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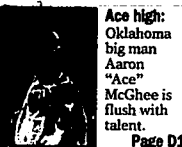
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# Report: Terrorists regroup

## Al-Qaida, Taliban fugitives bide their time in Pakistan, sources say

The Associated Press

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan** — Protected by sympathetic clerics, up to 1,000 Taliban and al-Qaida leaders are hiding in Pakistan and planning a Taliban comeback in Afghanistan, according to Taliban members and others familiar with the Islamic movement.

Most of the exiles — including some of the best-known figures in the Islamic militia — live quietly in Pakistan's lawless frontier region,

### U.S. forces enter Philippines' battle zone — A3

protected by tribal leaders of their own Pashtun ethnic group in an area where the central government's authority is limited.

In Washington, CIA chief George Tenet told Congress Tuesday that many pockets of insurgents remain in the Afghan-Pakistan border area, and wiping

them out could pose a military challenge because they are in smaller groups of 10 men or so.

"As spring emerges, we'll see, maybe, more activity on their part," Tenet said.

Surviving leaders of the al-Qaida terrorist network are rallying followers to conduct more attacks despite the arrest of hundreds of extremists worldwide, Tenet said.

Some 1,300 people alleged to have ties to al-Qaida have been

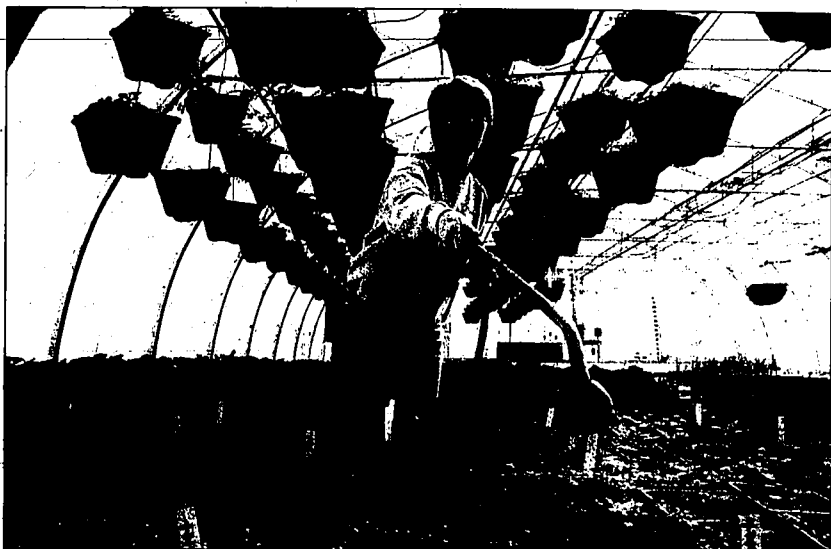
*'Al-Qaida leaders still at large are working to reconstitute the organization and to resume its terrorist operations.'*

— George Tenet, CIA chief

detained by 70 foreign governments since Sept. 11, Tenet told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

But al-Qaida cells in Europe and in the Middle East remain  
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## ANTICIPATING SPRING



Connie Windsor waters the plants in the greenhouse at Windsor's Greenhouses and Nurseries. Today is the official first day of spring, and dedicated gardeners are among those hoping for an end to wintry weather.

# It's here, and it may start feeling like it

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Almost everyone is looking to forward to spring, with its warmer weather and sunny skies.

And spring, officially, is here. The season of rebirth begins at precisely 12:16 p.m. today with the vernal equinox, the moment the sun is directly over the equator.

But spring might not bring the warm weather everyone is ready for just yet. Today's high temperatures are headed into the mid-low 50s, but low temperatures are still in the 20s.

### Equinox facts

• **Equinox means "equal night."** Because the sun is positioned above the equator, day and night are about equal in length throughout the world during the equinoxes.

• **Autumnal equinox** for the northern

hemisphere will be Sept. 23 at 10:55 a.m.

• **There would be no variation in day lengths or temperature if the Earth rotated on an axis perpendicular to the Earth's orbit around the sun.** It is the 23.4-degree tilt of the Earth's axis which creates seasons.

Chad Bunn, assistant pro at the Gooding Public Golf Course, said warm weather would be great. Cool weather has kept the golf season from getting fully underway.

"We're always open by the first of March," Bunn said, but

weather this season delayed opening the course until March 16.

Spring golfers will play in worse weather than those who come out later in the summer, Bunn said. People have spring fever—and are anxious to play

that first round of golf.

Farmers are also waiting for warmer temperatures to get outside and work. But Murtaugh farmer David Moyes said he doesn't get too excited about spring until the first of April.

Every farmer is different, Moyes said. Right now a lot of work is being done indoors, such as servicing equipment. Most years, farmers can at least work outside by now. This year, "It's just miserable to be outside."

"We are totally at the mercy of Mother Nature," Moyes said. "It's not an exact science."

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## Heart-shock device could save thousands

Los Angeles Times

Implantable devices that shock a faltering heart back into proper rhythm could potentially save 24,000 lives per year by preventing repeated heart attacks, according to a major new study.

But the devices, similar to the one used by Vice President Dick Cheney, come at considerable cost — as much as \$60,000 each, including the cost of implant surgery. They could add more than \$1 billion to the national health-care bill if they were used by all patients who would benefit.

The devices, called implantable cardiac defibrillators or ICDs, already have proved valuable in treating patients who have abnormal heart rhythms, the problem Cheney suffers from.

The new study broadens their application to a much larger group. The devices could be used

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## LOWERED SECURITY



State workers on Tuesday remove the last of the barriers blocking road access to the Idaho Statehouse. The barriers began going up as security measures following the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center towers.

## Report: Young Idahoans drop out, don't work

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — While the 1990s brought Idaho some of the nation's strongest economic and population growth, it also saw a dramatic increase in the number of idle teens.

A new Kids Count report, financed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, found that the number of 16- to 19-year-olds neither attending school nor working rose 26 percent during the 1990s. Nationally, the number dropped 10 percent. Only Utah posted a larger increase at 29 percent.

"It probably has something to do with our overall lack of alternatives for kids who are not tracked into college preparatory, our lack of vocational schools or alternatives for kids who have trouble in school," said Roger Sherman of United Vision for Idaho.

Education alternatives might keep some teen-agers in school, he said, while vocational education programs could give

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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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## ALMANAC

**Idaho Extremes**  
 Yesterday: High 53°  
 Castelfore Low -2°  
 Ketchum

**Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday**  
 Temperature 49/22°  
 High/Low 49/22°  
 Normal high/low 46/27°  
 Record high 72° in 1999  
 Record low 8° in 1985

**Precipitation**  
 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday 0.00"  
 To date 0.54"  
 Normal to date 0.37"  
 Water year to date (Oct. 1) 6.41"  
 Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 6.01"

**Humidity**  
 Yesterday at noon 57%  
**Barometric Pressure**  
 Yesterday at 6 p.m. 30.17 in.

**Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls**  
 Grass Absent  
 Weed Absent  
 Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

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

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## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Times of clouds and sun: mid.	Partly cloudy.	Partly sunny and pleasant.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine.	A shower; occasional sunshine.	Clouds and some sunshine; a shower.
▲ 52° ▼	▼ 32°	▲ 57° ▼ 34°	▲ 57° ▼ 32°	▲ 52° ▼ 28°	▲ 50° ▼ 28°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** Turning windy and milder today with times of clouds and sunshine; rains to the S0s in the valleys of the north. Highs from the 10s to the 20s in the mountains to the S0s in the valleys of the north. Highs from the 10s to the 20s in the mountains to the S0s in the valleys of the north.

**Boise:** Turning breezy and milder today under a mixture of clouds and sunshine. High 56. Partly cloudy tonight. Low 37. Partly sunny and mild tomorrow. High 59.

**Northern Nevada:** A mixture of clouds and sunshine near the northern border today, with the south will be mostly sunny; a mild afternoon. Highs from near 50 in the northeast to 60 in the southwest.

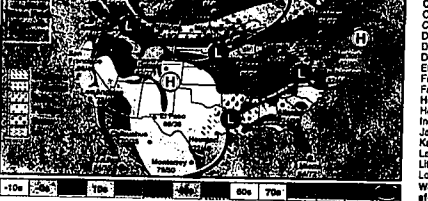
**Northern Utah:** Partly sunny today with a breezy, milder afternoon. Highs will range from near 30 in the mountains to the upper 50s in the low spots across the west. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight.

**Northern Idaho:** Windy and colder today with low clouds most of the time; some rain in the north and 2,500 feet in the south. Highs 25-48.

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 95° in Laredo, TX Low -4° in Flag Island, MN

## NATIONAL WEATHER



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

## CANADIAN CITIES

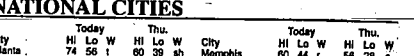
City	Today	Thu.	W.
Calgary	-1/14	23/22	pc
Edmonton	2/3	38/37	pc
Halifax	11/1	21/20	pc
Kelowna	34/10	38/37	pc
Lethbridge	11/7	26/24	pc
Pelican	39/30	51/48	pc
Saskatoon	2/19	16/14	pc
Toronto	43/32	33/31	pc
Vancouver	26/22	41/38	pc
Victoria	41/37	47/42	pc
Winnipeg	8/9	3/3	pc

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:42 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:50 p.m.
Moonrise today	10:09 a.m.
Moonset tonight	12:05 a.m.

Phase	Today	Last	Next
First	Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 4
Full	Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 4
Last	Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 4
New	Mar 21	Mar 28	Apr 4

## UV INDEX TODAY



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

## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	W.	Th.	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi
Atlanta	75	81	80	83	68	76	68	76	68	76
Baltimore	48	42	58	28	42	24	42	24	42	24
Birmingham	74	81	82	26	64	74	64	74	64	74
Boise	40	37	51	24	37	24	37	24	37	24
Bozeman, MT	52	58	62	28	48	58	48	58	48	58
Chicago	50	58	62	32	42	52	42	52	42	52
Cleveland	50	51	58	32	42	52	42	52	42	52
Denver	52	56	62	42	52	62	52	62	52	62
Des Moines	54	58	62	27	8	27	8	27	8	27
Detroit	50	51	58	32	42	52	42	52	42	52
El Paso	68	74	82	32	42	52	42	52	42	52
Fairbanks	30	3	31	0	3	31	0	3	31	0
Honolulu	80	82	86	16	4	16	4	16	4	16
Houston	72	48	74	47	47	47	47	47	47	47
Indianapolis	52	50	58	37	42	52	42	52	42	52
Jacksonville	62	61	67	1	67	1	67	1	67	1
Kansas City	58	29	33	12	33	12	33	12	33	12
Las Vegas	77	50	81	54	54	54	54	54	54	54
Little Rock	62	62	68	33	42	52	42	52	42	52
Los Angeles	76	48	78	52	42	52	42	52	42	52
Phoenix	72	78	82	54	20	54	20	54	20	54
Portland, ME	38	31	31	0	31	0	31	0	31	0
Raleigh	50	51	58	32	42	52	42	52	42	52
San Diego	72	74	82	68	68	68	68	68	68	68
San Francisco	66	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48	48
Seattle	48	42	42	54	40	54	40	54	40	54
Tucson	62	62	68	33	42	52	42	52	42	52
Washington, DC	54	48	52	42	42	42	42	42	42	42

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, ah-shower, th-thunderstorm, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, a-snow, f-fog.

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	W.	Th.	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi
Boise	56	27	39	39	24	42	24	42
Bonnerville	18	21	29	39	24	42	24	42
Burley	51	28	39	39	24	42	24	42
Cooper Lake	34	20	29	39	24	42	24	42
EMO	54	26	35	27	18	39	18	39
Eugene, OR	58	42	60	44	39	44	39	44
Hagerman	52	21	31	29	21	39	21	39
Idaho Falls	38	23	39	46	23	39	23	39
Kalispell, MT	19	10	26	18	16	32	16	32
Lewiston	38	24	38	38	24	38	24	38
Malheur	46	23	39	21	18	39	18	39
Malta	3	12	15	1	1	15	1	15

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# Huge, ancient ice chunk falls in 'spring event'

**The Associated Press**

An enormous floating ice shelf in Antarctica that has existed since the last Ice Age 12,000 years ago collapsed this month with staggering speed during one of the warmest summers on record there, scientists say.



SOURCES: British Antarctic Survey; NASA's Terra satellite, supplied by Ted Scambos, National Science Foundation, University of Colorado, Boulder.

Scientists stopped short of blaming the collapse on global warming caused by human activity. But they noted that the ice shelf had persisted through previous climate changes well before civilization began altering the environment.

"It's a profound event," said geologist Christina Hulbe of Portland State University. "This ice shelf has endured many thousands of years. Now it's gone."

Satellite images show that the piece of the Larsen B ice shelf collapsed during a five-week period that ended March 7. It splintered into a plume of drifting icebergs.

The collapsed area was designated Larsen B, and was 650 feet thick and with a surface area of 1,250 square miles, or about the size of Rhode Island.

Larsen B is separate from a new, giant iceberg that satellites are tracking off Antarctica.

The iceberg - designated B-22 - broke free from the Thwaites Ice Tongue, a peninsula of ice and snow extending into the Amundsen Sea on the other side of the Antarctic Peninsula. B-22 is about 53 miles long and 40 miles wide, according to the National Ice Center operated by the Navy.

In contrast, the Larsen ice shelf is on the Antarctic Peninsula and extends about 1,000 miles closer to the tip of South America than the rest of the Antarctic continent.

In recent months, with the polar summer just beginning, temperatures were already creeping above freezing in the peninsula region. Scientists said there has also been a 50-year warming trend in the peninsula, which is considered a sensitive, early indicator of global climate change.

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# Road

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Jeanenne Barneby of Jarbridge urged for resolution.

"We're all taxpayers. We've gotten to the point (where asking) where is the sense in this?" she asked.

People upset with the fact that the Forest Service so far hasn't allowed the road to be repaired seemed responsive to suggestions for compromise. Repairing the road while protecting the fish was promoted by some as the way to go, although specifics about how to accomplish that were not discussed.

The National Environmental Policy Act is the federal law governing Forest Service procedure for how to study the issue and determine what to do. The Jarbridge issue is particularly sensitive because the Jarbridge River is home to bull trout that in 1999 were listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

"Our elected representatives passed NEPA," said David

Barneby of Jarbridge. "We're not going to change it. The best way to deal with it is to come up with a credible plan to rebuild... Just stomping your feet and making a fuss is not going to get us anywhere."

Issues that surfaced at Tuesday's meeting included charges that the federal government was restricting access to public land, the need for access to South Canyon Road for search and rescue efforts and fire protection, and whether repairing the road really would harm bull trout habitat.

"The bull trout issue is a bunch of bull," one man said. "They don't live in Jarbridge River. They live at Jack Creek."

Nearly two years ago an estimated 500 work-party protesters showed up in Jarbridge on the Fourth of July to re-open the road that they said the Forest Service unilaterally closed.

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"I am waiting for the big war," said Mullah Towha, former chief of security for the Taliban governor of Afghanistan's Nangarhar province. "America and Britain will have to leave one day, and then we will have a jihad against those Afghans who fought with them against our Muslims."

The mullah, who has trimmed his beard and abandoned his distinctive Taliban turban for a white skullcap, spoke to The Associated Press in a car as it weaved through the Khyber Pass in the middle of Pakistan's tribal belt.

Pakistan has repeatedly denied knowingly harboring al-Qaida and Taliban renegades and has insisted that intelligence service links to extremists were severed after President Pervez Musharraf threw his support to the U.S.-led war on terrorism last year.

# Terror

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capable of attacks, he said.

"Al-Qaida leaders still at large are working to reconstitute the organization and to resume its terrorist operations," he said.

Roughly half of the 1,300 remain in custody, said a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Other officials have said al-Qaida financial activity and communications have increased in recent weeks, suggesting plans for new attacks. The activity is centered in northwestern Pakistan.

Many of the Taliban fugitives there remain convinced that interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai's hold on power depends on U.S. support and once the Americans are gone, they will have little trouble dealing with Afghans who are now allied with Washington.

**Heart**

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in 200,000 to 400,000 new patients every year. There is also a backlog of existing heart attack patients - perhaps as many as 2 million - who would also benefit from the device. The study indicates that they could reduce heart attack death rates among all such patients by nearly one-third.

"This is an important and major contribution to the field, as it sets new standards for therapy to save lives and improve survival," said Dr. Arthur J. Moss of the University of Rochester Medical Center, who led the study. "It's like having your own personal coronary care unit."

The primary drawback is expense. The devices cost about \$20,000 per unit, and the surgery can be double or even triple that number. Fearing the cost, some critics are resisting widespread use. "It's too soon to make sweeping recommendations without considering the increased costs," said Dr. David Dixon, president of the American Heart Association. "The next step is to narrow in on the type of patient who would benefit most, maximizing the benefits while keeping costs low."

# Heart

**Spring**

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The right conditions for planting come as early as February or at a late as April, but the ground looks for the ground to be dry enough not to compact easily. If a farmer is out too early, the soil gets full of clods and "you'll fight those clods all year long," Moyes said.

Gardeners on a smaller scale should also be cautious, said Steve Salisbury, Twin Falls County extension educator. The last day of frost, on average, is May 13.

Salisbury has been fielding calls from people ready to start gardening. It all depends on the weather, he said.

"Excitement can be crushed with one frost," Salisbury said.

He lamented his own experience getting started too early last year and then watching snow fall on his garden during the first week in May.

"To fix the gardening version of spring fever, create a garden plan, buy seeds and start planting indoors," Salisbury suggested.

To some, spring means the beginning of fun. All schools in the valley, as well as the College of Southern Idaho, have spring break next week.

Spring break is an important time to take a deep breath and look to the last stretch of the school year, said Cassia County Superintendent Mike Chesley. About one-quarter of the school year is left.

This year, though not always, spring break is a full week, Chesley said. It gives students and teachers alike a chance to get away if possible.

Getting away is how retired Idaho Department of Fish and Game Officer Fred Frost is planning to start his spring. He's headed to Mexico. When he returned, though, he said he's ready to shed the polar fleeces and insulated boots and spend time outdoors.

Frost said he looks forward to having trails dry for running and seeing the animals come back to the area.

He described winter as a "drough" of animals. It's great to see the "New Birds cotton-tails" and the many birds show up, Frost said.

# Spring

**Corrections**

A headline in Tuesday's paper incorrectly characterized the possibility of delaying employee contract offers at the College of Southern Idaho. President Jerry Meyerhoefer made that recommendation, but the college board has not yet acted on the proposal.

A photo caption in Saturday's religion section incorrectly identified a woman at a Mothers of

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# U.S. troops launch rescue in Philippines combat zone

UPPER MANGGAS, Philippines - Muslim extremists unleashed a volley of grenades and small arms fire on a Filipino army patrol Tuesday, wounding two soldiers, and prompting Green Berets to try to retrieve the injured men - only the second time Americans have ventured into the combat zone.

The clash between about 30 Filipino troops and a group of Abu Sayyaf rebels erupted within earshot of the Green Berets as they attended a town meeting on the southern island of Basilan to discuss local residents' safety concerns.

Abu Sayyaf is believed to have links to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network.

After a series of frantic radio calls, the four Green Berets learned that Filipino platoon commander Lt. Lomang Beduya had a serious head wound and one of his men was shot in the arm. As the fight raged, the elite U.S. troops piled into a blue pickup truck and headed out to evacuate the wounded Philippine soldiers.

## U.S. plans to pursue death penalty against suspect

WASHINGTON - Federal prosecutors are preparing to seek the death penalty against Zacarias Moussoui, the only person charged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, according to government officials and a letter sent by prosecutors to victims' families.

Attorney General John Ashcroft has not given final approval to prosecutors to push for the death penalty, but the Justice Department has until March 29 to make a decision, according to two officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

In the meantime, prosecutors are getting ready to argue that the man they allege conspired and trained alongside the Sept. 11 airliner hijackers should be put to death.

The government's intention to seek capital punishment was first disclosed in a letter from U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty and lead prosecutor David J. Novak to dozens of victims' families.

U.S. questions suspected al-Qaida operative in plot

WASHINGTON - Authorities in Sudan have detained a suspected al-Qaida official and questioned him about a plot to blow up Los Angeles international air-



Zacarias Moussoui

## Nation in brief

port and the attack on the U.S. destroyer Cole in a port in Yemen, three Bush administration officials said Tuesday.

The suspect, whose name was withheld, has been in custody for several weeks and was quizzed about aspects of the so-called Millennium plot - calculated to spread terror in the days before and after the start of the new century - as well as the suicide bombing of the Cole in October 2000, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Published reports identified the suspect in Sudanese custody as Anas al-Liby, one of 22 people on the U.S. list of most-wanted terrorists. He's suspected of being one of the masterminds behind the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Kenya and Tanzania.

U.S. officials, however, said Tuesday those reports weren't correct.

## Olympics chief seeks governor post back east

BOSTON - Acting Gov. Jane Swift dropped out of the governor's race Tuesday rather than fight for the Republican nomination against Mitt Romney, the acclaimed Salt Lake City Olympics chief.

Romney formally entered the race a few hours later. He thanked Swift for her years of work and said he didn't want to take attention away from her on "her day."

"I also think it's admirable that she's decided to focus her resources on managing the state during tough economic times and also to help raise her family with all her energy and heart," Romney said, surrounded by his wife, Ann, and other family members.

Swift, who has been plagued by personal and political controversies, said she decided not to take on the simultaneous tasks of being a mother of three, running for election and governing during a budget crunch.

Romney, 55, has been riding a wave of popularity since successfully leading last month's Winter Olympics. A longtime Massachusetts resident who graduated from Brigham Young University in Utah and sent his children there, Romney graduated from Harvard Business School and went to work in Boston at Bain & Co., where he rose to chairman.



Mitt Romney

# Campaign finance foes concede defeat

WASHINGTON - The Senate is expected to pass campaign finance legislation today as opponents of the fund-raising reforms concede the fight in Congress and prepare to do battle in the courts.

Last week, Senate Democrats who support the bill had been gearing up against their Republican opponents - warning of possible all-night sessions to counter any stalling maneuvers that could emerge.

But by late Tuesday, most supporters of the bill in the Senate were vanishing. "The only remaining questions were how quickly debate on the bill would end and what its final margin of passage would be.



Sen. John McCain

The bill would ban the unlimited donations to a national political party known as soft money, impose new regulations on certain forms of advertising and double the amount of money an individual donor can give directly to a candidate for Congress or president.

If enacted, it would be the broadest overhaul of election law since the post-Watergate reforms of 1974.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., for years the leading opponent of

reform, conceded that the bill would in all likelihood be approved, and he predicted that President Bush would sign it.

"I'd be really surprised if he didn't," McConnell told reporters. But he reiterated that he plans to become the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit challenging the bill's constitutionality once it becomes law.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the bill's best-known proponent, said congressional debate would end as early as today. "It's over," he said. "It's time to close."

The bill the Senate is considering won approval last month from the House on a 240-189 vote.

The first scheduled vote in the Senate would be on whether to force final action on the bill. Under Senate rules, that vote will

require 60 votes for approval, a margin that both sides say proponents appear to have.

At some point afterward, also probably today, the Senate would then vote on final passage. That formality, requiring only a simple majority of 51 senators, would clear Congress to send the bill to the White House.

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# U.S. schedules millions in aid to Mexico economy

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - President Bush plans to direct \$30 million to poor areas of Mexico over the next year in an effort to discourage illegal immigration by strengthening businesses there, administration officials said Tuesday.

Bush, who will announce the plan in Mexico as part of a four-day Latin America trip that begins Thursday, had resisted earlier requests from Mexican President Vicente Fox for assistance to parts of his country that have struggled even as the border region boomed after the 1993 signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Some authorities on Mexico, citing a World Bank estimate that the country needs \$20 billion a year in new infrastructure for 10 years, said Bush's plan was too small to stem immigration. But Mexican officials expressed confidence the United States will increase its spending if the program proves effective.

# Bush plans border security move

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, responding to the terror attacks, is expected to ask Congress to remove the Customs Service from the Treasury Department and create a new agency in charge of securing America's porous borders.

His domestic security team recommended in a meeting Tuesday that Bush seek to

merge the Customs Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which includes the Border Patrol, according to senior administration officials.

The Justice Department would oversee the new agency, which would take over enforcement activities from the embattled INS.

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# High court looks at drug testing at school

WASHINGTON (AP) — A rural Oklahoma school district took a sensible approach to stemming what it saw as the general problem of drug use among students when it required drug testing before students could participate in after-school activities, the school lawyer argued to the Supreme Court Tuesday.

Several justices seemed ready to agree with the school that the

random drug tests are constitutional even though the school had reported no widespread drug problem in the past.

"You think life and death is not at issue in the fight against drugs?" Justice Antonin Scalia barked at an American Civil Liberties Union lawyer challenging the policy was a reasonable

response to dangerous drug use among young people nationwide, and in keeping with the court's landmark 1995 ruling that schools could test athletes for drugs.

The Tecumseh, Okla., school "did what I would have done," Breyer said. "I would have asked my kids what's really going on in the school."

The court's ruling, expected by summer, should fill in a major

question left from the 1995 ruling: whether the factors that made drug testing acceptable for athletes apply to other after-school activities, or even students at large.

Former student Lindsey Earls and others backed by the ACLU claim that such "suspicionless" drug tests violate the Constitution's guarantee against unreasonable searches or seizures.

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# FBI shuts down child-pornography ring

WASHINGTON — The FBI says it expects to arrest at least 50 more people by week's end as it breaks up an Internet child-pornography ring that allegedly included two Catholic priests, six other members of the clergy, a school bus driver and a civilian law enforcement employee.

The agency said Monday its "Operation Candyman" sweep already had resulted in criminal charges against more than 89 people in 26 states. The effort targeted members of three Internet discussion groups on Yahoo Inc.'s Web site, including one called "Candyman," apparently named after a song in the 1971 children's movie "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

## Nation In brief

**Labor Department regulation** that penalized employers but stopped short of saying companies never have to give workers notice about leaves.

**Dissenting Justice Sandra Day O'Connor** said the notice "can facilitate leave planning, allowing employees to organize their health treatments or family obligations around the total amount of leave they will ultimately be provided."

**California dog mauling trial jury begins deliberations**

LOS ANGELES — After last-minute courtroom fireworks that led to a defense attorney's rebuke, a jury began deliberating Tuesday in the trial of a San Francisco couple whose dogs mauled a neighbor to death outside her apartment door.

Deliberations began nearly 14 months after college lacrosse coach Diane Whipple, 33, was attacked by the two huge French Canario dogs. After five hours of talks, the panel went home for the night.

Marjorie Knoller, 46, who was walking the dogs, is charged with second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and owning a mischievous dog that killed a person. She could get 15 years to life in prison if convicted. Her husband, Robert Noel, 60, faces the latter two charges and could get up to four years.

Before the case against the husband-and-wife lawyers went to the jury, Superior Court Judge James L. Warren clashed with Knoller's attorney, Nedra Ruiz, over her efforts to interrupt the prosecutor's closing rebuttal argu-

ment. "Take your seat now and do not get up again or your next objection will be made from the holding cell behind you," the judge told her.

**Woman, recognized as world's oldest person, dies**

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Maud Farris-Luse, recognized last year by the Guinness World Records book as the world's oldest living person, has died. She was 115.

Farris-Luse was 115 years, 56 days old. "It was her time," said great-granddaughter Laurie Ferris, 32. "She lived a long time and now she's in a better place. She passed away very, very peacefully."

Farris-Luse was born Jan. 21, 1887, in Morley, about 40 miles north of Grand Rapids. Farris died at age 72 in 1951, when his wife was 64. She then married Walter Luse, who died three years into their marriage.

**Gates Foundation will start schools for disadvantaged**

SEATTLE — The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation offered \$40 million Tuesday to create 70 schools aimed at improving high school graduation and college attendance rates for disadvantaged young people.

The high schools will try to keep students in school by giving them college-level work in their junior and senior years. The students will be able to earn both a high school diploma and an associate's degree, or two years of college credit.

The money will go to eight organizations, which will then distribute it to create "early college" high schools around the country.

All three Internet groups have been shut down. Investigators declined to identify the other two groups by name, saying it might interfere with efforts to trace suspects through their e-mail addresses. They said 7,000 people worldwide registered e-mail addresses with the Candyman group, and authorities were able to trace 1,400 people in the United States through those addresses.

**Court rules for business in medical leave dispute**

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 Tuesday that companies cannot always be punished for not telling employees that their maternity or medical leave policies satisfy leave guaranteed by federal law.

The ruling is a partial victory for employers, who faced lawsuits for not telling workers upfront about how their policies meet the federal guarantee of 12 weeks of leave.

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Clutching an assault rifle given to her by the man at left, the mother of Palestinian gunman Mohammed Abu Obeld faints during her son's funeral in a refugee camp, Gaza Strip, Tuesday.



## Israeli assault leaves trail of grief and death

**AIDA REFUGEE CAMP, West Bank (AP)** - There's a gaping hole in the wall of Ismail Huwajeh's house - and another, he says, in his heart. His wife bled to death of shrapnel wounds, with her five children looking on, after Israeli soldiers blasted into the family's home in this refugee camp on the edge of Bethlehem.

The schoolteacher died in the first hours of an Israeli military push into this biblical West Bank town and the Palestinian villages and refugee camps surrounding it, which began 11 days ago and ended early Tuesday. In the predawn darkness, Israeli troops dismantled rooftop sandbag emplacements, and tanks and armored personnel carriers rumbled along the winding roads leading out of Bethlehem, traditional birthplace of Jesus.

The Israeli pullout from Palestinian-controlled areas in the West Bank and Gaza Strip - coinciding with a visit by Vice President Dick Cheney - was meant to help set the stage for a truce, and stanch the worst outbreak of bloodletting in nearly 18 months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

But for Palestinian civilians like Ismail Huwajeh, a 36-year-old school administrator, the price paid during Israel's most intense and wide-ranging military offensive in two decades is too enormous ever to be put aside.

"My smallest children do not understand that their mother is dead, even though it happened before their eyes," said Huwajeh, a compact and neatly dressed man whose eyes reddened as he showed visitors around his house at the Aida refugee camp. "They think she is only sleeping, that she will come home from the hospital."

Israel said it launched the operation in Palestinian-held areas the last month to root out gunmen and weaponry. The army push - using troops backed by tanks, armor, assault helicopters, gunboats and F-16 warplanes - has drawn sharp criticism from human rights groups and foreign governments. And U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, in an angry letter to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, accused Israel of failing to protect civilians.

In his letter, dated March 12 and obtained Monday by The Associated Press, Annan said the fighting had "come to resemble all-out conventional warfare."

"Israel is fully entitled to defend itself against terror," the U.N. leader wrote. "But this right does not discharge it of its obligation to respect the fundamental principles and rules of international humanitarian law, and the law of armed conflict with respect to the treatment and protection of civilians in occupied territories."

Annan also urged Palestinians to halt "morally repugnant" acts such as suicide bombings, which have killed nearly two dozen Israeli civilians, including several infants and children, in the past three weeks.

The Israeli army rejected the accusations. "If someone is to be blamed for the damage, it (the blame) should go directly to the Palestinian Authority, because they were supposed to deal with these terrorists and they did not do anything," said army spokesman Lt. Col. Olivier Rafovic.

The March 8 assault on the Aida refugee camp in which Huda Huwajeh died was captured by an Israeli TV crew that was permitted to accompany troops and film their activities. The footage, shown on Israel's Channel Two, precisely matched Ismail Huwajeh's account of troops blasting open the door of the house, spraying the front hallway with shrapnel and mortally wounding his 36-year-old wife as she stepped across the hall.

She lay unconscious and bleeding on the floor for an hour while her husband pleaded with soldiers to let an ambulance come to the house. In that time, soldiers smashed a hole in the cement-brick wall to an adjoining house, and from there into the next, creating a passage through which they could travel unseen.

At one point, according to Huwajeh's account and the TV footage, soldiers shouted at him to shut up, and ignored his 9-year-old daughter's pleas not to smash through the wall. At another, a soldier looked into the camera and said in Hebrew: "I don't know what we're doing here."

## Cheney's wife visits school for both Arabs and Israelis

**JERUSALEM (AP)** - Lynne Cheney, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney, got her hands dirty Tuesday when she visited a preschool regarded as a model for coexistence between Arabs and Israelis.

Surrounded by 4-year-olds, Cheney sat playing with clay, making a house and a dog at the Jerusalem International YMCA Preschool.

The school was founded in 1981 for Muslim, Jewish and

Christian children and was conceived as a means to foster tolerance.

"I don't know which children are Jewish or Arab. They are all wonderful. This is a good model for how the world should be," Cheney said.

She was presented with a composite drawing of the children's self-portraits, signed with a caption in Hebrew, English and Arabic that read: "All for one and one for all."

## Serbian official resigns over allegations he spied for the U.S.

**BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)** - Saying he was a victim of a "monstrous" fabrication, Serbia's deputy prime minister bowed to political pressure and resigned Tuesday because of accusations that he spied for the United States.

Momcilo Perisic, who was detained by the military secret service last week along with a U.S. diplomat, said in a statement faxed to The Associated Press that "my discrediting... was staged in a style of the darkest dictatorial regimes."

Yugoslav military officials arrested Perisic and the American

diplomat, John David Neighbor, in a Belgrade restaurant Thursday. In a breach of international conventions, Neighbor - the first secretary of the U.S. Embassy - was held incommunicado for 15 hours, at one point reportedly with a hood over his head.

The military said Perisic, who was released Saturday, was giving documents to Neighbor that were "relevant for the defense of the country." Other Yugoslav officials have said the documents could have been used against former President Slobodan Milosevic at his U.N. war crimes trial in The Hague, Netherlands.

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## EDITORIAL

### More manpower needed to remove canyon rubbish

Imagine New Yorkers dumping their weekly garbage from the crown of the Statue of Liberty. Or Arizonans pitching old appliances into the Grand Canyon.

worked diligently each year on the cleanup, including Dr. Jim Irwin of Jerome, who has organized the annual event for the past five years.

But the task is monumental. For each ton of trash volunteers remove, many more tons await — and dumping continues. One organizing official says interest in the annual project is starting to wane.

**Our view:** Canyon cleanup project should be continued in the future. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

If that is the case, Magic Valley leaders should seek ways to make cleanup on the community calendar.

If private groups or businesses can help in the efforts, it would be even better. Youth groups and scout troops should take advantage of the service possibilities.

It would help if local counties found ways to stiffen penalties for those caught dumping in the canyon.

We also offer a challenge to local construction companies, university engineering classes or anyone else with know-how: Devise a practical way to remove the dozen derelict cars that pepper the canyon terrain.

Spirited volunteers can only do so much. Clearing the rest of the rubbish from the canyon may take more participation from the heavier hands of business and public agencies.

But cleaning up our significant landmark is well worth the effort.

Since March 1995, Magic Valley's earliest settlement, locals have freely dumped waste items down the canyon walls.

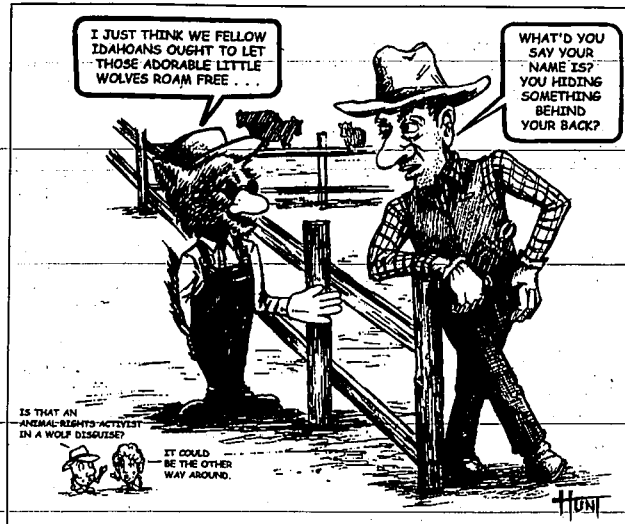
So the community owes thanks to the diligent local residents who remove heaps of garbage from the canyon each year. It's a tradition worth continuing.

About 40 volunteers gathered over the weekend to remove trash, broken appliances and old tires from canyon walls between Centennial Park and Shoshone Falls.

It isn't easy work: scaling the rocky slopes to gather trash, throwing it to the canyon's bottom, then hauling it out by boat or helicopter.

Much of the refuse is large and heavy. But slowly, the work is making a noticeable difference in restoring the canyon's natural look.

Credit should go to community members who have



### Senate scrutiny bars the best

LLEWELYN KING

You cannot quantify its ravages, calibrate its destruction, or ever know what might have been, but it takes a terrible toll. It is purity: Washington purity. It is the insidious disease that keeps the most gifted people out of government service and off the courts.

It has just reared its ugly head in the case of Judge Charles W. Pickering, who President Bush nominated to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. It is of no matter that the judge has not been confirmed. But it is a grave matter that the advise-and-consent role of the Senate has become so bitter that no self-respecting man or woman of talent would want to subject themselves to the awful scrutiny that awaits people who are ready to serve their country.

An equally virulent strain of the disease awaits those who seek public office. It is the public dissection of a life: ruthless, cruel and pointless.

Over the last 30 years, both the electoral process and the presidential appointments process has become so ugly that one of the questions that should be asked of candidates and nominees is: What is wrong with you that you would subject yourself to this? Any man or woman who has led a full life or, worse, has missed in print, at whatever age, will be put in the stocks and pounded in the search for the truly pure candidate. The result is that we get the truly pure: people like Rudyard Kipling's Tomlinson, the man who did not have the courage to take a stand on anything and was fit for neither heaven nor hell.

Gray is the word. We are getting a government of gray men and women, who have lived modestly because they have much to be modest about and whose principle feature is that their lives have been so without contrarian thought, controversial action, or outrage that they can slide smoothly through the confirmation process into the high offices of the land. It is not their fault, but it is one of the unintended consequences of today's political life.

It was bad 30 years ago, when good people first started turning down the very suggestion that they become a deputy or assistant secretary in some critical department, and things have gone south since then.

Ditto, of course, if you want to run for political office. Many fine talents have weighed the process against the damage to their families and careers and have elected to remain in the private sector. They are probably people who were willing to take a substantial cut in pay to serve their country, but not to have their families humiliated.

The fault is not with the Democrats or the Republicans. They share it. So ugly has confir-

mation process become that Judge Robert Bork had his record of movie rentals exposed and Judge Pickering had to face interrogation about his youthful opinions of decades ago.

There are occasions when it is truly appropriate for the Senate to withhold its consent, but they are few. And if the process had not become so hugely charged with political venom, the president, any president, might seek the advice of the Senate before that body is put in a position of withholding its consent.

Only Supreme Court justices, because of the huge philosophical issues at stake, should deserve heavy scrutiny. If we proceed as we are, we will have in every critical post in government men and women who are proven nonentities — no thoughts in their heads and no fire in their bellies. The bland leading the bland. What a prospect.

The media are not without fault in propagating this debilitating disease. But it takes its cue from the politicians and pressure groups, which see every minor appointment as an opportunity to try the sitting president on the very issues he was elected on.

The talent deficit in Washington grows with each administration, as the confirmation process worsens and the caliber of high government officers declines.

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### Out-dated equipment hampers SIRCOMM

I wonder who is behind times about SIRCOMM? I see that those who sit on the board are providing misinformation about the plans.

I tried back in 1998 to get the system corrected before the outrageous increases started filtering into the users. The Legislature would not address the issue of fees for users. I recommended that regardless to what opinions are being made that at least SIRCOMM could set the precedent of fees for service. This was ignored. Federal Communications Commission rules, to update, so that location and identity of the caller was provided to the 911 agency. This has been done. The problem is the equipment installed at SIRCOMM was out of date upon opening the operation. It still cannot accept the communication from a cellular phone because of computer. Maintaining

up to date services is not being accomplished as excessive man-ys was spent in the initial construction. The board at that time did not stop but spent the money it did not have, expecting the public would pick up the errors, via an increase in service fees through the hard-line fees. Added excesses were also made.

We have dug a hole in a system that should work. My recommendation of fees for wireless now is back on the table. We should have done that in 1998. We would have had the money to update the computers and be able to accept wireless calls with identity and location. Records of my input can be found in Gooding County Commission and the Planning and Zoning Office.

I had deaf ears in Gooding County. Due to frustration of voluntary service and extensive research on deaf ears, I resigned from planning and zoning.

DAVID J. ADAIR  
Gooding

### Planned Parenthood provides needed medical service

I have been reading the letters to the editor concerning Planned Parenthood of Idaho opening a clinic in Twin Falls. There has been a lot of misinformation about Planned Parenthood of Idaho.

All medical needs of women in Magic Valley are not being met. Women in this area who work for minimum wage or below a living wage do not qualify for Medicaid. They do not earn enough to buy health insurance. Planned Parenthood of Idaho takes care of these individuals. Planned Parenthood of Idaho helps hardship cases. It also charges according to ability to pay. This service makes the individual more "self-reliant."

We live in a diverse society — some belonging to a fundamental belief, some belong to a more progressive faith and some are pro-choice. There are various opinions concerning the use of contraceptives and when life begins. Each faith has theo-

gians with varying views on contraceptives and when life begins. Each individual must follow their own conscience without being demonized for different views. That means separation of "church and state." Think! What would happen if we were forced to go to just one church, temple, synagogue or mosque?

We must be careful what we wish for. You may get it!  
LORRAINE WRIGHT  
Rupert

Newspaper piece used poor representation of flag

In the South Idaho Press on Sunday, Feb. 17, under the section Features, editor's note, there was an imprint of a United States flag, written over with four essays about "What America Means to Me." I can only see mention of the flag one time. All of the writers of the essays made note of our country signifying what good old America meant to them. Why weren't the essays put over a map of America

in place of the U.S. flag? What kind of message was the editor trying to send to our youth? It is asking for respect to the families impacted by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. I think the essays written were great. However, this type of advertisement comes under desecration. It seems to me that the editor was wrong and confused on how to show respect for our flag.

U.S. Flag Code (i) states: "The U.S. flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever, printed or otherwise imposed on paper designed for temporary use and discarded. It should never be disposed of in the garbage. It should be discarded in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Some time back you imprinted a full page of the flag and it was used in windows of businesses, homes and other places. This was an outrageous action in the most disgraceful manner. These types of actions do not make a person patriotic and it shows no respect.

OTHA E. MCGILL  
Rupert

Meanwhile, the West will suffer the deaths of innocent civilians, experience economic chaos and expose itself to constant blackmailing.

If the suicide terrorists succeed and bring Israel to its knees, the West is likely to be next in line. The intent and hope of the suicide-bombing industry is to force the infidel Christian in the West to see the light of the real God (Allah) and surrender to demands by any terrorist group.

There is almost no way to stop determined suicidal maniacs. All they need is a passport and a plane ticket. Simple explosives are readily available at any demolition site or big construction company.

I said "almost" because there is a way to stop this nightmare: The international community must recognize that Israel is the new Spain. The West, along with the United Nations, must understand that the horrifying suicide bombings that are being tested right now in the Middle East can hit any country, sooner or later.

### Suicide bombing is contagious

By early 1937, German generals unveiled with pride to Hitler their new dive bomber and Panzer tank. "We wish that we could have tested them in real combat," exclaimed one concerned but proud field marshal. Hitler raised his eyebrow and asked his officer, "Why don't you send these beautiful machines to the battleground in Spain to help our fascist friend Gen. Franco?"

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The generals did. Germany's planes proved themselves on the battlefields of Spain. The same planes, with improvements resulting from battle experience, devastated Poland in 1939. The Third Reich's new tanks, enhanced and perfected after their Spanish combat practice, invaded in hours and demolished the lowlands of Holland and Belgium.

England and France refused to face what Hitler was writing on the Spanish wall, although the Nazi planes were tearing up the blue Iberian skies with cannon fire and Nazi attack tanks had bulldozed Madrid to the ground.

Something similar is happening now in Israel, which is serving as the Spanish testing ground for future attacks on Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., London and even Moscow. Should the suicide bomber — the new secret human tool of terror — prove to be a successful, unchallenged weapon, there will be plenty of fanatics ready to take over the United States, Britain or France.

There they join their cells planted in those countries, pick up their explosives belts and create the same devastation and panic that we have seen so often in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

In comparison with a chemical or nuclear device, this weapon is much less complicated: It consists of a functioning brain-dead man believing who has deluded himself into thinking that if he blows himself up and kills as many infidels around him as possible, Allah will bestow the favors of no less than 72 virgins awaiting him in Islamic heaven.

To sweeten the deal, Iraq's Saddam Hussein will grant the surviving families at least \$10,000, according to the Israeli media. This is a win-win for the suicide bomber.

Meanwhile, the West will suffer the deaths of innocent civilians, experience economic chaos and expose itself to constant blackmailing.

If the suicide terrorists succeed and bring Israel to its knees, the West is likely to be next in line. The intent and hope of the suicide-bombing industry is to force the infidel Christian in the West to see the light of the real God (Allah) and surrender to demands by any terrorist group.

There is almost no way to stop determined suicidal maniacs. All they need is a passport and a plane ticket. Simple explosives are readily available at any demolition site or big construction company.

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### Doonesbury



### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

# Tone grows meaner in D.C.

Unless someone steps in to stop it, the descent to bitter partisanship in Washington will increasingly jeopardize the functioning of government. The looming crisis requires President Bush himself and the leaders of both parties in Congress to act in concert to reverse this dangerous trend.



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any 10 members of one party to veto the choice of a president of the other party.

If those senators are really convinced of the need to reject the president's choice, they ought to have confidence they can persuade a majority of the other 90 senators they are right.

And leading a Senate in which his party has a one-vote majority only because of the defection of a single Republican senator.

Daschle ought to have enough respect for the opposition's viewpoint to say that when there is such controversy over a nomination, he will submit the question to the judgment of the whole Senate. Otherwise, there will be more and more retaliatory moves of the kind Minority Leader Lott already has threatened.

Now consider the case of Ridge's refusal to testify at formal congressional hearings. Bush created the post of homeland security director by executive order, making Ridge's office a new element of the White House staff. He insists that as a staff member, giving advice to the president, Ridge should not be subject to formal questioning by Congress.

White House staff members generally meet only informally with members of Congress. But Ridge is in a different position from, say, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice; she coordinates policy of the Defense Department and the State Department, whose heads testify regularly on Capitol Hill. Ridge has operational responsibilities unique to his office, such as developing the threat warning system he announced last week. No one in the Cabinet can explain that policy or defend it as well as he does.

What is more, for him to fulfill his duties — including a promised reorganization of the scattered border security agencies — he will absolutely need the cooperation

of Congress. Why then frustrate Congress by refusing to let him testify?

It would behoove the president to acknowledge that Ridge's role is really comparable to that of the director of the Office of Management and Budget. Mitch Daniels, the current OMB director, is an important policy adviser to the president, but he also runs a coordinating agency whose work is of vital importance to Congress. Under the statute creating OMB, he is confirmed by the Senate and available to testify.

Bush should say he recognizes now, if he did not last September, that this new, permanent Office of Homeland Security is of sufficient importance that Congress should give it a statutory basis, that its director should be confirmed by the Senate and should testify when asked.

It is only by everyone stepping back from these embittering and unnecessary jurisdictional fights that the rapid descent into ugly partisanship can be halted.

The latest symptoms of the disease were on display last week, in the party-line vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee to refuse to send the nomination of Judge Charles Pickering Sr. to the Senate for confirmation and in the refusal of Bush to allow Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge to testify before congressional committees.

By insisting on flexing their muscles on clearly debatable issues, both parties and both branches were deliberately antagonizing their opponents. Their actions invite retaliation, and as the sorry spectacle grows, public cynicism will increase.

This vicious cycle needs to be stopped — and stopped now. And the responsibility falls directly on the men who lead the government — George Bush, Tom Daschle, Trent Lott, Dennis Hastert and Dick Gephardt. They have contributed to this impasse and it is up to them to stop it.

The way back to common sense and civility is clear. Take the issue of the Pickering nomination, which would have elevated him from a district judgeship to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The Judiciary Committee's 10 Democrats voted against Pickering; its nine

Republicans supported him.

Fair enough. But then that same partisan majority refused to let the full Senate vote on the nomination. Majority Leader Daschle claimed there was no precedent for sending the nomination to the floor with an adverse recommendation. But even if he is correct in his claim, his obduracy on the Pickering nomination is inappropriate. The Constitution gives the power to appoint judges to the president, "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate." It does not empower

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### AROUND THE VALLEY

#### ATV crash claims life of Jerome girl

JEROME - A 9-year-old Jerome girl died late Monday from injuries she suffered when the all-terrain vehicle she was driving flipped over on top of her.

Miranda Oneida was driving a 2001 four-wheeler north on 400 East, just north of 400 North, when she apparently lost control of the vehicle at about 7:41 p.m., according to a report from the Idaho State Police. The ATV struck a fence and flipped, the ISP said. Oneida was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, where she was pronounced dead.

ATVs used for agriculture are allowed on public roads only for short distances during daylight hours, said ISP Capt. David Neal. Children too young to hold driver's licenses may operate ATVs for agricultural use only, he said. Otherwise, only people old enough to hold a license should operate them on or near roads, he said. It's apparent Oneida's accident happened after dark, he said, but it was not yet clear Tuesday if she was using the ATV for agricultural purposes or if she had an adult with her, he said.

#### Hospital upgrades Jerome teen to serious condition

JEROME - A Jerome teen who suffered head injuries in an early morning collision Monday was upgraded Tuesday from critical to serious condition at a Boise hospital.

Victor Sedano, 18, was airlifted to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center after the crash that occurred at about 5 a.m. Monday.

The Idaho State Police provided an updated synopsis Tuesday of the collision. Initial reports said Sedano had been driving a pickup. Police reported Tuesday Sedano had been driving a 1995 Hyundai headed east on 300 South Road. He attempted to pass a 1978 Ford pickup driven by Leonardo Covarrubias, 37, but without enough clearance between an oncoming vehicle, police said.

Sedano moved back into the east-bound lane, left 150 feet tread marks on the pavement, and ran into the rear of the pickup, the state police reported. The pickup rolled onto its top. The Hyundai sustained massive damage.

Police reported that Covarrubias suffered only minor injuries. The investigation into the crash continued Tuesday.

#### SNRA names new deputy fanger to fill vacancy

KETCHUM - Lisa Stoeffler has been named the new deputy warden for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area, the SNRA announced.

Stoeffler fills the vacancy created by Becky Nourse, who was promoted and transferred to the Chugach National Forest in Alaska in January.

Stoeffler has been the SNRA's recreation program manager for more than six years.

"During my past six-plus years here, it has been really gratifying to have the support of the people of Stanley and to work with them on the many projects that affect and involve them," Stoeffler said in a news release.

Other staff changes at the SNRA include the departure of Erik Spillman, who also was promoted and transferred to Chugach. Spillman's primary SNRA duties involve non-recreation special projects such as the Stanley sewer project and fiber optic construction projects. The SNRA says it soon will begin the process of filling the open position.

Tim Seeley is the SNRA's new rangeland technician. He replaces Tina Ruffing, who was transferred to the Mountain Home District of the Boise National Forest. Seeley comes from the Sierra National Forest in central California.

Compiled from staff reports

#### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	82%
Salmon Falls Creek	97%
Oakley Basin	106%
Big and Little Wood	90%
Spring Fork	88%

## Escaping the cuts

### School for the Deaf and Blind avoids drastic slashing

By Robert Mayer  
Times-News writer

GOODING - Officials at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind are actually grateful for the budget cuts they received this year. It could've been much worse.

Despite its name, the Gooding institution has always been considered by the State Board of

Education an "agency" rather than a "school."

During this year's budget crises, state agencies have borne a greater brunt of budget slashing than the state's public schools.

That classification slated the school to receive the same 8 percent cut as, say, the Department of Agriculture, instead of the 2.5 percent applied to the state's

school districts.

"That would have led to drastic teacher layoffs and cancellation of services," said the school's president, Angel Ramos.

Fortunately, it didn't take much effort for the school's new superintendent to convince Karen McGee, president of the State Board of Education of the needed change.

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Dr. Angel Ramos polls the high school students at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in November to see what kinds of extracurricular programs they would like to have. Reclassifying the school enabled it to drastically reduce the effects of state budget cuts.

## NURTURING SUCCESS



Robert Fernandez and Christopher Navarez, from left, watch a video of Navarez giving a speech for their ninth-grade speech class at the Twin Falls Bridge Academy. The ninth-grade program is one of the new initiatives principal Jack Altomose says has been successful for students who might have otherwise "fallen through the cracks" of the educational system.

## Principal works hard on at-risk youth

By Robert Mayer  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The challenges are great, the results sporadic, but Jack Altomose perseveres.

As principal of Twin Falls' two alternative schools - Magic Valley High School and Twin Falls Bridge Academy - and the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center, Altomose is working hard at providing a sufficient education for "at-risk" kids.

"We are on the front line," he told the Twin Falls School District board members Tuesday night. "We try to set them up for

success, not failure."

Looking for that "magic bullet" Altomose has implemented a variety of programs to eke out improvement from his diverse student body.

He's successfully implemented a new computerized math program required, twice a week, for all students. At the end of the semester, most students have shown improvement, some up to a four-year growth.

"I've been very impressed," he said. "It has been a wonderful year with the programs we've put in place."

Preventing drop-outs is high on the priority list. While the

rate is consistent with other alternative schools statewide, he said he's determined to lower it. As a new measure, teachers have developed pop-wow groups. Made up of a handful of students, it's a chance for everyone to get to know each other and to focus on staying in school.

"It's just to sit down, visit with them, one-on-one, to connect with the students," he said.

He's also developed a new program for the district's ninth-graders.

For students who failed to meet sufficient credits to move on to 10th grade, the only option was to repeat the grade. To

many, that's an undesirable option, particularly if one of the ninth-grade semesters was successful.

Since the beginning of the school year, the results have been generally favorable. Of the 20 students served:

• Two entered Twin Falls High School second semester.

• One entered Magic Valley High School second semester.

• Four dropped out of school.

• Seven will complete the full year.

• Five will complete the second semester.

All the more impressive given

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## Students will take full Health Net survey

The Times-News

ROBERT - A survey about the 40 developmental assets for youths which are promoted by Health Net has gained approval to be administered to Minidoka County students.

The Minidoka County School Board approved the survey and a revised parental notification letter at a Monday meeting Monday.

The board had previously approved deleting two questions from the survey but found that action would void all the test results. The questions the board had decided to remove asked if students had engaged in sex and, if so, if contraceptives were used.

The survey will be given to all students in grades six through 12. Superintendent Nick Hallett said school and Health Net officials met and decided to revise the parental notification letter to be more specific about the nature of the questions. Parents can opt to have their children not take the survey.

The letter now names topics which may be addressed in the survey. The letter states, "The survey has 156 questions relating to factors that protect youth from high-risk behaviors, such as problem alcohol use, violence, early sexual activity and anti-social problems; and to factors that promote positive attitudes and behaviors, such as valuing diversity, resisting danger, maintaining good health and overcoming adversity."

"Everyone felt this was a good resolution," Hallett said.

Tammy Hanks, Health Net facilitator in the Mini-Cassia area, said, "We're very appreciative of the school board's concerns and its efforts."

Some discussion was held about the benefits of obtaining the information, Hallett said. It is valuable for Health Net as well as the schools and community, he said. Hanks said the information is "definitely a benefit."

Dates for surveying students have not been scheduled.

## Burley will collect unpaid \$11,176 electricity bill

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Some \$11,176 of unpaid electric bills will be repaid to the city of Burley in the next couple of years, City Council members were recently told by the mayor.

Mayor Jon Anderson said he and City Council members recently found out that city employees had failed to bill Tele-Servicing Innovations for its electric usage for about a year, from fall-2000 until fall-2001. That action was illegal, Anderson said.

City Attorney Randy Stone told the council at a recent meeting that because utility rates are set by ordinance, utility charges can't be waived by the city administration or the council. The only way to waive a utility fee, Stone said, would be to change the city ordinance.

"Legally, the city must charge the rates set in the ordinance," he said.

City Administrator Mark

Mitton said he'd spoken to the local TSI manager about the situation. Mitton is working with TSI corporate employees on the repayment schedule.

The plan, according to Anderson, is to divide the \$11,176 into monthly payments for the rest of TSI's lease with the city for the building in which it's located.

The two entities have a lease agreement which runs through May 2005.

"Considering the position we placed them in, for them to be that workable, that's very decent," Councilman Dave Ringle said.

As long as the company is willing to pay the bill, the city is getting what it wants, Ringle said.

The failure to bill TSI "happened in good faith," Councilman Curt Mendenhall said.

"Our hearts were in the right point. There were some decisions made that weren't authorized or even known by the council," he

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## Tire bill, others die in session

By Julie Ponce  
Times-News writer

BOISE - A few bills showing promise that Magic Valley legislators were responsible for herding along either changed significantly or died altogether during the final days of the legislative session.

One bill that died in committee after a sailing through the Senate was intended to help with the cleanup of about a million discarded tires in Lincoln County. Tire retailers convinced a House committee to let it die.

Sponsored by Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, the bill would have required retailers to charge purchasers of new tires 50 cents per tire to clean up existing tire messes around the state.

Stennett said he figured around \$375,000 per year could have been raised to clean up the tires near the Big Wood River at Idaho Tire Recovery Inc. in Lincoln County. The bill had a sunset clause of two years and would have also been used to clean up a couple of significant tire dumps in Bonneville and Lemhi counties.

Stennett said the reasons for opposition varied, but generally, "Tire retailers just didn't want to do it."

A tire retailer who testified against the bill, Craig Brunel, said Tuesday he opposed the bill because he didn't see the link between the tire consumer and the individual businesses that failed to act responsibly.

"If the government needs to step in and clean up that pile, and the tire dealer has acted responsibly, then this should be a general government issue, or the money should come out of the general fund," he said.

Stennett had said earlier he didn't go to the general fund because he realized there simply was no extra money this year for special projects. But meanwhile, the tires remain an environmental hazard, Stennett said if they caught fire, they could burn for two years. In addition, there is runoff into the river from the tires. Because of that, Stennett said he's not letting the concept go by the wayside.

"Several interested parties will be getting together over the summer on an unofficial task force - hopefully the (Idaho Department of Environmental Quality) and tire retailers and anybody else that wants to talk about what to do," he said.

But aside from funding the cleanup, Stennett said legislation must be crafted to prevent this sort of situation from ever happening again.

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DEATH NOTICES

Miranda Joy Oneida
JEROME - Miranda Joy Oneida, 9, of Jerome died Monday, March 18, 2002, near her home following an ATV accident.

The service is tentatively scheduled for 11 a.m.: Saturday, March 23, 2002, at the LDS Stake Center Building on Tiger Drive.
A full obituary and final funeral schedule will appear in Thursday's edition. Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Walters
JEROME - Ruth Walters, 80, of Jerome died Saturday, March 16, 2002.

2002, at Sunbridge Care Center. Cremation was under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service in Jerome. No other services are planned at this time.

Louise Cloughton
FILER - Louise Cloughton, 84, of Filer died Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Rosa Maudean Reed Taylor-Emigh
WENDELL - Rosa Maudean

Reed Taylor-Emigh, 74, of Desert Hot Springs, Calif., died February 13, 2002, in Palm Springs, Calif.
A private family graveside prayer service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, March 22, 2002, at the Wendell Cemetery.

Lee Lucich
SUN CITY, Ariz. - Lee Lucich, 81, of Sun City, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls died Monday, March 18, 2002.
The service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Milwaukee, Ore. Lincoln Memorial in Portland, Ore., is in charge of the arrangements.

Minority committee settles conflict

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The Mayor's Committee on Minority Relations successfully intervened in a scheduling conflict, co-chairman Lue Cisneros reported.

In February, Monica Lunn asked the committee to help resolve a conflict between this year's senior prom and the Hispanic Youth Symposium. Both events were scheduled for the weekend of April 26-28.

The Hispanic Youth Symposium is a series of workshop where Hispanic seniors are nominated for and receive scholarships to colleges of their choice. The event is held in Sun Valley and filled with work sessions. It starts Friday evening and ends Sunday evening. The youths are required to stay for the duration of the event or lose eligibility for scholarships awarded at the symposium.

The Jerome High School prom is scheduled for Saturday night, April 27. Several students going to the Hispanic Youth Symposium hoped to go to the prom on Saturday night and return to the symposium Sunday morning.

Cisneros reported back to the committee that the co-chairman Leon Kyle had met with representatives of the school and talked to organizers of the Hispanic Youth Symposium.
"Due to rules and regulations related to security concerns and insurance coverage, students could not be allowed to leave the symposium on Saturday night, travel to the prom and return to the symposium Sunday morning... Unfortunately, six or seven seniors will have to miss the prom this year," Cisneros said.

The good news is that although it's too late to change the dates for this year, the symposium planners agreed to contact the high school as soon as next year's date is set. School staff members agreed to put the date on the school calendar as soon as it is available so the scheduling problem will not be repeated again, Cisneros reported.

Manuel Guerra, representing Comprehensive Advocacy Incorporated, a state agency that works as advocates for people with disabilities, told the committee that his agency was starting outreach work into the Hispanic communities. His office helps people protect their legal rights and obtain services to which they are entitled.

There are Co-Ad offices in Boise, Pocatello and Moscow. Details can be found on the Co-Ad web site at http://www.moscow.co-id.us.

Chris Horgan, a Jerome High School student representative on the minority relations committee, brought intercultural awareness materials for the committee to use in outreach activities. The materials are on loan from Jane Howell, English as a second language teacher at Jerome High School.

Paola Hernandez, another Jerome High School representative, reported the Bilingual Education Student Organization is working on the Cinco de Mayo celebration to be held at the high school on May 5.

The city of Jerome and the Jerome Chamber of Commerce are planning a Community Heritage Festival May 9-11. Cisneros told the group that members might want to set up food, information or other heritage-related booths for the event.

Genie Franks, advisory board member, said a town survey will be taken with the help of the Jackpot honor students and other student body members to best determine what the community wants and needs.

Jackpot Advisory Board seeks letters of support

By Sam Feltman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. - Jackpot Advisory Board Chairman Beth Winans encouraged Jackpot residents to write letters to the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles asking to keep its staff vehicles in Jackpot to issue drivers licenses and identification cards.

Winans said this service has been provided on a monthly basis. Even though the DMV recently agreed to a decision to eliminate the service to Jackpot, the future of the service is uncertain and letters of support are needed, Winans said.

The DMV had wanted to cut the service because new digital equipment is difficult to transport, and because it said there are not enough people using the service in Jackpot.

The DMV uses the recreation center as a licensing center on the Tuesday of each month. Ken Blake, center director, said there were about 50 people there last Tuesday getting their licenses, which he said is the norm.

Other advisory board business included:
• Rate increase - Jackpots water bill is going up. The only question is how much and which procedure to use in order to implement the raise.

Jackpot has not had a rate increase since 1981, said Minor Cash, Elko County's chief financial officer. He said the funds have been dwindling over the years and the water department now is \$64,000 in the red. A master water plan is in place with needed improvements scheduled in the future, but the plan cannot be implemented without the needed revenue.

Residential and commercial users now pay \$7.50 per unit. That rate could increase to as much as \$12 per residential unit and \$20.16 per commercial unit. As a temporary measure, Cash said interim rates can be raised through a resolution until a permanent plan is in place.

Cellular phone service - Jackpots needs cellular phone service and Jack Webster from Cellular Plus would like that service to be Nextel. However, Nextel will not interact with other systems, so residents and guests will have to be on the Nextel system or their cell phones won't work, Webster said.

Dave Albrecht, Cactus Pete's general manager, said too many guests would not be able to use the service with only Nextel. In order to serve the greatest number of people, any towers that are built should accommodate more than one provider, he said.

Also representing the Jackpot Golf Course, asked the board to recommend to county commissioners that they purchase a new de-

thatcher for \$7,500, a deck mower to replace the existing 1984 model for \$25,000, and a new communications system board for the automatic sprinkler system at a cost of \$9,000. Albrecht said this is a little more than the \$18,000 in maintenance equipment that they usually ask for, but these items are needed badly.

Recreation survey - The

Jackpot Advisory Board wants to know how to best spend its recreation dollars, which come from a portion of the room tax.

Gene Franks, advisory board member, said a town survey will be taken with the help of the Jackpot honor students and other student body members to best determine what the community wants and needs.

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SERVICES

Mary Pauline Chapman of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls.
Burial will take place at Wymore Cemetery in Wymore, Neb., at a later date (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Duven Donald Heyne of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Springdale 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 200 S. 475 E. Burley.
Burial will take place at the Durfee Cemetery in Connor Creek; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Mauni Humbach of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Jerome Cemetery (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Susan Caldwell of Ukiah, Calif., graveside service at 2 p.m. today at Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn (Hansen Mortuary, Burley, Chapel).

Clarence Paine of Hagerman, service at 2 p.m. today at the Community of Christ Church in Hagerman with interest following in Hagerman Cemetery.

Vickie Smith of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the LDS 9th Ward building on Elizabeth Drive in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary and from 11:45-12:45 p.m. Thursday in the Relief Society room at the church.

Sneth Clayton Ward Jr. of Filer, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary.

Clayton Arthur Erling of Jerome, graveside service at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Jerome Cemetery, West Ave. 1, Jerome; visitation from 6-8 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome.

Nettie Ratcliffe of Portland, Ore., memorial service at 10 a.m. March 30 at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS



Robert Leo Campeau, 91, of Twin Falls, died Monday, March 18, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
Leo was born in Rockford, Washington, on June 16, 1910. His parents were born in Quebec, Canada. His family migrated to Montana and from there to Spokane, Washington. Leo was the youngest of 11 children.

Leo started working as a young boy of 10 selling newspapers on the streets of Spokane, Washington. When he was old enough he went to work for Union Pacific Railroad and was the youngest clerk working on the railroad.

Between Salt Lake and Los Angeles, he transferred from Caliente, Nevada to Millard, Utah where he met Julia Sophia Dean, who was also working for the railroad at the time. They were married April 22, 1930, and lived in Lindall, Utah for two years. Lindall was a small town with no electricity and no running water. Due to the depression, he was laid off from the railroad. At that time he went to Seattle to work for his sister in a restaurant that she owned. His wife went to Beaver, Utah, to stay. In 1933 they moved to Long Beach, California, to work for the Long Beach Insurance Company.

However, the earthquake destroyed the business and he ended up going to work for Roberts Markets in Englewood, California, which was the start of a long time career in the wholesale food business. During which time two sons were born, Robert Noel in 1935 and Allen Dean in 1937. They moved to Ely, Nevada, then to Elko where Leo worked for American Food Stores, Pocatello, Idaho was the family's next stop where he started working for Zions Wholesale Grocery. He then transferred him to Montpelier, Idaho, and in 1942 to Twin Falls, Idaho. It was during this time that their daughter, Anne Marie was born.

In 1950 the family moved to Portland, where Leo worked for Waddams and Company Wholesale Grocery where he supervised the Red & White Grocery Store. The family settled back in Twin Falls where Leo finished out his career working for Utah Wholesale Grocery serving as supervisor of the IGA Grocery Stores located around Southern Idaho.

In getting from the grocery business, Leo ended up being busier than he was before retirement. He took a job working for Gordon Carter selling mobile homes until the mid 80's when he became a contract mail carrier for the Post Office until 1991 while at the same time he carried emergency supplies to the Fire Station in Southern Idaho. Leo was active in Red Cross work, donating many hours to the Red Cross Board as well as the County Fair Red Cross booth for the 40th year. Church work was important to Leo. He served as Stake Sunday School Superintendent, Ward Clerk and the hand of medals were serving as a white water guide in the Middle Fork of the Salmon River for the Snake River Boy Scouts.

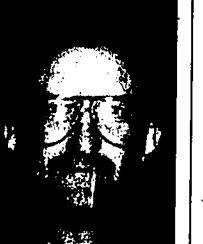
Leo's hobbies included growing roses. He was an avid reader and was very proud of his Louis L'Amour collection. He enjoyed watching collectible cars. Also, for over 20 years, Leo was a very active "Barbershop" contributing to the local Barbershop Association in various capacities, and traveling to different competitions around the state and country. He was instrumental in establishing and running the County Fair booth for the Barbershop group where he helps earn money to donate to the national Barbershop organization.

Leo is survived by his wife of 71 years, Julia of Twin Falls; two sons, Robert Noel "Bob" Campeau and Allen Dean (Carric) Campeau, both of Twin Falls; a daughter, Anne Marie Hopkins of Geneseo, Idaho; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He also leaves a sister, Beatrice Amanda, age 95, a niece and a nephew, all living in Seattle, Washington.

model airplane club in California, was an amateur historian, a modeler (including railroad and airplanes), was an avid gardener and loved fishing. He was active in the Communications Workers of America, served as a union steward, and as editor of a union newspaper. He is survived by his wife Mary Lou of Burley, and six children: Gordon Morrissey of San Jose, Calif.; Tamara Luette of York, Pa.; Roland Morrissey of San Jose, Calif.; Kimberly Bagby of Rapid City, S.D.; Susan Morrissey of Columbia Falls, Mont.; and Melanie Pierce of Philadelphia, Penn.; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one brother, Lyle Pierce, of Ohio and 3 sisters; Betty, Irene and Maxine of Pennsylvania.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Lorena, and by his sister, Audrey. Cremation took place at White Crematory. No local services are planned.

TWIN FALLS



Floyd Leonard 'Skip' Jones, Jr., 1946 - 2002

Floyd Leonard 'Skip' Jones, Jr., 55, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, March 17, 2002, at his home in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Floyd was born September 4, 1946, in Enid, Okla., the son of Floyd L. Jones & Willadene Newton. Skip served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1963-67. He was employed at the Bon Marche in Twin Falls. In his spare time, he was an avid collector of coins, knives and Scale Model Cars. He also loved to linker with automobiles. He enjoyed people and had a host of friends and a love for music. Skip was a unique person who will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his sons, Tom C. Jones and Dustin C. Jones of Twin Falls and James Jones of Las Vegas, Nev., one grandson, James Michael Jones, Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev., & six-wives Kathy Jones of Las Vegas, Nev., and two by a host of family and loving friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his son, David Jones.

Memorial Services for Skip will be held Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at 6 p.m. at the Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, Idaho. Officiating will be Pastor Dale Metzger. Cremation and Private Inurnment are under the direction of the Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

BUHL

Wayne Franklin Pierce
Wayne Franklin Pierce, 72, of Buhl, died Monday, March 18, 2002, at Twin Falls Care Center.

He was born January 13, 1930, in South Conestoga, Penn., the son of Thomas and Cora Garris Pierce. He was reared and educated in Conestoga, Penn., and attended the University of Pittsburgh for 3 years. Army during the Korean Conflict with the 101st Airborne Division and was awarded a Purple Heart and the Silver Star for his service in U.S. West as a phone installer in Pennsylvania, and then transferred to South San Francisco, Calif., in 1955 where he met future wife Mary Lou. They were married and moved to Twin Falls in 1974. He retired in 1982. Wayne loved motorcycles and loved to ride Harley Davidsons; in 1985 he started the Idaho Motorcycle Club. He started a junior soccer league in Buhl, founded a

The family of Jerry Kiser are gratefully acknowledging and thanking you all for your kindness in cards, contributions, food and flowers. Words cannot express our true feelings. Thank you Hospice for your loving care to Jerry during his illness. Again thank you all so much!!!
Vickie and Gunnar Kiser

## Woman is volunteer of year

**TWIN FALLS** — Nancy Pennington was honored as the volunteer of the year on Tuesday evening when the Twin Falls County, Juvenile-Probation Department hosted its sixth annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner, with the theme, "Volunteers, a Gift to Our Community."

Other recognition awards went to Duane Schrank, a lush body of the year, Colleen Crozier, born to succeed mentor of the year, and volunteers Ricky Garcia, Connie Fuente and Melissa Harrison, diversion board of the year.

The flame award — new to the list of volunteer recognition awards — was given to the founder of the volunteer program, Amber Crossen, for her extraordinary commitment to the Magic Valley community.

Although Crossen is no longer employed by Twin Falls County, she continues to volunteer for the juvenile probation program, at schools and serves on the Juvenile Justice Council with Marsha Stallones, prevention volunteer coordinator for Juvenile Probation Services.

"Amber is truly a person who has the fire within," Stallones said, "and her commitment to community service is an inspiration."

## Rec district will discuss future trail right of way

**HAILEY** — The Blaine County Recreation District will discuss preserving the right of way for future trails at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the district office, 308 N. Main St.

Sites in Garnett are among those to be considered.

## Snow Box Derby features about 130 competitors

**HAILEY** — About 130 courageous adults and children braved blizzard-like conditions to participate in the first-ever Snow Box Derby at Rotarun Ski Area last weekend.

First-place winners in their age category were Melody Russell, Bobcat Mollineaux, David Angel and Nick Stelma.

Lenny Joseph won for best snow suit; Nathan Lago for most courageous; Zoe Odem for slowest run; and Tara Bingham for longest run out.

## Elko commissioners will discuss South Canyon Road

**ELKO, Nev.** — The Elko County Commission will meet at 3:30 p.m. today in room 105 of the courthouse.

Among the agenda items is a discussion of options the commission may pursue in conjunction with the South Canyon Road environmental impact statement being developed by the U.S. Forest Service.

The meeting is open to the public.

— compiled from staff reports

## Bills

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ment to keep large dairies from getting the rights.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, headed the committee that heard the bill. He said during the closing days of the Legislature that industry representatives and other groups had agreed to meet over the summer to fashion compromise wording on the legislation.

But Eilers said Tuesday members of the dairymen's association had just met and decided they were backing out.

"All this is doing is giving the other side credibility, and we're not going to play," he said.

"When we had our meeting with Senator Noh, he had this idea he wants to talk about public interest doctrine and solve the social problems between dairymen and the rest of society, but every time we sit down all we do is give the other side credibility," Eilers said.

Noh said Tuesday he hadn't spoken with Eilers, but the language governing the transfer of water rights will continue until someone introduces new legislation that passes muster with the Legislature.

## Tobacco money up for grabs

An attempt by Sen. John

## Bonneville County moves to block plan

**BOISE (AP)** — Bonneville County commissioners asked the Idaho Supreme Court on Tuesday to block a legislative redistricting plan they contend unconstitutionally favors the northern Idaho over southeastern Idaho.

Commissioners urged the high court to order Secretary of State Pete Cenarrusa not to accept candidate filings based on the new map yet the filing period begins Monday.

The Supreme Court is expected to respond quickly to Bonneville County's petition and others anticipated from those unhappy with the redistricting plan.

If the Idaho Redistricting Commission fails to draft a new and valid plan in time for use in the May 28 primary election, Bonneville County commissioners said the court should require that existing districts be used.

That would mean some districts in Idaho's fastest-growing communities during the 1990s — primarily on Boise's west side — would be up to twice as populous as in slower-growing areas. That violates the one-person, one-vote standard of equal representation.

The plan approved March 9 by the six-member bipartisan citizen commission redrawing Idaho's political boundaries was the panel's first attempt to satisfy federal and state constitutional and legal requirements.

It included a difference between the most-populous and least-populous districts of less than 1 percent. That's the standard Idaho Supreme Court justices set for compliance with the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause.

Plans adopted in late August and early January were voided

for having deviations of 10.69 and 11.79 percent, respectively. But Bonneville County said technical adherence to equal representation was not enough.

Commissioners cited the fact that almost all the northern Idaho districts have populations below the 36,970 ideal for each of 35 districts based on Idaho's 2000 population. Almost all eastern Idaho districts have populations above the ideal number.

"There can be no rational basis for the commission to adopt a plan which in a systematic and calculated manner causes an overrepresentation of northern Idaho at the expense of residents in southeastern Idaho," the county's charge said.

"Where there is no rational basis for such geographic discrimination, the plan must be declared unconstitutional."

## Council votes to aid Senior Center's finances

**By Alice New Times-News correspondent**

**GOODING** — The City Council agreed to give money to the Gooding Senior Center to help the center's financial situation.

"Once again, we're running in the red," Elizabeth Clontz, Gooding Senior Center director, told the council Monday.

Mayor Herb Stroud said he felt that the money was for a good cause. Councilwoman Sharon Siefert made a motion to give \$750 to the senior center, and next year the city will budget for the expense.

Clontz said the city paid \$400 toward insurance for the center's van. The city also donates \$53 a month to the senior center; the \$750 is in addition to that.

"We do have a contract with the federal government to cover meals, also the \$3 donation we get for those meals, yet that is just a donation — we never know what is coming in," Clontz said.

Siefert asked Clontz what would be needed to get them

back in the black. Clontz said, "We could use \$600 or \$700, which would really help."

Other city business included:

• Grant applications — The council agreed to a request by a police officer Rick Cowen for permission to apply for a \$42,886 grant.

With \$830,000 available in federal funds, Cowen said he felt grant money would help with community policing programs. If the grant is received, \$5,300 would be used to send police officers to two community policing classes, a drug intervention class and a drug enforcement class.

Matching funds from the city would be \$144, which Cowen says has already been budgeted. Cowen said the cost to the city in the future would be \$1,947 for maintaining the programs for the computer, and that wouldn't even be needed until 2003.

The council also approved city superintendent Todd Bunn's request to apply to the U.S. Forest Service for a \$200,000 grant. The grant would help pay for side-

walks, fencing, a handicap ramp and also landscaping for the new swimming pool under construction in East Park.

• Gravel donation — Bunn also said Phil Broughton from Magic Valley Bank would like to donate 500 to 600 yards of gravel to the city of Gooding. The gravel, worth about \$4,500, was used for the Magic Valley Bank's temporary site before the new building was finished.

"The only cost to the city would be labor," Bunn said.

• Policing grant — Gooding City Fire Chief Pat Bishop said that he too will be applying for a grant. The \$52,350 grant would be used to purchase needed equipment for the city and rural departments. The 10 percent matching funds would be split between the two departments, totaling \$2,617 each.

• Police department opening — Police Chief Paul Brown said there is now an opening for a new police officer. He said the starting wage would be \$1,740 per month.

## Heyburn police raise money to help officers

**By Nate Johnson Times-News writer**

**HEYBURN** — Police officers are coming together to support members of the force who are down on their luck.

Officers of the Heyburn Police Department have created a police officers association to help police officers in times of crisis. The idea for the association came after officers scrambled to gather money for members of the department in need of financial assistance.

"We've run into a couple of medical mishaps over the last two years," said Heyburn Police Chief George Warrall III.

When Sgt. Jerry Balance had to take his baby to Salt Lake City for open-heart surgery, his medical

## The raffle

**T**ickets for the police officers association raffle are available at the Heyburn Police Department office.

Cost: \$5 each, or three for \$10. Drawing: April 5.

To benefit: The association will provide money to law enforcement officers in times of crisis.

insurance covered most of the costs, but it didn't cover travel expenses. Officers pooled their resources so Balance could stay near his child. Similarly, Cpl. Mike Meyers became sick shortly after he joined the force, before he had accrued sick days and before his medical insurance took

effect. Officers found the money to help Meyers make his medical payments.

Now the department wants to have a support system in place in case there are more emergencies, Warrall said.

To build a fund for the association, the officers are having a raffle. They are selling raffle tickets for \$5 each, or three for \$10, at the Heyburn Police Department office.

Heyburn Mayor Cleo Chichester will be drawing the winner of the raffle will receive a collection of camping gear worth more than \$1,000. The person named on the second ticket will win a dinner for four at Stevo's in Heyburn. The four passes to Century Cinema 5.

## Principal

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the underfunded manner in which they work.

The state allocates a school's budget based on fall semester student attendance. However, the transitory nature of Altamose's student body makes

those numbers hard to pin down, and usually results in more students not accounted for.

"This fall, we had started with 70 students. He now has 110."

"Our classrooms are stuffed," he said.

Undaunted, he remains deter-

mined to make a difference in his students' lives.

"I know how much of a struggle this can be for some students," he said. "I admire, respect and love the fact that these kids are still plugging along against the odds."

pointed out that the concept was different than the kinds of penalties that state agencies have been allowed to levy before. Typically, agency heads determine what would seem to fit a violation and then justify it.

In the end, the Legislature opted for a highly documented version of the latter, but some House ag committee members warned the Department of Agriculture if it doesn't start putting some clout in how it administers penalties, the order issues might be transferred to DEQ. Members maintain DEQ will wind a bigger hammer.

But the Ag Department points out that DEQ never issued any order fines, while the Ag Department has charged a Filer dairy with thousands of cows about \$2,500.

David Mead, a Twin Falls resident who once sat on a board that oversees DEQ, said the Ag Department has never been an enforcement agency, and as such, it is still "learning the game."

Mead said he sees a need for stronger penalties for ag order violators. He figures that will come in good time.

Jones, R-Filer, said he doesn't know if ag order will be on the table again next year.

## Hansen School Board must fill two seats

**By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent**

**HANSEN** — Residents will be voting for two school board members May 21.

Chad Rie, representing Zone 4, and Brent Funk from Zone 5, announced Monday they will be ending their terms. Anyone wanting to run for these positions can receive applications from the superintendent's office.

The May primary election will be held in the elementary school gymnasium.

In other business Monday, the board decided to advertise for bids on a new school bus. The board voted to purchase a large bus instead of a small vehicle, as the expense of running a large bus for smaller groups is about the same, and a big bus is going to need more.

A big bus is going to need more. The board voted to buy a new lawnmower to replace the 15-year-old mower that needs a lot of repair. The board voted to sell the old maintenance pickup.

The board will be offering a \$500 scholarship and voted to remain in the Advanced Regional Technology Educational Consortium if the dues didn't exceed \$2,500.

The budget hearing for the next school year is set for 8 p.m. June 17 in the high school library. This meeting will follow an early school board meeting that is set for 6 p.m.

Secondary principal Rick Abel reported he had received an offer of \$3,430 for 11 flame-retardant curtains for the stage. The board agreed to ask local manufacturers about their costs.

The board will be accepting applications for all coaching positions for the 2002-03 year.

Upcoming events include no school on Friday, spring break March 25-29, and Dare graduation at 7 p.m. April 2 at the elementary school.

There will be an early dismissal at 12:45 p.m. on April 9 at the high school for college day. High school students from Magic Valley schools will meet at Hansen for this event.

School pictures will be April 11 and the prom will be at the White House in Twin Falls on April 20.

The high school music festival is May 1; the school play is May 2. A senior trip to Lagoon is May 17 and graduation is May 28.

## Burley City Council reviews municipal golf course fee waivers

**By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer**

**BURLEY** — City Council members on Tuesday assigned a review of municipal golf course fee waivers to the golf course committee for additional study.

Discussion of events where fees are waived by the city was spurred by Councilman Brent Kerbs, who said at Tuesday's City Council meeting he had been asked about waiving greens fees for an upcoming benefit golf tournament.

The agreement between the city and golf pro Mike Williams allows Williams to waive greens fees for up to eight tournaments a year. That precedent had been in place for a number of years, when fees for the golf course were set by a council resolution. However, the council this year changed the way it sets golf course fees and adopted an ordinance establishing those fees.

Because of that change, city attorney Randy Stone said, waiving fees must be handled in a different fashion. The city ordinance has to provide for exceptions to regular fees, Stone said, which is what the council is reviewing.

Plenty of groups have asked for the fee waiver during the four years Williams has been golf pro, he told the council.

He views requests from nonprofit organizations, which are registered as such with the state — differently from requests from local charities. A provision exists for a flat \$500 fee to be charged for those registered nonprofit groups.

In the past, Williams has waived greens fees for tournaments held by the Burley Booster Club, the Burley FFA, the Burley American Legion baseball team and the Idaho Regatta committee.

"I do want to allow local groups to be able to raise funds," Williams said.

The city needs to "take a stand" about waiving golf fees, Kerbs said.

## Cuts

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McCee said she was "stunned" to learn of the reclassification, and quickly set out to make the school part of the public school system.

"We felt they were exactly the same as a school and didn't fit the criteria of an agency," she said.

Ramos added that he appreciated Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's backing of the school board's recent decision.

"The governor didn't have to concur but he did," he said.

The "agency" moniker further prompted the school from receiving another public school benefit — a contingency fund. As a sort of emergency savings account, the fund allows school districts to set aside up to 5 percent of their budget to carry over to the next fiscal year. Instead, the school had to return to the state all money

saved through frugal spending, Ramos said.

"We would start the year with no savings, no money for an emergency," he said.

So he gave a "persuasive presentation" to the legislative Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, and picked up unanimous support. John Sandy, R-Hagerman, and Clint Stennett, D-Ketchikan, co-sponsored the bill that allows the school to set aside a financial reserve.

"We felt they should be treated like any other school district," Stennett said. "It was probably long overdue."

Now that his institution is officially recognized as a school, Ramos is effusive in his thanks to those lawmakers who helped out.

"It's been an extraordinary year," he said.

## Electricity

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Mendenhall said there wasn't much more the council can do now than the matter that it plans to do.

"We made a mistake. We're just dragging up the past. We just need to take care of it."

Council members voted to allow the mayor and city administrator to strike a deal with TSI personnel for the repayment plan.

Burley resident Pete Snow brought the payment issue to the council, pointing out that when the city bought the building and then leased it to TSI, the incentive package, and the fact that the city did not include an offer of free utilities.

Other recent council business included:

• Law enforcement — Council members heard support from Burley resident Paul Young to not change the city's arrangement for law enforcement protection from the Cassia County Sheriff's Office. City officials have talked about the amount of money the city pays the county for police protection, and some questions have been raised about whether the city could operate its own police

department for less money than is now paid the county.

Young said the city has "a much better law enforcement agency now than we had prior" to the change.

And, Young said, with tough economic times facing all government entities, it makes even more sense to share resources when possible.

Young's comments were echoed by Burley resident John Walsh, who said implementing a city police department would be "a really big mistake."

• Alcohol permits — The council approved beer and liquor licenses for the Yacht Club at 101 E. Main St.

• Building permits — The council issued a \$24,000 building permit to the Riverside Bar for a 960-square-foot addition to the facility at 197 W. U.S. Highway 30.

The council also issued a \$20,000 building permit to Polo's Cafe at 1251 Overland Ave.

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THE COUCH POTATO STATE?



Alton Brown, left, chef on the television show "Good Eats," stands next to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne as the governor holds up a proclamation declaring April as the Food Network's "Couch Potato" Month, in the governor's office at the Statehouse in Boise Monday. The Food Network will air a weekend of shows dedicated to Idaho's official vegetable, the potato, April 20 and 21.

Region gets mixed environmental marks

SEATTLE (AP) — Greenhouse gas emissions appear to be leveling off. Roadless areas in forests have stopped shrinking, and the rise in energy use has slowed to match the pace of population growth.

But in addition to the good news in Tuesday's environmental report on the Northwest from the nonprofit Northwest Environment Watch there is some bad news.

About 10 acres of Puget Sound-area land were paved for development each day during the 1990s compared with 8 acres a day in Portland, Ore., and 4 acres a day in Vancouver, British Columbia. Wild salmon remain at risk.

And Idaho leads the region in per capita trucks, minivans and sport utility vehicles that throughout the Northwest are replacing more fuel-efficient cars.

report called it an effort to crunch a complex array of numbers that show how the region's quality of life is changing.

"The first step is to develop indicators that spring from the region's values, not just from the marketplace," said Alan Durning, Northwest Environment Watch's executive director. "And the next is to pay attention to them."

The Northwest's population grew more slowly in 2001 than during the 1990s, but the addition of 197,000 people still pushed the number living in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, northwestern California, southeastern Alaska and British Columbia to more than 16 million.

That doubles the population in 1965.

The Northwest's fleet of vehicles increased by 110,000 — to 12 million — last year. That adds up to more cars than licensed drivers.

problem. Low-density housing developments where residents are left highly dependent on their cars accounted for 60 percent of Seattle's growth.

In Vancouver, British Columbia, compact, pedestrian-friendly communities made up 80 percent of growth. Portland's mix of high- and low-density residential growth fell in between. Seattle's and Vancouver's.

Although the Northwest's energy consumption has increased 300 percent since 1960, the economy is growing faster than energy use.

The report also found that ecologically valuable roadless areas in forests have stopped shrinking for the first time in generations.

"We've made a concerted effort to remove access roads, especially ones causing stream degradation," said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Andy Brunelle in Boise.

With fuel efficiency dropping off, the report said, air pollution is expected to become a bigger problem.

Last year at least, greenhouse gas emissions remained roughly constant, not because of changes in environmental policy but because 10 of 11 aluminum smelters were shut down by the energy crunch.

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Kootenai sheriff's deputies kick off wellness program

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Kootenai County sheriff's deputies are sweating to save money — literally.

The department kicked off a wellness program last week that is designed to increase employees' fitness levels and save thousands of dollars in workers' compensation.

In 2001, the county paid \$191,052 in insurance claims and about \$63,047 was from the sheriff's department, said Sue Baker, who monitors the county's insurance.

However, Sheriff Rocky Watson

said, "The sheriff's department represents one-third of the workers' compensation claims in the county, which isn't out of proportion because we're one-third of the county's employees."

"It's still a high number and they're asking themselves what to do to lower that cost," he said.

Unlike other on-the-job safety training, law enforcement cannot always control the work environment.

"We can't pick whenever we fight or chase somebody, or anything that strains our back," Watson said.

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Data must be scientifically rigorous and relevant. Examples of acceptable data include Ph.D. or master's theses, published or printed studies or reports, environmental assessments, and models. Data may be submitted electronically (preferred) or by mail or fax. Before submitting data, review DEQ's *Outside Data Policy* on DEQ's Web site.

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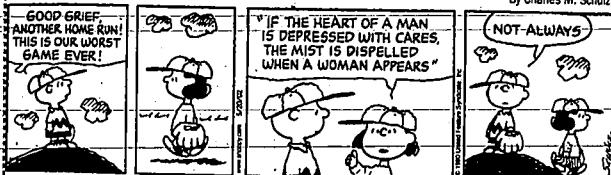
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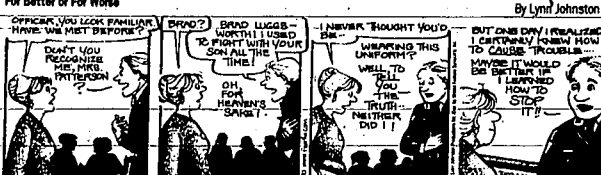
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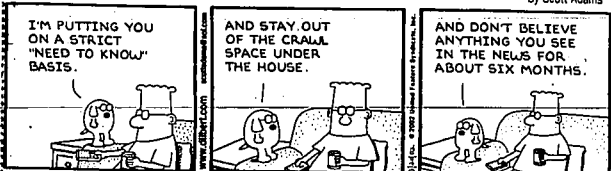
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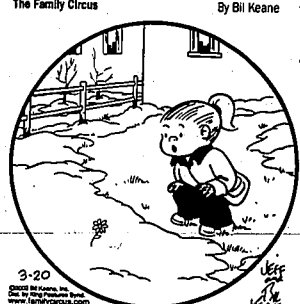
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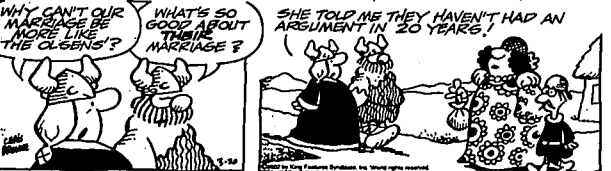
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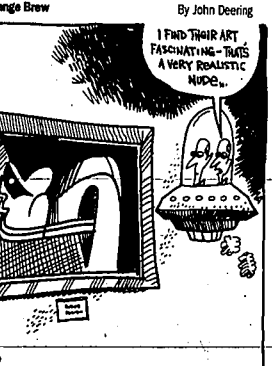
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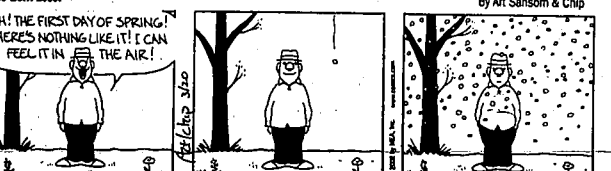
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# Cyanide suspect may be responsible for Olympic power outage

**SALT LAKE CITY** — The man accused of snatching cyanide in Chicago's subway system is being investigated by the FBI in the bombing of a Utah Power substation on the final day of the 2002 Winter Olympics, a Salt Lake City newspaper said.

The Salt Lake Tribune, which did not cite its sources, said in a copyright story Tuesday that Joseph Konopka, 25, formerly of De Pere, Wis., was being investigated in the Feb. 24 explosion at a Utah Power substation near Salt Lake City International Airport.

Konopka also is accused in Wisconsin in a five-county rampage of vandalism that included sabotage of a power substation.

Konopka was arrested in Chicago on March 10 for allegedly storing cyanide in a locked closet of Chicago's mass transit system. He was arrested in a steam tunnel in the basement of a university of Illinois-Chicago Education Building.

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mother of six just days after the two had ended a three-year relationship. Ochoa's mother is caring for the children, including the year-old son her daughter had with Granados.

**Lawsuit seeks to nullify \$10.6M district school levy**

**COEUR D'ALENE** — Four Boundary County property owners are suing local officials to nullify a \$10.6 million levy for district schools.

On Feb. 5, voters approved a measure to build a new high school and fix the rickety elementary schools.

The measure falls under a 2001 law that allows districts to make 10-year property tax levies, provided they receive approval from

at least 55-percent of voters. This levy got 64 percent of the vote.

But the property owners' lawsuit claims this is actually a bond issue — where the district puts up school property as collateral. That would require a 67 percent majority.

**Authorities plan to dig for body of murder victim**

**NAMPA** — Canyon County investigators plan to dredge a portion of the New York Canal in their search for the body of presumed murder victim Deborah Sue Zufelt.

Search dogs alerted handlers to the area southeast of Nampa last week, investigators said. Zufelt's ex-husband, Britt L. Zufelt, has

been charged with killing the 37-year-old woman at his Nampa-area home.

Detectives suspect Zufelt, 33, may have buried the body in the canal in November, when it was dry.

Now, water in the canal stands about two feet deep, even though the Nampa-Meridian Irrigation District turned off the flow Friday.

**Journal found in car may offer clues to killings**

**ANN ARBOR, Mich.** — A Journal found in an Ann Arbor man's car may help the investigation into why two bodies were in his vehicle.

Patrick L. Daniel, 31, remains held on two counts of murder

brought after Utah Highway Patrol officers found the bodies of a man and a woman in the trunk of the car last Thursday.

He was arraigned Tuesday in Sevier County, Utah. He won't likely stand trial there, however.

His attorney, John Hummel, said Daniel probably won't fight extradition to Michigan.

The Detroit Free Press reported Tuesday that one entry in the

journal read: "Torch car?... Bury in remote area."

Investigators think Daniel was driving from Michigan to Las Vegas to dispose of the bodies.

One victim has been identified as Robert Bilton Jr., 35, of Dearborn. The name of the 31-year-old woman hasn't been released. Police said she was also from Michigan.

— compiled from wire reports

**Council considers changing nudity ordinance for art.**

**BOISE** — Barring it all might soon be legal in the city, but only in the interest of serious art.

The Boise City Council is considering an amendment to the city's public nudity ordinance that would allow artistic nudity not connected with a sexually oriented business. A final decision is expected in early April.

The city's nudity ordinance, approved last spring, requires nightclub performers to wear at least G-string and pasties.

The proposed amendment says those engaging in "dance, ballet, music or dramatic performances ... of serious artistic merit" could be completely nude as long as they were not in a business that has "entertainment which is intended to provide sexual stimulation or sexual gratification."

**Judge denies killer lighter sentence in girlfriend's death**

**IDAHO FALLS** — A district judge has rejected the petition of a 27-year-old man to shorten his prison term for strangling his girlfriend.

Although 7th District Judge Richard St. Clair said there was no evidence Jose Granados planned to injure or kill Mona Garcia Ochoa, St. Clair stood by his original sentence of 15 years in prison with no parole during the first 10. When he is released, Granados will be deported to Mexico.

The Idaho Falls man pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in the death of the 25-year-old

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Section 6

## the Meatless solution

Shoshone woman offers vegetarian main-dish alternatives

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - The Great American Meat Out started in 1985 as an annual grassroots diet-education campaign. People are asked to "kick the meat habit" for one day - today, March 20, the first day of spring. The idea is to explore a wholesome diet of grains and vegetables.

Melanie Watson has been a vegetarian off and on for 20 years. She eats dairy products and fish, but has been meatless for 10 years. She lives in Shoshone, works for the City of Halley and teaches vegetarian classes at the College of Southern Idaho/Blaine County Center. She is also taking Idaho State University classes at a CSI outreach center.

More of  
Melanie Watson's  
recipes - C3

Although her husband, Tony Watson, is a native of Magic Valley, she was born and reared in Levittown, Pa., a small town north of Philadelphia.

"Twin Falls reminds me of Levittown in the '60s when I was a kid growing up there," said Watson, who came to Shoshone by way of San Francisco, Oregon, Carey and Bellevue.

She claims a vegetarian diet helps people lose weight and get healthy. She plans to teach about Thanksgiving and Christmas veggie feasts in her vegetarian classes, since the holidays are a problem for the vegetarian.

"What to fix for the main course is always the big question," said Watson, adding that there are many pre-flavored meat-substitute products that look and feel like meat, but don't have the saturated fats associated with real meat.

She particularly likes the veggie breakfast link sausages that come frozen.

"They are great for camping trips, or throw them in a microwave and eat with a bagel," she said.

Since adopting a veggie lifestyle, Watson said her cholesterol is lower, her skin is clearer and she feels better all around.

Some people worry about getting enough protein on a veggie diet, but beans have a lot of protein. Watson uses them in dishes like soups, salads and chili. She said people also get protein from cheese.

She suggested two web links: [www.meatout.org](http://www.meatout.org) and [www.rightfoods.com](http://www.rightfoods.com)

### MELANIE'S VEGGIE RECIPES

This recipe is fast and easy, profiled cook Melanie Watson said.

#### Curried cauliflower and chickpeas

- 1 medium onion, diced
  - 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
  - 1 to 2 teaspoons minced garlic
  - 2 tablespoons curry powder (any kind)
  - 2 cans chick peas (garbanzo beans, drained)
  - 2 cans coconut milk (light coconut milk works, too)
  - 1 head cauliflower, chopped
  - Salt and pepper to taste
- Saute garlic and onion in oil until onion is soft. Add curry powder and stir into onions and garlic; warm the curry spices for about 2 minutes before adding the other ingredients. Add all ingredients and simmer on medium heat for about 30 minutes, or until cauliflower is as soft as you like it.



Melanie Watson's vegetarian creations are attractive enough to tempt even the most dedicated meat lover.

BRUCE SHILOH/The Times-News

## Cooking secrets of a recipe thief



Left, Thai-Style Broccolli with Garlic is a veggie-lover's delight. Center, treat yourself to Scandinavian-Style Red Cabbage with Apple. Right, Debashish Banerji's potatoes with cabbage, ginger and fresh basil combines lots of yummy ingredients.

## Hats off to Easter ham

Pork Information Bureau

Brightly colored eggs and candy-filled baskets aside, nothing rivals the time-honored tradition of serving a delicious ham for Easter meal. And each 3-ounce serving of extra-lean-ham contains just 4 grams of fat and 112 calories.

Old-fashioned, country-style or southern-style ham - dry cured with no added water - is extremely salty and usually served in small portions, very thinly sliced. "Ham with natural juices" has a little water added in the curing process and is a favorite choice for a dinner centerpiece. "Ham water added" retains extra water during the curing process and is ideal for steaks, thin slicing and shaving. "Ham and water product" has the most water added and is good as cold cuts, shaved or sliced.



Ham's smoky-sweet flavor and mouth-watering aroma make it the perfect centerpiece for any occasion. This easy-to-prepare Glazed Ham with Pineapple-raisin Sauce is a cause for celebration.

Bone-in hams, available whole or as a shank or butt half, serve two to three people a pound. Boneless hams yield four to five servings a pound. Virtually all hams come fully cooked, as noted on the label. They can be served right from the refrigerator without heating. To prepare a hot, fully-cooked

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### Observation leads to new ideas

By Barbara Hansen  
Los Angeles Times

The two women were discussing mushrooms in the produce department at a Chinese market. "Add a little soy sauce and some onion," said one. "Put in ginger root, of course, and be sure to include a dash of sugar."

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"We learn new dishes in any number of ways - from cookbooks, friends, publications, TV shows and restaurants. And sometimes even by eavesdropping. I came across an idea for spinach seasoned with lots of garlic in a Cantonese restaurant in Chinatown in downtown Los Angeles. The greens were drenched with a clear sauce that contained an impressive amount of chopped garlic. I could taste no soy sauce, or maybe just a little of the light kind that adds saltiness rather than color. And I detected the slight perfume of toasted sesame oil. Keep your eyes open when you're eating out. It's not hard when you're in the grocery and always be ready for inspiration to strike."

### RECIPES - HEAVY ON THE VEGGIES

#### Thai-style broccolli with garlic

- 2 tablespoons fish sauce
  - 2 teaspoons sugar
  - 1 pound broccolli florets
  - 2 tablespoons oil
  - 4 large cloves garlic, chopped (not too fine)
- Stir the fish sauce with the sugar until the sugar is dissolved. Set aside. Drop the broccolli florets into a saucepan of boiling water. Cover

and boil 2 to 3 minutes. Drain. Heat the oil in a wok over medium heat. Add the garlic and fry until golden and crisp, 3 to 4 minutes. Drain on a paper towel. Add the fish sauce mixture to the oil remaining in the pan. Add the broccolli and stir until blended with the seasonings and heated through. Turn out onto a heated platter and top with the fried garlic.

#### Scandinavian-style red cabbage with apple

- 1 1/4 pounds red cabbage
  - 1/2 small onion
  - 1 apple
  - 1 tablespoon oil
  - 2 tablespoons dried cranberries
  - 1/4 cup red wine
  - 2 tablespoons currant jelly
  - 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
  - 4 whole allspice
  - 3 whole cloves
  - 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
  - 2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- Discard the tough, outer leaves of the cabbage.

Quarter the cabbage if whole, remove the core and cut the quarters crosswise into 1/4-inch shreds. Quarter the onion and thinly slice crosswise. Quarter the apple, remove the core and cut each quarter lengthwise into thin slices, then crosswise into thin slices. Heat the oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until softened, 3 to 5 minutes. Add the cabbage, apple, cranberries, wine, jelly, brown sugar, allspice, cloves and salt. Stir to mix. Cover and cook over medium-low heat until the cabbage is softened, 1 hour. Uncover and stir in the vinegar. Transfer to a storage container, cover and refrigerate overnight. Reheat before serving.

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# Boise Center hosts annual flower and garden show

**The Times-News**  
BOISE — The Sixth Annual U. S. Bank Boise Flower and Garden Show is set for Thursday through Sunday at the Boise Centre on the Grove.

The show will celebrate the American spirit with an 1,800-square-foot garden titled "Our New American Garden." Participants will stroll through gardens and glean practical tips. Seminars will feature keynote speaker Robert Smaus, the West Coast host for "The Victory Garden" on PBS. Seminars run continuously throughout the show beginning Friday.

Master gardeners and the Idaho Botanical Garden will present demonstrations and workshops each day. The Orchid

Society and the Bonsai Society will also provide displays and seminars. There will be more than 150 booths and displays, with some items available for purchase, and sign-ups for a giveaway. Exhibits will include floral displays, yard structures, water fountains, equipment, pottery, furniture and garden art.

Hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday (Preview Night), 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5.50 for seniors (Friday only), \$3 for youth 12 and under. Thursday is \$10 and is only for adults 21 and older. Discount coupons are available at U. S. Bank branches.

# Feast on fantastic fried dill pickles

By Kathleen Purvis  
The Charlotte Observer

Any fried food that comes from Elvis' home state can't be bad. How else to explain the phenomenon of fried dill pickles? The round pickle slices are battered or dredged in seasoned

flour, fried and served with a dipping sauce. The vinegar and salt under the crispiness of the spicy coating has an addictive quality. At the Ajax Diner in Oxford, Miss., they are served with a mayonnaise and chili sauce concoction called Come Back Sauce.

### Fried dill pickles

Serves 4: Adapted from allrecipes.com  
2 eggs  
2 cups buttermilk, divided  
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, divided  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 teaspoon hot sauce, such as Texas Pete  
3/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt  
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder  
1 cup cornmeal (we used white in testing)  
1 teaspoon salt  
3/4 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1 (32-ounce) jar hamburger dill slices  
1 cup vegetable oil  
Ranch dressing or Come Back Sauce (see recipe)  
Drain pickles and place in a bowl. Cover with about 1 cup buttermilk. Set aside. Combine eggs, 1/4 cup flour, 1 cup buttermilk, Worcestershire, hot sauce, cayenne, seasoned salt and garlic powder in a bowl. Stir together. Whisk together cornmeal, 2 cups flour, salt and black pepper in a wide bowl or pan.

Heat oil in a deep skillet or pot until 365 degrees on a deep-fat thermometer.  
Drain pickles. Drop pickles into buttermilk mixture, then dredge in seasoned flour. Drop into hot oil. Fry until pickles are browned and floating. Remove with a slotted spoon. Drain on paper towels and serve hot, with ranch dressing or Come Back Sauce.  
Come back sauce:  
Makes about 3 cups.  
2 1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup chili sauce  
1/4 cup canola oil  
3/4 teaspoon onion powder  
2 teaspoons garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
3/4 teaspoon dry mustard  
3/4 teaspoon coarse kosher salt  
Whisk together all ingredients. Serve with hot fried dill pickles. Keeps refrigerated up to 1 week.

# Making a garden box can help fill waiting time



**GREEN THUMBPRINTS**  
Cathy Wahorth

Longer, somewhat warmer days are here, but the soil is still too cold and wet to do anything with.

How about a garden related project?

One that can provide a place to grow just about anything—in any space.

We could build a raised garden for someone while we're waiting. It might be you, might be someone you know who doesn't have a piece of ground that will work for growing a garden. Or the back and knees aren't what they used to be.

A raised garden—raised just about high enough for someone to work sitting down is just the ticket.

You'll need enough lumber or cinder blocks to make a garden box (read "garden bed") a foot deep and as wide as you can reach across without straining. Usually two feet across, three if you can get it from all sides. Try reaching across a yardstick to find out what a comfortable reach

for you measures up to.

You don't have to bend over, either. You'll set the garden box on a couple of sawhorses or a pile of cinder blocks to hold it at a comfortable height for you. You can easily dig into a garden on sawhorses while seated, even in a wheelchair.

Find someplace where you'll be able to access your raised garden box from all sides, if possible. That someplace should get full sun.

Set up the sawhorses, put a sheet of plywood on them, and build your 1-foot-deep sides with scrap lumber.

Don't seal the edges. Let a little daylight come through the cor-

ners. Fill your creation with good potting soil—and you're in business.

Because your garden-in-the-air is not solidly crafted, it will drain nicely. Because you measured how far you can reach without something hurting, our garden is small enough to fit on a balcony.

You don't need big, heavy tools. You can do all the digging and planting you want with a dinner fork. All you need is a handful of seed packets and a watering can.

As long as your garden is a foot deep or so, carrots or any other root crop will do well. Add some salad greens and sweet peas and salsa fixings—maybe some flowers in the middle. You can do anything you want and never have to weed.

It doesn't take a bad back to appreciate such a garden. If you have poor soil, or even asphalt, you can top them with a permanent raised bed and enjoy a garden.

Cedar fence boards will go on sale any time now. They are inexpensive, about the right size for your project and resistant to rotting.

This raised garden is nothing more than a large container garden. If you don't want to grow enough food to feed a family of four, why not stuff a few herbs and greens into a smaller, more conventional container, and stick it on your front porch? Many of the new lettuce are beautiful, as well as tasty. Kale is a colorful edible. Take a new look at your favorite herbs—picture them mixed into a pot of nasturtiums for an edible color spot.

There's no end to what you can create in containers, no matter what size you choose.

We just want to have fun in the dirt again.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at [cw@pmt.org](mailto:cw@pmt.org).

# Commmeal scones can add excitement to your breakfast

By Linda Gluca  
The Hartford Courant

Cornmeal gives these golden wedges a slightly grainy yet light texture. The recipe is from the Galisteo Inn, a hacienda-in-New Mexico.

### GALISTEO INN'S CORNMEAL SCONES

2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour

1 cup yellow or blue stone-ground cornmeal

1/3 cup sugar

1 tablespoon baking powder

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

12 tablespoons (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, well-chilled and cut into small bits

1 cup buttermilk

3/4 cup dried currants

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Butter a cookie sheet. In a food processor, whir together the flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon, salt and baking soda. Scatter the butter over the dry ingredients and pulse the mixture just until it resembles

coarse meal. Pour in the buttermilk and pulse the mixture just until combined. Turn the dough out onto a floured work surface and scatter the currants over it. Gently pat out the dough and fold it back over itself about a half-dozen times, until smooth. (A dough scraper helps with this.)

Use a light hand and don't over-mix. Divide the dough in half and pat it out again into two 3/4-inch thick disks. Cut each disk into 6 plump pie-shaped wedges. Transfer the scones to the prepared cookie sheet and sprinkle with sugar if you wish. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes until golden.

Serve at room temperature. Makes 1 dozen.

VARIATION: Substitute 3 ounces (about 3/4 cup) grated Cheddar cheese for the currants and add with the butter. Serve with pepper jelly.

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## MORE VEGGIE RECIPES, from C-1

### Debashish Banerji's potatoes with cabbage

1 1/2 pounds red cabbage  
1 1/2 tablespoons oil  
1 teaspoon black cumin seeds (kala jeera)  
1/2 teaspoon black mustard seeds  
1 1/2 tablespoons finely chopped ginger root  
6 basil leaves  
12 baby red potatoes (about 1 pound), unpeeled, cut in half  
1/4 cup cilantro leaves, packed  
Remove the outer cabbage leaves. Quarter the cabbage, if whole, and remove the core. Slice the cabbage crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces.  
Heat the oil in a Dutch oven

over medium-high heat. Add the black cumin and mustard seeds and cook until the mustard seeds pop, 1 minute. Add the ginger, then the basil leaves and cook a minute or so.  
Add the potatoes and cook, stirring to mix with the spices, about 3 minutes. Add the cabbage and salt. Mix well, cover and cook over medium-high heat until the potatoes are tender and the cabbage is wilted but still slightly crunchy, about 20 minutes. Taste and add more salt if needed. Turn out and top with cilantro leaves.  
NOTE: Black cumin seeds and black mustard seeds are available at Indian markets.

### Soy-glazed mushrooms

2 tablespoons oil  
1/2 cup finely chopped onion  
2 teaspoons minced ginger root  
1 pound mushrooms, sliced  
2 tablespoons soy sauce  
1 teaspoon sugar  
Heat the oil in a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion and ginger root and

cook until the onion is tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Raise the heat to high, add the mushrooms and cook until they start to soften, about 2 to 3 minutes. Add the soy sauce and sugar and cook, stirring, until the mushrooms are tender, 5 to 6 minutes. Active work and total preparation time: 15 minutes.

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## Recipe finder

By Ellen Hawks  
The Baltimore Sun

Victoria Fringer of Woodstock, Ill., wrote for a recipe for vinegar candy. Kathryn Vaite of Catonsville, Md., emailed this.

**VINEGAR CANDY**  
1 cup brown sugar (packed)  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, plus more for pan  
2 tablespoons vinegar  
Pinch of salt  
1/2 cup chopped pecans, optional

Combine first four ingredients and cook over medium-high heat until a droplet of the mixture forms a hard ball when dropped into cold water (until the mixture reaches 270 degrees on a candy thermometer, about 10 minutes). Swirl pan gently but do not stir. Butter an 8- or 9-inch cake pan. Sprinkle chopped nuts, using, on bottom of pan. Pour candy mixture over nuts and let cool. When cool, break into pieces. Makes about 20 small pieces. Store in an airtight container, but not in the refrigerator.

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MORE OF MELANIE WATSON'S RECIPES, from C-1



Cake doughnuts are densely textured and drier than raised doughnuts, making them a fine choice for those who like to dunk.

Doughnut recipes

**Apple cider cake doughnuts**  
 3 1/2 to 4 cups all-purpose flour  
 1/3 cup brown sugar  
 1 teaspoon salt  
 2 teaspoons baking powder  
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda  
 1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg  
 1 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1 cup less 2 tablespoons apple cider  
 4 tablespoons melted, cooled butter  
 2 eggs  
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 Vegetable shortening  
 Sugar, cinnamon sugar or confectioner's sugar  
 Combine 2 cups of the flour

Apple cider cake doughnuts

with the sugar, brown sugar, salt, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg and cinnamon in the bowl of an electric mixer. Mix the cider, cooled melted butter, eggs and vanilla extract in a bowl and beat to blend them. Add the liquid to the flour mixture and mix ingredients on moderate speed until a uniform batter forms, about 2-3 minutes. Add remaining flour by the half cupful, stirring until a soft, sticky dough forms. Remove the dough to a floured surface and shape it into a soft ball. Put enough vegetable shortening in a deep fryer or large saucepan to melt to a depth of 4 inches (about

6 cups). Heat to 365 degrees. Press or roll the dough gently on a floured board to a thickness of 1/2 inch. Cut out doughnuts (as close together as possible) with a 2 1/2-inch doughnut cutter. Let doughnuts and holes rest for 15 minutes. Add doughnuts to pan, a few at a time. Fry doughnuts, flipping often to keep them from over-browning. Cook for about 2 minutes, then drain them on paper towels. Fry the holes separately; they will take less than a minute to cook. Let the doughnuts cool, then roll them in sugar, cinnamon sugar or confectioner's sugar. Makes about 2 dozen.

Churros

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons water  
 5 tablespoons butter  
 1 cup all-purpose flour  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 3 medium eggs or 2 large eggs and one yolk  
 Vegetable shortening  
 Cinnamon sugar  
 Heat the water and butter in a saucepan over medium heat until the water is simmering and the butter has melted.  
 Add flour and salt all at once. Stir with a wooden spoon until the flour has blended into the liquid and the dough begins to come away from the sides of pan. Remove the pan from the heat and let cool for about 5 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating vigorously after each addition until the dough is smooth and sticky.  
 Place the sticky dough in a large pastry bag fitted with a star tube.  
 Put enough vegetable shortening in deep fryer or large saucepan to melt to depth of 4 inches (about 6 cups). Heat to 365 degrees.

With tip of the pastry bag near the surface of the hot fat, carefully squeeze the bag to pipe out about 5-inch lengths of dough. Cooking a few at a time, fry the doughnuts, flipping them often to keep them from overbrowning.

Cook for about 2 minutes, then drain them on paper towels. Let the churros cool, then roll them in cinnamon sugar.  
 Makes about 20-24 churros.

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Stuffed shells

1 box pasta shells  
 1 1/2 (16-ounce) jars tomato sauce more or less to your liking  
 2 (10-ounce) boxes frozen, chopped spinach  
 1 medium onion, chopped  
 2 teaspoons garlic, minced  
 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 2 teaspoons dried Italian style herbs  
 1 (16-ounce) package firm tofu  
 1/2 cup olive oil  
 1/3 cup soy parmesan cheese (or real parmesan cheese)  
 1 package soy cheese (mozzarella style singles or real grated mozzarella)

Cook pasta shells according to package directions; they shouldn't be too well cooked or they will be difficult to stuff. Rinse and let cool for handling. Sauté garlic and onion in oil until onion is soft. Add spinach and herbs, and saute for 10 minutes on medium heat. After, let spinach and onion mixture

cool about 15-20 minutes. Meanwhile, put 2/3 of the block of tofu into a blender, and crumble the other 1/3 into a large bowl. Into the blender or food processor, add the 1/3 cup soy parmesan cheese and the 1/2 cup olive oil. Blend completely. Then add the blended mixture to the crumbled tofu in the bowl, and mix well. Then add the spinach and onion mixture, after it has cooled well, to the bowl and mix well into the tofu. This is the filling.

Stuff the cooked shells with the spinach/tofu mixture and place in a baking dish, like Corning Ware. If you bought the soy singles in the baking dish. Otherwise, just sprinkle grated mozzarella over the shells in the dish. Then pour the tomato sauce generously over the shells. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for about 45 minutes in a 350-degree oven.

The spinach tofu mixture also works well in lasagna.

Pasta dish

Here's a recipe using the "fake" ground round.

Pasta, such as elbow macaroni or pencil points  
 1 medium onion  
 2 teaspoons garlic  
 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 1 package soy ground round or crumbles (frozen packages recommended)  
 1 (16-ounce) jar tomato sauce  
 1 cup regular or soy mozzarella cheese (grated)  
 Prepare pasta according to package directions.

Rinse. Meanwhile, in a large pan, saute onion and garlic in oil until onion is soft. Since most of the soy meats are already cooked, add the soy ground round last; mix in with the onion and saute for about 3 minutes. Then add tomato sauce and pasta. Sauté for another 3 minutes or so, then pour the mix into a baking dish and cover with grated soy or regular mozzarella cheese. Cover with foil and bake for about 20 minutes, at least until cheese is melted.

(Some soy cheese will burn if not covered and doesn't melt well.)

Fresh veggies and pasta

3 different colored bell peppers (red, yellow and orange work best, but you can use all red)  
 1 package pasta-like bow ties or pencil points  
 1 head broccoli  
 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 Salt and pepper to taste  
 1 tablespoon sesame seeds  
 Prepare pasta according to package directions. Chop the peppers and broccoli, and steam until al dente. (Or put all the chopped pieces into a large

glass bowl, cover with water, cover bowl with Saran Wrap and microwave.) Drain and rinse pasta; drain veggies when done.  
 Toss pasta and veggies together into a large bowl; add olive oil, salt and pepper and sesame seeds; toss well.

NOTE: You can also add a couple of drops of hot chili oil (found in the Asian aisles of grocery stores) and sesame oil for flavor, but this is not a must.



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**Through The Gate**  
 By Kathy Scott  
 As you enter your garden or backyard, you might pass through a garden gate. Garden gates are places where neighbors meet and the pathway to a flourishing flower garden begins. With the right touch, a garden gate can be a magical portal to a wonderful place. Are there flowers, shrubs or trees on both sides of your garden gate? Does it draw attention as people come and go?  
 Your garden gate can give observers a glimpse into your personality. Does your garden say WELCOME or does it say KEEP OUT? Does your gate allow outsiders to have a sneak-peek of what is to come? Or does it hide the beauty of your garden so only those allowed in can see it?  
 An iron gate, for example, is sturdy and stable. How about a whimsical garden gate made of thick twigs? If your gate resembles a picket fence it will open the garden view, even to those who do not enter.  
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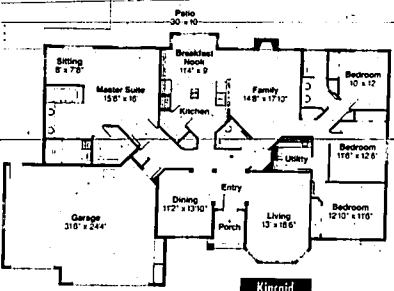
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The entry is bright. Sidelights flank the front door, and more light spills down through transom windows that crown it. Eleven-foot ceilings add volume to the living room and entry. A handy powder room is smack dab in the center of things, convenient to all.

Family room and kitchen flow together and both are rich in natural illumination. Windows flank the gas fireplace, and the rectangular bay that expands the kitchen creates a sunny eating nook. Sliders open onto the patio. Counter and cupboard spaces are generous. The cooktop is built into a central work island, while a large walk-in pantry provides additional storage for home-canned produce

and staple goods.

Well-isolated from the three other bedrooms, the Kincaid's spacious master suite is more than a bedroom. Its bright sitting area offers parents a welcome retreat. Sliders provide patio access. Added luxuries in the master bathroom include a double vanity, spa tub, and linen storage. Shower and toilet are separately enclosed.

Utilities are in the opposite bedroom wing, close to the major sources of dirty laundry. The long counter comes in handy for folding clean clothes and linen. Three bedrooms share a two-section bathroom with twin lavs.

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## Sweet caramel: It's charming our taste buds

By Jane Snow  
 Akron Beacon Journal

Suddenly, we're wild about caramel. The mixture of tawny, melted sugar and cream is the flavor of the century so far. Sure, the millennium is young, but caramel is making serious

inroads on the popularity of that 20th-century powerhouse, chocolate.

Caramel began sneaking onto the dessert menus of chic restaurants a couple of years ago.

At the French Laundry in California's Napa Valley, diners

can enjoy caramel ice cream with a chocolate mille-feuille (a many-layered pastry). Banana cream pie with caramel sauce is served at Emeril's in New Orleans, and warm banana tart with macadamia nut brittle is offered at Union Square Cafe in New York.

Food manufacturers have taken note. Starbucks sells a caramel frappe. Haagen Dazs hit a home run with its Dulce de Leche ice cream, in which, according to the carton, "ribbons of pure caramel wind lazily through rich caramel ice cream."

### CARAMEL RECIPES

#### Rich caramel cheesecake

**Crust:**  
 4 tablespoons melted butter  
 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs

**Caramel:**  
 1 cup sugar  
 1/4 cup water  
 1/2 cup whipping cream

**Cheesecake:**  
 4 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened  
 1 cup packed brown sugar  
 1/2 cup granulated sugar  
 1 tablespoon vanilla  
 1/4 teaspoon salt  
 4 large eggs, at room temperature

For the crust: Combine butter and crumbs, mixing well with a fork. Press into the bottom of a 10-inch springform pan.

For the caramel: Combine sugar and water in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Stir well. Cover with a lid and cook until

sugar turns a medium amber color, about 3 and one-half minutes after mixture comes to a boil. Remove from heat and stir 30 seconds. Slowly stir in cream, being careful to avoid spatters. Set aside.

For the cheesecake: Beat cream cheese and both sugars at medium speed of an electric mixer until soft and fluffy. Add vanilla and salt. Add eggs one at a time, beating on lowest speed of mixer just until incorporated.

Four two-thirds of batter over crust. Beat caramel mixture into remaining batter. Pour caramel batter over plain batter in pan and swirl mixtures with a rubber spatula. Bake at 350 degrees for about 50 minutes, or until edges are firm but middle still wiggles. Remove from oven and cool. Chill. Decorate with caramel panes just before serving.

#### Caramel panes

**1 cup sugar**  
**1/4 cup water**

Combine sugar and water in a saucepan. Cover and bring to a boil. Boil until mixture is light brown and a small amount dropped in cold water forms a brittle ball. Remove from heat and immediately pour into a 9-inch, well-buttered round cake pan or plate. When the caramel starts to harden, cut each circle into six wedges with a pizza wheel or a sharp knife. As caramel continues to harden,

recut the wedges several times. Slide the tip of a sharp knife under a wedge and remove from plate.

Place on a buttered cookie sheet to continue cooling. Continue with remaining panes. Some may break. Save six of the most attractive panes for the decoration. Just before serving, place three panes in a spoke pattern on top of cheesecake. In each space between panes, wedge a pane vertically into cake.

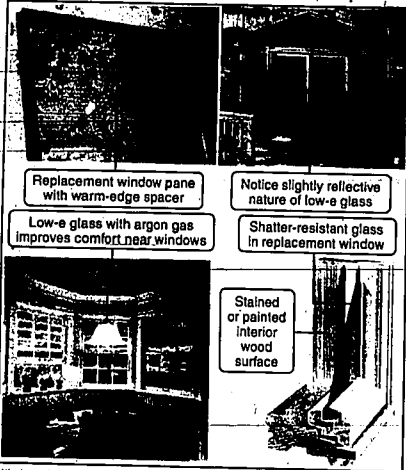
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**DEAR JIM:** I need to replace my drafty, hard-to-clean windows sometime soon. After listening to salesmen's pitches and reading promotional literature, I am even more confused: What are the best styles, frames and glass? —MIC W.

**DEAR MIC:** It is not surprising that you are confused. My mother recently had replacement windows installed. I sat quietly and listened to all the sales pitches without the salesman knowing who I was. Some of the efficiency and maintenance claims were so far off, it was almost criminal.

The heart of any window is the type of glass that is installed. The glass type influences the energy efficiency, glare, furniture fading, comfort during winter and summer, and the view into and out of your home. Insulating values of thermal glass panes can range from R-2 to R-8.

Low-emissivity (low-e) glass is the minimal quality you should consider. A microscopically thin, invisible low-e coating keeps heat indoors during the winter and heat outdoors during the summer. The low-e coating sometimes makes the windows slight-



Window glass selection affects efficiency and comfort.

ly reflective, but it is barely noticeable.

There are two types of low-e coatings: soft or hard coat. Soft coat is slightly more effective than hard coat. With either type, the low-e coating is applied on the protected glass surface facing the air gap. Whether it should be placed on the indoor

or outdoor pane depends on your climate.

For more energy efficiency, fade resistance and soundproofing, the low-e coating can be applied to two glass surfaces and dense inert gases can be used in the gap. For the highest efficiency, use triple- and quad-pane glass or glass with multiple lay-

ers of clear film in the air gap. Frame material is also important. If you measure the window opening, the window frame accounts for a substantial percentage of the total opening area. The most common frame materials are vinyl, aluminum and fiberglass.

Fiberglass is the best material for all climates because of its strength, low-maintenance and the thermal expansion is similar to the glass panes. Vinyl is effective in moderate and cold climates.

Thermally-broken aluminum frames are effective in all climates, but particularly in moderate and warm areas. With vinyl frames, select welded sashes because they are the strongest. The internal frame channels provide insulating dead air spaces, but for cold climates, consider vinyl frames with optional injected foam insulation.

The tightest sealing and most efficient window styles (casement, hopper, awning, tilt-turn) use long-lasting compression-type weatherstripping. For the easiest cleaning from indoors, double-hung windows that tilt in are best.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 977 - replacement window selector-guide-listing-styles; glass types and frame materials for various climates and a list of 13 efficient replacement window manufacturers. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE.

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

## Enjoy the pepper and egg sandwich that keeps Italian Catholics happy during lent

By Renee Enna  
 Chicago Tribune

A meatless specialty that Italian Catholics enjoy during Lent is the venerable pepper and egg sandwich. The recipe uses Italian rolls. Other options would include Italian bread, focaccia or even warm flour tortillas.

**THREE PEPPER AND EGG SANDWICH**  
 Yield: 4 sandwiches  
 3 tablespoons olive oil  
 2 small onions, diced  
 1 each, thinly sliced: green and red bell pepper  
 1 clove garlic, minced  
 8 eggs, gently beaten  
 1 tablespoon each: Italian herb blend, minced jalapeno pepper

### Dinner tonight

Salt, freshly ground pepper  
 4 sliced Italian rolls or bread of choice  
 3 tablespoons butter, about  
 1/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
 Heat 2 tablespoons of the olive oil in large skillet over medium heat; cook onion, bell peppers and garlic until soft, about 6 minutes. Remove pepper mixture to bowl; cover to keep warm. Heat broiler. Whisk eggs with herb blend in bowl; set aside. Add remaining tablespoon of the olive oil to pan. Add jalapenos; cook 2 minutes. Add eggs to pan; tilt pan to cover bottom evenly with eggs.

Cook, lifting edges so eggs are uniformly set. Season with salt and pepper. Meanwhile, butter rolls; toast under broiler, about 1 minute. When eggs are set, divide among 4 roll bottoms. Add pepper mixture. Top sandwiches with cheese and roll tops.

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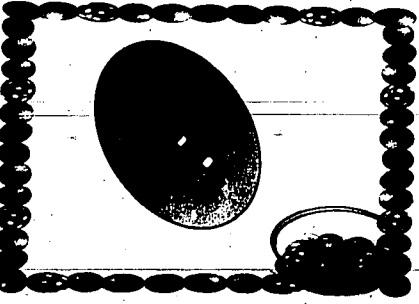
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# Wax paper makes a fighting comeback

By Sylvia Carter Newaday

In recent years, wax paper has been moving lower and lower on the grocery store shelves. Now, to my dismay, it has reached the very bottom.

I was worried that it would soon disappear entirely. So I am glad to know that Cut-Rite Wax Paper, which landed in stores in 1927, the same year Charles Lindbergh landed in Paris after his trans-Atlantic flight, has issued a commemorative 75th anniversary box. There will, no doubt, be special displays.

Reynolds Co., which owns Cut-Rite, also is sponsoring a celebratory contest. Just submit the most creative or unusual way to use wax paper, and you could win \$7,500, enough to keep you in wax paper for life. The deadline is the end of the year, so you have time to think about this.

Much as I love wax paper, I have always wondered why it is not called waxed paper. Pat Schweitzer, a senior home economist for the Reynolds Kitchens (who, with Betty Morton, is on Reynolds television ads) set me straight. She explained that the wax is infused into the tissue paper all the way through; it is not just a coating. That sum is right.

Schweitzer remembers watching her mother roll piecrust dough between two sheets of wax paper. "When I was a child, the distinctive rip and crinkle of wax paper always signaled something delicious."

Wax paper was the first product to include a serrated cutter bar, patented for use with Cut-Rite. How smart was that? Now, almost everything that comes on a roll has a cutter bar.

I favor this paper not merely because it is old-fashioned, but because I suspect that plastic wrap interacts in an unsavory or even toxic way with some foods; the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has urged caution when microwaving food in plastic wrap. (In fact, most plastic wrap melts at between 195 and 250 degrees, which gives one pause for thought.)

Besides, plastic wrap has an infuriating way of getting tangled and sticking to itself.

Cut-Rite, the wrap de rigueur for lunch-box sandwiches, is plenty good enough for me. A couple of halves of deviled egg and a fried chicken leg for a picnic, a peanut-butter-and-raspberry-jam sandwich for lunch, a homemade brownie, a chunk of crumbly cheese - these are the delicious images that come to mind when I think of wax paper.

## Madeira cake

This plain but satisfying cake is called Madeira cake but contains no Madeira. The pan is lined with wax paper. It is from "How to Be a Domestic Goddess," by Nigella Lawson, the British cooking sensation. Perhaps it was meant to be served with Madeira at tea time.

**MADEIRA CAKE**  
1 cup softened unsalted butter  
3/4 cup sugar plus some for sprinkling  
Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon  
3 large eggs  
1 1/2 cup self-rising flour

1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
Butter and line with wax or parchment paper a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan.

Cream butter and sugar. Add lemon zest. Add eggs, 1 at a time along with 1 tablespoon flour for each. Then gently mix in flour and, finally, lemon juice. Pour into prepared pan and sprinkle about 2 tablespoons additional sugar over the top. Bake 1 hour, or until "toothpick or cake tester" inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Cool on rack before turning out of pan.

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**Wax paper can prove handy**  
• Cover food to be microwaved. You can tear off the exact amount needed, and it won't sag into the food as paper towels are wont to do. Also, paper towels may be made of recycled material and contain dyes which makes them questionable for use on food. Paper towels absorb moisture, while wax paper helps keep food moist.  
• Use wax paper to dredge chicken, liver and fish, then throw the whole mess away. You won't have that gummy mass of flour or crumbs to clean up.  
• Spread cheese, sift flour and grate lemon zest onto wax paper and, again, there's nothing to wash.  
• Place four strips of wax paper strategically on the edges of a plate, put the first layer of a cake on top, and frost cake. After frosting both layers, slide the paper out from under the edges of the cake for a neat plate without dribs of frosting.  
• Wax paper is the perfect no-stick surface for chocolate-dipped foods and candies.  
• Arts and crafts uses include pressing leaves or crayon scraps between two sheets of waxed paper. Put a paper towel on top before you apply the hot iron.  
• Tip for kids: rubbing wax paper over a child's metal slide makes for faster sliding.

## Here are a few cookbooks on the hot list

- Los Angeles Times
- 1. Rankings are based on a Los Angeles Times poll of national cookbook and independent booksellers.
  - 2. "Fast Food Nation," by Eric Schlosser
  - 3. "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution," by Robert C. Atkins
  - 4. "How to be a Domestic Goddess: Baking and the Art of Comfort Cooking," by Nigella Lawson
  - 5. "How to Eat," by Nigella Lawson
  - 6. "Weight Watchers New Complete Cookbook"
  - 7. "Salt: A World History," by Mark Kurlansky
  - 8. "Kitchen Confidential," by Anthony Bourdain
  - 9. "Lidia's Italian-American Kitchen," by Lidia Bastianich
  - 10. "Weight Watchers Simply the Best: 250 Prizewinning Family Recipes"
  - 11. "Fix-It and Forget-It Cookbook," by Dawn J. Ranick
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# The undiet: A thinking person's way to weight control

By Judith Weinraub  
The Washington Post

Maybe that diet-until-I-loose-10-or-whatever-pounds approach is not working. Now what? New suggestions (and recipes) come from chef Sally Schneider ("A-New Way to Cook") and nutritionist Katherine Tallmadge ("Diet Simple"). Their approaches—let's call them the undiets—confront the problem in productive, manageable ways that address healthful eating rather than dieting.

Michel Richard (of Washington's Michel Richard Citronelle in Georgetown) provided this recipe.

### MICHEL RICHARD'S CHICKEN-MUSHROOM AND BARLEY SOUP

- 4 servings
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 1 pound mixed mushrooms, ends trimmed and sliced, stems and caps thinly sliced
- 8 to 10 tablespoons pearl barley
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and finely minced
- 8 cups chicken stock, preferably unsalted and defatted
- 1/2 cup soy sauce, preferably low-sodium
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

In a heavy, medium saucpan over medium-low heat, heat the oil. Add the onions, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent, about 10 minutes. Add the mushrooms, increase the heat to medium-high and cook, uncovered and stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Add the barley and garlic and stir until completely coated with the oil. Add the stock and soy sauce and bring to a simmer. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover partially and simmer gently until the barley is cooked through and the flavors blended, about 35 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste. (This can be prepared ahead, cooled, covered and refrigerated for several days.) To serve, bring the soup to a boil. Add the chicken, reduce the heat to medium and simmer just until the chicken is cooked through and opaque, 2 to 5 minutes, depending on the size of the pieces. Ladle the soup into 4 soup plates. Place the cheese on the side, if desired.

When you roast fish fillets, particularly fatty ones, very slowly at a low temperature, the flesh becomes succulent and velvety. This works well for salmon, red snapper, striped bass (rockfish), swordfish. It is also a good way to cook tuna and swordfish if you prefer them well-done rather than rare, since it keeps the fish from drying out and toughening. And it's a great way to cook sea scallops.



Katherine Tallmadge's 'Diet Simple' focuses on changing negative eating behavior and offers a realistic eating plan.

Preheat the oven to 275 degrees. Brush a baking dish lightly with 1/2 teaspoon of the oil.

### SLOW-ROASTED FISH

- 4 servings
- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 1/2 pounds thick fish fillet (1 large fillet or four 6-ounce fillets), such as salmon, striped bass or red snapper, with skin
- Kosher salt
- A small bunch of fresh thyme sprigs (optional)

Preheat the oven to 275 degrees. Brush a baking dish lightly with 1/2 teaspoon of the oil. Arrange the fish fillet(s), skin-side down, in the pan. Rub the top with the remaining 1/2 teaspoon oil and sprinkle lightly with salt. If desired, tuck half of the thyme sprigs under the fish and place the remaining thyme on top. Roast the fish for 15 to 35 minutes, until a two-pronged kitchen fork inserted in the thickest part of the fish meets with no resistance and the flesh separates easily from the skin. An instant-read thermometer should read 120 degrees. (Don't worry if the top of the fish still has a slightly translucent, raw look; this is the result of the low roasting temperature. It will be cooked inside.) The exact cooking time will depend on the thickness of the fillets. Figure about 15 to 20 minutes for fillets less than 3/4 inch thick, such as striped bass and red snapper; 25 to 30 minutes for 1 1/4-inch-thick salmon fillet. If you are unsure, test the fish early, then continue cooking until done.



Many diet books prescribe strict eating plans and/or calorie limits that take a toll on the body.

### GREEK-STYLE POTATOES WITH LEMON AND THYME

- 4 servings
- 2 pounds thin-skinned potatoes, preferably small new potatoes, such as Yellow Finns, Yukon Gold, Bintjes or red-skinned potatoes, peeled and rinsed well (if you can only find larger potatoes, quarter them lengthwise)
- 3/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/4 cup finely chopped shallots (3 medium)
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 bay leaf
- Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Place the potatoes in a shallow flameproof casserole large enough to hold them in 1

layer. In a measuring cup, combine the water, lemon juice, shallots, thyme, salt and 1 tablespoon of the oil. Pour over the potatoes and nestle the bay leaf among the potatoes. Roast, stirring the potatoes occasionally, until they have absorbed all of the liquid and are very tender, about 1 hour. If there are potatoes are tender, place the casserole over a burner on medium heat and simmer until no liquid remains. Toss the potatoes with the remaining 2 teaspoons olive oil and return to the oven. Bake for 10 minutes longer, until glazed and golden. Remove and discard the bay leaf. Season generously with pepper and serve at once. Up to 4 hours ahead, peel the potatoes; store in a bowl of cold water at room temperature. Chop the shallots, toss with the oil, cover and refrigerate. Squeeze the lemon juice and refrigerate.

# Spring urges one to seek out the ideal onion rings

By Kathleen Purvis  
The Charlotte Observer

Maybe it was the constant sight of Olympic rings. Or maybe it was just spring fever. Onion rings, after all, are an early sign of spring.

### Beer-battered onion rings

- Serves 6. Adapted from all-recipes.com.
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon each salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 egg, beaten
- 12 ounces (1 1/2 cups) beer
- 3 large yellow onions
- Peanut or canola oil
- Combine flour, garlic powder, sugar, salt and pepper in a bowl. Add egg and beer, stirring to make a smooth batter a little thicker than heavy cream. Peel onions and cut into 1/4- to 1/2-inch thick slices. Separate slices into rings. Heat oil over medium-high heat in a deep skillet or a deep vessel like a wok until 375 degrees on a deep-fry thermometer, or until oil is shimmering but not smoking. Dip onion rings, a few at a time, into batter and drop into hot oil. Fry, turning once, until deep-golden brown. Adjust heat if necessary to keep the oil from getting too hot. The slices should fry briskly but not so fast that they burn. Remove rings with tongs and drain on paper towels. Continue with remaining rings.

### Battered onion rings

- Serves 4. Adapted from www.dianastitchen.com.
- 1 large yellow onion
- Shortening or oil for frying
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2/3 cup whole or 2 percent milk
- 1 egg, separated
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- Peel onion and slice into 1/4-inch thick slices. Separate slices into rings. Place in a bowl, cover with cold water and let stand while you make the batter. Whisk together the flour, salt and baking powder in a mixing bowl. In a glass measuring cup, pour in milk, then add egg yolk and 1 tablespoon oil. Whisk together. Add to flour mixture and stir until combined. Beat egg white in a clean bowl with a clean whisk or electric mixer until stiff peaks form (when whisk or beaters are lifted, points form that stand mostly straight). Fold egg white into batter with a rubber spatula, lifting up through middle of batter until combined. Dry onion rings well on paper towels. Heat oil or shortening in a deep skillet or pot until 375 degrees on a deep-fry thermometer or until oil is shimmering but not smoking. Dip rings into batter and drop into oil. Adjust heat if necessary so onions brown without burning; turn as needed. Drain on paper towels and continue with remaining rings.

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# This restaurant in Philadelphia offers authentic Indian food

By Dan Geringer  
Philadelphia Daily News

While passionately preaching the gospel of fresh herbs and spices during a pre-dinner breather in his elegant Shivnanda Restaurant in Philadelphia, Mohan Parmar suddenly thrust his arms out to show a visitor that all the hair on them had burned off.

"I am a hands-on executive chef," Parmar said. "There is a ball of fire in the tandoor oven. I bake the bread in that ball of

fire."  
"Have you ever walked into a restaurant claiming to offer 'authentic Indian cuisine,'" Parmar asked, an enigma overwhelmed by smell of too much curry powder and stale cooking oil? "That's like a restaurant calling itself 'Authentic Italian' and using sauce from a jar!"  
Parmar's signature dish is Mohan's Lamb Niyamatkhan—a clubbed lamb flash-seared in its own juices, marinated in fresh garlic, ginger, pesto and yogurt overnight, then served in a

coconut-based sauce. Another is Neal Phallop, named after Parmar's 7-year-old son.  
Parmar has been a high-energy perfectionist since his New Delhi childhood, when he won first prize at an 10th-grade science fair by creating his Automatic Boiling System: a light bulb heated water in a blocked syringe, which caused the plunger to rise and hit a telephone relay, setting off a buzzer.  
He took his hyper-focus on detail and process to a prestigious culinary arts school.

### INDIAN RECIPE

#### Lassi (yogurt drink)

- 2 cups plain yogurt
- 1 cup crushed ice
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon roasted cumin seeds
- Fresh lime sliced for garnish
- Pour the yogurt, salt and cumin seeds into the blender, cover the lid and blend for 5 seconds.
- Add crushed ice and blend for approximately 15 seconds. Now, the salt lassi is ready serve. Using a tulip glass, pour in the lassi and garnish with a lime slice.
- (To make sweet lassi, follow the same recipe but add 4 ounces sugar syrup in place of salt, then substitute green cardamom for cumin. Garnish with a fresh mint leaf.)

### INDIAN RECIPE

#### Mohan's lamb niyamatkhan

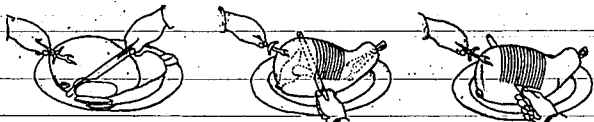
- 1 pound lamb, cubed
- 4 ounces fresh chopped onion
- 4 ounces fresh tomato, chopped
- 2 ounces garlic
- 2 ounces fresh ginger
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 pieces black cardamom
- 2 ounces white vinegar
- 2 ounces cumin powder
- 2 ounces coriander powder
- 1 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 6 ounces corn oil
- 1/2 teaspoon red chili powder
- 1 cup yogurt
- 1 cup cilantro
- 4 ounces coconut milk
- 2 ounces shredded coconut
- 4 ounces heavy cream
- Salt to taste
- Combine garlic, ginger, cilantro, vinegar and yogurt in blender to make a smooth paste for marinade. Pour this mixture on lamb and soak for 3 to 4 hours, then drain the lamb in strainer, reserving marinade. Pour 2 ounces oil in a thick-bottomed pan and heat until it is almost at smoking temperature. Add lamb evenly around pan to sear. Add salt. As the lamb sears, pull pan off heat and take out meat to stop the cooking process. In a new saucpan, add 4 ounces oil. As oil starts heating, add bay leaves, cardamom and turmeric. As these ingredients start changing color, add chopped onions. When onion starts to brown, add chopped tomatoes. When the oil starts separating (the tomato is being cooked), add chili, coriander and cumin, and the leftover marinade. Add the cream and, as sauce thickens, add lamb and cook until the lamb is tender and fully cooked. To serve, garnish with chopped cilantro and shredded coconut.

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1. Place the ham on a cutting board with the shank - or lower leg - to the carver's right. Steady the ham with a fork and cut a few slices from the thin side of the leg, as shown.  
2. Place the ham on the side where you removed slices. Make perpendicular slices to the leg bone.  
3. To loosen the slices, cut along the leg bone, removing each slice with the fork.

Here are a few ideas to deal with leftover ham

- **CRISP HAM SLAW SANDWICHES:** Toss diced ham with cabbage slaw mix, chopped green pepper and chopped mandarin oranges. Season a little sour cream with lemon-pepper seasoning. Add to ham mixture and toss to coat. Spoon onto toasted Kaiser rolls or into pita pockets.
- **PROVOLONE, HAM AND PEAR MELTS:** Spread multi-grain bread slices with a mixture of mayonnaise and bottled mango chutney. Layer with slices of ham, provolone or cheddar cheese, thin bell pepper rings and thin pear slices. Butter the outside of the sandwich, and grill both sides until browned.
- **SMOKY PASTA, HAM AND ASPARAGUS:** Saute cut-up fresh asparagus and mushrooms in butter. Stir in light Alfredo sauce, strips of ham,

chopped plum tomatoes, shredded smoked cheddar cheese and basil. Heat though. Pour over cooked pasta, and toss to coat.  
• **HAM AND APPLE QUESADILLAS:** Sprinkle diced ham, chopped apple, shredded Monterey Jack cheese with jalapeno peppers and chopped walnuts over half of a flour tortilla. Fold in half. Cook both sides until lightly browned. Serve with salsa and sour cream.

Ham

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ham, place the cut side down in a baking pan. Roast in a moderate oven (325-350 degrees F.) for 15-20 minutes a pound. If the ham is going to be in the oven more than an hour, create a foil dome over it to ensure. Baste with glaze during the final 20 minutes of roasting.  
A ham labeled "cook before eating" should be roasted to an internal temperature of 160 degrees F.  
Plan on cooking an uncooked

ham for 30 minutes a pound.

MENU

- For Easter dinner:  
Glazed Ham with Pineapple-Raisin Sauce  
Horseradish-mustard New Potatoes  
Broccoli and Olive Salad with Lemon-dill vinaigrette  
Assorted Rolls with Butter  
Cheesecake with Slice Strawberries  
Riesling or Sparkling Wine

HAM DINNER RECIPES

Glazed ham with pineapple-raisin sauce

- 1 5-pound cooked boneless ham
  - 1 can (6 ounces) frozen pineapple-orange or pineapple juice concentrate
  - 3 tablespoons maple syrup
  - 2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
  - 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme, crushed
  - 1/3 cup finely chopped onion
  - 1 tablespoon butter
  - 1 1/4 cups water
  - 3/4 cup golden raisins
  - 1/4 cup maple syrup
  - 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
  - 1/4 cup white balsamic vinegar
  - 1/4 teaspoon cornstarch
- Heat oven to 325 F. Place ham on rack in shallow roasting pan. Bake, uncovered, for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, until internal temperature (measured with a meat thermometer) is 140 degrees F. In

small saucepan, combine half of the juice concentrate, the 3 tablespoons maple syrup, the 3 tablespoons vinegar and thyme. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer uncovered for 5-10 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally. Baste ham with glaze the last 15-20 minutes of baking. Remove ham from oven, slice and serve with Pineapple-raisin Sauce. Serves 18.  
Pineapple-raisin Sauce:  
In a medium saucepan, saute onion in butter until tender. Add remaining juice concentrate, water, raisins, the 1/4 cup maple syrup and mustard. Stir together the 1/4 cup vinegar and cornstarch. Stir into raisin mixture. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir for 2 minutes more.

Horseradish-mustard new potatoes

- 4 pounds new potatoes
  - 1 large red onion, cut into 3/4-inch chunks
  - 1 tablespoon butter
  - 2 tablespoons flour
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt
  - 3/4 cup chicken broth
  - 3/4 cup sour cream
  - 2 tablespoons horseradish mustard
  - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh chives
  - 1 teaspoon pink and black peppercorns, cracked
- Scrub potatoes. Cut in halves or quarters. In a covered Dutch oven, cook potatoes in a small amount of boiling, lightly salted

water about 10 minutes or until tender. Drain and return to pan. In medium saucepan, saute onion in butter for 4-5 minutes or until tender. Stir in 1 tablespoon of the flour and the salt. Add chicken broth. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. In a small bowl, stir together sour cream, horseradish mustard and remaining 1 tablespoon flour. Stir into broth mixture. Cook and stir until heated through. Pour sauce over potatoes. Toss lightly to coat. Transfer to a serving bowl. Sprinkle with chives and peppercorns. Serves 12.

Broccoli and olive salad with lemon-dill vinaigrette

- 5 cups fresh broccoli flowerets
- 14 cups torn mixed salad greens
- 1 large red bell pepper, cut into thin strips
- 1 cup pitted kalamata olives
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon finely shredded lemon peel
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill or 1/2 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper

1/8 teaspoon salt  
4 ounces crumbled herb or plain feta cheese  
In large covered saucepan, cook broccoli in a small amount of boiling water, about 2 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain and rinse with cold water. In large salad bowl, combine broccoli, salad greens, bell pepper and olives. In screw-top jar, combine oil, lemon peel, lemon juice, dill, garlic, crushed red pepper and salt. Cover and shake well. Pour over greens mixture. Toss lightly to coat. Sprinkle with feta cheese. Serves 12.

QUICK AND NUTRITIONAL RECIPE

Chicago Tribune

- GINGER SALMON FILLETS  
1/3 cup regular or low-sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white wine, optional
- 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons Asian sesame oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 piece (2-inches long) fresh ginger root, peeled; minced
- 1 bunch bok choy, coarsely

- chopped
- 1 package (8 ounces) sliced mushrooms
- 1 1/2 pounds salmon fillets
- 2 green onions, chopped
- soy sauce, olive oil, white wine, sesame oil, garlic and ginger; set aside. Place bok choy and mushrooms in 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Place fish on top of vegetables. Sprinkle fish and vegetables with onions, pour soy sauce mixture over top. Cover with

foil. Bake until almost cooked through, about 20 minutes. Remove from oven. Adjust oven shelf if necessary. Turn oven to broil; uncover fish. Broil to brown salmon, about 3 minutes. Serve with cooked white or brown rice, if you like. Serves 4.  
Nutrition information per serving: 405 calories, 53 percent calories from fat, 24 g fat, 3.6 g saturated fat, 95 mg cholesterol, 1,490 mg sodium, 7 g carbohydrate, 40 g protein, 3 g fiber

RICE RECIPE WINNER

Newsday

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- CREAMY PANCETTA RICE  
1/2 pound trimmed pancetta or lean bacon, diced
- 1 large red onion, chopped
- 1 3/4 to 2 cups heavy cream
- 3 cups cooked rice
- 1 1/2 cups sweetened dried cranberries
- 1 cup chopped unsalted pistachios (see note)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Place pancetta and onion in large skillet over medium heat; cook until onion begins to brown, about 8 minutes. Add cream and bring to boil.  
Remove from heat. Add rice, cranberries, pistachios, salt and pepper.  
Stir until well blended. Makes 8 servings.  
NOTE: Pecans may be substituted. Using salted nuts, adjust addition of salt in final step.

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FOOD & HOME

Cultural foods hit the mark, make the meal

Newsday

Jean Anderson writes in "The American Century Cookbook" which was dreamed up in 1917 by chef Louis Diat of New York City's Ritz-Carlton Hotel and was widely popular in the early 1900s.

VICHYSSEOISE

- 2 large Idaho baking potatoes, peeled and halved lengthwise
- 4 large leeks, trimmed, washed and chunked
- 1 medium rib celery, trimmed, washed and chunked
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups half-and-half
- 1 teaspoon salt (or to taste)
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper (or to taste)
- 1 cup heavy cream or sour cream
- 2 tablespoons snipped fresh chives

In the food processor, slice potatoes thin, then leeks and celery (no need to empty work bowl until all are sliced). Transfer sliced vegetables to large heavy saucepan, add broth, cover and cook until vegetables are mushy; 20 to 25 minutes. With small strainer, scoop vegetables from broth into clean processor work bowl equipped with metal chopping blade. Add 1/2 cup hot broth and puree by pulsing quickly until smooth. Stir back into pan, add half-and-half, salt and pepper, and bring just to simmering. Cool to room temperature, then stir in heavy cream or sour cream. Cover and chill several hours or overnight. Taste and adjust salt and pepper, as needed. To serve, ladle into small soup bowls and top with snipped chives. Makes 6 servings.

Spicy turkey adds twist to tasty tacos

By Susan Selinsky  
Detroit Free Press

Tacos are a way to get dinner on the table in a snap, and these can be made well in advance. Each serving has just 6 grams of fat (a trace of saturated fat).

TURKEY TACOS WITH RED PEPPER SALSA

- Nonstick cooking spray
- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds turkey cutlets
- 2 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon ground chipotle or cayenne pepper
- Salt to taste
- 1/3 cup dry white wine or fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1 bunch watercress
- 1 jar (7 ounces) roasted red bell peppers, drained well
- 1/2 medium sweet onion, cut into quarters
- 1/2 cup (well packed) fresh cilantro leaves, washed and dried
- Juice from 1/2 lime
- 12 (6-inch) flour tortillas
- 1 cup nonfat sour cream or nonfat plain yogurt
- Spray a large nonstick skillet with cooking spray and heat over medium heat. Cut the cutlets into 1/2-inch-wide strips. Add to the pan and increase the heat to high.

Season with the cumin, chipotle pepper and salt to taste. Stir for 2 minutes, then add the wine or broth.

Cook, stirring periodically, until almost all the liquid evaporates and the turkey is cooked through, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat. Cut 1/2 inch from the bottom of the watercress bunch.

Put the watercress in a salad spinner, fill with water, drain and spin dry. Wrap in paper towels to remove excess moisture; put into a serving bowl or on a plate. In a food processor, place the drained roasted red peppers, onion and cilantro.

Pulse until coarsely chopped. (Alternatively, chop by hand.) Add the lime juice and salt to taste.

Pulse until well combined, but still slightly chunky; put into a serving bowl. Spread the tortillas on a microwave-safe plate, cover with a paper towel. Microwave on high 30-45 seconds until warmed.

To assemble, place a few sprigs of watercress down the center of the tortillas. Add about 1/3 cup of the turkey, 1 tablespoon sour cream and 1 tablespoon salsa.

Do not overfill. Fold and serve.

Makes 4 servings (3 tacos per person).

From "Low-Fat Cooking to Beat the Clock," by Sam Golino

This recipe is from Marcella Hazan's "Essentials of Classic Italian Cooking."

TOMATO BRUSCHETTA

- 8 fresh, ripe plum tomatoes
- 8 to 12 fresh basil leaves or a few pinches oregano
- 6 cloves garlic
- 12 slices good, thick-crust bread, 1/2 to 3/4 inch thick, 3 to 4 inches wide
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Extra-virgin olive oil, fruity

and young. Preheat a broiler or, even better, light a charcoal fire. Wash the tomatoes, split them in half lengthwise, and with the tip of a paring knife pick out all the seeds you can. Dice into 1/2-inch cubes. Wash the basil leaves, shake them thoroughly dry, and tear them into small pieces. (Omit if using oregano.) Mash garlic cloves with the handle of a heavy knife, crush-

ing them just enough to split them and to loosen the peel; remove and discard peel. Grill the bread to a golden brown on both sides. As it comes off the grill, while it is still hot, rub 1 side of each slice with the mashed garlic. Then top each piece with diced tomato, sprinkle with basil or oregano, add salt and pepper and lightly drizzle each slice with olive oil. Serve while still warm. Makes 6 to 12 servings.

Adding crunch to chicken nuggets

Newsday

Here's a kid-friendly dish that uses potato chips in an unorthodox way.

CRUNCHY CHICKEN NUGGETS

- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups crushed, seasoned potato chips (such as sour cream and onion)
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds boneless chicken, cut into 40 to 50 pieces

2 tablespoons melted butter  
Mix milk and egg in a bowl with a fork. On wax paper, combine crumbs with pepper. Line a shallow baking pan with foil and coat with vegetable cooking spray. Dip chicken in egg-milk mixture, then roll in crumbs; arrange in a single layer on pan. Let sit 15 minutes. Drizzle butter over chicken; place in preheated 425-degree oven for 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Makes 4 to 6 servings.



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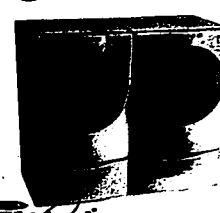


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SPORTSQUOTE

“You lose some close games, and everybody says there’s going to be a new coach at UCLA. But when you hear it every year, it doesn’t bother you as much.”

—UCLA Bruin coach Steve Lavin

TRIVIA

QUESTIONS  
Who holds the record for three-point baskets in an NCAA men’s tournament game?

...answer below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

High school baseball  
Wendell at Minico JV (2), 1:30 p.m.  
Minico at Pocatello, 4 p.m.  
High school track  
Gooding Invitational, ISDB, 2:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

MC bowlers fare well at state tourney

**BURLEY** Mini-Cassia bowlers took full advantage of the familiar surroundings at the Snake River Bowl in the first weekend of the 55th annual state bowling tournament, as locals dominated action in the first of six weekends the tournament will go on.  
“We had some bowlers really put it together over the weekend,” tournament director DeVon Rucker said. “These are the highest scores I’ve ever seen. I think there’s a pretty good advantage because we’re bowling on the same conditions we see every week in league.”

Burley’s Tyson Hirsch registered one of two 300 games over the weekend and went on to post a 831 scratch three-game series. Boise’s Mark Kromer had the other 300 game.

Hirsch’s effort also helped Burley’s Havin’ Fun team, which also included Larry Holm, Darin Wilson, Rusty Holm and Brad Holm, to seize the lead of the High Team Division A bracket with a total handicap score of 3,424.

The Mini Cassia Bowling Association Director’s Team No. 3 of Jerry McGregor, Don Price, Ed Linard, Bill Murphy and J.R. Smith led the Division B team standings with a score of 3,390.

Burley’s Wally Studer had a scratch three-game series of 773. The high handicap individual series in Division A came from Boise’s Donald Ashley, who rolled a 756, while Twin Falls kiegler Steven Tucker had the high score in Division B with a 775.

In doubles, Jerry Thompson and Curt Plummer from Twin Falls took top honors in high handicap Division A with a 1,467 and Grangeville’s Bill Barrett and Ron Anderson posted a 1,429 to top Division B.

Spots open for Canyon Springs Amateur

There are still 40 spots open for this weekend’s Canyon Springs Amateur golf tournament.  
Cost is \$50 for the two-day tourney, which gets under way Saturday. It will be a 36-hole, individual, stroke-play tournament. For more information, call 734-7609.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Jeff Fryer of Loyola Marymount, 11, in the Lions’ 149-115 victory over Michigan in a second-round game in 1990. It remains the highest scoring game in the history of the NCAA tournament.

## Memories of Edney don’t haunt Tigers

Missouri, UCLA meet for first time since 1995 tournament buzzer-beater

The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Missouri isn’t troubled by memories of Tyus Edney.

When the 12th seed in the West Regional plays UCLA in the round of 16 on Thursday night, it’ll be the first meeting between the teams since Edney’s length-of-the-court dash in the second round of the 1995 tournament. His buzzer-beating basket allowed the top-rated Bruins to escape with a 75-74 victory.

So much time has passed since then that nobody on the Tigers has given that layup, one of the most devastating moments in school history, any thought.

Center Arthur Johnson and forward Rickyey Faling, both sophomores, were seventh-

graders in Detroit when Edney victimized Missouri.  
“I’ve heard a lot about it since I got here,” Johnson said. “But it doesn’t affect me like it affects a lot of people from Missouri, I guess.”

Backup point guard Wesley Stokes went to the same high school as Edney, Long Beach Poly, and both played for the same coach. But Stokes didn’t know about the play until after deciding to go to Missouri.  
“It really doesn’t mean a whole lot to anybody on this team,” Stokes said. “I don’t think it’s going to happen again.”

Sophomore forward Travon Bryant also is from Long Beach, and he’s seen Edney during the summer. Edney, after failing in a few NBA stops, is the point guard — and averaging — 17.8

points and four assists in 14 games with Benetton Basket in Italy.

“I remember cheering for UCLA when he made that shot,” Bryant said. “Pretty much, I didn’t know that much about Missouri back then.”

“We’re now we’re going to try to prevent that from happening again.”

As for coach Missouri coach Quin Snyder, he remembered “rooting for Missouri” in the spring of 1995. He was taking 20 hours in law school and business school in the spring of 1995.

“I had six classes and I was working my tail off to graduate during the NCAA tournament,” Snyder said. “I wasn’t watching the tournament at that point. I was debating whether or not I wanted to get into coaching.”

“Tyus Edney hit that shot and I knew I wanted to get into coaching and coach Missouri and beat UCLA. Ha ha ha.”



Missouri head coach Quin Snyder, right, watches his team practice Monday in Columbia, Mo. The Tigers face UCLA Thursday in the NCAA Tournament.

## ‘Ace’ lives up to the name

Big man leads Sooners surge

The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma forward Aaron McGhee is living up to his nickname — Ace.

It couldn’t come at a better time for the Sooners. McGhee averaged 25.5 points and 7.8 rebounds as Oklahoma moved through the first two rounds of the West Regional. The second-seeded Sooners play third-seeded Arizona on Thursday in the regional semifinals.

“What you’re seeing now, this kid always had that,” coach Kelvin Sampson said. “This is not a surprise to any of us. This is a kid who had over 40 points in junior college 10 times. That’s what this kid was recruited for, but he had to mature.”

Last year, the 6-foot-8, 250-pound McGhee averaged 12.9 points and 4.8 rebounds. Foul trouble resulted in inconsistent play.

In the second game of this season, he had four points and no rebounds in a loss at Michigan State.

But Sampson said that instead of moping after that game, McGhee worked even harder in practice.

“He didn’t get down on himself,” Sampson said. “He understood that the way to bounce back is through patience with our new players and by just working harder.”

Once those new players became more comfortable with the offense and got McGhee the ball in the right spots, his game took off.

He is averaging 15.7 points and 7.8 rebounds, with 13 double-doubles. He can bang inside but also has the touch to score from 3-point range, making him a matchup problem for opponents.

McGhee has been especially strong since late January. During one stretch, he had double-doubles in seven out of nine games.

“I can’t believe the improvement in a year,” Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy said after McGhee had 26 points and 10 rebounds against his team. “This guy didn’t play real hard last



Oklahoma’s Aaron McGhee celebrates the Sooners 78-65 win over Xavier in the NCAA West tournament in Dallas Sunday.

year. He really didn’t seem to take pride in his game defensively. But his game isn’t dictated by his offense anymore.”

“He’s a pro, is what he is.” McGhee started his college career at Cincinnati but left after one season. He went to a junior

college before signing with Oklahoma.

“I always thought Oklahoma was going to be a great opportunity for me to show everybody that I was a high-level Division I player,” McGhee said. “Things are working out just as planned.”

His up-and-down performances were frustrating last year. Late in Oklahoma’s NCAA first-round loss to Indiana State, Sampson took McGhee out in defensive situations because he was a liability.

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## Girl dies after puck hits her at NHL game

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Seconds after being hit by a puck as she watched an NHL game, 13-year-old Brittanie Cecil held a jacket to her head to staunch the bleeding and walked to an exit.

Two days later she was dead, the first such fan fatality and one of the few at an American sports event, other than auto racing, directly related to action on the field.

An eighth grader at Twin Valley South Middle School near Dayton, Brittanie would have turned 14 on Wednesday. Her father had taken her to the game as an early present, friends said.

The girl was struck in the head by a shot early in the second period of Saturday night’s game between the Columbus Blue Jackets and Calgary Flames at Nationwide Arena.

Columbus center Espen Knutsen’s slap shot from the top of the left circle appeared to be deflected by a defenseman, with the puck flying over the high glass at the west end of the ice. It appeared to glance off another spectator and hit the teen in the left temple, witnesses said.

Arena officials and medical personnel immediately approached the girl and helped her out of her seat — some 15 rows above the ice — and up the steps to the exit.

Hospital officials would not disclose the cause of her Monday night death and relatives decline comment. Her classmates were in mourning and the small town where she lived was overcome by the loss.

“I spoke to Brittanie’s father this morning,” Blue Jackets president and general manager Doug MacLean said, teary-eyed and his voice choked. “As a father of a 14-year-old and an 11-year-old, I can’t imagine the grief the family is experiencing.”

In a statement, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said, “Our fans are our family, and this tragic accident fills us all with a deep sense of sorrow.”

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## Temple uses big rally to topple Louisville in NIT

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Lynn Greer scored 20 of his 27 points in the second half Tuesday night as Temple rallied from a 16-point halftime deficit and beat Louisville 65-62 in the second round of the NIT.

Greer, who scored 37 points in Temple’s first-round win over Fresno State last week, had just seven points on 3-of-9 shooting in the first half as the Cardinals built a 38-22 lead by the break.

Temple (17-14) started the second half with a 17-6 run, hitting six of its first eight shots.

The Cardinals (19-13) pushed the lead back to seven, but the Owls went on a 16-5 run over the next five minutes.

Greer had a 3-pointer, two layups and a turnaround jumper in the sport. His turnaround with 3:57 left gave Temple its first lead, 59-57, since the first half.

Temple will face Villanova, a 67-64 winner over Louisiana Tech, in the third round.

### Villanova 67, Louisiana Tech 64

LLANOVANA, Pa. — Gary Buchanan made two free throws with 12.5 seconds remaining and finished with 21 points to lead Villanova to a 67-64 victory over Louisiana Tech in the second round of the NIT on Tuesday night.

Derrick Snowden added 14 points, and Ricky Wright 13 as Villanova advanced to the quarterfinals of the NIT for the first time since 1994. Reserve Reggie Bryant added 10 points for the Wildcats. Villanova will take on Big 5 rival Temple, a 65-62 winner over Louisville, in the quarterfinal round on Friday at Temple.

### Tennessee Tech 80, Yale 61

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Sophomore

guard Cameron Crisp scored a career-high 24 points to lead Tennessee Tech to an 80-61 win over Yale Tuesday night in the second round of the NIT.

Tennessee Tech (27-6) will play the winner of today’s game between Brigham Young and Memphis State in the third round.

### Ball St. 75, LSU 65

BATON ROUGE, La. — Chris Williams and his Ball State teammates did their damage from long range.

Williams scored 25 points, shooting 6-for-11 from beyond the arc, to lead Ball State to a 75-65 victory over LSU in the second round of the NIT.

Patrick Jackson and Theron Smith each had 19 points for Ball State (23-11), which shot 14-of-26 (54 percent) on 3-pointers. Smith also had nine rebounds, and Jackson

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Louisville’s Latic Whitehead dunks the ball against Temple’s Alex Weisley Tuesday in Louisville, Ky.

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# SPORTS

## Indians sweep Wildcats in SCIC play

**The Times-Herald**  
 BUHL — The Buhl Indians took a pair of games from the Wildcats on Tuesday in Sawtooth.

**Local sports**  
 Central Idaho Conference play, downing the Wildcats 11-1 in a mercy-rule shortened game and then taking for a 12-10 victory in the nightcap.

In the first game, Rob Walker went 2-for-3 with three RBIs for the Indians (3-1 conference, 3-1 overall) while teammate Chris Wolf finished 2-for-4 with three RBIs.

And Tim Bourner allowed just three hits from the mound.

"In the first game, we were mentally ready and were patient at the plate," Indian coach Ryan Bob said.

No. 9 hitter Tony Dias was especially impressive. Bob said as he got two RBIs, including a sacrifice fly and successfully executing a hit-and-run.

**Kimberly downs Glens Ferry**  
**KIMBERLY** — The Kimberly Bulldogs rallied for a 7-6 victory over Glens Ferry Tuesday in a game continued from last week and the teams were tied 5-5 in a second game when darkness descended.

Matt Bulcher crushed a two-strike, two-out, three-run home run over the hill in the top of the seventh inning to put the Bulldogs (2-1) ahead for good.

In the second game, Glens Ferry rallied with a two-run home run to put the Pilots (1-3-1) up 5-2 after four innings but Kimberly came back to knot the game at 5-5 with three runs in the sixth inning.

**Softball**  
**Bulldogs master Pilots**  
**KIMBERLY** — The Kimberly Bulldog baseball team took a 14-13 victory over Glens Ferry Tuesday in the first game of a doubleheader, while the second game was called due to darkness with Kimberly ahead 5-4.

Kayla Lundy went 3-for-4 with four RBIs and a triple in the first game to help the Bulldogs (1-2) and Elaine Gannell went 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

For the Pilots, Jessica Simons hit the ball well, going 3-for-4. The second game did not go long enough to become official, and the teams will not finish it.

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**Tennis**  
**Bruins sweep Spartans**  
**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls Bruins tennis team cruised to an easy 12-0 victory Tuesday over the Minico Spartans.

"The kids are playing well," Bruins coach Travis Jensen said.

"I'm still trying to figure out who's going to be playing dubs and who's going to play mixed to get the strongest team. They are doing a great job and it's a lot of fun to watch."

The Bruins are next in action Friday as they host Burley at 3:30 p.m. at Harmon Park.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

**Jordan practices; return date uncertain**  
**DENVER** — Michael Jordan practiced with the Washington Wizards on Tuesday for the first time since undergoing knee surgery, but said he has no plans to play Wednesday against the Nuggets or Thursday in Utah.

Jordan had been rehabilitating his right knee since his Feb. 27 surgery and was not with the team for the first four games on its current seven-game trip. Washington is 2-2 on the trip but 4-10 since Jordan had been out from cartilage repaired.

If Jordan indeed misses the games against Denver and Utah, he could return Sunday when the Wizards play the Raptors in Toronto.

Team spokesman Matt Williams said Jordan has not specified the date of a possible return.

Washington is in sixth place in the Atlantic Division and 10th in the Eastern Conference with 15 games remaining. The Wizards would need to climb into eighth place or better in order to qualify for the playoffs.

**Arkansas puts off Richardson decision**  
**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** — Nolan Richardson's future as basketball coach at Arkansas will not be decided until today at the earliest.

B. Alan Sugg, president of the university system, is "considering matters presented by Mr. Richardson in their meeting ... and does not anticipate reaching his decision until he has conducted a thorough review," his office said Tuesday.

Sugg is trying to decide whether to overturn Chancellor John Huggins' decision to buy out the last six years of Richardson's contract for \$500,000 a year.

**West Virginia may talk with Huggins**  
**CINCINNATI** — West Virginia received permission to talk with Cincinnati coach Bob Huggins about its vacant head coaching job.

"We know that West Virginia has a great interest in Huggins," Cincinnati athletic director Bob Goins said Tuesday. "What has yet to be determined is how high Bob Huggins' interest is in the West Virginia position."

Huggins said Monday he had talked with Goins but had not talked with anybody from West Virginia.

Huggins, now his 500th game Friday and finished his 13th season as Cincinnati's coach on Sunday when the Bearcats lost to UCLA 105-101 in double overtime in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Huggins was born in Morgantown, W.Va., played for West Virginia, graduated from the school and began his coaching career there in 1977 as a graduate assistant.

**French judge files complaint with ISU**  
**SALT LAKE CITY** — The French judge at the center of the Olympic figure skating scandal is fighting back against her accusers with a formal complaint sent to the International Skating Union.

Marie-Reine Le Gougeon's attorney said Tuesday the complaint charges ISU technical committee chairwoman Sally Stapelford and referees Ron Pluenning "exercised undue influence" over her and made false allegations.

The ISU plans to hold a hearing April 29-30 on the figure skating scandal that shook the Winter Olympics.

Le Gougeon's attorney, Max Fellen, said he is frustrated that the ISU has not provided him any of the evidence it gathered against Le Gougeon.

## Nash leads Mavericks past Los Angeles

**DALLAS (AP)** — Steve Nash scored 30 points and Michael Finley had 22, but it was the consistent contributions of recently **NBA** acquired center Raef LaFrentz that helped the Mavericks beat the Lakers two nights after a narrow loss in Los Angeles.

Dallas ended a seven-game losing streak to the Lakers and won for just the fourth time in their last 45 meetings. This one was especially important because it was the last time the teams played in the regular season.

LaFrentz's biggest contribution was getting O'Neal into foul trouble. When O'Neal sat after picking up his fourth foul with five minutes left in the third quarter, the Mavs went on a 13-2 run to take control.

O'Neal, who had 32 points and 10 rebounds, came back rusty at the start of the fourth quarter and Dallas stretched the lead to 17.

**Cavs 100, Nets 97**  
**CLEVELAND** — Damon Murray swished a desperation 3-pointer from the corner as time expired to give the Cleveland Cavaliers a 100-97 win over the New Jersey Nets on Tuesday night.

Coming out of a timeout with 0.5 seconds left, Murray took an inbound pass from Andre Miller, turned and shot. Nets coach Byron Scott went to center court

to argue with officials that the clock did not start soon enough.

Keith Van Horn had tied the score at 97 with a 3-pointer moments earlier after rebounding pass from Jason Kidd, who had 30 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his eighth triple-double this season.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas scored a season-high 26 points and dominated the fourth quarter. Miller had 23 points and 14 assists.

**Timberwolves 112, Raptors 90**  
**MINNEAPOLIS** — The Minnesota Timberwolves ended their season-high seven-game losing streak and kept the Toronto Raptors in a miserable slump.

Tronick, which has won just one game since Feb. 7, lost for the 17th time in 18 tries and had its most lopsided defeat of the season.

Kevin Garnett scored 20 for Minnesota, while Morris Peterson had 19 points and Keon Clark 18 for the Raptors, who were 29-21 and in prime position for the playoffs before their slide. They've fallen to 11th place in the East.

**7ers 91, Heat 79**  
**MIAMI** — Allan Iverson scored 33 points, including 21 in the second half.

Iverson, who started the game 1-of-7, finished 11-of-28 to help the Sixers snap a two-game losing streak and remain 1.5 games

behind Orlando for the fifth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Heat, coming off their most lopsided win of the season Saturday against Denver, lost for only the third time in 10 games and fell two games behind the Hornets for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

**Knicks 101, Grizzlies 92**  
**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Latrell Sprewell scored 23 points, including 12 in the fourth quarter, and the New York Knicks erased a 10-point deficit in the final seven minutes.

Charlie Ward scored 11 of his 13 points in the fourth, while Allan Houston had 10 of his team-high 26 in the final period. Kurt Thomas added 18 points and 16 rebounds for New York.

New York has won three of its last four, while Memphis dropped its fourth straight. The Grizzlies have lost 13 of their last 15.

Tony Massenburg led Memphis with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

**Magic 101, Bucks 91**  
**ORLANDO, Fla.** — Tracy McGrady had 48 points — 30 in the first half — as the Orlando Magic won its sixth straight game.

Pat Garrity added 21 points by making seven 3-pointers for Orlando, which snapped a 10-game regular-season losing skid

to the Bucks.

The Magic moved a half-game ahead of Milwaukee for the Eastern Conference's fourth playoff seed and within a game of the idle third-place Boston Celtics.

Orlando, winners of nine consecutive home games, is a season-best seven games over 500.

**Hawks 102, Bulls 96**  
**CHICAGO** — Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 25 points and 10 rebounds, Jason Terry added 22 points and Nazr Mohammed had 15 for the Hawks, who have won four of five.

Jalen Rose had 26 points and six assists for the Bulls, who have dropped 11 of 13.

**Pistons 94, Jazz 87**  
**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Jerry Stackhouse, Cliff Robinson and Chuck Atkins each had 20 points as the Detroit Pistons beat the Utah Jazz 94-87 Tuesday night for their third straight road victory.

Curtis Williamson scored eight of his 10 points in the fourth quarter when the Pistons won on a game-tying 13-3 run for the first victory ever in the Delta Center.

The Pistons had dropped five in a row to the Jazz and hadn't won in Salt Lake City in 11 games since a 108-104 triumph on March 29, 1999.

## Bertuzzi hat trick spoils Bure's Rangers debut

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Todd Bertuzzi scored all three goals in a hat trick to spoil Pavel Bure's debut with the Rangers as the Canucks beat New York 3-1 Tuesday night.

Bure gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead, but New York flubbed the chance to move into a tie with Montreal for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Vancouver improved to 5-0 on a six-game road trip.

Bure, acquired from Florida, was the best player on the ice for the Rangers, showing bursts of speed and puck sense not seen all season. He was awarded with the most ice time of any New York player through two periods.

**Bruins 4, Coyotes 2**  
**BOSTON** — Byron Dufoe stopped 27 shots as Boston won its fourth consecutive game, beating Phoenix to take over the top spot in the Eastern Conference.

Sergei Samsonov and Josef Stempel each had two assists as Boston took a 3-0 lead and held on after Phoenix made it 3-2. Rob Zamuner, Hal Gill, Glen Murray and Martin Lapointe scored for the Bruins.

Todd Simpson and Mike Johnson scored, and Paul Mara had two assists for Phoenix.

**Sabres 5, Senators 1**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y.** — Chris Gratton had a goal and two assists, allowing Buffalo to creep closer to a playoff berth.

Miroslav Satan, Brian Campbell, Alex Kotlik and Curtis Brown, with a short-handed goal, also scored for the Sabres, playing their first game without captain Stu Barnes, who will miss about two weeks because of a concussion.

Martin Biron stopped 33 shots, ending an 0-2-1 skid, as Buffalo inched within two points of eighth-place Montreal in the Eastern Conference.

Daniel Alfredsson foiled Biron's shutout bid, scoring a power play goal seven minutes into the third period after the Sabres opened a 3-0 lead.

**Mighty Ducks 2, Red Wings 1**  
**DETROIT (AP)** — Paul Kariya scored two goals, including the game-winner with 1:04 left, as Anaheim beat Detroit.

Richardson beat the Red Wings for the first time in exactly in the arena for the first time since 1997 and for just the second time in 18 visits.

Steve Shields, a former Michigan star, made 28 saves, including several key stops in the third period. Dominik Hasek made 23 saves.

**Blues 5, Predators 1**  
**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Scott Mellanby and Pavol Demitra scored in a 2:16 span of the second period as St. Louis recovered

from a sluggish start to beat Nashville.

Keith Tkachuk had two assists for the Blues, who have won three of four after a seven-game winless slump.

**Maple Leafs 3, Islanders 2, OT**  
**TORONTO (AP)** — Cory Cross scored at 2:11 of overtime as Toronto extended its unbeaten streak to six games.

Corey Schwab made 26 saves for the Maple Leafs, 4-2 since Schwab replaced the injured Curtis Joseph as the starting goalie.

Schwab robbed Adrian Aucoin, who was wide open, with a pad save in the extra period, and Alexei Yashin scored his 30th goal for the Islanders, who have won just two of eight games.

Kenny Jonsson's hard slap shot tied it at 2-2, 9:00 of the second period. New York's Chris Osgood made 22 saves.

Mats Sundin gave Toronto a 1-0 lead at 13:58 of the first.

## Stars, Devils swing NHL's biggest deal on deadline day

**The Associated Press**  
 Two years after Jason Arnott took the Stanley Cup out of Dallas, the Stars hope he'll help them bring it back.

Arnott, who scored the Cup-clinching goal for New Jersey in Game 6 of the 2000 finals against Dallas, was traded to the Stars on Tuesday along with Randy McKay and a first-round pick for forwards Joe Nieuwendyk and Jamie Langenbrunner.

The Stars had 17 deals, involving 35 players, completed Tuesday before the NHL's trading deadline.

The Devils returned to the finals last year, but lost in seven games to Colorado. The team has been striving for them since the Stars, who won the Cup in 1999.

"All those nostalgic things go

through your mind, but you're just trying to do something for your team," Devils president Lou Lamoriello said of the Eastern Conference's seventh-place team. "We needed to make a change."

That's what Boston did as well, making three trades Tuesday.

The Bruins acquired defenseman Jeff Norton from Florida for a sixth-round pick in this year's draft; defenseman Sean Brown from Edmonton for defenseman Bobby Allen; and center Darryl Tappan from Minnesota for left wing Greg Crozier.

Florida also traded defenseman Darren Van Impe to the New York Islanders for a fifth-round pick in next year's draft.

The Islanders made another move with Anaheim to acquire center Dave Roche for right wing

Ben Guite and the rights to right wing Bjorn Melin.

Philadelphia was lucky to have Tuesday to compensate for the loss of two key centers, injured the night before in a home tie with Tampa Bay.

The Flyers had enough time to secure play-making center Adam Oates from Washington, hours after Jeremy Roenick and captain Keith Primeau were lost.

Roenick, the Flyers' leading scorer, will miss 2-to-4 weeks because of a knee injury, and Primeau is expected to be out the rest of the week after hurting his ribs.

The cost to get Oates, an unrestricted free agent at season's end, was high. The Flyers, who entered Tuesday atop the Eastern Conference by one point, gave the Capitals a top prospect Maxime Ouellet and first, sec-

ond, and third-round picks in this year's draft.

The New York Rangers didn't rest after stealing Pavel Bure from Florida on Monday night.

Happy that they didn't have to include Mike York in that deal, the Rangers instead shipped the 24-year-old center to Edmonton along with a fourth-round pick in this year's draft for offensive defenseman Tom Poti and center Rem Murray.

Pittsburgh, beset by injuries that will probably keep them out of the playoffs for the first time since 1990, unloaded some high-priced talent.

Rugged defenseman Darius Kaspradits, highly coveted and very available because of his upcoming free-agent status, was sent Colorado for left wing Ville Nieminen and defenseman Rick Berry.

## Death

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 Children's Hospital confirmed the girl had died but at the family's request did not provide additional information about how long she had been in the hospital or the nature of her injury. An autopsy is scheduled for this morning.

A brief news release issued by the hospital said the girl's parents had donated her organs "in the hope that others will be blessed as much as they were by her life."

Dr. James Kelly of the Chicago Neurological Institute said he could not offer an opinion on the cause of death based on the little he knew about the case.

"Delayed death is not unheard of from a head injury," Kelly said. "But there are so many reasons that it could happen."

The small farming town of almost 1,500 where Brittanie lived, West Alexandria, was in shock.

"Everybody knows everybody. The kids are very close in this town," said Stacy Habelok, who runs a beauty shop. She said the girl's aunt used to work at the salon and that Brittanie had her hair cut there.

"She's a pretty little girl," Habelok said.

An honor student and member of the school soccer team, Brittanie was remembered as a hard worker who also loved to

shop. Her friends on the team chose to go ahead with a practice on a rainy day, kicking the ball around a field near the school.

"It's a miserable day," coach Bill Delarcano said. "I figure that God's crying along with us."

Teammate Kari Summers said many students were having a difficult time coping with the loss.

"It was just so much fun to be around her," she said. "She was so happy all the time. You never saw her in a sad moment."

Teams warn spectators over the public-address system about people flying out of the crowd. They also place warnings on scoreboards and on the back of each ticket to try to minimize their liability.

Although rare, spectators have been killed and seriously injured in minor league hockey games. In the low minor leagues and the amateur ranks, the glass is not as high around the rink.

There have been three reported deaths — two in Canada and one in Spokane, Wash. — due to a fan being struck by a puck since 1979.

Baseball's Hall of Fame said its records showed at least five deaths of spectators struck by batted or thrown balls, including 14-year-old Alan Fish at a Los Angeles Dodgers game in 1970.

No similar deaths were found in basketball or football.

## Sooners

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 had five assists.

Ball State will place South Carolina in the next round.

Sampson said. "I wanted him to play like he was the baddest dude in the gym."

Mission was accomplished, although McGhee said work remains.

"It's very gratifying, after what happened last year," he said after scoring 25 points Sunday in a second-round victory over Xavier. "We're really happy to be in the Sweet 16, but our goals are set higher than the Sweet 16. We want to be one of the four teams in Atlanta."

## NIT

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**South Carolina 75, UNLV 65**  
**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — James Bradley scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half and South Carolina extended its surprising postseason run with a 75-65 victory over UNLV in the second round of

Chuck Eidson had 18 points to lead South Carolina, which had five scorers in double figures.

Bradley and Eidson broke the game midway through the second half. Ahead 37-23, Eidson had a bucket and a free throw. Then, Bradley electrified the Carolina Coliseum crowd with the consecutive 3-pointers, extending South Carolina's lead to 49-36 with 13:37 left.

SPORTS

Indians decide to pass on free agent Rivera

By The Associated Press
Ruben Rivera will not get a shot at a spot in the Cleveland Indians' outfield.
The Indians had been talking to the agent for Rivera, released last week by the New York Yankees for stealing...

Brown refused to speak to reporters after allowing eight runs - three earned - and six hits in 2.13 innings in his third start of the spring. Rivera's ball bounced into the Los Angeles dugout for a double.

Houston starter Roy Oswalt gave up one hit in six innings, and T.J. Mathews, Ricky Stone and Billy Wagner completed the two-hitter.
In other games:

Giants 11, White Sox 6
At Tucson, Ariz., J.T. Snow hit three homers and drove in five runs to lead San Francisco over Chicago.

Brewers 15, Cubs 14
At Phoenix, Alex Sanchez hit a three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift Milwaukee over the Cubs.

Bobby Hill homered twice for Chicago. Mike Cummings hit a grand slam for the Brewers.

Rockies 5, Athletics 2
At Tucson, Ariz., Jose Ortiz doubled twice and drove in two runs against his former team as Colorado beat Oakland.

Ortiz, traded to Colorado in July in a three-team deal, hit a two-run double off starter Barry Zito in the sixth. He doubled again in the third and scored on Jason Jennings' single.

Rangers 5, Devil Rays 4
At Port Charlotte, Fla., Dave Burba had another strong outing in his bid to win the final spot in the Texas rotation, allowing two runs - one unearned - and two hits in six innings.

John Rocker, in his second straight shaky outing, allowed a two-run homer to Russ Johnson. Gene Kapler hit the first pitch of the ninth inning off Tom Marlin for a winning homer.

Tigers 15, Phillies 8
At Clearwater, Fla., Mike Rivera's two-run homer off Jose Mesa in the fifth drove in the go-ahead run.

Oscar Salazar had three hits and two RBIs, and Javier Cardona added a three-run double for the Tigers. Doug Glavish went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, and Phil Burrell hit his fifth homer for the Phillies.

Oroles 3, Twins 2
At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Sidney Ponson pitched six innings of three-hit ball and Geromino Cili hit a two-run homer as Baltimore won for the 10th time in 12 games.

Ponson allowed one unearned run, lowering his ERA to 2.70 in 20 innings over five appearances.

Indians 10, Royals 9
At Winter Haven, Fla., Russell Branyan had a pinch-hit RBI single in the ninth inning as Cleveland rallied to win a minor league game before battling with tightness in his shoulder.

Expos 4, Mets 2
At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Shawn Estes allowed three runs - two earned - and seven hits in 2.23 innings, including a solo homer in the fourth by Brian Schneider.

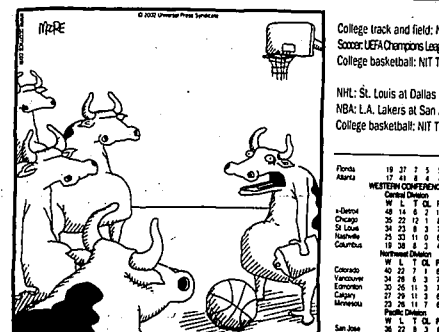
Jeremy Buziss homered for the Mets in his first at-bat since returning from California for the birth of his second daughter.

LETTERS

It's nice to see women's involvement
Monday night (March 4), KVMT did a spot on some of the women pool players here in the Madras Valley.
The Lincoln Inn in Gooding hosted a play-off tournament for the Women's Pool League. It is nice to see that there is another sport for women in this area, especially through the fall and winter months.
The BCA league is a co-ed league; it gives many husbands and wives a chance to become involved in a sport that is fun and gives them something to do. Thanks to establishments like the Lincoln Inn and their owners (like Leo Bastercheer) who sponsor the Women's Pool League as well as the Men's Pool League and BCA league.
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SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



Listen up I want you to pass the ball, set screens, look for the open shot. Don't be selfish. Remember, there is no 'I' in herd.

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## Notes on the economy

### Magic Valley report

#### February lodging

Hotels, motels, campgrounds, recreational-vehicle parks and other lodging facilities in Magic Valley's eight counties reported these lodging sales from Feb. 1 through Feb. 28:

County	Feb. '02 sales	Change from Feb. '01
Blaine	\$3,606,228	up 24.1%
Camas	\$46,905 (0 in Feb. '01)	
Cassia	\$173,847	up 25.6%
Gooding	\$29,608	up 48.9%
Jerome	\$22,726	up 14.8%
Lincoln	\$1,506	up 0.7%
Minidoka	\$59,954	up 19.2%
Twin Falls	\$619,876	up 4.7%
Magic Valley	\$4,820,740	up 22.2%

The State Tax Commission tracks lodging sales monthly. But because of the normal reporting lag, the February sales totals — for the most part — reflect activity that happened in January. Lodging totals include nontaxable sales, such as those to nonprofit schools or federal or state government employees, in addition to taxable sales.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Shopto earnings exceed expectations

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Shopto Stores Inc., a discount chain with a Twin Falls store, has been working to regain profitability and fix operational problems in its recent years since acquired Pamida division. Against that background, Shopto's recent earnings report far exceeded the consensus estimates of 94 cents for the quarter and 70 cents for the year.

Shopto earned \$34.9 million, or \$1.21 per diluted share for the quarter that ended Feb. 2, on sales of \$1.1 billion. A year ago, the company lost \$47.3 million, or \$1.65 per share on sales of \$1.1 billion.

"It was a very impressive quarter by any stretch of the imagination for this company," said Eric Beder, an analyst for Ladenburg Thalmann in New York.

Shopto's sales of \$3.4 billion for the year were down 4.1 percent from \$3.5 billion a year ago. On a comparable store basis, for stores open at least a year, sales were nearly flat for both the year and quarter. The chain closed 23 underperforming Shopto stores early in 2001 as part of a plan to revive its bottom line.

David Cumberland, an analyst with Robert W. Baird & Co., noted that an accounting change was partly responsible for Shopto's gains. The company's income was balanced by some one-time costs that were absorbed in the quarter as part of normal operations rather than in a special charge.

The company expects the economy and retail environment to continue to be challenging this year. Shopto expects to lose between 9 cents and 14 cents a share for the first quarter ending April 4, and to earn between \$1.05 and \$1.25 for the full year.

### Burger King aims to beef up sales with veggie patty

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Vegetarians, you don't have to hold everything any more.

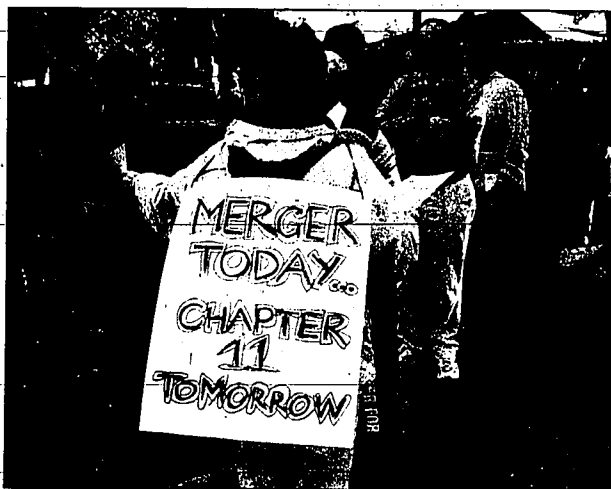
Burger King this week released the BK Veggie nationwide. Made by Morningstar Farms, the vegetarian hamburger contains vegetables, whole grains and spices and is served on a sesame-seed bun with lettuce, tomato and reduced-fat mayonnaise.

In the \$45 million hamburger-chain market, Burger King has been sandwiched between No. 3 Wendy's. Burger King's owner, Diageo Plc, announced plans last year to boost its share of hamburger sales to 23 percent by the end of 2004.

According to Bloomberg, Burger King's share had dropped to 19 percent in 2000, down from 20 percent in 1998. New menu items, including the vegetarian burger and new chicken sandwiches, are part of the company's plan to increase its share.

In going after the vegetarian market, Burger King's timing might be fortuitous. McDonald's has been under fire for using beef flavoring in its French fries. The Chicago Tribune reported recently that McDonald's plans a \$12 million settlement in lawsuits filed by vegetarians over the issue.

Compiled from wire reports



Any Bizouard, a demonstrator who works at Compaq in France, passes out a flier as the protests at the Hewlett Packard Company shareholders meeting in Cupertino, Calif., Tuesday. The proxy fight over the \$21 billion acquisition of Compaq Computer Corp. by HP gave individual investors a rare chance to directly influence the fate of two companies.

## Merger hangs in balance

Shareholders vote on deal between HP, Compaq

The Associated Press

CUPERTINO, Calif. — Hewlett-Packard chief Carly Fiorina claimed victory Tuesday in her company's hard-fought proxy battle to buy Compaq Computer Corp., saying a preliminary vote of shareholder estimates showed the merger will win.

"It appears that our shareholders made a choice today, not only to embrace change, but to lead it," Fiorina, the chairman and chief executive, said after the shareholders meeting.

The proposed deal to acquire Compaq had been strongly opposed by members of the Hewlett and Packard families.

Fiorina spoke to more than 1,000 Hewlett-Packard Co. shareholders who crowded into a Silicon Valley auditorium Tuesday to vote on the \$21 billion deal. The meeting was mostly civil but at one point many booed Fiorina.

Walter Hewlett — the HP heir who has harshly criticized Fiorina, issued a statement saying the claim of victory was premature and that the vote remained too close to call.

"I don't think you can claim victory until every vote is counted, and I don't think every vote has been counted," said his spokesman Todd Glass said.

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Both the company and Hewlett had swamped HP's 900,000 shareholders with letters.

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## Qwest continues to trim debt

The Associated Press

DENVER — Qwest Communications International Inc. has repurchased more than \$97 million in debt in exchange for issuing 9.9 million shares of stock, company officials said Tuesday.

Qwest chief executive Joe Nacchio also said the company hopes to file its first application for re-entry into the long-distance market in late April or early May.

Qwest — the dominant provider of local telephone service in Magic Valley — expected Arizona commissioners to issue their report on re-entry around April 8, and Colorado and several other states were poised to file once a consultant's report is completed next month.

"That's very heartening for us, that we're finally getting to the end of this pretty grueling process," Nacchio said.

The CEO made the comments during a telephone conference call with analysts.

Qwest gave up its long-distance business in the 14-state region of U.S. West when the two merged in 2000. It had hoped to offer long-distance

service across the country by now, but has been delayed while it continues testing its network for accessibility to competitors.

Monday, Qwest announced it had repaid \$608 million of its \$4 billion unsecured bank credit and amended its bank loan agreement.

Qwest is looking at selling some of its assets, such as rural access lines, to strengthen its balance sheet, and then paying down the bank facility to \$2 billion, chief financial officer Robin Szeliga said Tuesday.

Last week Qwest said it had received enough demand to sell \$1.5 billion in bonds to pay-off other debt coming due.

The bond offering, credit repayment and amended bank covenant helped strengthen the company's balance sheet, Nacchio said.

"That essentially takes the liquidity issue completely off the table," Nacchio said.

Szeliga said Qwest also was moving quickly on plans to issue up to \$2.5 billion in debt and equity securities. Those plans were in a shelf registration statement filed last month.

## Retiree asks for compensation

The Associated Press

DENVER — The association that represents 21,000 retirees of Qwest Communications International and its predecessor, U.S. West, will again ask shareholders to approve two executive compensation plans.

The Association of U.S. West Retirees will submit the proposals this spring to major Qwest shareholders, who rejected the requests at last year's meeting.

One proposal would require shareholder approval of severance packages for the company's executives. The second proposal is that the growth in value of the company's pension fund not be factored into determining bonuses for Qwest executives.

Last year, 72 percent of votes cast at the shareholder meeting went against the severance proposal. The pension proposal also failed, with 83 percent of votes going against it.

Retiree association officials think the proposals will fare better.

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## Albertson's announces sale of distribution center

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Albertson's Inc. is shedding a distribution center. The Boise-based company — which has stores in Burley and Twin Falls — announced Tuesday it will sell its Tulsa, Okla., facility to Fleming Cos. for an undisclosed sum.

It is part of a corporate restructuring that the nation's second-largest food and drug retailer says will be completed later this year.

In a statement, Albertson's said Fleming will provide procurement and distribution services for Albertson's stores in Oklahoma and Nebraska under a

long-term supply arrangement. Separately, Dallas-based Fleming said the five-year supply agreement initially includes annual sales volume of about \$250 million. Under the agreement, Fleming will supply the 28 Albertson's stores in Oklahoma from the Tulsa center while its Lincoln Division will supply the 11 Nebraska Albertson's stores.

Fleming will sell the facility it is buying from Albertson's to a third party and then lease it back. Fleming said related capital expenditures, estimated at \$15 million, are included in its 2002 capital expenditure target of about \$200 million.

Fleming also said it plans to hire

the vast majority of Albertson's workers in the Tulsa center.

Also Tuesday, Albertson's announced John Sims will join the company as executive vice president and general counsel.

Sims, 52, spent 22 years with Cincinnati-based Federated Department Stores Inc. parent of Bon Marche and other retail chains. At Federated, Sims most recently was vice president and deputy general counsel.

Sims holds a bachelor's degree and law degree from the University of Missouri. He and his wife, Carroll, are the parents of three children. He and his family will relocate soon from Cincinnati to Boise, Albertson's said.

## Study: T.F. area could support more flights

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Considering its population and economic strength, the Twin Falls area is an underserved travel market, a consultant told local business people Tuesday.

"The market can support more air service," said Mike Boggs, manager of airport business services for Eugene, Ore.-based Mead & Hunt.

Justin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport hired Mead & Hunt to study the Twin Falls market and prospects for improving air service here. The effort is part of the airport's master-plan update, funded largely by the Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Manager Bill Carberry said.

The Oregon firm presented a draft Tuesday.

"If Twin Falls is to snag more flights, support must come from local businesses, Carberry and Boggs said.

And that means more than nodding heads and friendly smiles.

Airlines' decisions are based on profit. And local businesses have financial incentive to help ensure an airline's long-term success if it enters the Twin Falls market, Boggs said.

That might mean paying for marketing, he said. Another strategy is getting businesses to pay into an "airline travel bank." That money is locked in for one user, buying tickets on a designated airline. It's a way to leverage the community's buying power to get the air service you want, Boggs told his staff Tuesday.

"Twin Falls represents only a travel bank might represent only a portion of the new air service's monthly operating costs, he said. But the program would break down several of the typical barriers to new air service in small and medium-sized markets: existing travel habits, the powerful lure of incumbent competitors' frequent-flyer programs, local travel agents' loyalty to other airlines and lack of awareness in the community.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce likely will create a task team to work with Carberry and the airport board in pursuing additional air service for Twin Falls, chamber executive Kent Just said following a chamber board meeting later in the day.

Chamber leaders understand the importance of building air service — particularly between Twin Falls and Boise — but want a chance to assimilate Boggs' findings, he said.

Boggs suggested two top targets for Twin Falls efforts: Big Sky Airlines flights to Boise would be the most favorable fit for new service from Justin Field, he said. At Boise, Big Sky code shares with Alaska Airlines and America West Airlines, serving 15 markets — including Seattle/Tacoma, Wash., the destination in highest demand by Magic Valley travelers.

Boggs' second pick is Great Lakes Airlines (Air Wisconsin) flights to Denver.

Denver would provide connecting opportunities for over 88 percent of Twin Falls' domestic

passengers, he said. Twin Falls won't be able to attract a low-fare carrier. But any competition would lower fares and increase the level and quality of air service, Boggs said.

### Air-service profile

Eugene, Ore.-based Mead & Hunt on Tuesday presented a draft of its air-service profile for Justin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport in Twin Falls. Some of the key findings:

- **Underserved market.** Twin Falls, Cassia, Minidoka, Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties — the "catchment area" for Justin Field — have a population of 143,276 people. That's the fourth-largest airport market area in Idaho.

- The similar-sized Pocatello-area population has nonstop air service to four destinations, compared with Twin Falls' one destination, Justin Field. The only commercial airport in Idaho with nonstop flights to just one city.

- Based on six economic and demographic indicators, Justin Field's catchment area has the Northwest's 15th largest economy out of 49 regional airport markets in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. But the Twin Falls airport ranks 29th in origin-destination passenger numbers and 27th in airline revenues. It has the 20th highest average fare and the 22nd highest yield for airlines.

- **Magic Valley travel.** Passenger traffic at Justin Field declined over the six years of 1995 to 2000, with an average annual decrease of 6.2 percent per year. The most significant decrease was from 1997 when Horizon Air left the Twin Falls market to 1999. After Horizon left the market, local-air fares rose while traffic declined.

- **Justin Field is Idaho's smallest origin-destination passenger airport**, with only 1.7 percent of the total origin-destination passenger traffic. Likewise, it's Idaho's smallest airline revenue generating airport.

- **The Twin Falls airport has the second highest fares in Idaho**, second only to Sun Valley. Justin Field fares are 29 percent above the state average of \$139.58, and 12 percent above the Northwest average.

- **Of SkyWest Airlines' 17 Delta City Air Lines' Twin Falls** ranked 11th in origin-destination passenger numbers and 12th in airline revenues for the 12 months that ended in June. More importantly, Twin Falls ranked fifth in average yields among the 17 markets.

- **Leakage.** A survey of spring and summer 2001 ticket information showed 39 percent of local air passengers board flights at Justin Field, while 38 percent use Boise and 21 percent use Salt Lake City. The others used Sun Valley, Pocatello and Idaho Falls airports.

- **You're losing 59 percent of your market to either Boise or Salt Lake City,** consultant Mike Boggs said. "That's a huge number of people."
- **It is estimated that 83,260 passengers in Justin Field's area**, spending \$14.4 million annually, use alternate airports.

Source: Mead & Hunt

## Airline will enter Boise market, could consider Twin Falls

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

BOISE is key to the company's growth strategy. Big Sky is interested in trying other markets in the region to Boise, or to Montana through Boise connections.

"But I don't have a timeline," he said. "Certainly our efforts are focused on Boise for the near term."

The new Boise-Billings flights arrive at a low-fare market with growing demand for same-day business travel between the two cities. Big Sky will operate two nonstop round trips, Monday through Friday, using 19-passenger Fairchild Metro turboprop airplanes. In Billings, the flight will provide connecting Big Sky service to 10 Montana communities.

A consultant contracted by Justin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport told Twin Falls category," Champney said.

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# Stocks gain, reach year's highest close

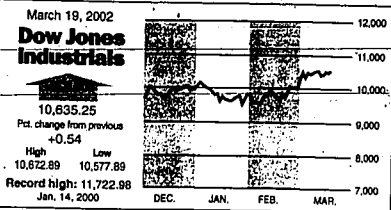
NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street's appetite for stocks held steady Tuesday after the Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged for the time being but indicated that an increase was possible later this year.

Stocks ended the session higher despite a pullback from an earlier rally. Analysts attributed the muted response to the fact the Fed move had been widely anticipated.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 57.50, or 0.5 percent, at 10,635.25, after rallying as much as 95 points. It was the Dow's highest close this year — 3 points above its previous high of 10,632.35 on March 12.

Broader stock indicators also advanced. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 4.74, or 0.4 percent, to 1,170.29, and the Nasdaq composite index climbed 3.81, or 0.2 percent, to 1,850.57.

"Almost every market strategist coming into this had said the Fed would go to a more neutral posture and leave rates unchanged," and that's exactly what happened," said Bill Barker, investment consultant at



RBC Dain Rauscher. "Maybe we'll see a rate hike at the next meeting or in June, but there's still enough uncertainty out there for them to wait."

In trading Tuesday, Goldman Sachs rose \$1.85 to \$91.05 after reporting first-quarter results well above analysts' expectations.

Procter & Gamble advanced \$2.28 to \$89.94 after it boosted its forecast for the third quarter and fiscal year.

Tech stocks were more mixed. Intel rose 10 cents to \$31.72,

while Nokia dropped 68 cents to \$21.75.

Howard Packer fell 45 cents to \$18.80 after its chief executive Carly Fiorina said it had won a closely contested shareholder vote to approve its merger with Compaq. The official results of the vote were not expected to be available for days. Compaq gained 78 cents to \$11.14.

HP is a Dow stock, and its decline late in the session limited the average's gains. Stocks have been steadily advancing all month, although

the pace has slowed in recent sessions as investors try to assess whether company profits will be strong enough to justify the gains.

Wall Street is particularly interested in first-quarter earnings reports, which begin next month. If the results are stronger than expected and companies' rise even more. Disappointing reports might prompt investors to pull back.

"What you have is a moderate market trying to garner strength from data that's coming down the pipe," said Bryan Piskorski, market commentator at Prudential Securities. "The problem is that Wall Street has a tendency to bake a lot into the cake, and I think a lot of that data that's coming down might already be discounted into stock prices."

Also, a Commerce Department report Tuesday said the U.S. trade deficit swelled to \$28.5 billion. Economists view that as a sign of increased oil imports and the low level of exports in more than three years.

# Reports: Trump agrees to sell Empire State Building

NEW YORK (AP) — An investor group that holds the lease on the Empire State Building has agreed to purchase the building from real estate magnate Donald Trump and his partner for \$57.5 million, Trump's spokeswoman said Tuesday.

The spokeswoman, Norma Forreder, confirmed reports in The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times that Empire State Building Associates, which is controlled by real estate investor Peter Malkin, will buy the 102-story landmark.

lease on the building through 2076.

For the first time since 1961, the same group of investors will own the building and control the long-term lease. That means the building could be sold more easily and could ensure better financing terms.

The terms of the deal apparently give Trump and his partner, Japanese billionaire Hideo Yokoi, more than \$6 million of the sale's proceeds, plus additional expenses.

The closing was expected to take place next month.

# Trade deficit widens as improving economy leads to more imports

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's trade deficit jumped to \$28.5 billion in January as an improving U.S. economy boosted demand for foreign oil and other imports. At the same time, the global slump pushed American export sales to their lowest level in more than three years.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that the deficit in January was 15.4 percent higher than December's gap of \$24.7 billion.

While last year's deficit narrowed slightly from the year before, the first improvement in

six years, analysts said a January report supported their belief that America's trade imbalance will widen again this year as the United States recovers faster from its recession than other nations. That allows Americans to buy imports sooner than foreign-made goods.

American manufacturers also face the soaring U.S. dollar, which has risen by in value, by 30 percent against other currencies since 1997. That makes U.S. exports more expensive on foreign markets.

# Retirees

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this year because of the telecom industry's slump, Qwest's troubles with its hefty debt load and a Securities and Exchange Commission inquiry into the company's accounting methods, association president and executive

director Nelson Phelps said. Qwest representatives declined to comment on the retirees' proposals, explaining that Qwest management will include its response in the company's annual proxy statement due out in April.

# Fed leaves key rate unchanged, voices optimism

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve left a key interest rate unchanged Tuesday and began preparing Americans for the possibility that short-term rates will go higher this year as the country bounces back from recession.

After 11 consecutive rate reductions last year, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues opted to continue to hold the federal funds rate at 1 percent, but that banks charge each other on overnight loans — at 1.75 percent, the lowest level in 40 years.

The decision was announced after a closed-door meeting.

In January, the Fed, citing signs of an economic rebound, ended a yearlong stretch of uninterrupted credit easing when it left the funds rate unchanged.

On Tuesday, the Fed's policy makers were even more upbeat about the economy's prospects.

"The economy, bolstered by a marked swing in inventory investment, is expanding at a significant pace," the Fed said in a statement explaining its decision. "Nonetheless, the degree of the

strengthening in final demand over coming quarters, an essential element in sustained economic expansion, is still uncertain," the Fed added.

The Fed's decision means that commercial banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans, will continue at 4.75 percent, a level last seen in November 1995.

Reflecting increased optimism, Fed policy-makers moved to a neutral policy directive, which means they believe risks to the economy are balanced equally

between economic weakness and the threat of inflation. For more than a year as the country slid into recession, the Fed had said the greatest risk facing the economy was slow growth.

In explaining its policy shift, the Fed said: "The risks are balanced with respect to the prospects for both goals."

Economists view that as the first step toward preparing consumers and business — enjoying the lowest interest rates in a generation — for the possibility that interest rates may go up later this year.

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MSFT	28.75	+0.25

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GOOG	115.25	+1.25

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MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including soybeans, corn, wheat, and oil. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade Inc.

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Growth

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Business people Tuesday that Big Sky's losses at Twin Falls and Boise is justified in prospect for air-service growth.
In part, Mike Boggs said, that's because Big Sky flies the small aircraft that the Twin Falls market could support, and because Boise has connecting flights to the final destinations of more than 65 percent of Twin Falls' domestic passengers.
Direct flights to Boise would provide one-stop service to 17 of Joslin Field's top 20 origin-destination passenger markets, but consultant says risk-averse airline and would want to see strong community support before adding a Twin Falls flight, said Boggs, manager of airport business services for Oregon firm Champ & Hunt.

BEANS

Table of bean futures prices, including soybean meal and soybean oil.

CHEESE

Table of cheese futures prices, including various types of cheese.

METALS

Table of metal futures prices, including gold, silver, and platinum.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuel futures prices, including oil, natural gas, and coal.

LIQUIDATED GASOLINE

Table of liquidated gasoline prices for various regions.

Airport

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And air service attracts more airline.
"That's exactly what's happening at Boise right now," he said.
On the other hand, SkyWest, which has low levels of service at greater risk of losing what they do have, he said.
Several chamber leaders asked whether Twin Falls is in danger of losing its existing service to Salt Lake City by SkyWest's Airline, a Delta Connection carrier and the only commercial airline flying out of Twin Falls. Delta is shifting to regional jets that might be too large for the Twin Falls market to support.
Losing SkyWest is a concern, but Twin Falls isn't in imminent danger, Boggs said. Delta indicated it will continue to open some of the smaller turboprops for at least five years, he said.

GRAINS

Table of grain futures prices, including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

POTATOES

Table of potato futures prices, including various grades of potatoes.

SUGAR

Table of sugar futures prices, including various grades of sugar.

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Merger

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advertisements, telemarketers' phone calls and multiple ballots.
In a brief speech from the back of the auditorium, Hewlett thanked HP's employees and stockholders for listening to his arguments.
For decades, HP has represented the best of an American company can be. Hewlett said, drawing applause from almost all of the audience and from Florida.
Shareholders in the audience, including current or former HP employees, were then given a chance to question Florida before voting their stakes.
Some complained about last week's 7,000 inquiries about 15,000 more questions, which he said would be managed if deal goes through.
When one man asked Florida about polls that found employees at three HP sites opposed the deal, she responded that internal surveys were taken to determine that most workers' candidly support the deal.
Many in the crowd boomed.
With an unusual chance to directly influence the fate of two companies and perhaps an entire industry, shareholders had started lining up for the meeting earlier than expected.
Hewlett contends HP is overpaying for Compaq, would get bogged down selling low-margin personal computers and services can't afford to risk the company's massive organizations.
Compaq is a stockholder with more than 22 percent of HP stock - including the 18 percent held by the Hewlett and Packard families and foundations - had come out against the acquisition.
About a third was publicly in favor.
Compaq's stockholders are to vote today in Houston. The deal is expected to be overwhelmingly approved there, largely because of the premium HP is paying for Compaq shares.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Large table of mutual fund prices and performance data, including fund names, prices, and changes.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Red Cross life guard class takes place at city pool**  
**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls City Pool will offer an American Red Cross life guard training course from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 23-29 at the Twin Falls City Pool.  
 Participants must be at least 15 years-old by March 29. Registration is limited. To reserve a spot, the fee of \$120 must be paid by Friday at the front desk of the city pool.  
 For more information, call the pool at 734-2336.

**CSI has openings in creating newsletter course**  
**BURLEY** - The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center has openings in a course that teaches how to create professional looking newsletters for family or business.  
 The class teaches design, which will include headings, borders, shading, graphics and pictures. This is a one credit class and will be held from 7-9:30 p.m. April 9 through May 6. Cost is \$70.50 for credit and a \$22 lab fee. Senior citizens will just have to pay the lab fee.  
 For more information stop by the center at 1600 Parke Ave., Burley or call 678-1400.

**Burley High School offers health fair Saturday, 7 a.m.**  
**BURLEY** - A health fair will be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Burley High School.  
 Blood work will cost \$15 for women and \$25 for men. Breakfast will be available for purchase, and there will be many booths set up with free information.  
 The public is invited.

**Christian education class takes registrations**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Registration is being accepted for a free CERTS (Christian Education Release Time) class starting up next fall.  
 The class will be taught by Brian Nickens and Brandon Buchanan with the Lighthouse Christian Fellowship. Registration will begin Thursday at Jerome High School. The class will look at creation from a scientific perspective.  
 The class will be offered the last two school periods of the day. For more information, call 644-9709.

**Twin Falls City Pool opens for spring break swimming**  
**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls City Pool will be open from 1:00 p.m. during spring Monday through Friday, March 25-29 and from 1-7 p.m. March 30-31.

The cost is \$2.50 for ages 4-12 and \$3 for those age 13 and older. For more information, call the pool at 734-2336.

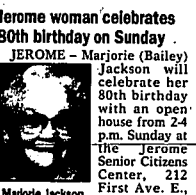
**Gooding County Founders Day preparations take place**  
**GOODING** - The Gooding County Historical Society and Wendell Optimist Club will sponsor the Gooding County Founders Day festivities on April 27 at the Gooding County Fairgrounds.  
 Planned events include a writing contest, quilt show, National Guard history display, magician, Old Time Fiddlers, Hispanic dancers, mountain men and carnival. A 4-H horse show will be held at the fairgrounds.  
 Dean Gooding will be the keynote speaker, and honor two historic families in the county - the Devanays and the Emma Porter Coleman family.  
 The Historical Society and Optimist members are selling raffle tickets for an original oil painting of "Oneida's Summer Range" by local artist Emma Coleman. The tickets are \$1 each or tickets for \$5 each.  
 A potato bar lunch will also be available.  
 For more information, call Sharon Cheney at 934-5135.

**Idaho Archaeological Society chapter meets**  
**TWIN FALLS** - The Snake River Chapter of the Idaho Archaeological Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.  
 Phyllis Openheim will speak on curation methods and practices. The public is invited to attend.

**Restaurant helps raise money for Red Cross**  
**TWIN FALLS** - The Outback Steakhouse will hold a luncheon to raise money for the American Red Cross of Greater Idaho from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 27 at the restaurant, 1965 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Twin Falls.  
 The cost of the all-you-can-eat buffet is \$10. Alcoholic beverages will be sold for an additional charge. The meal will include steak, chicken, salad, bread and beverage.  
 Tickets are available at the American Red Cross Sawtooth Branch, located at 1139 Falls Ave. E., Suite B, Twin Falls or at the door the day of the luncheon.  
 For more information, call the American Red Cross in Twin Falls at 733-6464.

**American Legion Post 41 elects new officers**  
**WENDELL** - The American Legion Post 41 elected new officers on Feb. 13.  
 New officers: Tom Mattice, commander; Ron Spritt, first vice commander; Ed Martin, second vice commander; Jim Crouson, adjutant; Don Icke, finance officer; Fred Tate, chaplain; J. Riley Scott, sergeant at arms and Bob Vull, assistant sergeant at arms.  
 The new officers were installed at the American Legion birthday dinner-March 16.

**Jerome woman celebrates 80th birthday on Sunday**  
**JEROME** - Marjorie (Bailey) Jackson will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the Jerome Senior Citizens Center, 212 First Ave. E., Jerome.  
 No gifts please.



Marjorie Jackson

**People for Pets schedules pet adoption for Saturday**  
**TWIN FALLS** - The People for Pets of Magic Valley Humane Society/Twin Falls Animal Shelter will hold a mobile adoption from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Animal Court in Twin Falls.  
 For more information, call Bev Ward at 733-8637.

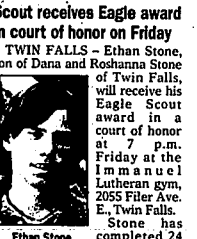
**Partners in parenting program focuses on keeping love alive**  
**HAILEY** - St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center will offer a partners in parenting program from 6:30-8 p.m. today at St. Luke's Center for Community Health.  
 The program will focus on keeping love alive and is for new or experienced parents.  
 The program is free and child care is available.  
 For more information or to reserve a space, call 788-5733.

**Band, orchestra present Senior Recognition concert**  
**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls High School band and orchestra will present the 2002 Senior Recognition concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the John W. Roper Auditorium. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students.  
 The orchestra's and band's performances will be highlighted by introduction and performance by seniors in the ensembles, organizers say.  
 Directors of the groups are Kevin Howard, orchestra and Ted Hadley, band.  
 For more information, call Ted Hadley at 733-5551, or 9:15-10:15 a.m. and at 83-4875 from 10:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Symphony accepts soloist competition applications**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Symphony is accepting applications for the youth soloist competition to be held from 12-5 p.m. June 8 at the Twin Falls High School Roper Auditorium.  
 There will be a \$300 prize awarded to each winner and competition finalists may be selected to perform at the symphony's Oct.-13 concert. Interested contestants must reside in the Magic Valley area and be not more than 21 years of age. Soloists previously selected to play with the symphony may not audition again on the same instrument.  
 For instrumentalists, any movement of a standard concerto or concert piece with orchestral accompaniment may be performed. For vocalists, any standard arias or songs with orchestral accompaniment will be performed. Audition pieces should not be longer than 10 or 12 minutes.  
 Contestants must provide their own piano accompanist. Entrants are encouraged but not required to memorize audition pieces.  
 Application forms are available from George K. Halsell, College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83308-1238 or by calling 733-9554, Ext. 2556. Applications and a \$5 application fee are due no later than May 17.  
 Confirmations and audition times will be sent to all eligible contestants.

**Scout receives Eagle award in court of honor on Friday**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Ethan Stone, son of Dana and Roshanna Stone will receive his Eagle Scout award in a court of honor at 7 p.m. Friday at the 1st MNUCL Lutheran gym, 2055 Fifer Ave. E., Twin Falls.  
 Stone has completed 24 merit badges.  
 For his Eagle Scout award, he planned and constructed seven large shelf units for East End Providers, an agency that provides assistance to the needy.  
 Stone is a member of Troop 68 and Rob Werner is his troop leader.

**Stone is a junior at Twin Falls High School, where he is a member of band and drum corps, chess club and recycling club. He received the Bronze Commendation Award in February. He also enjoys skiing and is active in his church youth group.**



Ethan Stone



Cindy Scott is the recipient of the Blue Lakes Rotary Club's Community Service Award. From left are Erin Scott, her daughter; Tom Scott, her husband; Scott; Melody Lenker, club member; and Sid Lezamis, club member.

## Blue Lakes Rotary Club gives Community Service Award

**TWIN FALLS** - The Blue Lakes Rotary Club has awarded its 2002 Community Service Award to Cindy Scott. Scott is the center supervisor for South Central Head Start. She was chosen because of her vocational excellence, high ethical standards and contributions to the community, club members say.  
 "Cindy is not only seen as a role model for adults, but she touches the hearts and minds of teens and children across the Magic Valley," said Sid Lezamis, Rotary Club member. "Through her active participation in a number of community activities, we have seen what a difference she makes in the world."  
 Scott is active in 4-H, participates in Literacy Night to promote reading to children and adults, serves on the United Way Board of Directors, promotes the Wendell Public Library and Literacy in the Magic Valley, helps find jobs for at-risk Hispanic teens while they are attending school, and advocates for the Magic Valley Crisis Center.  
 "Contributions from people like Cindy help fulfill the mission of Rotary International to promote vocational awareness and also embrace our goal to give back to our community and improve our quality of life," said Tim Jones, Blue Lakes Rotary Club president.

## MANNERS STUDENTS



Manners students at Bickel Elementary School in Twin Falls are, from left, top to bottom: Bailey Coonce, Tyler Goodell, Jake Frazier, Cody Jones, Andrea Ballester, Dominic Curtis, Zack Taylor, Cyrus Trevino, Hillary Denton, Emma Mesic, Mindy Marler, Jenna Frazier and Willie Brown.

## CLUB CALENDAR

**Civic**  
**Rotary Clubs**  
 Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at West Court in Twin Falls call 736-8470.  
 Burley - noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Conference Center call 678-7000.  
 Buhl - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at the Grandstand 543-6828.  
 Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn 534-5455.  
 Hayden - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County 738-2114.  
 Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at China Village, 1234 S. 2000 Road 734-7000.  
 Ketchikan-Park Restaurant - Noon on Tuesday 733-1100.  
 Koda's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant - Bob Stone 734-4141.  
 Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge call Jack Baker 636-5311.  
 Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center 866-2221 or 866-2883.  
 Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls 736-4023 or 734-5493.  
**Lions Clubs**  
 Burley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. Kent Bice 678-5353.  
 Burley Sage - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at First Business meeting room, 441 E. 5th N. Alvin Ross, Janet Eisenberger 678-0038.  
 Gooding - 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Lincoln 434-1411.  
 Hayden - 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at Hayden Home in Burley.  
 Hayden - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Hayden Home in Burley.  
 Jerome - 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Jerome Civic Library 324-7910.  
 Kimberly - 8 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Crooked Creek United Methodist Church 423-5528.  
 Rupert - 8 p.m. second and fourth Mondays (April to November), 7:30 p.m. (November to April) at Rupert High School, 707 F St., 436-5229.  
 Shoshone - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at Shoshone United Methodist Church, 423-5528.  
 Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Jade Restaurant 736-5533.  
 Twin Falls Menorah - Meets first and third Tuesdays at North's Check Wagon in Twin Falls.  
**Kwanzas Clubs**  
 Buhl - Noon Wednesdays at the Grandstand Sports Grill call 543-2330 or 543-8262.  
 Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. 678-4229 or 436-0720.  
 Hayden - Noon Tuesdays at the Flier Mechanical Church 326-4230 or 326-4031.  
 Jerome - Noon Thursdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge call 636-5311.  
 Jerome - Noon Thursdays at the Jerome Senior Center, 1234 S. 2000 Road, call the Turf Club 736-4023 or 734-5493.

**Optimist Clubs**  
 Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at Creekside Restaurant 734-2278, 733-7035 or 734-7005.  
 Burley - 6 p.m. Wednesdays, 09th Market, 156 E. Main St., 346-9469.  
 Hayden - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Cascade Restaurant in Wendell 534-6477.  
**Scoutmaster International**  
 Burley - noon second, third and fourth Wednesdays at George K.N., call Arlene at 438-8666.  
 Twin Falls - noon first third and fourth Wednesdays at 1101 N. Twin Falls call 734-9486.  
 Rupert - noon on first and third Fridays at 734-5115.  
**Beta Sigma Phi Sorority**  
 Xi Alpha Phi chapter - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays. Call Deb at 543-5232 or Terri at 234-6466.  
 Xi Omega Chapter - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, Sept.-May, in Burley, 678-5298 or 438-2613.  
 Xi Mu Chapter - second and fourth Thursdays in Jerome. Call Rachel Evans at 324-3756.  
 Alpha Kappa Chapter - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays, first and third Thursdays in November and December. Call Crystal at 734-7105 or Shirley at 733-6464.  
**Jaycees**  
 Magic Valley Jaycees - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Idaho Joe's Restaurant, 508 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls call 734-7377 or 736-1765. New members welcome.  
 Gooding - Young Jaycees - 8 p.m. first Wednesday at War Memorial Hall, Third and Idaho, call 934-5125. Guests welcome.  
**Other civic**  
 The River Edge Lodge - 10 a.m. second and fourth Thursdays at 3130 E. Ranch on Highway 33, 5 miles north of the Perrine Bridge. Call Roger at 734-5151 or Bob at 324-3636.  
 Magic Valley Toastmasters - 12:00 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Addison West Restaurant, 348 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls call 734-5151.  
 Jerome - Central Historical Society - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Jerome Civic Library.  
**Support Groups**  
 SIGRT (Stephanie Idaho's Great Elementary Teachers) for homeschool support and information. Call 326-6501 or e-mail stephanie@sigrt.org.  
 Devotion Care - 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Church, 1621 Grandview Dr. N. New participants and all denominations welcome at any session. Call Vickie at 734-7751.  
**Alzheimer's support groups**  
 Burley - 7:45 p.m. second Thursdays at Burley Senior Center, sponsored by Ashley Manor Care Center, call 677-5951.  
 Twin Falls - 10:30 a.m. third Wednesday at Sunrise Care, 540 Fifer Ave. W., call Steve or Dawn at 734-9632.  
**National Alliance for the Mentally III**  
 For survivors of mental illness, their families and friends.  
 Hayden - 10 a.m. 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th, 31st. Tuesday, Thursday, Wood River Middle School Family Lounge, 788-3824.  
 Twin Falls - NAMI of Magic Valley - 7 p.m.

**Post** - 7 p.m. third Thursday at Veterans Memorial Hall, 966-2170.  
 Gooding - Post 3078, Toppita Post, 8 p.m. second Thursday at Gooding War Memorial Hall, 934-5065.  
 Halley - Post 4128, Big Wood River Post, Bellevue, 209 Fourth St. 8 p.m. third Thursday, 934-9002.  
 Kimberly - Post 10328, Kimberly Post, 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at a senior citizens center, 423-4443.  
 Rupert - Post 3678, Harlow Hoopes Post, 2:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Rupert Child Development Center, 436-0742.  
 Shoshone - Post 3097, Shoshone Wood River Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Shoshone members home, 886-2723.  
 Twin Falls - Post 2136, Henry Lyle Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Twin Falls DAV Hall, 439 Shoshone, 324-0971.  
 Wendell - Post 2974, Thousand Springs Post, 7 p.m. first Wednesday at American Legion Hall in Wendell, call quarter master at 324-0161.  
**American Legion**  
 Burley - Post 17, 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday at 191 Oakley Ave., call Lyle Morton at 878-5347.  
 Gooding - Post 195, Elmer Miller Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Gooding War Memorial Hall, call Paul Kooner at 934-8687.  
 Hayden - Post 8, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Legion Hall, North Lincoln Street and Seventh Avenue East, call Phil at 324-2607.  
 Kimberly - Post 76, 8 a.m. first Wednesday at Traveler's Diner, call Ed Hudson at 423-5045.  
 Twin Falls - Post 7, 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Post Home, 447 Seaton St., call Jerry Wenzel at 736-8676, 6:30 p.m. poduck with Auxiliary.  
 Wendell - Post 41, 8 p.m. second Wednesday Wendell Post Home, call Jim Crouson at 536-6646. Poduck at 7 p.m.  
**Other**  
 Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 679 - 7 p.m. first Wednesday at National Guard Armory, 1002 Frontier Road, Twin Falls, call 324-1161.  
**Other**  
**Jobs Daughters**  
 Bethel 18 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 1519 Overland Ave. in Burley.  
 Bethel 14 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 225 First Ave. E. in Jerome.  
 Bethel 43 - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.  
 Bethel 56 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

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Are promos enough to lift Letterman?

By Brian Lowry
Los Angeles Times
HOLLYWOOD — David Letterman's new contract with CBS requires the network to throw extra promotional weight behind his late-night program, bowing to Letterman's hope that will help narrow the gap between his show and ratings leader "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno."
Yet after a tumultuous 10 days in which Letterman's possible defection to ABC commanded national headlines, late-night ratings this week have been virtually unchanged, with Leno beating "Late... Show... With... David Letterman" all three nights for which ratings are available — including Monday, when Letterman returned from a week-long vacation and announced on the air his intent to stay at CBS.



David Letterman, host of "The Late Show With David Letterman," tells his audience he has decided to stick with CBS on March 11, upturning a multimillion-dollar offer to jump to late-night ABC television.

Analysis data from 50 major cities monitored by ratings service Nielsen Media Research that account for well over half of U.S. households (national estimates for late-night won't be available until next week), Leno has averaged a 4.6 rating and 12 share this week, meaning 4.6 percent of all homes and 12 percent of TV

sets in use during that hour were tuned to "The Tonight Show." Letterman enjoyed a minor spike Monday, with a 3.9 rating and 10 share, but dropped the next two nights and averaged a 3.6 rating Monday through Wednesday, mirroring his average this season. "Nightline" averaged a 4 rating in its half-hour and "Politically Incorrect With Bill Maher" averaged a 2.7 rating, both deviating only slightly from their seasonal averages.

Book full of laughs helps convalescing aunt

DEAR ABBY: Last week, my 87-year-old Great Aunt Grace was transferred from the hospital to a convalescent facility for her following surgery. Her children all live far away. Because she is so special, I told them I would visit her often and take care of her needs. Shortly after her transfer, I visited her and asked if there was anything she wanted me to bring from her home. She asked me to bring her a couple of family photos and a booklet that she kept in her nightstand. She explained that when she was blind, reading it cheered her up.



DEAR ABBY: Abigail VanBuren

for myself. I couldn't find it at the bookstore. Where can I get it? CARSON CITY, NEV.
DEAR OLLIE: Thank you for the kind words about my booklet. It can be ordered by sending a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus a check or money order for \$5 (U.S. funds); to: Dear Abby — Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 62054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree. Discussing things as they are said to be. Said one to the others, "Now listen, you two. There's a rumor around that can't be true. That man descended from our noble race. The very idea is a great disgrace." "No monkey has ever deserted his wife." "Starved her babies and ruined her life." "And you've never known a mother monk." "To leave her babies with others to bunk." "Or pass from one on to another." "Till they scarcely know who is their mother." "Here's another thing a monkey won't do." "Go out at night and get on a stew."
"Or use a gun or club or knife." "To take some other monkey's life." "Yes, man descended, the ornery cuss." "But, brother, he didn't descend from us."
DEAR ABBY: My husband I have been happily married for four years. Recently I made the mistake of telling him about my wild sexual past, and now he doesn't trust me I was only trying to be honest. Is this fair, Abby?
MISUNDERSTOOD WIFE IN NORWALK, CALIF.
DEAR WIFE: It's not fair, but bear with it until your insecure spouse calms down and wises up. He is now comparing himself to all of the men you have slept with. Your husband doesn't view himself as the beneficiary of your vast experience. How shortsighted of him.

Focus on living quarters, Taurus; Libra: You can run, but can't hide

IF MARCH 20TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... You are someone to the degree of being psychic. You are loyal and will sacrifice for good of family. Marriage and home life mean much. Capricorn, Cancer natives play active roles in your life, could have these letters in names: B, K, T. During May, you will travel and lend spirit to your life by filtration. Individual from foreign land enters your sphere of activity — it could be love!
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): You will make fresh start. Relatives will confer with you on the idea of starting your own business. Focus on original thinking, daring concepts and strong love relationship.
TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Cycle moves up. Focus will be on living quarters, partnerships and marriage. Short trip out of town could be featured.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your kind of day! Spotlight on personality, power of persuasion. Romantic relationship is serious, could get hot and heavy.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be as if a new person. Wear clothes, hair in different styles. Review, rebuild and rewrite what you're often rejected could be more enthusiastically accepted.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Attend to details, do necessary repair work. Excellent also for reading, writing and teaching. Filtration is serious, could get too hot not to control. Virgo invites.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attention revolves around where

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you live, marital status and home improvement. Gift received — luxury item that makes living quarters more beautiful.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Lesson drawn from home you can run, but you cannot hide. Define terms, see relationships in realistic light. Terms will be clearly defined. Pieces will figure prominently.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Power play. Deal with the "unknown." You will be in charge of your own destiny. Predict your future, and make it come true.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Let go of tendency to brood about the past. Future is bright, will include travel and humanitarian project. You will not be alone; love relationship flourishes.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make fresh start, highlight original thinking. Take initiative, imprint your own style. Wear bright colors that include yellow, gold. Leo plays dramatic role.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on direction, motivation and meditation. Emphasis on cooperative efforts, civic activities and marital status. Outlet found for creative energy.
PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You will have more commodious living quarters. Emphasis on social activity — entertaining and being entertained.

There's no monument to Genghis Khan in Mongolia

In the vernacular of Brazil, "smitch" means "good," "excellent," or maybe it's closer to our old "swell." Anyhow, it comes from a distortion of "Smith and Wesson," long a favorite name in Brazil.
The joint in my stork's legs lock up. Also, the stork has a sort of built-in gyroscope with which it unconsciously keeps its balance. A sober stork can stand on one leg for hours.
Ninety-seven percent of the people over age 65 have osteoarthritis to show up on x-ray films, doctors say.



REVISITED L.M. Boyd

Q. What's the favorite food of gorillas in the jungle?
A. Wild celery.
Those who say they know contented to eat 25 people put on the right shoe first.
From our article, the chemists

got barbiturates, so named because their discovery of same occurred on St. Barbara's Day.
Q. Where was Genghis Khan buried?
A. Nobody knows. And nowhere in Mongolia is any monument to him.
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COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO ADVERTISEMENT
Sealed bid proposal for the Roof of Building A of Northwest Apartments, College of Southern Idaho will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 10, 2002. The plans are located in the Office of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 316 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho and then publicly opened.
Bids must be received (no facsimile) at the above listed address on or before the specified bid date and include in order to be accepted. The outside of the envelope should clearly indicate "SEALED BID ENVELOPE".
Plans, specifications, bid proposal forms and other information are on file for examination at the following locations:
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208-734-5538
OR
208-677-4543 (BURLEY)

270 North 27th St., Suite A Boise, Idaho 83702
(208) 338-1212
A/G/Intermountain Contractor
124 Blue Lakes Blvd. Ste 6 Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
(208) 734-7526
1415 N. Fillmore St., Ste 703A Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
(208) 734-1831
One set of documents may be obtained by Public Works license and roofing contractors from the Architect for a refundable deposit of \$25.00.
A Public Works Contractors License for the State of Idaho is required to bid on this project. A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid is required.
A pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2002, starting at 10:30 a.m. at the Hotel Idaho, Washington Complex at 1322 Washington Street, Twin Falls, Idaho. Meet in the Coliseum.
The Collo reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to void certain items and to accept any or all items to be in the best interests of the College.
A/John M. Mason Vice President of Finance
PUBLISH: March 20, 27 and April 3, 2002
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF JEROME INVITATION TO SUBMIT INFORMATION
This is an invitation to

submit information for Architectural/Engineering services for a Commuter Bus Service to operate 5 to 7 days a week between Bellevue and Sun Valley.
Bellevue and Sun Valley. Service to start by June 3.
Bids will be due a year of continuous service.
Bids shall conform in all respects to the bid specifications and drawings to be provided by Blaine County Commissioner, Sarah Michael, 206 Elm St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. Telephone 208-733-5763.
A bid opening conference will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at the Blaine County Courthouse, 206 Elm St., Twin Falls, Idaho, at 1:30 p.m. in order to be interested an opportunity to be given any answers to written questions that the RFP. All bidders or their designees must attend the workshop. Written questions or clarifications must be postmarked no later than March 22, 2002. Prospective bidders and mailed to Blaine County Commissioner, Sarah Michael, 206 Elm St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. Telephone 208-733-5763.
Invitation to Bid for the City of Jerome, 200 Elm St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Telephone 208-733-5763.
Complete Request for Qualifications may be obtained at 200 Elm St., Twin Falls, Idaho. Interested parties are encouraged to attend a pre-proposal conference held at 10:00 A.M. on April 3, 2002 at the Hotel Idaho.
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Blaine County Board of Commissioners
206 Elm St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83303
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The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting applications from individuals for aerial application photography within the southwest area of Idaho. If you are interested in submitting a bid for Adams, Ada, Washington, Payette, Blaine, Valley, Boise, Owyhee, Canyon, Elmore, Gooding, Camia, Blaine and Lincoln Counties, please contact Harold Biggs at the Gooding/Camia County FSA Office, 219 University Avenue, Gooding, Idaho 83202. Phone 208-447-5472, fax 208-447-5472. Bids must be submitted by the close of business, Friday, April 15, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, marital and family status. (Not all provisions may apply to all programs.)
PUBLISH: March 15, 18, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned or taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.
IMPORTANT
ALL sealed Bids will be received and opened on April 2, 2002 at 2:00 P.M., MDT, at the Idaho Transportation Department, Purchasing Section located at 3311 West State Street, Boise, ID. Bidders and other interested parties are invited to be present at the bid opening. This is to furnish equipment, labor and materials for ROADSIDE MOWING in Southern Idaho, as directed in the designated areas, as per the specifications contained in the bid.
A Pre-Bid Conference & Site Inspection will be held on March 20, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., MST at ITO District Four office located at 216 South State Street, Shoshone, Idaho.
No bid will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable guaranty in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid. The guaranty must be in the form of a certified check or a cashier's check drawn on an Idaho bank, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department. The guaranty will be forfeited in the event of failure to sign the bid contract.
The Idaho Transportation Department reserves the right to reject all bids or to accept the bid deemed best for the State of Idaho.
Dated the 7th day of March, 2002
ROD BUCKNER, PURCHASING AGENT
IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
Specifications, Bidding Documents and other information may be obtained from the Idaho Transportation Department, Purchasing Section, at 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho 83703. Contact the Purchasing Section at (208) 334-8872 for copies of plans or by contacting your local plan room.
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FOUND Chocolate Lab, female puppy, vicinity of Woodruff Circle, Call 733-0824.
FOUND Ti-colored Beagle Hound, young returned male, in front of Fred's Myra's, Approx. 3-4 months old, Call 423-0908.
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LOST Spayed female cat, tortoiseshell, vicinity of 600 block of N. Main TF, Call 733-8424.
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WEST ♠ K 2 ♣ A 6 2 ♢ K 10 9 ♠ J 10 9 5

EAST ♠ 9 7 4 3 ♣ J 5 4 2 ♢ K 8 7 6 2

SOUTH ♠ A Q 10 7 5 ♣ Q 9 8 ♢ A Q 7 ♠ K 4

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♠ All pass

Limit raise Opening lead: Club Jack

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South holds: ♠ K 2 ♣ A 6 2 ♢ K 10 9 ♠ J 10 9 5 South North Pass 1 ♠

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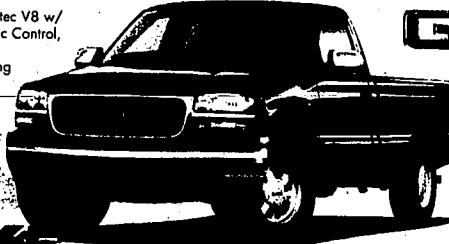
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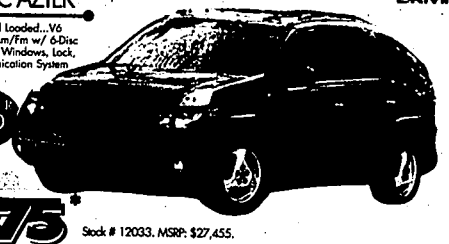
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