were suspended in December. Late last year, the ICAN board of directors suspended operations of the Burley food program after several local members filed a number of grievances with the board.

A grievance committee "worked extremely hard to look into each and every grievance and provided a written report," said ICAN attorney Cynthia Woolley. The result of the committee's efforts is that the Burley

Buhl council withholds payments to contractor

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — City officials are concerned about a delay in completing a new well and water tank in McClintock Park.

One of the main reasons for the new well is fire protection in the area for homes and schools.

Buhl city officials are withholding payments to Turn Key Construction Co. of Ontario, Ore., because the company is 152 days over the completion date as bid for the construction of the new well house, water tank and other related items.

The contract was awarded to Turn Key, the lowest bidder early last fall, and the project was due for completion by October or early November.

City Engineer Scott Bybee told the City Council on Monday, "We need to use the well."

"The valves installed are leaking and will have to be replaced. Some are underground, and some are in the well house," Bybee said.

Bybee said, "We are waiting for word from the contractor about the valves."

According to the contract, the city can assess the contractor \$500 per day for each day beyond the agreed-upon date. At 152 days, the cost totals \$76,000 so far, and another \$15,000 is estimated before the project is finished.

The city also has to pay extra interest of \$144 per day on the bond, with extra engineering and labor costs reaching \$37,388 to date, according to Bybee's report.

The city has withheld December and January payments of \$72,179 and another 5 percent of the project completion fund, which totals \$59,178. The overall total is \$131,357.

Next meeting
The next meeting of the Buhl City Council is April 8 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. A public hearing will be held for the wellhead protection plan before the plan is sent to the state for approval.

Barbara Glitzen asked Bybee to check with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the grantor, to see if the funds withheld should be returned to the DEQ for later payment.

There are some unresolved issues between the city and con-

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IDAHO

Senate bill funds gambling study

BOISE — The Senate on Tuesday approved a \$60,000 study of the social and economic impact of gambling in Idaho over objections that another study would be of little value.

The 29-14 vote sent the bill to the House for final action. It also needs Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's signature. His attempt to preserve the status quo at tribal casinos has been rebuffed by anti-gambling lawmakers.

It was the second attempt this month by Republican Sen. Grant Ipsen of Boise to secure the study that he maintained would be the first for the state since the state lottery and reservation casinos began more than a decade ago.

The push for a study comes as two northern Idaho tribes prepare a campaign for passage of an initiative in November that would clearly legalize the electronic machines that have made their casinos so profitable.

The tribes claim to have secured many more registered voter signatures than required. They say they are prepared to spend \$5 million to secure passage and keep money moving to other reservation enterprises.

House committee rejects seat belt measure

BOISE — Concerns about enforcement and doubts about the value of increasing fines from \$5 to \$25 contributed to a House panel's decision on Tuesday to reject an attempt at improving Idaho's poor record of safety belt use.

"There's no guarantee that usage would go up, based on a law," Republican Rep. Ken Roberts of Donnelly said as teenagers wept. The Middleton High School students had testified how such a change might have helped save two classmates killed in an automobile accident.

Seat-belt use currently is about 60 percent in Idaho, well below the national average.

House OKs airport security, ag research legislation

BOISE — The Idaho House on Tuesday approved bills aimed at improving airport security and deterring environmental and animal rights extremists who target agricultural research.

A 37-32 vote approved a measure making it a felony to "willfully and intentionally" carry a concealed weapon into an airplane or the security area of an airport. Knowingly carrying a weapon into airplanes or airport security areas "openly or concealed, but without trying to hide it" would be a misdemeanor.

Final legislative approval still requires Senate concurrence with House amendments to the bill that started in the Senate.

The narrow margin of support in the House reflected concerns about government interference with the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

"This bill will put one more nail in the coffin of our Second Amendment rights," said Republican Rep. Eustace Langford of Montpelier. "It will not make you one bit safer when you fly."

Earlier, the House voted 66-2 for legislation making interference with agricultural research a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. The Senate-passed bill was sent to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Republican Rep. Monty Pearce of New Plymouth said the measure was intended to warn groups like the Earth Liberation Front,

Legislature in brief

Which has claimed responsibility for more than \$40 million in damages to research and forest property since 1997.

Among those alleged eco-terrorists acts was the spiking of trees in Idaho's Nez Perce National Forest.

Animal quarantines bill heads to Kempthorne

BOISE — Legislation giving the state Agriculture Department authority to restrict movement of animals and vehicles in areas quarantined because of animal diseases gained final approval on Tuesday.

Overwhelming Senate approval sent the House-passed measure to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. It also sets out procedures for destroying infected animals and compensating owners. The state would provide cash initially before being reimbursed by the federal government.

"This is in essence a cost-containment measure," Senate Resource and Environment Chairman Laird Noh of Kimberly said. "It authorizes authorities to move in quickly and contain what will almost always be a catastrophic situation."

Lawmakers cut back a bit on elk protection measure

BOISE — The Legislature has decided a \$5,000 penalty for each violation of elk ranching rules should be plenty without applying it for each day the violation continues.

The Senate voted 27-8 on Tuesday to send the House-passed bill to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne over objections of lawmakers who warned they were condemning the domestic elk industry in Idaho to failure.

The bill was prompted by the case of Rex Rammell, a Rexburg elk rancher who faced up to \$781,000 in potential fines for rule violations. Advocates of reducing the maximum fine claimed the original penalty was excessive.

But critics warned that the state would rue the day they lowered the fines.

"This is an example of legislating a bad actor off the books," Senate Resource and Environment Chairman Laird Noh of Kimberly said. "We have pounded an early nail into the domestic elk industry in Idaho."

Strict regulations will ensure only the best operators survive in the state, Noh and others maintained.

Earlier this session, the Legislature repealed the administrative rule imposing the daily penalty.

Senate calls for Basque self-determination

BOISE — The state Senate unanimously called for self-determination for Spain's Basque minority on Tuesday, adopting a nonbinding compromise resolution that was acceptable to the Bush administration.

"The momentum for peace in the Basque country is strong," Democratic Leader Clint Stennett of Ketchum said.

Lawmakers have been bombarded with e-mails, primarily from Europe, and other contacts since the issue arose a week ago.

The resolution, which now goes to the House, condemns terrorism and specifically mentions ETA, the militant group called Basque

Homeland and Freedom that the State Department includes on its list of recognized terrorists.

The House had originally approved a resolution without naming ETA and quickly drew opposition from Javier Ruperez, Spain's ambassador to the United States, who said failing to mention ETA is the same as discussing the World Trade Center attack without mentioning al-Qaida.

Ruperez's call was followed by key lawmakers from the State Department and the National Security Council, prompting the mention of ETA in the new resolution.

In exchange, Idaho Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa said Scott Kilner, assistant secretary of state for western European affairs, said administration officials would meet with Idaho Basque leaders within 60 days to discuss the possibility of attempting to broker a peace in the Basque country similar to that worked out in Northern Ireland.

State Department spokesman Frederick Jones declined to comment on the possibility of a meeting between Idaho legislators and Bush administration officials.

"They want the right to have a say-so in what goes on in the Basque country," Republican Sen. Robbi-Barrutia of Glenns Ferry said. Idaho has the largest Basque community in North America.

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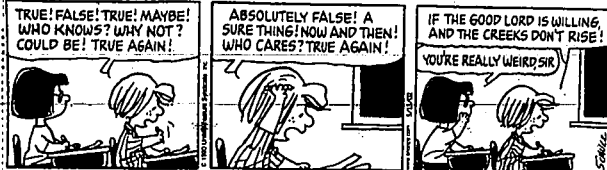
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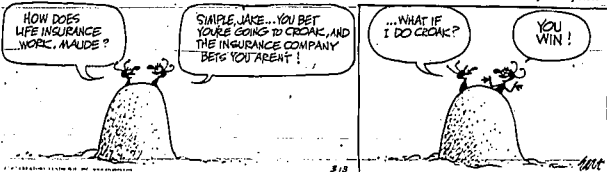
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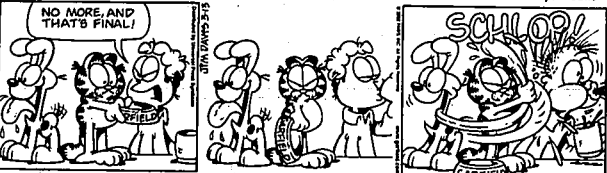
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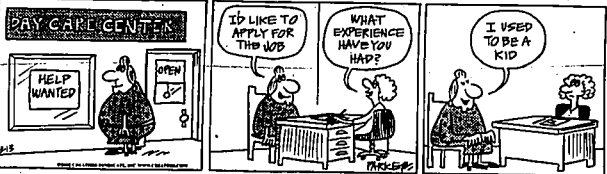
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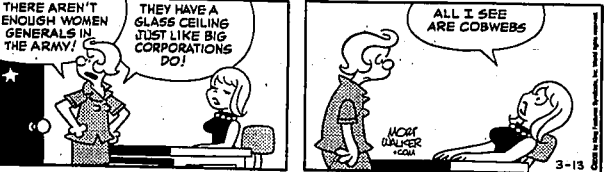
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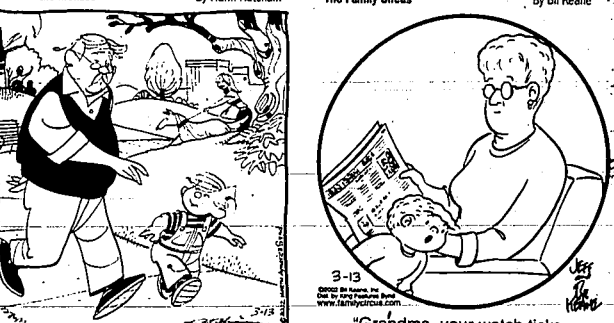
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SERVICES

Tina Rae Milton of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Justin James Bishop of Kuna, graveside service at 10 a.m. today at the Payson Cemetery in Payson, Utah (Relyea Funeral Chapel).

Kay Richter of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Jerry Leon Kiser of Jerome, service at 2 p.m. today in Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel; burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

Tracy K. Haskins of Buhl and Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m.

Friday at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls; burial will be at the Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

William D. Jensen of Twin Falls and a winter resident of Casa Grande, Ariz., memorial service and celebration of life at 10 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary.

Helen Juanita Conyers of Silver City, N.M., graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Hagerman Cemetery; friends may call at 9:30 a.m. Saturday before the service at Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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

Child-porn webmaster gets prison

COEUR d'ALENE (AP) - A 32-year-old man who ran an \$8,000-a-month child pornography ring has been sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to molesting boys in his neighborhood.

First District Judge Fred Gibler sentenced Daniel Mowrey to 20 years in prison after Mowrey pleaded guilty to four counts of lewd and lascivious conduct. Gibler also set indeterminate term of up to life in prison.

Your Movies

Movie listings for ORPHEUM, Odeyree & Theatre, Twin Cinema 12, and Jerome Cinema 4. Includes showtimes and titles like 'Beverly Hills Cop', 'The Matrix', and 'The Matrix Reloaded'.

Advertisement for 'The Golden Days of Radio' by Glenn Miller and his Orchestra, featuring the Crestmark Orchestra and Utah State University Sunburst Singers on Sat., March 23, 2002.

Advertisement for King Fine Arts Center (South Entrance of Burley High School, 21st and Park Ave.) featuring Reserved Seating \$12.50 and General Seating \$10.00.

DEATH NOTICES

Angel Izauriaga - PAUL - Angel Izauriaga, 73, of Paul died Sunday, March 10, 2002, in Burley.

West Main St., Burley, with Pastor C. K. Moore officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 14, 2002, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 East Main St.

Robert W. Stacey - WENDELL - Robert W. Stacey, 77, of Wendell died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, as the result of an auto accident near Jerome.

Arrangements are pending at Demary's Wendell Chapel.

McBride Detweiler, 76, of Marletta, Ga., and formerly of Union City, Calif., died Sunday, March 10, 2002.

The graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, March 15, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Park. There will be a viewing for friends and family from 12-30 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary. Local arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

WIGGINS AUCTION Monday, March 15, 2002

Located: Castleford, Idaho From the east corner of Castleford, go 2 miles south, then 4/10 mile east.

Auction details for Wiggins Auction, including 'Sale Time: 10:00 AM', 'Lunch served by Kathy', and lists of trucks, pickups, tractors, backhoes, and hay/harvesting equipment.

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AUCTION CALENDAR THROUGH MARCH 29

Auction calendar listing events from Wednesday, March 13 to Friday, March 29. Includes locations like Castleford, Idaho, and various auction types such as Farm Machinery, Tractor & Equipment, and Livestock.

LAMPHOUSE THEATRE advertisement for 'TWO THUMBS UP! FOCUS' at 4:30-7:00-9:15 DAILY. SEE SOUTH PARK TONIGHT AT 11:00 ON OUR GIANT SCREEN.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Greater Richfield schools attendance would increase funding, too

By Almee L. Durand
Times-News correspondent

RICHFIELD - Average daily attendance rates at Richfield schools need to improve to enhance school funding.

School board members who attended a financial workshop learned more about school funding through taxes, levies and average daily attendance. The Idaho Association of School Business Officials prepared the workshop.

"Poor attendance costs our school a lot of money. The only way to make up for the deficit in

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If you're interested in serving on the Richfield School District student incentive team, call 407-2700.

funds is a levy to the taxpayers," school board member Brenda Farnsworth said.

To lower its absenteeism and create more funding, the Richfield School Board passed a

motion Monday to create a team to implement an incentive plan to keep students in school.

School board member Mike Cenarrusa and Principal Theo Perkes, as the administrative member, will head the team. Cenarrusa said he would like to talk to students who are missing the most days and get as many parents, teachers and community members involved on the team as possible.

"I welcome anyone interested

in helping us out," Cenarrusa said.

Students in grades K-8 are allowed 20 absences a year, and those in grades 9-12 are allowed 10 absences per semester, according to the student handbook.

The average daily attendance payment is based on units. In Richfield, one unit consists of 12 high school students or 16 grade school students, Perkes said.

"At this time we have 14 stu-

dents out on a daily basis. Keeping students in school every day from the first day of class through Nov. 1 is the most crucial time period. The ADA funding is based on this time frame," Perkes said. "Also, people that send their children to other schools outside of Richfield are hurting our school because the funds follow the student."

Richfield will receive about four payments of \$219,700 yearly. These payments will be

spread out through August and July each year, Superintendent Larry Turgoose said.

In other business Monday, a motion was made to open the position for trustee of zone 3 and post newcomer Craig Gill as the candidate.

"I joined the board to see what was going on, and I am learning a lot," Gill said.

The next School Board meeting is April 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Crossing in Hansen set for rehab

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - People traveling the Rock Creek road on the western border of Hansen can expect to see an improved railway crossing in the near future.

Dave Burgess of the Twin Falls County Highway Department reported to Councilman Roger Shanahan the department had the crossing on the priority list, Shanahan said. During the Monday night City Council meeting, Shanahan said the crossing will be 10 feet wider than the existing 30 feet, and the project may be scheduled for April or May.

He also reported heavy trucks are still parking along the high school, even though it has been posted as a no-truck zone due to the damage being done to the asphalt.

Mayor George Urie reported there will be an animal clinic March 22 at the fire station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Shots for dogs or cats will be \$5 each, or four shots for \$15. Tom Sanders of the White Pine clinic will be in charge. Dog licenses will also be available at that time.

The city recreation department will sponsor an Easter egg hunt March 30 in the Rolling Hills park at 10 a.m. Jennifer Brown is in charge of the event and needs volunteers to help.

Crime Stoppers representative Mary Dana announced there will be a Crime Stoppers information meeting for law enforcement departments and city and county administration members March 21 in the KMVT community room at 7 p.m.

The brush burning pit on the Moore property has been closed due to abuse of its use. People have been dumping old mattresses, building materials and other debris that doesn't burn readily, which was causing a smoldering smoke problem. People wishing to burn materials on their property can get a burning permit at no charge at the city office. The permit lists the regulations for burning.

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Section C

ON TOP OF HER GAME

This cook can really walk on the wild side

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN - This woman knows her game cookery. Cheryl Osterhout, her husband, Kip, and their four children are all avid archers who use their bows and arrows to fill the family freezer every fall.

The Osterhouts also do a lot of competition shooting, with trophies to show for it. Kip Osterhout even runs an archery shop in the Heyburn area.

Cheryl Osterhout was born and raised in Kalamazoo, Mich., where her father still lives.

Cheryl's Basque chicken - C2
As a young woman, she moved with her mother to Iowa,

where she met her husband, a Magic Valley native who was working there at the time. She worked in several restaurants in Iowa before she came west.

For the Osterhouts, it was love at first sight. Six weeks later, they were married.

When she first came to Magic Valley, Cheryl Osterhout did not know a scone from an Idaho Spud. But some of her own family recipes that she brought with her seemed exotic and different to her new in-laws.

She and her husband have been living in the Heyburn area for 14 years now. She grew up on a farm with horses, dogs and a large garden. She likes to sit down with a cookbook at least once a month and try something new and different. Her family likes her cooking experiments, too.

The Osterhouts have two daughters, ages 10 and 12, and twin boys, age 8. She likes to cook elk, deer and other game meats. She uses her slow cooker quite a bit, because she likes to have meals ready when she gets home from work.

When the family goes hunting, they set up a cook tent and two camp stoves. Cheryl Osterhout and her father-in-law, Larry Osterhout, are the chief cooks and bottle washers for the camp. The 15 to 20 people in the hunting group claim they have to go hungry when she or her father-in-law can't make the trip.

CHERYL'S STEAKS

Elk, deer or duck finger steaks

Cheryl said she makes 4 pounds of this for dinner, and there is usually nothing left over.

- 2 pounds meat, cut into strips.
- Make a batter of:
 - 3 cups buttermilk pancake mix
 - 2 1/2 cups water
 - 2 tablespoons Cajun seasoning
 - 1/2 tablespoons garlic powder

Seasoned salt and pepper to taste
The mixture should be quite spicy. If it is not, add more spices. Put the steak into the batter and let it soak for about 15 minutes. Lift it out of the batter and fry it in a deep-fat fryer at 400 degrees until the strips are brown. Serve with cocktail sauce or sweet-and-sour sauce.



Cheryl Osterhout stirs her Dutch oven Basque Chicken she's preparing for her in-laws and family for dinner. Osterhout and her family are heavily involved in archery at the state level and do a lot of camping and Dutch oven cooking. "People say that when we're not there to cook they go hungry," jokes Osterhout.

The tastes of Spring

Here are some lively dishes for the season

Jell-O

For many, the beginning of spring brings the desire to awaken hibernating taste buds with something special. This season, bring family and friends together to enjoy refreshing and tasty desserts.

Pastel cake

1 package (2-layer size) yellow cake mix

1 package (4-serving size) Jell-O lime gelatin

1 package (4-serving size) Jell-O lemon gelatin

2 tubs (8 ounces each) Cool Whip whipped topping, thawed

Heat oven to 350 F. Prepare cake mix as directed on package. Divide

batter between two bowls. Add

lime gelatin to one bowl and lemon gelatin to the other.

Mix well. Pour into separate wax paper-lined

greased and floured, 9-inch round cake pans.

Bake 28-30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Cool 15 minutes. Remove from pans. Cool on wire racks.

Place lemon layer on serving plate. Spread with 1/2 tub of topping.

Top with lime layer. Frost cake with remaining topping. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Store in refrigerator.

NOTE: For four-layer cake, slice each cake layer in half horizontally. Layer alternating flavors of cake with whipped topping. Frost top and side of cake with topping.

Fluffy lemon fruit pie

1 cup fresh raspberries or sliced strawberries

1 prepared graham cracker crumb crust (6 ounces or 9-inch)

1 package (8 ounces) Philadelphia cream cheese, softened

1 cup cold milk

1 package (4-serving size) Jell-O lemon instant pudding and pie filling

1 tub (8 ounces) Cool Whip whipped topping, thawed, divided

Place berries on bottom of crust. Beat cream cheese in large bowl with wire whisk until smooth.

Gradually beat in milk until well blended. Add pudding mix. Beat until smooth. Gently stir in half of the whipped topping. Spread over fruit in crust. Spread remaining topping over pudding mixture.

Refrigerate 3 hours or until set. Garnish with additional fruit, if desired.

NOTE: You may substitute 1 cup cherry or strawberry pie filling for the fresh fruit.

This season, bring family and friends together to enjoy refreshing and tasty desserts.

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PBS' Norm Abram is a superstar among handymen

By Steve Hendrix
The Washington Post

BOSTON - Here is the most heartening fact you'll learn today: Norm Abram has a plywood staircase in his house. It's a rough-cut, bare-bones skeleton of a stairway, good for a warehouse, maybe, or a toolbox, but surprising in the otherwise finely crafted foyer of America's most famous carpenter. And it has been there for six years.

"Well, I do have some of the wood stockpiled, some reclaimed heart pine," Abram says in a voice that's lightly sheepish and heavily New England. He pronounces it "hawt" pine. "It's just a matter of finding five or six days in a row to finish it. I'm like a lot of people. I'm a homeowner, and I have a lot of chores to do."

Norm, Norm, Norm. You've not a homeowner like a lot of people. You are someone who gets mail addressed to "the Master," who has versus written about him on Internet poetry sites. You're a shaman with a cordless drill, an



Norm Abram, on location in Manchester, Mass., always crafts a custom-built necessary for whatever fix-up home appears in 'This Old House.' Abram also hosts another PBS show, 'New Yankee Workshop.'

icon of unachievable perfection. Thank goodness for the lame staircase. It means we don't have to hate you.

For almost 7 million television viewers a week, Abram's the Saturday afternoon pastor of do-it-yourself excellence. This

With a bit of a belly over his tool belt, an imperfect smile and myopic safety glasses - Abram breaks all the rules of TV stardom.

month, he'll wrap up shooting on his 22nd season as master carpenter on "This Old House," the PBS home restoration series with 4.6 million weekly viewers that helped launch the do-it-yourself craze when it debuted in 1979. At the same time, he'll start taping the 15th season of his own spinoff series, "The New Yankee Workshop," a woodworking solo act with 2.3 million viewers that is part how-to and part performance art with power tools.

The show is now in broadcast syndication and on cable's HGTV network. Abram's personal appearances at home shows are packed. Last month, Time Warner

purchased the entire "This Old House" operation from Boston PBS station WGBH. Its producers promise that the series will continue to appear on PBS in its same folksy, underproduced form. But media synergy has finally reached into the side waters of public broadcasting.

By all appearances, Norm is just a woodworker. But what other woodworker has been on "Late Show with David Letterman" four times? Abram has played himself in a Warner Bros. cartoon. Steven Spielberg's "Freakazoid" series on WB and the Cartoon Network.

What exactly accounts for the international appeal of a guy who is more shop teacher than sex-pot? With a bit of a belly over his tool belt, an imperfect smile and myopic safety glasses - Abram breaks all the rules of TV stardom.

"He's not as scary as Martha Stewart - it's easy to imagine her whacking you with a ruler," says



Classic and tasty desserts showcase the colors of spring.

Please see NORM, Page C8

FOOD & HOME

Warmer weather means it's garden time

Look at the forecast and a person might believe that spring will come. Fewer nighttime temperatures are dipping below the freezing mark. Throw caution to the wind: Map out a new garden. Pot up some new annuals. Make a list of some new perennials you'd like to add this year. Here are a few perennials for the shady garden.

A pretty blue monkshood or three would be nice over there, don't you think? These 4-foot-tall spikes will give the look of delphiniums in a shady spot and back up a nice border, or simply add interest to a bed under a tree.

Astilbe, or false spirea, comes in sizes anywhere from 3 inches tall to 3 feet tall — and you can choose between pink, white or blue. Choose several different astilbe so that you can extend the bloom time from early summer all the way to fall.

Flowers, or campanulas, will hug the ground and spread nicely on the shady side of the garden. They, too, offer shades of blue to



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

purple, including lilac and white. Foxglove will give you some warm colors in this blue-tinted garden we've created. Digitalis is available in just about any color you please, and grows well hereabouts.

Hostas fill in all the bare spots with as much interest as a person could want. Their spear-shaped leaves are available in dozens of striped patterns, and a few of them bloom nicely. They spread nicely, too, so give them room this year and next year they'll reward you with a carpet of greens.

DEAR CATHY: I read your column all the time. I hope you can

help me. My house faces north. I get a little afternoon sun late. I grow lots of tulips, but after that nothing. Any suggestions? Also, is a paulownia a good tree or a baddy? Thank you for your help.
—IN THE DARK.

DEAR IN THE DARK: We seem to be thinking along the same lines. I hope you'll find something you like in the few suggestions above. My trees are just now giving enough shade to require shade-tolerant plants, and I tend to forget about those who need shade-loving plants.

Paulownia trees probably won't do well here. They'd like a slightly warmer climate than ours, and won't bloom well where winters are cold. If their buds freeze, they won't make it.

This tree wants a deep, moist, well-drained soil. And it doesn't like wind. Then there's the problem of falling flowers and leaves. They can make quite a mess. And it tends to grow roots right

at the soil surface. This is not a tree I would recommend.

If I wanted to plant a shade tree that grew to 40-50 feet tall, I'd plant a London plane, honey locust or perhaps a linden. All will tolerate alkaline soils. Thanks for writing.

TIP OF THE WEEK: While you're cleaning and sharpening your tools for the coming season, do something for yourself. Specifically, for your feet. Give your shovel-stomping foot a little cushion.

Cut an old piece of garden hose and split it lengthwise. Slip it, or glue it across the top of your shovel or fork, along the top edge where your feet stomp down. The hose will provide a buffer and give you a better stomping area.

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

Spraying trees with oil guards against aphids

University of Idaho

If you have apricot or peach trees in your yard, March is a good time to spray them with dormant oil.

These oils are applied when there is no foliage on the plant. Then, the oil does not harm the tree, but suffocates aphid eggs, reducing aphid populations coming from these trees. The oil, available at garden centers, has an extremely low toxicity. Most only contain petroleum oil.

This is a relatively inexpensive and safe way to deal with aphids.

The Idaho Potato Pest Management Association, a group of proactive growers, is paying for oil applications to residential peach trees for homeowners north of the Snake River — in Gooding County, Jerome County west of the gap (Eden) or the Glenn Ferry area.

Anyone interested in having trees sprayed may call the University of Idaho at 736-3600.

Suzy Coelho offers book of style tips and ideas

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

The host of HGTV's "Surprise Gardener" and lifestyle contributor for the "Today" show, offers up an appealing new book of style tips and ideas. "Suzie Coelho's Everyday Styling" (Simon & Schuster, \$30) is a grab bag of suggestions for home design, gar-

dening and entertaining that encourages you to develop — and listen to — your own styling instincts. Coelho mixes her personal stories with a sprinkling of recipes, idea lists and inspiring pictures. Her goal is for you to look at a bare mantel or an old \$25 chair and be able to say, "Oh I know just what to do with this."

CHERYL'S RECIPE

Basque chicken

1 tablespoon butter
3 tablespoons olive oil
4 to 5 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts (can use chicken strip)

1 to 2 pounds portabella mushrooms, cut up into small pieces
1 medium onion, chopped
2 (8 ounce) cans tomato sauce
1 cup white wine
1 cup white pearl onions
1 tablespoon parsley
3/4 cup green stuffed olives, cut up
2 tomatoes, cut into wedges
2 green peppers, cut into strips

Brown the chicken in the butter and oil in a 12-inch Dutch oven. Remove the meat. Saute the mushrooms and chopped onion. Add the tomato sauce and wine. Add the pearl onions and parsley. Put the meat back into the pan and cook for 1 hour at 350 degrees (12 coals on the top and 12 coals on the bottom). After 1 hour, add the green

olives and cook for another 15 minutes. In a separate pan, saute the tomato wedges and green peppers. Serve the chicken over a bed of white rice. Serve the tomato wedges and green peppers over the top of the chicken.

Vegetables to go with the Basque Chicken: 4 to 5 large red potatoes, washed and cut into chunks in the bottom of a 12-inch Dutch oven. The Dutch oven should be half full. Slice 1 medium-sized onion over the potatoes. Put 1 bag frozen broccoli and cauliflower on top of the onion and potatoes. Add 1 stick of butter on top of it all. Add seasoned salt and Italian seasoning to taste. Cook for 1 hour at 350 (12 coals on the top and 12 coals on the bottom).

Cheryl Osterhout and cooking game - C1

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Say Good-bye To Cave Lighting This Spring

By Daniel Aspell

The very first step should involve looking at your interior window treatments. These heavy drapes are great for insulating the house in the winter, but March is the time to pack them off to the dry cleaners and store them away until November. Replace them with light, translucent drapes, shades or blinds.

To really let in natural light, consider a skylight or roof window. While those who are pretty handy around the house can install these themselves, they're actually pretty affordable even when installed by a professional. Besides, they may even save you money in the long run. Adding natural light to rooms means less

wasted electricity and light bulb replacements, and depending on the skylight's location, may lower heating bills in the winter. Spread out over the years, they're actually wise investments, and certainly add value to a home.

Roof windows are a nice addition anywhere, but are particularly appreciated in bedrooms. There's nothing like going to sleep under the stars, then waking up to the morning sun.

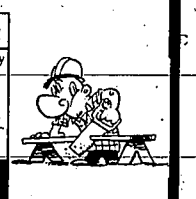
Skylights are more versatile than roof windows, as they come in all shapes and sizes, can direct light from one part of the roof to another area in the house and can be installed as either fixed or operable.

Don't be like a vampire, afraid of the sun. Remember the classic '60s song and "Let the Sun Shine In."

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Home windmills can save money and the environment

DEAR JIM: It seems like the area where I live is fairly windy. I have always liked the idea of generating my own electricity with a small windmill. What types of systems are available for home use?
—PETE O.

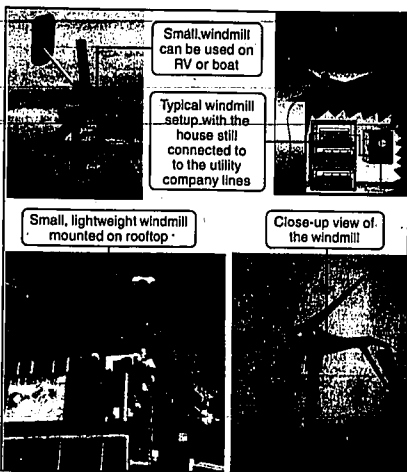
DEAR PETE: There is a huge array of windmill sizes ranging from tiny portable 13-pound models to large ones that can satisfy the electricity needs of an entire house. If your windmill produces more power than you are using at that instant, many utility companies will buy the extra electricity from you.

The payback you get from installing a windmill depends on the average wind speed in your area and your local electric rates. In many cases, the payback period is long. The reasons for installing a windmill often are for a Backup power source or just a desire to protect the environment.

An excellent use for tiny, lightweight ones is to keep emergency batteries charged or to provide electricity for cabins, outdoor workshops, boats, and RVs. The electricity output ranges from about 150 to 500 watts, easily enough power to keep a wood pellet stove operating during a power outage.

For any of the above applications, a combination of a small windmill and a solar panel is effective. When it is sunny and calm, the solar panels make electricity. When it is cloudy and stormy, the windmill carries the load.

A large whole-house windmill often produces 8,000 to 12,000 watts of electricity and has a blade diameter of 20 feet or more. Some designs begin producing electricity at a wind speed as low as 8 mph, but an average speed of 10 to 11 mph is typically



Small windmill can be used on RV or boat

Typical windmill setup with the house still connected to the utility company lines

Small, lightweight windmill mounted on rooftop

Close-up view of the windmill

Generate your own electricity using the wind.

A large whole-house windmill often produces 8,000 to 12,000 watts of electricity.

needed to make one more economically feasible. Even if you install a large, whole-house sized windmill, you should still keep your house attached to the utility company's wires (power grid). Sophisticated electronics inside the windmill controller match the electricity output to that of the utility company so they are compatible.

There are typically two ways the electric utility company will compensate you for excess electricity your windmill produces. Under "net billing," your electric meter just runs in reverse. Another common method uses a

second electric meter and the utility company pays you for the extra power.

In addition to charging batteries, another method of storing the wind's energy is to wire the windmill directly to a heating element in a large water heater tank. The electricity from the windmill keeps the water hot.

The high, very large windmills require a substantial structure for support, but the small models are easy to install. A 1-1/2-inch-diameter steel pipe is adequate support. The windmill should be about 10 feet higher than any nearby obstructions.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 485 - buyer's guide of 10 portable and whole-house windmill manufacturers listing electric power outputs, sizes, features, prices, and a wind speed chart for 116 cities. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE.

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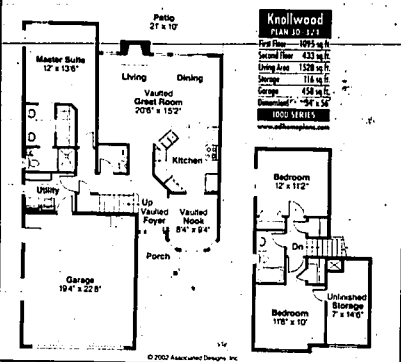
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FOOD & HOME



Cookbook answers the question: Is it soup yet?

By Carol J.G. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

In her new cookbook, author Diane Phillips does for instant soup what "The Cake Mix Doctor" did for batter in a box: She takes another convenience

food out of the culinary closet. In "The Soup Mix Gourmet" (The Harvard Common Press), Phillips creates 375 shortcut recipes for everything from dips and salads to casseroles, side dishes and entrees with an ethnic flair.

Southwestern turkey meat loaf

- 2 pounds ground turkey
 - 1 envelope Lipton Golden Onion Soup Mix
 - 2 cups crushed tortilla chips, not flared
 - 1 cup corn kernels
 - 1 1/2 cups medium-hot salsa
 - 1 large egg
 - 1/2 cup sour cream, plus more for garnish
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves
 - 1 medium ripe Haas avocado, peeled, pitted and sliced, for garnish
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat 9-inch baking dish with non-

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- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan
 - 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 1 envelope Knorr Leek Soup Mix
 - 4 cups frozen corn kernels, defrosted
 - 1 tablespoon sugar
 - 2 tablespoons butter, cut into small pieces
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 1 1/2-quart casserole dish with butter. Sprinkle 3 table-

Tomato soup cake

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 1/3 cups sugar
 - 4 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons allspice
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
 - 1/2 cup vegetable shortening
 - 1 can Campbell's Condensed Tomato Soup
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/4 cup water
 - Frosting: 6 ounces cream cheese, softened
 - 1 tablespoon milk
 - 1 (1-pound) box confectioners' sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, optional
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour two round layer pans (8- or 9-inch) or 13-by-9-by-2-

inch oblong pan. Sift dry ingredients together into large bowl. Add shortening and soup. Beat at low to medium speed for 2 minutes, scraping sides and bottom of bowl constantly. Add eggs and water. Beat 2 minutes more, scraping bowl frequently. Pour into pans. Bake 25-30 minutes. Let stand in pans 10 minutes; remove and cool on rack. Frost.

To prepare frosting, blend cream cheese with milk. Gradually add confectioners' sugar; blend well. Mix in vanilla, if desired.

VARIATIONS: Stir 1 cup chopped nuts or 1 cup raisins into cake batter. Or fold in 1 cup walnuts and 1 cup chopped dates. Sprinkle dates with flour while chopping. Increase baking time.

Narrow Knollwood is big on the inside

Its wide, deep vaulted great room gives a sense of spaciousness to the Knollwood, a two-story home designed to fit on a narrow lot. Economical to build and maintain, this compact three bedroom, three bathroom plan is well-suited to the needs of singles, young families and empty nesters. Brick detailing and two sets of front facing gables create exterior visual appeal. Inside, a side-light brightens the vaulted foyer, and more light washes in from the right, through the opening to the vaulted eating nook. Bay windows expand and brighten this naturally cheerful space.

A uniquely shaped galley kitchen swells into a half-octagon on the left, opposite a standard straight wall on the right. Standing at the kitchen sink, you have a near-panoramic view of the great room and need only lift your gaze to take in the broader vista of the patio and rear yard. Flames and warmth from the gas fireplace create an inviting focal point when the skies turn dark, and can be enjoyed from the kitchen, as well as all areas of the

vaulted great room. A centrally located powder room is equally well placed.

Laundry appliances are nearby, in a pass-through utility room linked to the two-car garage. It has built-in cabinets over the washer and dryer, plus a cabinet on the other side, ideal for extra storage.

The Knollwood's master suite has a private bathroom with a dual vanity. Pocket doors close off the walk-in closet, and provide privacy and steam containment for the toilet and shower section. Upper bedrooms share a third bathroom. An unfinished storage space is also on the second floor.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Drive, Department W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Knollwood 30-324 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 350 home plans is available for \$15. For more information, call (800) 634-0123.



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Here's a bowl of chili that's good for you

Chicago Tribune

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- 3/4 pound lean ground beef, cooked, crumbled
 - 1 can (15.5 ounces) chili beans in chili sauce, undrained
 - 1 can (14.5 ounces) seasoned diced tomatoes for chili, undrained
 - 1 package (10 ounces) frozen corn, thawed
 - 1/2 cup water
 - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- Combine ground beef, beans, tomatoes, corn, water and pepper in large saucepan. Heat to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to medium low. Cover, simmer 15 minutes. Mix in cilantro before serving. Serves 4.
- Nutrition information per serving: 350 calories, 30 percent calories from fat, 12 g fat, 4.5 g saturated fat, 60 mg cholesterol, 1,000 mg sodium, 39 g carbohydrate, 24 g protein, 8 g fiber

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REBECCA'S VALLEY RECIPES

Try these recipes from Valley Cooking columnist Rebecca Tateoka:

Chicken and vegetable casserole

- 1 1/2 cups sliced zucchini
- 1 onion, peeled and sliced
- 1 tomato, sliced
- 2 tablespoons sliced black olives
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon crushed dried basil
- 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 (4-6 ounces) fresh boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pep.

Preheat oven to 350 F. In a large bowl, stir together zucchini, onion, tomato, olives, parsley, basil and garlic powder. Pour into an 8-inch square baking dish and top with chicken breasts. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake, covered, for about 40 minutes or until chicken is done.

-From www.my-meals.com/DiabeticRecipes.asp

Asparagus, orange and endive salad

- 2 1/2 cups diagonally sliced asparagus
- 2 cups rinsed, dried and torn endive leaves
- 2 large oranges, sliced into rounds
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup raspberry vinegar
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1 tablespoon white sugar (can use sugar substitute)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- To a large pot of boiling water,

add the asparagus. Blanch for 1 minute; drain and plunge asparagus into a bowl of cold water. Drain again and dry. In a large bowl, combine the asparagus, endive, oranges and red onion. Whisk together the raspberry vinegar, canola oil, orange juice, sugar and salt and pepper. Add dressing to the asparagus/endive mixture; toss well and serve.

-From allrecipes.com/directories/822.asp

Asian glazed roasted pork

- 2 pork tenderloins, about 3/4 pound each
- 1/2 cup canned low-sodium chicken broth
- Marinade:
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
- 2 scallions, white part only, minced
- 1 small Thai chili pepper or jalapeno, seeded and minced
- 1/3 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon dark sesame oil
- In a medium bowl, whisk together garlic, ginger, scallions, chili pepper, orange juice, lemon juice and lemon zest. Whisk in olive oil and sesame oil. Pour mixture into a large, self-sealing plastic bag. Add the tenderloins to the bag and seal. Let stand, occasion-

ally turning bag, for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Remove tenderloins from the marinade and place in a roasting pan. Roast for 15 to 20 minutes, until a meat thermometer registers 160 F. Meanwhile, place marinade and broth in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes. To serve, thinly slice pork on the diagonal. Arrange slices on a heated serving platter and add some of the sauce. Serve immediately.

Per serving: 173 calories (36 percent calories from fat), 24 g protein, 7 g total fat (1.8 g saturated fat), 3 g carbohydrate, 0 dietary fiber, 67 mg cholesterol, 52 mg sodium Diabetic exchanges: 3 lean

-From www.diabetic-recipes.com/

Diabetic homemade ice cream

- 13 ounces evaporated milk
- 2 tablespoons sugar replacement (many recommend Splenda)
- 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 3 eggs (well beaten)
- Combine evaporated milk and sugar replacement. Beat well

until sugar is dissolved. Add whole milk and vanilla extract; beat well. Add eggs; beat eggs into milk mixture vigorously. Pour into ice-cream maker. Freeze according to manufacturer's directions.

-From www.realfood4realpeople.com/diabetic.html

Baked alfredo macaroni serves up to six people

- Beetle Times
- Baked alfredo macaroni**
- 4 to 6 servings
- 2 cups elbow macaroni
- 3/4 cup pasta cooking water
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Quick recipe** 1/2 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 bottle (16-ounces) sun-dried tomato alfredo sauce
- 3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dried Italian herbs
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted
- 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the macaroni and cook according to package directions. Reserve 3/4 cup cooking water and drain the pasta. Pour pasta back into the pan. Heat the olive oil in a 9-inch skillet on medium heat. Sauté the vegetables until softened, about 5 minutes. Add to the macaroni along with the alfredo sauce, pepper, salt, Italian herbs and parsley. Add enough of the pasta cooking water to loosen the mixture, making it very moist. Transfer to a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Combine the bread crumbs, melted butter and Parmesan cheese. Sprinkle over the top of the casserole. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven about 25 minutes, just until the crumb topping begins to turn golden. Let sit 5 minutes before serving.

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One-dimensional diets leave something out

You heard about it everywhere. "Eat fat and get skinny" was the cry around the world! But, as we all know, that's just too good to be true.

I missed my true calling as a medical researcher. Even I could have told the experts that people wouldn't be healthier with a fatty diet. It's just like my mom used to say: "You've got to have color at a meal. Eat your vegetables!"

I heard one doctor on a recent Oprah episode telling us that a protein diet - as this low-carb diet was known years ago - is just not nutritious enough. You'll lose weight, but, eventually, you'll feel worse because you haven't gotten enough vitamins. She still pushed a low-carb diet, which she explained by using big words like "low glycemic index."

She just meant white bread, white rice and baked potatoes aren't really good for your blood



VALLEY COOKING
Rebecca Tateoka

sugar level.

Cutting back on carbohydrates is a good thing, mostly because that's where the sugar is hidden. Ever look at the nutrition label under total carbohydrates? That's where the grams of sugar-per-serving are located. Imagine my surprise when the sugar grams in fat-free apple dip were higher than in the regular fatty one.

One group of people has known all about carbohydrates for decades. Even more of us chubby Americans will hear about it. It's the diabetic diet,

which makes you watch your starches and carbohydrates so your blood sugar level will stay, well, level. Type II diabetes is a growing trend, because we Americans rely on carbohydrates. Hey! They're the easiest food around!

So much for my soapbox. I could have just said "Watch your carbs!" and gotten the same results. Maybe all the typing will

have some aerobic benefit. I'm also sharing some recipes that might help you get used to lesser amounts of sugar and carbohydrates.

And if you want to sound smart-and-medical, call it your low-glycemic index diet.

Rebecca Tateoka welcomes comments on recipes. You may email her at tateoka@pmi.org

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FOOD & HOME

Cook up some corned beef for St. Patrick's Day

By Jimmy Schmidt
Detroit Free Press

Corned beef and cabbage hash

Hash:
 2 cups diced sweet yellow onion
 2 cups diced green cabbage
 1 1/2 pounds lean cooked corned beef, cut in a 1/2-inch dice
 1 1/4 cups beer, divided
 2 tablespoons English dry mustard, such as Coleman's
 1 cup diced potatoes, blanched in boiling salted water until al dente
 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

1/4 cup chopped flat parsley
 1/4 cup toasted bread crumbs
 Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
Sauce:
 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 2 tablespoons nonfat sour cream
 1/4 cup beer
Garnish:
 4 poached eggs, optional
 Sprigs of parsley
For the hash: Heat a few drops of oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and saute until tender, about 8 minutes. Add the diced cabbage and corned beef, cooking until warm, about 5 minutes. Add 1 cup of the beer to moisten, cooking until the liquid is reduced,

about 10 minutes. The corned beef and onions should be quite tender; the cabbage should still be a little crunchy. Transfer to a large bowl. In a small bowl, combine the remaining 1/4 cup beer and the dry mustard, mixing until smooth. Add the mustard mixture to the bowl with the corned beef mixture, along with the blanched potatoes, Worcestershire sauce, chopped parsley and bread crumbs, mixing well. Add salt, pepper and Tabasco to your taste. Form into 4 balls, wrap in plastic and refrigerate until ready to cook. Warm a 6-inch nonstick skillet with a few drops of oil over medium heat. Add one corned beef hash ball into pan and press into a pancake with the back of a

cooking spoon. Cook until well-browned on the bottom, 6-8 minutes. Turn over by placing a plate over the skillet and inverting the hash onto the plate. Slide the hash back into the skillet. Cook until the bottom is browned, about 5 minutes. Slide the hash onto a warmed serving plate. Repeat with remaining balls.
For the sauce: In a small skillet over medium heat, stir together the 2 tablespoons dry mustard, beer and sour cream just until warm. Remove from the heat and keep warm.
To serve: Position the poached egg atop the center of the hash. Garnish with a sprig of parsley. Serve with the mustard sauce on the side. Makes 4 servings.

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Sloppy Joes have less fat than burgers

By Raeanne Sarazan
Chicago Tribune

Unlike hamburgers that need some fat to produce a juicy burger, Sloppy Joes can be made with lean ground beef because it is cooked in a sauce. Team the sandwiches with cubed pineapple, and try frozen yogurt for dessert.

Sloppy Joes with home fries

Yield: 4 servings
Home fries:
 1-1/2 pounds russet or Yukon gold potatoes, peeled, cut into wedges
 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Freshly ground pepper
Sloppy Joes:
 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
 1 small onion, chopped
 1/2 red or green bell pepper, diced
 3 cloves garlic, minced
 1 pound 95 percent lean ground beef or ground turkey
 1/2 cup each: ketchup, water
 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Freshly ground pepper
 4 Kaiser rolls, toasted
Heat oven to 450 degrees. For fries, place potatoes in microwave-safe bowl, cover with plastic wrap. Cook in microwave on high 10 minutes. Transfer potatoes to foil-lined jellyroll pan sprayed with vegetable oil spray. Toss potatoes with oil, salt and pepper to taste. Cook, turning once, until golden, about 20 minutes. Meanwhile, for Sloppy Joes, heat oil in medium non-stick skillet. Add onion and pepper; cook until slightly softened, about 2 minutes. Add garlic; cook 1 minute. Add ground beef; cook, breaking up pieces, until browned and crumbled, about 4 minutes. Mix in ketchup, water, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper to taste; simmer until flavors are blended, about 15 minutes. Serve on toasted rolls with potatoes on the side.

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FOOD & HOME

More and more people take time for tea

By Candace Rensals
Duluth News Tribune

For Anne Hansen, the switch from coffee to tea came two years ago. What started as a sacrifice for Lent quickly grew into a passion for the brewed leaves.

Now Hansen has formed a partnership with friend Natalie Haug. Operating as Time for Me Tea, the two offer tea parties in

Tea, especially green tea, has been associated with lowering the risk of heart disease and some cancers.

other people's homes. Annual tea sales in the United States jumped from \$1.84 billion

in 1990 to \$4.9 billion in 2001, according to the Tea Association of the USA. And the varieties have exploded.

Tea, especially green tea, has been associated with lowering the risk of heart disease and some cancers, though studies have been inconsistent. Herbal teas - brewed from various plant parts - have long been used to ease ailments from headaches to

rheumatism. Black, green and red (oolong) tea are brewed from the leaves of Camellia sinensis, an evergreen bush grown in Asia, Ceylon, Indonesia and India. A typical 8-ounce cup of brewed tea contains 60 percent less caffeine than brewed coffee. Decaffeinated coffee and tea contain about 4 milligrams of caffeine. Most herbal teas don't contain caffeine.

Brew that perfect cup of tea

Duluth News Tribune

Here's how to brew a good cup of tea.

1. Start with cold, fully oxygenated tap water by running the water for at least 30 seconds before filling your kettle. Bring water to a full boil.
2. Preheat your teapot or cup before pouring the boiling water into it. Use one tea bag or 1 teaspoonful of loose tea per cup. For green tea, use 1 tablespoon or two teabags per cup.
3. Steep the tea three to five

minutes; four to eight for herbal teas. Cover the cup or teapot to keep it hot while it steeps.

When brewed, remove the tea bag or spent leaves from the tea. Stir and serve.

Some people sweeten their tea with sugar, honey, even raspberry jam. Some add lemon. Some add a splash of milk to black tea, which brings out its flavor better than cream. Neither cream nor milk blends well in herbal and green teas, and shouldn't be combined with lemon or the mixture will curdle.

TO EAT WITH TEA

Here are some recipes that go perfectly with tea:

Basic British scones

Light, fluffy and not too sweet, scones go perfectly with a hot cup of tea. Many people top scones with a scoop of Devonshire cream or jam.

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1 pinch salt
 - 1/4 cup butter
 - 1/8 cup granulated sugar
 - 1/2 cup milk
 - 2 tablespoons milk
- Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Sift the flour, cream

of tartar, baking soda and salt into a bowl. Rub in the butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Stir in the sugar and enough milk to mix to a soft dough. Turn onto a floured surface, knead lightly and roll out to a 3/4-inch thickness. Cut into 2-inch rounds and place on the prepared baking sheet. Brush with milk to glaze. Bake at 425 degrees for 10 minutes then cool on a wire rack. Serve with butter or clotted cream and jam. Makes 12.

-From www.allrecipes.com

Cucumber-basil tea sandwiches

Traditional English tea would include little sandwiches.

- 8 ounces softened cream cheese
- 2 tablespoons half-and-half
- 2 tablespoons snipped fresh chives
- 1 unsliced loaf or 12 slices rye or whole-wheat bread
- 1 English (seedless) cucumber, cut into thin slices
- 24 fresh basil leaves

In a medium bowl, beat together the cream cheese and half-and-half until it is the consistency of soft butter. Stir in the chives. If

you are using an unsliced loaf of bread, slice 12 thin slices from it. With a 2.5-inch round cookie cutter, stamp out two rounds from each slice of bread. Spread the cheese mixture on the bread rounds, then top each with several slices of cucumber and a basil leaf. Serve the open-faced sandwiches immediately, or cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes 24 sandwiches.

-From "The Pleasures of Tea," by Kim Waller

Crumpets

Perhaps no food has been associated with tea more than crumpets, thanks to our image of Britons and their "tea and crumpets."

- 1 teaspoon active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1/3 cup milk, egg, lightly beaten
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter, melted

1 cup all-purpose unsifted flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
Mix the yeast with the sugar, then add the water and let stand for about five minutes until foamy. Stir in the milk, egg and 1 tablespoon of butter. Add the flour and salt. Mix until well blended, cover with a damp towel and let stand in a warm place until almost doubled in size (about 45 minutes). With

melted butter, brush the insides of four 3-inch flared rings (bottomless metal rings or use thoroughly washed tuna cans with both ends removed). Also brush a heavy frying pan or griddle with butter. Place the rings on the griddle over low heat. Spoon 2 tablespoons of batter into each. Cook for 7 minutes, or until holes appear and the tops are dry. Then remove the rings and turn the crumpets to brown them lightly on the other side (about 2 minutes). Repeat the process with the remaining batter. Crumpets are best served warm but can also be cooled on a wire rack and toasted just before serving. Makes 6 crumpets.

-From "Having Tea," by Catherine Calvert

Make a cake using Milky Way bars

By Elton Hewitt
The Baltimore Sun

Milky Way cake

- 5 (2.11-ounce) or 13 fun-size Milky Way candy bars
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, divided

- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1 cup buttermilk
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 to 1 cup pecans, chopped
Melt candy bars and 1/2 cup butter in the top of a double boiler over simmering water. Set aside. Cream remaining butter and sugar together. Add eggs, one at a time. Mix thoroughly. Add flour and baking soda alternately with

buttermilk to creamed mixture. Add melted candy mixture. Mix well. Stir in vanilla and nuts, if using. Pour batter into greased tube or jellyroll pan. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 1 hour or until top springs back when lightly touched. It may take less time in a jellyroll pan. Remove cake from pan and allow to cool on a wire rack. Frost.

Frosting:
2 (2.10-ounce) Milky Way candy bars

- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla

Buttermilk
Melt candy bars and butter in double boiler. Remove from heat. Stir in powdered sugar and vanilla. Add enough buttermilk to make it spreadable. Frost cooled cake.

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 2. Add whole potatoes and carrots, and cook until the vegetables are almost tender. Add cabbage and cook for 15 more minutes. Remove meat and let rest 15 minutes.
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FOOD & HOME

Portobello mushrooms are great once cooked

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

QUESTION: I love portobello mushrooms but do not have any recipes. Can you tell me how to cook these delectable mushrooms?
ANSWER: Portobellos produce caps as much as 6 inches in diameter and have a deep texture often compared to that of a fine steak. I'm not fond of them raw, but

Cook's corner

when baked, sauteed or grilled, they are a wonderful topping for sandwiches and pizzas.
This idea comes from "The Soup Mix Gourmet" by Diane Phillips (Harvard Common Press, \$18.95) and can be served as an entree or side dish:

- Preheat the broiler or grill for 10 minutes.
- Place 8 portobello mushroom caps on a baking sheet lined with aluminum foil.
- Mix together 1 cup olive oil, 1 envelope Lipton Savory Herb with Garlic Soup Mix and 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper.
- Brush the mushrooms with some of the flavored oil.
- Grill or broil them for 3 to 4

minutes on each side, brushing them with additional oil when you turn them.
• Serve immediately or refrigerate up to eight hours. (Refrigerate leftover flavored oil; it can be used for stir-fries.) Makes 8 servings.

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COOK'S CORNER RECIPE

Parmesan bubble loaf

This recipe uses the same principle as the monkey bread - you form balls of dough that pull apart when baked - but instead of raisins, sugar and cinnamon, the flavoring agents are cheese, parsley and garlic. For a shortcut, use frozen and defrosted bread dough.
1 envelope active dry yeast
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons shortening or margarine
1 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
3/4 cup hot milk
Seasoning mix:
1/4 cup butter or margarine
2/3 cup grated Parmesan or Asiago cheese
1/4 cup snipped parsley (optional)
1 teaspoon garlic powder (optional)
Place yeast, flour, sugar, shortening, salt, eggs and milk, in order, in large bowl of electric mixer. Beat at medium low speed for 3 minutes. (The batter will climb the beaters; push down with rubber spatula.) Place butter in pie plate. In a second pie plate, stir together cheese, parsley and garlic powder. Drop small spoonfuls of dough into butter, then with 2 forks lift out and roll in cheese mixture. Place in well-greased 2-quart casserole or 9-by-5-inch loaf pan. Cover and let rise in warm place for 30 minutes, or until nearly doubled. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from pan immediately and serve. If made in advance, cover with foil and reheat in a 350-degree oven for about 15 minutes.

Norm

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Robert Thompson, a professor at Syracuse University. "But Norm could have been over for meatloaf the night before."

Women - at least women suffering ever-drip faucets and never-budge handsets - look at Abram and see the answer to their Mr. Fix-It fantasies. Men watch slack-jawed as Abram builds a Chippendale dresser in a half-hour and mutter, "I never knew it could be like this."

"To people who went straight through college and right to work as doctors and lawyers and in front of computer screens, the very idea that you could actually do some of this stuff yourself is an alien concept," Thompson said. "It's entertainment!"

On a rainy January morning in Manchester, Abram pulls into the muddy job site of the current "This Old House" season. The producers do their best to keep the location a secret, but a steady stream of locals has passed through to watch the televised rebirth of an 1880s shingle mansion.

Contractor Tom Silva walks by. Abram buttonholes him and they talk in tradesman shorthand. Then he works his way back to the rank of shelves he's building around the living room fireplace, a floor-to-ceiling masterpiece called an inglenook.

In the old days, when Bob Vila hosted the show, Abram served as general contractor. But in 1988, Abram graduated to contractor emeritus and Silva took over as contractor alongside replacement host Steve Thomas.

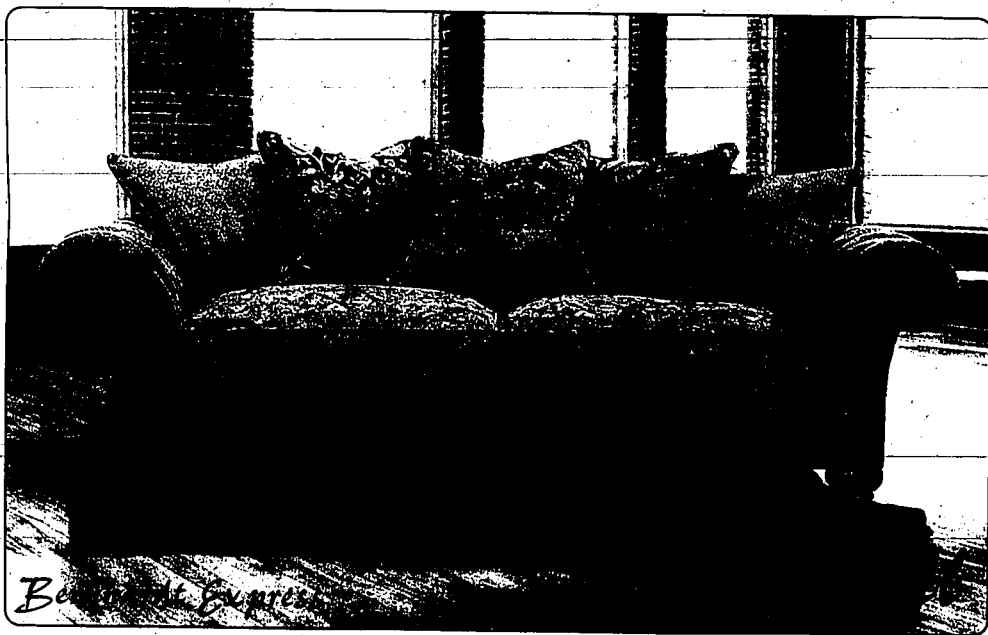
Abram worked summers on his dad's crew until he went off to the University of Massachusetts for engineering studies that he never quite finished. Instead, after he built a small barn for Russell Morash, who was to be creator and executive producer of both of Abram's shows, the WGBH producer asked him to run a renovation project in Dorchester that, incidentally, the station wanted to film.

Abram estimates the value of his setup, at a workshop in a secret location in a Boston suburb, at about \$20,000. How much to actually equip a more average home shop? Half that, he says.

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First winter sports season in valley was magical

Like a Leigh Castillo dunk, Monday's Magic Valley All-Star game punctuated the end of the winter sports season.

And what an end it was as the East nipped the West 105-103 in the boys game to complete an eastern sweep after the eastern girls pounded their western counterparts 64-40.

While the all-star games provided last glimpses of the area's best seniors, they provided me an opportunity to reflect on my favorite moments covering my first winter sports season in the Magic Valley.

It's quite a list: There was the boys state basketball tournament in which the Magic Valley placed three teams.

Burley, Declo and Castleford - into championship 1-p games. None walked away with a title but a second-place trophy is nothing to be ashamed of.

Just as impressive as the performance of those three teams was the 18-13 record of teams from the area, including a 13-7 mark from the five local Class 1A teams.

Of those seven losses, only Hagerman's first-round loss to Troy was to a team not from the Magic Valley or to eventual champion Cole Valley Christian of Boise.

The girls didn't fare as well, with Dietrich reaching a title game. The Blue Devils fell to Kendrick. But it's not their state run that endeared me to the Blue Devils. It was their crackerjack-box gym that reminded me of the ones this Montana hick played in back in the day.

The rest of you are just plain spoiled in your basketball shrines. The Valley Vikings girls team again fell victim to Lapwai in the opening round but rebounded to take home the consolation title. But more impressive than the trophy was the way the girls played - always making the extra pass, setting screens and doing the little things to help make a good team better.

The Vikings and the Burley boys were my favorite teams to watch, while Twin Falls' Kim Strunk and Burley's Jono Barker were my favorite players to watch. "Unselfishness, discipline and maturity are the reasons in all four cases.

And last but not least is Minico's Clare Bodenstener, who is headed to play for Stanford in the fall and was the best player I had ever seen. At least until I saw Post Falls' junior Aubree Johnson, a 6-foot-2 guard who went 11-of-15 from the field en route to a 25-point, 11-rebound, 3-assist, 2-block performance in the Trojans' 58-39 victory over Boise's Bishop Kelly in the Class 4A title game.

Like Bodenstener, she is being recruited by national powerhouse. And then there were the wrestlers, five of whom won state titles, including Declo's John Clark and Minico's Jeff Anderson who completed perfect seasons. Declo's Ian Webb, Wood River's Matt Conover and Gooding's Travis Stone also were also crowned champions.

But there was heartbreak, too... Minico's Josh Anderson and Burley's Jaxson Jones had their perfect seasons come to a close with losses in championship matches.

Both battled gamely. Phoshone's Monica Uhrig had to sit out the state tournament because of injury. The best player on the best 1A team in the state was reduced to a spectator.

Those disappointments provided context and showed why we play the games, proving that some may come out second best but not be losers.

Times-News Mini-Cassia sports writer Scott Thompson's column appears Wednesdays. Scott appreciates all story ideas, tips and suggestions. He can be reached at stompson@magicvalley.com or 777-4042, Ext. 639.

Duke's Williams leads All-America teams

Guard becomes first unanimous choice since Elton Brand

The Associated Press
Jason Williams was a unanimous selection to the AP All-America team Tuesday, the second year in a row the junior guard was picked for the first team.

Joining Williams on the first team were junior forward Drew Gooden of Kansas and senior guards Steve Logan of Cincinnati, Juan Dixon of Maryland and Dan Dickau of Gonzaga.

The 6-foot-2 Williams is the first unanimous All-American since Duke's Elton Brand in 1999 and the 45th player to repeat. The last was Troy

All-America teams - D3

Murphy-of-Notre-Damem, who did it last season.

Williams was picked on the first team by all 72 voters on the national media panel and had 350 points in the 5-3-1 voting.

Each of the past two seasons, one player missed being a unanimous choice by one vote - Shane Battier of Duke last season and Kenyon Martin of Cincinnati in 2000.

Gooden received 70 first-place votes and 356 points, while Logan had 313 points, Dixon 301 and Dickau 248.

Williams averaged 21.7 points and 5.4 assists and was the floor leader for the Blue Devils, who were No. 1 in the AP poll for all but four weeks this season.

Krzyzewski said. "I'll just say he's certainly of the caliber of any kid that I've coached, and he has helped us win a national championship."

The top-ranked Blue Devils begin defense of their national title on Thursday.

Williams turned to teammates Mike Dunleavy, a second-team selection, and Carlos Boozer, who was voted to the third team, when told of his selection.

"It is an honor to be selected AP All-American for the second straight year and special to be a unanimous pick as well," he said. "Honestly, I am as happy for Mike and Carlos, who are great teammates and should be recognized for their outstanding seasons."

Williams, who was chosen Tuesday as an alternate for the U.S. team in this summer's World Championships, was the only

Net gain

Duke guard Jason Williams was a unanimous selection to the AP All-America basketball team Tuesday, the second year in a row he was a member of the first team. Other players named on the first team by a national media panel.

Player	Team	Pos.	Pts/G	Reb/G	FG%
Jason Williams	Duke	Junior	21.7	5.4	42.7
Drew Gooden	Kansas	Junior	20.4	11.3	51.0
Steve Logan	Cincinnati	Senior	22.1	7.5	49.0
Juan Dixon	Maryland	Senior	19.3	4.8	50.3
Dan Dickau	Gonzaga	Senior	20.8	4.3	48.1

SOURCE: Associated Press

Underdog does it

Siena secures final berth at touney

The Associated Press
DAYTON, Ohio - Siena, the only NCAA tournament team with more wins than losses, has figured out how to pull them out at the right time.

Prosper Karangwa scored a career-high 31 points Tuesday night and struggled through a pair of free throws to clinch an 81-77 victory over Alcorn State in the play-in game.

The Saints (17-18) joined the 64-team bracket and won a trip to Washington to play Maryland, the East's No. 1 seed, on Friday.

They also became the first team in 47 years to win an NCAA tournament game with a losing record. Bradley is the only other team to share the distinction - it won two in 1955.

Alcorn State (21-10) had been unbeaten in play-in games in Dayton, winning two in the 1950s under coach Davey L. Whitney.

The Braves spent a sleepless night getting to Dayton for this one, then faced elimination at the end of a back-and-forth game.

It might have been the last game for Whitney, a former Negro League shortstop completing his 26th year at the Mississippi school. Whitney, 72, hasn't decided whether to return for another season.

Siena didn't even figure to make the tournament. It won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference's tournament on its home floor, with Archbold scoring 111 in the four games.



Guard Prosper Karangwa celebrates after Siena's 81-77 win over Alcorn State Tuesday at the NCAA play-in game in Dayton, Ohio. Karangwa scored 31 points. Siena meets No. 1 Maryland on Friday.

Florida A&M went on to lose to Duke 99-58.

Siena had won only one other NCAA tournament game, upsetting

Arkansas 94-80 as a No. 14 seed in its first appearance in 1989. That was the year that Siena didn't have a nickname - it was

changing from Indians to Saints - and had to play several home games in an empty gym because of a measles outbreak on campus.

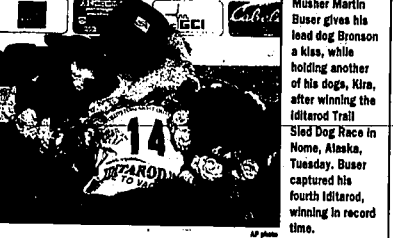
Buser wins fourth Iditarod in record time

The Associated Press
NOME, Alaska - Waving a large American flag as he entered the finish area, Martin Buser captured his fourth Iditarod on Tuesday and completed the 1,100-mile race in record time.

He and his dogs ended their trek from Anchorage in eight days, 22 hours, 46 minutes - the first musher to do so in less than nine days.

"It feels pretty good," said Buser, who arrived at 8:46 a.m. "It's going to be exciting to hold that record for a while."

With temperatures in the low teens, a crowd lined Front Street to welcome Buser - and lead dogs Bronson and Kira - to this Gold Rush town on the edge of frozen Norton Sound.



American citizen Wednesday in a ceremony under the buried arch that marks the Iditarod finish line. His wife, Kathy Chapoton, and sons Rohn and Nikolai were decked out in red, white and blue and waving small flags at the finish.

Baseball As America museum exhibit tour begins in NYC

**By Hal Bock
The Associated Press**

NEW YORK - In a setting usually reserved for dinosaurs and meteorites, baseball settled comfortably into the Museum of Natural History on Tuesday.

The Hall of Fame's Baseball As America exhibit opens to the public on March 16 and runs through Aug. 18, the first stop on a nine-city, four-year tour that will take selected memorabilia from Cooperstown around the country.

Twenty-six Hall of Famers gathered for the press preview. Stan Musial and Enos Slaughter were in wheelchairs. Bob Feller walked gingerly. Steve Carlton always a man of mystery, wore

dark glasses. Some of them clearly were wowed by what they saw - everything from Shoeless Joe Jackson's shoes to Jackie Robinson's jersey, from the coronation of Brooklyn's Ebbets Field to a row of seats from the long-gone Polo Grounds.

Robinson's shirt had some impact on Monte Irvin, who did not make it to the majors until 1949 because of baseball's policy of banning black players. He was 30 years old by then, his best days already spent in the Negro Leagues.

"I'm sorry I couldn't have come up 10 years sooner," Irvin said, his hand cradling a cane. "I was scouted in 1936. I was ready for

Rivera after being accused of taking a bat and glove from a man at a Derek Jeter's locker.

"That type of thing is a shock," manager Joe Torre said Tuesday. "It's sad. It's unfortunate."

None of the Yankees players or officials would publicly say why Rivera was cut. But a baseball lawyer familiar with the decision, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Rivera took the equipment from Jeter's locker and sold it to a sports memorabilia agent.

Rivera later returned the glove and bat, which he reportedly sold for \$2,500, but it was too late to save his career with the Yankees.

He signed a \$1 million, one-year guaranteed contract with the Yankees last month, but the team negotiated a \$200,000 settlement Monday, the source said.

"The clubhouse is a special place," Torre said. "It's our sanctuary. It's big part of what we do. Trust is very important."

Jeter declined to comment, saying he didn't "want to add fuel to the fire."

Rivera also refused to comment on Monday night before leaving the team. Randy Hendricks, one of his agents, wouldn't discuss the case.

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SPORTS

Stars stop skid, batter Caps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sergei Zubov had a goal and two assists as the Dallas Stars snapped a two-game losing streak Tuesday night with a 5-2 victory over the Washington Capitals.

Both Dallas and Washington are fighting for the final playoff spot in the Western and Eastern Conference, respectively.

Islanders 3, Sabres 0

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Chris Osgood made 28 saves for his fourth shutout in Michael Peck's return to Buffalo, as New York defeated the Sabres.

Lightning 4, Thrashers 4

ATLANTA — Dan Boyle scored with 11:55 left in regulation and Tampa Bay rallied from a three-goal deficit to tie the Atlanta.

Martin Cibak, Dave Andreychuk and Ben Clymer also scored twice in the third period and avoided their third loss in four games.

Flyers 1, Maple Leafs 1

TORONTO — Gary Roberts

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scored with 2:05 remaining in the third period and Corey Schwab made 22 saves as Toronto tied Philadelphia.

Cannucks 5, Predators 0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Todd Bertuzzi had two goals and two assists and Brendan Morrison added a goal and two assists as Vancouver shut down Nashville.

Vancouver held the Predators to one first-period shot, matching Nashville's record low set in 1999, also against the Canucks.

Senators 4, Wild 3, OT

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Magnus Arvedsson scored for the Senators in overtime to win the game.

Pascal Dupuis' rebound goal 2:26 into the third period tied the game for the Wild, who entered play with a three-game winning streak.

Rockets top Seattle behind Mobley's 38

HOUSTON (AP) — Cuttino Mobley scored 38 points, including two free throws with 17 seconds to play, leading the Houston Rockets to a 101-93 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics on Tuesday.

Steve Francis just missed a triple-double with 16 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists. Kenny Thomas scored 16, including six in the final 3:42 of the game.

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Gary Payton led Seattle with 24 points. Brent Barry scored 20 points and Desmond Mason had 18. The SuperSonics still have won eight of their last 11 and 11 of 15.

Heat 90, Suns 78

MIAMI — Reserve Jim Jackson scored 23 points to lead a balanced offense Tuesday night as the Miami Heat again in their late-season pursuit of a playoff spot, 90-78 against the Phoenix Suns.

Jackson, playing extra minutes because of an ankle injury to Kendall Gill, helped spark the Heat to their eighth win in the last 10 games. Miami, which started the night 1.5 games out of the final playoff spot in the East, is 2-7 since Jan. 14.

76ers 104, Knicks 96

NEW YORK — Inspired by the ejection of Dikembe Mutombo, the 76ers rallied from a



Houston's Kenny Thomas elbows Seattle's Art Lang in the eye as he scores in their game Tuesday in Houston. Thomas scored 16 points as the Rockets beat the Sonics 101-93.

20-point deficit in the third quarter and won their fourth in the third quarter and won their fourth in the third quarter.

Allen Iverson scored 35 points and Eric Snow had 23 as Philadelphia overcame the loss of its best defender and rebounder after he was called for two flagrant fouls.

Pacers 115, Warriors 101

INDIANAPOLIS — Austin Croshere scored 19 points and Jonathan Bender had 17 in Indiana, leading just 102-98 with 5:20 remaining, turning its defense to hold the Warriors scoreless for more than five minutes.

Bulls 110, Bulls 81

MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd finished with 21 points and Milwaukee did not allow a field goal in a 9-minute, 40-second stretch of the second half.

Milwaukee's Ray Allen finished with 20 points and seven rebounds before he left with a pulled right hamstring early in the third quarter.

Nets 86, Raptors 84

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Kenyon Martin scored on a rebound with less than a second to play and the Nets snapped a season-high four-game losing streak.

A spin move by Jason Kidd forced Antonio Davis to contest Kidd's shot.

When it rolled off the rim, Martin was all alone to put it back with 3 seconds to play.

Spurs 98, Grizzlies 84

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio won its 18th straight game over the Memphis Grizzlies as Tim Duncan scored 23 points in the Spurs' 98-84 victory Tuesday night.

San Antonio, which won its seventh straight overall, placed five players in double figures. Steve Smith had 19 points, Antonio Daniels 15 and Malik Rose 13. Duncan added 13 rebounds.

Memphis, which has lost 10 of its last 12 games, was paced by Williams' 18 points, while Pau Gasol added 17.

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SPORTS

'Other' Blue Devils arrive

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. (AP) — They aren't fond of being known as the "other team" from Connecticut, or the "other Blue Devils" in the NCAA tournament.

But the label Central Connecticut (27-4, No. 14 seed in the South Region) really hates is "Cinderella." "You almost feel like a little girl or something," junior guard Damian Battles said Tuesday. "We're a small school, we're not a Pittsburgh, but we don't really consider ourselves Cinderellas."

Central Connecticut enters Friday's game with third-seeded Pittsburgh riding a 19-game winning streak — the longest in the nation. This is its second tournament appearance in three years.

In 1999, the then-15th seeded Blue Devils lost in the first round to Iowa State, 88-78. Corsey Edwards, now a senior, scored 15 points in that game, going up against All-American Marcus Fizer, now with the NBA's Chicago Bulls.

But Central's players know that to

gain national respect, they will have to take the next step.

"We have to build a reputation," said forward Ricardo Scott.

"Gonzaga made it to the Sweet 16 three years in a row. We have to win one game, then two games the next year."

The Northeast Conference has just one tournament win in its history, a play-in game victory in 1983 by Robert Morris over Georgia Southern. Otherwise, the conference is 0-21, staying within 10 points of their first-round foe in only seven times.

To stay in Friday's game, Central will rely on its defense. Central Connecticut is 22nd in the nation in scoring defense, allowing an average of 62.8 points. Pittsburgh is even better, allowing 61.0, good for 15th best.

The Blue Devils are 24-4 against teams ranked 110th or worse in the RPI (Rating Percentage Index). Against teams ranked better than 110th, Central Connecticut is 0-3, losing by a combined 66 points.

Bobcats bounce Utah State from NIT

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Pete Conway made six 3-pointers and scored a career-high 23 points as Montana State beat Utah State 77-69 Tuesday night in the opening round of National Invitation Tournament.

Conway, a reserve who played only 22 minutes, was 6-of-10 from 3-point range to help the Bobcats to their first NIT victory. Montana State, the Big Sky Conference regular-season champion, advanced to a first-round game against the winner of tonight's game between Wagner and Richmond.

Desmond Penigar led Utah State with 25 points, and Jeremy Vague added 18.

The Aggies lost for just the second time in their last 47 home games and have not won an NIT game since 1960.

Louisville 66, Princeton 65

— LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Reece Gaines banked in a jumper with 5.3 seconds left and scored 23 points to lift Louisville to a 66-65 win over Princeton in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament on Tuesday night.

The Cardinals (19-12) led by as many as 10 in the second half, but Princeton used 3-point shooting to set up a frantic finish.

Saint Joseph's 73, George Mason 64

— FAIRFAX, Va. — Jameer Nelson scored 28 points to lead Saint Joseph's to a 73-64 victory over George Mason on Tuesday night in the opening round of the NIT. Saint Joseph's (19-11) advances to a first

round game against Ball State, a 98-92 winner over South Florida.

George Mason, which lost in the first round of the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament, finished the season 19-10.

Ball St. 98, South Florida 92

— MUNCEIE, Ind. — Chris Williams scored a career-high 40 points and Ball State used an 18-1 run to beat South Florida 98-92 Tuesday night in the opening round of the NIT.

Theron Smith added 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Cardinals (21-11), who rallied from a 10-point deficit in the second half.

Billy Lynch added 10 points and Lonnie Jones grabbed 10 rebounds for Ball State, which snapped a seven-game postseason losing streak. It was the Cardinals' first victory since advancing to the round of 16 in the 1990 NCAA tournament.

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SPORTS

Bird, Beard head women's All-America team

The Associated Press

Sue Bird, the point guard who directs the nation's No. 1 team, was the No. 1 player Tuesday on The Associated Press All-America team.

Bird received the most votes from a nationwide media panel, and Oklahoma's Stacey Dales became the sixth player to repeat as a first-team selection. They were joined by Alana Beard of Duke, Chantelle Anderson of Vanderbilt and LaToya Thomas of Mississippi State.

Anderson and Thomas moved up from the second team last season, when Bird was on the third team and Beard received honorable mention. The first team duplicated the preseason All-America team in November.

Bird, Beard and Anderson were the only players picked on all 44 ballots cast by the media representatives who vote in the AP poll. The team has only two



Sue Bird



Stacey Dales

seniors, Bird and Dales. Anderson and Thomas are juniors and Beard is a sophomore.

Bird, who received 41 first-team votes and 214 points on a 5-3-1 basis, is the ultimate point guard - unselfish and smart, yet offensive-minded enough to score when needed. She was one of four Connecticut players on the three All-America teams, the first time one school has had that many.

Connecticut's Swim Cash and Diana Taurasi made the second

team and UConn's Asjha Jones was on the third team. The Huskies' fifth starter, Tamika Williams, received honorable mention.

"It's a great honor to make the first team among so many talented players, and I can't be more excited for my teammates, either," Bird said. "We've worked so hard all year long, and the fact that all five have been recognized by The AP goes to show how-balanced-and-true-talented our starting five are."

"I'm glad we can all share the honors together."

Bird is the one who keeps that group together. She averages 13.7 points and 5.9 assists, and makes opponents pay when they foul her. Bird has missed only six free throws all season.

Beard received 36 first-team votes and had 204 points, while Anderson had 37 first-team votes and 200 points, followed by Dales with 177 and Thomas with 140.

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member of the preseason All-America team to be picked for the postseason honor as well. Williams has already said this will be his last season at Duke.

Gooden averaged 20.4 points and 11.3 rebounds, while shooting 51 percent from the field in leading the Jayhawks to the first unblemished season in the Big 12 and the No. 1 ranking the weeks Duke wasn't there. He was two votes shy of joining Williams as a unanimous pick.

"I'm really proud to receive such a prestigious honor," Gooden said. "At the start of the season, I had a number of individual goals, which I knew I could achieve if our team had great success - and so far we have."

Gooden, who has yet to say whether he will return to Kansas next season, is the Jayhawks' first All-America since Raef LaFrenz and Paul Pierce made the 1998 team.

Logan, the two-time Conference USA player of the year, averaged 22 points and 5.2 assists, and established himself as one of the country's clutch players over his career with a number of big end-of-game shots.

Martin was the last Cincinnati player to earn All-America honors.

Dixon, the Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, led Maryland to its first Final Four appearance last season and to its first No. 1 seeding this year. He averaged 19.3 points, 4.8 rebounds and 2.7 steals for the Terrapins.

"It's a great feeling, especially when your team is winning. It's something I can share with everybody," he said.

The last Maryland player to be chosen as an All-American was Joe Smith in 1995.

Dickau is Gonzaga's first All-American, coming after a season in which the Bulldogs crack the

Top 10 for the first time. They finished sixth.

A transfer from Washington, Dickau averaged 20.6 points and 4.5 assists, while shooting 47.7 percent from 3-point range this season and was chosen West Coast Conference player of the year.

"I can't imagine it," Dickau said when told of his selection. "Obviously it's the biggest compliment in college basketball. You dream about it and set goals, not knowing if those goals will be reached. But, most of all, it's great for this program."

Dunleavy led the second team with 193 points and was joined by Casey Jacobson of Stanford, Sam Jacobson of Southern California, David West of Xavier and Jared Jeffries of Indiana.

Boorer led the third team and was joined by Brandin Knight of Pittsburgh, Jason Gardner of Arizona, Tayshaun Prince of Kentucky and Erwin Dudley of Alabama.



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Notes on the economy

Who needs help?

Apparently, more businesses than a year ago. Local employers in February placed more newspaper ads looking for workers than they did a year earlier.

Last month, employers in *The Times-News'* classified advertising section bought 1,272 employment ads. That's a hefty 45 percent more than the 878 such ads placed in February 2001. It also tops the 1,001 such ads of February 2000.

So year-to-date 2002's employment ads are running 41 percent above the total ads placed in the first two months of 2001.

Source: *The Times-News'* classifieds sales manager Debby Johnson

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Committee likes The Limited's offer

TWIN FALLS - Ohio-based Intimate Brands Inc. - which has a Bath & Body Works store in Twin Falls and will open a Victoria's Secret store here this year - said Tuesday that a special committee of independent directors recommended that Intimate Brands stockholders accept an exchange offer commenced by The Limited Inc.

Feb. 5, The Limited announced an offer to exchange about 16 percent of the outstanding Class A common stock of Intimate Brands for shares of common stock of The Limited at an exchange ratio of 1.046 shares of The Limited for each Intimate Brands share.

March 7, The Limited increased the exchange ratio to 1.1.

The Limited currently owns about 84 percent of Intimate Brands Class A common stock (through its indirect ownership of Class B common stock). The Limited's offer expires March 20.

Ordinance may give KFC's bucket the boot

MERIDIAN - Loyal customers and residents are coming to the defense of an endangered landmark: a KFC bucket perched on a pole 60 feet in the air.

The restaurant's sign has marked one of Meridian's busiest intersections for 26 years, as the town has grown from a bedroom community of about 6,000 to become the state's fifth-largest city, with about 35,000 residents.

Under the city's year-old sign ordinance, signs for a single business must be shorter than 20 feet and cannot sit on a single pole unless it is covered by decorative material that fits with the surroundings. Last fall Meridian's City Council singled out the high-flying bucket as the first target for the ordinance.

But some people are clucking over the potential loss of the bucket.

"It's just as much a landmark as the water tower," Meridian resident David Myers said. "You keep changing things, I won't even know my own hometown."

Store Manager Jeremy Schick said more than 1,200 customers have signed a petition asking the council to allow the bucket to remain.

The restaurant, formerly Kentucky Fried Chicken, displayed two "Save the bucket" signs outside the store last week.

Those signs were taken down after the city told KFC officials they violated the sign ordinance because the restaurant did not get a permit to display them.

The restaurant plans to present the petitions to the city when it asks for an exception to the rule a second time. The council turned down the first request in November.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

T.F. County sales figures improve

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News Staff Writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County businesses rang up \$20 million more in fourth-quarter sales than a year earlier.

"Which is an impressive number," said Dave McAlindin, Twin Falls city's economic development director.

"We continue to move right along," he said. "Retail sales continue to show strength, and I think that demonstrates that the economy continues to be good."

Recent reports on Twin Falls' construction starts and employment levels showed positive trends. Add sales to that list.

"Tell me where the weakness is," McAlindin said.

Certain sales in the county - including taxable and nontaxable - totaled \$379.96 million from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, compared with \$360.32 million in fourth quarter 2000, according to the Idaho State Tax Commission. That's a respectable 5.45 percent rise.

But it's not the whole story.

Twin Falls County's taxable sales slipped 1.7 percent from \$111.98 million in fourth quarter 2000 to \$110.08 million in the most recent fourth quarter.

The jump in fourth-quarter total sales isn't Twin Falls County's biggest in recent years. McAlindin's records show fourth-quarter taxable and nontaxable results in

2000 yielded 43.9 percent over year-earlier countywide sales.

Fourth-quarter total sales in 1999 actually were down 6.3 percent from year-earlier sales in Twin Falls County, an unusual trend for the '90s. In fourth quarter 1998, they gained 1.6 percent from a year earlier; in 1997, 4.1 percent; in 1996, 3.7 percent; in 1995, 14.2 percent; and in 1992, 11.6 percent.

Those totals and growth percentages exclude sales by businesses that have locations in more than one county. (If those companies each file just one sales tax return, they aren't included in county-by-county numbers.) Also excluded from county totals are sales by businesses headquartered outside of Idaho - including many major retailers with Twin Falls stores.

In the fourth quarter, Twin Falls County again was No. 6 in the state, trailing Ada, whose total sales posted 38.1 percent from a year earlier; Canyon; Kootenai; Nez Perce; and Bonneville counties, in that order. Total sales statewide dropped 2.6 percent.

The entire state is not enjoying the same level of economic activity that we are, and that's most notable in the rural areas," McAlindin said.

Results weren't so bright in the rest of the valley. Only Blaine and Lincoln counties gained ground, while Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome and Minidoka counties saw sales drop.

Here are other Magic Valley sales for the fourth quarter, reported by the Idaho State Tax Commission:

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Blaine County

- Total sales were \$144.88 million, up 0.35 percent from fourth quarter 2000.
- taxable sales were \$80.46 million, up 1.22 percent from a year earlier.

Camas County

- Total sales were \$1.71 million, down 20.8 percent from fourth quarter 2000.
- taxable sales were \$969,636, down 3.64 percent from a year earlier.

Cassia County

- Total sales were \$91.44 million, down 9.09 percent from fourth quarter 2000.
- taxable sales were \$27.79 million, down 10.02 percent from a year earlier.

Gooding County

- Total sales were \$29.34 million,

- down 2.33 percent from fourth-quarter 2000.
- taxable sales were \$8.19 million, down 19.2 percent from a year earlier.

Jerome County

- Total sales were \$74.16 million, down 6.14 percent from fourth-quarter 2000.
- taxable sales were \$31.02 million, down 5.46 percent from a year earlier.

Lincoln County

- Total sales were \$4.97 million, up 1.63 percent from fourth-quarter 2000.
- taxable sales were \$4.04 million, up 6.7 percent from a year earlier.

Minidoka County

- Total sales were \$75.9 million, down 0.52 percent from fourth-quarter 2000.
- taxable sales were \$14.4 million, down 18.05 percent from a year earlier.

The tax commission asks businesses to disclose nontaxable sales, but because no tax is due there are no tax consequences or other penalties if they don't.

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BUSINESSES REBUILD



Gilbert Scharf, chairman of Euro Brokers, sits in his office in New York last Tuesday. Euro Brokers lost 61 employees when their offices in the World Trade Center were destroyed in the Sept. 11 attacks.

NYC firms recover from 9/11 decimation

By Adam Geller
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Tucked to the wall, just over Charlie Lechner's shoulder, is a small photo of a man the gravely Lechner gently recalls as "really, really special." It is the closest Lechner will get to bringing back Mariano Nordone, the best friend who worked beside him on the agency bond desk until the morning of Sept. 11.

In front of the desk, Lechner now looks out over a buzzing new trading floor spread across a space the size of a football field where brokers are barking

orders and one of every seven is a new hire. They include several hired and trained by Lechner himself.

This is the place Lechner and his co-workers at Euro Brokers Inc. have arrived at, six months after they fled Tower 2 of the World Trade Center - holding tight to memories, simultaneously focused on moving their company forward.

"We want it," Lechner says, explaining his company's resolve to resurrect itself. "This is what we do, we're brokers. And as long as there's business out there we're going to go out and get it."

There are thousands of other

Wall Street workers who know firsthand the task set before Lechner and his colleagues. They work for scores of companies displaced from the World Trade Center, including a relatively small number of firms whose ranks accounted for most of those who died in the terrorist attacks.

Monday marked a half year since Sept. 11 and, for the companies that were very nearly wiped out, the months have yielded feats of recovery that would've sounded like business fairy tales in the days after the disaster.

In the past few weeks, Cantor

Fitzgerald, with 658 employees killed in the attacks, announced that its eSpeed subsidiary earned its first quarterly profit ever. In late January, Sandler O'Neill and Partners - back in business despite losing 66 of its 148 Trade Center workers - reopened its equity desk and was flooded with buy and sell orders.

The parent company of Euro Brokers, which lost 61 from a roster of 309, recently announced that its business in November - the most recent month for which it has reported results - had already rebounded to nearly 90 percent of the monthly volume

Union Pacific reports incentives for executives

Knight Ridder News Service

OMAHA, Neb. - Union Pacific Corp. Chairman and Chief Executive Richard K. Davidson received \$6.5 million in stock incentives as well as \$1.2 million in cash in 2001, according to a regulatory filing by Union Pacific, which has a freight office in Rupert.

Davidson received a salary of \$1.1 million and another compensation of \$107,945 in 2001. He also received restricted stock awards worth \$4.5 million and stock options valued at nearly \$2 million.

In 2000, he received \$3.6 million in restricted stock awards and a salary of \$962,504 in addition to \$95,442 in other compensation, the filing said. The CEO didn't receive a cash bonus or options in 2000.

Compensation for other Union Pacific executives:

- Ivor "Ike" Evans, president and chief operating officer for

Union Pacific Railroad, received \$2.6 million in stock incentives and a salary of \$683,340 in 2001.

- Carl von Bernuth, senior vice president, general counsel and secretary, received a cash bonus of \$700,000 and a \$421,900 salary in 2001. He received stock options valued at \$457,901.
- James Young, executive vice president of finance, received a cash bonus of \$340,000 and a salary of \$400,008.
- Dennis Duffy, executive vice president of operations for Union Pacific Railroad, received stock incentives of \$776,501, a cash bonus of \$212,500 and a salary of \$400,008.

According to the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Davidson and other executives elected to forgo \$7.8 million in 2001 cash bonuses in exchange for restricted stock equal to 150 percent of the amount of the bonuses.

Restricted stock often is

offered to executives, typically with minimum employment tenure, stock price and earnings requirements, as an incentive to keep talent within the company. The U.P. executives are required to hold the restricted stock for three years before it can be sold.

The transportation company granted Davidson options for 150,000 shares of U.P. stock in 2001, but none in 2000, the filing said. The options expire Jan. 25, 2011, and have an exercise price of \$45.88.

Stock options give employees the right to purchase a specific number of shares of stock at a fixed price until a certain date. At Friday's closing price of \$61.45 per share, an option at \$45.88 would yield a gain of \$11.57 per share.

Davidson received \$399,529 from the exercise of 29,749 options in 2001. He holds 1.2 million exercisable options, valued at \$11.1 million. He also holds 431,000 unexercisable options,

valued at \$1.2 million.

Union Pacific published the executives' compensation in proxy materials related to the company's annual shareholders meeting scheduled April 20 at the Little America Hotel at Salt Lake City. The company, which has its headquarters in Omaha and holds its shareholders' meeting in Salt Lake City each year.

At the meeting, stockholders will vote on a shareholder proposal that would prohibit the company's chairman from also serving as an executive officer, such as CEO. Davidson serves as both chairman and chief executive of Union Pacific.

Union Pacific's board has recommended shareholders vote against the proposal, saying "it would reduce the board's flexibility to select a style of leadership depending on time and circumstances." A similar proposal was rejected by shareholders last year.

Commission

requests documents from Qwest

The Times-News and The Associated Press

DENVER - The Securities and Exchange Commission has requested documents from Qwest Communications International Inc. as part of an informal inquiry into the Baby Bell's accounting practices in 2000 and 2001.

Qwest - the dominant provider of local telephone service in Magic Valley - said this week it planned to respond fully to the SEC request, which it received in a letter Friday.

The Denver-based telecommunications company said the SEC told it the inquiry is not an indication that the agency feels a violation of law has occurred.

The SEC inquired about how Qwest recorded revenue from sales of optical capacity assets to customers from whom the company agreed to purchase optical capacity.

The inquiry also focuses on equipment sales Qwest made to customers such as KMC Telecom Holdings Inc., which sold Internet services back to Qwest, and asks us why other than schedules of some phone directories.

"They've asked us for some documents," chief executive officer Joe M. Ruchio said. "They haven't told us why other than they want (to) explore these documents."

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Sears, J.C. Penney hold their own in tough economy

Knight Ridder News Service

MUNSTER, Ind. - It may be a discounter's market, but older, established stores like Sears and J.C. Penney are holding their own in the marketplace.

Bank One economist Diane Swonk said the retail market has held up remarkably well considering the economy and Sept. 11.

"Sears sells a lot of furniture and appliances and that benefits into the housing market," she said. "Sears is getting great feedback out of placement in the market and the composition of sales. They've also picked up lots of new people building new homes across the country."

Both companies - both of which have stores in the Magic Valley - have invested in renovation at stores across the country, opened new sites and closed underperforming stores. J.C. Penney made a phenomenal turnaround in the fourth quarter, earning \$95 million after huge losses a year ago.

Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s 2002-growth plans include opening 15 new full-line stores and remodeling.

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Money

Wall Street sees mixed results amid some profit taking

NEW YORK (AP) — Spooked by weak sales predictions and accounting investigations in the telecommunications and technology sectors, investors collected profits Tuesday and left the stock market with a mixed close.

ed with disappointing news, many analysts had predicted a pullback. Stocks have been steadily moving higher all month, with the Nasdaq advancing 7.7 percent, leading to speculation that Wall Street was ready for some retracement.

future. But no one knows whether the reports will be strong enough to sustain the market's advance. Wall Street punished stocks it feared wouldn't deliver big returns. Lucent slid 66 cents, or 10.5 percent, to \$5.56, while Nokia lost \$1.41, or 18 percent, to \$22.09, after the telecommunications companies each reduced sales forecasts.

Students help market microwave spud

RIGBY (AP) — Some businessmen in eastern Idaho have found a new source of marketing help — Students in Free Enterprise. "These are excellent students," said Brent Jones, owner of Jones Meat & Poultry Services in Rigby. "They have to be self-starters. They're entrepreneurs."

measures, all sorts of things." This week, they packaged 30 packages in three varieties — Mountain Man Chili, Pioneer Chicken and Farm Fresh Broccoli. One potato of each variety will be mailed to 100 BYU-Idaho donors, accompanied by a survey about the potatoes.

Rebuild

Continued from D6 before the attack. "I can tell you, I'm looking forward to the day when I can put out a press release that says: 'I'm done,'" said Michael Corsaniti, who has interviewed more than 500 job applicants since he helped hire 100 in October to rebuild a department at Keefe Bruyette & Woods.

Euro Brokers. "It makes you work a little differently, and you get back to business." Doing so has required people to do things well beyond the scope of their normal duties.

attack, when Scharf called his surviving managers to gather in an empty office space that would become the company's new temporary home in lower Manhattan. They arrived in full military helicopters patrolling overhead.

desk that deals in reprocessed Treasury bonds, executive Ed Keslo — who began work at the firm Sept. 10 — gradually began to replace the nine brokers lost from a staff of 20. In January, the desk had its best month ever.

Many of the companies are still working out of temporary space, in makeshift conditions, and say moving to permanent offices will be one of the leading goals of the coming months. Most still have at least some hiring to do. All still have potential wounds that require healing.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Summary table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, GAINERS, LOSERS, DIARY, INDEXES, STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST. Includes market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrial.

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NATION IN BRIEF

Priest, parishioner die in shooting

LYNBROOK, N.Y. — A man suspected of fatally shooting a priest and an elderly worshipper at a Long Island church was arrested Tuesday after police stormed his home and ended a daylong standoff.

The 34-year-old suspect, whom police did not immediately identify, was captured after he attempted to stab an officer with a small knife. Nassau County Police Inspector Pete Maturo said.

Police say the man took a rifle into a Roman Catholic church during morning Mass and opened fire, killing the priest and a 73-year-old worshipper.

Mayor Eugene Scarpato said he understood that the gunman — described as 35 to 40 years old — was a former church employee who had been fired several months ago. But police and church officials would not immediately confirm that.

California man pleads guilty to six murders

LOS ANGELES — A respiratory therapist who called himself the "Angel of Death" struck a deal to avoid one death penalty Tuesday, pleading guilty to murdering six elderly patients with drug injections.

He also pleaded guilty to attempting to murder seven patients.

Efron Saldivar, 32, agreed to seven consecutive life sentences in prison without the possibility of parole. He will be sentenced on April 17.

Nearly inaudibly, Saldivar answered "guilty" to each count.

He told police in 1998 that he might have contributed to "anywhere from 100 to 200" deaths and actively killed up to 50 patients by giving drugs or withholding treatment. He spent nine years as a hospital worker.

University intramural team calls itself 'Fighting Whities'

GREELEY, Colo. — Unable to persuade a local school to change a mascot name that offends them, a group of American Indian students at the University of Northern Colorado named their intramural basketball team "The Fighting Whities."

The team chose a white man as its mascot to raise awareness of stereotypes that some cultures endure.

"The message is, let's do something that will let people see the other side of what it's like to be a mascot," said Solomon Little Owl, a member of the team and director of Native American Student Services at the university.

The students are upset with Eaton High School for using an American Indian caricature on the team logo. The team is called the Reds.

Letterman says he'll stay at CBS as 'Late Show' host

NEW YORK — David Letterman put an end to the late-night soap opera that has preoccupied television for more than a week, telling his "Late Show" audience that he is staying at CBS and rejecting an offer from his "ABC" show.

Letterman's future has been the subject of widespread speculation since reports emerged that ABC was trying to woo him with a multi-million-dollar offer that would have displaced veteran newsmen Ted Koppel from his "Nightline" slot.

Letterman ended the speculation on Monday — his first day back after a Caribbean vacation that coincided with the buzz about his future.

"I've never been in a situation like this in my life (and) the whole thing has been a circus."

The fallout from the decision is certain to be felt at ABC, which has repair work to do at its news division.

Koppel said that ABC parent Walt Disney Co. had for Letterman had damaged his show.

He said it would be unreasonable to expect people at "Nightline" to continue working in a climate of uncertainty.

Ridge outlines new alert system

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Unveiling a color-coded terrorism warning system, domestic security chief Tom Ridge said Tuesday the nation is on yellow alert — facing a "significant risk" of danger but not the highest stage.

The five-level system is a response to public complaints that broad terror alerts issued by the government since the Sept. 11 attacks raised alarm without providing useful guidance.



Tom Ridge

level of alert, "but I certainly think it's years away," he said the

United States faces the "permanent possibility" of terrorist attack.

America is at yellow alert because the al-Qaida terrorist network is trying to reform after defeats in Afghanistan and has trained thousands of terrorists, some of whom have likely slipped into the United States, Ridge said.

Hundreds of local police agencies were being notified Tuesday of the yellow alert as well as what the color-coded system entails.

Stages of alert

These new stages of alert detail how government agencies should respond:

- **Green** is a low risk of terrorist attack.
- **Blue** is a general risk, and agencies are asked to review and update emergency response procedures.
- **Yellow** is an "elevated condition," meaning there is a significant risk of terrorist-related surveillance of critical locations and implementing some

emergency-response plans are called for.

- **Orange** signifies a high risk of attack, meaning the government should coordinate necessary security efforts with armed forces or law enforcement agencies and take additional precautions at public events.
- **Red** means a "severe risk" of attack and may require the pre-positioning of specially trained teams, closing public and government facilities and monitoring transportation systems.

Educators discount Darwin

Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The subject of classroom biology in Ohio schools is making for a thorough, sniping, and sometimes entertaining debate between evolution backers and proponents of an "intelligent design" theory on the origin of life.

Ohio is considering discounting Darwin's theory of evolution as the state adopts a new set of science standards for schools.

On Monday, before an audience of 1,500 people at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, two evolution scientists from Case Western Reserve and Brown universities exchanged testy and cynical barbs with two scientists from the Seattle-based Discovery Institute.

The institute promotes intelligent design. "It's a pleasure to be here to talk about science," said CWRU physics professor and evolution supporter Lawrence Krauss, "though I wish we were here to talk about things that strengthen science, not dilute it."

The intelligent design theory suggests that life is too complex to have simply evolved — as Darwin's theory suggests — and therefore, life must have been designed by some supernatural being, maybe God, maybe alien beings. Its supporters say evolution leaves too many scientific questions unanswered.

Intelligent design supporter Jonathan Wells said he was just pleased the theory he supports found an audience.

The four men each were familiar with the research of the others and have written articles on why they feel their counterparts' view of science is wrong. They referred to the other side as "my opponent," and at one point one of the debaters refused to share an overhead slide when making an argument.

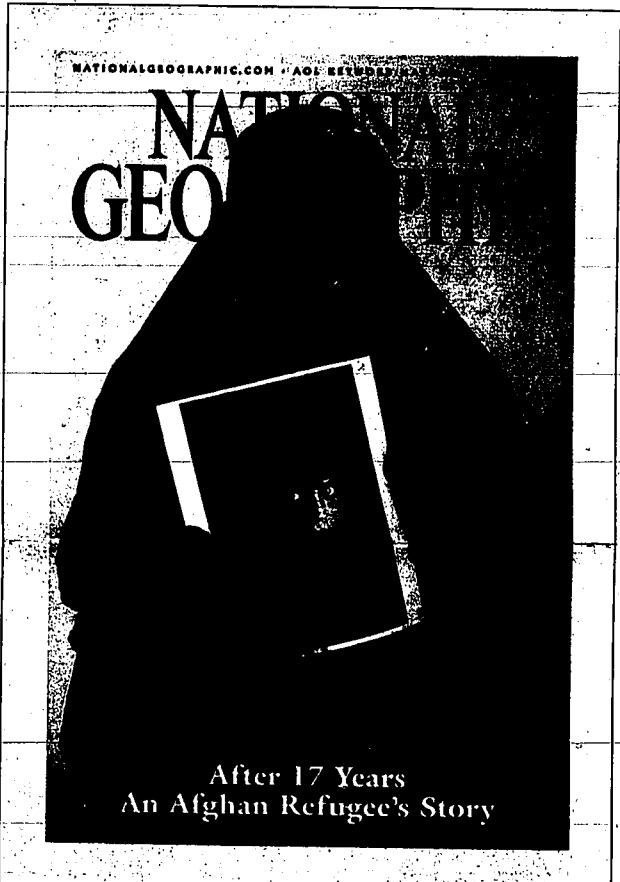
The Frank discussion revolved around a topic that two months ago would have seemed unlikely to grow into such a contentious matter with landmark implications.

This year the 19-member state school board plans to adopt a new set of science standards for grades kindergarten through 12, just as it did last year for language arts and math. But with the science standards, the board is attracting national attention for considering discounting Darwin's theory of evolution, currently recognized in all 50 states.

Already, some Ohio officials, including state school board member Debra Owens Fink and state Rep. Twyla Roman are siding with intelligent design supporters.

Two bills have been introduced that would give the Ohio legislature unprecedented authority in setting school science standards. Currently such standards are set by the state school board.

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS



Beneath the burka is Sharbat Gula, the 'Afghan girl' whose green-eyed gaze bewitched the world 17 years ago. Gula holds her portrait, which became the most famous picture ever to appear on the cover of National Geographic magazine. Her life and how she was located after nearly two decades is the cover story of National Geographic's April issue, on newsstands April 1.

National Geographic tracks down Afghan girl in famous cover photo

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seventeen years ago, an Afghan girl orphaned and living in a refugee camp appeared on the cover of National Geographic, her eyes big and green, and red scarf draped loosely over her hair.

Now, the magazine says it has tracked down the subject of that famous photo, a wife and mother living in a remote part

of Afghanistan, and will once again feature her in its April issue focusing on the plight of refugees.

The girl whose parents had been killed by bombing during the Soviet war in Afghanistan, was photographed in 1984 at the Nasir Bagh refugee camp in Pakistan by Steve McCurry.

She was believed to be about 13 at the time, said Geographic spokeswoman Ellen Siskind, which would make her 29 or 30

now.

Sharbat Gula married shortly after the 1984 picture was taken and has had four girls, one of whom died as an infant. A Pakistan, she had never seen her famous photo, the magazine said.

The original photograph also was on the cover of a best-selling special edition that National Geographic published last fall of its 100 best photographs over the years.

Boston Archdiocese will pay up to \$30M

The Associated Press

BOSTON — In one of the biggest such settlements on record, the Archdiocese of Boston has agreed to pay up to \$30 million to 86 people who accused now-defrocked priest John J. Geoghan of child molestation.

"Accepting this money is not going to end the turmoil in their lives," said plaintiffs' attorney

Mitchell Garabedian, who announced the settlement at a news conference Tuesday. "They are not going to be buying yachts and floating around the Bahamas. There's tremendous pain here."

Under the settlement, which was reached Monday night after months of negotiations, the alleged victims and families will receive a total of \$15 million to \$30 million, according to

Garabedian.

The archdiocese already has paid an estimated \$15 million to 40 of Geoghan's alleged victims since the mid-1990s, making this one of the costliest sex scandals the nation's Roman Catholic Church has ever seen.

It was already the biggest scandal to rock the church in terms of the wave of allegations it has set off against priests across the country.

Astronauts return triumphant

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Columbia and its crew of seven returned to Earth in triumph Tuesday after giving the Hubble Space Telescope awesome new ability to see practically to the edge of the universe.

"I'm awe-struck when I look back at everything we were able to do," said Columbia's commander, Scott Altman.

Sean O'Keefe: "This exceeded everybody's expectations."

Columbia swooped through the pre-dawn darkness, a ghostly, grainy image in the infrared camera that guided the shuttle on final approach. Altman guided his ship to a safe touchdown, ending a 4-million-mile journey of 11 days.

The astronauts left behind an orbiting observatory able to generate more power and see farther than ever before.

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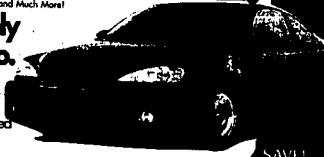
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