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# A NOSE FOR TROUBLE



Christy Miller plays with her new friend, a black Labrador retriever named Tony (left), and her own dog Cooper. Miller was dog-sitting Tony over the weekend for friends when he alerted her that something was wrong by pacing around and acting strange. Miller soon discovered a carbon monoxide leak and called 911.

## Alert dog saves Twin Falls family members

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — If Tony hadn't failed as a guide dog, things could have turned out badly for Kristie Miller and her loved ones.

And if his owners, Carol and Bruce Stevens of Twin Falls, hadn't put off finding a kennel for him until just before they left on vacation, Miller's story could have turned out heart-breaking instead of heart-warming.

"It really seems like it was the work of God that he was here," Miller said Tuesday as Tony, a black Labrador retriever, rolled and snored on the floor with her own Labrador, Cooper.

Early Friday, the antiquated oil heater in the basement of the home Miller rents in Twin Falls was leaking petroleum lev-

*'I called 911, and they said, 'Get out now, evacuate.'"*

—Kristie Miller

els of carbon monoxide. And if Tony hadn't been there — and been doggedly determined to wake her up — she might have never known.

Tony was born in California about three years ago and shipped off to a school for seeing eye dogs near Portland, Ore., Bruce Stevens said. But during his training, the dog started to develop skin allergies on his paws, so he was disqualified.

So Tony came to live in Twin Falls — where the dryer climate keeps his allergies at bay — and was trained for the "Pet

Partners" program. Through the program, Tony helps cheer up hospice patients, sick children and others at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and elsewhere in the Valley, Bruce Stevens said.

It's a job he's excelled at, said Carol Stevens.

"There was one hospice patient who had been comatose, and they hadn't gotten her to respond," she said. "Tony came in and laid his head on her, and she said, 'nice dog.' It turned out to be the last words she spoke before she died."

But last week, Carol Stevens said she was so busy planning her family's spring break vacation, she almost forgot to find lodging for Tony.

"I was irresponsible. By the time I got around to it, all the boarding kennels were full."  
So in a last-ditch effort, Stevens put out an e-mail at her workplace, Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls, hoping to find somebody to keep Tony.

Miller, a fellow teacher at Lincoln, offered to take him. Tony settled in comfortably and especially enjoyed Cooper's company, Miller said.

Miller's grandmother, Betty Harrison, and mother, Lisa Stanley, were also over for a visit from their home in California.

On Friday, as Cooper and the

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# Jerome Cheese drops appeal

## Company will try again for waste site in Gooding County

By Almee New  
Times-News correspondent

**GOODING** — A Jerome Cheese Co. official announced this week the company was going to withdraw its appeal of a decision that keeps the plant from pumping its waste into Gooding County.

"Jerome Cheese will withdraw their appeal and put in a new application with the hope that new discoveries and research will help with an approval," plant maintenance manager Rex Minchey told the Gooding County commissioners Monday.

Jerome Cheese had appealed the Gooding County Planning and Zoning Commission's decision to deny the company's special-use permit application. The planning and zoning board denied the application twice.

However, attorneys for the cheese company realized that mediation was an alternative, and a 12-member panel began closed-door mediation meetings starting Sept. 19.

Bob Werth, the Halley attorney who mediated the process, thanked county commissioners Monday for their support during the process.

"The respect is deeply gratifying," Werth said.

"There were huge issues and concerns about the impact this would have on Gooding County, and people need to talk to get issues resolved. That can't be done in just a few hours," Werth said.

When the cheese company replies Minchey said he would like to have a question-and-answer period before the hearing, as well as an on-site visit for better two-way communication.

Gooding Planning and Zoning Administrator Judy Daubner

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## Feds loosen restrictions on when to kill wolves

The Associated Press

**BOISE** — A new U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service policy will allow Idaho farmers and ranchers to get federal permits to kill wolves even when the predators are not seen killing livestock.

"We're just trying to be more flexible and allow private livestock operators a little more ability to protect their livestock from chronic wolf attacks," Carter Niemeyer, the agency's wolf recovery coordinator, said

Tuesday. "It doesn't go as far as some folks would like it to go, but it's something we could allow."

Niemeyer said the policy is an extension of one in place for the past two years in the Yellowstone National Park wolf recovery area.

The Fish and Wildlife Service considers the Idaho and Wyoming wolf populations — the result of reintroduction efforts in the mid-1990s — as "experimental, nonessential."

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## Obesity qualifies as tax deduction

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Overweight Americans have a new pocketbook reason to shed some pounds. Recognizing obesity as a disease, the IRS says it will begin allowing taxpayers to claim weight loss expenses as a medical deduction.

"It really opens the gate for everybody to be at a healthier weight. America really needs to wake up," said Linda Webb Carilli, a spokeswoman for Weight Watchers International Inc.

Apart from the tax break, the IRS ruling could pave the way for insurance companies and such

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government programs as Medicare to offer coverage for obesity treatment, experts say. Now, it is usually considered a symptom or precursor to some other disease.

"It legitimizes an important area that's been on the fringe," said Morgan Downey, executive director of the nonprofit American Obesity Association.

Taxpayers have been able to deduct the costs of weight loss programs as a medical expense since 2000 only if they were recom-

mended by a doctor to treat a specific disease. Obesity itself was not recognized by the IRS as an ailment that qualified for the weight loss expense deduction.

Tuesday's ruling qualifies obesity itself as a disease. "It's going to help a lot of people," Downey said. "Most of the services are not covered by insurance and they can be fairly expensive."

There is mounting evidence that obesity takes a huge toll on the nation's health. In 1998, the National Institutes of Health estimated that 97 million adult Americans were overweight or obese.

# Mideast fighting moves into Christian holy sites

## Troops later enter hometown of some suicide bombers

The Associated Press

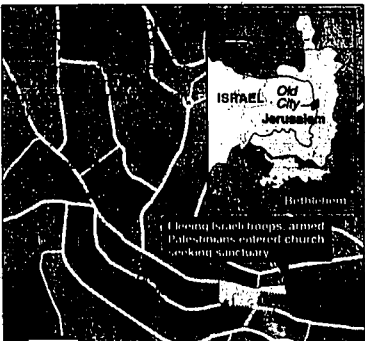
**RAMALLAH**, West Bank — Israeli tanks rolled into two West Bank towns before dawn today, witnesses said. The incursions followed a day of wild fighting as Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, where tradition says Jesus was born.

The Israeli moves into Salfes and Jenin, a northern town that has been home to some of the suicide bombers who have been terrorizing Israelis, came a day after Israel seized control of Bethlehem and another West Bank town.

Today's incursion by 30 tanks into Jenin opened the sixth day of a crushing offensive designed to root out



Israeli tanks enter move down deserted Bethlehem streets Tuesday.



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# FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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## IDAHO

Idaho Extremes  
Yesterday:  
High 72°  
Low 37°  
Perma  
Burley  
McCall

## ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday  
Temperature  
High/Low 54/35°  
Normal high/low 50/31°  
High/Low last year 45/21°  
Record high 70° in 1907  
Record low 19° in 1909  
24 hours ending 6 p.m. year  
Months to date 0.00°  
Normal months to date 0.00°  
Water year to date (Oct. 1) 0.52°  
Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 0.52°  
Humidity  
Yesterday at noon 44%  
Barometric Pressure  
Yesterday at 8 a.m. 30.07 in.  
Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls  
Grass High Weeds Absent  
Trees High Mold High  
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny and pleasantly mild.	Mainly clear.	Warmer with ample sunshine.	Increasingly cloudy; still mild.	Cooler with a few showers possible.	A morning shower; clearing late.
▲ 64°	▼ 38°	▲ 68° ▼ 42°	▲ 68° ▼ 40°	▲ 58° ▼ 38°	▲ 62° ▼ 38°

## REGIONAL WEATHER

**Southern Idaho:** High pressure will provide an abundance of sunshine and mild temperatures today. Highs ranging from the 40s in the mountains to 60s in the western valleys. Mainly clear tonight.  
**Boise:** Plenty of sunshine today with a nice afternoon. High 69. Mainly clear tonight. Low 38. Another sunny and pleasantly mild day tomorrow with a high of 70.

**Northern Nevada:** Abundant sunshine today with a nice afternoon. Highs ranging from the 60s in the east to 70s in the west. Clear tonight. Lows 20-36. More sunshine and mild temperatures tomorrow.

**Northern Utah:** Sunny and pleasant weather will continue today. Highs ranging from near 50 in the northeast to around 70 in the valleys. Mainly clear tonight. Lows 22-41. Sunny and mild again tomorrow.

**Northern Idaho:** After a chilly start, today will turn mostly sunny with a milder afternoon. Highs ranging from the lower 40s in the highest elevations to 60s in the lowest valleys. Mainly clear tonight.

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 98° in Bullhead City, AZ Low -6° in Nelihar, MT

## NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon 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.
Calgary	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Edmonton	21 7 0	20 14 af
Halifax	53 26	53 26
Montreal	40 18	45 32
Ottawa	20 8	25 13
Quebec	21 8	26 13
Regina	20 8	25 13
Saskatoon	21 8	26 13
Toronto	37 27	33 18
Vancouver	54-40	58-43
Winnipeg	27 20	21 11

## WORLD CITIES

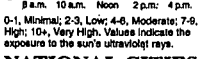
City	Today	Thu.
Acapulco	80 73	83 74
Athens	68 51	61 54
Auckland	60 52	63 55
Bangkok	85 78	84 79
Beijing	70 62	68 65
Buenos Aires	59 39	55 35
Caracas	83 63	77 63
Chicago	72 54	67 61
Hong Kong	86 72	84 72
Jakarta	82 73	81 74
Jerusalem	82 57	61 56
London	63 48	58 48
Mexico City	81 62	83 62
Moscow	30 10	22 12
Paris	66 48	65 43
Rio de Janeiro	86 77	83 77
Rome	59 45	55 48
Seyoul	67 44	66 52
Singapore	83 73	83 82
Tokyo	70 54	59 59
Warsaw	47 27	47 23
Zurich	62 44	60 37

## SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:17 a.m.  
Sunset tonight 7:06 p.m.  
Moonrise today 1:22 a.m.  
Moonset tonight 10:25 a.m.



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## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Albany	87 25	87 27
Atlanta	64 40	54 36
Baltimore	66 40	54 38
Boston	66 40	54 38
Birmingham	63 36	54 38
Bozeman	60 38	46 32
Charlotte	60 51	66 44
Charleston, WV	62 29	52 27
Chicago	39 24	44 28
Cleveland	60 51	66 44
Denver	52 33	67 40
Des Moines	36 20	48 30
Dayton	67 28	44 38
El Paso	75 49	60 52
Falcons	28 11	30 6
Honolulu	80 67	82 67
Houston	66 46	58 53
Indianapolis	63 41	52 27
Jacksonville	83 61	75 56
Kansas City	42 26	50 34
Las Vegas	67 28	44 38
Little Rock	56 35	58 40
Los Angeles	64 55	64 55
Weather (W):	sunny, p.e.parity cloudy, c.cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, s-snow, f-furins, s-snow, f-furins	

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Boise	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Bonanza Ferry	53 27	52 32
Burley	65 37	72 43
Coeur d'Alene	56 30	62 36
Elko	70 33	73 38
Idaho Falls	56 28	64 35
Kalispell, MT	61 28	68 36
Lewiston	60 36	66 40
Malad	61 29	68 36
Nata	24 17	30 24

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
McCall, MT	46 20	56 28
Missoula, MT	48 22	58 29
Pocatello, ID	62 30	67 37
Portland, OR	62 42	68 42
Rhland, WA	66 31	70 37
Spokane, WA	50 28	60 34
Salt Lake City, UT	68 41	72 48
Seattle, WA	58 40	60 42
Spokane, WA	56 32	62 38
Stanley	51 13	56 25
Sun Valley	58 20	62 28
Yellowstone, MT	54 10	48 18

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## Wolves

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The permit policy does not, however, apply to the Idaho Panhandle, north of Interstate 90, and northwestern Montana, where gray wolves are fully protected as an endangered species. Meanwhile, the Fish and Wildlife Service said two yearling male wolves that killed domestic sheep on Sunday were killed Monday. Federal officers conducted the "control actions" on private land in the East Fork of the Salmon River near Clayton. One of the wolves, B-125, was a radio-collared member of the Whitehawk Pack. The Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services also used helicopters to scatter other members of the pack from the area where wolves reportedly had been frequenting ranches for two months. In addition, the Fish and Wildlife Service issued four of the new "lethal take permits" to local ranchers because of the chronic depredation pattern. Niemeyer said the 45-day permits allow private landowners to

kill any single wolf on their property. Previous policy allowed ranchers to kill wolves only when they were caught attacking or feeding on livestock on private land. A second type of permit introduced in the Idaho recovery area this year allows ranchers to kill wolves attacking their livestock on public lands, such as Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management grazing allotments. Those permits also are for 45 days. Niemeyer said in both cases permits will only be issued for cases involving a chronic, long-term pattern of wolf attacks. He said Idaho's congressional delegation, the Idaho Cattle Association, Idaho Wolf Growers Association and private landowners had pushed for the change. Thirty-five wolves were transplanted to Canada in 1995 and 1996. They have since multiplied to about 265. By the end of 2002, federal wolf managers estimate 500 wolves will be roaming the mountains and valleys of Idaho, Yellowstone National Park and northwestern Montana.

## Jerome

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said she would check the legality of such variances in the county's hearing process. Jerome Cheese needs the special-use permit to build a multi-million-dollar wastewater treatment facility in southern Gooding County. The facility would handle about 1 million gallons of wastewater each day. The proposed site for construction is a 940-acre plot of land situated in the southern end of Gooding County, about seven miles due west of the Jerome plant. In denying the appeal, the planning and zoning board cited the fact that the project would be a large-scale industrial operation in the middle of an area zoned for agricultural use as a reason to reject the application. Some residents also opposed the project.

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## Bin Laden aide rose quickly in network

**AMMAN, Jordan (AP)** — Abu Zubaydah was drawn to Osama bin Laden's organization as a teenager whose religious fervor and radical Islamic ideology brought him to the training camps of Afghanistan. But Middle East counterterrorism sources say it was his combat skills and organizational talent that pushed him to the top ranks of the network thought to have been behind the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States. U.S. military and law enforcement officials said that Abu Zubaydah, a 31-year-old Palestinian, was captured in Pakistan four days ago — an arrest touted by White House officials as a "very serious blow" to the al-Qaida network. Born Zein al-Abedeen Mohammad Hassan, his family hailed from the Gaza Strip and according to Jordanian court records, he holds an Egyptian travel document. Egypt, which once ruled the Gaza Strip, used to issue travel documents to residents there. But Egyptian Interior Ministry officials said they had no record for Abu Zubaydah and that his Egyptian travel document could be fake. After Sept. 11, the U.S. Treasury Department ordered frozen any assets found in his name. It's website, lists Abu Zubaydah's birthplace as Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and his birthdate as March 12, 1971. Last Thursday, Pakistani authorities, in concert with the CIA and FBI, captured Abu Zubaydah in a raid in Faisalabad, far from the Afghan border, according to U.S. officials who spoke on condition of anonymity. Abu Zubaydah was shot three times trying to escape — in the stomach, groin and leg — but was expected to survive, said one official. He is in U.S. custody, and American officials promised a lengthy interrogation of the man believed to be able to identify names, faces and locations of al-Qaida operatives the world over.

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According to the Middle East sources, who insisted they not be identified further, Abu Zubaydah developed a unique talent in mortars and other heavy weaponry that attracted the attention of bin Laden. He was apparently named bin Laden's second deputy in 1995, responsible for screening recruits and devising terrorist plans. Where bin Laden and deputy Ayman al-Zawahiri may set policy, Abu Zubaydah would implement it. U.S. officials said when the inner circle would order the bombing of an embassy, Abu Zubaydah would select the embassy, cell and method of attack. Abu Zubaydah's name doesn't appear on the FBI's list of top wanted terrorists but he was wanted nonetheless. The job description and slot at the top led U.S. officials to worry that Abu Zubaydah might try to re-establish al-Qaida in Pakistan, where many members held the U.S.-led military campaign in Afghanistan. Financial transfers and intercepted communications suggested he was directing attempts to conduct new terrorist attacks against U.S. interests, American officials have said. Ahmed Ressaam, convicted April 2001 of smuggling, terrorist conspiracy and other charges in the Los Angeles millennium plot, described Abu Zubaydah's role as a recruiter during court testimony. "He is the person in charge of the camps. He receives young men from all countries. He accepts you or rejects you. And he takes care of the expenses for the camps. He makes arrangements for you when you travel coming in or leaving," Ressaam said.

## L.A. bus drivers strike, affecting 18,000 student

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — About 800 bus drivers went on strike in the nation's second-largest school district Tuesday, causing delays for some 18,000 children and canceling field trips and sporting events. Laidlaw Transit Inc., the largest of five transportation districts serving the Los Angeles school system, said its Teamster drivers did not show up for work in the morning. Nearly 10 percent of the school district's 700,000 students — including many severely handicapped youngsters — ride buses. Laidlaw serves 18,000, but the strike could affect all bused students because other companies were redirected to pick up children stranded by Laidlaw buses. Districts pressed supervisors into service, got drivers from neighboring districts and buses made reruns on some routes. Many students were late for classes, but the exact number was uncertain. The district also canceled or postponed all field trips, late activities and athletic events for the next days. The Teamsters and Laidlaw have been negotiating salaries and benefits for seven months. The company has spoken with a mediator and "we've agreed to go back to the negotiating table" this week, said Jim Ferraro, the company's area vice president.

## Illinois governor's ex-aides face racketeering charges

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Gov. George Ryan's campaign committee and two former aides were charged Tuesday with racketeering in the biggest indictment to come out of a federal investigation into a licenses-for-bribes scheme when he was secretary of state. The indictments say the committee secret and illegally used state workers and public money for political work, from campaigns for the Illinois House to a 1996 presidential bid. The indictment alleges that Ryan, as a campaign, for a number of years broke the law with considerable vigor, U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald said. "Public funds were stolen and plundered for political benefit." Such practices began as early as 1994, the indictment said. Those involved allegedly tried to cover up the scandal by lying to a grand jury and shredding documents.

The probe began in 1998 as an investigation into whether secretary of state employees traded truck driver's licenses for bribes. It quickly expanded to include allegations that internal investigators were bribed and that state resources were being campaign work on state time. Prosecutors have said some \$170,000 in bribe money ended up in Ryan's campaign fund. The Republican governor, they said, was charged with wrongdoing, but he decided against seeking a second term after the scandal hurt his popularity. Dennis Culloton, a spokesman for Ryan, said the governor was not aware of the incidents alleged in the indictment.

## Dog

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three women slept, Tony was unusually restless, Miller said. "He would not settle down. He just kept pacing around." Miller said she and her mother let the dogs out into the yard at about 5 a.m., thinking Tony just needed to answer nature's call. But even after he came back in, and Miller had fallen back to sleep on her living room couch, Tony would not rest. "He just kept pacing and nudging me. And I started to think, 'This dog has been trained to be sensitive — something must not be right.'" Finally, Miller said she thought of the heater, which had before been leaking carbon monoxide. She went to the basement and,

sure enough, a monitor gauge indicated high levels of the gas. "I called 911, and they said, 'Get out now, evacuate.'" At about 6 a.m., the fire trucks came and they set everything down and aired the place out. Miller said her landlord promptly replaced the oil unit with a brand-new natural gas heater. And Tony has earned a special place in her home, she said. "You come back to visit us again, Tony," she said Tuesday, after Cooper and Tony had finished rough-housing and it was time for Tony to go back home. Times-News reporter Mark Hahn can be reached at 735-3233 or by e-mail at [mhahn@magicvalley.com](mailto:mhahn@magicvalley.com)

# Mideast

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**Palestinian terrorists.**  
On Monday, Palestinian gunmen forced their way into the Church of the Nativity, where traditional Jews pray, and, Israeli tanks and helicopters pounded the headquarters of a Palestinian security chief.

Amid the fiercest Israeli offensive in 18 months of conflict, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat angrily rejected an Israeli offer to free him from confinement in his compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah - provided he goes into exile. Arafat was spending a sixth straight day pinned down by Israeli troops and tanks, his compound now ringed by barbed wire.

Israeli troops pressed ahead with house-to-house searches for Palestinian militants and weapons as part of what Israel calls "Operation Protective Wall" - aimed at halting terror attacks targeting Israelis.

In the seventh such attack in as many days, a Palestinian suicide bomber was blown up when Israeli soldiers shot and detonated explosives he had strapped to his body. The incident occurred at a checkpoint in Baka al-Sharqiye, a Palestinian village along the line between Israel and the West Bank. The man died but no one else was injured, the military said.

In a dramatic gesture that underscored hardships caused by the Israeli incursion, Palestinians buried 15 of their dead in a hospital parking lot in Ramallah. Families of the dead had been unable to claim the bodies, which were decomposing in a hospital morgue because power cuts made refrigeration impossible. Relatives wailed and gunfire from fighting echoed as the bodies were placed in common graves carved out by a bulldozer - one for 13 men, one for two women.

Ramallah residents, though, got a respite of a few hours from a curfew that has been in effect since Israeli tanks and troops moved in on Friday. People poured into the shops, juggling away cartons of cooking oil and plastic bags bulging with pita bread.

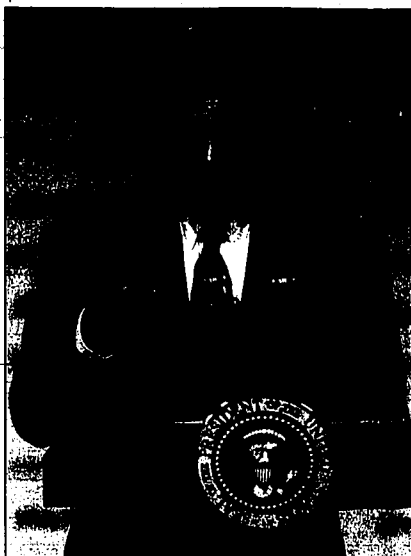
By nightfall, most of the about 400 Palestinians trapped in the compound of West Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub near Ramallah had surrendered to Israeli troops, in a deal brokered by U.S. and European officials. About eight men remained inside.

Holy places that were immune from violence that raged the length and breadth of the West Bank. Dozens of armed Palestinians were holed up inside the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, which is built over the grotto where tradition says Jesus was born. About 20 of the gunmen were wounded and being tended to by nuns, according to witnesses trapped in the church compound.

The armed men, some of them Palestinian policemen, forced their way into the church after running battles with Israeli troops firing from helicopter gunships and from tank-mounted machine guns. At nightfall, the bodies of four gunmen lay sprawled just off Manger Square, where the church is located.

As Israeli troops circled the church, the men rested in pews and on the stone floor, said Samir, a Palestinian policeman inside the church. About 20 of the gunmen were wounded and being tended to by several nuns and priests, Samir said.

"Most of the guys have run out of bullets," Samir said by telephone. About 120 armed men were hiding in the church, said Marc Innaro, a correspondent for Italy's Rai TV, who was trapped in the compound by the fighting along with five colleagues.



President Bush speaks about early childhood education Tuesday at the Penn State Delaware County campus in Media, Pa.

## Bush touts a new education initiative

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - President Bush unveiled a new initiative to expand the nation's early childhood education system Tuesday, saying teachers of pre-kindergarten youngsters need more training and higher salaries.

"Every child must have an equal place at the starting line," Bush told an audience of educators, parents and students. Bush's program would direct the Department of Health and Human Services to launch a new project to train all the nearly 50,000 teachers in Head Start, the federally run preschool program, in the reading teaching techniques.

"To close the achievement gap (in) our schools we must close the early childhood education gap in our society," the president said. He said he would like to spend \$45 million to research

"early literacy programs and practices."

"Every Head Start center in the nation must teach these skills," Bush said in remarks in Media, Pa., a Philadelphia suburb.

Bush and lawmakers offered separate proposals to reach the same basic goals.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said he and a bipartisan group of colleagues would propose legislation to give incentive grants to states to coordinate existing early childhood programs of all kinds, including Head Start, preschool programs in public schools, in daycare centers and at home.

Kennedy proposed giving states \$5 billion over five years. The money would be available to preschool programs that care for and teach children as young as newborns.

## U.S. issues Israel travel warning

WASHINGTON (AP) - The State Department, citing a "deteriorating security situation," urged Americans who live in Jerusalem to leave the city on Tuesday and encouraged dependents of American diplomats to return to the United States.

In a new and more pointed travel warning, the department again told Americans to defer travel to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. This time, it also said U.S. citizens residing in Jerusalem as well as the territories should consider moving to safer locations.

Those who live in the city, the target of an escalating string of

Palestinian bombings, were told to be particularly careful and to avoid crowds and demonstrations. "The potential for further terrorist acts remains high," the department statement said. "The situation in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza remains extremely volatile with continuing terrorist attacks, confrontations and clashes."

The statement Tuesday was coupled with an announcement that dependents of U.S. diplomats and other American workers at the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem were authorized to go home at government expense.

## Survey: We're becoming ruder

NEW YORK (AP) - People say you're rude.

You walk around bleating into the cell phone as if you're the only person for blocks. You curse like Madonna on Letterman, your kids think the world is their personal playground, and you drive like a maniac.

That's what respondents to a national survey had to say about America's manners.

A full 79 percent of the 2,013 adults surveyed by telephone in January by the research group Public Agenda said a lack of respect and courtesy in American society is a serious problem. Sixty-one percent believe things have gotten worse in recent years.

"You really do see the majority of Americans pretty anxious about these issues," said Jean Johnson, director of programs at Public Agenda, a New York-based nonprofit organization. "People do think this is an area of the society that they would like to see some improvement on."

Poor customer service has become so rampant that nearly half of those surveyed said they have walked out of a store in the past year because of it. Half said they often see people talking on

## American manners getting worse

A study by the research group Public Agenda found rudeness is getting worse in America.

Respondents said ...

... they often or sometimes come across people who are rude or disrespectful. **88%**

... lack of respect and courtesy is a serious problem. **79%**

... they themselves have behaved this way in the past. **41%**

... when they see rude and disrespectful behavior in public, it bothers them a lot. **62%**

... they themselves have behaved this way in the past. **41%**

NOTE: Public Agenda surveyed 2,013 adults by telephone in January. The survey had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 2 percentage points. Researchers followed up their survey with focus groups.

SOURCE: Public Agenda

cellular telephones in a loud or unmying manner. And six drivers in 10 said they regularly see other people driving aggressively or recklessly.

Many people admitted to rude behavior themselves. More than a third said they use foul language in public. About the same percentage confessed to occasional bad driving.

However, at least half of those surveyed said they think things have gotten better when it comes

to the treatment of blacks, the physically handicapped and gays.

The results were remarkably consistent geographically, with little difference in rudeness awareness between the heartland and the coasts. Opinion on only one issue - the use of foul language - split significantly among regions of the country.

The survey had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

## Breast cancer care is worse for poor

WASHINGTON (AP) - Poor women are less likely to be diagnosed and treated for breast cancer, and more likely to die from it, according to a study that searched for reasons why fewer black women survive the disease than whites.

Other studies have shown that black women are more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer at a late disease stage and to have a shorter survival time than white women, but it has not been clear if this is because of race or poverty.

Cathy J. Bradley of Michigan State University said the new study shows that a lower socioeconomic status is more important than race in determining the quality of medical care for women with breast cancer.

"Poor persons, regardless of their race, are likely to have undesirable cancer outcomes," said Bradley and her co-authors in their study appearing today in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Bradley said that the researchers used the Detroit cancer registry to identify 5,719 women with breast cancer. They then searched the registry for women with breast cancer who were also listed on the rolls of Medicaid, a program that provides medical care to the poor. They found 592 breast cancer patients in Medicaid and with incomes below the federal poverty level.

The researchers then compared the medical outcome of the patients on Medicaid with those who were not. In effect, Medicaid enrollment was used as a surrogate for poverty.

Bradley said they found that women on Medicaid were 41 percent more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer at a late stage and were 44 percent less likely to receive radiation, a key part of breast cancer therapy.

Women on Medicaid were also three times more likely to die of the disease than were non-Medicaid patients.

The poor outcome of the Medicaid patients suggests that they are not receiving the routine medical care that might cause breast cancer to be discovered at an earlier, more treatable stage, said Bradley.

"If you don't have a regular source of care prior to that diagnosis, you are more likely to be at a late stage of the disease" when treatment starts, said Bradley. This suggests, she said, "there are gaps in the coverage."

She said there is a need for some initiative "that could reduce this late stage diagnosis and to provide care."

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# Nation's towns fight corporate farms

MASSON CITY, Iowa (AP) — In Pennsylvania, five cities have banned large corporations from owning farmland or operating farms. Leaders in a Missouri county upset by a hog waste spill ordered a company to take its hogs and get out. In Iowa, two counties passed unprecedented bans on livestock farms.

Across the nation's farm country, local governments are raising a stink about corporate agriculture — and in the process, stepping into a fight between large-scale farms and neighbors.

Some farmers and corporate interests call the trend disturbing and warn that overregulation could drive up food prices and lead some livestock production to move out of the country.

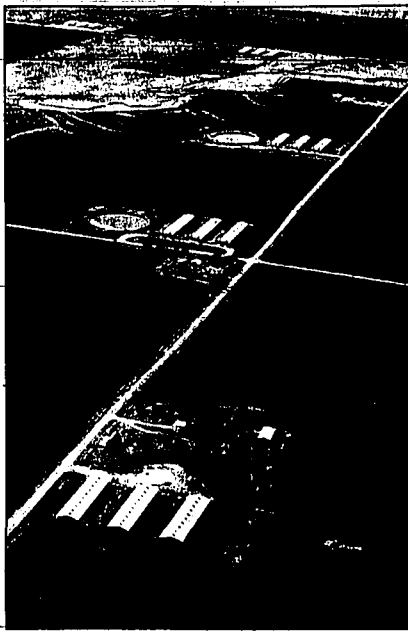
But local officials are taking matters into their own hands because states haven't adequately enforced laws already on the books, said Melanie Shephardson, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council in Washington.

"People are starting to realize that 'This isn't just happening in my town. Other people are experiencing this, too,'" she said. In February, officials in Iowa's Cerro Gordo County declared a one-year ban on the construction of new confinements. Days later, neighboring Franklin County followed suit.

The bans were unparalleled in Iowa, which leads the nation in pork and egg production.

Though Franklin County officials later backed off their ban, saying they needed to discuss it further with their health board, Cerro Gordo's had an immediate effect. Sparboe Farms, a Minnesota company, quickly withdrew its proposal to build an egg-laying plant with 2.4 million chickens near Clear Lake and now is looking elsewhere.

Factory-style farms have been around since the 1970s, but they've become more common in the last 15 years. As they proliferate, so does concern that their concentrated manure is harming human health and the environment with its effects rippling as far



Five large hog confinement complexes stretch across the countryside three miles east of Randall, Iowa. A battle is taking place in the nation's rural communities as barns that once dotted the landscape are being replaced with metal buildings or lots that hold thousands of cattle, hogs and chickens.

south as the Gulf of Mexico, where manure runoff contributes to a dead zone in the sea.

"We need to protect the health of the public, at the same time create an environment that's conducive to agricultural growth," said Ron Osterholm, a member of the Cerro Gordo health board.

Osterholm and county supervisor Bob Amosson said they're prepared to be the target of possible lawsuits. Worth County, to the north, has been used for making strict air and water pollution rules. The case is pending.

Michelle Nowlin, an attorney who often handles such cases at

Southern Environmental Law Center in Chapel Hill N.C., said one argument for local rules is that communities and counties vary in their economies and topography. Federal and state standards don't consider those differences, she said.

"Only the people in that county are able to take a position in order to safeguard those natural features," Nowlin said.

Several North Carolina counties restrict how close livestock farms can be to water wells and homes, as do many Pennsylvania townships.

Don Parrish, spokesman for the Washington, D.C.-based American Farm Bureau Federation, said the trend toward local regulation threatens the nation's livestock industry.

Rules can drive up farmers' expenses, leading to higher prices that could compel U.S. consumers to buy cheaper foods made overseas, Parrish said.

Large farms, he said, are satisfying American consumers' hunger for cheap, lean meat.

"I would hate knowing that this country is as dependent on Brazil and Argentina for food as we are on Saudi Arabia for oil," Parrish said.

While farmers may be skeptical that it can be done, Whatcom County, Wash., found a way six years ago when runoff from dairy farm manure threatened a nearby harbor.

After the Environmental Protection Agency warned farmers to clean up or face penalties for violating the Clean Water Act and harming shellfish, Whatcom County officials worked with farmers on an ordinance that prohibits manure spreading during Washington's wettest months.

Since the rule was adopted, water samples from Whatcom's Nooksack River and Portage Bay show that levels of toxic bacteria are dropping.

"After they understood the issue, they were by and large eager to comply and help," county supervisor Ward Nelson said of farmers. "I mean, they live here, too."

# Conservatives assail book on children's sexuality

NEW YORK (AP) — A month before its publication, a provocative book about children's sexuality is being denounced by conservatives as evil and promoting angry calls for action against the University of Minnesota Press.

The book, "Harmful to Minors: The Perils of Protecting Children From Sex," argues that young Americans, though bombarded with sexual images from the mass media, are often deprived of realistic advice about sex.

"What's happening to me is a perfect example of the very hysteria that my book is about," Levine based author Judith Levine said in an interview.

Levine has been working on the book since the mid-1990s. With the recent sex scandals involving clergy and young people, she admits it's a particularly challenging time to make her case that American youth are entitled to safe, satisfying sex lives.

Publisher after publisher rejected the book — one called its contents "radical" before the University of Minnesota Press accepted the manuscript a year ago.

Writes Levine in her introduction, "In America today, it's nearly impossible to publish a book that says children and teenagers can have sexual pleasure and be safe too."

From the outset, officials at the Minnesota press knew the book would be controversial; they had the manuscript reviewed by five academic experts, instead of the usual two, to be sure its con-



tentions were based on sound research. Still, the uproar exceeded expectations after the book was condemned on conservative Internet sites.

"We've never seen anything quite this angry," said the press director, Douglas Armato. "The book isn't actually bad yet. What people are reacting to is not the book itself, but the idea of the book."

In "Harmful to Minors," Levine argues that abstinence-only sex education is misguided. She also suggests the threat of pedophilia and molestation by strangers is exaggerated by adults who want to deny young people the opportunity for positive sexual experiences.

"Squeamish or ignorant about the facts, parents appear willing

to accept the pundits' worst conjectures about their children's sexual motives," Levine writes. "It's as if they cannot imagine that their kids seek sex for the same reasons they do."

Levine said much of the furor over her book stems from an interview she gave last month to Newhouse News Service, amid the Roman Catholic Church sex-abuse scandal. Newhouse quoted her as saying a sexual relation-

ship between a priest and a youth "conceivably" could be positive.

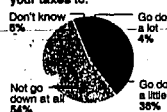
Levine said this week that she disapproves of any sexual relationship between a youth and an authority figure, whether a parent, teacher or priest. However, she believes teen-agers deserve more respect for the choices they make in consensual affairs, and suggests that America's age-of-consent laws can sometimes lead to excessive punishment.

## AP TAX POLL

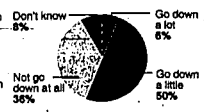
### Most think tax cuts benefit others

Four out of five Americans generally feel that tax cuts benefit others more than themselves according to an Associated Press poll.

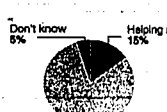
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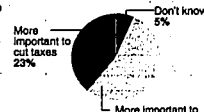
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Generally speaking, when politicians talk about tax cuts, do you think those tax cuts are aimed at helping you or helping someone else?



Would you be more likely to vote for a Congressional candidate who thought it was more important to cut taxes or for a Congressional candidate who thought it was more important to balance the budget?



NOTE: This poll is based on telephone interviews with 1,008 adults from March 22-26, and has an error margin of plus or minus three percentage points. The poll was conducted for the Associated Press by ICR of Media, Pa.

SOURCE: Associated Press

# Poll says most Americans think tax cuts help others

WASHINGTON (AP) — After receiving \$6 billion tax rebate checks worth almost \$40 billion in the past year, Americans still have doubts about who gains, an Associated Press poll says. In fact, four in five think cuts generally benefit someone else.

Representatives also favored congressional candidates who support a balanced budget over those who prefer tax cuts, according to the poll conducted for the AP by ICR of Media, Pa., a few weeks before the annual mid-April deadline for filing taxes.

"I don't think tax cuts are helping any of us very much," said Betty Perry, a 75-year-old retiree from Spokane, Wash. "I don't know if we ever see them."

The number who said tax cuts generally benefit somebody else, 80 percent, is higher than the 63 percent who said in a September 2000 survey that they felt that way about "targeted tax cuts."

During the presidential campaign, George W. Bush repeatedly said tax cuts should include everyone, and the administration worked hard to draw the public's attention to last year's mailing of tax rebate checks.

The public also is decidedly more sympathetic to congressional candidates who place a higher priority on balancing the budget than three-fourths cutting taxes with their do-overs on the budget-balancers and only a fourth supporting the tax-cuts.

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# U.S. Mideast policy shifts, based on perceived Arafat, Sharon goals

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON - In deliberating its role in the raging Mideast crisis, the Bush administration has concluded that its options are limited because Ariel Sharon and Yasser Arafat have completely changed their strategies in dealing with each other over the past week, according to U.S. officials.

The Israeli prime minister has made it clear that he wants Arafat out of commission, both as president of the Palestinian Authority and as a partner in the peace process, the sources say. Sharon on Tuesday offered Arafat a "one-way ticket" into exile, reflecting his goal of politically emasculating the Palestinian leader. This is half of Sharon's new strategy, administration officials say.

The other half is tracking and arresting members of the militant cells behind the suicide bombings now targeting Israelis almost daily - a job Arafat has repeatedly refused to do despite earlier pledges to help end the violence.

In the Palestinian Authority,

Arafat's strategy is now based largely on his own physical survival, U.S. officials say.

"Arafat is playing as if all he has to do is survive, and then he wins. He can lose people, buildings, even infrastructure. But by his own survival, he believes he can raise the cost so high that the Israeli body politic will vote Sharon out and re-elect the Labor Party, with whom he can make peace," said a well-placed U.S. official who asked to remain anonymous.

The two strategies are based on the same premise: Each leader has apparently concluded that he cannot make peace while the other is in power. And each man is taking steps to undermine the effectiveness - and even the rule - of the other.

"The calculus of neither party favors peace," the official added.

Seeing little flexibility for compromise, the United States is working to have a peace process in place so the two sides can get back to the negotiating table once the Israelis' current military operation in the West Bank is complete.

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell appeared on five morning news programs Tuesday, offering comments about the U.S. position.

"When this current, terrible crisis we are in right now passes - the Israeli army finishes its sweeps of these various cities and towns - we will be right back to seeking a political solution. And that political solution will need two parties, the Israelis and Palestinians. And Chairman Arafat is the leader of the Palestinian movement," Powell said on Fox News Channel's "Fox & Friends."

In the meantime, the United States appears willing to tolerate, albeit reluctantly, the second half of Sharon's strategy. Washington indicated for the first time Tuesday that it would not move to stop Israel from its incursions into Palestinian-controlled areas to round up suspected extremists, an operation Powell said is expected to last at least two more weeks and probably longer.

# Muslim nations fail to define terrorism

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Stumbling over the Palestinian conflict, Muslim nations on Tuesday were unable to agree on a definition of terrorism at a conference intended to dispel post-Sept. 11 perceptions that Islam is rooted in violence.

Instead, the foreign ministers and officials of the 57-member Organization of the Islamic Conference drafted a declaration that rejected any link between terrorism and the Palestinian struggle.

The draft declaration, received by delegates after two days of meetings that coincided with increasing bloodshed in the Middle East, was expected to be passed without change Wednesday. The document said a committee would be established to work for a U.N. conference to take up the issue.

"This is a wasted opportunity," said Ahmad Azam, head of the Malaysian Youth Islamic Movement, a non-governmental organization that observed the meeting. "The problem is too many countries have their own interests."

Opinion had been divided here over Malaysian Prime Minister

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- Ahmad Azam, head of the Malaysian Youth Islamic Movement

Palestinian towns and besieged leader Yasser Arafat.

Mahathir supports the Palestinians, but said attacks targeting civilians could not be justified "irrespective of the nobility of the struggle."

Shaher Bak, Jordan's minister of state for foreign affairs, said differing opinions made consensus impossible. Other delegates said there was not enough time.

"Mahathir and Jordan speak the same language; we have no problem with what he said," the Jordanian minister said. "But there is such a diverse opinion on the definition of terrorism. It is very difficult to come up with a single text that defines the thinking of 57 countries."

Mahathir and other officials said the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington were a disaster for the world's estimated 1.2 billion Muslims, whose faith was now perceived to be rooted in terror.

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## EDITORIAL

### Venture capital program had too many loose ends

The time may come when Idaho can boost its own economy by helping entrepreneurs obtain venture capital. But that time will have to wait until the Legislature can create a workable program.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne wisely vetoed the Legislature's multimillion-dollar guarantee for investors who put money into innovative business ideas. The governor - along with a small number of opposing legislators - correctly concluded the plan was on this constitutional issue and placed too much risk on taxpayers' rather than investors.

The Idaho Venture Investment Fund would be a \$30 million investment pool for business start-ups deemed too risky for conventional financing. Private investors would put up the money, and they would be repaid once the new ventures start making profits.

If profits don't meet a predetermined goal, the state would repay investors with as much as \$30 million in tax credits, starting in 2010.

Lawmakers supporting the program touted it as a way to develop as many as 4,000 new jobs and \$63 million in tax revenue over the next 10 years.

But the very definition of venture is risk, because risk is the referee that regulates the marketplace. If taxpayers guarantee profits for investors, entrepreneurs may roll the dice on high-risk schemes.

Using the state's credit to protect private investors is probably unconstitutional. It's

also unfair to taxpayers - who would pay for losses but reap no profits.

Even those who supported the bill acknowledged questions about its constitutionality, apparently relying on the courts to resolve those issues.

Fortunately, Kempthorne reminded them that's not a sound way to create state law. If legislators know a bill has loopholes, they should close them before it becomes law, not after.

There were additional flaws in the program. The state's funds would be managed by a small advisory committee consisting of the commerce director and four appointees he selects. Such a structure doesn't provide enough independent oversight. That's not a criticism of the Commerce Department, but the committee needs broader accountability.

Further, exempting the committee from Idaho's Open Meetings Law was a mistake. If taxpayers guarantee an investment, decisions should be made where the taxpayers can watch.

Kempthorne didn't shoot down the idea of promoting venture capital for new businesses. He told legislators he will work with them next session to create a better law. A system of revolving funds for venture capital could be good for Idaho's economy - as long as it doesn't commit taxpayers to bail out bad investments.

A good thing is worth waiting for. Legislators should try again in 2003.

#### Our view: Gov.

Kempthorne wisely vetoes a venture capital fund that penalizes taxpayers.

**What do you think?**  
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

## Israel shifts from a dove to a hawk

I have a lot of critical things to say about Ariel Sharon, but not now. Now, since Sharon has declared Yasser Arafat "the enemy" and sent troops to occupy Arafat's compound on the West Bank, we Israelis must be unified. We are fed up. Enough is enough. The suicide bombing that killed at least 22 civilians and injured

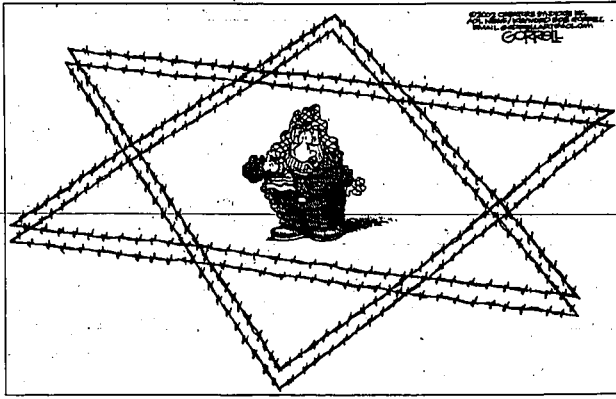
scores of others who had gathered at a hotel for Passover - one of the holiest days

in the Jewish calendar, broke every code of decency and humanity. Now it's war, a limited war, but war. We have a right to self-protection. We can't be sitting ducks. It's time to go deeper into the territories, to do radical surgery, not just a cosmetic facelift.

I say this without reservation, albeit with some regret. I have been active on the peace camp for many years. I supported talks with the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) during the 1980s, when Israeli law specifically banned such talks. Since the 1980s, I have supported the splitting of Jerusalem, suggesting that one part would remain in our hands, the other would become Palestinian. Back then, that was just short of heresy here in Israel.

I still support a two-state solution and believe in the Palestinian right to independence and self-determination. I did not support Sharon, architect of the war in Lebanon, when he ran for prime minister, and his election caused me anxiety. Recently, even as violence was escalating, I signed a petition calling upon the Israeli government to withdraw to the 1967 borders.

Now Arafat, our former negotiating partner, is perched in his darkened office, where he is



appealing for help. History has its strange ways, but I am still hoping that after some twists and turns, a just solution for both Israel and Palestine can be found. I hope within a certain time that we'll be able to negotiate again.

But not now. Now is the time for force. Unfortunately, maybe if Sharon, our prime minister, had taken other measures, the situation might not have escalated to the point that it did. Now, however, the pressing question is how much blood both nations, Israeli and Palestinian, will have to shed before reaching such a solution. And the answer, I fear, is more.

Since the signing of the Oslo accords in September 1993, terror has become part of our lives. And its level and intensity increases all the time. The constant Palestinian hostilities have made even the most dovish people in Israel

believe that we should try a more radical option. We can no longer bear this horrible situation, the loss of lives, the fears and anxieties. The Palestinians are serious in their determination to win independence. It is time to show that we are also serious about our will to live safely.

People ask me what I think about the Saudi initiative, the offer of "normal relations" in return for Israel's withdrawal to pre-1967 borders and "fair" settlement for Palestinian refugees. Frankly, not much. I think the offer - first mentioned last month and then presented publicly last week by Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah himself at the Arab League meeting in Beirut - is mostly a public relations effort in response to the fact that 15 of the 19 hijackers involved in the Sept. 11 attacks were Saudi.

That's why I support my government's decision last week to open a new phase of operations on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. A large-scale military operation is under way, aiming to destroy the terror network that is trying to eliminate the Jewish state. I hope that this operation will reap positive results.

Only after the eradication of the web of terror will we be able to build bridges between the two nations, Israeli and Palestinian. Then we could take up various possibilities, such as the Gaza First plan, which I have long promoted as a way to immediately give Palestinians at least part of their state and real responsibility.

But not now.

Raphael Cohen-Almagor is chairperson of information and library studies at the University of Haifa. He also teaches at the university's department of communication.

## A trip to Cuba would be a blunder for Carter

Please, Mr. President, don't go to Cuba.

No, not George W. Bush. Former President Carter says he is tired of the U.S. embargo on Cuba and wants to visit Havana. He has asked the Bush administration for its approval.

Carter's request poses a dilemma for the White House. If it says no, that could spark a public relations uproar. But to let a former U.S. president stumble into Castro's warm embrace would undercut a key element of the administration's Latin American policy, which is to support democracy, justice and freedom throughout the hemisphere. None of these exist in Cuba, a country which we do not have formal relations and which has long been classified a terrorist state.

The president's staff is trying to figure out what to do. One suggestion is that Carter be given some human rights mission in the hope that he might shake his finger at Castro (whose regime has been regularly condemned by the U.N. Human Rights Commission).

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What is certain is that the idea of Carter's going to Cuba is as welcome at the White House as a call by him on Moammar Gadhafi or Saddam Hussein would be.

According to U.S. law, Americans wanting to visit Cuba have to establish to the U.S. Treasury's satisfaction that their purpose is other than tourism or business. Such activity is proscribed by an embargo designed to keep Americans from contributing in any way financially to the regime. Do-gooders, students and the news media are among those exempted from the embargo.

Our former president has sought with success to refurbish an image tarnished by a series of dismal foreign-policy failures while in office. These went beyond the Iran hostage crisis and included Cuba.

After all, it was during the Carter years that a misguided attempt at détente with Castro encouraged the dictator to send troops to Africa, underwrite and direct communist revolutions in Grenada and Nicaragua, and back rebel groups in Central America and Colombia.

Today Carter is properly revered around the world for his work with Habitat for Humanity, promotion of human rights and leadership in monitoring foreign elections. For more than 20 years, he has been something of a model ex-president - supportive of his successors, until now at least.

But tradition aside, Carter's proposed visit to Cuba is a rotten idea. His visit would be seized upon by Castro as proof that he is recognized as a legitimate world leader and used to further demoralize opposition at home.

Any visit to Cuba by anyone with an ounce of international prestige becomes Castro's play thing. This happened even to the president of an ad hoc alliance to Cuba only serve to harden this

megalomania's deadly rule. Whatever is motivating Carter, the timing of a visit couldn't be worse. There are persistent reports that Castro is sick and losing his grip; and among the signs and portents that encourage Cuba's democratic dissidents was what happened to Castro in Mexico earlier this month.

At the international aid conference in Monterrey, Castro found himself eclipsed by the presence of real world leaders, including George W. Bush. Castro went home in a sulk, complaining that the Mexican hosts had snubbed him.

This was all to the good. Anything that diminishes Castro's prestige diminishes his authority. Just think of the photos that would circle the globe of a beaming Carter in an adhesive abraza with the bearded tyrant. The long-suffering Cuban people don't need this. Nor does Carter.

Everett E. Briggs, ambassador to Panama from 1982 to 1986, was President George H.W. Bush's principal adviser on Latin America.

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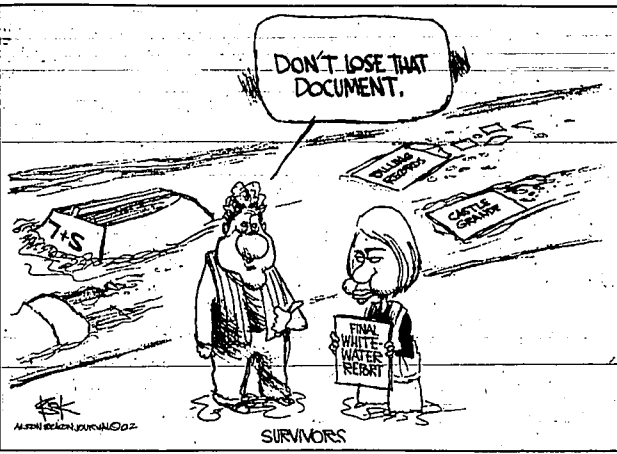
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OPINION



Martinez is the mystery man of Bush's Cabinet

Last week, I took advantage of the absence of both Congress and the president to hunt up the mystery man of the Bush Cabinet.

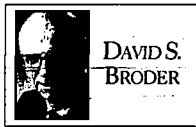
Since Sept. 11, Donald Rumsfeld, Colin Powell and John Ashcroft have understandably overshadowed their colleagues in the domestic departments, because of their national security responsibilities. But most of the others have broken into the news from time to time, either because of controversies in their jurisdictions (anthrax, airline safety, energy policy) or because big bills were moving in Congress (education, agriculture).

Almost nothing has been heard. I realized, from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since the first round of stories hailing the appointment of Mel Martinez as the new secretary. The Orlando lawyer is a compelling personal story. He came to this country as a youth of 15, fleeing his native Cuba. He learned the language, worked his way through law school, became wealthy and was elected as chairman of the Orange County Commission — in effect, mayor of metropolitan Orlando. A friend and political ally of Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, he was co-chairman of the president's campaign in that crucial state and a natural choice to be the first Cuban-American Cabinet member.

HUD is accustomed to having high-profile political leaders, having gone from Jack Kemp in Bush I to Henry Cisneros to Andrew Cuomo under President Clinton. All three were high-energy people, brimming with enthusiasm and ambition, who saw a role for themselves larger than managing a second-tier department with a history as a horrendous bureaucracy. In turn, they became prominent spokesmen and advocates for the cities and their populations, tirelessly promoting economic development or renewal of depressed areas or reduction in homelessness.

You left a session with any of the three with your head buzzing with inspirational stories of grassroots activists or innovative local leaders — to say nothing of bold ideas for making the cities bloom. That is not Mel Martinez's way. He is a friendly, low-key man of 54, comfortable with himself and seemingly content to let things develop at their own pace. Far from being interested in the limelight, he did not get an assistant secretary for public affairs sworn in until the morning of the day I interviewed him. Officials of groups that deal regularly with the department tell me he has had to be coaxed to come talk to their conventions.

His view of his constituency is remarkably sanguine. Mayors of both parties have been lobbying hard for help, saying that the combination of increased domestic



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security costs for police and firefighters and an economic slowdown has left them in a jam. When I asked Martinez how he thought the cities were doing, he said, "I think the downturn was short enough that I don't think we've seen a systemic impact." By and large, he said, cities are doing better than in the past, "not necessarily because of federal policy, but because of local coming together."

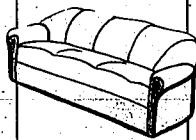
His goals are commendable but modest — and appear to have come straight from the Bush campaign or the White House Domestic Policy Council. One aim is to eliminate chronic homelessness in the next 10 years, by combining the social services run by the Department of Health and Human Services with temporary housing financed by HUD.

Another goal, this one a keynote of the campaign, is to increase home ownership, especially among minorities.

I asked Martinez about a third White House initiative — to shift funds from a dozen or so of the most affluent communities now receiving Community Development Block Grant money and to allocate it instead to the poverty-stricken "colonias" along the Mexican border. The proposal has run into opposition on Capitol Hill from the cities that would lose funds, and Martinez seemed resigned to losing the battle this year, though he added, "We're not giving up yet."

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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Section B

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Kimberly public hearing is tonight

**KIMBERLY** - There will be a public hearing tonight regarding a proposal to implement half days on Wednesdays for Kimberly Elementary School students.

The hearing will last from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the elementary school's multi-purpose room.

The Kimberly School Board is trying to find a way to give elementary teachers prep time during the school year. The board is looking at sending students home early one day a week.

The board will make a final decision at its regular April board meeting, at 7:30 p.m. April 18.

### Cancer survivors hold workshop Thursday

**HAILEY** - Two cancer survivors who work at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center will present a workshop on "Surviving and Living With Chemo" from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Luke's Center for Community Health on Main Street in Hailey.

Laurie Williams and Sandy Buckle will discuss treatment experiences and considerations associated with chemotherapy and radiation.

### Filer Rose Society will have slide show Saturday

**FILER** - The Filer Rose Society will have a slide show presentation Saturday from the American Rose Society on "The Year of the Rose."

The meeting will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at Gordon and Shari Hart's at 2364 E. 4000 N. in Filer.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Filer Rose Society is invited to attend. Anyone interested in purchasing a rose to plant in the Memorial Kossy Garden at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds is encouraged to contact the Filer Rose Society for information.

For information, please call Shari at 326-4087, Barbara at 326-5636 or Vickie at 326-4005.

### Pair of vehicles forces woman's car off road

**RUPERT** - Drivers of two vehicles forced a Declo woman to drive her automobile off the road and into a fence Wednesday, according to a report from the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office.

A 19-year-old Declo woman was driving her 1997 Chrysler Cirrus home from a volleyball practice around 9 p.m. A white Pontiac Aztek pulled in front of her as she turned from Baseline Road onto 200 East. The driver of the Aztek indicated with a right turn signal, then sped up and drove out of the woman's sight, the report stated.

As the woman continued driving, a white Jeep Wrangler pulled up close along the left side of her car. From about 220 South to 250 South, the woman sped up, trying to evade the Wrangler. She slammed on the brakes when she saw the Aztek stopped in her lane, with all its lights off. The woman could not stop in time and swerved off the road to avoid hitting the Aztek, the report stated.

The Cirrus struck a fence on the side of the road with enough force to deploy the airbag. One of the drivers shouted something in Spanish and the two vehicles drove away, the report stated.

The woman drove away, afraid the two drivers might return, the report stated.

The case remains under investigation.

### Students can enter billboard contest

**BURLEY** - Six local students will see their artwork on billboards during May, which is National Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Month.

The Mini-Cassia Health Net coalition is sponsoring a billboard contest. Students in Minidoka and Cassia county schools can enter for their idea for a billboard with a pregnancy prevention or asset building message.

Three winners from each age category, ages 12-14 and 15-18, will be chosen by Health Net's youth advisory committee, said committee adviser Adria Masoner.

The six winning designs will be on billboards in the Mini-Cassia area throughout May and possibly longer, Masoner said. Winners also receive a \$50 cash prize.

Compiled from staff reports

# Drop in flows isn't too severe

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average
Upper Snake River	78 %
Salmon Falls Creek	96 %
Oakley Basin	103 %
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Henny Fork	83 %
Big and Little Lost	74 %

### Canal company finds spring is only down a bit

**By Chad Baldwin Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** - Just when he was starting to feel a little better about the irrigation outlook for this year, Vince Alberdi got a jolt.

The Twin Falls Canal Co. general manager tracks all kinds of data to plan for the water year, and he was seeing some encouraging signs as mountain snowpack and reservoir storage rose in March. But another set of important figures for his canal company - spring flows - gave him cause for alarm.

Those numbers showed that flows from an "indicator" spring above American Falls Reservoir in March were down 21 percent from the same time last year.

And because spring flows are a major component of the canal company's water right, Alberdi was deeply concerned that the outlook for this summer had taken a sudden turn for the worse.

On Tuesday, he learned it was a false alarm.

Revised numbers from the U.S. Geological Survey show that the spring flows were much better than the first numbers showed - in fact, the drop was just 10 percent from the 22-year

average. And Alberdi once again is feeling some optimism about the canal company's ability to deliver sufficient water to irrigators this summer, even though times will likely be tight.

"I think we can do what we did last year," he said.

Alberdi's temporary construction over spring flows illustrates the close monitoring done by water managers to prepare for the irrigation season - and the complicated set of variables

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### Hospital gets good marks in audit

**By Sandy Miller Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** - Accountants from the independent auditing firm Deloitte and Touche LLP of Boise gave Magic Valley Regional Medical Center high marks in their 2001 audit of the hospital.

"These are as comprehensive of financial statements as I've seen anywhere," Steve Skaggs, lead client service partner for Deloitte and Touche, told the hospital's Finance Committee Monday.

However, the firm's other recommendations on what the hospital should do to correct any issues were not made available to the public. Kent Taylor, the hospital's attorney, was looking into whether the information is exempt from disclosure under state open records law, said hospital spokesman Shawn Barigar.

"They need to look at it and see if it's under strategic information that is exempt from public disclosure," Barigar said.

Skaggs said Magic Valley Regional is doing what most Idaho hospitals are doing - spending money only when it makes money, picking good partners and aligning expenses with revenues.

The hospital had \$100 million in total assets Sept. 30, 2001, the end of the hospital's fiscal year, up from \$92.8 million at the end of the 2000 fiscal year. Those assets included \$19.3 million from patient accounts receivable and \$18.7 million in cash and cash equivalents.

The hospital had \$25.4 million in total liabilities, up from \$20.6 million at the end of the 2000 year.

Magic Valley Regional had \$24.9 million in long-term debt.

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## A GOOD DAY TO PAINT



**Dave Lawrence, a custodian at Twin Falls High School, takes advantage of a warm day to paint a row of parking blocks at the school. Warm temperatures will remain in the area for the next few days with highs forecast to reach the 70-degree mark.**

### Dems fall short on candidates

**By Julie Ponce Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** - Trying to get the Democratic Party going in Twin Falls County is not like trying to start a diesel engine in below-freezing weather.

Even with the extra special boost Democrats got when the 90 percent Republican Legislature repealed term limits and controversial public school funding, local party leaders still aren't finding enough candidates to run for every office.

With only two more days to file, two candidates who might have gone up against 22-year-old Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, backed out, John Radford said Tuesday at an organizational meeting. Radford is the Twin Falls County Central Committee chairman.

"They didn't think they were well-enough known," he said.

However, one candidate did announce at the meeting. Will Buhler of Twin Falls said he is challenging first-term Republican Sharon Block, who was appointed in office to replace Rep. George Swan. Swan had died while in office.

Buhler said his main issue will be emphasizing the Republicans' indifference to Idaho's low-paying jobs. It's an issue from the state party platform that Sun Valley resident Alan Blinken has already begun to point out in an advertising campaign.

Statewide, as of Tuesday 12 Democrats had filed with the secretary of state to run for the Senate, while 18 had filed to run for the House of Representatives. There are 35 Senate seats and 70 House seats.

During the 2002 Legislature there were three senators and nine representatives who served as Democrats.

Still, Radford said he's had a much easier time this election season in recruiting county and state candidates than last time around.

"I'm just happy to have candidates," he said.

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## Kemphorne: Keep fighting drugs

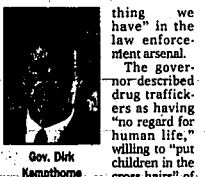
**By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent**

**SUN VALLEY** - Behind doors that are closed to the public and media, nearly 500 law enforcement and health care professionals Tuesday began an intensive three-day study here of the investigation, detection and prosecution of America's fastest-growing new organized crime - illicit sales of so-called date rape drugs.

But confidential sessions of the conference, called "Club Drugs: Dancing with Death," were temporarily recessed and opened to news coverage when Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne spoke to the group filling the Limelight banquet hall of the Sun Valley Inn.

Introduced by Idaho U.S. Attorney Thomas Moss as a "very good friend of law enforcement," Kempthorne told the group that Idaho has been aggressively cracking down on illegal drugs - 617 busts of methamphetamine labs in the past two years, with some \$23 million of meth removed from potential street sales.

The message to drug dealers, Kempthorne said, is that Idaho "will come at you with every-



thing we have in the law enforcement arsenal. The governor described drug traffickers as having "no regard for human life," willing to "put children in the cross hairs" of drug peddlers.

"Don't let up," Kempthorne said, "Idaho is not the place" for drug traffickers to operate.

Kemphorne told the story of a recent encounter with a convicted drug dealer in a state prison. A gown worn for his graduation from high school courses covered the inmate's prison uniform. The inmate thanked him, Kempthorne said, for the drug crackdown that sent him to prison where, he said, he was reforming his life.

"Don't let up," Kempthorne said the inmate told him.

And that, the governor told the conference, should be the battle cry for Idaho law enforcement: "Don't let up" in the war on drugs.

In an interview outside the conference hall, one of the nation's most sought speakers and highly regarded experts on so-called date rape and rave party drugs, Trinka Porrata, a retired 25-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department, said the fastest-growing and most dangerous street drug is GHB, Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate.

She said it is a greater threat to the health and lives of young adults than cocaine or meth and is being pushed by organized crime throughout the United States.

GHB, now banned by federal law, is a colorless and odorless liquid with a salty taste mixed with alcohol or other beverages that once was used in treatments of narcolepsy and alcohol withdrawal. It has a number of street names - "Liquid Ecstasy," "Grievous Bodily Harm," "Liquid X," "Cheery Meth," "G-Riffick" and many more.

Forratta said GHB is being hyped to people ranging in age from pre-teens to their 70s as a sure-fire tonic for increasing sex drive, muscle development and for weight loss, none of which is

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## Western Days may hire an executive director

**By Robert Mayer Times-News writer**

**TWIN FALLS** - Western Days - one of Twin Falls' largest annual events - has grown to the point that its committee is exploring taking on a paid executive director.

The three-day event that begins May 31 utilizes hundreds of volunteers, who, in turn, are led by a small coterie of volunteers.

"It takes a lot of effort and time," said Janet Goffin, Western Days chairwoman.

Thus, a director - with duties similar in scope to the person being sought to lead the city's Centennial Commission - is needed to be in charge of the day-to-day Western Days operations as well as seek out and maintain business sponsorships.

While a portion of the money raised to stage Western Days comes from parade entries and vendor fees, the committee's goal is to increase fundraising and business financial

### Want to help?

**P**eople interested in helping with the upcoming Western Days celebration of directors and committees meeting today at 6 p.m. in the Twin Falls City Council chambers.

• Garry Janet Goffin at 735-3254, Harwood Goodwin 733-4773, or Garry Turner at 735-3254.

involvement. But that task can be intimidating and is, perhaps, a bit much to ask of volunteers, said Harwood Goodwin, the committee's vice chairman.

Instead, that role should go to a paid professional with financial experience, he said. Part of the money raised would go toward the director's salary.

After the event, all money left over goes to charities.

More on an executive director could certainly help expand the range of the festival.

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# MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

## State official says next year's budget could be worse

By Mary Lou Potts  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** — Balancing the state budget was no easy task according to Dick Rush, vice president of natural resources at the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry, and next year could be worse. Rush spoke to Buhl Chamber

of Commerce members at Monday's semi-monthly meeting. In addition to making cuts in education and other state departments, \$22 million was cut from the Capital Endowment Fund, \$13 million from the Idaho Code department, \$18 million in tobacco settlement funds, \$450,000 from hazardous waste and

\$350,000 from state insurances. The state needed to make these cuts in order to balance the 2002 budget, which ends July 1. "The state was lucky to have \$42 million for a one-time use," Rush said. "Next year could be worse. There is no more one-time money available and maybe we will see a tax increase. "The best solution to the prob-

lem is for the economy to turn around," he said. Rush told the group that 607 bills and 72 resolutions had been on the floor for passage with 413 making it through both houses. That's about 61 percent, he said. Term limits is still a hot subject, and Rush said the association was in favor of the Legislature throwing out term limits because some rural areas would lose good, qualified people in important elected positions. Redistricting efforts throughout the state are still ongoing, but to date 39 new candidates and incumbents have filed for 105 seats, Rush said. Those candi-

dates may be facing large financial problems, he said. "There was nothing normal about last year in the state, and it may be a while before things are back to normal," Rush said. Armand Eckert, Idaho State School Board president and Buhl School Board chairman asked Rush what the association's position was on election consolidation as far as schools were concerned. Rush said that was still in planning stages. Eckert also wanted to know if petitions could be circulated to counteract ones that support term limits. Rush said some people are probably working on that very thing.

## Snake River remains off endangered list

**BOISE (AP)** — The Northwest's Snake River failed to make a national conservation group's list of most endangered rivers for the second straight year on Tuesday. But American Rivers spokesman Eric Eckel said that does not mean the river is no longer in trouble or will not reappear on the list again. "There are a lot of issues on that river," Eckel said. In the past decade parts of the Snake River, especially the lower Snake in eastern Washington, have been rated the most endangered reach of river in the United States four times by the nonprofit organization that represents 4,000 conservation groups.

## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is [obits@magicvalley.com](mailto:obits@magicvalley.com). Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

### TWIN FALLS



#### Genevieve Jeannette (Wilcox) Tucker

Genevieve Jeannette (Wilcox) Tucker, 96, a resident of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at Bridgeway Estates in Twin Falls. Genevieve was born on August 9, 1905, at Carroll, Nebraska, the daughter of Fred and Maude (Robinson) Wilcox. She moved with her parents via emigrant train to Arco, Idaho in 1921. In 1922 they moved to Twin Falls, Idaho.

Genevieve graduated from Twin Falls High School, Albion State Teacher's College in Albion, Idaho and Idaho State University at Pocatello, Idaho. She also took advanced studies to teach at de Gaulle at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

She married Orrell M. Tucker of Twin Falls in 1934. He worked for many years as a lab technician in the Tuberculosis Hospital in Gooding. He passed away in 1965 after a long lingering illness.

Genevieve taught for 12 years in the Public Schools of Idaho, and 22 years at the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind. Then she served as school librarian on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Owyhee, Nevada for 10 years. She retired in 1980 at the age of 75 and moved to Twin Falls.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls and was a Past Matron of Cosmopolitan Chapter 136, Order of Eastern Star in Gooding. She also enjoyed playing bridge.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orrell M. Tucker; two brothers, Gurney and Glenn Wilcox; and her only sister, Gladys (Wilcox) Hall.

She is survived by a son, Terry G. Tucker of Boise; three grandchildren, Shannon-Tucker of Boise, Terry G. Tucker, Jr. of Woodburn, Oregon, and Christopher Tucker of Boise; one great-grandchild, Faith Tucker, both of Raleigh, North Carolina; three nephews, Rodney Hall of Twin Falls.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 5, 2002, at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls with Rev. Jim Fribble officiating. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Family members and friends may call from 7-7 p.m. on Thursday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

### BURLEY



#### Claire R. Adams

Melba Claire Richards Adams, 89-year-old Burley resident, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center. She was born May 10, 1913, in Oakley, Idaho, the daughter of Oren Chester and Harriet Mabel

### HUNTER RICHINS

Hunter Richins, 50, received her elementary education at the Oakley Dam School and graduated from Oakley High School. She married Donald B. Adams on October 25, 1931, in the Salt Lake Temple. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They lived and farmed in Oakley until 1969, when they moved to Burley where she has since resided.

As a member of the LDS church, Claire served in many capacities including a Primary teacher and as president of the Relief Society. She was among many workers who spent countless hours in painting the new Oakley Stake House while it was being constructed. Claire was an early member of the Pink Ladies organization. Claire was privileged to be a homemaker and raise her family. Alongside her husband, she worked hard helping their farm succeed. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and quilting. She loved spending time with family. Last year she and her husband celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

She is survived by her husband Ovi-B. Adams of Burley; her children, Larry B. (Maxine) Adams and Kyle R. (Laurell) Adams both of Burley; and Janice Kay (Larry) Hansford of St. George, Utah; her siblings, Martell Richins, Wendell Richins and Rachel Klemme all of Salt Lake City, Utah; Louise (Charles) Tennant of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Austin (Claudia) Richins of Pocatello; 11 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant son, an infant brother Harold, her sister Effie Larsen, and a granddaughter.

The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 5, 2002, at the Oakley Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 201 Main Street, Burley. Interment will follow at Marion Cemetery.

The funeral may be held at Demaray's Funeral Home, 1350 East 18th Street, Burley, on Thursday, at 6:00 until 8:00 p.m., and at the church on Friday, from 10:00 until 10:30 a.m.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to Primary Children's Hospital, Oakley Valley Arts Council or the Oakley Historical Museum.

### GOODING



#### Adeline (Willis) Stewart

Adeline (Willis) Stewart, 84, of Gooding, Idaho, passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2002, at Hillcrest Care Center in Boise, Idaho with her family by her side. She was born on July 4, 1917, in Gannett, Idaho, the daughter of Walter Albert Willis and Lillian May Higgins Willis. She started school at Gannett, Idaho then the family moved to Glenns Ferry, Idaho in 1928 where she continued her education, and graduated from high school in 1937.

She moved to Gooding, Idaho to live with her sister Janie. She worked at the Lincoln Inn Restaurant and met Cecil Dale Stewart whom she later married on Dec. 24, 1938. They made their home in Gooding. She soon took up bookkeeping in the Gooding County Treasurer's Office, at Lee Ricker Motor Co. and James Allen Packing Co. and retired from Idaho First National Bank in Wendell in 1979.

Adeline loved to dance and she and Cecil spent many happy hours dancing, bowling, fishing, and visiting relatives, where they lavished hugs and kisses upon all her nieces and nephews. After retiring in 1979 she took up golfing and she and Cecil spent many wonderful hours on the golf course with friends in the club house. She enjoyed playing pinocle, bridge and bingo. She was a member of

### THE EASTERN STAR

for 50 years and was a Past Worthy Matron. She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Gooding and had many friends there. She attended Burley Baptist Church with Virginia and family and was very thankful for friendships she had made.

In 1998 she moved to Boise, Idaho where she resided at the Atria Hillcrest Retirement Center. She was especially fond of her niece, Virginia Schumacher of Boise, Idaho, and Betty Schumacher of Upland, Calif. She enjoyed being a second mother to both, and spent many wonderful hours getting to know Virginia's family especially Ryan, Jake and Bailey and Betty's family, especially Rebecca, Miranda, and Kalina.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil, her parents, sisters, Thorabell Willis, Lillian Hawthorns, Janie-Thomass-brother, Harold Willis.

Survivors include her brother, Johnny Willis of Mountain Home, 11 nieces and nephews and many, many great-nieces and nephews and some great-grand-children.

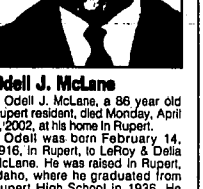
Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2002, at Demaray's Funeral Chapel in Gooding, Idaho by Pastor Darrell Beddie of Whitney Baptist Church of Boise. Family and friends are invited to attend a meal and fellowship in memory of Adeline at the Gooding United Methodist Church following the service.

Virginia and families would like to thank the friends at Atria Hillcrest Retirement Center and Assisted Living at the Gooding United Methodist Church following the service.

Thank you to Hillcrest Nursing Home, Dr. Edward Newcomb, and St. Luke's Hospice nurses and staff.

Family suggests memorial contributions may be made to St. Luke's Hospice of Boise or to any charity of choice.

### RUPERT



#### Odell J. McLane

Odell J. McLane, a 86 year old Rupert resident, died April 1, 2002, at his home in Rupert. Odell was born February 14, 1916, in Rupert, to LeRoy & Delia McLane. He was raised in Rupert, Idaho, where he graduated from Rupert High School in 1936. He married Avery Barnes in Nevada on August 5, 1950. He worked for some time for the Mindoka Irrigation district prior to entering the military. During his military career he served in the aviation engineers division of the Air Corps during World War II. He saw active combat while serving three years in the Pacific. He was well known for the 37 years he spent working for the life department at Fire Marshall, both for the city and Mindoka county, with 12 of those 37 years being life chief. He loved to go camping and fishing with his family and enjoyed planting his garden each spring. He also played cards with a local friend, and enjoyed all the visits from family and friends.

He is survived by two daughters Rata Diane Merley, and Carol J. Henschel, both of Rupert; two sons Bob (Nan) Barras of Rupert, and Fred (Verna) Barras, who has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2002, at the Paul Pine Chapel with a son Fred Barras officiating. Friends are welcome to join the funeral procession at Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel, where Odell will be transported by fire truck #545 of which was purchased under his command. Friends may call Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Mortuary.

### SERVICES

Louis Osterkamp of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Mildred Pearl Buxton of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. today at the Crossroads United Methodist Church in Kimberly; burial will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary Chapel, Twin Falls).

Fern Petersen of Burley, service at 2 p.m. today at the Burley West Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave.; interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Alice G. Turley of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Nevel Lynn Knight of Boise and formerly of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Pella 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 400 S. 160 W., Burley; interment will follow at the Pella Cemetery; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

### DEATH NOTICES

**Juanita Carrillo Granados** - TWIN FALLS - Juanita Carrillo Granados, 78, of Watford City, N.D., died Friday, March 29, 2002, at her home. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 p.m. Thursday, April 4, 2002, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Elko, Idaho. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

**Barry Allen Lieb** - JEROME - Barry Allan Lieb, 54, of Jerome died Friday, March 29, 2002, in Boise. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

**Eunice LaProale Pottar Morris** - HAGERMAN - Eunice LaProale Potter Morris, 83, of Tacoma, Washington, died Friday, March 22, 2002, in Tacoma. The service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 6, 2002, at the Hagerman LDS Church by Bishop Mike Wrenley. Burial will follow in the Hagerman Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

**Ralph Rowland** - WENDELL - Ralph Rowland, 56, of Wendell died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Lyman Stokes** - MURTAUGH - Lyman Stokes, 83, of Murtaugh died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Center. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

**Berniece E. Filmore** - TWIN FALLS - Berniece E. Filmore, 86, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at Sunbridge Care Center. The graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 5, 2002, at Twin Falls Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4-5 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at White Mortuary. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

### Funeral Home, Burley).

Betty Galvin of Wendell, family memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery, Buhl (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

Pearl Jones of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Patricia 'Pat' Elaine Clark Blommer of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Rock Creek Cemetery (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Carol Morgan Cousineau formerly of Rupert, service at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rupert LDS 1st and 7th Ward Chapel; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service Thursday at the church; burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

Frederick Gordon Mills of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley Third and Seventh Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2200 Oakley Ave., Burley; inter-

ment will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10-10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Viola May Peck of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 14th Ward on Caswell Avenue in Twin Falls; visitation from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church; burial will follow the services at the Carey Cemetery in Carey (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

Clifton E. Isom Jr. of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Buhl; burial will be held following the service at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

Caroline Higginson Parkin of Sacramento, Calif., service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park; visitation from 6-8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Loren J. Pratt** - WATFORD CITY, N.D. - Loren J. Pratt, 91, of Watford City, N.D., and formerly of Fairview, Mont. died Sunday, March 31, 2002, at the Good Shepherd Home in Watford City, N.D. The service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2002, at the Fulkerson Memorial Chapel in Sidney, Mont. with Pastor Bob Mehan officiating. Interment will be in the Fairview Cemetery in Fairview, N.D. under the direction of Fulkerson Funeral Home in Sidney, Mont.

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# Rupert looks to add historic designation

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Mayor Audrey Newirth ybs excited when she saw the criteria to become an Idaho Heritage City.

Applicants must meet at least seven out of 14 criteria and, "I knew we could fill seven easily," Newirth said.

Newirth has been compiling a packet of information to send in with an application to become an Idaho Heritage City, a new designation established by the Association of Idaho Cities and the Idaho State Historical Society.

The first cities to receive the designation will be named at the AIC conference in Pocatello this June.

Cities that earn the designation of Idaho Heritage City will receive a plaque to display, as well as metal signs to post at entrances to the city.

"It gives us another title," Newirth said.

Newirth hopes the designation might also bring more grant opportunities to get work done within the city.

"We've got a lot to do around the square," Newirth said.

Some work may get started since Park View Furniture has begun the renovation process on its building on the square, Newirth said. Buildings blossom when the false fronts come off, she said.

Tourism in historic places has become very popular, Newirth said. People do set out to visit historic places. Signs on the freeway directing tourists to Rupert have also helped more people come to Rupert. The more buildings which are preserved historically, the more tourists may come to Rupert.

Newirth said the Wilson Theater is particularly impressive.

"When they get that terra cotta it's just going to shine. It's just going to shine," Newirth said.

Terra cotta pieces that will outline the top of the building and the windows are due back from a Salt Lake City company in a few weeks.

The Wilson Theater, along with Rupert City Hall and the

Rupert Square, fulfill criteria number nine: national register considerations. The three areas were placed on the National Register of Historic Places on Jan. 17, 2001.

The other 13 criteria are:

- A historic preservation ordinance or historic preservation goals in the comprehensive plan
- An organization that monitors and encourages historic preservation activities
- A policy in place for handling and preserving historic records
- Schools participate in Idaho History Day or study local history

- Oral-history program in place
- Documentation of city's history is complete in some form
- Signs, tours and publications promote cultural heritage and historic properties
- A museum or tourism facility is open regularly within the city

- Two or more sites on the National Register of Historic Places
- Roadside markers within the city installed by the Idaho Transportation Department
- Historic photos are gathered, identified and preserved
- A cultural heritage event
- Cemetery records are available

- Other grants or projects
- The inch-thick packet Newirth will send with Rupert's application contains photos of each side of the square.
- Newirth said she wanted officials to see what the town looked like.

The packet also includes photos of the Wilson Theater and the signs that direct travelers to the historic district, copies of ordinances pertaining to the Historic Preservation Commission and information about the Minidoka County Museum.

Representatives of the AIC and the Idaho State Historical Society will review the applications and award the distinction in June.

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# Zoning request goes before commission

By Nitto Johnson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Although some opposition was voiced to the original request to annex 140 acres in north Burley into the city of Burley, officials expect little controversy over the zoning designation of that land, which is the subject of a public hearing next week.

The Burley Planning and Zoning Commission holds a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. April 10 in the council chambers at City Hall. Planning commission members then pass on a zoning recommendation to the City Council.

The land, located generally west of Burger King, was annexed into Burley March 20, 2001. Property owners asking it be zoned residential R-1.

"We have requested the lowest, least intrusive zoning, which is R-1," Mike Atchley said. Atchley is one of the property owners. Don MacRae also owns some of the land involved in the zoning matter.

The R-1 zone designation allows single family homes and duplexes in certain cases. No commercial buildings or apartments are allowed in an R-1 zone, said Burley Building Inspector Keith Bryan.

The issue before the planning and zoning commission is simple, said City Administrator Mark Mitton. Once any city annexes land it must go through a process outlined in state statutes. The city has already set a temporary zoning and amended its comprehensive plan to include the annexed property. The planning and zoning commission will make

a recommendation, and the City Council will either accept or reject the recommended designation, Mitton said.

"People can argue the land should be zoned for a heavier use, but neighbors of the land have opposed development in the past. Because some zoning is required, and because Atchley and MacRae have asked for the residential designation, there will probably not be much debate at the hearing, Mitton predicted.

"They'll just open it up for comments. Then they'll close it. Then they'll zone it," Bryan said.

The City Council will probably consider the matter sometime in May, Bryan said.

Some people who live near the land owned by Atchley and MacRae protested the annexation.

The city should have had a good idea of what the owners planned to do with the land before approving the annexation, Joey Bryant said.

"They have not followed state law at any point," he said.

"The city has followed the law in every way, Bryan said.

If the owners want to make any developments they will have to submit sewer and water services to the approval of the planning and zoning commission, Mitton said. Annexation alone gives the owners no right to develop the land. Annexation does allow the city to extend sewer and water services to the land, Mitton said.

Another neighbor does not mind well-planned development.

"I know, as close as we live, we can't keep out progress, but I want something that will enhance the structure of the land," said Barbara Moon.

# Burley City Council approves new road project

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Construction of Third Street, off of Overland Avenue next to the new home of Budget Auto Sales, cleared another hurdle Tuesday night.

Burley City Council members authorized the Burley Development Authority to build the street; should the authority agree. If approved, this would be the first project for the development authority, which was established in Burley during 2000 and 2001, when the city created an urban development district.

The cost to build about 300 feet of 30-foot-wide street is expected

to be less than the \$25,000 that triggers a statute requiring the city to advertise for bids, City Administrator Mark Mitton said. That's the case because the property owners on both sides of the new street have agreed to pay for curb and gutter, reducing the project's cost.

However, the authority would still have to solicit three price quotes for the work.

The development authority has around \$10,000 or \$11,000 in its coffers. The development authority obtains money through a tax increment arrangement.

When property taxes increase because a property owner improves a piece of property in

the urban renewal district, the increased tax revenue — minus specific allocations to the school and highway districts — goes into the development authority account. All other entities that receive tax dollars continue to receive the same allocation they did before the upgrade, Mitton said.

Because there has been limited growth in Burley's urban renewal district in the last couple of years, not much money has accrued and none has been spent, Mayor Jon Anderson said.

The idea behind forming a development authority, Mitton said, is to "help boost the vitality of areas that have fallen into disrepair."

Third Street lies within the revenue allocation area of Burley. Development authority money can only be spent on projects that are in that designated area, he said. All of the revenue allocation area is within the urban renewal district, but not all the urban renewal district is within the revenue allocation area. No more than 10 percent of the land within the city limits can be included in the renewal district, Mitton said.

The theory is to include dilapidated areas of the community in the district so if improvements are made in those areas, the tax money accrues in the development authority's account.

# Four more people file to run for Mini-Cassia offices

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Four more people have filed for office in Cassia County and two more people have joined the race for county office in Minidoka County, officials from Minidoka County, officials from the two counties report.

Republican Marvin Bingham of rural Rupert filed for the District 1 Minidoka County Commission seat. He joins Dale Drage of rural Rupert and Valerie Hanks of Rupert, both Republicans, who filed for the same seat.

Incumbent Laura Twiss filed for re-election to the post of Minidoka County treasurer. Twiss, a Republican, lives in Rupert.

Other Minidoka County residents

who filed for office last week include:

- County commission District 2 — Daniel Stapelman, a Republican from Paul and John Firth, a Republican from Heyburn.
- County coroner — Incumbent Donald Fisher, a Rupert Republican, is challenged by independent candidate Mark Phillips of Rupert. Although required to file for office during the primary election filing period, independent candidates' names are appearing on the ballot until the November general election. Phillips will automatically advance to the general election contest.

County clerk — Incumbent Duane Smith last week included Republican, filed for re-election.

County assessor — Incumbent Max Vaughn, a Republican from Rupert, filed for re-election.

In Cassia County, three newcomers filed for the offices of treasurer, assessor and commissioner.

G. Kent Severe, a Republican from Oakley, filed for the office of county assessor.

Garth Freymiller, a Burley Republican, filed for county treasurer. Incumbent County Treasurer Gayle Erickson has also filed for re-election. Erickson, of Declo, is a Republican.

And Michael Cranney of Oakley filed for the county commission District 2 seat. He is a Republican.

Other Cassia County candidates who filed last week include:

- County commission District 1

— Incumbent Paul Christensen of Burley filed for re-election. Christensen is a Republican.

County commission District 2 — Daren Critchfield of Oakley and Steve Mitton of Oakley are candidates. Both men are Republicans.

County assessor — Incumbent Marty Holland, a Burley Republican.

County clerk — Incumbent Darrell Roskelley, a Burley Republican.

County coroner — Incumbent Paul Young of Burley. Young is a Republican.

The filing period for county and legislative seats which will be voted on in the May 28 primary election closes at 5 p.m. Friday. Candidates file for office at the respective county clerk's office.

# Magic Valley Regional audit report

For years ended Sept. 30, 2001 and 2000

	2001	2000	%chg.
<b>Total assets</b>	\$100,025,050	\$92,770,748	7.8%
<b>Total liabilities</b>	\$25,441,354	\$20,592,101	23.5%
<b>Long-term debt</b>	\$24,813,445	\$26,975,425	-8%
<b>Fund balance</b>	\$49,771,251	\$45,202,492	10.1%
<b>Revenues</b>			
Net patient service revenue	\$73,720,283	\$67,198,426	9.7%
Other revenue (including rentals)	\$1,025,057	\$974,748	13.4%
Equity income	\$286,501	(\$42,818)	
<b>Total revenues</b>	\$75,111,841	\$68,120,356	10.3%
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries and benefits	\$37,960,555	\$31,191,552	21.8%
Supplies	\$12,920,473	\$11,559,074	11.8%
Medical specialist fees	\$3,454,582	\$2,943,045	17.8%
Purchased services	\$4,984,512	\$5,255,852	-5.2%
Depreciation/amortization	\$5,058,683	\$4,931,003	2.6%
Provision for bad debts	\$2,458,402	\$3,946,829	-37.8%
Interest expense	\$1,427,509	\$1,528,799	-6.6%
Other	\$5,225,006	\$3,751,701	39.3%
<b>Total expenses</b>	\$73,499,822	\$68,107,895	12.9%
<b>Income</b>			
Income from operations	\$1,612,019	\$3,012,501	-46.5%
Nonoperating income	\$2,788,960	\$2,053,181	34.9%
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$4,380,979	\$5,065,682	-13.5%
Donated equipment	\$187,780		
<b>Fund balance—beginning of year</b>	\$48,202,492	\$40,138,810	12.6%
<b>Fund balance—end of year</b>	\$49,771,251	\$45,202,492	10.1%

# Audit

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down from \$27 million the previous year.

The hospital brought in \$75.1 million in revenue during its 2001 fiscal year, up from \$68.1 million the previous year. The hospital spent \$73.5 million in 2001, up from \$65.1 million in 2000.

The hospital ended up with a fund balance of \$49.8 million, up from \$45.2 million the previous year, according to the audit.

# Hire

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Goodwin said his personal vision includes turning Western Days into more of a Magic Valley event rather than just a Twin Falls event.

"For me, I would like to see some of the outer communities get involved," he said.

The new position would go

into effect for next year's event.

The demand for volunteers this year remains great, however, Goffin said in fact, 50 volunteers are needed just to help block streets as necessary for the Western Days parade, she said.

"The more volunteers, the better this thing works," she said.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at [smiller@magicvalley.com](mailto:smiller@magicvalley.com).

# Drugs

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Increasingly, sources for buying GHB can be found on the Internet, Porrata said, by young people who endanger themselves with even the smallest amounts: a water bottle capful, she said, is equivalent to six to eight beers.

GHB users, Porrata said, may gather at a small party, at a rave club or in groups as large as 30,000, which she said has occurred in desert locations in the West. Young women submit to sex and often become pregnant or contract sexually transmitted diseases.

# Dems

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He's certain, too, the Democratic vote will be much heavier in November.

"I've had so many people call me and tell me they won't vote Republican this year," he said. "I think the Republicans will be very surprised."

One candidate Radford is willing to bet on activist Bill Chisholm, who announced last week he'll run in the newly

The Internet also features a number of sites where rave clubs throughout the nation advertise parties, which, to the initiated, means illegal drugs would be allowed.

Porrata now works with 500 GHB addicts in 40 states, and her experiences are repeated in her sessions with law enforcement officials and health care workers.

She said that detoxing a GHB addict is more difficult than other substance abusers, often requiring constant physical restraint of the addict along with complete sedation because of the severe hallucination.

Porrata said some addicts see nonexistent people. Some leap from windows because they believe they see trucks roaring through their rooms.

The criminal justice system is just now developing techniques for attacking the growing use of GHB. One impediment in the past, she said, was denying access to the Internet in law enforcement offices because of mistaken bureaucratic fears of personal abuse by personnel.

The difficulty in understanding the behavior and symptoms of GHB use also has been a barrier to more aggressive police work,

she explained.

Meanwhile, she said, the number of additions as well as deaths increase as GHB users ignore warnings of the dangers. One physical condition that GHB induces is cataplexy, a sudden collapse of muscles, which in turn, for example, can lead to victims choking to death on their own vomit.

Porrata maintains an educational Web site ([www.project-ghb.org](http://www.project-ghb.org)) that provides wide-ranging details about GHB — such as its dangers and a list of hundreds of deaths by age, gender and location.

Smith clarified that he is not a Democrat per se, but that he votes for whom he considers the best person.

Radford said it's people such as Smith who will be driven to vote for Democrats come November.

"If (the Republicans) keep acting like (the dairy issue) has been solved and its not fixed, there's going to be hell to pay at the polls."

# Water

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used to determine how much water will be available. It's a science that Alberdi and other managers take seriously, because they understand farmers will make important decisions — such as what crops to plant — based upon the water forecast information.

Based upon snowpack readings, reservoir storage, soil moisture and the revised spring flow numbers, Alberdi expects the Twin Falls Canal Co. to begin delivering water around the end of April — later than the customary mid-April start.

The wild card, of course, is future weather. If rain falls in the next few weeks, demand for irrigation water could be delayed. If the warm, dry, windy conditions persist, deliveries may begin sooner.

"The demand may force us to turn on it earlier," Alberdi said. "When you look out there, this weather is pretty spary. The good thing is that the soil still has good moisture in it. The longer we can hold off, the better off we are."

Mother Nature did provide some help in March by raising mountain snowpacks closer to historical averages. The Lewis

Lake Divide monitoring site, seen as a trend indicator for the Twin Falls Canal Co., picked up about 8 inches of snow-water equivalent in March, and it stood at 82 percent of average on Tuesday.

"Snowpack wasn't terrible," Alberdi said. "It could've been worse."

Reservoir storage in Jackson Lake is lagging at just 20 percent of capacity, but American Falls Reservoir is filling.

Even though the spring flows above American Falls appear to be better than the first set of USGS figures Alberdi said, he noted a 10 percent drop is still a

concern — and that it is continuing a trend of declining flows in recent years due in large part to drought.

While the canal company is likely still weeks away from delivering water, Alberdi said water is being opened on the Snake River to fill Murtagh Reservoir — its "re-regulation" reservoir. Northside Canal Co. is doing the same with Wilson Reservoir.

"And some water will be allowed to flow in mid-April to the rest of the Twin Falls Canal Co. system to "charge" the canals in preparation for water deliveries, Alberdi said.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

# Administration plans water bank for Klamath farmers

**KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP)** — President Bush's chief environmental policy adviser announced what officials called the first steps toward developing a water bank to make more irrigation water available in the Klamath Basin.

James Conington, chairman of the White House Council for Environmental Quality and a member of the federal working group on Klamath water issues, introduced two proposals by conservationists on Tuesday.

He said the projects — with the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust and with the Nature Conservancy — should result in more and cleaner water flowing

into Upper Klamath Lake.

John Keyes, commissioner of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, said the two projects would be the foundation of the bureau's plans for a water bank to help balance water demands in the Klamath Basin.

"They will help us save fish and deliver water. They both try to make water available and take care of the river," he said.

Also on Tuesday, the American Rivers conservation group released its annual list of what it views as the most endangered rivers in the United States — and ranked the Klamath River No. 3, behind

the Missouri River and the Big Sunflower River in Mississippi.

The group, based in Washington, D.C., said the Klamath River "faces a multitude of environmental problems," including pollution from agricultural runoff, chronic low water flows and hydroelectric dams that block migrating salmon.

The Klamath Basin last year was a flashpoint of tensions that pitted farmers who use irrigation water against Indian tribes and environmentalists.

Federal biologists last April said continued water drawdown in a time of severe drought would harm endangered

sucker fish in Upper Klamath Lake and threatened coho salmon in the Klamath River. As a consequence, irrigation water was cut off last year to about 1,000 Klamath area farmers.

The Bush administration has launched efforts to find ways to meet the water needs of farmers, fish and wildlife.

One project announced by Conington on Tuesday is being conducted in partnership with the Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust, a nonprofit group formed by ranchers who wanted to be able to respond to changes they saw headed their way because of the water crisis.

The trust owners will implement voluntary conservation and restoration for one year.

"They'll be leasing water back to the Bureau of Reclamation and go dry on their lands," Conington said. "The water that goes back into the system would have been used to flood their pastures."

The bureau will pay the landowners \$50 an acre-foot for the leased water, he said.

It will mean reducing grazing on non-irrigated lands, the protection and restoration of riverbank areas and of native plant and animal habitat.

## ON TAP FOR RESCUE



Walker Lake, near Hawthorne, Nev., is shown Feb. 4, 1999. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., joined federal, state and local officials, tribal leaders, scientists and farmers on a tour of Walker Lake Tuesday on the eve of a summit aimed at seeking ways to revive the drying lake without causing upstream farms and ranches to dry up.

## Nevada senator hopes to save desert lake

**WALKER LAKE, Nev. (AP)** — Sen. Harry Reid joined government officials; tribal leaders; scientists and farmers on a tour of Walker Lake Tuesday on the eve of a summit aimed at seeking ways to revive the drying desert lake without causing upstream farms and ranches to dry up.

"If we can't find a way to get more water to the lake immediately, Walker Lake will become a dead sea and the world will have lost a one-of-a-kind treasure," said Reid, D-Nev.

The landlocked lake's only source of water is the Walker River, which is overallocated to farms and ranches as it meanders 300 miles from the melting Sierra snowpack to the western Nevada desert 80 miles south-east of Reno.

On a good year, the river's

contribution to the lake is minimal. On a bad year — and this is the third bad year — it never even reaches the 38,000-acre lake, which has fallen more than 130 feet and lost 70 percent of its volume in a century of upstream diversions.

As it shrinks, the natural salts, combined with agricultural runoff, become concentrated in an increasingly toxic broth that spells trouble for the lake's threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout.

"Over the past few decades, water levels in the lake have dropped dramatically and salinity has increased to a point where the lake can no longer sustain a healthy fish population," said Reid, the Senate's assistant majority leader.

Fishing and bird-watching contribute to the economy of

remote Hawthorne, at the south end of the lake. It hosts the annual Loon Festival later this month. Without the fish, community leaders say, there are no loons and fewer tourists.

Carl Pope, national executive director of the Sierra Club, was among the environmental leaders scheduled to attend Reid's summit. He said it "provides perhaps our last chance to protect one of the most precious water resources in the world."

"Senator Reid has blazed the trail for Nevada Gov. Kenny Guinn and California Gov. Gray Davis to follow," Pope said.

Walker Lake supports a rare and fragile desert ecosystem rivaled only by its sister to the north, Pyramid Lake, Pope said. These terminal freshwater lakes are two of six in the world, and their significance to the region

cannot be overestimated, he said.

More than a decade ago, Reid helped reverse the decline of Pyramid Lake north of Reno by tapping more water flowing from Lake Tahoe along the Truckee River.

On Wednesday, he faces the challenge of opposition from upstream irrigators in the Mason and Smith valleys and the Walker River Paiute Tribe.

One recommendation calls for removing some of the farm and ranch land from production in favor of nonagricultural use. But Lyon County Commissioner Dave Fulstone, who grows alfalfa in Mason Valley, said that after generations of living off the land, it's not that easy.

"This is our lifeblood," he said. "Farming isn't something you just get into — or get out of."

## 'Noah's Law' teen misses bill signing

Kemphorne's office said it tried to find her

**BOISE (AP)** — The teen-age girl who delivered a stillborn baby after a savage beating was disappointed Gov. Kempthorne did not invite her and her family to witness the signing of a new law specifically criminalizing assaults that harm or kill fetuses.

"I expected I would be there," 17-year-old Lisa Smith said. Her tearful description of the beating she suffered in her home last summer that cost the life of her unborn baby named Noah played a major role in convincing lawmakers to approve the bill called "Noah's Law."

"I shared so much of my life, and then they tossed me aside," Smith said. But "I'm glad the law was passed and signed, and that's the main thing."

Kemphorne spokesman Mark Snider said neither Lisa nor her mother, Kathy Smith, could be reached before last Wednesday's event.

The bill, one of the last signed by Kemphorne from this year's session, gives a fetus the same protection as a person under state murder, manslaughter and aggravated battery laws.

"We made a good-faith attempt to contact the family and were

unsuccessful," Snider said.

But the Smiths say there is little mystery involved in tracking the teen down.

Kathy Smith's job at the Canyon County prosecutor's office had been publicized. Idaho Chooses Life Executive Director David Ripley, who worked with the Smiths to get the legislation passed, was not asked to help contact the family.

Snider said Ripley "didn't have anything to do with the bill."

Republican Sen. Hal Bunderson of Meridian, who sponsored the bill, said he did not know why the Smiths were not included in last week's ceremony. Bunderson was invited, but told the governor's office he did not have the Smiths' phone number.

"We would just like to have been present. I just thought it was kind of odd," Kathy Smith said. "I was saddened by it, to tell you the truth."

Legislative critics fear that elevating the legal status of embryos to that of people could create a framework for future abortion restrictions and might lead to criminal investigations of mothers after innocent stillbirths and miscarriages.

## Nevada cancels special session to fight waste site

**CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP)** — Facing resistance from lawmakers, Gov. Kenny Guinn is dropping plans for a special legislative session to pump \$10 million into Nevada's fight against a federal nuclear dump at Yucca Mountain.

Instead, Guinn said he will ask legislators for \$3 million in emergency cash that can be allocated without a special session.

The governor also announced that next week he will make good on his promise to veto President Bush's approval of Yucca Mountain as the dump for 77,000 tons of nuclear waste from more than 100 commercial, industrial and military reactor sites around the nation.

Nevada has never been a more critical time in Nevada's fight against the nuclear dump being located in Nevada," Guinn said.

Guinn said a special session was not warranted since \$3 million is available without it. In addition, most lawmakers supporting a special session wanted proof that \$10 million could help defeat Yucca Mountain and that the money is available.

Opponents of the proposed dump 90 miles northwest of Las

Vegas want cash for lobbying, legal efforts and television ads that would air in states through which the nuclear waste would be shipped.

Nevada's U.S. senators, Democrat Harry Reid and Republican John Ensign, had asked Guinn for the \$10 million. They are trying to get a majority in either the Senate and House to support Guinn's veto and cancel Bush's recommendation.

But state lawmakers cited the \$100 million budget shortfall and other pressing needs like educational and health care.

"While there is no greater priority than our fight against Yucca Mountain, it is imperative that everyone understand that Nevada is facing a sizable budget deficit since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks," Guinn said.

In addition to the state money, Guinn is also soliciting donations from casinos and other businesses as individuals opposed to the dump.

The 2001 Legislature appropriated \$4 million for the fight. An additional \$2 million has come from various local government, business and individual sources.

## JEROME COUNTY RECORDS

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### Jerome County

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

#### Misdemeanor arraignments

Robert K. Sangster, 24, 1200 E. 1955 S. Elba; driving without privileges; exceeding the maximum speed limit; failing to provide proof of insurance; pre-trial conference April 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

David Duncan Trunseo, 43, 421 Seventh Ave. E. Jerome; criminal contempt of court; pre-trial conference April 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Terry W. Purpin, 52, 308 W. Ave. E. Jerome; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference April 15; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Michael David Barbe, 24, 610 First Ave. E. Jerome; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference April 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Ovrie E. Burley, 20, 151 Salmon, Apt. 3, Hagerman; resisting or obstructing officers; pre-trial conference April 22. Separate case: use under the influence of a controlled substance in a public place; use of prohibited drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pre-trial conference April 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jose Paul Chavez-Abramo, 25, 454 E. 2030 W. Murtough; driving under the influence, excessive, open container; failure to appear; warrant issued; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Lee R. Pife, 30, 2293 Elizabeth Blvd., Twin Falls; failing to provide valid driver's license; pre-trial conference April 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Carlos Flores-Reyes, 22, 365 W. 100 S., Jerome; failing to give immediate notice of accident; pre-trial conference April 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

#### Misdemeanor sentences

Lauri Ann Thomas, 29, 645 Fawnbrook, Apt. 248, Twin Falls; failing to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$150 fine, \$125 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; six months' unsupervised probation; failing to provide proof of insurance; \$75 fine, \$32.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Armando Vasquez, 25, P.O. Box 641, Heyburn; failing to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$150 fine, \$100 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$30 public defender fee; six months' unsupervised probation; 10 days in jail, eight suspended; passenger seat, child under 4 years of age, \$640 pounds; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Byron Lee Danvers, 58, 903 Third Ave. E. Jerome; disturbing the peace; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee; 12 months' unsupervised probation; 90 days in jail, 45 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Patina Ann Gilman, 37, 401 W. Main St., Jerome; battery; \$200 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; 12 months' unsupervised probation; 20 days in jail, 19 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Anthony Lee Ordas, 58, 201 N. Lincoln, No. 8, Jerome;

inattentive/careless driving; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, 12 months' supervised probation; 30 days in jail, 88 suspended; failing to purchase/invalid driver's license; \$150 fine, \$125 suspended, \$63.50 court costs; operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

#### Felony arraignments

Joseph Roger Harbaugh, 22, 705 S. West Blvd., Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; pre-trial conference May 20, jury trial June 5; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

Steven Duane Hall, 35, 600 S. Fillmore, No. 1, Jerome; burglary, a/d/b/c; preliminary hearing March 29; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

#### Felony sentences

Jason Vance Higgins, 19, 1005 N. Buchanan, No. 16, Jerome; possession of a controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee; 12 months' supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 88 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Raymond Bradley Smith, 19, 943 Market St., Prosser, Wash.; forgery; \$500 fine, \$85.50 court costs; two years' determinate penitentiary time, three years' indeterminate; theft by receiving/possessing stolen property; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

#### Juvenile arraignments

Samuel Hernandez, 17, 43 E. 350 W., Jerome; underage purchase, consumption, possession of alcohol; pre-trial conference April 22;

Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misty Marissa Lewis, 16, 205 W. Ave. D, Jerome; underage driving under the influence; failing to purchase/invalid driver's license; pre-trial conference April 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Daniel Martinez, 17, 215 Camarillo Way, Twin Falls; underage possession, consumption, purchase of alcohol; pre-trial conference April 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Elias Lua, 17, 1122 Washington St. S., No. 68, Twin Falls; underage driving under the influence; possession of a controlled substance; pre-trial conference April 22; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

#### Divorces

William Andrew Deetz vs. Emily Brito Deetz

#### Child filings

Credit: Bureau of Twin Falls Inc. vs. Tamara A. Hank. Seveling judgment against defendant in the amount of \$1,106.88, plus interest of \$276.66; attorney fees of \$370. The defendant is indebted to the plaintiff for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

#### Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Christian Capilla. Defendant to pay child support for the child, Alex Pereira, at \$50 per month until defendant completes high school or ceases to attend, and \$142 thereafter, per month plus 50 percent of the child's medical expenses; attorney fees of \$363.

## GOODING COUNTY RECORDS

The Times-News

### Gooding County

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

#### Misdemeanor arraignments

Javier Aureo Aguirre, 42, 1740 E. 1650 S., Gooding; driving under the influence; sentencing April 11; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Shane Julia Carnell, 24, 126 12th Ave. N., Burli; driving without privilege; court cost; 9; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Jermetta Lee Dolan Santos, 39, 433 Third W. Welter; driving without privilege; hearing April 25; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

John L. Crocker, 36, 200 Valley Road W., Hagerman; dog nuisance (barking); court trial April 11; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Christina B. Taylor, 28, 330 Valley Road W., Hagerman; dog running at large; court trial April 11; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

#### Misdemeanor sentences

Brock G. Marston, 18, 203 E. 500 S., Jerome;

fraud/misrepresentation of card, driver's license; 90-day driving license suspension; \$200 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee; six months' probation; 30 days in jail; 20 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

#### Juvenile arraignments

Michael E. McLean, 14, 1622 E. 1700 S., Gooding; underage possession, consumption, purchase of alcohol; hearing April 4; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

#### Child filings

Advanced Collection Technology vs. John Hillier and Marilyn Hillier. Seeking judgment against defendant for the sum of \$1,335.77 plus costs of suit; attorney fees of \$440. Defendant is indebted to plaintiff for accounts assigned to plaintiff for collection.

#### Divorces

Shelli L. Scott vs. Wesley J. Scott  
Margo Jenkins vs. Randy Jenkins

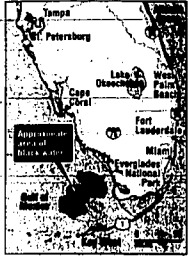
#### Child support cases

State of Idaho Department of Health and Welfare vs. Jose Gerardo Mercado. Seeking judgment against the defendant for \$7,250 for support for the child, Jose Gerardo Mercado, support for Adrian Angel Ruiz of \$328, plus 60 percent of reasonable medical costs, attorney fees of \$363.



NATION

Mysterious 'blob' off Florida coast baffles scientists, researchers



The Washington Post

MIAMI - Maybe the fish know what it is. Since early January, a mysterious phenomenon has darkened the waters off the southern Gulf Coast of Florida...

through the Keys, a shadow of its former self. But what in the world was it? "We don't know what it is," said Allison McDonald of the Florida Marine Research Institute in St. Petersburg.

tists from all over the state agreed on one thing: It probably was not caused by runoff from Florida rivers that flow into the Gulf. Beyond that, their best guess is that it was some kind of massive plankton bloom.

Scientists say the Florida "event," as they call it, differs from the "dead zone" identified a few years ago near the mouth of the Mississippi River in the northern Gulf. Florida's coastal waters have not been affected by that occurrence.

any fish at all." McRae said researchers are still taking samples. "It's a moving target," he said. "It's floating around; it comes and goes."

Congressman, judge shout over defense testimony

CLEVELAND (AP) - The corruption trial of Rep. James A. Traficant Jr. ground to a halt Tuesday when the judge pounded her hand on the gavel for order and the congressman stormed out of the courtroom.

Traficant, 60, is accused of taking kickbacks from staff members and accepting gifts and free labor from businessmen for his political help.

The nine-term Democrat is defending himself even though he is not a lawyer.

On Tuesday, Wells refused to let Traficant call the judge who presided over his 1983 racketeering trial.

Traficant said he wanted U.S. District Judge Ann Aldrich to testify about missing evidence in the earlier case and about her interview with FBI agents who investigated him.

Wells said Aldrich's testimony would be irrelevant. As Traficant argued, he repeatedly cut Wells off until she pounded her hand on the bench and yelled at him.

Traficant also asked to call a staff member to introduce a photo enlargement.

He flew into a rage when Wells said the photo could be entered without the testimony, and he stormed out of the courtroom to retrieve his witness.

"Goodbye, congressman," Wells said to his empty chair.

SNOW DAY



A man jogs with his dogs past snow-covered trees in Minneapolis Tuesday as a second wave of snow brought the two-day total of six inches to the city, disrupting the morning commute and air travel.

Northwest Airlines and its Airlink partners canceled about 50 flights at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on Tuesday. They canceled about 100 flights Monday.

Storm dumps snow on Midwest

April began with a dose of winter across the upper Midwest as snow caused hundreds of traffic accidents.

More light snow fell across the region Tuesday, adding to the 3 to 8 inches that fell Monday in Minnesota and Iowa and the more than 2 inches that fell in parts of Wisconsin.

"It's going to be in bits and pieces. There's another piece of the system coming through," said Tom Helman, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Green Bay, Wis.

"Living in Wisconsin in winter is not fun. And it is spring, so that makes this weather even worse," Lisa Heggestad of Madison said Tuesday.

The storm was blamed for at least seven traffic deaths: four in Iowa and three in Minnesota, officials said.

Most of the snow was expected to quickly melt, with Tuesday's temperatures in Wisconsin ranging from around 30 in the north to the mid-30s in the south.

April storm leaves rash of accidents in its wake

Northwest Airlines and its Airlink partners canceled about 50 flights at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport on Tuesday.

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Serial killer Wuornos can hasten her death, court says

Knight Ridder News Service

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - Aileen Wuornos, thought to be the nation's first predatory female serial killer, is competent enough to fire her attorneys and hasten her execution, the Florida Supreme Court ruled Monday.

In its two-paragraph ruling, the court found a lower court was correct in deciding that Wuornos' request to die by lethal injection was "knowing, voluntary and intelligent."

Peter Cantello, an attorney with Capital Collateral Regional Counsel, an agency that represents death-row inmates during appeal, helped fight to keep Wuornos' appeals alive while she sought death.

"There's years of litigation that will all be cut off," he said. "It's very unfortunate, and we hope Ms. Wuornos will change her mind in the future."

Bush stopped issuing death warrants in February after the U.S. Supreme Court halted two Florida executions while it determines the constitutionality of having a judge - not a jury - decide on death sentences.

Known as the "highway hooker," Wuornos robbed and shot to death six men as she hitchhiked across Florida in 1989 and 1990.

During her trials, Wuornos insisted that she shot the men out of self-defense because they tried to rape her. She has been on death row since 1992.

Recently, after claiming that she found religion, Wuornos admitted to the killings. During a July hearing to determine her



Aileen Wuornos

mental health and whether she should be allowed to drop her appeals, she said she was "as cold as ice" when killing her victims because she has "hated human beings for a long time."

Judge R. Michael Hutchison, "I'd kill again. My stay of 10 years on death row was senseless. Too long."

Cantello said attorneys at the Capital Collateral Regional Counsel don't think Wuornos' mental condition is healthy enough for her to make a decision about dying.

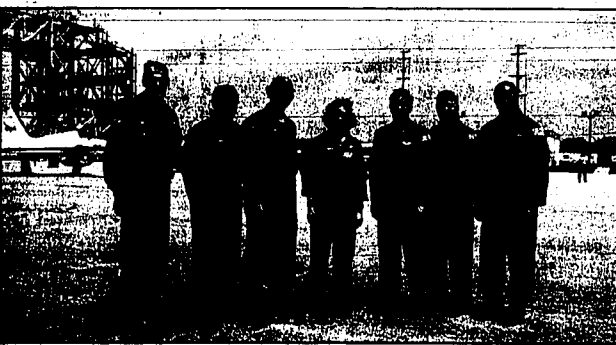
"I respect the court's decision," he said, "but I'm not entirely in agreement with the court's decision."

State Attorney John Tanner, who prosecuted Wuornos when she says she is ready to die.

"She knows what she's doing. She seems to be at peace with her decision."

John Tanner, state attorney

John Tanner, state attorney



The space shuttle Atlantis crew, from left, Mission Specialists Steven Smith, Jerry Ross, Lee Morin, Ellen Ocho, Rex Walheim, Pilot Stephen Fyfe and Commander Michael Bloomfield pose for a picture after arriving at the Kennedy Space Center landing strip in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Monday. Atlantis is scheduled for launch Thursday on a mission to the international space station.

NASA's 'secret' launch time is no secret

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - As far as NASA is concerned, space shuttle Atlantis' launch time on Thursday is secret. But the secret is shared by thousands inside the space program and potentially millions on the outside, courtesy of satellite-tracking hobbyists and the Internet.

"Pseudo-security," says James Obergr, an engineer who used to work in flight control.

Even the astronauts admit that NASA's new post-Sept. 11 anti-terrorism policy of concealing shuttle launch times until 24 hours in advance is an exercise in futility. They had already given

out the launch time to friends and family before the security guidelines were approved March 14.

"It's been fairly public so I don't know what we're hiding," says astronaut Jerry Ross, a retired Air Force colonel who flew on a truly secret military mission in 1988. "On future missions, it may do a little bit more."

Obergr theorizes that the chief intent is not really to protect Atlantis' flight to the international space station or Endeavour's launch on May 31, but to safeguard Columbia's liftoff in July with the first Israeli astronaut.

de flight since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The Dec. 5 and March 1 launches were conducted amid unprecedented security, yet no attempt was made to hide those liftoff times, which had already been made public by NASA.

Fighter jets and attack helicopters will be on patrol Thursday, with no-fly and no-boating zones enforced.

NASA is disclosing only a four-hour launch window, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., until the exact time is announced this afternoon. At that point, the times of all of the mission's highlights, including the shuttle's return, will be released.

Trial begins for Kennedy cousin

NORWALK, Conn. (AP) - Jury selection began Tuesday in the murder case against Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel, accused of bludgeoning a neighbor girl to death 27 years ago when they were both 15.

Skakel arrived at the courthouse shortly after 9:30 a.m. and did not speak to reporters. Selecting a jury is expected to take a month or more, while the rest of the trial may take up to two months.

Skakel, 41, is accused of killing 16-year-old Martha Moxley to death with a golf club in their wealthy Greenwich neighborhood in 1975. The nephew of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was arrested in January 2000 after a one-judge grand jury investigated the murder following articles and books about the old case.

He was arraigned as a juvenile because of his age when the crime was committed, but the case was later transferred to adult court. If convicted, Skakel could face life in prison.

There were no Kennedys in the courtroom Tuesday, though defense attorney Michael

Sherman at one point told relatives of the defendant that Robert Kennedy Jr. wished the family well.

The jury pool included several financial executives, a teacher and TV financial analyst Louis Rukyeser, recently ousted from the Public Broadcasting Service series "Wall Street Week" after 32 years.

Rukyeser was excused after a humorous exchange with Superior Court Judge John Kanawasky Jr. Asked if he was needed at his job, Rukyeser replied, "I'm irreplaceable," drawing laughter from others on the panel.

Several other jurors also were excused for business or medical reasons.

Lists of potential witnesses were released Tuesday. Courtney Kennedy, Skakel's cousin and a daughter of the late senator, was

on the defense list, as were Skakel's brothers, Steven and Thomas, and his father.

The prosecution's list includes Thomas Skakel's attorney and Kenneth Littleton, who at the time of the killing was a live-in tutor in the Skakel house. Both Thomas Skakel and Littleton were at one time considered suspects in the murder.

Moxley's body was found on Halloween under a tree in her yard. She had been out the night before with other teens, including Michael and Thomas Skakel. She had been beaten with a club that matched a set owned by the Skakels.

Authorities suspected Thomas Skakel for years, but switched their attention to Michael in 1991 after his family hired private investigators in an effort to clear both brothers. Statements he gave them about the night of the murder differed from what he had said to police.

Prosecutors say he confessed to the crime in the late 1970s while attending Elan School, a substance abuse facility in Poland Springs, Maine.

Train kills four elderly women at crossing

STEELE CITY, Neb. (AP) - Four elderly women returning from a church salad supper were killed at a railroad crossing when their car was struck by a fast-moving freight train, police said Tuesday.

The women, ages 80 to 95, were going to their homes in nearby Fairbury when the accident happened Monday night. Jefferson County Sheriff Rex Southwick said.

Lorene Ruhnke, 80, was driving

ing. Also killed were Marie Wehling, 95, Palline Blackbaker, 84, and Sarah Henkel, 88.

The car stopped at the crossing, which had stop signs but no mechanical arms, and then continued across the tracks, Southwick said.

Two crew members on the empty 419-car Union Pacific coal train saw the car and applied the brakes 580 feet from the crossing, railroad spokesman Mark Davis said. He said the train was travel-

ing about 55 mph and could not stop until 1,320 feet beyond the crash.

"There was really nothing they could do," Davis said.

Southwick said "all the wheels and everything" were working on the train. The women were wearing seat belts and the car's air bags deployed.

Steele City is about 60 miles southwest of Lincoln, near the Nebraska-Kansas state line.

# Doctors endorse TV medical dramas

By Anthony Brucian  
The Associated Press

*"Watching 'ER' has become the primary source of health information. Then people go to the emergency room and compare."*

-Noah Wyle, star of NBC's 'ER'

LOS ANGELES — Recent TV hospital dramas such as "ER" accurately depict modern medicine, but should focus more on current medical issues such as insurance and nursing shortages, according to doctors at a panel discussion on how television portrays their profession.

The discussion last week, titled "It Must Be True, I Saw it on TV," came on the last day of the American Medical Association's national leadership conference. Dozens of doctors, nurses and medical students attended the session. "ER" star Noah Wyle was among a group of TV industry representatives taking part.

Many of the medics praised NBC's "ER" and now-defunct programs such as "St. Elsewhere" in the 1980s and the recent "Chicago Hope" for dramatizing the image of doctors as miracle workers — an image created by the 1960s show "Marcus Welby, M.D.," and "Dr. Kildare."

In those older shows, "all the

medicine happened behind closed doors," said Randolph Smoak, the AMA's former president.

By contrast, today's medical dramas are gritty and gory — unflinchingly depicting frantic surgery, overworked doctors and harsh hospital bureaucracy. And the patient doesn't always survive.

Although such realism may be frightening, Smoak said it helps reduce unrealistic expectations by patients. However, he suggested the shows should tackle more political topics such as

uninsured patients, the bureaucracy of HMOs and a patient's bill of rights.

"Can't you picture an episode where someone gets a prescription from the ER and says, 'Well, doctor, I won't be able to eat next week if I buy your medicine,'" Smoak said. "What kind of powerful message would that carry to the public and the policy-makers of our country?"

Donna Hill Howes, a registered nurse who chaired the panel, urged television shows to pay more attention to nurses. Hospitals across the country have reported that low pay and more varied opportunities for women in medicine have created a nursing shortage.

Mark Morocco, a medical adviser to "ER" and the medical-emergency show "Third Watch," said nurse characters on TV are too often unimportant background figures or sex objects. He cited NBC's Aaron Spelling-produced hospital show "Nightingales," which spent much of its time "finding a way to get into the nurses' locker room." It was canceled after 12 episodes in 1989.

Many in the audience said they were fans of "ER," which has been television's most popular drama for seven years, according to Nielsen Media Research. Some said the NBC show has a responsibility to educate as well as entertain, and Wyle agreed.

"When we first started, all our technical advisers told us that emergency rooms were the primary source of health care for most Americans," the actor said. "That's changed in recent years because watching 'ER' has become the primary source of health information. Then people go to the emergency room and compare."

Inaccuracies usually are a result of television's time constraints, said Samantha Corbin, co-executive producer of "Crossing Jordan," a medical-examiner program on NBC. "Shows have to judge reality in terms of making this as dramatic as possible and cramming it into a 46-minute episode. Unfortunately, (in reality) most medical conditions can't be diagnosed, much less cured, in 46 minutes."

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## Angry mom deserved plane ticket home

DEAR ABBY: I can't agree with your advice to "Poor Little Butterfly" in Oklahoma, whose mother went on an eight-hour harangue after finding out her married daughter got a tattoo when she was 20.

I think the couple did the right thing to put Mom on the home. I do not agree with your advice to "mend fences" and take the "high road." This is 2002 — not 1940. Tell the mother to get over it. There is nothing she can do about it now.

TATTOOED MOM IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR TATTOOED MOM: That's true. I may have been smoking the peace pipe for too long. Many readers agreed with you. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: I feel strongly that "Mom" should apologize for making of the fuss. An eight-hour attack from one's mother cannot be — and should not be — borne by an adult. Mom was out of line. "Poor" has a right to her life and beliefs. If her tattoo pleases her and her husband, that's good enough.

Abby, I, too, was a victim of attack by a relative — my daughter. She was so adamantly against my getting a tattoo that I decided it wasn't worth the hassle. I had always wanted an ankle of roses and leaves. Then, several summers ago, my daughter had an accident. Her truck was totaled, but fortunately she walked away unharmed. She came home and said, "Mom, if you want that tattoo — go get it. It's too short. It'll even buy it for you." And she did! I got my tattoo at the ripe old age of 69 — and have not regretted it.

HAPPY WITH ROSES IN KINGMAN, ARIZ.

DEAR HAPPY: Thanks for the input.

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Poor Little Butterfly" was wrong, wrong, wrong. This is an issue of the daughter preserving



Abigail VanBuren

her self-esteem, not an argument over a tattoo. This butterfly had every right to ask her mother to take off!

YOUNG MOM IN WASHINGTON

DEAR YOUNG MOM: I suspect you're right that the mother was reacting to more than the tattoo.

DEAR ABBY: That couple did the right thing sending her mother home. They stuck up for each other in the face of adversity. That marriage is going to endure.

Unfortunately, mine will not. Ten years ago, on the morning of my first daughter's christening, my mother-in-law looked over her newspaper and proceeded to lecture me about how they do things in "their" family. She made the mistake of giving me this lecture while an overnight guest in our home (which, by the way, my wife and I bought with no help from her mother).

Abby, I sent her packing the next day. My mother-in-law proceeded to bad-mouth me the rest of the family, trying her best to turn them against me. My wife never once took a stand against her mother. She let her mom criticize me to everyone without ever setting the record straight.

My wife made a decision that day about where her allegiance stood. The events of that day were the single greatest indicator of how the rest of our marriage was to go.

GETTING DIVORCED 10 YEARS LATER

DEAR GETTING DIVORCED: How sad that a loving daughter was forced to choose between her husband and her mother — and made the wrong choice.

## Designer breaks her knee skiing in Sun Valley

NEW YORK — Fashion designer Donna Karan is doing some mending of her own after breaking her knee while helicopter skiing.

The accident happened Friday in Sun Valley. Karan returned to New York on Sunday and had surgery Monday, said spokeswoman Pat Cohen.

The designer will need extensive physical therapy and will be on crutches for at least six weeks, Cohen said, but overall, Karan is "doing well."

Helicopter skiing — which allows people to take chopper rides to normally unreachable peaks for skiing on pristine snow — may sound dangerous, but Cohen said Karan wasn't doing anything risky.

"She's a very good skier," Cohen said. "A fluke accident even can happen in line waiting for a chairlift."

Karan is recovering at her Manhattan apartment. Cohen expects Karan to be home in a while but said Karan likely will return to her office soon — using crutches as accessories.

John Denver joins Colorado Performing Arts hall

DENVER — Nearly five years

after his death, John Denver was inducted into the Colorado Performing Arts Hall of Fame.

The singer was named to the hall late Monday, joining Douglas Fairbanks Sr., Glenn Miller, Alfred Lunt, Lynn Fontanne and others.

"I think John would have been very happy. He always wanted his music to live on," said Annie Denver, his first wife and the inspiration for several of his most popular ballads.

She also was pleased with "Annies Heaven: Songs and Stories of John Denver," a musical that tells his life story. It opened last week at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts and a performance preceded Monday's ceremony.

Annie Denver said the singer never got over the rejection of his music by many critics. "I think it hurt because he grew up as an outsider," she said.

Ron Deutchendorf, John Denver's brother, "came expecting to be disappointed (by the musical) and I was pleasantly surprised."

"People never understood

## Feisty author Michael Moore keeps pounding Bush

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — The publisher almost pulled the plug on Michael Moore's latest book, fearing a backlash because of its bare-knuckle attacks on President Bush.

So now that "Stupid White Men and Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation" is atop the New York Times best-seller list, Moore is feeling a bit more charitable toward his No. 1 target — Nah.

"This 80 percent approval rating — this is not about 80 percent of the country approving or loves George W. Bush," Moore said Monday during a stop on his promotional tour. "This is more like love the one you're with. This is who we're stuck with."

Moore, known for a wicked humor that skewers conservatives and corporations such as General Motors, was true to form in a speech at Northwestern Michigan College. A capacity crowd of about 1,000 packed Milliken Auditorium, and hundreds watched through closed-circuit television in another campus building.

By turns jocular and indignant, Moore hammered Bush, Enron and the administration's handling of the war on terrorism. He also provided a sneak preview of his coming film, "Bowling for



Michael Moore reads from his latest book, "Stupid White Men: And Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation" in Traverse City, Mich., Monday.

Columbine," which pokes fun at the gun culture and features interviews with members of the Michigan Militia.

The first chapter of his book describes the 2000 presidential election as "a very American

John," he said. Some Vietnam War opponents thought Denver was ambiguous about the conflict. "John was anti-Vietnam War. He just wasn't anti-American. When people confronted him about the war, he would say, 'I have a brother over there. Don't tell me about it,'" said Deutchendorf, a Vietnam veteran.

"The show was difficult for some of us to watch, especially when we saw his face on the screen. It really is special, though. He said some good things."

Denver died in October 1997 at age 53, when his experimental plane crashed off the California coast. He's best-known for such songs as "Sunshine on My Shoulders," "Country Roads" and "Rocky Mountain High."

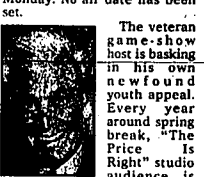
Bob Barker earns more prime-time specials

NEW-YORK — Who says youth rules on prime-time television?

Bob Barker, age 78, begs to differ. After a 30th anniversary special for "The Price Is Right" did unexpectedly well in the ratings this winter, CBS ordered six more prime-time shows.

Each of the specials will feature

contestants and an audience made up primarily of U.S. armed forces members. The first spotlights the Navy, Barker said Monday. No air date has been set.



Bob Barker

The veteran game show host is basking in his own terms of making his second youth appeal.

Every year around spring break, "The Price Is Right" studio audience is flooded with college students.

"It boggles my mind," he said. "I'm so grateful."

With the game on the air since 1972, the students don't see a world without "The Price Is Right." He suspects the familiarity is comforting to young people taking a new setting.

Barker has a financial stake in the show continuing after he's gone. But he's making no plans to leave; he said he'll see how he feels about continuing after the 2004 TV season.

"At my age, I don't make long-range predictions," he said.

He also called for a special prosecutor to investigate the Enron scandal and ties between the company and government officials.

"If they could waste our time for four years with a special prosecutor looking at a stain on a blue dress, they could certainly dig out the criminals involved in this mess," Moore shouted over the crowd's roar.

Dresses, usually in his trademark baseball cap, jeans and tennis shoes, Moore drew laughter by recounting his discussions with HarperCollins executives who feared the nation's post-Sept. 11 mood would sink his book — especially with chapter titles such as "Kill Whitley" and "Idiot Nation."

## Sagittarius: You'll find what was lost; Stay on diet, Leo

IF APRIL 3RD IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are versatile and have tendency to scatter forces. Your sense of humor gets you in and out of tight spots. People like to be with you; you make others laugh even when sad yourself. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play active roles in your life, could have these letters in names: C, L, U. During May you go through a period of introspection. June will be your most romantic, profitable month of the year.

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Long-distance call verifies views; this is your day of vindication.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Express thoughts, verbal and written. Your appeal will be wide; people want to be close to you. Virgo, Sagittarius persons figure prominently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Slow pace. Diplomacy is necessary to win your way. Your voice is melodious; sing in or out of the shower! Taurus, Libra and Scorpio individuals will play dynamic roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Consider with care offers of service, employment. Avoid self-deception.

Remember the axiom: "All that glitters is not gold." Keep health rules that include exercise, diet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pressure is on due to added responsibility. Many will rely on you for their emotional and financial welfare. Romantic relationship could get too hot not to cool down. Capricorn involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Complete a deal involving sale or purchase of land, property. Perceive potential that could include overseas travel. Aries, another Libra in names, could have these letters in names: L, R.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't want to be told "take initiative, create your own tradition. Answer to question: Yes, this is the time to begin thinking about going into business for yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21): You lost something of sentimental value two days ago; it will be returned tonight. Focus on proposals of partnership, marriage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lunar cycle high; you will be at right place at special moment. Accent diversity, versatility and intellectual curiosity. You will star in midst of social gathering.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get behind scenes for answers. Get repair work finished at home that includes roofing, plumbing. You will love and be loved tonight. Taurus, Scorpio play roles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Unorthodox procedure enables some of your fondle dreams to come true. Flirtation is serious; don't play games with emotions. You could receive writing assignments tonight.

## A gift of a few dolls made France the-fashion-capital of the world

About seven centuries ago — in 1371, to be exact — the Queen of France sent the Queen of England several dolls dressed in the latest French fashions. You know the story. The doll outfits were copied by English dressmakers, and costumed dolls from France went wherever ships went thereafter, making France the fashion designer of the western world. It's why models are known as mannequins. That's what those dolls were called.

Peaches grown against a sheltered wall are always bigger and juicier than those grown out in the open.

Q. Isn't music banned among Pennsylvania's Amish?  
A. Not music. Just musical instruments. So they arrange their



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vocals to sound like pipe organs. You won't hear them unless you're with them, incidentally. They won't let their music be broadcast.

It's a lot easier to separate the white from the yolk if the egg is cold.

Q. What are "incumbulus"?  
A. Books printed but not handwritten before 1501.  
Penguins will walk right up to anything. They look fearless. They're not. They're near-sighted.

WORLD



Afghanistan interim Prime Minister Hamid Karzai, left, shakes hands with Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf following a news conference Tuesday at the Presidential Palace in Kabul, Afghanistan.

## Pakistani president visits Afghanistan's Karzai

The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan — Pakistan's military president made a brief but highly symbolic goodwill visit here Tuesday, bearing a \$10 million donation to help rebuild Afghanistan and vowing to "bury" the recent history of poisonous relations between the neighboring Muslim nations.

Addressing journalists with Hamid Karzai, the Afghan interim government chairman, at his side, Gen. Pervez Musharraf repeatedly referred to Karzai as "my brother" and said Pakistan's government has "only one aim, to assist Afghanistan" in becoming "a peaceful and prosperous nation. 'Our plan is his plan,'" he said.

Musharraf also said he believes that Osama bin Laden, the Saudi fugitive linked to the al-Qaida terrorist network, is "probably dead" but that his conclusion was only a guess. There has been speculation that bin Laden escaped into Pakistan from Afghanistan last year during the U.S.-led military campaign that toppled the Taliban, Afghanistan's previous rulers.

Musharraf's one-day visit, the first to Afghanistan by a Pakistani head of government in more than 30 years, was arranged with unusual secrecy and held

under extremely heavy security. Many Afghans bear deep ill-will toward Pakistan, which was closely allied with the Taliban until last October and sponsored some armed Islamic factions here during the 1990s.

But both the cordial tone of Musharraf's public appearance here, and the large ministerial delegation that accompanied him from Islamabad, suggested that the Pakistani government is eager to mend fences with post-Taliban authorities and overcome the legacy of bad blood from several decades of aggressive Pakistani meddling in Afghan politics.

"I come here in a total spirit of brotherhood and brotherliness," Musharraf said as a smiling Karzai looked on. "Sometimes there are differences between brothers, but there is no reason to believe we can't overcome them."

Both Karzai and Musharraf are backed by the United States; Karzai was appointed by the United Nations as interim leader in December with strong American support, and the Bush administration has embraced Musharraf since he abandoned his support for the Taliban in October. During his visit Tuesday, he was guarded by U.S. troops and military vehicles.

## Northern Afghan city finally gets TV again

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan (AP) — Blurry picture, broken sound and all, local television is back on the air in northern Afghanistan's largest city for the first time since the fall of the Taliban nearly five months ago.

From a control room with a mishmash of equipment and a few dust-covered monitors, Balkh TV — named for the province of which Mazar-e-Sharif is the capital — has been sending out a mix of news and music each evening since Sunday. And there's also a first on the station: women news readers.

Since the Taliban banned television as "un-Islamic," Afghans had to watch TV in secret in their basements using concealed satellite dishes. After Taliban rule ended in the north in November, a brisk trade blossomed in televisions and every kind of video equipment.

Without local stations in Dari, their own language, locals makeshift satellite dishes from hammered-out sheets of metal — often printed with designs showing they were intended to be cut into cans of everything from whipped cream to bug repellent — to pick up stations from around the world.

Radio broadcasts under the new regime started the day after the Taliban fell. However, there was no local television because of a lack of equipment and problems with electricity.

Now, after donations by the U.S. military and the Uzbek govern-



Afghans watch TV in an electrical shop in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, Tuesday. The largest city in northern Afghanistan has its own television station again for the first time since the fall of the Taliban regime.

ment, Balkh TV has several cameras and is getting power from the Uzbek power grid, said Lutfulah Rahofi, broadcasting director, at the station.

The first broadcast Sunday began with a recitation from the Quran, the Muslim holy book, followed by an apology for taking so long to resume broadcasting, Rahofi said.

So far, the station's broadcasts aren't much — starting at 7 p.m. each night and lasting until they run out of material, usually just about four hours, said station manager Jahid, who uses only one name. They only have one tape to record programming for the evening so have to record over it each day — meaning the picture is bound to get fuzzier as

time goes by. Jahid and his employees laugh at the question of whether they have any advertising. Right now, they're just waiting to receive salaries promised by the government, but said they nonetheless would keep the broadcasts going. "This is our homeland. We have to continue, we have to broadcast something," Jahid said.

## U.S. confirms capture of key al-Qaida leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Tuesday celebrated the U.S. capture of top al-Qaida leader Abu Zubaydah as a "very serious blow" to the terrorist network and said Americans are still threatened.

Threats remain. Al-Qaida has many tentacles, but one of them was cut off, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

In Islamabad, Pakistan, meanwhile, police raided more suspected al-Qaida hide-outs, arresting 16 people in an ongoing crackdown against Osama bin Laden's terror network in Pakistan, officials said Tuesday.

After the capture, a senior Islamic cleric called on the gov-

ernment to end military cooperation with the United States in the war on terrorism and announced plans for nationwide protests against Israel's military offensive against the Palestinians — a move the cleric sought to link to U.S. policies.

The "latest" raids occurred Monday afternoon at two houses in Lahore, Pakistan's second-largest city, a senior police official said. Two of the 16 people arrested are Pakistanis and the other 14 are foreigners, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He said most of the

foreigners are Arabs — Saudis, Libyans and Syrians — but "a few" are Afghans. Officials said none of the 16 were believed to be major figures in the terrorist network.

The presidential spokesman described Zubaydah as an operational planner and key recruiter for al-Qaida and a member of Osama bin Laden's "inner circle" who can provide a treasure-trove of top-to-bottom information about the terrorist group.

He will be interrogated about his knowledge of ongoing plans to conduct terrorist activities. This

represents a very serious blow to al-Qaida," Fleischer said.

Pakistani authorities, in concert with the CIA and FBI, captured Zubaydah in an early-morning raid Thursday at a compound in Faisalabad, far from the Afghan border. Fleischer confirmed to reporters Tuesday. Zubaydah was shot three times trying to escape — in the stomach, groin and leg — but was expected to survive, said another official. They also recovered useful data from the site, the official said, but declined to provide details.

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## it's nice to have a meal as Quick as casserole

### ELAINE'S RECIPES



Elaine Wilcox's veal casserole is an easy-to-make veal dish. Below, Wilcox pours tomato sauce over the casserole.

**ELAINE'S CASSEROLE**  
Serves 4 to 6 people  
3 cans chili, no beans  
3 cans creamed corn  
1 can whole pitted black olives, sliced  
1 pound ground beef, crumbled and browned  
1/2 cup diced onion  
Garlic salt, salt and pepper to taste  
2 cups cheddar cheese, grated  
1 (16-ounce) package egg noodles  
In casserole dish layer the noodles, corn, chili, burger, onion and olives with seasonings. Top with cheese. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes.

**VEAL CASSEROLE**  
Serves 4 to 6 people  
6 breaded veal patties, cut in halves  
2 tablespoons oil  
2 eggs, beaten  
1 can mushroom stems and pieces  
1 onion, sliced and separated  
1 large bell pepper, sliced  
1 can diced tomatoes, with the juice  
1 small can tomato sauce  
1 can medium black olives, sliced thin  
2 1/2 to 3 cups Monterey and cheddar cheeses, shredded  
In a 12-inch iron skillet, place the cut patties with the rounded sides toward the outside. Brown the patties on both sides in the oil. Pour the eggs over the top. Layer the mushrooms, onions, peppers, tomatoes, tomato sauce and olives. Put cheese on top and cover with foil. Bake at 325 for 25, minutes until everything is soft. You can turn the temperature on this dish down to low and allow it to sit in the oven to soak up the juices if you aren't ready to serve it as soon as it is done. Serve in the skillet and cut in pie wedges. Serve with white rice on the side.

**COMPANY TUNA CASSEROLE**  
Serves 4 to 6 people  
2 cans tuna in oil, drained  
1 (16-ounce) package egg noodles  
1/2 small onion, diced  
1 celery rib, diced  
1 large jar pimentos, diced  
1 can whole black olives, sliced  
2 cans cream of mushroom or cream of celery soup  
1/2 cup milk  
1 tablespoon parsley flakes  
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt  
Potato chips  
2 cups mild cheddar cheese, grated  
Cook the noodles according to package directions. While the noodles are cooking, mix the onion, celery, pimentos, olives, soup, milk, parsley and garlic salt together in a bowl and set aside. Crush a couple of handfuls of potato chips and smooth them over the bottom of a casserole dish. Drain the noodles and put into the bowl with the onion/celery mixture. Add the tuna and mix well. Spoon over the potato chips carefully. The cheese goes over the top of everything. Cover with foil and bake at 325 for 45 minutes to 1 hour, until it is heated through.

**RICE SIDE DISH**  
1 cup chicken broth  
2 cups minute rice  
1/2 carrot, grated  
2 tablespoons green onion tops, chopped (green only)  
1 celery rib, chopped  
1 cup frozen peas  
Place the carrot, celery and green onions in the broth and bring to a boil. Add the peas and the rice. Cover. Remove from the heat and allow to stand for 10 minutes before serving.

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### They're fast, they're easy, they're a tasty meal

By **Debie Thomas Reale**  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - Casseroles are quick and easy and can be served as one-dish meals. Elaine Wilcox is a big casserole fan.

She and her husband, Ron, have seven children of their own and have raised three of her sister's children. Now they have grandchildren.

The Wilcox family came to Magic Valley from Big Bear in San Bernardino County, Southern California, about eight years ago. An animal lover, Elaine Wilcox worked with animal-rights groups in California. At one time, she said, she had as many as 34 cats.

She's cut back considerably and now has two cats, a dog, a rabbit, three turtles and several fish in her household.

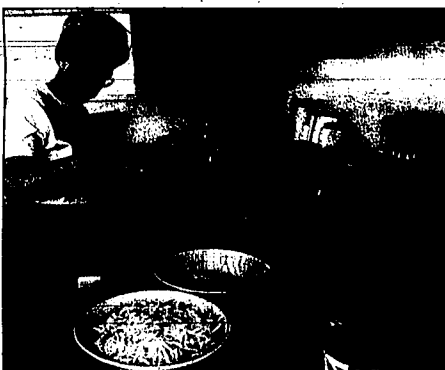
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night, Mexican another, then Indian or French. As a result, the Wilcox children learned to appreciate foods from many cultures. Plus, dinner was always time to share news of the day.

The last child left the nest two months ago, and Wilcox said she is having trouble cutting back on cooking proportions to serve only two people. Two adult children

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## Room to bloom: Photographer cum gardener brings uncommon color to many a garden

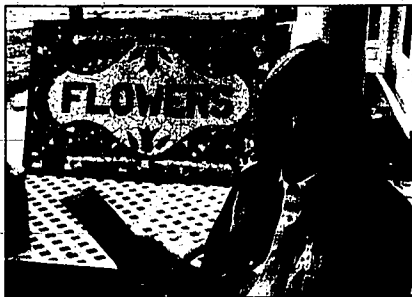
By **Susan Reimer**  
The Baltimore Sun

Soon after Susan Iglehart discovered sunshine, she discovered flowers.

In a rush to fill up the sun-drenched garden in her new Connecticut home, she chose annuals over perennials. Frustrated by the search for the colors she saw in her imagination, she decided to grow her own. Abhorring waste, she planted every seed that came in every pack. And blessed with a generosity of spirit, she shared the extra plants with friends.

A little more than a decade later, Susan Iglehart's flowers have grown into Susan Iglehart's Flowers, a kitchen-counter business thriving on word-of-mouth. Every winter, Iglehart begins cultivating more than 80 hard-to-find varieties of annuals in the made-from-a-kit greenhouses tucked behind her house in Glyndon, Md.'s, steeplechase country. And for a week in May, the long driveway to her sprawling, apricot stucco home is busy with faithful customers arriving and departing with orders they placed in February.

When Philip and Susan Iglehart moved from a heavily wooded Lutherville, Md., home to Connecticut years ago, his wife discovered the wonders of sunshine.



"It was like a whole new world," she said. "I had never been interested in growing anything before. My eyes glazed over when the conversation turned to gardening. But I started wanting to grow things, and then I had this vision of a garden with certain colors - white cosmos and pink cleome. And you couldn't find those colors in garden centers."

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-Susan Iglehart

When the Igleharts returned to the Baltimore area in 1988, Barbara Trimble, a friend of more than three decades, introduced Iglehart to the wonders of mass-producing seedlings indoors. Iglehart, a photographer, said the experience was the same as when she first saw a picture come out of the developer. She didn't need all 250 plants



Above, Susan Iglehart, in one of her four greenhouses on her property, has made a business of growing unusual varieties of flowers such as dahlia, buddleia and hydrangea. Above left, Iglehart cultivates and sells annuals that usually cannot be found in garden centers.

that might come from a single packet of seeds, but she couldn't bring herself to toss them out. Eventually, she put a modest price on her plants - one that was increased for the first time this

year to \$5.99 for a six-pack - and began building greenhouses. She has help from a friend during the most labor-intensive times - filling hundreds of trays with more than 18,000 of the

potting mixture and putting together the orders before the May pick-up dates. To learn more, write to Susan Iglehart's Flowers, 3565 Butler Road, Glyndon, MD 21071.

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Wilcox

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still live in California. The rest of the family followed along to Idaho.

The Wilcoxes do a lot of barbecuing in the warmer months, to recreate the relaxed Southern California atmosphere.

Ron Wilcox is a retired

Lockheed programmer. At work, before he retired, the company observed a get-sick-week just before Christmas when employees brought cookies, candies and cakes - and everyone overate. His family contributed to the feast.

He was also a musician with a band for 25 years, playing for benefits around Southern California.



BURGER CASSEROLE

Serves a gang, 8 to 10 people  
2 pounds ground beef  
1 onion, diced  
1 small bell pepper, diced  
1 cup chopped fresh mushrooms  
Garlic salt  
Pepper  
1 large (family-sized) cream of mushroom soup  
1 cup milk  
1 can black olives, sliced  
2 1/2 cups cheddar cheese, grated

1 (24-ounce) package wide egg noodles  
Brown the burger; add onion, mushrooms, bell pepper, salt and pepper and cook till the pepper and mushrooms are soft and the onion is transparent. Cook the noodles according to package directions and drain. Mix with the meat mixture, soup and milk. Place in large casserole dish. Top with olives and cheese. Put foil over the top and bake at 325 for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Emerging tulips can brighten your home



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
Cathy Walworth

It's tulip time! Well, practically. Depending on where you live, tulip leaves can be anywhere from just a couple of inches tall to almost there. Any day now the buds will show color. When you can't resist cutting them for bouquets, here are some tips to help you enjoy tulips longer.

• Cut tulips when the buds are still closed but the color of the flower is evident. Color on top and green on the bottom of the bud is fine. If the bud is still all green, wait. If you cut those now, they won't open.

• Watch the closed buds open up in the first few days in the vase. They will last a good week or more. If you help. Keep the tulips in a cool spot and away from all sources of heat. The television set is the worst culprit for heat. Flowers hate TV sets.

• Cut the tips of the stems off at a slight angle with a sharp knife or scissors just before you put them in a vase.

• It isn't your imagination - tulips keep growing once they're in the vase. They can grow up to an inch taller, and bend toward the light.

• Straighten out your wayward tulips. Take them from the vase, re-trim the stem tips and roll the tulips in newspaper with the paper extending above the flower tops, but not covering the lower third of the stems. Put the wrapped bunch upright in a container holding cool water deep enough to dunk the exposed stem ends.

Leave them in a cool place for an hour or two. They probably won't fit in the refrigerator all

trussed up like that, so try setting them out in the garage for a while. When you unwrap them, your tulips should be standing up straight again.

• Tulips are light eaters: Don't put plant food in their water. They like their water just plain, thank you. To keep tulips looking their best, top off the vase water with fresh, cold water every day.

• Some people think that there's nothing more stunning than a huge vase of flowers all one color. If you feel a little more adventurous, create a riot of color with tulips by combining colors. Purple and lavender, light yellow with deeper yellow, flamed or multi-colored tulips with solids.

• Try combining tulips with other flowers, such as a forced branch of forsythia, pussy willow or corkscrew willow. Take a look around the yard and snip something interesting. You might sur-

prise yourself.

• If you want daffodils and tulips in the same vase, treat the daffodils first: Trim and keep daffodils in a separate vase for the first few hours. Otherwise, the slimy stuff in the daffodil stems will run off and clog up the tulips.

• Tulips and daffodils forced in the same pots can be put - pot and all - into larger, more decorative containers. The whole thing can also be submerged into a large outdoor planter for instant color at the front door. Your guests will be impressed with your gardening and decorating skill. Martha Stewart, eat your heart out.

It's almost time to hard-prune your roses. Send for Cathy's booklet, "Rose Pruning Made Easy." Send a long, self-addressed stamped envelope with \$2 to Tendri Communications, 3262 E. 3210 N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Make chicken-fried steak your dinner

By William Rice  
Chicago Tribune

The ever-expanding boundaries of comfort food include a dish that has been more talked about than eaten, except at truck stops. Chicken-fried steak is an inexpensive cut of beef,

Dinner tonight

coated in flour and fried until brown. A little cornbread, a friendly vegetable, something cold to wash it down and something sweet to finish is the recipe for a nicely "satisfying"

meal. If your comfort zone includes a side of creamy mashed potatoes with your meat but you are counting calories, toss shredded, steamed zucchini with a little tomato sauce or leave the zucchini plain and make it into a bed for the steak and gravy.

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK WITH PAN GRAVY

2 cube steaks, about 6 ounces each  
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons flour  
1/2 teaspoon each: salt, freshly ground pepper, paprika, plus more to taste  
1 cup vegetable oil  
2 tablespoons chopped tomato  
1 tablespoon chopped onion  
1 1/4 cups milk, or more if needed  
Pat the steaks dry; set aside. Combine 1/4 cup of the flour and 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, pepper and paprika on a plate.  
Stir with a fork until well

blended.  
Coat each steak with the flour mixture; pound lightly on both sides with a rolling pin or the side of a cleaver to help the meat absorb the flour.  
All the flour should be used. Heat the oil in a skillet until very hot, 375 degrees.  
Add the steaks; cook until seared and well crusted on one side, about 2 minutes.  
Turn the steaks with tongs; cook 2 minutes more for medium.  
Transfer the steaks to a plate lined with paper towels; keep warm.

Four off all but 2 tablespoons of the cooking oil. Return the pan to medium-low heat. Whisk in remaining 2 tablespoons of the flour; cook 1 minute.  
Add the tomato and onion. Whisk in milk; cook until thick, 3 minutes.  
Add more milk if the gravy becomes too thick.  
Season to taste with salt, pepper and paprika.  
Spoon a little of the gravy onto plates.  
Top with steak.  
Pass remaining gravy at the table.  
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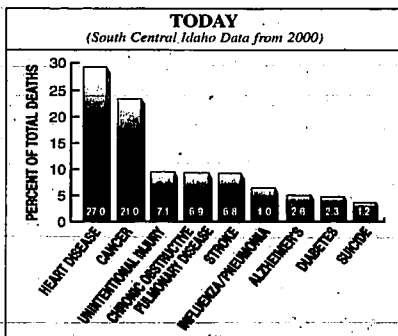
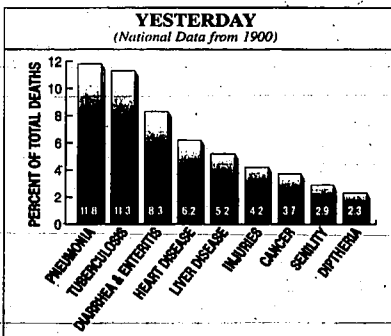
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District Health Report

The Leading Causes of Death

In South Central Idaho

The leading causes of death are often used to describe the health of a community. Over the past 100 years, there have been many changes in these measures. In 1900, infectious diseases killed the most people. In 2000, with the control of many infectious diseases and the aging of our population, chronic diseases top the list.



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- Cancer is the leading cause of death for those 45-64 years of age.
- Unintentional injury is the leading cause of death for those 1-44 years of age.
- For all age groups, unintentional injury is the 5th leading cause of death in the U.S., the 4th leading cause in Idaho, but the 3rd leading cause of death in south central Idaho.
- Motor vehicle collisions account for the majority of unintentional injury deaths in Idaho.



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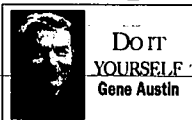
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# Porches can be painted, but choose the right kind of paint

**QUESTION:** We have outdoor carpet on our concrete patio but are not happy with the appearance. Is there a special paint we can use instead to dress up the concrete?

**ANSWER:** Concrete surfaces such as patios, porches and basement floors can be painted, but it is important to pick the correct paint and prepare the surface carefully. Special floor paint suitable for concrete should always be used.



**DO IT YOURSELF**  
Gene Austin

These are sold under many brand names and in several types, including latex (water-based), oil-based, epoxy, and rubber-based.

Look for a paint that is labeled "porch and floor" or "floor and patio," and read the directions to be sure it can be used on concrete.

Epoxy is usually considered the most durable floor paint. It has good adhesion, but it generally comes in two parts that are mixed immediately before use. For do-it-yourself application, I recommend a top-quality latex paint, which generally costs about \$20 per gallon compared

with about \$30 for epoxy. Like other water-based paints, latex floor paints are fast-drying, have little odor, and are easy to apply. Tools can be cleaned with soap and water. When latex paint shows signs of wear, it is easy to repaint.

Carefully read the label of the paint container for instructions on preparing the surface. This is generally the most difficult part of the paint job, and might include "etching" the surface

with an acid solution that is sold at paint stores.

Etching helps clean the concrete, and improves adhesion of the paint by slightly roughening the surface. Be sure to wear goggles, gloves and protective clothing when using any of the strong chemicals required for preparing the surface.

Painting is not always a perfect solution for dressing up concrete. Peeling can occur if the surface is not properly prepared, or if mois-

ture rises to the surface from under the slab. New concrete should be allowed to age for at least six months before it is painted, or peeling can result.

Readers' questions and comments are welcome and should be sent to Gene Austin, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Box 861, Blue Bell, Pa. 19422. Send email to [gaustin@phillynews.com](mailto:gaustin@phillynews.com). Questions cannot be answered personally.

## This recipe makes a more cake-like sugar cookie

By Linda Cicero  
The Miami Herald

These are puffy and cake-like, rather than thin and crisp. You may use a different flavoring, such as almond extract

### Cook's Corner

(decrease to 1 teaspoon), or lemon juice. If I have butter-milk, I use it to give just a subtle tang.

### OLD-FASHIONED CUT-OUT SUGAR COOKIES

- Vegetable oil spray
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs, beaten to a froth
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 5 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Plain or colored sugar

nately into the butter mixture. Gather into 4 balls, wrap in plastic and refrigerate for about 1 hour, until firm. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Working with 1 ball at a time, roll dough out on a lightly floured surface about 1/4-inch thick. Cut into shapes with cookie cutters or into rounds with a glass about 2 1/4 inches across. Place about 2 inches apart on prepared cookie sheet. Bake 12 to 15 minutes, until done as desired. (At 15 minutes the edges will be lightly browned and the cookies crisper.) Transfer immediately to a wire rack. Cool before storing in airtight container. Makes about 4 dozen round cookies.

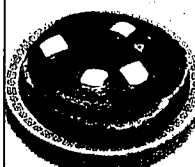
### CAMI'S SEASHELLS LINGUINE WITH SHRIMP

- This recipe is from Cami's in Miami.
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 large cloves garlic, sliced thin
- 4 green onions, white and green parts, chopped fine
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 2 cups half-and-half
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 3 pounds medium shrimp, shelled and deveined
- 1 pound linguine, cooked al dente
- Additional chopped parsley for garnish

In a large saucepan, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Sauté the garlic and onions 2 minutes, until soft and fragrant but not brown; lower the heat if they start to color. Add the wine and cook, stirring, until liquid is reduced by half. Slowly stir in the half-and-half, whisking all the while. Add the parsley and shrimp. Raise heat and boil 1 minute to thicken. Reduce heat to medium. As soon as the shrimp begin to turn color, add the cooked linguine and heat just long enough for pasta to warm through. Toss and stir constantly to avoid burning. Garnish with additional parsley and serve hot. Makes 8 servings.

### QUICK POTATO PANCAKES

- This is from the 1997 edition of "Taste of Home Annual Recipes." Serve with sour cream and apple sauce.
- 4 cups frozen shredded hash brown potatoes
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/4 cup minced fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Vegetable oil for cooking



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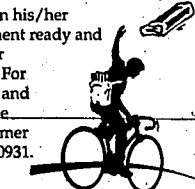


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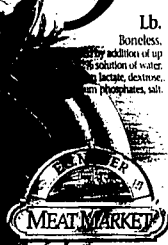


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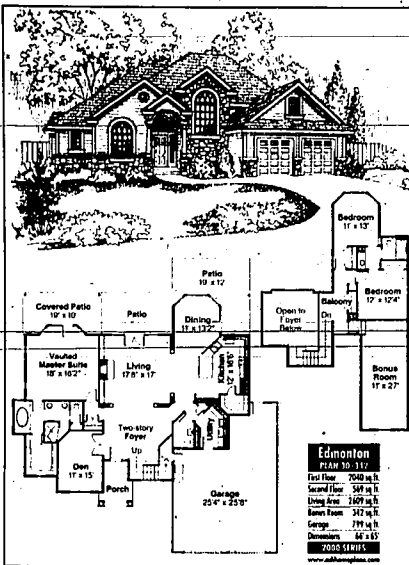
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# FOOD & HOME



## Edmonton facade sports Tuscan columns, arches

The Edmonton's front facade is a visual treat: Handsome Tuscan columns from the lofty portico that frames its elegant entry, while a tracery of intersecting arches embellish the half-round windows crowning the door and two windows. Stone veneer adds interest to the wainscoting and gabled two-story wall section to the right of the entry.

Entering, you step into a broad, naturally illuminated two-story foyer. A stairway nestles into an alcove to the right, and double doors open into a large room on the left that could be furnished as a den, home office or whatever suits.

Ornamental columns flank the wide opening to the living room. A smaller passageway, just to the right, leads under the stairway directly into the kitchen. Windows fill most of the living room's rear wall, where French doors provide patio access. A gas fireplace serves as a warm focal point on dark days and long nights.

The spacious kitchen is well-supplied with counters and cupboards, including a large walk-in pantry. Family and friends will

enjoy hanging out at the raised conversation bar, or in the window-bright bayed dining room. Potted plants, too, will flourish here. Laundry appliances and a small powder room are nearby, arrayed along a pass-through space that connects to the garage.

Another bay window expands the Edmonton's vaulted master suite. Amenities in this luxurious adult retreat include a huge walk-in closet and private bathroom with spa tub, dual vanity, walk-in shower and private toilet.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans, elevations, section and artist's conception, send \$25 to Associated Designs, 1100 Jacobs Drive, Department W, Eugene, OR 97402. Please specify the Edmonton 20-342 and include a return address when ordering. A catalog featuring more than 350 home plans is available for \$15. For more information, call (800) 634-0123.

## Coalition recruits gardeners to combat invasion of detrimental exotic plants

**By Dean Fodick**  
The Associated Press

NEW MARKET, Va. — Some of the most colorful exotics arrived in the colonies destined for such planter notables as Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe.

Hundreds of other plant imports came later, brought to the New World from Asia and Europe because they excelled at doing certain jobs, such as covering unsightly spots in yards or woodlots. Others worked their way into the ground through the good intentions of neighborhood nurserymen who were trying to help solve one gardening dilemma or another. Still others were brought across borders by birds, dumped into harbors along with ship ballast water or were scattered from the tattered pant cuffs of overseas visitors.

But that was the innocent them; this is the invasive now.

Many of the exotic plants have grown wild over the intervening decades and are shouldering aside or literally smothering native species.

The prolific non-residents have been declared plants non grata: noxious weeds accused of reducing wildlife habitat, destroying pastures and rangelands, screening utility line rights-of-way, choking lakes, streams and canals.

They are changing entire ecosystems, hybridizing, creating

*Many exotic plants have grown wild over decades and are shouldering aside or literally smothering native species.*

wildfire hazards where none previously existed or further drawing down water tables in semi-arid areas. Losses to harmful non-indigenous plant species in the United States run in the hundreds of billions of dollars, the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment says.

According to the Virginia Native Plant Society, exotics that have escaped cultivation infest more than 100 million acres. An estimated 400 of the 958 species listed as threatened or endangered by the federal Endangered Species Act are at risk. "Flora of North America" says a fifth to a third of all plant species growing north of the Rio Grande arrived from other continents.

Granted, not all non-native plants are bad. Wheat, tulips, peonies, rice and corn, among others, have become outstanding citizens. But other exotic plants introduced for food, fiber or ornamental use can be deadly, particularly to resident species that can't com-

## Water-saving flush kits can also save you money

**DEAR JIM:** I always hear water running, but I want to keep our old toilets. I read new ones don't flush well. How can I fix the water leakage and, are there any kits I can install to reduce the water usage per flush?

-DON R.

**DEAR DON:** Flushing toilets is the major water consumption activity in most homes which costs the typical family up to \$200 per year. If you have leakage problems that allow the water to continually run, the annual expense is even greater.

There are many types of do-it-yourself water-saving kits (prices start at only \$5) that can save up to \$100 per year on your water bills. Installing one often takes care of eliminating the water running problem, too.

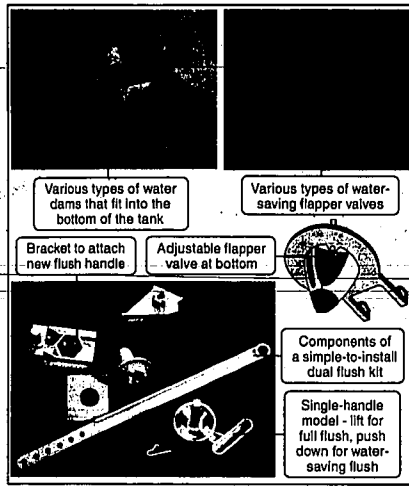
You can install most in about five minutes. The basic types of water-saving flush kits are: dual-flush handles, flapper valves, water dams and diverters. The "leakage problem you have is either a leaky ballcock valve or a leaky flapper. A water-saving flapper will solve the latter, but you will need a new ballcock to solve the former."



**SENSIBLE HOME**  
James Dulley

A dual-flush kit is one of the best methods to significantly reduce the water usage of any old toilet while still maintaining an effective flushing action. These kits (some have only five parts) provide a low-water usage flush for liquid waste and a standard volume flush for solid wastes.

Some do-it-yourself kits use a single flush handle in place of the old handle. Push the handle down



Simple-to-install flush kits save much water.

for a water-saving flush or left it for a full flush. Another design uses two separate handles. Push the longer handle down for a water-saving flush or the shorter handle for a full flush.

Inside the toilet tank, both designs work the same way. The water-saving flush only partially

lifts the flapper, so it closes quickly allowing less water to flow out. The full flush lifts the flapper the standard amount.

There are many designs of water-saving flapper valve kits. They all allow the air trap inside of them to empty quickly so the flapper closes sooner than normal. To install one, just pull the old flapper up over the overflow tube and slip the new back down over the tube.

You can fine tune some of the flapper kits to get an effective flush with the least water usage. Some designs have a tiny adjustable hole at the bottom. By varying the hole size, the flush water volume can be controlled.

Water dams fit in the bottom of the toilet tank and spring out to seal against the sides. They effectively reduce the water volume in the tank without decreasing the water height or the flush pressure. Diverter kits divert some of the bowl water to the tank after each flush to save water.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 546 — the guide of eight water-saving flush kit manufacturers listing design types, water savings, installation instructions, toilet troubleshooting and water-saving guides. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE.

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

## Get rid of moisture inside double-paned window

**By Ken Shelkopf**  
The Orlando Sentinel

**QUESTION:** I bought a house 10 years ago. There is a window in the den that has room for plants in it. Moisture has gotten between the double panes. Is there any way to get rid of this moisture?

**ANSWER:** The seal between the two panes of glass probably has failed, letting the moisture get in. This mainly is a problem with older insulated windows or low-quality glazing units and is not often found these days with more modern window units with better seals. Unfortunately, there is no simple way to fix the problem.

Newer windows have made tremendous strides in terms of quality and performance and are much more forgiving with this problem. Some of the newer win-

dows on the market have a "breather system" glazing unit that allows an air exchange to keep condensation from forming between the glass. Small holes in the stops between the glazing panels that vent to the outside make this work. This does not compromise the energy efficiency of the unit, and the small holes allow the excess moisture to escape without fogging the outside glass.

I think your problem highlights an important point for people to consider: The higher cost of premium windows is usually worth the money. Better windows give better energy efficiency and lower heating and cooling bills. They also usually have fewer maintenance problems.

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Basically, if you have soy sauce, sherry, sugar, and spices like ginger, you can have teriyaki.

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3 tablespoons minced fresh ginger

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Place all ingredients except steaks in a saucepan over high heat. Bring the mixture to a boil to dissolve the sugar. Remove the pan from the heat and allow it to cool to room temperature. Place the steaks in a large freezer-strength locking plastic bag. Pour in the marinade. Marinate 2 to 6 hours. Grill over medium heat until cooked to your liking.

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# New research returns egg to its rightful place

By William Rice  
Chicago Tribune

It is increasingly obvious that the egg has changed. Last month, the egg's "handlers" (the promotion arm of the egg industry), staged an "Eggstravaganza" in New York City to focus public attention on

some positive developments in Eggland. And the Washington, D.C., Egg Nutrition Center cited survey after survey completed in recent years to support the theory that the intake of dietary cholesterol found in the egg, among other foods, does not cause blood cholesterol levels to rise and presents a lesser risk of

heart disease than previously supposed. The industry still is smiling at the decision by the American Heart Association to allow consumption of an egg a day in its 2000 dietary guidelines for healthy people, more than doubling the three-eggs-a-week guideline issued in 1996.

A large egg contains 75 calories, 5 grams of total fat (1 1/2 grams saturated) and 213 milligrams of cholesterol. It also provides about 10 percent of the recommended dietary allowance of protein, plus high amounts of vitamin K and some selenium, iodine and riboflavin.

## Egg-ceptional recipes

### OLD-FASHIONED DEVILED EGGS

4 large eggs, hard-cooked, peeled, halved lengthwise  
2 1/2 tablespoons mayonnaise  
1 1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard  
Hot red pepper sauce  
Salt, freshly ground pepper  
2 tablespoons minced fresh chives  
Carefully remove yolks from the whites; place in bowl. Place the whites cut side up on a plate. With the back of a fork, mash

yolks.  
Add mayonnaise, mustard and hot pepper sauce, salt and pepper to taste; mash with a fork until blended. Stir in chives. Fill the whites with the yolk mixture, using a teaspoon- or star-tipped pastry bag, rounding the tops. Serve at room temperature or chilled.  
—Adapted from "The Good Egg," by Marie Simmons

### INDIVIDUAL ORANGE SOUFFLES

6 navel oranges  
1 tablespoon each: unsalted butter, flour  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
4 eggs, separated  
Cut off top third of each orange. Cut a thin slice off bottom so oranges stand upright. Scoop out all the pulp. Put pulp in a strainer over a bowl; press on pulp to squeeze out 1 cup of juice. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Combine juice and butter in a medium saucepan; cook over medium-high heat until reduced by a fourth, 10 minutes. Reduce heat; whisk in flour until a smooth paste forms. Whisk in 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon of the sugar and salt; cook until mixture thickens, 3 minutes. Remove from heat; slowly whisk in egg yolks. Whisk until the color

lightens, 2 minutes. Beat egg whites and 1 tablespoon of the sugar in a grease-free bowl of an electric mixer on medium-low 10 seconds; increase speed to medium-high; beat until frothy, about 2 minutes. Add remaining 2 tablespoons of the sugar with mixer running. Beat until soft peaks form, 1 minute. Gently fold the egg whites into the egg yolk/juice mixture until no streaks remain. Carefully pour mixture into the orange shells to 1/2-inch below the rim of the oranges. Place the shells on a baking sheet; place in lower third of the oven. Reduce heat to 375 degrees. Bake until souffles are puffed and lightly golden, about 18 minutes. Serve before souffles deflate.  
—Adapted from "Holiday Eggs," by Georgeanne Brennan

### LEMON FLOATING ISLANDS

2 cups milk  
3 tablespoons plus 1/3 cup sugar  
1 1/8 teaspoon salt  
4 large egg yolks, well beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 teaspoon lemon extract  
3 large egg whites  
3 tablespoons lemon juice  
Mix milk, 3 tablespoons of the sugar and 1/8 teaspoon of salt in a double boiler. Heat over boiling water almost to a boil, about 5 minutes. Slowly add the beaten egg yolks to the hot milk. Strain the mixture; return to the double boiler. Cook over an inch of simmering water, stirring constantly until the custard coats a metal spoon, about 5 minutes. (Do not overheat or it will curdle.) Remove mixture from heat; stir

in the extracts. Pour into a serving bowl or into individual custard cups; chill 2 hours. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Beat egg whites in bowl of electric mixer on high speed until fluffy, about 2 minutes. Slowly beat in remaining 1/3 cup sugar until sugar is dissolved, about 2 minutes. Add lemon juice; beat until the whites are stiff, 1 minute. Fill a 3-by-9-inch baking dish with cold water; drop egg whites by large rounded spoonfuls into the water. Bake 10-15 minutes, or until meringues are very lightly browned. Place meringues on custard with slotted spoon. Serve immediately.  
—Adapted from a recipe by Daisy A. Voigt in "The Church Ladies' Divine Desserts"

## BLACK-WALNUT CAKE

By Ellen Hawk  
The Baltimore Sun

### Recipe finder

2 cups white sugar  
1/2 pound (2 sticks) butter, softened  
4 eggs, separated  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
3 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
Pinch salt  
1 cup whole milk  
1 to 1 1/2 cups chopped black walnuts (not too small)  
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease and flour a large tube pan. This cake rises very high. In a large bowl, cream sugar and butter until you cannot feel granules of sugar when rubbed between fingers and mix in 4 of a very pale color (about 4 minutes). Add egg yolks and vanilla and mix well. In a smaller bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Add flour mixture and milk alternately to sugar/yolk mixture. Stir each addition until just blended. Don't over-mix or the cake will become tough.

Beat egg whites until very foamy but not at all stiff. Gently fold into batter, lifting mixture to allow air into batter. Mix in the black walnuts just until they are fully incorporated but don't flatten batter.  
Bake for 60 minutes - check at 45 minutes - or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack for 10 minutes. Remove from pan and allow to cool completely on rack before storing. The cake tastes better the next day after walnuts have fully released their flavor. Serves 12 to 16.

NOTE: Black walnuts have a just slightly bitter taste, so if you (or your kids) don't appreciate that, regular walnuts or pecans could be substituted. Wrapped very well in plastic wrap and stored in a cool, dark place, this cake keeps well for up to five days.

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## Tarts make great spring dessert

By Liz Atwood  
The Baltimore Sun

Warm, refreshing weather is causing some. A taste of spring is already in the air.  
Ready for a tasty ending to a seasonal meal? Here's an easy spring dessert idea from Pillsbury.  
Food note: Pillsbury 2 packages of softened Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crusts and cut five round pieces from each crust. Fit pieces over backs of ungreased muffin cups. Prick pastry with a fork and bake at 450 degrees until light golden-brown. Cool completely. Remove from muffin cups. In a large bowl, combine 10 cups of fresh fruit and two 16-ounce jars of ungreased chilled. Refrigerate mixture until gazed. Just before serving, spoon 1/2 cup fruit into each cooled tart shell. Top with whipped topping. Makes 20 shells.

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**Tulips & Tissues**  
By Kathy Scott  
The tulips and crocuses are in bloom. Carpets of green grass are nearing the moment of truth when the lawn mower will begin its seasonal trek. Everywhere you look there are signs of spring which can only mean one thing: hay fever.

Countless numbers of people suffer from seasonal allergies. But these allergies don't have to keep you cooped up inside. You don't have to give up the simple pleasures of gardening. By following some easy health and planting tips, you can enjoy the great outdoors without the misery.  
You can alleviate some allergy symptoms with over-the-counter medicines that include antihistamines and decongestants. Neither one gives a great amount of relief for serious allergy sufferers but might work for those with lesser symptoms. Nasal sprays and eye drops provide some relief but should not be used over an extended period. If you've tried over-the-counter drugs and are still suffering, see your doctor and get a prescription medicine that will give you relief, keep you alert and allow you to go on with your life.

All right, we've talked about how to handle your pesky allergy. Now you want to get outside and work in the garden, but you don't want to aggravate your symptoms. What are your options? You might want to consider planting an allergy-friendly garden using the following tips:

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- Choose plants that are pollinated by insects rather than the wind.
- Try herbs that are sweet-smelling but light, such as mint, rosemary or oregano.
- Plant your garden in the early spring while the pollen count is still low. In the summer, try working in the late morning or afternoon or on a cloudy day.
- Avoid planting asters, carnations, chrysanthemums, dahlias, daisies, dandelions, goldenrod, pinks and sweet William, as these flowers are heavy with airborne pollen.
- Trees are usually wind-pollinated so plant them away from your house and garden.
- Keep your lawn short and minimize hedges.
- Keep your compost heap covered, and don't use organic mulches because they contain fungi and spores.
- Wear a hat while working in the garden to catch some of the airborne pollen and, if possible, have a changing room where you can remove your gardening clothes before entering your home.

Ideally these tips will keep you happy and healthy during the growing season and will allow you to spend many peaceful sneeze-free hours in your beautiful garden:

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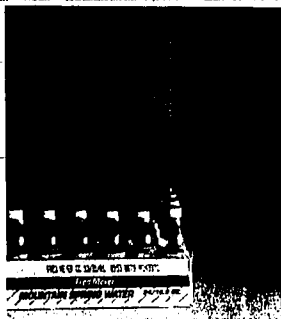
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# All-American snack comes home from the movies

By Stephanie DunneWind  
The Seattle Times

Once associated only with movie-theater munching - the advent of TV caused a popcorn slump in the 1950s - now most popcorn is eaten at home, usually in front of the TV.

The popped whole grain is so simple it can be paired with dozens of flavors, from sweet to salty. It makes a healthful snack,

full of carbohydrates, or a decadent one, drenched in caramel, chocolate or butter.

The hottest flavor in microwave popcorn is the slightly sweet, slightly salty kettle corn, which has been available for about a year. Though most people prefer the convenience and ease of microwave popcorn, some say the bagged stuff just can't compete with the taste of popcorn made by the traditional method.

## POPCORN CRUNCH

Makes 4 1/2 quarts  
About 1/2 quarts popped corn  
1/3 cup butter  
1/3 cup brown sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
Pour the popped corn into a large roasting pan. Melt the butter in a small saucepan and whisk in the brown sugar until melted. Pour

the sugar mixture over the popcorn and sprinkle with salt. Mix well with a large spoon until the popcorn is coated. Bake the popcorn 5 minutes, stir and continue baking 5 additional minutes. Cool for 10 minutes or so before serving. The popcorn will keep well in a covered container.  
-Adapted from popcorn.org.

## CAJUN POPCORN

About 5 quarts  
About 5 quarts popped corn  
7 tablespoons butter  
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon pepper  
1 tablespoon Cajun-style seasoning mix (see note)  
Preheat oven to 325 degrees.  
Pour the popped corn into a large roasting pan. Melt the butter and stir in the lemon pepper

and Cajun seasoning mix. Pour over the popcorn, mixing well with a large spoon. Bake the popcorn 4 minutes, stir gently and continue baking 4 minutes longer.  
NOTE: We used a bottled seasoning mix from Paul Prudhomme, but any spicy blend can be used.

# Chop shop: Making hash of some really good stuff

By William Rice  
Chicago Tribune

To make a "hash" of something is to make a muddle of it. Some cooks do that with hash. But once

a proper pan has been found (preferably a well-seasoned one made of cast iron) and the trick of adjusting heat has been mastered, this preparation is not a chore at all.

2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 tablespoon butter  
1/2 cup chopped onion (1 small)  
1 teaspoon paprika, Hungarian "hot" preferred  
2 cups chopped cooked roast beef, fat removed  
1 cup raggedly-chopped, cooked potatoes  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Red wine to taste, optional  
If possible, prepare this recipe in a 7-inch skillet, preferably cast iron. Combine oil and butter in the skillet and heat until butter melts. Add onion and cook at

medium heat until soft, about 4 minutes. Add paprika, stir briefly, then add meat and potatoes and season with salt and pepper.  
Cook for 10 minutes, turning ingredients from time to time, drizzling some optional wine over them and pressing down with a spatula.  
Adjust seasoning as desired, then turn up the heat for a final minute or two to create a crust. Serve as is or top with a fried egg for each portion.  
Have hot sauce or salsa on the table. Serves 2.

4 strips bacon  
4 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 medium onion, finely chopped  
1/2 cup loosely packed chopped parsley and green onion tops  
2 pounds potatoes, peeled and grated  
3/4 pound cooked turkey, chopped  
2 teaspoons salt  
Freshly ground pepper  
Fry bacon until crisp in a 10-inch frying pan over moderate heat. Remove, drain on paper towels and, when firm, crumble and reserve. Add 1 tablespoon of the butter, 1 tablespoon oil and the onion to the drippings in the pan. Cook over medium heat until onion is soft, about 3 minutes. Add parsley and cook an additional minute. Add 1 table-

spoon butter and 1 tablespoon oil to the pan. When butter melts, fold in the potatoes, turkey, reserved-bacon, salt and pepper. Mix well and spread to create a cake-like mass that fills the bottom of the pan. Cover the pan; turn down the heat to low. Allow hash to steam for 15 to 20 minutes, lifting different parts of the cake occasionally with a spatula to keep it from sticking. Remove from heat, replace cover with a plate and invert. Remove pan, transferring any potato mixture left to the hash on the plate. Return pan to heat and melt the remaining 2 tablespoons butter. Add hash, browned side up. Cover pan and cook 15 to 20 minutes longer. Serve alone or with a poached egg atop each portion. Recommended condiments include chili sauce, ketchup and chutney. Serves 4 to 6.



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## FIVE-SPICE POPCORN

Makes about 3 quarts  
2 1/2 quarts plain popped corn  
1 cup chow mein noodles  
1/2 cup coarsely-chopped peanuts  
1/4 cup unsalted butter  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1/2 teaspoon five-spice powder  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/2 teaspoon hot chili oil  
About 1/4 teaspoon salt  
In a large roasting pan, com-

bine the popped corn, chow-mein noodles and peanuts.  
-Melt the butter in a small saucepan.  
-Remove from the heat and whisk in the sugar, five-spice powder, garlic powder, chili oil and salt. Pour over the popcorn mixture and stir well with a large spoon. Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven five minutes.  
-Adapted from popcorn.org.

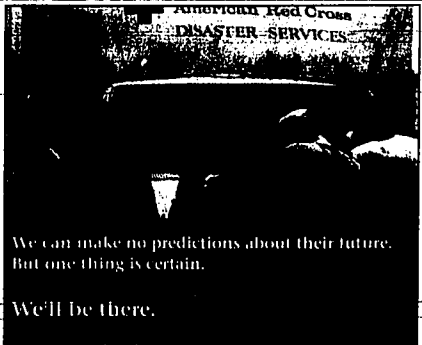
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**FOOD & HOME**

**Celebrating the tender vegetables of spring**

By Stephanie Witt Sedgwick  
The Washington Post

It was the mid-1970s, about a year after New York's famed Le Cirque restaurant opened. Sirio Maccioni, the talent behind the restaurant, and his top chefs, Craig Claiborne and Pierre Franey, were vacationing together on a large estate in Nova Scotia. Wild boar and game were abundant. But at some point, the group couldn't face another plate of meat. So Maccioni went into the kitchen, grabbed a box of spaghetti, some vegetables, heavy cream and Parmesan cheese — and the rest is history. The dish was such a success that he put it on the menu

— and it was an instant hit. The dish is so embedded in the American consciousness that if you mention primavera today, everyone associates it with fresh pasta. But in fact, "all's primavera" means "spring style" and has a broader meaning.

"When you hear 'primavera' in Italy, it's most likely a saute of spring vegetables with fresh herbs," explains Lynne Rossetto Kasper, author of "The Italian Country Table." While it may have pasta, perhaps in a dish with artichokes, fava beans and asparagus, primavera is just as frequently found describing roast vegetables, a saute-or-fish-baked-with-vegetables.

"It was a marriage of cuisines," says Bloomberg food and wine editor Peter Elliot, about Le Cirque chef Sirio Maccioni's invention of Pasta Primavera. Elliot says the most authentic version, according to Maccioni, is from the "New York Cookbook" by Molly O'Neill.

**LE CIRQUE'S SPAGHETTI PRIMAVERA**

- 4 main-course servings, 6 to 8 appetizer servings
- 1 bunch broccoli, trimmed and cut into bite-size florets
- 2 small zucchini, unpeeled, quartered lengthwise and cut into 1-inch lengths
- 4 asparagus spears (about 5 inches long), peeled, trimmed and cut into thirds
- 1 1/2 cups green beans, ends trimmed, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup fresh or frozen peas
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups thinly sliced mushrooms
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh red or green chili pepper, or about 1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic
- 3 cups seeded, diced ripe tomatoes, juices reserved
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 6 fresh basil leaves, finely chopped
- 1 pound spaghetti or spaghetti-ni
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup heavy (whipping) cream
- 2/3 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup toasted pine nuts

reactive skillet over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil. When hot, add the mushrooms and chili pepper and saute for about 2 minutes. Add the remaining 3 tablespoons oil, garlic and tomatoes (reserve the juice) and cook, stirring gently so as not to break up the tomatoes, for about 4 minutes. Add the parsley and basil and stir to combine. Remove from the heat; set aside. Bring another large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the spaghetti just until al dente; the spaghetti must retain just a slight resilience in the center. Drain; set aside. Meanwhile, place a nonreactive pot large enough to hold the drained spaghetti and all of the vegetables over medium heat. Add the butter and heat until melted. Add the cream and cheese and heat, stirring constantly until heated through. When hot, reduce the heat and cook gently on very low heat until smooth. Add the spaghetti and toss quickly to blend. Add half of the broccoli mixture and pour in the reserved juice from the tomatoes. Toss and stir over very low heat until heated through, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Add the remaining broccoli mixture and toss gently. If the sauce seems too dry, add additional cream, but the sauce should not be soupy. Adjust the seasonings. Add the pine nuts and give the mixture one final toss. Serve in heated bowls. Spoon some of the mushroom-tomato mixture over each serving. Serve immediately.

The vegetables flavor the rice while they all cook in the same pot. If you prefer green beans, fava beans or even artichoke hearts, mix and match to your liking.

**RICE PILAF PRIMAVERA**

- 6 to 8 servings
- 3/4 pound asparagus
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 bunch spring onions or scallions (white and pale green parts only), finely chopped
- 1 1/2 cups medium or long-grain rice
- 3 cups chicken stock or broth
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 cup small green peas, fresh or frozen
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh chives
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh mint
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley
- 2 ounces baby spinach leaves

softens, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the rice and stir to coat. Add the stock or broth and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Add the asparagus tips and peas; it is not necessary to stir. Cover the pot and continue to cook for 8 minutes, until the rice is tender and all of the broth has been absorbed. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the chives, mint and parsley; set aside. When the rice is done, uncover, stir in 2 tablespoons of the mixed herbs and all of the spinach and stir until the vegetables and herbs are evenly distributed throughout the rice. Immediately transfer to a serving dish and sprinkle with the remaining 1 tablespoon of mixed herbs. Serve immediately.

**NOTE:** Generally, onions labeled scallions have no real bulb. Spring onions will have the beginnings of the bulb, which will later become the onion.

This calls for baby carrots, which are miniature carrots sold with the green tops still attached; they are sweeter and much thinner than baby cuts. If you can't find them, buy fresh carrots with the green tops still attached and slice the carrots in half crosswise and then lengthwise until you have narrow strips, no thicker than the asparagus stalks.

- 4 servings\*
- 4 tablespoons mild olive oil
- 2 to 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1 sprig rosemary, leaves removed, woody stalk discarded
- 2 bunches spring onions or scallions (white and pale green parts only)
- 16 baby carrots, green tops removed
- 4 ounces haricot verts (very thin green beans) or tender thin regular green beans, trimmed
- 24 pencil-thin asparagus, trimmed
- 24 sugar snap peas

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a small saute pan over medium heat, heat 1 tablespoon

of the oil and the garlic, cooking just until the garlic begins to show signs of color. Add the remaining 3 tablespoons oil and the rosemary, remove from the heat and set aside for 15 minutes. Strain the oil, discarding the garlic and the rosemary. Set aside. Place the spring onions, carrots, haricots verts, asparagus and sugar snap peas on a large rimmed baking sheet, being careful to keep the various types of vegetables separate but in a single layer. Drizzle the reserved oil over the vegetables and season with salt and pepper to taste. Roast the vegetables, beginning to check for doneness after 5 minutes. The vegetables should be tender and may brown a bit, but they should not char or shrivel. Depending on the size of the vegetables, some will need to be removed before others. They should all be done in about 15 minutes. Transfer the vegetables to a large shallow dish and combine, leaving any excess oil on the sheet. Taste; if desired, season with salt and pepper to taste.

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## For the love of the game

It was mean, vicious and, truth be told, nasty. Mini-Cassia Bulldog general manager and player Ruben Saldana came into *The Times-News* for an interview Friday about the team's Rocky Mountain Football League season, sized up this reporter and showed a real aptitude for the cheap shot when he had this to say: "With your size, why aren't you playing?"



THOMPSON'S  
TIMEOUT  
Scott Thompson

While I do weigh 210 pounds, about 85 percent of that weight is in the gut and roughly none of it in the chest or arms. At 33, my best years are getting close to a decade behind me.

As I trust me, even those weren't that good.

So, after Saldana's assault had passed and an indefinite period of time in which paramedics were nearly necessary had elapsed, it came to me: "It'd be a conflict of interest. Yes, for sure, a big, old conflict of interest."

Whew.

So, what does possess a guy to go out for semi-professional football?

We'll clear one thing up right away.

It's not about the money.

"I imagine it gets pretty spendy," Mini-Cassia coach Dennis Hakes said, estimating that players spend between \$400 to \$500 a season for uniforms, pads, equipment and registration fees.

And that doesn't include gas spent for practices and games or missing time at work.

Or, of course, medical bills.

Starting safety Ron Jones has already been in the doctor's office. Saturday's 26-22 season-opening loss to the Madison Lions for a knee injury that he still doesn't know the extent of.

His wife, Amanda, certainly doesn't know why Jones feels the need to continue playing the game.

"I don't know what would make him do this," she said. "I think it's just part of his life. He's been playing for 13 years."

For his part, Ron, a 24-year-old 1996 graduate of Hansen who is the department manager over properties at Stupey, Wal-Mart, in Jerome, doesn't feel 13 years is long enough.

"I'll probably play till I'm old and crippled and fall apart," the safety said.

Why?

"There's many reasons," Hakes said. "Kids want to be a part of a team. They want camaraderie and to work together for something. And there's the guys with real skill. They play to use their skills — complete passes and make nice runs. And there's another reason: Some of these guys just want to mix it up like the physical play. They like to hit and they like to do battle."

Quarterback Mike Manning, a 30-year-old 1994 graduate of Minico and the legal and accounting manager for Idaho Equipment and Sheer Metal, also ticked off a number of reasons to play, including the camaraderie of being on a team and that it's therapeutic. You can get beat up or beat somebody up without getting into any trouble.

He also said that it's a good way for some of the younger players who are still thinking of making a run at college football to keep their skills sharp. There were scouts in the audience Friday.

Allen Hakes, 24, drives from Corinne, Utah, where he manages a 2,000-cow dairy farm, to play football for his father's team. He played for two state championship teams at Stephenville (Texas) High School.

"I've always told my wife that I wish I could put my pads on again," he said. "And that's the thing I love about this game along and I had the opportunity."

Oh, yeah, there's one more reason.

Dennis Hakes: "Add then there's the love of the game."

Ron Jones: "The love of the game."

Allen Hakes: "The love for the game."

Manning: "I think it just comes down to the love of the game. That's why we're out there."

It's refreshing.

It's just too bad about those conflicts of interest.

*Times-News* Mini-Cassia sports writer Scott Thompson's column runs Wednesdays. Scott appreciates all story ideas, tips and suggestions. Reach him at [stomp@magicvalley.com](mailto:stomp@magicvalley.com) or 677-4442, Ext. 639.

# Maryland fans savor championship

The Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Wearing a net from Maryland's first-ever NCAA title around his neck, Juan Dixon had a hard time containing himself as he spoke to 5,000 cheering fans.

"You guys are going to make me be all emotional," the Final Four MVP told the crowd said before returning to his seat and burying his face in his hands.

Later, Dixon explained his myriad of emotions.

"It was my last night in a Maryland uniform, I'm hurt," Dixon said. "It's bittersweet for me to go out on top with a national title."

Maryland coach Gary Williams agreed.

"This is a great day for all of



Juan Dixon (left) holds the Sears trophy with coach Gary Williams, right, and assistant coach Jimmy Pastos Tuesday in College Park, Md.

us, it seems it hasn't stopped since last night, it's a great feeling," Williams said.

Before the team arrived at Cole Field House for Tuesday's celebration, the crowd was worked into a frenzy watching a

replay of the Terrapins' 64-52 victory over Indiana.

By the time the Terrapins took the podium, the fans were already thinking about the

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## Officials deal with raucous fans

The Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Basketball fans upset by Indiana's loss in the NCAA championship torched couches, toppled street signs and threw beer bottles at officers, while Maryland fans set bonfires and shot off fireworks in celebration.

Bloomington officers broke up the crowd with tear gas, sending hundreds of students and fans from an intersection near the edge of the Indiana University campus at about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday.

About 30 people were arrested on charges including public intoxication, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct, police said. Four

others were charged with battery on a police officer.

"When students started getting pelted with bottles that's when we decided to move and disperse the crowd," Bloomington Police Capt. Mike Deikhoff said.

The violence came after some students and fans turned bitter following Indiana's 64-52 loss to Maryland late Monday.

In Maryland, police on horseback pushed thousands of revelers off the streets early Tuesday, trying to rein in a victory celebration by fans ecstatic over the school's first national basketball championship. A total of 15 people were arrested by university and Prince George County police.

# Muffy immortalized



Well-wishers applaud as Sun Valley Paralympian Muffy Davis holds the sign proclaiming her new aid run with Sun Valley Co. owner Earl Holden holds the sign.

## Governor praises paralyzed skier for her inspiration

By Karen Bossack  
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — If the runs on Seattle Ridge seem a bit icy this morning, don't sweat it.

It's not every day a ski run gets blessed, christened and sprinkled with holy water.

That happened Tuesday when Paralympic silver medalist Muffy Davis and about 30 of her friends and family held a ritual to bless a ski run renamed in Davis' honor.

The group read a couple of Psalms from the Bible, dipped juniper sprigs into Trinity Springs water that had been blessed by the Rev. Brian Baker, then flicked the holy water onto the run formerly known as "Southern Comfort" as they skied down.

"We'll see if that kind of snow-making works better than what we have. If it does, I'm buying stock in Trinity Springs," said

Sun Valley general manager Wally Huffman.

More than 300 well-wishers turned out on the patio of the River Run Lodge Tuesday to watch a 7-foot long blue sign bearing the name "Muffy's Medals" presented to Davis.

The run could just as easily have been renamed "Muffy's Mettle," which speaks to the 29-year-old athlete's courage and fortitude, noted Idaho Rep. Wendy Jaquet.

With the dedication, Davis joins others who have had runs named in their honor on Bald Mountain, including Ernest Hemingway, skiing great Sigi Engl, former Sun Valley owner Bill Janss, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Davis' childhood rival Picabo Street.

"I can't imagine a better place to be than between Gretchen Fraser and Christin Cooper. Two

amazing, amazing women from this valley," Davis said of her run, which is sandwiched between the two Olympic medalists' runs.

By all accounts, Davis is the first Paralympian to have a ski run named after her anywhere in the world, said Sun Valley Adaptive Ski instructor Marc Mast.

A promising racer, Davis was paralyzed in a downhill race training accident at age 16. She refused to let it hold her back, going on to become Wood River High School valedictorian and a graduate of Stanford University. She won a bronze medal at the 1998 Paralympics in Nagano and three silver medals in alpine ski events at the Paralympics in Salt Lake City.

When she fell in her last event — losing her last chance at a gold medal — she had no time to cry

tears; she was too busy signing autographs, Baker said.

"For Muffy it wasn't about winning. It was about making a difference," Baker said. "And for her making a difference was being on the sidelines signing autographs."

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne led off the ceremony with the announcement that he'd declared April 2 "Muffy Davis Day" in Idaho. "It's amazing to me how many of the citizens here have Muffy Davis stories. They love you and are honored to have you as part of their community's heritage," he said.

Davis' mother, M.B. Davis, praised those same people for throwing their support behind the family after Davis' accident.

"When Muffy had her accident, the whole town cried. It wasn't just our family," she said. "You were the answers to our prayers."

## Spartans slam Bobcats

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Freshman Amber Warth went 3-for-4 with three RBIs and was just as dominant on the mound in the Minico Spartans' 10-4 victory over cross-river rival Burley Tuesday at Burley Junior High School.

In the second inning, Warth singled home Casey Tanner and then came around to score as the Bobcats committed a pair of errors to help the Spartans to a 3-0 lead.

"You can't ask for more from a freshman than she's giving us right now," Minico coach Reuben Vialpando said.

Warth struck out eight Burley batters, including seven through the third inning, as the Spartans (5-4) took a 5-0 lead at that point.

"She really had it going through the middle of the game," Burley coach Vic Jackman said.

While the Spartans start three freshmen

— Warth, Wendy Meiners, and Raquel Roberts — it was the Bobcats who looked inexperienced early on.

But for good reason. Minico was playing its eighth game of the season to Burley's first outing of the year.

"We'll be all right," Jackman said, adding that the Bobcats just need game experience to help them become more comfortable and aggressive at the plate.

Leading the charge for the Bobcats was sophomore Jalynn Morris, who connected on her final three at-bats, including a pair of long triples, after striking out in the first inning.

She scored after leading off the fourth inning with a triple, drove in a run with a single in the fifth and plated another in the seventh with her second triple.

But it all came too late as the Spartans added three insurance runs in the fifth after senior Lindsey Haynes, Tanner, Ashley Justesen and Warth opened the frame with three straight singles. The first



Bobcat Kenna Hadden steals second base under the slide of second baseman Crystal Molina in the third inning of Burley's 10-4 loss to Minico Tuesday at Burley Junior High School.

Warth went the distance for the Spartans.

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Tuesday's Games Table listing Pittsburgh, Toronto, Philadelphia, N.Y. Mets, Houston, Montreal, Florida, Arizona, San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Montreal, Florida, Arizona, San Diego.

Bonds blasts two in rout

LOS ANGELES (AP) - At this rate, Barry Bonds will break his own home-run record this year. Bonds homered twice and drove in five runs Tuesday to lead the San Francisco Giants to a season-opening 9-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

After hitting 73 homers last year to topple the record set by Mike McGwire in 1999, Bonds hit a two-out, three-run shot off Kevin Brown on his second swing of the season, a drive that capped a five-run second inning.

Bonds had an RBI single off Brown (0-1) in the fourth, then sent a 1-1 pitch from Omar Deal just inside the right-field foul pole in seventh, becoming the 10th player to reach the loge level at Dodger Stadium.

The home runs gave Bonds five on opening day and 569 overall, matching 40 behind Harmon Killebrew, who ranks sixth on baseball's career list.

Expos 7, Marlins 6

MONTREAL - The Montreal Expos made their fans forget about extinction and feel some excitement.

Down to their last out in what might've been their final season opener, the Expos rallied for three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning and beat the Florida Marlins on Orlando Cabrera's single.

Diamondbacks 9, Padres 0

PHOENIX - Curt Schilling picked up where Randy Johnson left off by throwing seven scoreless innings and Damian Miller hit a grand slam as the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the San Diego Padres.

Devil Rays 0, Tigers 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - Tampa Bay's "Heart & Hustle" campaign is off to a successful start.

Greg Vaughn's two-out RBI single broke an eighth-inning tie and the young Devil Rays went on to beat the Detroit Tigers 5-2 Tuesday night before a season-opening crowd of 38,142 at Tropicana Field.

Minico romps over Region III rival

The Times-News

RUPERT - The Minico Spartans got their first Region III win of the season, defeating Highland 14-3 Tuesday afternoon in baseball.

Minico (5-4, 1-0 Region III) hosts Boise on Saturday at noon.

Jerome 2, Bonneville 1

JEROME - Bonneville defeated Bonneville - 2-1 in a Basin Conference baseball Tuesday at Jerome.

Jerome 2, Bonneville 1. Bonneville (1-1) hosts Idaho Falls on Saturday.

Local sports

Century 2, Burley 1. Century 2 (1-0) hosts Burley on Saturday.

Softball

Twin Falls 12, Jerome 2

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls defeated Jerome 12-2 in softball Tuesday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Jerome 2, Bonneville 1. Jerome (2-0) hosts Boise on Saturday.

Filer JV 16, Rimrock 12

FILER - The Filer junior varsity softball team downed Rimrock twice on Tuesday defeating the Raiders 16-12 in the first game and then 16-10 in the second game.

Filer JV 16, Rimrock 10

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Century 2, Burley 1

CENTURY 2 - Century escaped Burley with a 2-1 victory of the Bobcats on Tuesday. Jacob Kay tossed a two-hitter in the loss for 14 strikeouts and three walks.

Wendell 22, Glens Ferry 12

WENDELL - Wendell and Glens Ferry split their softball doubleheader Tuesday night in Wendell. The Trojans defeated Glens Ferry 22-12 in Game 1 and Glens Ferry earned the split with

a 14-7 in the second game. Kendrick King won one and lost one on the day for Glens Ferry and Lyric Vipperman did the same for Wendell.

Game 1

Wendell 22, Glens Ferry 12. Wendell (1-0) hosts Glens Ferry on Saturday.

Game 2

Glens Ferry 14, Wendell 7. Glens Ferry (1-0) hosts Wendell on Saturday.

Kimberly 9, Buhl 6

KIMBERLY - Kimberly swept Buhl in a doubleheader Tuesday afternoon in Buhl, winning 5-3 and 8-6.

Game 1

Kimberly 9, Buhl 6. Kimberly (1-0) hosts Buhl on Saturday.

Game 2

Buhl 6, Kimberly 5. Buhl (1-0) hosts Kimberly on Saturday.

Tennis

Twin Falls 8, Century 4

POCATELLO - Twin Falls won all but four matches in defeating the Century Diamondbacks 8-4 Tuesday afternoon in tennis.

Twin Falls 8, Century 4

Twin Falls (8-0) hosts Century (4-0) on Saturday.

Burley 10, Jerome 2

BURLEY - Burley beat Jerome 10-2 Tuesday afternoon in high school tennis.

Highland 10, Minico 2

RUPERT - Highland won every match except No. 2 boys doubles and No. 2 mixed doubles as they downed Minico 10-2 Tuesday night in Rupert.

Highland 10, Minico 2

The Spartans boys doubles team of Steve Peterson and Zach Harper won 6-2, 1-6, 6-2 and Dallas Maughan partnered with Heidi Chappin in winning 7-5, 7-5.

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SPORTS

Jazz fail to move up in playoff chase

DENVER - Juwan Howard scored 20 points, and Calbert Cheaney added 17 for Denver.

Utah, which had won five of six, failed to gain ground on seventh-place Sacramento in the Western Conference.

The SuperSonics have a 1.5-game lead over the Jazz, who are four games ahead of the Los Angeles Clippers for the final playoff spot in the West.

Utah plays the Clippers on Wednesday night.

Karl Malone overcame a knee sprain in the first quarter to finish with 15 points, 11 rebounds and six assists. John Stockton scored all of his 13 points in the second half and had 11 assists.

Lakers 113, Wizards 93

WASHINGTON - Michael Jordan had the worst scoring game of his career - just two points in 12 inconsequential minutes, after career low - as the Los Angeles Lakers overpowered the Washington Wizards 113-93 Tuesday night.

Jordan, who entered the game late in the first quarter, was 1-for-5 with three assists and three turnovers and did not play in the second half.

Shaquille O'Neal had 22 points and 18 rebounds, and Kobe Bryant scored all 14 of his points in the first half for the Lakers, who remained 1.5 games behind first-place Sacramento in the Western Conference.

Kings 107, Grizzlies 83

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The Sacramento Kings had six players in double figures, led by Bobby Jackson's 19, as they easily dispatched Memphis.

Chris Webber added 18 points and 11 rebounds, while Heat Turkoğlu finished with 16 points for the league-leading Kings.

The victory was the fifth straight for the Kings and eighth in their last nine.

Celtics 105, Pacers 94

INDIANAPOLIS - Paul Pierce scored 25 points, and Ben Wallace had a big fourth quarter to rally past Indiana.

Platons 90, Heat 87

MIAMI - Ben Wallace grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked six shots, including one by Alonzo Mourning with 15 seconds left to preserve the lead, and Detroit beat the fading Heat.

Knicks 91, Hornets 85

NEW YORK - Mark Jackson got the better of David Wesley down the stretch, helping the New York Knicks avoid another blown double-digit lead.

The Knicks got 11 points and 19 rebounds from Kurt Thomas in handling the Hornets just their second loss in 11 games. Charlotte fell into a three-way tie with Philadelphia and Milwaukee for fifth place in the Eastern Conference.

Jamal Mashburn scored 25 for the Hornets. Latrell Sprewell led the Knicks with 25 points.

Hawks 100, Bucks 92

ATLANTA - DerMarr Johnson scored a career-high 28 points, and Jason Terry added 19 as Atlanta sent Milwaukee to its seventh straight road loss.

Rockets 100, SuperSonics 98

HOUSTON - Steve Francis scored 32 points and Houston's reserves played a major role in a winning rally.

The Rockets overcame a triple-double by Seattle guard Gary

Payton, who finished with 25 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds.

Cavaliers 101, Suns 96

CLEVELAND - Ricky Davis, on a late-season scoring tear, hopes gets him a bigger contract, had 28 points as Cleveland snapped a six-game losing streak.

Warriors 107, Trail Blazers 91

OAKLAND, Calif. - Jason Richardson scored 26 points as the Golden State Warriors handed the Portland Trail Blazers their fourth loss in five games with a 107-91 victory Tuesday night.

Reserve guard Bob Sura scored 12 of his 23 points in the final quarter, when the last-place Warriors outscored Portland 30-13.

Gilbert Arenas had 22 points and Antawn Jamison 20 for the Warriors, who broke a four-game losing streak and had four players score at least 20 points for the first time all season. They came in having lost seven of eight and 14 of 16.

Rasheed Wallace led Portland with 20 points.



Ottawa goaltender Patrick Lalime makes a slick save as Carolina Hurricanes' Erik Cole tries to reach for a rebound Tuesday in Ontario.

Ottawa clips 'Canes, clinches playoff berth

OTTAWA (AP) - Sami Salo had a goal and an assist to lead the Ottawa Senators to a 4-3 win Tuesday night over the Carolina Hurricanes, clinching a playoff berth.

Salo and Daniel Alfredsson scored five seconds apart in the first period to give Ottawa a 2-1 lead and the Senators never trailed again.

Bruins 4, Flyers 2

PHILADELPHIA - Bill Guerin scored the go-ahead goal and Brian Rolston added a short-handed goal, leading Boston past over Philadelphia.

Boston, which has won seven straight on the road, took a four-point lead over the Flyers for the top spot in the Eastern Conference with six games remaining.

Adam Oates and Keith Primeau scored for Philadelphia, which has lost four straight for the first time since the 1998-99 season.

Oilers 2, Wild 1 OT

EDMONTON, Alberta - Mike Edmondson scored overtime to give the Edmonton Oilers a 2-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild on Tuesday night, extending their unbeaten streak to nine games.

Marty Stastek scored on a power play and Tommy Salo stopped 27 shots to keep the Oilers in the thick of a tight Western Conference playoff race.

The win kept the Oilers ahead of Dallas and Vancouver in the west, where six teams are vying for four possible playoff spots.

Flames 4, Thrashers 2

CALGARY, Alberta - Dean McAmmond scored twice and Jarome Iginla added his league-leading 47th goal as the Calgary Flames beat the Atlanta Thrashers 4-2 on Tuesday night.

McAmmond's goals, his 19th and 20th in his career, came on power plays in the second period and both put the Flames ahead at the time.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Cincy center Little goes to jail for kidnapping, beating

CINCINNATI - Cincinnati center Donald Little was arraigned Tuesday on two felony charges for allegedly kidnapping, beating and burning his roommate.

Police arrested Little on Monday night and charged him with felonious assault and kidnapping, prosecutors said.

Little's roommate, Justin Hodge, told authorities that Little invited him to his home Wednesday where he accused Hodge of stealing money, then hit Hodge on the head with a whiskey bottle.

Hodge also said he was tied with tape to a plastic lawn chair, bound with incense and beaten, the police report said.

Hodge told police he was stabbed when he tried to escape.

Back problems force Nicklaus out of Masters

Jack Nicklaus, the most dominant player at Augusta National with six green jackets won over 23 years, withdrew Tuesday from the Masters because of lingering back problems.

It will be only the second time since 1959 that Nicklaus has missed the Masters. He also skipped in 1999 while recovering from hip replacement surgery.

While the 62-year-old Golden Bear has expressed concern about competing against players half his age on an Augusta National course that has added nearly 300 yards, it was a back injury that has plagued him for nearly a year that forced him to withdraw.

Nicklaus also withdrew from this week's Legends of Golf on the Senior PGA Tour.

Sources expect Van Gundy to coach WNBA's Mystics

ORLANDO - Jeff Van Gundy, who resigned as coach of the New York Knicks in December, is expected to be named head coach on Wednesday of the Washington Mystics in the WNBA, according to sources in both leagues.

Van Gundy compiled a 248-172 record in just over six seasons with the Knicks, taking them to the NBA Finals in 1999, where they lost to the San Antonio Spurs.

Van Gundy has been doing some television commentary, since leaving the Knicks; but he also had been rumored as a possible successor to Lenny Wilkens in Toronto.

Compiled from wire reports

Pilots

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Trojans with two hits in the second game.

"It's just kind of getting things together," Howerton said.

"We were in slow-motion," Trojan coach Gordon Gutter said.

Wendell heads to Kimberly on Friday, Glenns Ferry hosts Rimrock on Thursday before taking on Mountain Home on Saturday.

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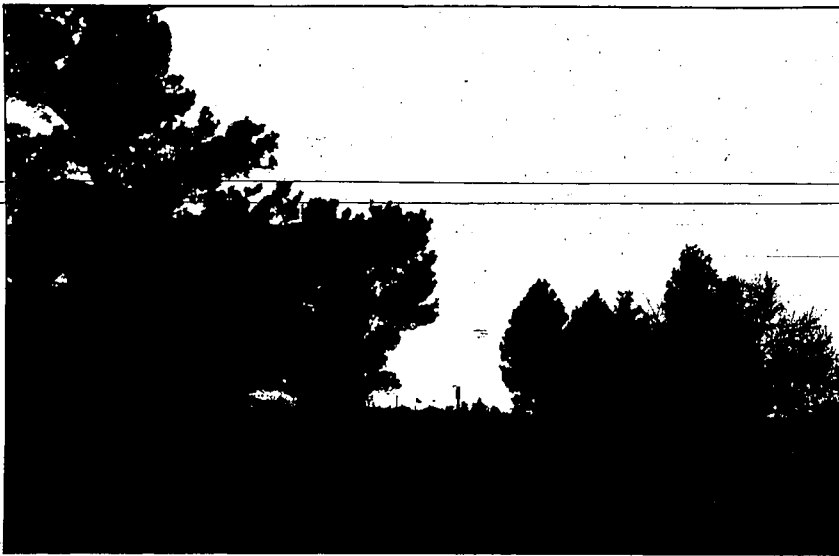
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## Come on, Eileen



Eileen, the pine tree to the left, presents an imposing obstacle on No. 7 for any golfer at Rupert Country Club. The tree is especially tough for women, as it sits near the tee landing area for many golfers.

### Leaning tree adds character to Rupert CC's seventh hole

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Seven's heaven at the Rupert Country Club.

Or so says Bob Lantz, the PGA professional at the private golf course off Highway 25 between Minico High School and Rupert. But while Lantz says the seventh hole is the best on his course, he admits it is also the most controversial.

At the heart of that controversy is Eileen. She's a scrubby pine tree that leans severely while sitting on the left edge of the narrow fairway, right where the hole starts its dogleg left.

"Some people think we ought to take it out," Lantz said. "But it's been there forever. It's part of the course."

Two-time women's champion Diana Guilés is one of those who is not fond of the hole - and that darned tree.

"If they said that's the best hole, they're wrong," she said.

And of course, Eileen is the biggest problem Guiles has with No. 7.

"It's a real headache for women," Guiles said. "The landing area for women is extremely small. If you miss, you're either in it, under it or around it."

She said it is much easier for men to avoid Eileen, although the hole is the No. 1 handicap for men and just the seventh for women.

Eileen is just part of what makes No. 7, a 408-yard (362 for

### Featured courses

**Rupert Country Club**  
Par: Men 71; Women 72  
Yardage: Men 6,320; Women 5,478  
History: Front nine opened in 1950; Back nine in 1956.  
Members: 340  
Rounds: An estimated 22,000-24,000 a year  
Greens fees: \$22 (18 holes); \$15 (nine holes). Golfers must either be a member or with a member.  
PGA professional: Bob Lantz (since 1982).

women) Par 4, the golf course's signature hole.

The hole incorporates everything that makes the original front nine famous, said Lantz. The fairway is narrow with a row of 60-foot poplars lining the left and pine trees on the right. An errant tee shot will likely mean hitting out of the trees, while dealing with the rough, which consists of hard-to-hit-out-of natural grasses.

The green is quite small with a front-to-back slope and is guarded by a pair of bunkers - one on each side of the fairway.

All features are fairly standard on the front nine, which was built in 1950. The back nine was added in 1956.

Even though Guiles doesn't care for No. 7, she enjoys the rest of the course.

"I really like it," she said. "It's very challenging and makes you place your shots. Especially the front because there are so many trees and they're so mature."

The front and back are night and day different.



This green awaits those who get around 'Eileen' on No. 7 at Rupert Country Club.

The front has tight fairways and small greens with the punishing rough, placing a premium on precision.

The back nine has wider fairways (40-45 yards on average in width compared to 30 on the front) and larger, more undulating greens. There are also more berms in the rough on the back.

Lantz said the trio of long Par 3s make up the most distinguishing characteristic of the back.

All three are long but it is the 204-yard (192 for women) No. 11 that is particularly devilish, with a creek protecting the green in front of the hole.

"When the back becomes more mature, it will be one of the toughest courses in the state," Guiles said.

Lantz has a word of warning about the course.

"It plays a lot more difficult than it is because it's flat," he said. "The rough - especially on the front - is particularly hard to play from."

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### Signature hole

#### Hole No. 7

• Par: 4  
• Yardage: Men 408; Women 362

• Setup: Dogleg left.

• Distinguishing feature: Eileen, a severely leaning pine tree on the left edge of the fairway at the corner of the dogleg.

• Tee shot: Narrow fairway with row of poplars to the left and pines to the right. The ideal tee shot is 220-235 yards to the right center of the fairway in order to get away from Eileen.

• Second shot: The perfect tee shot will leave a second shot of 160-175 yards. Bunkers guard the green on either side of the fairway.

• The green: Small, with a front to back slope and little undulation.

• The rough: Natural grasses that are tough to play out of.

### Ochoa tries to keep streak alive

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) - Lorena Ochoa of Mexico was within two strokes of the lead during the final round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

Her goal was to win, but she was all smiles with a top-10 finish in a major.

Now, the sophomore at Arizona resumes her quest for a perfect 10.

Ochoa has won all six college tournaments she has played this year, and goes after No. 7 starting Friday at the Ping/ASU Invitational. After that, she has the Pac-10 Championship, NCAA regionals and NCAA Championship.

Is it possible to go 10-for-10? "My goals have to be possible to make them," she said. "I know I can do it. Those four tournaments, I want to make sure I'm ready for them."

Ochoa already has shown she is ready for the LPGA Tour.

She spent the last three weeks playing on sponsor's exemptions, and contended on Sunday in Tucson (16 for fifth) and the Nabisco, where she wound up

five strokes behind Annika Sorenstam. Her eighth-place finish was the best by an amateur in 14 years.

"She had no fear whatsoever," said Sorenstam, who played with Ochoa in the third round.

Ochoa grew up in Guadalajara and has worked just as hard on learning English as she has on the golf course, using flash cards and television to speed up the process. Her emotion on the golf course is captivating.

### Fairways and greens

To place a listing in the club calendar or to report a hole in one,

• Call 735-3239 or 1-800-658-3883, Ext. 239.  
• E-mail: kevn@magicalvalley.com

### Aces

■ **Char Cox**  
Where: Carmela Vineyards, Otanes Ferry  
When: Saturday, March 30  
Hole: No. 1, 106 yards  
Club: 8-iron  
History: First career ace  
Witnesses: Darryl Cox, Chris Faull, Alice Murfey

■ **Howard Berger**  
Where: Twin Falls Municipal, Twin Falls  
When: Sunday, March 31  
Hole: No. 2, distance N/A  
Club: 6-iron  
History: Not reported  
Witnesses: N/A

Time to liquidate? Use The Times-News Marketplace classifieds to turn possessions into cash.

### Club calendar

• **BURLEY GOLF COURSE:** Ladies golf brunch is today. The Burley Ladies Golf Association kicks off its season with a 10 a.m. brunch Wednesday at the Burley Golf Course. People who plan to attend should call the golf course pro shop at 878-9807.

• **Burley Wednesday ladies golf league forms in May**  
The Burley Wednesday Night Ladies Golf League is forming, with play beginning in May. Prizes are awarded for first-, second- and third-place times as well as most improved player of the year. There are fun nights with food and prizes throughout the season.

If you have a team of four or would like to join a team, contact Amy Kruckenburg (678-3285 or 678-4274) or Nita Severe (678-5217 or 677-4042 or nsevere@magicalvalley.com).

• **Burley Golf Course and Driving Range open**  
The Burley Golf Course and Driving Range are open although carts are not allowed until the ground dries more. Cost is \$13 for 18 holes. Call ahead at 878-9807 for special spring rates, cart availability and reservations.

• **CANDLERIDGE GOLF COURSE:** Opens for season  
Candleridge Golf Course is open for the season. Weather permitting, the course will be open daily from 7 a.m. to dusk. The driving range will be available daily from 7 a.m. to 30 minutes before dark. Fees are \$10 and \$15 daily and \$12 and \$18 on weekends. Junior and senior rates are \$8 and \$12 for weekdays and \$10 and \$15 on weekends. For more information, call 733-6577.

• **Ladies association meets on Thursday**  
The Candleridge Ladies Golf Association will hold its Twilight Captain's meeting on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the course. All team captains should attend. Sponsor fees and player dues will be collected at the meeting. Any women interested in joining or becoming a substitute need to attend. For more information, call the golf course at 733-6577.

• **CLEAR LAKE COUNTRY CLUB:** Ladies association meets Thursday  
The Clear Lake Country Club Ladies Association meets on Thursday for their first meeting of the season after a nine-hole scramble at 10 a.m. Oleta Roberts shot a 71 to win the club's season opener on March 21. Dona Pierce was second with a 74.

• **GOODING COUNTRY CLUB:** Course opens for the season  
The Gooding Country Club has opened for the season. Green fees during the week are \$11.50 for nine holes and \$15 for 18 holes and weekend rates are \$15 for nine holes and \$18.50 for 18. For tee times or other information, call 934-9977.

• **JEROME COUNTRY CLUB:** Ladies hold spring golf banquet tonight  
The Jerome Women's Golf Association is holding its annual spring banquet on Wednesday, April 3, at the Jerome Country Club. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. with a cost of \$10 requested. Checks may include handicap fees and association dues. To reserve a seat or for more information, call Shirley Ridgeway at 733-4247.

• **Jerome men tee off season on Thursday**  
The Jerome Country Club Men's Association starts its season on Thursday with a team scramble at 5:30 p.m. Any questions regarding teams or players needing to join a team should be directed to the pro shop at 324-5261. You must be a member to play.

• **TWIN FALLS MUNICIPAL:** Muni holds Cove-Peppal Best Ball  
The annual Cove-Peppal Best Ball tournament at Twin Falls Municipal is Saturday and Sunday. Deadline to enter is April 4. Entry fee per team is \$150, which includes at tee prize. For more information, call 733-3326.

• **Men's association holds Best Ball today**  
The Twin Falls Municipal Men's Association is holding a two-man Best Ball today at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

• **Muni ladies meet on Thursday**  
The Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association will hold its first general meeting of the year on Thursday at 9 a.m., followed by a scramble at 10 a.m.

• **Muni registers for men's twilight league**  
Twin Falls Municipal is registering players for the men's twilight league this season. Teams will be composed of four players with an entry fee of \$400 per team. Teams should sign up early to guarantee a spot. Individuals looking to join a team should call the pro shop at 733-3326.

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## Notes on the economy

### Magic Valley report

#### Who needs help?

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

Last month, employers in The Times-News' classified advertising section bought 1,679 employment ads. That's 25 percent more than the 1,340 such ads placed in March 2001. It also tops the 1,167 of March 2000 and the 1,127 of March 1999.

So year-to-date 2002's employment ads are running 34 percent above the total placed in the first three months of 2001.

Source: The Times-News' classifieds sales manager Deby Johnson

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Buhl Chamber will circulate brochure

**BUHL** - A Buhl Chamber of Commerce brochure will be circulated throughout the state and parts of Utah to advertise the Buhl area and its proximity to other scenic and interesting sites.

The brochure was made possible with a \$2,500 tourism grant from the state; 45 photos and some advertisements are in full color.

Other Buhl chamber matters:

- A Business after Five gathering will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at West End Head Start.

- Chamber President Steve Kaatz said Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Buhl King's store are new members.

- The organization's next luncheon meeting will be at noon April 15 with guest speaker Vince Alberdi, manager of Twin Falls Canal Co. The group meets at Grandstands Sports Grill, at Broadway and Main in Buhl.

### Realtors association plans party for sponsors

**TWIN FALLS** - The Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors plans a Sponsor Appreciation Party open house Friday.

The event runs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Turf Club with free hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. The association uses the celebration to thank its sponsors and affiliates.

### Female executives say sports helped prepare them

Many women executives say the sports they played while growing up helped prepare them for corporate life, according to a survey sponsored by MassMutual Financial Group and OppenheimerFunds.

Of the 401 businesswomen polled, 82 percent said they played organized sports after grammar school, whether on school teams, intramurals or recreational leagues. Basketball was the most popular sport, cited by 23 percent, followed by volleyball, softball, tennis, track and field and soccer.

Eighty-one percent agreed that sports helped them function better on a team, 69 percent said sports helped them develop leadership skills that helped their professional success and 68 percent said it helped them cope with failure.

"There are lessons to be learned on a softball diamond or basketball court that are unavailable in a business school lecture hall," said Janet Wyse, a manager at OppenheimerFunds. "It's no coincidence that top businesswomen tend to have played sports."

Compiled from staff and wire reports

# Plastics plant manager will retire

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Solo Cup's Twin Falls plant manager said Tuesday he'll work his last day at the plastics plant April 30 and give up his chairmanship of a Twin Falls-based, donor-funded campaign for economic development today.

"I'll be retiring at the end of the month and heading east," said Ken Becker, 60, who came to Twin Falls in 1996 to oversee construction and staffing of the new plastics plant.

Jody Tremblay, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's administrative director for business development, will take the reins of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's Business Plus II campaign from Becker today.

Becker and his wife, Donna, will make their primary home in Tarpon Springs, Fla. But he plans to spend five months of

## Hospital official will take lead of local development effort

the year with his mother in Pennsylvania, near Cumberland, Md.

Magic Valley's business community will lose a man who, when he arrived half a dozen years ago, didn't waste any time becoming a leader.

Chamber and development leaders say Becker has a history of getting folks talking - the kind of talk that brings businesses development. They say he quickly understood Magic Valley's advan-



Ken Becker



Jody Tremblay

tages and readily tells existing and potential employers about them. Becker supported Business Plus II immediately and got his employer to back it.

The primary reason? Magic Valley residents are a fine group of people who welcome newcomers and work with them, Becker said.

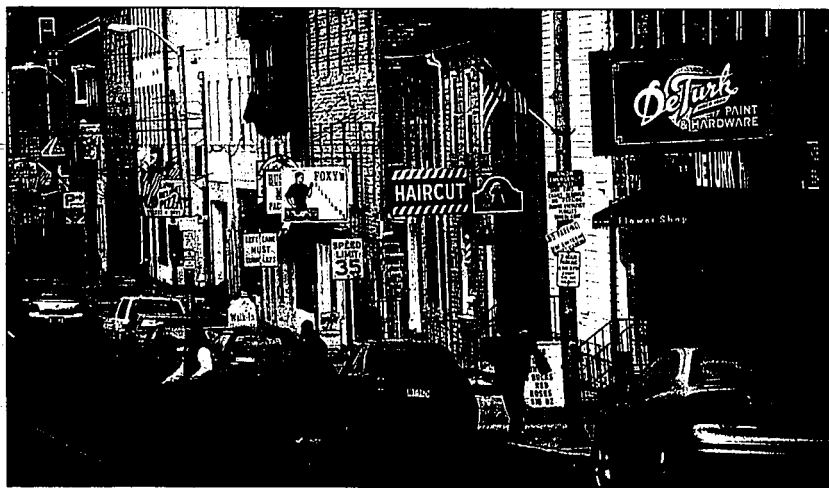
"The people are extremely unique," he said. Becker recently liquidated a couple of business ventures in the East - land holdings he had turned into day-care and elder-care centers then sold to people who know more about running them. He plans discussions with old friends and business partners about possible new ventures.

"But nothing that's going to happen immediately," he said.

Becker also is in discussions with Solo Cup about taking on special projects for the company in Twin Falls or elsewhere. He hopes Solo Cup will give management of the Twin Falls plant - in the interim or permanently - to a young man who has been under his wing for about three.

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## RURAL INTERNET



Main Street in Kutztown, Pa., is about to be served by its very own bypass to the information superhighway.

# Small town has big ideas

The Baltimore Sun

**KUTZTOWN, Pa.** - This town midway between Reading and Allentown has about 5,000 residents, an annual Amish festival renowned for its apple butter and shoofly pie, a Main Street adorned with hex signs and gingerbread facades, a neighborhood park with a wooden band shell and a hardware store where the vending machine sells candy for 15 cents.

Oh, yes, and one more thing: The local government will soon offer its own high-speed Internet service to every resident and business. And the price will likely be less than most people pay; they can even get broadband Internet service where they live. Kutztown, on the edge of Pennsylvania Dutch country, is the latest of 100 cities and towns across the country that have installed their own high-speed systems for Internet users.

Some of the places simply have the wealth or know-how to do so, such as Palo Alto in California's Silicon Valley or the Boston suburb of Brintree. But Kutztown, like many of the more rural towns that built their own systems, simply tired of waiting for one of the large providers

such as Verizon Corp. to discover them. As politicians in Washington dicker over how to bridge the so-called "digital divide," these towns built their own bypass to the information superhighway.

"Some of these towns were too small to get the attention of the large incumbent providers; the rate of return isn't there for them," said Ron Lunt, director of telecommunications services for the American Public Power Association, a trade group of municipal utility companies in Washington. "And I don't see the large incumbent providers upgrading the systems with the entrenchment and stock prices the way they are."

One of the four regional Bell companies, SBC Communications Inc. of Texas, halted a major, nationwide upgrade of its system last fall. Uncertainty about government regulations made it too risky to invest in distant areas that are difficult to serve, said its chief executive.

While most midsize and large cities are served by the two major forms of broadband Internet connections - digital subscriber lines typically from phone companies and cable

modem service from cable television providers - less than 5 percent of towns with fewer than 10,000 residents have both services, according to a government study.

Several factors encouraged Kutztown's push into cyberspace. The town has its own electric generator - and resells energy to local energy companies - so it felt that it already had the equipment and know-how to maintain an Ethernet system, which transmits voice, data and pictures in the form of light through tiny strands of glass.

Kutztown anticipates strong demand for such service because half of its dwellings are rented out to Internet-savvy students who attend the nearby state university. Also, the town manager is a civil engineer by training, so he wasn't intimidated by the technical challenge.

"It is feasible for certain communities," said Keith A. Hill, Kutztown's borough manager since 1990. "You have people ask, 'Is the government competing with the private sector?' But I don't look at it that way. It's a consumer-owned system. It helps support our parks, our pools, our police. The money stays in the community."

These systems are often cheaper than commercial providers. According to Lunt of the power association, public system rates average \$3 a month, at least 20 percent less than market prices.

Cheaper doesn't mean lesser, though. Kutztown's fiber-optic system will be able to download Garden City. The company, which does business as A-1 Satellite, received a \$15,000 penalty in early February for a repeat violation. It was one of eight companies penalized for violating the list in September 2001.

Telemarketers can buy the list for \$25. Whether they have bought the list or not, by law, they cannot call those numbers. If no-call consumers get calls at their homes, they file complaints on one of the forms they get in the mail after they sign up.

Cooper said some businesses feel the No Call List actually has made it more efficient for tele-

phones in an eye blink - 10 times faster than cable modems; 20 times faster than digital subscriber lines and 225 times faster than the dial-up modems in most homes with Internet access.

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marketers because they know who will not be interested in receiving offers over the phone. Consumers wishing to sign up for the list pay an initial \$10 fee for three years. After that time, they can renew by paying \$5 for another three years.

Cooper said the fee pays for the cost of running the program and preparing the rosters made available to telemarketers. The No Call Lists are published quarterly. The deadline to decline on the latest roster released Monday was March 31. Cooper said the next list will be published July 3.

## Analyst: Dell may pair with printer company

Knight Ridder News Service

**AUSTIN, Texas** - Dell Computer Corp. may be in talks with printer maker Lexmark International Inc. about a partnership, a Wall Street analyst said this week.

Eric Rothdeutsch, who follows Dell for the investment bank Robertson Stephens, said he's been told that Dell and Lexmark executives "are in discussions, and those discussions will continue for a while."

Both Dell and Lexmark declined to comment on the report, which comes just ahead of Dell's meeting Thursday with Wall Street analysts in New York.

"We regard this morning's research note simply as analyst speculation," Lexmark spokesman Tim King said in an e-mail Monday.

Rothdeutsch said Dell is interested in closer ties with Lexmark because of the pending merger of Hewlett-Packard Co. and Compaq Computer Corp.

Dell - a Twin Falls employer at a tech-support center - also is interested in getting a cut of the lucrative market for the ink and toner cartridges that keep printers going.

The printing business, which is dominated by H-P, has been referred to as the company's crown jewel and most lucrative asset because of its solid profit margins and recurring source of revenue. The personal computer business, on the other hand, has seen both prices and profit margins continue to fall the past 18 months. Dell and others are looking for ways to stabilize their financial statements.

Printer cartridges get replaced

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## Qwest braces for action by SEC

The Associated Press

**DENVER** - Qwest Communications International will take a charge of \$20 billion to \$30 billion to reflect the decline in the value of recently acquired assets, including U.S. West.

The high-speed data and telecommunications service company - which is the dominant provider of local phone service in Magic Valley - also said it expects the Securities and Exchange Commission to recommend some sort of action against it for the way it reported its fourth-quarter 2000 earnings, executives said this week.

The SEC staff plans to allege the earnings release omitted results calculated under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP, and did not reconcile pro forma results with GAAP results, company officials said. The report covered fourth quarter and full-year 2000 results, including Qwest's acquisition of U.S. West.

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Big firms' weak outlooks send stocks down

NEW YORK (AP) - Weaker outlooks for IBM, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Wall Street's skepticism about a business recovery Tuesday and sent stock prices falling. The beleaguered technology sector endured the sharpest decline, with the Nasdaq composite index sliding 3.1 percent to its lowest close in a month.

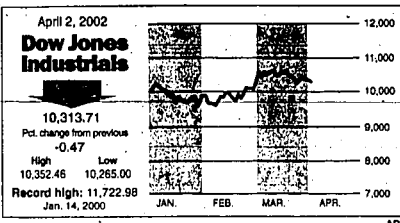
A drop in U.S. factory orders and rising tensions in the Middle East also gave investors more incentive to sell.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 48.99, or 0.5 percent, at 10,313.71. Tuesday marked the Dow's third consecutive losing session.

The broader market experienced steeper losses. The Nasdaq fell 52.22, or 3.1 percent, to 1,804.40. The last time the Nasdaq finished lower was March 1, when it closed at 1,802.74.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 9.78, or 0.5 percent, to 1,136.76.

Investors are anxious about first-quarter earnings, which companies begin releasing in earnest this month. While the market doesn't expect stellar results, it is at least looking for proof that business has



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improved and is strengthening. Technology, the last sector most analysts expect to emerge from the recession, suffered the bulk of Tuesday's selling. IBM fell \$1.45 to \$143.01 after Goldman Sachs cut its first-quarter revenue estimate, saying in a research note that IBM's first quarter "got off to a slow start."

"Techs aren't showing the earnings bounce investors are looking for. This coupled with higher energy prices and further concern about conflict in the Middle East hasn't given Wall Street a lot to smile about today," said Thomas F. Cron, Jr., a research analyst at Global Trends

Investments in Newport Beach, Calif.

Other tech losers included Microsoft, down \$3.08 at \$57.30, and Intel, off \$1.34 at \$30.03.

Among blue-chips, Bristol-Myers fell \$2.16 to \$38.24 the day after it forecast a slump in revenue this year because wholesalers loaded up on its drugs in 2001.

Best Buy dropped \$4.47 to \$75.01 on a disappointing outlook for the fiscal first quarter when it expects to earn about 30 to 32 cents a share. Analysts were expecting 34 cents.

Tuesday's slippage was also due in part to a Commerce

Department report that said orders to U.S. factories declined by 0.1 percent in February amid slumping demand for computers and cars.

And the market was again troubled by tension rising between Israel and Palestinians.

"The swaying grand piano over the market's head now is the threat of a blowup in the Middle East," said Richard A. Dickson, a technical analyst from Hilliard Lyons in Louisville, Ky., in a research note. Dickson added that the market is also concerned about rumblings from Iran and Iraq about an oil embargo, which could create a slippery slope for any near-term rally attempt.

Investors have been selling stocks the past two weeks as uneasiness about earnings has resurfaced. Even the Dow industrial, considered having done part of the pullback. The Dow closed 2.6 percent from its 2001 closing high of 10,635.25, made March 19.

There were some winners Tuesday, including Circuit City, which rose 0.12 to \$19.15 on earnings that met analysts' expectations.

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Martin wins honor as Idaho's top small business person

NAMPA (AP) - Concrete, steel and a healthy dose of determination have helped Elaine Martin rise to the top of her game in the Idaho business world.

Martin, owner of MarCon Construction, has been named Idaho's Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

MarCon installs steel guardrails and concrete barriers on highways. Martin has become a favored contractor for the Idaho Department of Transportation.

Her work has included installing 110,000 feet of concrete barriers for the Flying Vye interchange project in Boise.

Elaine Martin's determination has led MarCon Inc. from a struggling fence-building business to a regional construction business with over 24 full-time and 37 seasonal employees," said Thomas Bergdoll Jr., district director for the Small Business Administration in Boise.

Martin's past endeavors have included forays into teaching home economics, dead-end racing and farming. She said she was forced to find another job when the family farm in Jerome was on the brink of failure.

Raised on a farm, she knew how to do fencing, which spurred her introduction to the highway barrier business.

"I needed a job, and I needed a job that the whole family could be employed in," she said.

Martin co-founded another company in 1989 and bought out her partner in 1996 to form MarCon.

Idaho company considers building biomass plant in Whatcom County

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) - An Idaho company is considering building a power plant in Whatcom County that would burn overgrowth from forests, manure and other waste to create energy.

The Bellingham Whatcom Economic Development Council has applied for a \$50,000 grant from the U.S. Forest Service that would help Energy Products of Idaho finance a study of "biomass" in the region to see if the plant is viable.

Energy Products has built numerous plants during the past 30 years, including one in Tacoma. They use a process called "fluidized bed combustion," in which wastes are burned in a container on a bed of sand-like material.

Federal authorities will decide on the grant by May 31.

Energy Products Business Development Manager Ric

Clarke said the proposed Whatcom County plant is different from many of the others the company has built because it would produce power that could be sold, not just used on the farm.

"This is an attempt to see how feasible this is to do in America," Clarke said. "We picked Whatcom County and Bellingham because it is an area close to a forest and it has the population base that generates the amount of waste that would make this kind of thing feasible."

Clarke believes the effect on the environment would be minimal.

"We have built a number of plants in California, and the standards there are even tighter than in California," he said. "And we've never had a problem."

Qwest

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Pro forma results are hypothetical numbers focusing on profits instead of operating earnings. They can differ from results calculated under GAAP.

Qwest said it used pro forma results to avoid including one-time expenses and income resulting mostly from the acquisition of U.S. West. Chief financial officer Robin Szeglia said excluding the figures made it easier for analysts to compare the results to

previous quarters. The SEC has been investigating whether other companies' pro forma results misled investors.

"It's clearly something that the SEC is cracking down on because so many companies put pro forma results, and people don't know exactly what they mean," Jefferies & Company telecom analyst Richard Klugman said. "In the case of Qwest, it was just a single quar-

ter that Qwest did this. It doesn't strike me as a major sticking point."

The SEC could hold an administrative proceeding or seek formal action in federal district court, said Drake Tempest, Qwest's general counsel and executive vice president.

"Fines are a possibility, I suppose," Tempest said. "We would not expect any fines because we would not expect any action undertaken by the commission to

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Table listing livestock prices for various categories like Cattle, Hogs, and Pigs, with columns for price and change.

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Table showing fossil fuel prices for Crude Oil, Heating Oil, and Natural Gas, including bid and offer prices.

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Valley Beans... (Small text describing bean market conditions)

Table of bean prices for various grades and types.

GRAINS

Wheat... (Small text describing grain market conditions)

Table of grain prices for Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on Chicago Mercantile Exchange...

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Selected world gold prices, Tuesday... (Small text describing metal and currency market)

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Table listing mutual fund performance and prices.

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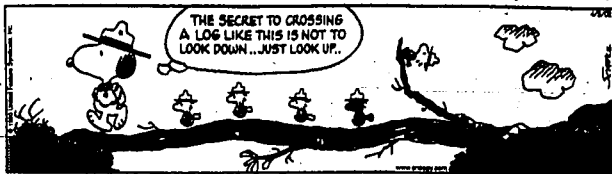
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For Better or For Worse

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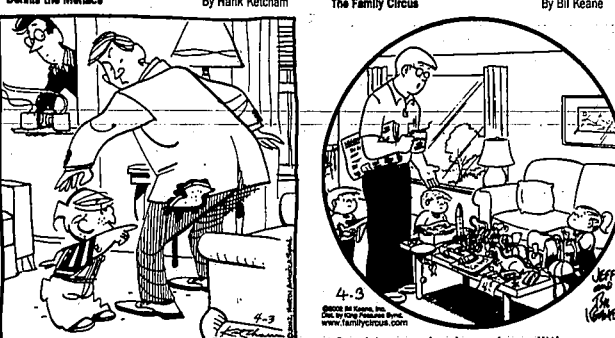


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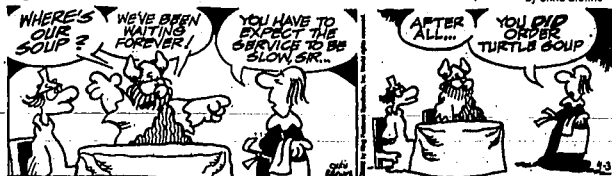
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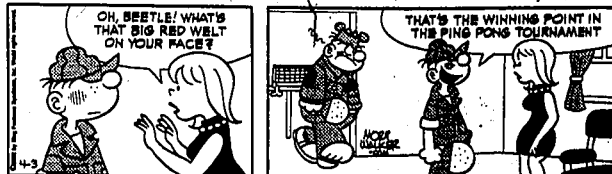
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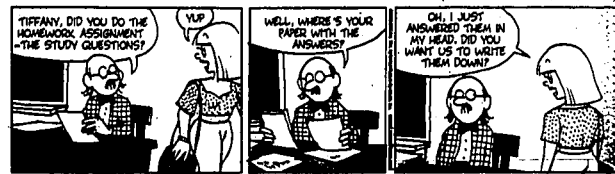
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

PRODUCTIVE RAFFLE

Pinocchio club meets at Community Club House
TWIN FALLS - A pinocchio club will be held at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Community Club House, 1779 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Catholic Church serves annual spaghetti dinner
BURLEY - The Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley will serve its annual spaghetti dinner from 5-8 p.m. Saturday.

Elementary celebrates 100th day with first lady reading
TWIN FALLS - Lincoln Elementary School will celebrate its 100th day of school from 6-8 p.m. Thursday with family reading night.

Girl Scouts sell cookies during an indoor flea market
TWIN FALLS - Girl Scouts will sell cookies during an indoor flea market from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the merchant building at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds.

Local guide will lead downtown history walks
TWIN FALLS - History buff and author Mary Ann Lamm will lead Sunday afternoon walks in the Twin Falls town site of 1904 during the months of April and May.

Rotary Clubs
Blue Laker - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at West Coast. In Twin Falls call 734-9470.

Lions Clubs
Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave. Kent Blau, 678-5553.

Kwanza Clubs
Buhl - Noon Wednesdays at the Centennial Sports Grill, call 543-2330 or 543-8576.

Missoula Children's Theatre holds auditions at Shoshone
SHOSHONE - The Missoula Children's Theatre will hold open auditions Monday at the Shoshone High School.

MVRMC offers new series of parenting classes
TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering a new series of parenting classes on "Parenting your baby - Newborn to 12 months"

CSI evening computer classes start again
TWIN FALLS - Another series of evening computer classes is scheduled to begin at the College of Southern Idaho.

West End Senior Center takes trip to Jackpot
BUHL - The West End Senior Center announced the following upcoming events:

Rainbow Gold holds reunion for past campers, staff
BOISE - Camp Rainbow Gold will hold a reunion for past campers, staff and family members from 6-9 p.m. April 20 at the Main Street-Bistro, 607-W Main St., Boise.

Man celebrates 90th birthday with surprise open house
WENDELL - Ed Mohwinkel of Wendell will celebrate his 90th birthday with a surprise open house from 1-5 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell Senior Citizens Center.

Parents of Buhl school students pick up report cards
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Five generations
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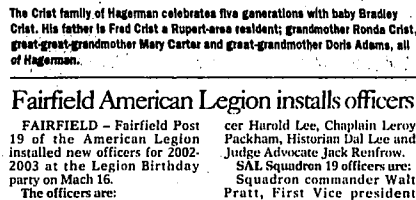
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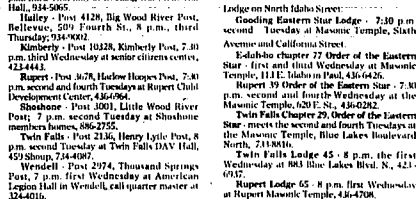
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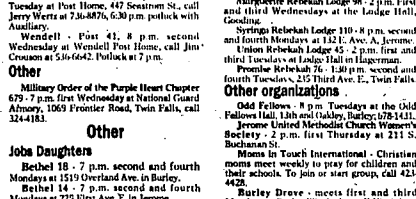
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BUHL - Parents of Buhl High School students may pick up their child's third quarter report cards from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and April 11.

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COMMUNITY

O'Leary honors students for grades, attendance

TWIN FALLS — O'Leary Junior High names honor students and those with perfect attendance.

Students with perfect attendance from Nov. 5 to Jan. 21 were: Seventh grade, Marc Allen, Camille Burgess, Kayla Darnell, Andrea Gonzales, Tyrrell Hall, Marisela Hernandez, Jeffrey Jackson, Devon Jones, Brittany Landon, Andrew Legg, Clara Lucas, Ivan Mamula, Oswald Munoz, Ortiz Hannah, Graciela "Yvette" Lindz, Nutch Pappas, Trevor Peterson, Jarred Roberts, Ruben Rodriguez Jr., Adam Roth, Emily Schacher, Ines Selich, Christopher Schmitz, Anna Shaw, Samantha Sinnason, Natasa Strbac, Amber Taute, Brianna Tiffany, Allison Tucker, Kendall Turner, Amber Ulrich, Joshua VanLoon, Amber Vaughn, Ashley Vaughn, Amanda Willmore, Megan Whitworth, Katrina Wicker, Karl Wilson and Aidla Zucik.

Eighth grade, Samantha Alcalá, Joshua Allen, Emily Biswell, Loretta Biswell, Katie Crist, Javay Crist, Erin DeWitt, Brandon Duncan, Venessa Durt, Sar Eberlein, Adam Geans, Heather Hase, Janae Hirsch, Timothy Hunzeker, Brady Jardine, Erin Johnson, Devin Jones, Alexander Khachaturov, Kyle Lopez, Kristin Mader, Colby Mitchell, Randall Mitchell, Aron Mock, Nathan Moody, Nicholas Moravec, Kyle Phiergo, Sarah Poppino, Christopher Preece, Jared Rayburn, Venessa Royce, Ryan Ridley, Stephan Runyon, Kia Scraggs, LeeAnn Snow, Mirela Sulejmanovic, Whitney Ward, Katharine Webb, Linda Wells and Daniella Willits.

Ninth grade, Andrew Alberdi, Michael Auder, McKenzie Bateman, Krysta Blank, Matthew Bowman, Laura Buergelester, Tina Cannon, Dawn Coker-Gandallra, Todd Caplicki, Daniel Egbert, Joseph Fivecoat, Kurt Goetz, William Griffith, Trisha Hall, Andrew Harris, Jennifer Hohnhorst, Conn Howard, Brando Humphrey-Williams, Brady Hutchins, Jesse Ivie, Rachel Larson, Matthew Lee, William Looney, Sarah Lopez, Kevin Mahaffey, Brent Martin, Everta Morgan, Erin Morrow, Patricia Parks, Paul Pollironakis, Vuk Radic, Katie M. Rencher, Kristin Richer, Eric Rietveld, LeeAnn Ruiz, Joel Sugaard, Ashley Suter, Kristina South, Courtney Stock, Sabrina Stone, Krista Thomsen, Alexandra (Laut) Trocan, Matthew West, Kendra Wilson, Melody Xounanvong and Kenan Zucik.

Students with all A's and B's were:

Seventh grade, Marc Allen, Drew Brauer, Emily Chesik, Kelsey Clark, Kayla Darnell, Veronica Fairbanks, Andrea Gonzales, Lara Hoppe, Marisela Hernandez, Colton Hoffman, Gregory Hollon, Clara Johansen, Hanna Mock, Caidyn Nichols, Kelly Olson, Thuan Pham, Jenna Saldana, Jenna Silver, Natasa Strbac, Rachel

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Principal's honor roll (4.0 grade point average) — Seventh grade, Adriel Apter, Julia Bokma, Camille Burgess, Kisty Cizer, Brandy Cummings, Deidre Edmonds, Randi Fischer, Cody Hafer, Matthew Hanchey, Lisa Harris, McKenzie Hinkle, Veronica Hokenney, Ashley Iones, Cameron Jensen, Kelsey Jardine, Devon Jones, Jessie Jensen, Michael Keeth, Ashley Kern, Dajana Kurbegovic, Brittany Loder, Elena Louder, Clara Lucas, Natalie Miller, Lindsey Narsch, Ella Olmstead, Lucia Pothier, Ruben Rodriguez Jr., Tracy "Garin" Savage, Matthew Schaff, Joanna Seaman, Anna Shaw, Jordan Stanley, Allison Stephens, Jared Stewart, Tyler Thorman, Amanda Villanueva, Megan Whitworth and Karl Wilson.

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Ninth grade, Christopher Aren, Brandon "Shahir" Ballardin, Justin Blank, Aubrey Brastvoll, Nicole Bulcher, Laurie Buergelester, Kempston Cox, Evan Crowley, Todd Caplicki, Michael Frew, Kristin Graham, Emily Green, Emily Jackson, Heather Jones, James Kahal, Leah Kevan, Megan King, Caidyn Kirby, Kayce Lamp, Sheila McGourty, Steven Norris, Vanessa Olmstead, Martin Pothier, Sharee Quigley, Katie Rencher, Eric Rietveld, Andy Roper, Joel Ruprecht, Nicholas Schenk, Melissa Stewart, Sabrina Stone, Susan Tanaka, Andrew Wilkin, William "Chert" Griffith, Paul Gerrish and Krista Thomsen.

Local students earn spot on National Honor Roll

More than 100 area students earned a place on the National Honor Roll.

The organization, which is based in Lynbrook, NY, says it recognizes high school students who have achieved exceptional academic and extracurricular success. Inductees have attained a level of achievement shared by only about 4.5 percent of high school students nationwide. The National Honor Roll also offers services that encourage the further success of its student members.

Students also receive applications for scholarships.

Local students are: Kyndell Maduen, Magic Valley High School, Twin Falls; Kimberly Tate, Minico High School; Rupert Christopher Hotchkins, Minico High School; Amanda Tilley, Minico High School; Sadie Sprague, Minico High School; Miranda Meloyik, Kimberley High School; Jennifer Jones, Oakley High School; Trevor Hawkes, Oakley High School; Jennifer Jones, Oakley High School; Michael Schrenk, Decio High School; Rosie Saxon, Jerome High School; Michael McCourty, Twin Falls High School; Jillian Moore, Twin Falls High School; Brittany Washburn, Oakley High School; Bobby Cristobal, Twin Falls High School; John Bob, Twin Falls High School; Nikki Hollon, Twin Falls High School; Wally Kidd, Twin Falls High School; Amber Lovell, Twin Falls High School; Jake McHenry, Twin Falls High School; Kevin Jusell, Twin Falls High School; Decla Hunkar, Jerome High School; Amy Zollinger, Declo High School; Spencer Glenn, Declo High School; Tyler Dechack, Declo High School; Justin Leeper, Castleford High School; Matt Hicks, Burley High School; James Ricken, Burley High School; Brad Stool, Burley High School; Kenna Hadden, Burley High School; Corey Westall, Burley High School; Chance Wesch, Burley High School; Julie Telle, Burley High School; Julie Searle, Burley High School;

Elisbeth Warren, Jerome High School; Melissa Warren, Jerome High School; Kristin Lee, Jerome High School; Allison Wright, Wendell High School; Melissa Roy, Twin Falls High School; Holly Baxter, Twin Falls High School; Jaynie Goodbody, Wendell High School; Jesse Koopman, Wendell High School; Jennifer Stierner, Wendell High School; Brett Welch, Twin Falls High School; Ariane Vipperman, Wendell High School; Catherine Thompson, Twin Falls High School; Kayla Larson, Wendell High School; Lydia Srunck, Wendell High School; Erika Ferreira, Wendell High School; Casey O'Connell, Minico High School; Halle Holyoak, Jerome High School; Laurel McCard; Bob Jones Academy of Home Education, Jerome; Lynn Telle, Wendell High School; Heather Butters, Twin Falls High School; Jennifer Jones, Oakley High School; Trevor Hawkes, Oakley High School; Jennifer Jones, Oakley High School; Michael Schrenk, Decio High School; Rosie Saxon, Jerome High School; Michael McCourty, Twin Falls High School; Jillian Moore, Twin Falls High School; Brittany Washburn, Oakley High School; Bobby Cristobal, Twin Falls High School; John Bob, Twin Falls High School; Nikki Hollon, Twin Falls High School; Wally Kidd, Twin Falls High School; Amber Lovell, Twin Falls High School; Jake McHenry, Twin Falls High School; Kevin Jusell, Twin Falls High School; Decla Hunkar, Jerome High School; Amy Zollinger, Declo High School; Spencer Glenn, Declo High School; Tyler Dechack, Declo High School; Justin Leeper, Castleford High School; Matt Hicks, Burley High School; James Ricken, Burley High School; Brad Stool, Burley High School; Kenna Hadden, Burley High School; Corey Westall, Burley High School; Chance Wesch, Burley High School; Julie Telle, Burley High School; Julie Searle, Burley High School;

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FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Three young men earn Eagle Scout award

Mark Belliston, Tony Wright and Austin Catmull received their Eagle Scout award at a court of honor Dec. 9 at the Emerson LDS 1st Ward in Paul.

They are all members of Troop 47, sponsored by the Emerson 1st Ward. Their leaders are Scott Groe and Marc Hix. Belliston, 18, the son of Bert and Jean Belliston of Heyburn, has completed 23 merit badges. For his Eagle project, he designed and organized the building of oak shelves for a map table at the Minidoka Historical Museum. He received donations from Starrs Ferry Building Supply and Bradshaw Construction. With the help of his father and several other Scouts, they finished the shelves to hold scrapbooks, maps and pictures.



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Local residents serve as student teachers

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho's teacher preparation program this semester includes 128 students who are student teaching and serving internships in schools primarily in the Boise, Moscow and Coeur d'Alene areas.

Among them are several Magic Valley students. Under the guidance of experienced mentor teachers, students take this capstone experience before graduating and entering K-12 careers. UI reports.

Almost 100 of the students will intern for one semester. Another 26 are the vanguard of new UI teacher preparation programs requiring an entire school year of internships in the universities' reports. The goal is to provide beginning teachers a more comprehensive picture of how schools work and the challenges that may arise throughout the

school year. Effective last fall semester, all students admitted to teacher preparation programs at the UI College of Education will serve one-year internships.

UI students from the south central region of Idaho, are interning at the following schools:

BLOSS Mandy Wood, fifth grade, West Park Elementary School, Moscow School District; and fourth grade, Bliss Elementary School, Bliss School District. BURLEY Jacob Carder, art, Burley Junior High School; Cassia County Joint School District. BOISE Jacob Carder, art, Burley Junior High School; Cassia County Joint School District. BOISE Jacob Carder, art, Burley Junior High School; Cassia County Joint School District.

summer science, Twin Falls High School, Twin Falls School District. HEYBURN Heather Moses, world geography, Moscow Junior High School, Moscow School District. JEROME Ryan Vargas, Spanish, Jerome High School, Jerome Joint School District. KIMBERLY Stephanie Berry, Spanish, Moscow Senior High School, Moscow School District. PAUL Grace Williams, family and consumer science, Burley Senior High School, Cassia County Joint School District.

TWIN FALLS Holly Brooks, agricultural education, Weiser High School, Weiser School District.

Armando Arroyo, Tyler Macias, Jared Gifford, Luis Condon, Chad Winkelman, Eudardo Verdusco, Garret Shriver, Deirda Abel, Alex Verdusco, Tiffany Wuensch, Amanda Anderson, Holly Lemmons and Sierra Bann. The Fibonacci drawing winners who won the "pot of gold" or at least a free movie rental, popcorn and other goodies were: Kindergarten — Andrew Kryshak; first grade — Marissa Mitchell; second grade — Shayla Lemmon; third grade — Scott Harris; fourth grade — Kylie Fisher; and fifth grade — Anatoly Cherencho.

Popplewell congratulates good math students

BURL — Popplewell Elementary School congratulated its Fibonacci winners. The honor is given to students who show math skills and become "math masters." The newest honorees for March include: Ashley Cox, John Christensen, Michael Silva, Anna Solo, Sam Smith, Blanca Bautista, Florintino Beltran, Brandon Gerdes, Ashley Pierce, Ashley Leonard, Gloria Rivers, Marjorie Pearson, Devin Dier, Lee Howell, Brocke Silva, Brika Hoover, Sarah Jones, Patrick Arroyo, Caleb Gerdes, Ashley

Hodges, Brian Perez-Ponce, Ian Owens, Elizabeth Truscott, Steve Higgins, Brody McClain, Justina Gill, McKaya Lylyeh, Ethan Compton, Miranda Slater, Tyler McCloud, Melissa Saxton, Andrew Meeseley, Sergio Fernandez, Carolina Villarreal and Joseph Velazquez. February Fibonacci winners were Alejandra Cuevas, Shilo Runyan, Andrew Olson, Taylor Oppedyk, Jacob Gaszlingas, Jasmin J. Tello, Michael McDonald, Sarah Quigley, Tori Lemmon, Brent Jones, John Beltran, Inacio Sanchez, Casey Gahardi, Raquel Montgomery, Terry Combe, Jack Hamilton,

along with six members of Troop 45 and his parents. They spent a total of 112 hours removing the soil, installing pathways, building berms and spreading bark chips. He also received assistance from Marvin Snow, Big Valley Landscaping, Kloefer-Concrete, and Jeremy Bishop. His project involved improving the area around the flag pole at the entrance to the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. He was assisted by leaders Arlen Morgan and Jeremy Bishop. The project involved improving the area around the flag pole at the entrance to the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce. He was assisted by leaders Arlen Morgan and Jeremy Bishop.

Kyle Hunt receives Eagle award for flag project

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Magic Valley Sand and Gravel, Vicki's Country Garden, K & R Rent-All and Rodney Hansen Farms.

Rogers makes ISU College of Pharmacy dean's list

Brenda Rogers of Burley has earned a place on the Idaho State University College of Pharmacy dean's list for the 2001 fall semester.

To obtain this ranking, a student must be a full-time student enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester and maintain a grade point average within the top 15 percent of the college.

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East was quick to apologize for his heart plays. "Forgive me," he said, "I meant to play the four instead of the five."

West was just as quick to agree about being misled, but the knowledgeable kibitzers wondered if he had really taken note of the difference.

West led his heart decee, and East signaled with his nine when dummy played the jack. South led a low diamond from dummy, inserting his nine when East played low. This lost to West's queen, and West continued with another heart to East's ace. South dropping the king. East then returned the trey to dummy's queen, and South lost another diamond finesse to West's king. West cashed his high heart and South discarded a deceptive club from dummy. Should West lead a club, or a spade?

Afraid that South might have both the ace and queen of spades, and deceived by South's lead, West shifted to a club. Happily, South won his king and claimed nine tricks, winning two hearts, four clubs and three diamonds.

Regardless of East's heart plays, why should West have led a spade after cashing his high heart? If South had led the ace and queen of spades and East the king of clubs, the free spade finesse wouldn't help South. He would still need the club finesse to score his ninth winner. The real danger was that East had the spade ace and South the club king, resulting in today's crucial swing.

NORTH 4-3-4
J 8
Q J 8
4 2
A Q J 7 5

WEST 4-3-4
K 9 4 3
10 6 5 2
K Q 3
10 4

EAST 4-10-7-5
A 9 4 3
10 7
8 6 3

Vulnerable: North-South

Dealer: North

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1-C Pass
2-C Pass 2 NT Pass
3 NT All pass

Opening lead: Heart decee

BID WITH THE ACES 6-4-3-1

South holds:
A Q 6 2
K 7
A J 9 6 5
K 9 2

South North
1 4

ANSWER: Two spades. With decent trump support, a ruffing value, and a minimum opening, raise partner's major.

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