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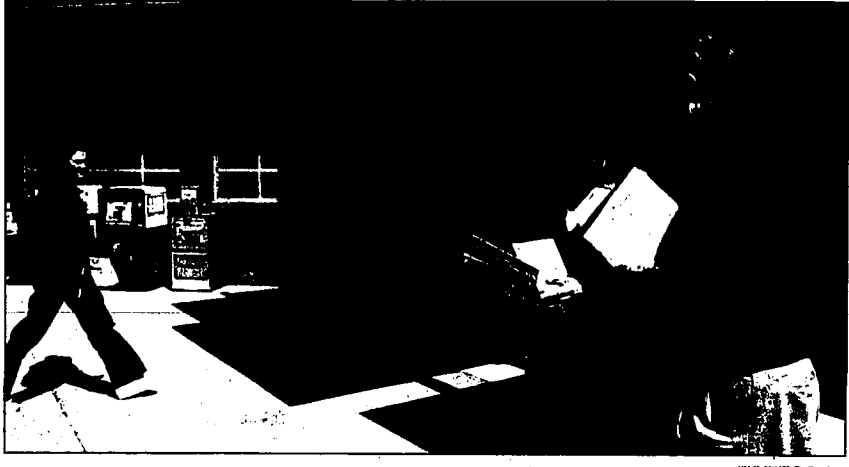
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TOUGH SELL



Jim Clark has Catharine Floyd sign a petition to get a term limits referendum on the ballot at the Ploover Station post office in Twin Falls Tuesday.

Term limits team hits resistance in MV

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho spring with its piecing wind, rain and snow has complicated Linda Tugh's signature-gathering efforts to reinstate term limits.

But foul weather isn't the only thing making her miserable. Tugh has been chased away from several parking lots and store fronts in Twin Falls. People have threatened to call the police on her. And she's been accused of associating with a seamy campaign.

In one mall on Tuesday, she said she went into 15 stores and got only one signature. In more than one store, customers and proprietors yelled at her.

"This has been the worst place I've ever tried to get signatures," said the ex-Californian, who has made money campaigning for at least 50 initiatives in her former state.

Bad weather - not necessarily

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Signatures must be collected by May 24. The deadline date will wrap up May 24.

bad behavior - was one trump card legislators were betting on when they repealed term limits in early February.

Lawmakers predicted the term-limits team would hunker down to override their repeal but would have trouble getting the required 43,685 signatures in time. That would put an initiative back on

the November ballot by the deadline of May 2.

Folks in Idaho don't attend county or state fairs or outdoor events in large arenas until the weather gets warmer. Those were the kinds of venues where paid signature gatherers in the past collected most of their names.

"The May 2 deadline was difficult," admitted Bill Wilson on Tuesday. Wilson works in Boise for the Committee to Repeal the Repeal.

That is why the group is setting instead for the option of a referendum. It takes the same number of signatures but gives them until May 14 to get the signatures.

"That extra 14 days will probably make all the difference," he said.

A referendum would simply overturn the Legislature's repeal of term limits. Then in November, voters would vote on the exact same initiative that was passed in 1994. That initiative is considered

the most restrictive term-limits law in the nation, in that it affects almost all elected officials in the state from school board members to the governor.

As of Tuesday, Wilson said his team has 20,000 verified signatures in hand, with 7,000 in the process of being verified. He said altogether 34,000 have been collected, mostly from Ada, Canyon and Bannock counties. They are aiming for 60,000 by 5 p.m. on May 14.

He's optimistic. "I think we're going to be OK," he said.

But Tugh's perspective is different. Coming up on two weeks into their effort, she and two other women have gathered fewer than 1,000 signatures in the Magic Valley.

Extra help rolled into town on Tuesday, though. Jim Clark is a retired professor from Boise who has been collecting signatures in

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Voters will have say in new jail

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Voters will have a voice at the polls when it comes to whether the county should build a new jail.

County commissioners Tuesday approved a resolution to hold a special election in conjunction with the May 28 primary to ask voters to approve a \$16 million bond issue to pay all or part of the cost of acquiring land and building a new adult jail.

And that makes people like Shirley Gould happy.

"I think the people should have a say in it," said Gould, who lives near the Norco Windows property, where the county was previously thinking of building the new jail. That plan was scrapped after residents complained to county commissioners that they really didn't want inmates for next-door neighbors.

Two-thirds of county voters must approve the bond issue for it to pass.

Commissioners are now looking at a 25-acre parcel further down the road on South Washington behind the county work release center. The county estimates it could buy the land for \$475,000 and the jail could probably be built for between \$12 million and \$14 million.

"Any revenue generated above expenses will go back into paying the bond indebtedness," said Commissioner Bill Brockman.

The county estimates the interest rates on the bonds will be 4.85 percent. The total amount to be repaid over the life of the bonds, principal and interest, based on

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Struggle in key senator's state stymies farm bill

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - South Dakota ranks No. 20 in farm production, but no state has more influence in the debate over how the government subsidizes and regulates agriculture.

A farm bill has been snagged for weeks over issues critical to South Dakota farm groups and the state's two senators, Majority Leader Tom Daschle and fellow Democrat Tim Johnson.

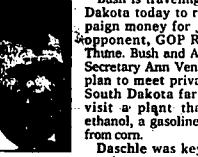
The stakes also are high for President Bush and Republicans, who have targeted Johnson for defeat next November in the GOP's effort to regain control of

the Senate. Daschle holds the reins there because of a one-vote Democratic majority.

Bush is traveling to South Dakota today to raise campaign money for Johnson's opponent, GOP Rep. John Thune. Bush and Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman also plan to meet privately with South Dakota farmers and visit a plant that makes ethanol, a gasoline additive, from corn.

Daschle was key to engineering an agreement in an energy bill now before the Senate that will triple the use of ethanol over the next decade. Senators from California and

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Sen. Tom Daschle, majority leader

VATICAN SUMMIT



U.S. cardinals in the Catholic Church prepare to meet with Pope John Paul II Tuesday at the Vatican. The pope issued a stern warning concerning the sex-abuse scandal. Please see page B5.

BOISE - A former Gooding County commissioner violated state law by barring commissioners from participating in zoning decisions in which they have an economic interest, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

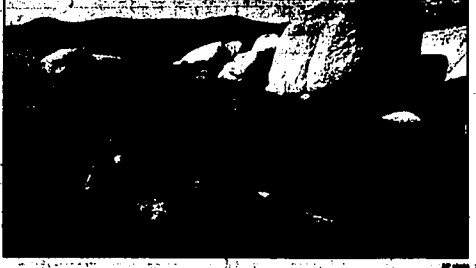
But in a unanimous decision, the high court said the violation did not invalidate the 1999 ordinance in which then-Commissioner Win Henslee of Wendell participated.

The court's decision does not have immediate bearing on Gooding County's livestock regulations, because the ordinance debated before the Supreme Court has been replaced.

The court's decision does allow the county to proceed with a lawsuit against a dairy the county says was in violation of the ordinance when it was in effect.

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Gooding, CAFO hearing set - A2



Ammie Rippe, left, and Hilary Archer swim this month in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that the government does not owe property owners compensation because of the ban it imposed on development near the lake.

Ruling trims property rights

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that the Constitution does not require governments to pay compensation to landowners when agencies temporarily prohibit them from building on their land, a decision that strengthens the hand of environmental regulators against the conservative-led "property rights" movement.

By a vote of 6 to 3, the court rejected a group of California property owners' argument that government freezes on development are tantamount to official seizures - known in legal parlance as "takings" - of private property and require compensation. Rather, the court held such claims must be considered case-by-case, balanced against other factors such as the duration of a development moratorium and the government's reasons for it.

"Land-use regulations are ubiquitous and most of them impact property values in some tangential way - often in completely unanticipated ways," Justice John Paul Stevens wrote in the opinion for the court. "Treating them all as takings would transform government regulation into a luxury few governments could afford."

In previous cases, the Supreme Court had been receptive to property owners' claims of "regulatory takings." But Tuesday's ruling signaled that the court's past support was not unqualified, and that a majority of the justices may not share the property rights movement's most ambitious goals.

As a result, a legal cloud has been lifted from over what a friend-of-the-court brief from 22 state governments called "a vital planning tool" for dealing with environmental concerns, traffic and demands for services. The Bush administration also supported the regulators.

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

IDAHO

Idaho Extremes Yesterday: High 57° Low 34° Rain 0.4" Snow 0.4" Stanley

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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday: Temperature 52° High/Low 51°/37° Rainfall last year 28.1" Record high 92° in 1986 Precipitation Yesterday 0.4" Moisture 0.37" Month to date 1.99" Normal year to date (Oct. 1) 7.19" Humidity Yesterday 4 noon 36% Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 a.m. 30.12 h. Pollen Yearly in Twin Falls Grass 100% Ragweed 100% Alder 100% Birch 100% Elm 100% Maple 100% Willow 100% Sycamore 100% Cottonwood 100% Redwood 100%

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

Table with 5 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

SUN AND MOON

Table with 2 columns: SUN, MOON. Includes sunrise/sunset times and moon phases.

CANADIAN CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, etc.

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Plenty of sunshine today, a cold start, then reasonable temperatures this afternoon. High from the 40s in the mountains to the 60s in the lower valleys. Sunny to partly cloudy tonight. Lows 18-42. Boise: Sunny today, a cold start, then a pleasant afternoon. High 62. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Low 38. Warm with a mixture of sunshine and clouds tomorrow. High 70. Northern Nevada: Bright sunshine today, a cold start, then a pleasant afternoon with highs in the 50s and low 70s. Clear skies tonight. Lows 25-45. Northern Utah: Plenty of sunshine today, a breezy afternoon across the mountains. High from the 40s in the mountains to the 60s in the lower elevations. Mostly clear tonight. Lows 15-45. Northern Idaho: Sunshine will mix with high clouds today; not as cold as yesterday. Highs from near 40 in the mountains to 65 in a few of the lowest valleys. Partly cloudy tonight. Lows 22-42.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

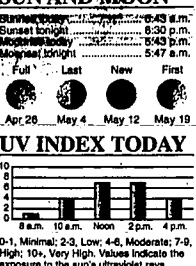
High 103° in Wink, TX Low 3° in Plentywood, MT

NATIONAL WEATHER



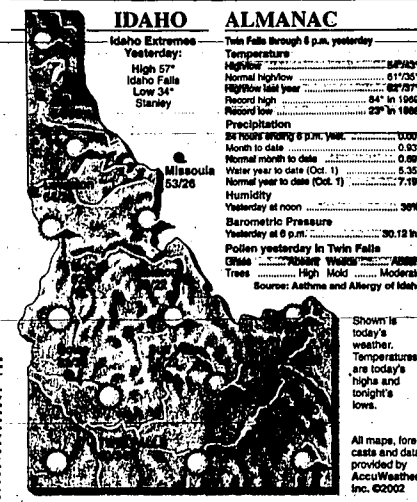
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are high for the day. Forecast 12-hour temperatures are given for selected cities.

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NATIONAL CITIES

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Hamas threatens to unleash hundreds of suicide bombers

Los Angeles Times Hamas, an organization that has long recruited suicide bombers and carried out scores of attacks in Israel, has threatened to unleash hundreds of "martyrs" on the Jewish state in retaliation for the West Bank campaign.

Farm

Continued from A1 New York has strongly objected to the ethanol mandate, arguing it could produce fuel shortages. Like ethanol, the farm bill now being negotiated between key House and Senate lawmakers is "a personal priority," says the Senate majority leader.

Jail

Continued from A1 A bonded interest rate, its estimated to be \$2.3 million. The bond issue would raise property taxes. A Twin Falls County resident who owns \$100,000 worth of property could expect to see his taxes go up by about \$35 a year.

Signatures

Continued from A1 Ada County. He thinks he can help those signatures add up a lot faster. Clark parked himself at the same post office Tugh had worked earlier in the day and collected 10 signatures out of the 35 or 40 people he talked to.

Gooding

Continued from A1 Gooding County Prosecutor Phil Brown said. This would be a lawsuit against dairy operators Steve and Darla Wybenga, who challenged the 1999 ordinance because of Henslee's participation.

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CORRECTION

Falls City's story about the Twin Falls City Council obtaining rights of way to the canyon rim east of the Perrine Ridge applies to the south rim only. The Times-News regrets the error.



Accident victims who were injured when a freight train struck a Metrolink train wait in a triage area Tuesday before being transported to area hospitals. Two died in the accident near Placentia, Calif.

Senate sets stage for energy vote

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate cleared the way Tuesday for a vote this week on a broad energy bill that includes more than \$14 billion in tax breaks for both conservation and energy production.

The legislation had been before the Senate for close to six weeks, and Majority Leader Tom Daschle said it needed to be wrapped up. After several hours of negotiations with Republicans, he announced agreement to move ahead with a final vote, probably Thursday.

"It's time to bring this to a conclusion," agreed the Republican leader, Trent Lott of Mississippi.

The Senate voted 86-13 to end debate Thursday on the 580-page bill. While a handful of amendments - some controversial - remained to be considered, the bill is expected to be approved. Afterward, it would have to be merged with energy legislation already approved by the House.

Senators from California and New York waged a last-ditch attempt Tuesday to remove from the Senate bill a provision that would require a tripling of ethanol use in gasoline. Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein of California and Charles Schumer of New York argued the ethanol mandate will produce gasoline shortages and price increases of 7 cents to 9 cents a gallon.

"California will be required to use ethanol it doesn't need" to clean the air, complained Feinstein. Daschle, D-S.D., whose state would benefit substantially from the ethanol provision, called the price impact claims and concerns over supply disruptions "dead wrong... a myth." He cited Energy Department estimates that the ethanol would add no more than a penny a gallon on to the cost of fuel.

The energy bill had been on the verge of unraveling earlier in the day over an attempt to include a permanent repeal of inheritance taxes as part of the legislation. But Daschle defused the issue by agreeing to take up the matter this summer in other legislation.

Trains collide, injuring 260

PLACENTIA, Calif. (AP) - A mile-long freight train plowed head-on into a commuter train during rush hour Tuesday, killing two people and injuring at least 260 people, officials said.

The northbound Burlington Northern Santa Fe freight train struck the southbound Metrolink train at 8:10 a.m. south of Los Angeles, bucking and derailing two cars packed with passengers, authorities and witnesses said.

"Our train stopped and the next thing you know - boom! - it hit," passenger Gene Ogelsby said.

Jackie Bisesi saw the crash while she was pumping gas at a



Freight train struck a commuter train

SOURCES: Associated Press; ESPN

nearby station, about 35 miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles.

"I heard the horn. I saw the train coming toward it. I said, 'Oh

my God! It's on the same track! It's going to hit, it's going to hit! We all started running forward," she said.

Metrolink officials said they didn't know how the trains wound up on the same track. One person died at the scene and another died later, Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Amorino said.

The victims were not immediately identified. Up to 300 people were aboard the commuter train, Metrolink spokeswoman Sharon Gavin said. Twenty-five of about 260 injured were immediately taken to hospitals and 45 others were to be transported, she said.

Feds arrest 94 airport employees

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) - Federal authorities have arrested 94 workers at two Washington-area airports on charges of fraudulently obtaining airport security badges.

The arrests at Washington Dulles International Airport and Ronald Reagan National Airport are part of an ongoing investigation to ensure that people who have access to secure areas of airports are worthy of the trust granted to them by the public, Attorney General John Ashcroft said.

"There will be zero tolerance of security breaches at our nation's airports," he said.

Three of the 94 workers arrested Tuesday are wanted on state charges, Ashcroft said. All 94 are accused of "widespread fraud" in obtaining the security badges, which allow individuals to enter secure areas where airplanes are loaded.

Ashcroft said the aim of the investigation was to ensure that in a time of terrorist threats airport employees with access to secure areas "are worthy of the trust granted to them."

He described the investigation as a "painstaking and labor-intensive effort." He said 11 agencies examined employment records of more than 20,000 airport employees during the investigation.

Charges against the 94 workers include falsifying Social Security applications and violating immigration laws. Ashcroft said the charges carry penalties of up to 10 years in prison, fines of up to \$250,000 and deportation.

Bin Laden follower talks, but is he telling the truth?

WASHINGTON (AP) - Osama bin Laden's top field commander is talking.

Trouble is, his American interrogators don't know whether to believe him.

Abu Zubaydah already has given information that led to last week's alert to financial institutions in the northeastern United States, U.S. officials say. He has also claimed that al-Qaida knows how to build a "dirty bomb" designed to spread radioactivity over a wide area.

Neither piece of information surprised American authorities. U.S. intelligence already had obtained similar nonspecific threats to banks, and bin Laden's quest for weapons of mass destruction is well known.

But because the information came from Abu Zubaydah, the interrogators took note. Officials describe the Saudi-born Palestinian as the connection between bin Laden and many of al-Qaida's operational cells.

"He's talking, but the issue is sorting out what's true and what's not, what is reality and what is mere boasting," said one U.S. official familiar with the interrogation, speaking on condition of anonymity. "That's going to take some time."

A better source may be his notebook, found when he was captured in a joint Pakistani-U.S. raid March 26 in Faisalabad, Pakistan. A defense official said it contains information that could indicate more terrorist attacks are in the works, but its import isn't fully clear.

Context is crucial, the official said. "Are these his ideas, his plans, his musings?"

Abu Zubaydah should have no idea that his words led to last week's alert. He is recovering in an undisclosed location from gunshot wounds received during his capture, and standard interrogation technique is to keep subjects uninformed, allowing questioners to tell them anything they want about events in the outside world.

Officials say the terrorist leader, who speaks English, has plenty of reasons to lie. They are well aware he could be manipulating them to cause panic.

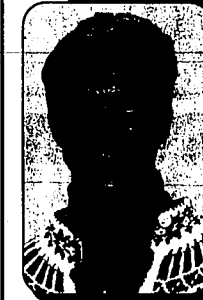
Bush administration spokesman Ari Fleischer, asked if Abu Zubaydah's claims are to be believed, said Tuesday. "Those are judgments that intelligence experts make based on not only what he says, but on other pieces of information that will corroborate information."

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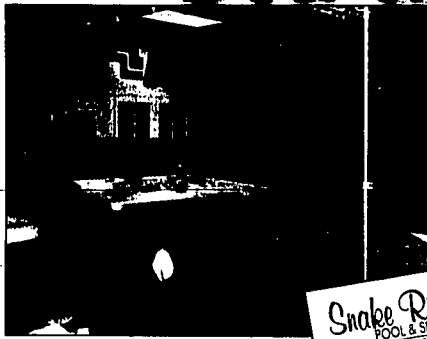
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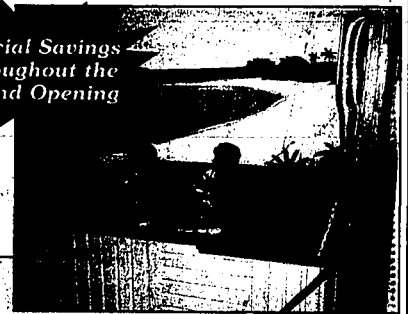
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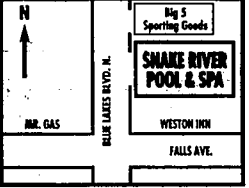
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EDITORIAL

Too many plaintiffs may hurt impact of Oust case

When farmers lose valuable crop acreage due to misapplied herbicide, you have the makings of a major injustice.

When farmers lose millions of dollars of crops due to alleged mismanagement by a government agency, you have the makings of a major lawsuit.

Magic Valley farmers have reported serious crop damage after an application of the herbicide Oust blew off target. They appear to have plenty of reason to sue, and that's exactly what farmers did last week, targeting DuPont Co. Inc., the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the chemical applicators.

The precise amount of damage has yet to be determined. But while the lawsuit has obvious merit, the growing list of plaintiffs could dampen its impact. The suit covers more than 100,000 acres in 11 counties.

Those farmers who can claim substantial losses, and who have been lobbying for due compensation for many months, are certainly justified to sue. The \$5 million compensation package Congress offered was a tiny fraction of the alleged damage.

Clearly, many local farmers have a legitimate cause to sue for damages done by a

chemical that will continue to hurt their ability to grow crops. But somehow the list of affected farms now stretches from Paul to Pocatello.

One can't help wondering whether some less than deserving parties may be crowding the boat of genuinely aggrieved plaintiffs.

Our view: Lawsuit from farmers impacted by Oust herbicide has too many plaintiffs, and one too many defendants.

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

The temptation to probe the deep pockets of DuPont and Uncle Sam may exceed the actual damages.

That leads to a second point. Not only may there be too many plaintiffs, there's also one defendant too many.

In our view, farmers have a good legal case against the BLM, which issued the order to use the herbicide. But the case against DuPont may be more problematic.

How the Oust was applied is the business of BLM officials rather than the product manufacturer. DuPont's label clearly warned that Oust treatment on "powdery, dry soil or light, sandy soil when there is little likelihood of rain" can result in off-target movement of the chemical, with possible damage to nearby crops.

Blaming the manufacturer of a product that is misused by someone else is like blaming Smith & Wesson for the tragedy at Columbine. The fault should be placed on officials who decided to spray Oust.

Renew, then redo existing farm policy

Mid-April means tax time for all Americans, but for farmers, it means planting time as well.

Until this year, farmers can't plant even plan what crops to grow because Congress hasn't decided on a farm policy for the year. Until Congress decides which crops to subsidize and at what levels, banks that serve farmers can't lend the money for seed and supplies to get the process started. No plan from Congress means no plan from farmers, which means no loans from banks and, alas, no planting as critical spring days pass.

BRIAN RIEDL

A farm policy exists. The 1996 farm law doesn't expire until October. But members of Congress not only want to revise farm legislation, they want the new provisions to take effect this year. However, they left for a two-week Easter recess without deciding on a new farm policy. The House and Senate each have passed bills, but a conference committee assigned to reconcile them has yet to complete its work.

Which brings us to the present bind. Congress should abandon attempts to revise farm policy this year, extend the current legislation through the growing season of 2003, then get to work bringing true freedom to farm policy.

The 1996 Freedom to Farm legislation aimed to bring real reform. It sought to win farmers, particularly large agri-business companies, from federal farm subsidies and allow farmers to grow the crops they want rather than what the government tells them to grow.

But each year since 1996, various groups of aggrieved farmers have convinced Congress they face doom unless the government bolsters subsidies. As a result, subsidies now dwarf even pre-1996 levels, even though 60



percent of family farmers receive no subsidies and the top 10 percent of subsidy recipients receive three-fourths of the money.

The bills in Congress won't make things better - both propose Americans dole out \$17 billion per year in farm subsidies, per amounting what has become a huge corporate-welfare program. For just \$4 billion, Congress could provide enough income to bring every farmer in America into the middle class.

That wouldn't make for good farm policy either, but at least the money would be spent as the vast majority of Americans expect - to help struggling family farmers. Not on Fortune 500 companies such as Chevron and John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance or individuals such as billionaire banker David Rockefeller, multimillionaire basketball star Scottie Pippen or 15 members of Congress, nearly

all of whom receive far more than the annual median farm subsidy of \$935.

The way subsidy programs work now - the more you grow of selected crops, the more you receive - bestows a huge advantage on corporate farms, which have larger tracts and thus more favorable economies of scale. Corporate farms then use the subsidy money to buy out family farmers, the supposed beneficiaries of farm programs. Thus, corporate farms already control three-fourths of rice farming in America, and similar consolidation is expected in wheat, soybeans, corn and cotton - unless present policies change.

Both bills propose the largest farm subsidy program in world history - at a cost of \$4,400 per family over the next 10 years. Both propose that current subsidy programs continue more or less unchanged. Both reflect not the interests of Americans in

general but the interests of corporate and other wealthy farmers who have spent nearly \$70 million since 1999 on campaign contributions.

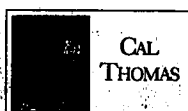
Farmers, like everyone else, need to stand on their own. If they can't, and if Americans think it's worth millions of dollars to preserve family farms, Congress needs to redesign farm policy toward that end rather than give subsidies, literally, to Rockefeller.

For the time being, the best we can hope for is that Congress extend the present policy so farmers can plant, wait until November when election pressures abate, then get to work truly making things better for farming in America.

Brian Riedl is the Grover M. Hermann fellow in federal budgetary affairs at The Heritage Foundation, a Washington-based public policy institute.

Key Bush aide meets the highest priority

In Washington, one is more likely to find people who believe tabloid stories on alien invaders than people who accept at face value a pure motive behind the resignation of a top White House aide. Many people have resigned from powerful posts in Washington, but in recent history those resignations stemmed from a scandal, criminal investigation, or indictment.



CAL THOMAS

Not so with Karen Hughes, who's leaving her post as Counselor to the President Strategic Planning, Communications and Speechwriting and moving back to Texas principally because she and her husband care deeply about their young son, Robert, 15. What a concept - someone who actually practices family values and doesn't just talk about them for political gain!

Hughes' choice is, as one top White House assistant described it to me, "one of the most admirable decisions I've ever seen in my life."

Why is that? It's because the culture of Washington is so different from that of the rest of the country. To Karen and her husband, finding a way to spend more time with their son isn't a sacrifice. It's investment in a child's life. Hughes' choice also

mentioned the story to her and that she assumed official Washington doesn't like to admit to such priorities. Hughes said several long-time White House staff (mostly women but some men) had told her that speaking out about these things hurt their families in high priority, too.

The loss of Hughes from the White House (she'll still advise President Bush from Texas) removes Bush's top Christian ally from his daily presence.

Both Hughes and Bush are serious practitioners of their faith (Hughes and her family church-shopped until settling in at National Presbyterian in Washington). The faith of both influences the way they see the world and policy issues. Most high-profile people in Washington don't get that because most here don't "get" God. Hughes and Bush do and people with sensitive antennae can pick up on that influence in many domestic and foreign policy decisions, especially post-9/11.

There is a seductive Washington culture - a Nixon aide once diagnosed its addictive powers as coming from "the smell of the White House paint."

It has a negative and corrosive influence on many who come here. The Washington culture requires total allegiance and commitment. It will understand if your family suffers - even if it breaks up - and offer you the consolation of others who have sacrificed family for career, advancement and ego. But the Washington culture can never replace the family.

There's also a Texas culture, to which Hughes and her family are returning. Only those who have lived in Texas - as I have, twice - understand it. Texas culture can be far more supportive of the family than the culture of Washington.

Texas culture includes the faith, while Washington culture, so often creates an environment of activism, mostly through its demands on everyone's time.

Technology and his own visits to the ranch in Crawford will allow President Bush to stay in touch with Hughes for her seasoned advice. But this investment has decided to make for her son and husband is something she will never regret - and they will never forget.

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LETTER

Idahoans won't fall for Blinken's false promises

Alan Blinken, an eastern millionaire now residing in a very expensive home in the Sun Valley area, is running a campaign where he tells Idaho people they need a new voice. He says he can bring new industry and business investors from foreign countries here and that will give Idahoans good jobs. His real purpose is to defeat our senior Sen. Larry Craig and help the Democratic Party in any way he can. I understand he is also a friend of Jon Marvel, who opposes range grazing.

Well, Alan, let's get real! About all those good jobs you're promising Idahoans - those new industries and foreign investors? They bring all their high-paid specialists with them and the Idahoans will be getting the menial jobs.

He's trying to do what Hillary Dillary Clinton did in New York to get a seat in the Senate. But, Mr. Blinken, you'll find out Idahoans are a lot smarter than you give them credit for. False promises you can't keep and money can't buy you a seat in the Senate of the great state of Idaho.

JACK STREETER
Mountain Home

Don't blame Twin Falls workers for shortcoming

To Jon Michael of Twin Falls: Wow! You have to wait two to three minutes for a traffic light

to change. Maybe you should try the traffic in Boise - sometimes you wait 10 to 12 minutes, depending on the area and where you are going. Why don't you spend one

day with the city employees? You just might find out how much they accomplish in one day!

My suggestion for you: Start out a bit sooner instead of blaming

ing the city for your shortcomings. Maybe it isn't the out-towners who cause the accidents!

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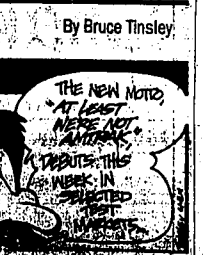
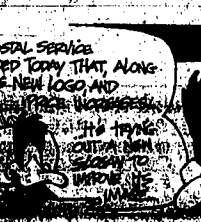
By Garry Trudeau



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OPINION

Changing Washington for the worse

The pop quiz questions for today: Will a Supreme Court which bars the government from regulating simulated child pornography allow that same government to restrict political speech in the days just before an election? Is the right of any group to use its own funds to criticize a public official less important than the right of a film producer to distribute what Congress and most Americans consider highly objectionable material?

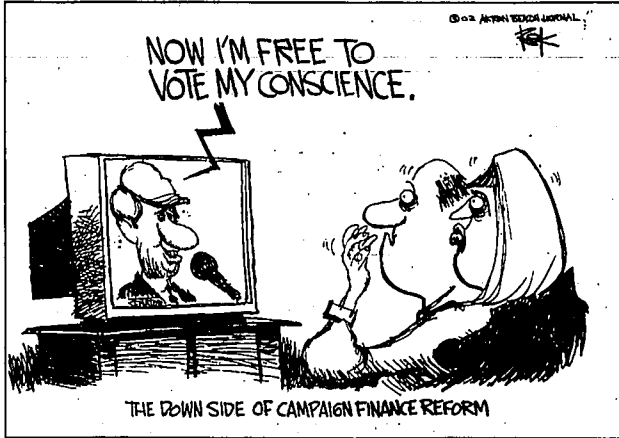
DAVID S. BRODER

If your answers to those questions is no, as mine is, then you have to wonder what will happen when the high court gets its hands on the campaign finance measure recently signed into law by a reluctant President Bush. My guess is that the statute will emerge as one more unintended example of a "reform" effort that damages, rather than improves, our political system.

Let's review the bidding. In 1996, large majorities in Congress, responding to widespread public complaints, told pornographers who were creating computer-generated images of make-believe children engaged in sex acts that they must cease and desist.

The law was challenged as violating the First Amendment freedom of expression, and last week the Supreme Court, struck down the statute. Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, writing for the majority, said the threat of punishment under the measure would mean that few "would risk distributing images in or near the uncertain reach of this law. The Constitution gives significant protection from over-broad laws that chill speech within the First Amendment's vast and privileged sphere."

Now, consider what the McCain-Feingold Shays-Meehan bill, signed into law last month, does inside that "vast and privileged sphere." It has two main parts. The first closes a loophole



in existing laws that has permitted corporations, unions and wealthy individuals to make unlimited "soft money" contributions - often of six figures - to political parties. The court consistently has upheld contribution limits to candidates, as low as \$1,000 per person, as a legitimate device for preventing corruption or the appearance of corruption. This part of the new law should easily pass muster.

The second part of the law aims at so-called issue advocacy ads, the rapidly proliferating, highly disguised campaign messages that typically say something like, "Candidate Jones wants to double your taxes and take away your Social Security. Tell Jones he is wrong." By avoiding "magic words" such as "vote against Jones," these ads currently can be financed without regard to any contribution limits. Political parties have used "soft money" to buy such ads and interest groups of all kinds have dipped into their treasuries to put up such ads themselves.

The new law, which takes effect

in November, would require issue ads that mention a candidate's name to be financed under the same limitations it sets for all other political contributions. If the Sierra Club or the National Rifle Association or any other interest group wanted to buy ads praising or criticizing a candidate for federal office in the weeks leading to Election Day, it could not simply use its members' dues to pay for them. It would have to solicit its supporters to make additional gifts for that specific purpose, within the contribution limits.

Critics of the new law have filed suit, and the case will likely reach the Supreme Court next year. Government lawyers will argue that it does not unduly burden the free expression rights of all such groups. But given the Supreme Court's solicitude for an expansive reading of the First Amendment (which, as a journalist, I assuredly welcome), the odds are that this part of the law will be struck down.

The net effect: The political parties, already weakened by many forces, will have lost a major

source of their financing with the outlawing of "soft money," while interest groups, whose influence has grown by leaps and bounds, will be free to play an even larger role in campaigns, thus expanding their grip on government.

And that in turn will make it ever harder to break out of gridlock in Washington. Political parties, as large coalitions, learn to adjust to the competing demands of their own factions, and they understand that those they help elect must at times compromise with the opposition to get things done. Single-issue interest groups are more adamant in their demands on officeholders and less willing to see them seek middle ground.

It was not the intention of the sponsors of this new law to weaken parties and strengthen interest groups. But if the court does what I think it will do, that will be the damaging consequence of this latest reform effort.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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Government debt puts U.S. on road to disaster

This country is headed for disaster in that the trillions of government debt require horrendous interest payments on money that has been given to countries around the world. The media ignore this situation. Every president has contributed to the debt without our vote.

Imagine how rich our country would be if we had no North American Free Trade Agreement, World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund, World Bank and foreign aid (to any country asking for it and then they put it in Swiss banks; it never goes to the people in need). The United Nations squanders more money than it does good. I suggest it be moved to an Arab country and look to them for financial help!

You can't buy anything made in this country anymore. Our manufacturing jobs have all gone overseas, but the people are still flooding into this country looking for jobs and demanding their rights. Recently the U.S. Supreme Court held that illegal aliens have no rights under the Constitution. International companies pay their workers pittance and, in some cases, use child labor. The greed of huge corporations is unconscionable. Enron is disgusting, but nothing is being done about it. Sad.

Our government has no accountability anymore. The Internal Revenue Service is hit or miss.

Immigration and Naturalization Service doesn't know or care what it does and should be scrapped. The United States Post Office just keeps asking for more money and giving worse service (and big bonuses). The Federal Aviation Authority is unable to cope with the changes that must be made after 9/11. Incompetence is rampant. So these matters and others are

beyond individual control, but we must demand that the authorities accept responsibility, and we must stand up for our constitutional rights. Otherwise we will lose them. The country is the best in the world but with all of its faults could be so much better. We cannot solve the overpopulation problems of the world.
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Minidoka County man dies when loader tips

SHOSHONE - A Minidoka County man was killed Tuesday evening when his loader overturned on a Lincoln County road. The man's identity was not disclosed Tuesday night because police were still trying to locate his next of kin, Lincoln County Sheriff Steve Southwick said.

The accident happened around 6 p.m. about 10 miles west of Kimama, Southwick said. The man apparently lost control of the loader, and it slid off the road and overturned, Southwick said.

The Idaho State Police is investigating the accident, Southwick said.

Hagerman sets up trash bins Saturday

HAGERMAN - The city of Hagerman will have two trash bins available all day Saturday at the trailer dump site, in Pocket Park next to Trader Jack's, for residents to deposit acceptable trash such as old mattresses, plastic, paper, old furniture, pieces of metal and pails, wire, canvas and garden hoses.

Items that may not be discarded in the trash bins include paint, chemicals, oil, tires and old car batteries.

A location for dumping clean, grindable wood waste such as tree branches and shrub trimmings, old lumber and plywood will be signed along Rocky Road across from Spring Valley Automotive in the Hagerman light industrial park area.

Anyone with questions or those who are elderly and would like help hauling off waste should call Barbara Maxwell, cleanup chairwoman, at 837-6189.

Soprano, humorist performs at CSI tonight

TWIN FALLS - Soprano and humorist Alison England will perform on the College of Southern Idaho.

Fin. Arts Center auditorium stage tonight, the final event of the Magic Valley Community Concerts season.

England, who has sung with opera companies in Miami, St. Louis, Seattle and Kansas City, Mo., has also appeared with the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Seattle Symphony, Miami Symphony and the St. Louis Symphony. Her show, "Opera, Broadway and Beyond," combines opera, show tunes and pop with England's humorous reflections on her journey through life.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, are available at Saw-Mor Drug in Twin Falls or at the door.

Hormone replacement therapy? Share your story

TWIN FALLS - Some doctors are expressing doubts about the long-term effectiveness of hormone replacement therapy to head off problems ranging from heart disease to Alzheimer's.

The Times-News is preparing an article on hormone replacement therapy, and would like to talk with women who've experienced it.

If you'd like to share your story, give us a call.

Phone features editor Steve Crump at 735-3223 or email him at crump@magicvalley.com

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DEQ considers tire experiment

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - A pile of at least a million tires is seen as an opportunity rather than a problem by the regional administrator of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

While Lincoln County and state officials continue to take precautions to keep the pile at the Idaho Tire Recovery site north of Shoshone from burning, plans are also

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under way to use the pile to possibly help change a state law.

In Idaho, it is not legal to landfill tires, but a possible pilot project that could be done at the Idaho Tire Recovery site could help the tire industry find a way to dispose of unwanted tires, said Doug

Howard, DEQ's regional administrator.

In order to move forward with using the tires as part of a dirt-covered fire barrier, a \$20,000 to \$25,000 monitoring program would be necessary.

Monitoring would consist of a testing well near the barrier to make sure contaminants from the tires are not getting into groundwater and some temperature monitoring devices to make sure the tires are not getting too hot.

Lincoln County commissioners are plan-

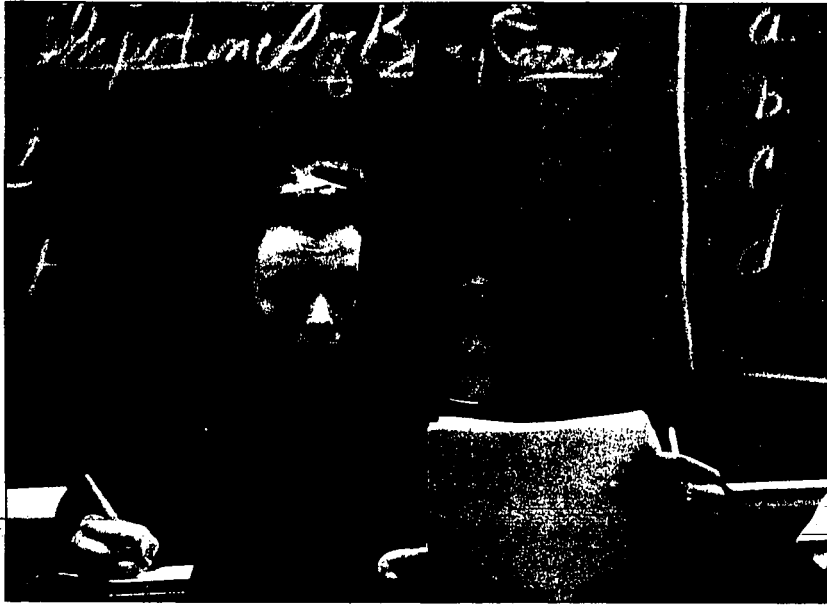
ning to ask the Legislature if there is any state money that can be used to help with the monitoring necessary for a fire barrier to be built. The barrier would use about 200,000 shredded tires covered with dirt, said commission Chairman Jerry Nance.

The barrier would separate the rest of the pile from fire-vulnerable Bureau of Land Management property, Howard said.

If the project were successful and did

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KNOCKING 'EM DEAD IN T.F.



Stephanie Alonso takes an English test at Twin Falls High School after she was declared 'dead' and made up to look like death. Alonso was one of 24 of 'grim reapers' walking the halls of the school as part of the 'Every 15 Minutes' campaign against drunken driving.

Drunk driving campaign makes impact on students

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In teacher Dan Vogt's government class at Twin Falls High School sat three morose and silent figures, casting a pall over the classroom.

The three formerly chipper and gregarious seniors stared straight ahead, cloaked in black capes and hoods, their faces painted in decrepit, death-like tones. They were hard to avoid, hard to ignore. It was difficult for them not to have an impact.

They were there to symbolize victims who die every 15 minutes nationwide from alcohol-related crashes.

The Twin Falls Police Department's "Every 15 Minutes" program targets high school seniors with the message that drinking and driving can have lethal results. More importantly, the program shows that rather than a faceless statistic, a victim could be a student or a classmate.

In 2000, 397 adults and 12 juveniles were arrested in Twin Falls County for drunken driving.

"This time of year, spring is

here, school is almost out, you start having a lot of parties. We want to make sure that the kids aren't driving if they've been drinking alcohol," said Sgt. Dennis Pullin.

Repeatedly Tuesday morning, several Twin Falls police officers would enter a classroom and call out the name of a "victim" - one of 24 students who agreed to participate beforehand. As the officers took the student away, the teacher read the student's obituary, written by the parents. Around 15 minutes later, the student returned to class, dressed as the grim reaper, to be treated as the no-longer-living, isolated, unable to communicate with his peers.

"Just to know you could lose a kid right next you, it hits you more," said student Allison Rolig.

For many, it was the obituary that resonated the deepest. Several students said they were moved to tears upon hearing about the "death" of a friend.

It was even more trying for the parents who had to write their child's death notices.

"It was tough," said Susan Beck, who wrote an "obituary" Please see DEATH, Page B3

Our beloved daughter Stephanie Alonso passed away in an automobile accident on April 22, 2002

Stephanie was born Nov. 12, 1983 at Everett Wash. The daughter of Saul, Gloria Alonso of Twin Falls Idaho. When Stephanie was born, she was named to help people, and had a special gift. She always had a smile. She loved to play with her brother Joshua and always had a joke around. She planned to attend Boise State University and was to be married to her husband Saul and Gloria Alonso, on April 26, 2002. She loved to camp, and fish. She was a very kind and loving person. We miss her so much. The funeral will be held on Thursday 26, 2002 at 2pm at the Saint Edwards Church.

Stephanie's obituary is posted in the classroom for her peers to read.

Director draws tie between arts, economic growth

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - It's no accident, says the executive director of the Idaho Commission on the Arts, that economic growth seems to occur where arts and a vibrant cultural life are part of a community.

Speaking Tuesday to a small but rapt audience of community arts activists at Hailey's Old County Courthouse, Dan Harpole said the commission is setting out to work closely with communities throughout the

state to develop culture programs and to help expand those in existence.

At the commission's helm for less than two years after successful terms in the state of Washington as an arts official as well as a county commissioner, Harpole also pointed out that community arts groups are good business: They're small businesses that provide employment, hire professional legal and accounting services, buy supplies and attract "new money" to the community - charitable contributions as well as admissions to

arts events. Harpole, who spoke at the invitation of the Hailey Chamber of Commerce, Wood River Arts Alliance and the College of Southern Idaho, provided a series of examples of the economic impact of arts on a community.

The smallest example involved the tiny Idaho community of Koooskia, southeast of Lewiston and located on the Nez Perce reservation. The town worked with a local artist to create a stunning painting of Nez Perce Indians meeting with the Lewis

and Clark expedition. The painting was translated into a large mural painted on the side of a Koooskia building by high school students, and now is being sold as a litho print to help underwrite more arts programs.

A far larger example of arts impact on a community was the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore. Harpole said a study by the state concluded that in the year 2000, 350,000 people who attended the festival added \$23 million to the local economy, while the festival orga-

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Irrigators create districts

The Times-News and The Associated Press

JEROME - Irrigators who draw water from wells on the north side of the Snake River from Rupert to Gooding County formed a new water district Tuesday that will regulate groundwater just as surface water is regulated.

Their counterparts farther upstream from American Falls to Idaho Falls - whose well use affects spring flows that feed Twin Falls Canal Co. and Northside Canal Co. water rights - did the same thing this week. The new districts are the result of a deal reached last year between water users who are reliant on stream flows and groundwater users.

Magic Valley groundwater users created Water District 130 and took the Idaho Department of Water Resources up on its offer to provide a watermaster for the district's initial start.

Cindy Yenter, a Water Resources employee based in Twin Falls, will serve as the new district's watermaster for the first two years, said Mike Faulkner, chairman of the existing North Snake Ground Water District. The new water district will include four subdistricts formed by the existing A&B Irrigation District, Magic Valley Ground Water District, North Snake Ground Water District, and a newly formed unit of water users who rely on spring flows emerging from the Snake River Canyon.

The subdistricts will be responsible for tracking and coordinating water use with the watermaster, Faulkner said.

Water users in Blackfoot voted Monday to approve Lewis Rounds as the watermaster for their new district. Water District 120 covers land west of the Snake River, from American Falls north to Idaho Falls.

A third water district will be created in two years covering an area that includes Idaho Hills and the upper Snake River valley.

Rounds, who works in the Idaho Department of Water Resources office in Idaho Falls, will work closely with District 1 watermaster Ron Carlson. District 1 covers the entire Snake River Valley from the Wyoming border to Milner Dam near Burley.

There is a chance that anyone who pumps groundwater in District 120 will be told to cut back 8 percent this summer. In District 130, there are chances of 8 percent cutbacks. These could affect municipalities and potato processing plants, as well as farmers.

The effect pumping has on spring flows has always been a source of debate. Because the water flows out of sight, the state only can compile irrigation and spring flow numbers to work up theoretical water use models.

The Department of Water Resources has talked for years about joint management of surface and groundwater. After the dry summer of 2001, the department faced the prospect of telling 1,300 to 1,500 groundwater pumpers from the Magic Valley to Aberdeen they would have to shut down their wells in order for surface water users to get their water.

The alternative was to form water districts that would allow for regulation of groundwater use.

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MAGIC VALLEY

Lincoln's juvenile detention costs drop

By Lorraine Cavenar
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - Either young people in Lincoln County have suddenly turned into little angels or somebody is doing something right.

Lincoln County Commissioner Lawrence Calkins commented Monday that something must be going on the right. He attributed the large drop being spent on juvenile detention to people working together.

The last two years the county was spending between \$30,000 and \$35,000 per year on juvenile detention, with the cost of detention at least \$125 per day per youth.

During the past five months the amount the county has spent on juvenile detention has dropped to \$125 total. Only one youngster has spent one night in juvenile detention in five months, said Becky Scott, Lincoln County probation officer.

While the number has been low that does not necessarily mean it will stay low, she said. "We're just coming up on summer," Scott said. "That has the potential for some problems."

But she attributed several components, such as the Youth Enrichment Services van and programs such as HealthNet, to contributing a great deal to the success of juvenile programs in the county.

Other juvenile probation methods such as ankle monitoring, more intense supervision and more home visits have also helped, she said.

For minor offenses such as curfew violations, it is not a good idea to put young people in detention, she said.

"Putting those kids in with kids who have stolen cars is not good," she said. "Kids talk, and they learn a lot more things they don't know."

Scott appealed to commissioners Monday for funding to continue to help operate the YES van for summer school. The van has been taking between three and five Lincoln County students to the Gooding Accelerated Learning School, the alternative school.

"Without county funding, students or their parents have to pay about \$5 per day for the round trip."

"If you tell them either pay or quit riding, they quit school," Scott said. "Then they are here in town."

She did not know exactly how much it would cost the county transport students to the alternative school, but commissioners said they would check into it.

Commission Chairman Jerry Nance said he wanted to find out if parents in Jerome and Gooding counties had to pay part of the cost for the van.

Originally, operation of the van was paid for with a \$10,000 state Department of Juvenile Corrections prevention grant. That amount has decreased each of the past three years because the state wants the community to

Lincoln County gets a new probation officer

The Times-News

SHOSHONE - Lincoln County is getting a new probation officer.

Becky Scott, who has worked as a probation officer in 5th District Court in Lincoln County for the past two years, is getting a new job.

Starting May 1 Scott will be the new Lincoln County deputy clerk. She has been training Cheryl Adams to take her old position.

Adams said she applied for the position to make a difference, to be an advocate for youth and to work with families. While she is excited about the job, she said there is a lot to learn.

"Becky has done a wonderful job," Adams said. "They are going to be some hard shoes to fill."

Filling those shoes will include developing the same relationship Scott has had with probationers.

"They trust and respect her and know they can talk to her," Adams said.

"I plan to have a professional relationship with them and let them know they can count on me."

There are a total of five probation officers in district five, Scott said.

Shooting hoops

What: A three-on-three basketball tournament, sponsored by HealthNet.

When: 10 a.m., May 4.

Where: At the newly refurbished basketball courts in Shoshone.

Who: Shoshone, Dietrich and Richfield youth are invited to play in the tournament.

How: To register for the tournament, call Lincoln County HealthNet facilitator Julie Oxarango-Ingram at 886-2466.

Shoshone tire project - B1

Pick it up, Scott said.

Now the three-year startup period will be ending.

Sending Lincoln County students to the alternative school has helped a great deal, Calkins said. "It has kept them out of trouble and made them feel like they could accomplish something."

The cost of the van is a small price to pay compared to the \$125 per day per person if those students end up in detention, Calkins said.

In addition to the summer school, two Americorp volunteers helping as HealthNet asset builders have been valuable, said Julie Oxarango-Ingram, the Lincoln County HealthNet coordinator. A group formed called the Youth Action Council, which has 16 steady youth members and is growing.

The group decided to fix up old basketball courts and is now working in conjunction with the Shoshone Gem Community group to replace the chain-link fence and put in some picnic tables and a volleyball court.

Projects and groups of this nature also give 5th District Judge Mark Ingram and probation officers more options.

Often Ingram requires probationers to become involved by attending Gem Community meetings and working on projects, said Oxarango-Ingram, who is Ingram's wife.

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Group pushes for Canyonlands protection

MURPHY (AP) - The Sierra Club has bought local advertising aimed at building support for permanently protecting the Owyhee Canyonlands.

The move comes as a variety of interests in Owyhee County are making progress on a long-term plan for the future of the Canyonlands.

The Canyonlands is an area of rugged country in southwestern Idaho, eastern Oregon and northern Nevada.

The area forms one of the largest undeveloped and unprotected stretches of land in the lower 48 states.

The Sierra Club bought radio and billboard advertising to coincide with Earth Day, organizers said.

"We think this is the perfect time to draw attention to the need to get lasting, permanent protection for this remote, rugged wilderness so close to Boise," said Roger Singer, Idaho spokesman for the Sierra Club. Last year, the Owyhee County Commission created the Owyhee Initiative to reach agreements between environmentalists, ranchers, motorized trail-users, federal land managers and the Air Force, which has training ranges in the county.

Owyhee Initiative Chairman Fred Grant dismissed the idea that the Sierra Club's new campaign would polarize wilderness opponents.

"We all knew that each of the members was looking out for their best interests," Grant said. "The members understand the process and each other's agendas."

Conservation groups, including the Idaho Conservation League, The Nature Conservancy and the Wilderness Society, want to protect 1.3-million acres as wilderness.

The Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association has promoted a plan that would protect 230,000 acres as wilderness.

Because the initiative members have agreed to work toward a consensus proposal that is acceptable to all the members, Grant said the final plan will likely include a compromise on wilderness designation.

Gooding OKs funding requests

By Aimee New
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Gooding County commissioners approved this week funding requests from the health department and soil conservation district.

Dr. Chuck Parker, a board member for South Central District Health requested an increase of 2 percent in the allocation for fiscal year 2003 from Gooding County commissioners at their regular Monday meeting. The total request was \$68,488.

Parker, who has been a board member for 30 years will retire June 31.

Representatives from the Soil Conservation District requested an extra \$4,000 for fiscal year 2003.

Representatives reviewed operations in Gooding County, noting school activities to train youth in areas such as water conservation. The group is presently working on the drain in Malad State Park in an attempt to prevent pollution of the gorge.

The conservation district is attempting to locate funds to assess contamination in the 28

agricultural drains in Gooding County.

In other county business, the last regular county commission meeting in May has been changed to 3:30 p.m. May 21 in the commissioner's meeting room.

The county will also provide refreshments for those attending the Arbor Day celebration scheduled for 9 a.m., Saturday in front of the courthouse. The celebration will be followed at 10 a.m. by the Founder's Day celebration at the Gooding County Fairgrounds.

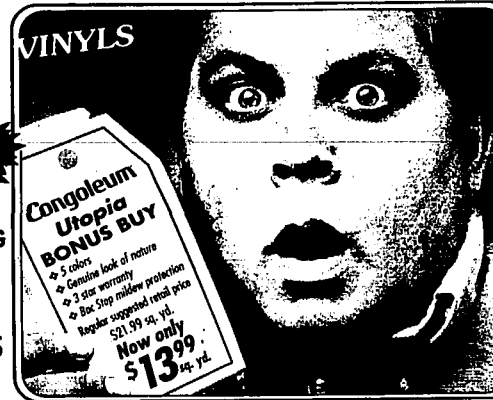
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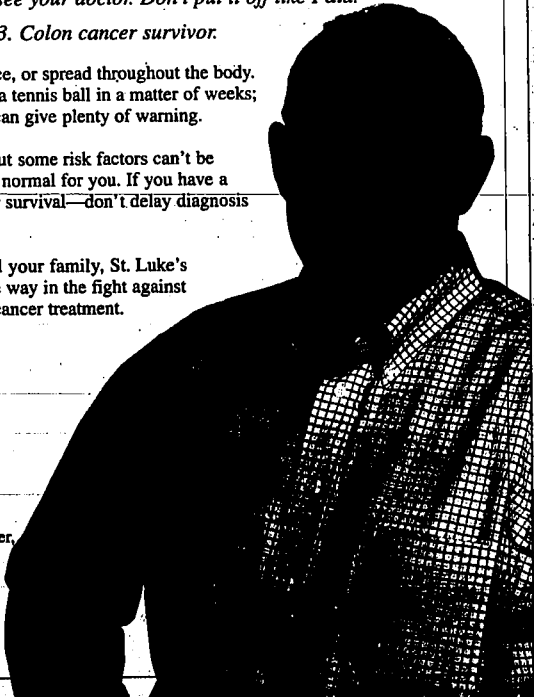
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Pope warns priests of 'crime' of abuse

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Decrying sex abuse in the church as a sin and a crime, Pope John Paul II told American church leaders Tuesday there was no room in the priesthood "for those who would harm the young."

But one of the cardinals attending the emergency meeting said the pope may have left some leeway for wayward priests who repent and undergo treatment to resume their ministry — as long as they had no contact with children.

The pope's language was his strongest yet on the molestation scandal that has convulsed the Roman Catholic Church in the United States since January. American prelates appeared to take his words to heart, making progress toward an agreement on a new plan of action.

The pope's use of the word "crime" seemed to end any lingering debate on whether U.S. bishops should refer abuse ac-

sions against priests to secular authorities, as many are now doing.

The Americans worked until 10 p.m. Tuesday on a communique expected to come at the close of the two-day summit today.

After the meeting, Cardinal Francis George of Chicago said in an interview with The Associated Press that whatever comes out of this week's gathering will be part of the process in which all the U.S. bishops will set a new policy together in June.

John Paul's talk to the Americans, delivered in English, had a striking gloves-off tone compared with many papal utterances.

"The abuse which has caused this crisis is by every standard wrong and rightly considered a crime by society," as well as an "appalling sin" before God, he said.

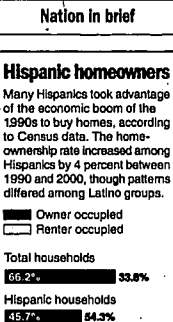
Economy helps Hispanics achieve homeownership

MANASSAS PARK, Va. — Homeownership among Hispanics surged during the economic boom of the 1990s, according to census figures that also show differences in living patterns among Latino groups.

For example, 2000 census data to be released today show that Cubans are more likely than Mexicans to own their own homes, while Puerto Ricans are much more likely to rent rather than buy.

More flexible lending practices and the good economy helped boost the homeownership rate for Hispanics overall to a new high, though it still lags far behind the national average for all people.

The Hispanic rate grew from 42 percent in 1990 to 46 percent. Overall, 66 percent of all American homes were owned in 2000, up from 64 percent a decade earlier.



Officials arrest airman in sexual assault case

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — An Air Force airman was arrested Tuesday in a string of six sexual assaults in this college town last summer and has also come under suspicion in a slaying and a series of rapes in Philadelphia, police said.

Senior Airman Troy Graves, 29, was jailed on \$1 million bail, he has been stationed since 2000 at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., where he did maintenance work on intercontinental ballistic missiles, the Air Force said.

Police did not say how they connected him to the crimes.

In the Fort Collins attacks, an intruder entered apartments through unlocked doors or windows in the early morning, blindfolded his victims and forced them to perform oral sex. All six assaults involved women in their 20s living in apartments near the Colorado State University campus.

Mob in Puerto Rico attacks group of Marines

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A mob armed with bats and pipes attacked 10 U.S. Navy Marines, leaving one with a cranial fracture and others with injuries from broken bones to minor scrapes, the Navy said Tuesday.

All 10 were released from the hospital Tuesday after a brawl that erupted Monday night in the colonial section of San Juan, capital of this U.S. Caribbean territory, said Lt. Corey Barker, a Navy spokesman.

The Marines — more than 60 wearing civilian clothes at the time — had just finished work as a security detachment for contested military exercises on the outlying island of Vieques. Two Marines were arguing between themselves outside at about 11 p.m. when a mob armed with lead pipes and bats started beating them, Barker said. He did not say what the fight was about.

Father apologizes to officer he accused of killing son

DENVER — A man who accused a police officer of mistakenly killing his son during the Columbine High School massacre apologized publicly.

"We're sorry for the pain and frustration we have caused him," Brian Rohrbough said in a newspaper interview Monday.

The parents of 15-year-old Daniel Rohrbough had filed a lawsuit alleging Sgt. Dan O'Shea shot their son during the confusion after Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold

Valued Bush aide announces resignation

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House counselor Karen Hughes, one of President Bush's closest confidants and perhaps the most senior female aide to any modern American president, announced her resignation Tuesday. Bush said he will continue to seek her advice from afar.

"She may be changing addresses, but she's not leaving my inner circle," the president said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press shortly after Hughes' surprise announcement made her the first top White House aide to depart Bush's staff.

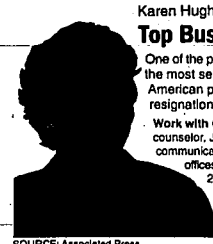
Hughes, 45, an aide to Bush since his days as Texas governor, unveiled her plans for a summer-time departure at a daily White House briefing.

"Later this summer, I'm going to be changing the way in which I serve the president. My husband and I have made a difficult but we think right decision to move our family home back to Texas," she said.

"Our roots are there," she said. "I guess we're a little homesick."

Bush, in an exclusive interview, said Hughes made the news to him Wednesday or Thursday and he accepted the decision.

"I said, 'Karen, I've always valued your advice' and she said, 'You'll have my advice.' So I said to myself as long as I have her advice, judgment and friendship, I



SOURCE: Associated Press

Karen Hughes Top Bush aide resigns

One of the president's closest confidants and the most senior female aide to a modern American president announced her resignation Tuesday.

Work with George Bush — White House counselor, January 2001-present; communications director, Bush gubernatorial offices and presidential campaign, 1994-2000; Texas Republican Party executive director, 1992-94.

Family — Husband, Jerry; teenage son, Robert.

support the move," the president said. "This is Karen being Karen. She loves her family. She has always made it clear to me ever since I've known her that her husband and son come first in her life," Bush said.

Hughes and political aide Karl Rove were critical to Bush's rise from a two-term Texas governor to the presidency.

Rove, a fellow Texan with a teen-age child of his own, has no plans to leave the White House, Bush said.

"I think there's a different set of circumstances," the president said.

Hughes and Condoleezza Rice, the president's national security

adviser, are two of the most influential female aides in White House history.

Fifteen months into the Bush presidency, this is the period in which senior aides generally start considering departures from high-pressure White House and Cabinet posts. White House chief of staff Andrew Card has denied reports that he is considering leaving in the fall. Bush advisers say they expect Hughes will not be the last senior aide to leave this year.

Bush said there was nothing other than Hughes' personal desire to return to Texas that prompted her resignation.

"I don't intend to fill her role"

New Pap test guidelines may help calm fears

CHICAGO (AP) — New Pap test guidelines issued by a panel of experts could mean fewer return visits and less anxiety for the millions of women whose cervical cancer results come back inconclusive.

Currently, many of the estimated 2.5 million American women a year with abnormal but inconclusive results are given at least two follow-up Pap tests within a year; or a colposcopy test, in which the cervix is examined and sometimes biopsied, or a test for the human papillomavirus, or HPV, the chief cause of cervical cancer.

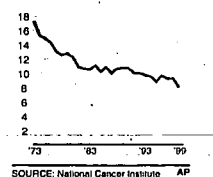
The new guidelines say HPV testing alone should be the preferred method for many women because it is more convenient for the patient.

In many cases, the HPV test can be done from the Pap test sample.

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New guidelines for Pap tests

New guidelines for women with abnormal Pap test results mean they could be tested for human papillomavirus, the leading cause of cervical cancer, immediately instead of returning for follow-up Pap tests or a colposcopy.



these women — the patient can be virtually assured she does not have cancer and does not need more follow-up testing, the experts said.

By some estimates, that could save hundreds of millions of dollars a year in health care costs.

Plea leads to arrest

DUBLIN, Ga. (AP) — A plea for help scrawled on a bathroom wall in Tennessee led to the arrest of a truck driver at a rest stop in Georgia, where police found a woman who said she had been beaten and held against her will for six months.

Katrina L. Shaddix, 24, told police she hid a marker in her sock and left more than 30 messages in restrooms from New York to Tennessee.

Maintenance worker Binford Aycock found one, saying, "Won't let me out. Beating me, this is no joke!"

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Jury fails to reach verdict in killings

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — A jury deliberated for a second day Tuesday without reaching a verdict in the trial of a software engineer who claims he was insane when he fatally shot seven co-workers.

Michael McDermott, 43, is charged in the Dec. 26, 2000, killings at Edgewater Technology in Wakefield.

Deliberations were to resume Wednesday.

McDermott has testified that

he thought he was killing Nuzis, not co-workers. Defense attorney Kevin Reddington said McDermott has a long history of mental illness and was in a psychotic state when he opened fire.

But prosecutor Tom O'Reilly said there was no doubt McDermott methodically planned the shootings after he became enraged over the company's decision to withhold part of his salary to pay back taxes.

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Palestinians display bodies of suspected informers

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — When Israel killed a prominent Palestinian militia leader in a nighttime helicopter attack, his loyal gunmen exacted swift revenge and put their grisly work on public display.

The militiamen entered a Palestinian jail at dawn Tuesday and seized three men accused of collaborating with Israel. All were shot execution style, and two of the bloodied corpses were hung by their ankles from poles on a busy Hebron street. The third was dumped next to the scene of the previous night's killing, where a group of Palestinians kicked and spat on the body.

It was the second straight day that members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, a militia linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, had openly attacked accused collaborators — pointing to the widespread disarray in the Palestinian government and security forces.

The killings were shocking for the brazenness of the attackers, the widespread public support they received and the open participation by passers-by and youths.

In the wake of Israel's West Bank offensive directed at Palestinian militants, many angry Palestinians are demanding revenge, and the closest targets at hand are fellow Palestinians accused of collaborating with



Palestinian children watch Islamic Jihad activists wearing fake explosive belts march during a rally commemorating Mohammed Ibrahim and Salah Hassouna in Gaza City Tuesday. Mohammed and Salah were shot and killed on Friday during an exchange of fire with Israeli troops.

Israel. Dozens of suspected Palestinian collaborators have been killed during the nearly 19 months of Mideast fighting, with many of the deaths coming in recent weeks.

The practice was even more widespread in the first

Palestinian uprising, from 1987-93, when some 800 were slain, accounting for about one-third of all Palestinian deaths related to that uprising.

Israel has long relied on a vast network of Palestinian informants to keep tabs on Palestinian militants.

Israel presumably received such information when army helicopters swooped down on Hebron just before midnight Monday and fired rockets that incinerated the white Mitsubishi sedan carrying Marwan Zalloun, leader of Al Aqsa in Hebron, and his bodyguard.

Zalloun, who was in his 40s, was accused by Israel of orchestrating deadly attacks, including an April 12 suicide bombing in Jerusalem that killed six. "I am attacking the Jews because they took my land, took my freedom, took everything from the Palestinians," he said in a January interview with Fox News.

Col. Talal Idwukat, a commander in the Palestinian intelligence service cited three reasons for the recent increase in attacks against collaborators.

The Israeli incursions in Palestinian cities have provoked great anger, he said. Israeli airstrikes have destroyed Palestinian jails and prisons, prompting Palestinian security officials to release prisoners they say they cannot protect. And Israel's targeted killings of Palestinian militants has focused attention on the key role played by collaborators.

Mark Heller, an Israeli at the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, said the Palestinian leadership has not attempted to confiscate weapons in private hands, and there's virtually no chance it will do so now and go against the sentiment of the increasingly radicalized Palestinian street.

"When people are dragged out of jail and a mob is screaming kill them, it takes a lot of guts to stand up and say, 'stop.'"

Negotiations begin on church conflict

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — The first direct negotiations to end a three-week stalemate between Israeli forces and armed Palestinians holed up in one of Christianity's holiest shrines ended Tuesday without an agreement.

Palestinians had been optimistic for a quick resolution. But Bethlehem Mayor Hanna Nassher, who participated in the talks, said the discussions ended without a deal. The two sides are to meet again today.

"It was important, and we agreed to continue discussions," he said, without saying if progress had been made.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, meanwhile, told an American Jewish group he believed a U.S.-sponsored international peace conference could end Mideast hostilities. He credited the Israeli incursion into the West Bank with creating the climate for a settlement.

"Regional peace is within our grasp," Sharon said. "I am optimistic about the future."

In Bethlehem, where about 230 armed Palestinians, including about 30 militiamen, forced their way into the Church of the Nativity on April 2, Palestinians proposed during a first round of negotiations to take the wanted men to the Gaza Strip under international protection.

Europe shifts to the right

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Austria for the Austrians. France for the French. Holland and Denmark without Muslims or mosques.

The surprise resurgence of extreme nationalist Jean-Marie Le Pen in France's first round of presidential elections is just the latest example of the far right gaining ground in Europe.

From Austria, home to far-right politician Joerg Haider, and the anti-immigration Freedom Party, to the Netherlands — where rightist Pim Fortuyn has a foothold among the famously tolerant Dutch — extremist politicians are winning votes by tapping working-class fears that foreigners are stealing jobs and a way of life.

"I feel like I'm being taken hostage," said Wolfgang Seidler, 53, a Vienna businessman and political moderate who's bewildered at the shift. "We're in a new millennium, and yet we're going back to the 19th century."

Some say Europeans are receptive to harsh anti-foreigner rhetoric because rapid globalization has made them feel like they've lost control of their lives. Others contend the traditionally centrist political establishment has brought the far right into play by losing touch with citizens' daily struggles.

That, they say, has created fertile ground for ultraconservatives like Le Pen and his potent France for the French nationalism or Mogens Glistrup, founder of Denmark's extremist Progress Party, who wants to expel all Muslims.

"There's a deep, widespread and genuine concern over issues of personal and national identity," said Simon Serfaty of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies. "There are multiple forces that challenge these nations and their citizens: too many immigrants, the European Union, the intrusion of American culture. People see it as a kind of invisible invasion. They have no way out, and the hard right is rooted in that."

In the congested Netherlands, where roughly 2 million of the 16 million inhabitants are not native Dutch, it's become almost taboo to discuss sensitive issues such as immigration and a spike in street crime many quietly blame on young toughs from Morocco and Suriname.

By contrast, those issues are the party platform for Fortuyn and the Leefbaar Nederland (Liveable Netherlands) party, which has 19 percent support heading into May elections. Though many Dutch bristle when Fortuyn calls Islam a "backward culture," they also have harsh words for a government perceived as paralyzed by political correctness.

"If someone wants to discuss these matters, they're called racist," said Joost Schurten, a Dutch politician. "Because the government is not taking action, people get angry. By ignoring the issues, the government is moving people to the right."

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Section C

Mongolian makes mouths water



RECIPE FROM MONGOLIA

Buutz is a traditional new year's dumpling. Mendsaikhan says she, her mother and sister make about a thousand of these to serve well-wishers who drop in on New Year's Day.

BUUTZ

Makes 12

Filling:

- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 pound beef, chopped (or 1/4 pound lean ground beef)
- 1/4 onion, minced
- 2 green onion, sliced into small pieces
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

Mix all the ingredients and set aside.

Skin:

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup warm water
- Dash salt

Dissolve salt in water and then pour water into flour. Knead until dough is firm and all flour is thoroughly mixed, about 3 minutes. Add water as needed. Cover and let stand for 5 minutes. Uncover and knead for 1 minute. Cut dough into thirds and roll each into a coil of about 1 inch in diameter. Cut each coil into lengths of 1 inch. You should have a dozen lengths. Flatten each length and roll out on a floured surface until each piece becomes a 4-inch circle. Then, holding the dough circle in the palm of your hand, place about 1 tablespoon of the meat filling in the middle of the circle. Flatten the filling together so the filling is sealed inside the dough. Steam the buutz until the filling is cooked and the skin is tender, at least 20 minutes. Let stand until warm and then serve. These can be dipped in a desired sauce, served with vegetables or added to soups.

For more Mongolian recipes please see pages C2,3



Above, Mendsaikhan, an LDS missionary from Mongolia, cooks traditional foods for her American hosts. Top right, Mendsaikhan folds a Buutz dumpling. This is a traditional New Year's food in Mongolia.



Photos by BRUCE SHIELDS/The Times-News

Missionary delights friends with her cooking

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - LDS missionaries in the Rupert area are receiving a rare treat these days. Mendsaikhan, a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who hails from Mongolia, loves to cook and has been treating the other missionaries to Mongolian cuisine for the past year and a half. She is scheduled to go home to Mongolia at the end of May.

The "khan" at the end of her name is like the "khan" in Genghis Khan, the 13th-century Mongolian conqueror whose empire stretched from Korea to France. In Mongolia, people have only one name, Mendsaikhan said.

Mongolia sits between Russia and China and is influenced by both, with the Russian influence being strongest. Children study Russian in school, and speak and write - Mongolian - at home, Mendsaikhan had to learn English to come to the United States as a missionary and is now learning to speak Spanish, too.

Mongolia is much like Idaho, she said, with high mountains and the Gobi Desert, but the winters are colder.

Mendsaikhan was born and reared in a small town about the size of Rupert. It's called Archan and is near the capital city of Ulanbator. Her father is a military man; her mother a professional cook. A brother is a school teacher, and a younger sister still lives at home.

Mongolia used to be under Communist rule, but communism has been absent from

Mongolia for about 10 years. Mendsaikhan said the wages in Mongolia are very low. She was making around \$60 per month as a registered emergency room nurse. She may go on to medical school when she gets back, to increase her wage potential.

The new year is a big event in Mongolia and, in February, a welcome to spring is celebrated. Relatives, friends and neighbors gather to feast, sing and dance. They exchange gifts and make hundreds of little finger foods for guests.

A July summer celebration gives folks an opportunity to show off their famous horsemanship and archery skills. People gather from miles around and stage horse races and archery contests on horseback at full gallop.

Mongolia is sparsely populated. Farmers there raise cows, sheep, oxen, goats, horses and camels. The affluent in Mongolia count their riches not in dollars but in camels and horses. Mare's milk is a daily staple in the Mongolian diet.

Mendsaikhan looks forward to going home to see her family, but also likes the United States and will miss it.

Neighbor, chauffeur and Rupert Second Ward missionary Terry - Montague said Mendsaikhan has developed, quite a sweet tooth in the states. She complains that she is getting fat, yet wants to make apple pie and cookies for her family when she gets back to Mongolia, Montague said.

In Mongolia, everything is made from scratch. There are no canned goods, no boxed mixes - and no TV dinners.

At home with the animals

Actress keeps wild company

By Ruth Ryan
Los Angeles Times

Tippi Hedren keeps a mountain lion outside her kitchen, two African wildcats off her bedroom and a "tiger," an offspring of a lion and a tiger, behind a fence a few feet from her front porch.

The actress, who starred in Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" (1963) and "Marnie" (1964), also has elephants in her house. Not live ones - they're part of a collection of jewelry and art.

But the cats are real, and an adult elephant does share the grounds.

Hedren lives in the Antelope Valley, 40 miles northeast of Los Angeles, in a wild-animal sanctuary she named Shambala - Sanskrit for a meeting place of peace and harmony for all beings, animal and human. Home to Hedren since the mid-1970s, Shambala is a refuge for about 60 big cats and Timbo, a 45-year-old African bull elephant. The cats were born in the United States. Many were abused.

None should be considered a pet, Hedren said, who became interested in the plight of wildlife while filming in Africa. Never mind that she opens a window in her house to let Daisy, the mountain lion, get a drink from the kitchen sink. Forget that Hedren steps onto the deck and into the yard off her bedroom to summon a wildcat (serval), named Bugs Bunny.

These cats are predators. Asked if she has ever been bitten, Hedren said, "It comes with the territory, but I've had no bad bites - I'm still here." She and her 11-member staff have learned how to treat the animals "with the dignity and respect they should have," she said.

Hedren moved to the sanctuary, then on 40 acres on the edge of the Mojave Desert, in 1978. Rustically elegant, her house is decorated in leopard and tiger prints and Hedren collectibles such as stuffed toys of lions and other animals. Shambala has the Santa Clara River running through it. Roar, the nonprofit foundation that operates Shambala, has acquired another 32 acres.

Hedren has six house cats. Five have the names of actors in her life: Melanie Griffith, her daughter; Antonio Banderas, Griffith's husband; Rod Taylor, her co-star in "The Birds"; Marion Brando, one of her co-stars in "A Countess From Hong Kong" (1967); and John Saxon, her co-star in one of the movies she made in Africa. Sometimes the cats are taken to the Shambala gift shop and office for a change of scenery.

The guest house, actually a safari tent on a platform, is available to the public. With a gift of \$2,500 to Shambala a couple can stay overnight on a featherbed in the tent from April

to October. The cost covers a tour of the preserve, cocktails and a gourmet dinner.

A shower off of the guest house has a window. "I put it in so you can watch the tiger and the tiger can watch you," Hedren said. Diners on the veranda get a view of the elephant. Breakfast brings out the ravens, Hedren's nemesis in "The Birds," but she looks kindly on them now.

Hedren plans to introduce her Shambala Wild Animal Protection Act to Congress in the fall. The act would require permits and licenses to keep protected wild animals such as lions and tigers. For groups willing to pay at least \$35 a person, the refuge is open about once a month. A donor paying a minimum of \$75 a month can attend "Adopt a Wild One Day."

Shambala can be reached at www.shambala.org or (661) 268-0380.



Actress and animal activist Tippi Hedren, right, of home in Antelope Valley. Hedren is raising for wild cats, and an elephant in her wild-animal refuge.

Los Angeles Times photo



Tippi Hedren greets Timbo, her refuge's 45-year-old African bull elephant.



Tippi Hedren can be seen in the guest safari tent on a platform.

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FOOD & HOME

Planting from seed can be relatively painless

Never tried planting anything from seed before? Here's a quick how-to.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

First, gather up your supplies. Buy some lightweight seed starting mix. You'll also need some shallow containers with holes in the bottoms. Egg carton bottoms work well if you have a tray they can sit on. Add some waxed paper plastic silverware and a permanent marker. And remember to bring along the seeds we're going to plant.

The seed starting mix must be wet before we do anything. Fill the container to within an inch of the top with the soilless mix. Dip the whole thing in a sink full of water until the water floods the entire container. Lift the container out and let it drain.

Make shallow indentations with the tip of a pencil. These are your "furrows."

Drop seeds sparingly into the little holes. Cover with only enough soil to equal the seed's width. The Number 1 mistake by novice gardeners is covering the seeds with too much soil, said Ed Hume, of Ed Hume Seeds.

Check the seed packet to see if your seeds like light to germinate (or sprout.) If they do, press them lightly into the soil and don't cover them at all. If not,

cover them with a little soil.

Mist the surface with water to settle the seeds.

Make your plant labels before you forget which seed is which. It doesn't matter whether you use a plastic spoon, fork or knife. Write the name of the seed and the date on the handle and stick the business end into a corner of each container. If you use a fine-point permanent marker, this plant label will not run or fade.

Cover the containers loosely with a sheet of waxed paper. If your seeds want light, put them about two or three inches under fluorescent lights or in a bright window sill. If not, on top of the refrigerator or under the waterbed are good places for seeds to sprout. The warmth helps speed things up. Be sure to check them every day.

When the seedlings emerge, take off the waxed paper. They need light and air at this point.

Keep the soil evenly moist, not soggy. Water from the bottom by setting the containers back into the sink as before. Take them out as soon as you see moisture come to the surface of the mix. The National Garden Bureau sends along these tips for starting seeds:

Water your new plants from the bottom until they grow to be three or four inches tall. Then you can begin to water from the top, but be careful - the force from water pouring out of a watering can spout can topple tender sprouts. You might like to use your mister for a while.

Feed as you water by diluting a water-soluble fertilizer to half strength.

You do not need to move most flowering plants into larger pots before setting them outdoors in the garden. Some vegetables, such as tomatoes, produce huge root systems and grow quickly into lush plants. Transplant them at least once before the weather warms up enough to put them outside.

To encourage compact, bushy plants, occasionally pinch off the growing tips of herbs and most flowering plants.

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MONGOLIAN RECIPES from C1

BUDAATAI HORG

- Serves 4
- Vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 pound beef, chopped into 1/2-inch squares
- 1/2 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 carrot, chopped into 1/2-inch squares
- 1/2 rutabaga (peeled or unpeeled), chopped into 1/2-inch squares
- 1 small potato (peeled or unpeeled), chopped into 1/2-inch squares
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup water

1 green onion, chopped
1 cucumber, chopped into 1/2-inch squares
2 cups cooked rice
2 tablespoons soy sauce
Heat 2 tablespoons oil in large pan or skillet over medium heat. Add salt, meat, onion and garlic. Cook 1 minute, stirring occasionally. Add carrot, rutabaga, and pepper. Cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add water and potatoes. Cover and cook 10-12 minutes, until the vegetables are soft and the water is absorbed. Add rice, cucumber, green onion, 3 tablespoons of vegetable oil and soy sauce. Mix together and serve.

TSUWAN

- Serves 4
- 1/2 rutabaga, sliced into narrow strips
- 1 carrot, sliced into narrow strips
- 1/4 head cabbage, shredded
- 1/2 medium onion, minced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3/4 pound beef, cut into thin strips
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 green onion.
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- Noodles
- To make noodles: 1 1/2 cups flour 3/4 cup warm water 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- Vegetable oil
- Noodles: Dissolve salt in warm water. Add water to flour and mix. Knead until stiff. Cover and let stand for 5 minutes. Knead another 1 minute and roll out on a floured surface until thin, less than 1/4-inch thick. The dough should be about 16 inches in diameter. Oil the surface of the dough with 1 tablespoon of oil. Cut the circle into quarters and stack the four pieces on top of each other. Slice into 2-inch strips. Stack strips and slice again, into 1/4-inch noodles.

cover the skillet and steam for 5 minutes. Add green onion, but do not stir. Cover and steam another 3-4 minutes, or until the water is absorbed into the noodles. Uncover and, using a fork, separate the noodles. Add soy sauce, stir all together and serve.



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Window Boxes Can Be A Contemporary Improvement

By Daniel Aspell
The words "window box" usually conjure up images of Alpine villages of quaint English country cottages. Well forget that. As many homeowners are learning, window boxes mean a lot more than some geraniums to see when the drapes are pulled. If you want to spruce up the house for spring, consider what these above-ground gardens can do for your home.

Stylish designs for window boxes are becoming more readily available, including painted copper, mission style, ethnic...you name it, a manufacturer has it, although it may take some searching. If you can't find exactly what you're looking for, you can always design and build your own box. Just make sure that it has drainage holes, and is lined with peat moss for water retention. Don't use pressure-treated lumber if you're growing anything edible, however, as the chemicals used to preserve it may leach into your produce; use cedar or redwood instead.

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 4 squares Baker's Unsweetened Baking Chocolate
 2 cups sugar
 3 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 cup flour
 1 package (10 1/2 ounces) Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallows
 1 package (12 ounces) Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks
 *Heat oven to 350 F. Line 13-by-

9-inch baking pan with foil; grease foil. Place 15 of the graham squares in bottom of pan, overlapping slightly. Microwave butter and chocolate in large microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes or until butter is melted. Stir until chocolate is completely melted. Stir sugar into chocolate mixture until well blended. Mix in eggs and vanilla. Stir in flour until well blended. Spread over graham squares in pan. Bake 30 to 32 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out with fudgy

crumbs. DO NOT OVERBAKE. Sprinkle marshmallows and chocolate chunks evenly over top. Return to oven 5 to 7 minutes or just until marshmallows are golden.
 Press remaining 5 graham squares, broken into large pieces, into top of brownie. Cool in pan on wire rack. Lift out of pan onto cutting board. Cut into bars. Makes 36.
 *TIP: For ease in cutting, dip knife in warm water and wipe dry between cuts.

SCREAMING S'MORE SQUARES

30 squares Honey Maid Honey Graham's, divided
 1 package (12 ounces) Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks
 6 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
 1 package (10 1/2 ounces) Jet-Puffed Miniature Marshmallows
 1 package (13 ounces) cocoa-flavored ice cereal
 Line 13-by-9-inch pan with foil; grease foil. Place 15 graham

squares on bottom of pan, overlapping slightly. Microwave chocolate chunks and 2 tablespoons butter in microwavable bowl on HIGH 2 minutes; stir until melted. Spread 1/2 of the melted chocolate over graham squares. Microwave remaining 4 tablespoons butter in 4-quart microwavable bowl on HIGH 45 seconds or until melted. Add marshmallows; mix to coat. Microwave 1 1/2 minutes or until melted, stirring

after 45 seconds. Add cereal; mix to coat well. Press cereal mixture firmly over graham squares in pan. Drizzle with remaining melted chocolate. Immediately top with remaining 15 graham squares. Cool; cut into squares. Makes 15.
 How to press cereal mixture in an even layer: Grease bottom of flat drinking glass or metal measuring cup. Use to press cereal mixture into an even layer.



Photo courtesy of Baker's Chocolate, Honey Maid Honey Graham's and Jet-Puffed Marshmallows.
 Try, clockwise from bottom: S'more Truffle Pie, G'me S'more Brownies! and Screaming S'more Squares.

16 squares Honey Maid Honey Graham's, finely chafed (about 1 1/3 cups crumbs)
 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted
 1/4 cup sugar
 2/3 cup whipping (heavy) cream
 1 package (12 ounces) Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Chunks
 2 1/2 cups Jet-Puffed Miniature

Marshmallows, divided
 1/4 cup milk
 1 tub (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed
 Mix graham crumbs, butter and sugar; press on bottom and side of 9-inch pie plate. Microwave cream in medium microwavable bowl on HIGH 1 1/2 minutes or until simmering. Add chocolate

chunks. Let stand 2 minutes. Whisk until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Pour into crust. Refrigerate 30 minutes or until firm. Meanwhile, microwave 2 cups marshmallows and milk in large microwavable bowl on HIGH 1 1/2 minutes or until melted and smooth, stirring after 1 minute. Refrigerate 15 minutes or

until mixture is completely cooled. Gently stir in whipped topping. Spread over chocolate mixture in crust. Refrigerate 3 hours or until firm. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup marshmallows. Makes 8 servings.
 Special Extra: Garnish with grated Baker's Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate.

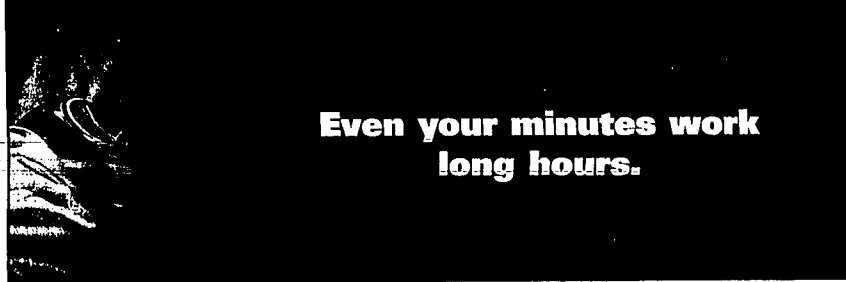
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BOORSTOK
 Makes 12
 1 1/2 cups flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 cup sugar
 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
 1/2 cup boiling water
 1 cup vegetable oil
 In a large bowl, mix together flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside. Boil water and add butter and sugar. Mix until butter is melted. Let stand until warm. Add water mixture to flour mixture. Mix/knead until firm, about 5 minutes. If necessary, add small amounts of flour until dough is firm. Cover; let stand 5 minutes. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Uncover dough and knead about 2 minutes. Roll out on a floured surface until 1/4- to 1/2-inch thick, about 13 inches in diameter. Cut dough into 4 strips, then fit strips diagonally. Cuts should be about 2 inches apart, and the dough pieces should resemble diamonds. Turn down the heat to medium-low and place the first 6 pieces of dough in hot oil. Fry about 1 minute or until golden brown. Turn and fry other side until it is golden brown. Place the boorstok on a paper towel to absorb. Serve with powdered sugar,

honey, butter, jam or desired topping.

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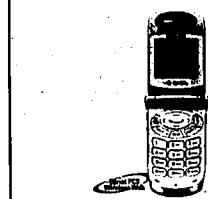
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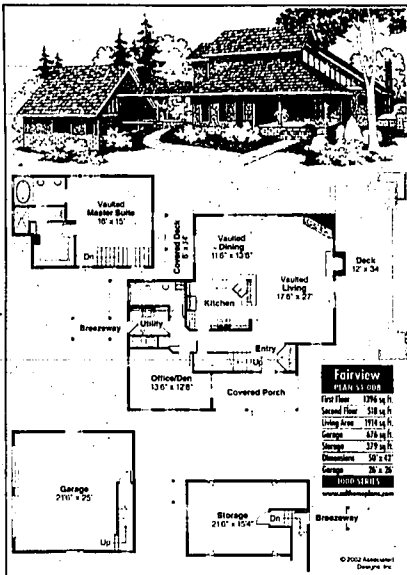
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Multi-level Fairview offers cozy rustic retreat

Shake shingles give a rustic, woody air to the Fairview, a mid-size multi-level home with a detached garage. As drawn, the main floor of the garage is one floor lower than the main floor of the house. If built on a flat lot, the breezeway would connect to the garage's ground level instead of the roomy upper storage area.

Designed for a single or couple, this plan has only one bedroom. The second floor is dedicated to a large vaulted master suite. Light washes into this spacious sleeping and sitting room through numerous windows. Other amenities include an extra-large walk-in closet, dual vanity, spa tub and custom shower.

Vaulted gathering spaces fill most of the ground floor, and the kitchen is at the heart of everything. Working there, you can look out across both arms of the L-shaped eating bar into the dining room or living room.

Four skylights, along with plenty of windows, naturally illu-

nate the living room. When drab days and long nights come, a masonry fireplace stands ready to provide warmth and color. One of the rear corners houses a complete home entertainment center, and wide sliding glass doors offer access to a large deck bounded at the corners by raised brick planters.

Standing on the covered entry porch, you can proceed ahead to the main entry, or walk through sliding glass doors on the left, into a room ideally situated to serve as a home office. It could also be furnished as a den, second bedroom or hobby room.

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Heaton sells home for near \$1.5 million

By Ruth Ryan
Los Angeles Times

The 44-year-old actress Patricia Heaton, who plays wife and mother Debra Barone on the CBS sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond," and her husband, British actor-producer David Hunt, have sold their Hancock Park home for about its \$1.5-million asking price.

The couple, who have four children, bought a larger home in the same neighborhood last year. The family also has a home near Cambridge, England.

Central vacuum unit can clean effectively

DEAR JIM: I have an efficient two-story house. I plan to install a central vacuum cleaning system myself to help control dust for my allergies. Will one work in a house such as mine and what features should I consider?

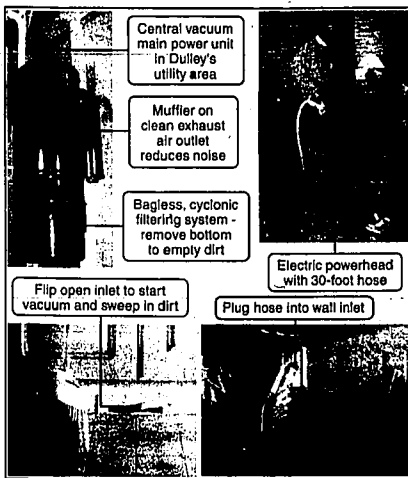
-PAM B.

DEAR PAM: A central vacuum cleaning system is an excellent choice, particularly for an energy efficient, airtight house. I installed a central vacuum system in my own two-story house three years ago. It cleans very well and operates so quietly, I can talk on the phone while cleaning.

Some central vacuum cleaning systems exhaust the air outdoors, but most, such as mine, exhaust the clean air through a muffler into the utility room or basement. This eliminates concerns about having an airtight house.

Although central vacuum cleaning systems use a powerful motor, or several motors, in the central power unit, they are still plugged into a standard electrical outlet. Overall, they may end up using less electricity than a small portable vacuum because they thoroughly clean with less run time.

If you can saw a piece of two-inch-diameter plastic pipe, a few holes in drywall and run some



Easy to install central vacuum provides deep cleaning.

safe low-voltage wire, you should be able to install a system yourself, even in a two-story house. To access the second floor, the pipe is often run up to the attic first and then down to one or two rooms.

When selecting a central vacuum system, the key items to consider are the cleaning power and the filtration method in the power

unit. Don't be swayed by claims of "peak horsepower" of the motor indicating cleaning power.

The true cleaning power of any vacuum cleaner - central or portable, is the air flow rate (in cubic feet per minute - cfm) and the suction force (inches of water lift). Of these, the air flow is probably most important.

Through an engineering formu-

la, air flow and suction are combined to yield an overall "air watts" power rating. This rating ranges from about 400 to 900 depending on the model. The size of your house, length of pipes, number of elbows, etc. all affect the amount of air watts your system requires.

Select a system that uses a filtration method with several stages. Models with a cyclonic filter spin the dirty air at a high velocity which causes the dirt to fall into a canister. The exhaust air then flows through a secondary filter. Other models use replaceable filter bags or combinations of the two.

A motorized brush powerhead is best for cleaning carpeting. Some models have a built-in microprocessor with indicator lights to set the height adjustment. Another convenient option is a sweep outlet for kitchens or other hard floors. The vacuum starts when you flip it open. Sweep the dirt to it and it is sucked away.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 831 - buyer's guide of 12 central vacuum manufacturers (35 models) listing filtering methods, air watts, cfm, suction, dust capacity, features, prices, and a piping layout guide. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE.

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

Producer purchases home for \$5 million

By Ruth Ryan
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Producer Steve Bing, the heir of a New York real estate fortune who is

British model-hot property

across Elizabeth Hurley has said is the father of her newborn son, has purchased a Westside home in the \$5-million range.

Bing, 37, has publicly questioned Hurley's assertion, issuing a statement that their relationship wasn't "exclusive." Before meeting Bing, Hurley, 36, was actor Hugh Grant's companion for 13 years.

The house Bing bought is just one of several that he owns in the L.A. area, real estate sources said. This house has four bedrooms in

about 5,000 square feet. It was built in the '50s. Bing wrote for the sitcom "Married ... With

Children," and he was executive producer of the movie "Get Carter."

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
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FOOD & HOME

Modern children revel in art of cookery

By April Adamson
Philadelphia Daily News

Sydney Hopkins of Philadelphia cooks up a storm, cracking egg after egg for homemade sugar cookies. Richard Weaver makes a mean clam chowder and has perfected the art of making pasta tossed with sauce.

Sydney is 3, Richard is 8. And they aren't the youngest chefs in the kitchen these days.

Today's kids are reveling in the art of cookery. Perhaps the credit

lies with famous television chefs who've made cooking superstar "cool." Or perhaps learning to cook is a talent today's latchkey kids developed because they got too hungry to fill their waiting parents go home. Either way, a children's cooking boom is under way, and kid attendance at classes has skyrocketed.

Surf the Web and find sites like Kids Cooking Club or Cooking with Kids for Dummies.

Many kid chefs have become interested through Food Network

and PBS-TV lineups that include a moped-riding "Naked Chef," Emeril Lagasse with a live band, and "Iron Chef," a dinner production choreographed like an Arnold Schwarzenegger movie.

Try these recipes from the new cookbook, "Adventures in the Kitchen," celebrity recipes published by the Canned Food Alliance as part of a battle against childhood hunger. For more recipes, or to make a donation and receive a free cookbook, go to www.mealtime.org.

FRIENDLY MONSTER PORTRAIT

- 1 cup prepared liquid pancake batter
- 1 can (5 1/2 ounces) pineapple chunks
- 1 can (16 ounces) peaches
- 1 pint strawberries
- 1 kiwi fruit (or banana, if desired)
- 1 container (4 ounces) whipped topping
- 1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese, softened

Use pancake mix to cook one large pancake on griddle. Remove to plate and set aside to cool. Drain pineapple chunks and peaches. Rinse and hull strawberries. Peel and slice kiwi or banana in a bowl, mix together whipped topping and softened cream cheese. Spread mixture onto cooled

pancake. Arrange fruit on pancake to create a friendly monster face. You can use pineapple chunks for teeth, peaches for ears, kiwi or banana for eyes, and strawberries for nose and hair.

Add other fruits to make your monster scarier. This recipe takes 5 minutes to cook and 20 minutes to decorate.

PITA-PIZZAZZ

- 4 pita breads (6-inch diameter)
- 1 can (6 ounces) Italian-seasoned tomato paste
- 6 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 can chicken breast
- 1 can (4 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 can (2 1/4 ounces) sliced pitted ripe olives, drained
- 1 1/8 cups shredded, part-skim mozzarella cheese or pizza cheese blend

Spread tops of each pita with approximately 2 tablespoons tomato paste; sprinkle each with 1 1/2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese. Top each in the following order: 1/4 cup chicken, 2 tablespoons mushrooms, 2 tablespoons olives and 1/8 cup mozzarella cheese. Place on cookie sheet or aluminum foil and bake 10 to 12 minutes, or until cheese is melted. This takes 10 minutes to prepare and 10 to 12 minutes to cook.

Make your own doughnuts:
Yes, you can try this at home

By Gail Clampa
The Providence Journal

You've read all the trend stories heralding the return of the doughnut as a dessert in fashionable New York restaurants.

Well, my mother brought me her Home Ec textbook from high school.

With a copyright date of 1938, it had some old-fashioned recipes for sure.

But she wanted me to see the plain doughnut recipe, because an old classmate of hers had said she still made these for her family all the time.

"Never had I made doughnuts, but the time had come to try."

"The Science and Art of Homemaking," by Mary Winfield

Cauley offered much sage advice. For example, "Make it a habit to enjoy a good breakfast every morning by observing these rules: 1. Have a good night's rest. 2. Allow time to eat. 3. Have a clean mouth and well-brushed teeth. 4. Have a general feeling of satisfaction that the appearance is neat and attractive. 5. Be cheerful."

The doughnut recipe mixed up nicely and rolled out easily. I used a 3-inch round cookie cutter to extract a circle and then did the cutout freehand.

I tossed three into 380-degree canola oil. In no time, they looked like honest-to-goodness doughnuts.

I rolled some in sugar and others in powdered sugar.

DOUGHNUT RECIPE

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 5 cups flour (scent)
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Cream the butter and 1/2 cup sugar.
- Beat eggs and add the remaining sugar.
- Beat well and combine with the butter and sugar. Beat.
- Add milk and sifted dry ingre-

dients. Mix with knife and make dough stiff enough to roll, but not dry. Toss one quarter of the mixture at a time on a floured board; knead very slightly; pat and roll out until 1/8 inch thick. Cut with doughnut cutter, fry in deep fat (380 degrees). When brown on one side, turn and brown on the other side. Remove from the fat and drain on soft paper. Makes two dozen. From "The Science and Art of Homemaking"

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FOOD & HOME

Firehouse cooks sit in the hot seat

By Jeffrey Page
The Record

HACKENSACK, N.J. — Sometimes, just as one of the men is about to take another fajita or another slice of pork, the alarm sounds and the members of the Fourth Platoon go lying down the pole at Hackensack Fire Headquarters, grab their gear, and board their trucks for the race to the fire.

Firehouse cooks have been around as long as there have been firehouses. During the 19th century, firefighters in many departments worked for a month at a time, and one man would cook for all. Current hours are shorter, but the cook is still necessary.

Anybody can be a firehouse cook, said Mike Brancato, a third-generation Hackensack firefighter. "What I mean is anyone can have a shot at being the cook. But if the guys don't like what you make, you're not going to last very long."

He added, "Used to be nothing but meat and potatoes in firehouses — a lot of meatloaf, a lot of pasta dishes."

With Brancato the firefighters encountered something new, a firefighter with a biology degree from Rutgers and a master's in nutrition from the University of Bridgeport. He has been cooking for several years — at the firehouse and at home in Keyport, N.J. He's single, but doesn't throw sandwiches together for himself. He generally cooks fish or a lean meat, plus vegetables.



Photo courtesy of Taste of Home

Everyone remembers the good, old-fashioned desserts Grandma used to make.

Rhubarb dessert can be a crowd-pleaser

Taste of Home

Beverly Shebs, a country cook in Pinchurst, N. C., came up with her recipe for Caramel Rhubarb Cobbler after hearing a friend fondly recall his grandmother's rhubarb dumplings. The recipe was published in Taste of Home magazine.

CARAMEL RHUBARB COBBLER

7 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
3/4 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 cup sugar, divided
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 1/4 cups water
6 cups chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb, thawed
3 to 4 drops red food coloring, optional
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup milk
Cinnamon-sugar
Whipped cream or ice cream, optional
In a saucepan over medium heat, melt 3 tablespoons of butter. Add brown sugar, 1/4 cup of sugar and cornstarch. Gradually

stir in water and rhubarb. Cook and stir until thickened, about 5-8 minutes. Add food coloring, if desired. Pour into a greased 2-quart baking dish and set aside. In another bowl, combine flour, baking powder, salt and remaining sugar. Melt remaining butter. Add to dry ingredients with milk. Mix well. Drop by tablespoons onto rhubarb mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until the fruit is bubbly and the top is golden brown. Sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream, if desired. Makes 6 servings.

RECIPES FROM THE FIREHOUSE

This is a recipe Mike Brancato inherited from his father, John. It's an example of what not to eat when trying to lose weight, but it's a firehouse classic.

JOHN BRANCATO'S PASTA E FAGIOLI
5 tablespoons olive oil
1 small chick pepperoni, halved and sliced into half-circles
1 medium onion, sliced
4 cloves garlic, chopped
1 dry chili pepper, crushed
4 cups chicken broth (low-sodium if desired)
4 cups cannellini beans (white kidney beans)
4 cups water
1 tablespoon dried oregano
1/4 cup fresh chopped parsley
Salt, pepper to taste
1/2 pound ditalini pasta
Grated Parmesan or Romano cheese, optional
Loaf of crusty Italian bread
Heat olive oil over medium heat in deep pot. Add pepperoni

GRILLED CHICKEN CAESAR SALAD

2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast
Salt, black pepper
1 egg
Juice of 2 lemons
3 dashes Worcestershire sauce
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
5 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2 anchovies finely chopped or puréed (optional)
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
3 heads romaine lettuce
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 box croutons
Rinse chicken and flatten by pounding between two sheets of plastic wrap. Lightly season with salt and pepper and grill for 5 minutes on each side, or until chicken is cooked through. Set aside to cool. Cook egg in shell for 1 1/2 minutes in boiling water.
Combine cooked egg with lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, Dijon mustard, garlic, anchovies, and whisk together. Season with salt and pepper to taste. While constantly whisking, slowly drizzle in olive oil. Tear lettuce and place in large salad bowl. Mix Parmesan cheese into bowl and pour dressing over lettuce. Toss completely. Slice chicken into strips and add to salad. Add croutons, toss lightly, and serve.
Servings: 6

and onion and cook until onion is translucent. Add garlic and chili pepper. When garlic just begins to turn golden brown, add chicken broth and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Puree 1 cup of cannellini beans and stir into broth. Allow broth to simmer until it slightly thickens. Add remaining beans and slowly add water to reach desired consistency. Bring back to simmer and add oregano and fresh parsley. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cook pasta al dente (firm in center) by boiling in 2 quarts of water. Strain pasta in colander and stir into soup. Serve with grated cheese and bread.
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Mural re-creates historic homer in boy's bedroom

By Kim Boetman
San Jose Mercury News

Certainly, for some die-hard San Francisco Giants fans, 81 games are simply not enough. They'd gladly give anything but their season tickets to move lock, stock and barrel into the team's Pac Bell Park.

But in the case of 9-year-old Ben Ryzak, the park came to him. And he lives each day in his own field of dreams, in what just might be the world's coolest bedroom, if you're a baseball fan.

Muralist Robert Holden of St. Helena, Calif., has re-created Pac

Bell Park in Ben's 12-by-16-foot Foster City, Calif., bedroom. Frozen in time, on Ben's walls, is the moment Barry Bonds launched homer No. 73 into history.

"I want Ben to grow up and remember he had one crazy mom who really tried to make him happy," says Yvonne Ryzak, a single mom and partner in a California sports bar.

Holden has built his reputation with his faux finish work. The baseball mural, which cost "several thousands of dollars" say Ryzak and Holden, took 2 1/2 weeks. Holden's wife, Sue, creat-

ed some of the crowd of 40,000 with dabs of paint, while Holden worked in acrylics.

Not only is there Bonds striding into the record books, there are the stadium's big glove and its giant Coke bottle, the scoreboard and all the advertisements. A window overlooking a lagoon stands in for McCovey Cove, the name given to the inlet of the bay that is behind the stadium's right field and where several of Bonds' home runs landed. Everything is cap-

tured in the moment; the out-of-town scoreboard reads correctly. In many ways, the mural is like one of those "Where's Waldo" books. Study it closely, and more details keep popping out. Ben recently noticed what he thinks is his own face on a person on a trolley. And Holden says he added some fun details; there are bare-chested fans with H-I B-E-N plastered on their chests. And people in the luxury boxes make funny faces.

Don't try building your own solar water heater

By Ken Sheinkopf
The Orlando Sentinel

QUESTION: I'm interested in solar water heating for my home. Can you send me any plans to build a hot water system?

ANSWER: I don't recommend that you try to build your own solar water heater, though I have seen plans over the years aimed at do-it-yourselfers.

The solar water heating industry has existed in the United States since the early 1890s, and over the years the components and materials have been greatly improved. You can see why buying a system rather than making your own is the best idea.

Today's systems are tested and certified by state and national organizations. They are made by companies that, in most cases, have been around for many years. They are fairly inexpensive, especially considering the life cycle.

Home energy Q&A

The full purchase price usually is paid back in five to eight years. But most important, solar water heating systems have been proved to work, save energy and save you money over their lifetime.

If you want to do the work yourself, it is easy these days to buy ready-made collectors and system kits from a number of companies that make these products available on their Web sites. However, purchasing these materials is only one of the steps in getting a solar system. Maybe the most important step is to be sure that it is properly installed. It is advisable that anyone wanting to do some of the work themselves buy the parts from a certified and reputable company and have the system installed by an experienced and licensed contractor.

Asbestos in popcorn ceilings could make removal dangerous

QUESTION: What is the easiest way to remove old popcorn ceilings?

ANSWER: There isn't any easy way to remove the sprayed-on, textured material called popcorn that is used to finish some ceilings. At best, it is a messy, tedious job; at worst, it is dangerous.

Some old popcorn ceilings—generally those finished before the 1980s—contain asbestos, a serious health hazard if particles get into the air and are breathed. Unless you are certain your ceilings do not contain asbestos, it is best to start with a laboratory test to determine whether it is safe to remove the material. (Asbestos-containing materials are typically safe if they are in good condition and are not broken into fragments or dust.)

Asbestos or materials made with it should be removed only by qualified contractors using correct techniques. Testing and removal services are listed under "Asbestos" in the Yellow Pages. A do-it-yourself asbestos test kit, with instructions, is available from Home Store Products (800-427-0550, www.homestore-products.com). The kit and follow-up laboratory test costs about \$30.

Another good step, before tampering with an old popcorn ceiling, is to read "Asbestos in Your Home," which contains in-depth information on asbestos perils, testing and removal. This publication is available from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency online at www.epa.gov/ia/pubs/.



Do IT YOURSELF
Gene Austin

If you are convinced that it is safe to remove a popcorn finish yourself, here's how to proceed: Remove furniture from the room and cover everything remaining with plastic sheets, sold at paint stores. Fill a garden-type sprayer with some warm water and spray a section of the ceiling, letting it soak for about 20 minutes. You should be able to scrape off the wet material with a wide (8-inch or wider) tapping knife of the type used to install drywall tape. Wear eye protection and a dust mask while scraping.

Work on a section about 4 feet square at a time and keep the sprayer water warm. When finished scraping, the entire ceiling should be cleaned with warm water applied with clean, well-wrung-out rags. Repair any gouge marks with spackling compound, and prime the ceiling before refinishing or wallpapering.

Readers' questions and comments are welcome and should be sent to Gene Austin, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Box 861, Blue Bell, Pa. 19422. Send e-mail to gaustin@phillynews.com. Questions cannot be answered personally.

MOCK HUNGARIAN GOULASH

By Linda

Geesehoelter
The Miami Herald

- 1/2 cup frozen chopped onion
- 1 cup frozen chopped green pepper
- 1 cup sliced potato
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- 1 cup sliced potato

Heat a nonstick skillet on medium; saute onion, green pepper and mushrooms for 1 minute. Sprinkle on paprika and saute 2 minutes more. Add pasta sauce and simmer 1 minute. Add roast beef and salt and pepper to taste. Spoon over noodles. Dot the goulash with sour cream. Arrange tomatoes on the side. Makes 2 servings.

Caraway noodles:
4 ounces flat egg noodles (about

- 1 Tbsp. Hungarian paprika (or 1 1/2 tablespoons ordinary paprika)
- 1 cup low-fat pasta sauce
- 1/2 pound thick-sliced lean deli roast beef, cut into 1/2-inch wide strips
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons reduced-fat sour cream
- 2 medium tomatoes cut into wedges

1 1/2 cups)
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 tablespoon caraway seeds
Salt and freshly ground pepper
Bring a large pot with 2 to 3 quarts of water to a boil. Cook the noodles 3 to 4 minutes or according to package instructions. Drain, leaving about 2 tablespoons water on the noodles. Toss with olive oil, caraway seeds and salt and pepper to taste. Makes 2 servings.

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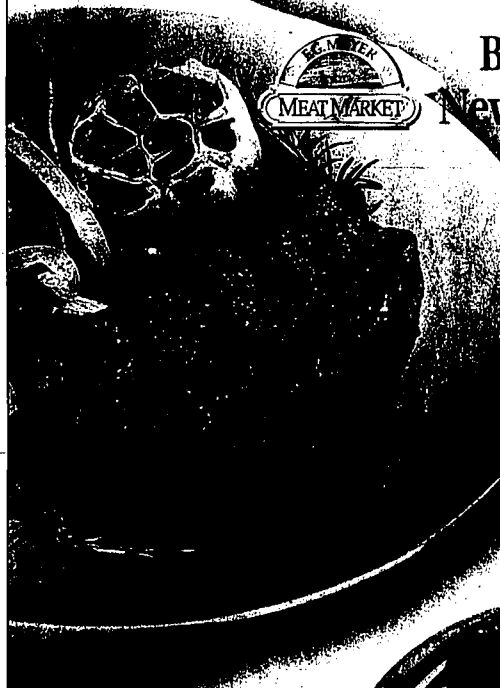
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FOOD & HOME

Prepare yourself for Cinco De Mayo

Cinco De Mayo, a Mexican holiday or fiesta celebrating spring, is just a few days away. Mexico, our colorful neighbor to the south is a friendly, hardworking and generous people.

The Magic Valley has a growing Hispanic population. Diversity adds much to a community. I'm always willing to add another celebration to my calendar.



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

I love Mexican food. It is an integral part of my everyday life.

Where would we be without chili, guacamole, tacos, tortillas or nachos and salsa? Here are some easy recipes for you to try this May 5 to help you celebrate Cinco De Mayo with our Hispanic neighbors.

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

DIXIE'S CINCO DE MAYO RECIPES

CHICKEN AND LIME SOUP WITH TORTILLAS

Serves 4 to 6
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped green sweet pepper
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 large tomato
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
6 cups chicken broth
4 (1 1/2-by-1-inch) strips of orange peel (use a potato peeler)
3 tablespoons lime juice
2 cups shredded cooked chicken or turkey
6 Corn or flour tortillas
Cooking oil
Thin lime slices

Pickled hot peppers, rinsed, seeded and chopped
Cracked black pepper
In a large saucepan, cook the onion, green pepper and garlic in hot olive oil until tender but not brown. Stir in oregano and tomato. Stir in chicken broth, bring to a boil. Stir orange peel and lime juice into the broth. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Remove orange peel. Stir in shredded chicken or turkey. Heat through. Meanwhile cut tortillas in half, then cut crosswise into 1/2-inch-wide strips. In a heavy skillet, heat 1/2 inch oil over

medium to high heat. Fry the tortilla strips in hot oil for 40 to 45 seconds or until crisp and light brown. Drain on paper towel. Divide the fried tortilla strips among the soup bowls. Ladle the soup over the tortilla strips and garnish with slices of lime. Serve with pickled peppers and cracked pepper, if desired.

GARLIC SHRIMP

Serves 4
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 pound large shrimp in shells, peeled and deveined
3 fresh or canned mild green chili peppers, rinsed, seeded and finely chopped
3 to 4 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
Fresh cilantro or parsley sprigs (optional)
Mexican rice (optional)
In a large skillet, heat oil; cook shrimp, peppers, garlic, sugar and salt in hot oil about 3 minutes or until the shrimp turns opaque, stirring constantly. If desired, garnish with cilantro or parsley and serve with Mexican

rice.
Mexican rice:
1 large green sweet pepper, coarsely chopped
1 large tomato, coarsely chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
2 cups cooked rice
1/3 cup water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
In a large saucepan, cook green pepper, tomato and onion in hot margarine or butter until vegetables are tender. Stir in cooked rice, water, salt and pepper. Heat through, stirring occasionally.

CORN PUDDING

Serves 4 or 5
1 tablespoon cornmeal
1 3/4 cups corn
1 1/2 cups milk
3 tablespoons margarine or butter, softened
2 teaspoons sugar
3 egg yolks
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
2 egg whites
Red chili sauce or bottled salsa
Grease a 2-quart baking pan;

sprinkle cornmeal over bottom and sides of the pan and set aside. Mix the corn, milk, sugar, butter, egg yolks, baking powder, salt and pepper. Beat with mixer till smooth. Wash beaters. In another bowl, beat the egg whites till stiff peaks form. Fold into the corn mixture. Pour mixture into prepared pan. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes or until a knife inserted into the center comes out clean. Serve with salsa or chili sauce.

Easy does it with Weight Watchers cookbooks

By Larry Bingham
The Baltimore Sun

Weight Watchers cookbooks are to dieting what utensils are to eating. You can do one without the other, but the first makes the second easier – not to mention more appetizing. "Weight Watchers Simply the Best: 250 Prize-winning Family Recipes" (Pearson Education Macmillan Co.) is a case in point.

The recipes are family standards reinvented for people cutting back on fat and calories or counting points on the Weight Watchers diet plan. The almond biscotti is nearly as good as the regular. But if you shave the eggs, butter and oil that add flavor, you have to compensate for the loss, and that's where some of the recipes falter. You find yourself adding extra garlic to the creamy chicken and spinach.

WEIGHT WATCHERS RECIPES

GRILLED TURKEY-HERB BURGERS

1 pound ground skinless turkey breast
1 onion, finely chopped
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons seasoned dried bread crumbs
3 tablespoons minced parsley
3 tablespoons reduced-calorie mayonnaise
1 tablespoon minced fresh basil, or 1 teaspoon dried
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground

pepper
Preheat the broiler. In a large bowl, lightly combine the turkey, onion, bread crumbs, parsley, mayonnaise, basil, mustard and pepper. Shape into four equal burgers. Spray the broiler rack with nonstick cooking spray; broil the burgers 5 inches from the heat, until well done, 4 to 5 minutes on each side. Makes 4 servings.

TASTY HOME-FRIED POTATOES

1 teaspoon olive oil
2 small all-purpose potatoes, cooked and cubed
1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon grated Parmesan cheese
Freshly ground pepper; to taste
In a large nonstick skillet, heat oil. Add the potatoes and garlic. Cook, stirring constantly, until the potatoes are lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and sprinkle with cheese and pepper. Makes 2 servings.

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Baker and Erickson both concede that the adrenaline rush from the daredevil aspect of the sport appeals to them.

Of course, after the injury, which happened when she hit a pole while pole bending...

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CSI hires new coach

'Basketball junkie' gets nod to lead women's squad

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Mr. Rogers has joined the neighborhood.

Randy Rogers, 38, was introduced Tuesday as the new head women's basketball coach at the College of Southern Idaho.

Former 1999 Class 3A Nevada High School Coach of the Year compiled a 50-10 record in five seasons at Spring Creek High School...

CSI staff members Graydon Stanley and Scott Scholtes commended Rogers as a good fit with CSI.

Rogers, who holds a degree in physical education from Utah State University, and wife, Lori, have four daughters: Jordan, Kyla, Lauren and Tristen.

CSI staff members Graydon Stanley and Scott Scholtes commended Rogers as a good fit with CSI.

Coming Sunday

Getting to know Randy Rogers

runners-up in 1998-99 and 2000-01. "I'm a basketball junkie," the Battle Mountain, Nev., native told a crowded Room 277 in the Taylor Building on Tuesday.

who resigned April 5 for health reasons after just two weeks on the job.

Former coach Kendall Grant resigned March 13 after two years. CSI athletic director Jeff Duggan, said the job search included six candidates who interviewed over a two-week period.

Stanley and Scott Scholtes commended Rogers as a good fit with CSI.

"He's the right kind of person to join the CSI family," Stanley said. Scholtes, who worked with Rogers at Jackpot High in the early 1990s, said the program is getting a coach who "thinks quick on his feet and well under pressure."



Randy Rogers talks about his role as the College of Southern Idaho's new women's basketball coach at a press conference Tuesday at CSI.



Burley first baseman Matt Michels tags out Minico's Alex Higbee in the first inning of the Spartans 7-1 victory over the Bobcats.

Fennell, Spartans stifle Bobcats

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

RUPERT - "John dealt." That was the quick assessment of Minico baseball coach Russ Wright after his Spartans came out on top of a 7-1 victory over cross-river rival Burley Tuesday night at Warburton Field.

Thanks to a 10-strikeout, six-hit gem by Spartan senior pitcher John Fennell.

Barley pitcher Jacob Kay didn't fare as well in the gusty wind and icy conditions, hitting six batters and walking five in a grueling 126-pitch outing.

Fennell was twice hit by Kay, with courtesy runner Jason Tominaga scoring once in the first and once in the sixth after the 6-foot-7-inch right-hander was plunked.

"John is one of the toughest kids I've coached," Wright said. "You don't want to get him mad or he might get his dander up."

He was certainly locked in Tuesday. After allowing a pair of singles but no runs in the first, he didn't allow another hit until the fourth inning when Kay singled and scored on a double by Jason Jones to left center to cut the Spartans' lead to 4-1.

In addition to Tominaga's score in the first, the Spartans (10-6) scored three runs on a blop single by Gabe Frank in the second.

"We have no excuses," Burley coach Matt Harr said. "We have to be around the plate with our pitching and we have to be able to throw the ball to first base."

Throwing to first was a problem for the Bobcats (3-9). Kay struck out Cory Warburton for what would've been the final out in the fifth but first baseman Matt Michels couldn't dig out a short throw by catcher Jeff Ringle to extend the

inning. "It should've been a 2-1 game," Harr said. "And then it's anybody's ballgame."

Warburton and Gabe Frank both scored moments later on a single by Nate Tracy that was helped when left fielder Randy White overran the ball.

"We can't just have a couple of Please see MINICO, Page D2

Magic take 2-0 lead

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Tracy McGrady couldn't have felt any better. His back barely bothered him and the Orlando Magic evened their playoff series with the Charlotte Hornets.

can wrap up the series. "I think everything is in our favor right now," he said. "We have home-court advantage now and hopefully we can close this thing out at home."

Former Olympians headline Rotary throwing clinic

The Times-News

Area high school shot putters and discus slingers are invited to attend a free clinic put on by former Olympians Brian Oldfield and John Powell today at Buhl High School.

Oldfield, 56, was the first man to break the 73-foot barrier in the shot put in 1975 and later set the standard with a heave of 75 feet.

Attendees will learn from videos, worksheets and application, as well as receiving hands-on advice from the two track and field legends.

Jazz even series with Sacramento

The Utah Jazz withstood a late rally to defeat Sacramento 93-86 and even their NBA playoff series at 1-1.

Official Dick Bavetta, center, tries to restrain Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone Tuesday after he was fouled by Sacramento Kings guard Doug Christie.

Bruins split with Wolves

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Andy Coats struck out 11 and came out of away from a complete game as Twin Falls held off hard-hitting Timberline of Boise 6-5 in the first of two games Tuesday at windy Bruin Field.

Jake Asher and Derek Tenney each went 3-for-4 and combined for four RBIs, with Asher swatting two doubles to the wall to lead Twin Falls (12-7, 2-1 Region III).

"Bruins coach Matt Rasmussen lamented his team's inability to put back-to-back games together.

Coats cruised into the seventh, when his curved ball whiffed and his hot coiled in the wind as Timberline threw a scare into the Bruins.

The Bruins trying to reach Tony Kerns in the first with four runs on five hits including hits by Brett Miller, Tenney and Asher. Luke Hawkins and Littleton had RBI singles.

Shot, discus clinic
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Table with columns for team, pitcher, and statistics for the Olds vs Red Sox game.

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Table with columns for team, pitcher, and statistics for the Phillies vs Padres game.

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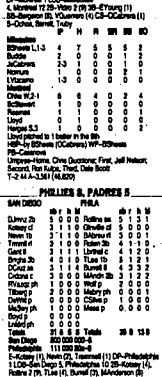
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BLUES 1, BLACKHAWKS 0

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



Tick races.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Basketball: NBA playoffs, Raptors at Pistons, TNT, 8 p.m.
Baseball: Tigers at Royals, ESPN, noon
Hockey: NHL playoffs, TBA, ESPN, 6 p.m.

LOCAL SCHEDULE

- High school softball: Burley at Deco, 4:30 p.m.
High school golf: Gata City Invitational, at Pocatello Boys at Highland Gl, 8 a.m.

ISLANDERS PUT LEAF ON ICE

Devils even series

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP)—Mark Parrish scored two of New York's four power-play goals as the Islanders won their first home playoff game in nine years, thumping the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-1 Tuesday night.

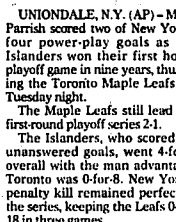
The Islanders, who scored six unanswered goals, went 4-for-9 overall with the man advantage. Toronto was 0-for-8. New York's penalty kill remained perfect in the series, keeping the Leafs 0-for-18 in three games.

Shawn Bates, Dave Scatchard, Brad Isbister and Michael Pecca also scored for New York, which received 34 saves from Chris Osgood.

Alexander Mogilny gave the Islanders a 1-0 lead 7:32 into the game, keeping the Leafs 0-for-18 in three games.

REFEAR BO SHICK IS CAUGHT UNDERSTAMP

As Boston's Jozef Stumpel



Refeaf Bo Shick is caught understamp as Boston's Jozef Stumpel (18) checks Montreal's Doug Gilmour Tuesday during the second period of game three of the Eastern Conference quarter finals in Montreal.

DEFENSEMAN AARON WARD POSTED BROUERE'S BID FOR HIS 14TH CAREER PLAYOFF GOAL

Ice, who stole the first two goals of the series by stopping 64 of 66 shots, gave up two soft goals on eight shots in the first period. He was replaced by Kevin Weekes at the start of the second.

Brouere made 23 saves, seven more than he had on Sunday in a 4-0 win.

BLUES 1, BLACKHAWKS 0

CHICAGO — Brent Johnson shut Chicago out for a third straight game and Pavel Demitra had the only goal as St. Louis took a commanding 3-1 lead in the opening round playoff series.

St. Louis, which dropped the opener of the best-of-seven series, can clinch it with a victory Thursday night in St. Louis.

Johnson tied an NHL record for most consecutive playoff shutouts with a mark held by three other goalies, most recently by Frank McCool of Toronto in 1945.

He is the first goalie to earn shutouts in his first three career playoff victories.

Johnson, in his sixth career playoff game, made 27 saves. He nearly lost his shutout in the second period on a disputed shot by Chicago's Steve Sullivan that officials reviewed before declaring it was no goal.

COUNTRY CLUB HOLDS SCRAMBLE SATURDAY

RUPERT — The Rupert Country Club is holding a two-person scramble Saturday at a cost of \$80 a team.

The fee includes lunch and there will be a gross and net playoff in all flights. Tee times are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Flights will be determined by the low handicap player on the team. There is a maximum handicap difference of seven strokes between team members.

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HERSHEY MEET HITS CAREY ON SATURDAY

CAREY—Some 200 boys and girls ages 6 through 14 are expected to compete April 27 in Blaine County Recreation District's Hershey's Track and Field Youth program at the Carey High School track.

Winners will advance to the state meet where they can become eligible for the regional team, which will compete in the North American Final in Hershey, Pa., on Aug. 10.

Events include the 50, 100, 200 and 400-meter dash, the 800 and 1600-meter run, the 4 by 100-meter relay, standing long jump and softball throw.

The program is sponsored nationally by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and other organizations.

PROGRAM OFFERS WAKEBOARDING

TWIN FALLS — One of the only wakeboarding courses available in Idaho will be taught at the College of Southern Idaho

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policy. By using it just once, he
said, customers can more than
recover all the money they've invest-
ed in premiums.
"And it's a whole of a deal for
the attorneys," he said, "because
guess what? Even with a 25 per-
cent discount, that's still good
money."
Pre-Paid clearly lays out all of
the plan's benefits - and exclu-
sions - in its official membership
contract.
But most customers never even
sign a contract until they've already
paid money to join. A
deposition late last year said Pre-
Paid sales agents can provide
potential customers with sample
contracts but usually don't.

Instead, customers rely on promo-
tional materials that are often
gloss over exclusions - and sales
agents who are trained to avoid
details about the plan's limita-
tions.
In a 2001 issue of "The
Connecticut magazine," an in-
house Pre-Paid sales tool, the
company's national trainer wrote:
"All you have to know is the
word 'yes.' Does our product
cover everything? Yes. So if
somebody asks does it cover this,
or does it cover that, we're going
to say, 'Yes.'"
Edward Angwin, one of the
Alabama attorneys handling the
new class-action lawsuit against
Pre-Paid, said the company inten-
tionally misleads its customers.
The lead plaintiffs - Jeff and
Jana Weller of Creek County -
paid \$100 a month for Pre-Paid
memberships, buying both a per-
sonal and a business plan from
the soft-drink distributor who ser-
viced their auto shop. Roughly
\$1,000 later, the pair tried to use
their coverage when a business

dispute erupted, but they were
told by Pre-Paid attorneys to fore-
go a sizable retainer fee.
Angwin said,
"Everything is not covered
under the Pre-Paid member-
ship," said Angwin, an attorney
at the Alabama firm of Thomas
Means, Gillis & Seay. "Not only
that, but the company has pur-
posely created a situation
where untrained sales people are
told to market the product as a
sort of an all-in legal problems -
and it's not that at all."
"We're just trying to get Pre-
Paid to live up to its promises."
Pre-Paid declined to comment
on the lawsuit, saying its officials
had not yet seen it. However, the
company last year settled similar
lawsuits - paying disgruntled
Alabama customers an average
of \$15,000 each - to avoid trial in
a rural Alabama county known
for its runaway jury awards.
The latest class action, original-
ly filed on behalf of Alabama cus-
tomers only, now invites partici-
pation from Pre-Paid customers
nationwide.

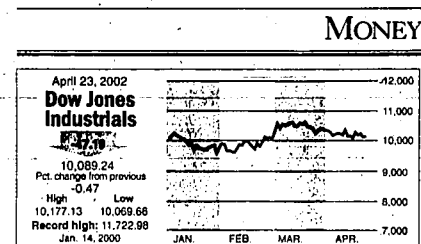
Experts

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credited bureau experience in his
background and current knowl-
edge of the fast business,
Jensen has helped clients find
funding.
"Basically, a lot of people are
trying to find funding sources for
starting or expanding a business,"
said Jensen, a partner in the firm.
There is a myth that there is
grant money available. But in
reality the money that is avail-
able comes through Small
Business Administration loans,
Jensen said. In order to qualify
for that type of money, you have
to have a business plan and fill
out forms, he said.
This is the area where Jensen
spends most of his time.
According to both men, people
resist wanting to write a business
plan for either a new business or
for expanding an existing one.

Both agree that without a busi-
ness plan, the venture is off track.
You have to be able to articu-
late and be able to explain your
plan on paper. Otherwise, the chances
of that idea working out is slim,"
said Haeefe, chairman of SCORE.
Of the 30 people they have
seen since September 2001, about
80 percent to 90 percent want to
work for themselves, he said.
What he and Jensen do during
the counseling session is to help
the people to sort out their ideas
and weed out ideas that are not
workable.
"Sometimes the ideas are not
good and will not work at all,"
Haeefe, a retired media and mar-
keting specialist. According to
Haeefe, both men have saved
thousands of start-up dollars for
people who thought an idea
would work and in reality, they

wasn't a market for the original
business concept.
One of the most important
concepts where SCORE can be
most helpful is in the available
data. Rather than create a
new survey tool and go to the
expense of surveying a particular
sector of the market, the organi-
zation already has most of that
information available, Haeefe
said.
For instance, he said, the
SCORE Chapter 295 has avail-
able retail gross and taxable sales
numbers for each county for 2001.
If you want to go into the
retail business, you can just look
at last year's figures," Haeefe
said.
Haeefe said the organization is
needed for a network of working
partnerships with the Small
Business Administration and the
Small Business Development

Center at Idaho State University.
That's in addition to all the
national networking that is avail-
able.
Small businesses make a large
contribution, and impact the
national economy as well as the
local economy in a particular
area. And the volunteers who help
out and become members of
SCORE are a tremendous
resource for those small business
owners out there in the commu-
nity. The more the better," Haeefe
said.
The SCORE membership isn't
limited to retired professionals,
either, Haeefe said. There are
active business people who want
to mentor others and help them
find solutions to their problems.
In the Idaho Falls chapter, the
membership is comprised of
about 25 percent professional
women and business owners.



Stocks fall on disappointing earnings and bleak outlook

NEW YORK (AP) - A series of
earnings disappointments from
the likes of DuPont, Exxon
Mobil and Earthlink reinforced
investors' fears of a prolonged
business slump, Tuesday
prompting them to sell stocks and
send the Dow industrials to
their lowest level in eight weeks.
"Investors still lack a catalyst
to get the market going.
Investors still appear to be
somewhat in a state of indiffer-
ence and uncertainty regarding
earnings numbers," said Alan
Ackerman, executive vice presi-
dent of Fehnestock & Co.
The Dow closed down 47.19, or
0.5 percent, at 10,089.24. The
last time the Dow was lower was
Feb. 22, when it stood at
9,968.15.
The market's broader indica-
tors also stumbled. The Nasdaq
composite index fell 28.39, or 1.6
percent, to 1,730.29, and the
Standard & Poor's 500 index
declined 6.87, or 0.5 percent, to
1,100.96.
A big factor weighing on
stocks, analysts said, is
investors' increasing concern
that the market is poised to suf-
fer a third straight losing year.
"Investor confidence is down.
... We are two years in this bar-

market. People's patience is
being tested," said Thomas F.
Lydon, president of Global
Trends Investments in Newport
Beach, Calif. "If you look back,
usually the market here's not
much chance for an earnings-
inspired rally.
With few companies sounding
upbeat about the second quarter
of 2002 overall, investors' hopes
for a turnaround in the second
half of the year are dimming.
And now that most of the
biggest companies have released
first-quarter earnings; those
results that are most likely to
move the market, there's not
much chance for an earnings-
inspired rally.
Among Tuesday's losers, Dow
industrial DuPont fell \$1.51 to
\$44.84 after missing first-quarter
earnings expectations by a
penny, a 5.8 percent drop.
Exxon Mobil, also a Dow
stock, declined 50 cents to
\$41.35 on first-quarter profits
that were 8 cents a share shy of
analysts' estimates.
While first-quarter results
have come in about as the mar-
ket expected, investors are dis-
appointed the most by corporate
outlooks, which remain bleak.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks like AIG, AIGP, AIGS, etc. with their respective prices and changes.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes columns for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ with sub-sections for Most Active (H on Dow), Most Active (H on NYSE), and Most Active (H on AMEX).

INDEXES

Table showing various market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones Industrials, etc. with columns for Index, Last, Chg, and % Chg.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing local stocks such as Albion, Albion Energy, Albion Paper, etc. with columns for Name, PE, Last, Chg, and YTD.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Top listed are the 400 most active on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the AMEX, and the 400 most active on the NASDAQ.
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Large table listing NASDAQ national market stocks with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Includes various tech and other companies like AIG, AIGP, AIGS, etc.

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CLOSING FUTURES

Table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various commodities like Soybeans, Corn, Wheat, etc.

BEANS

Table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various bean types like Soybeans, Lentils, etc.

GRAINS

Table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various grain types like Wheat, Corn, Soybeans, etc.

POTCATOES

Table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various potato grades like Idaho Falls, etc.

SUGAR

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CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade Inc.

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CATTLE

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New report suggests recession might not have been that mild

WASHINGTON (AP) - Last year's recession, currently viewed as the mildest in U.S. history, may not have been so mild after all, some private economists said after looking at new government data Tuesday.

A state-by-state report released by the Commerce Dept. showed that Americans' incomes for all of 2001 were significantly smaller than the government had previously estimated in another report on the gross domestic product.

Casinos

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outstanding shares affects the comparability of earnings per share between the first quarter of 2001 and the first quarter of 2002," the company said.

First-quarter net revenues, at \$170.1 million, were up 11.8 percent from operations, at \$35.4 million, was up 32.1 percent. EBITDA - income from operations plus depreciation and amortization - at \$45.5 million, was up 27.1 percent.

Amestar is constructing a new casino and entertainment facility in St. Charles, Mo., a 2,650-space parking garage at its casino in Kansas City, Mo. Each is on schedule to open this summer.

Here's a rundown on how Amestar's Jackpot properties are performing during the first quarter:
Net revenues at the Jackpot properties were \$13.9 million, up 3.7 percent from a year earlier.

Amestar credited "an improved sounder Idaho economy," partly offset by higher January and February weather.
The two properties generated operating income of \$2.6 million and EBITDA of \$3.6 million, up 44.4 percent and 28.6 percent, respectively.

Boomer

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Americans only go so far, she said.
"Spaniards don't have savings plans," said Fernandez, who works in advertising. "In Spain you work to enjoy, to go out with friends, to go on holiday" - not to "strain to achieve." "We have a saying, 'a vida que son dias' - You have to live because life will only be as long as you have."

In purely demographic terms, North American boomers are in a league of their own, according to University of Toronto economist David Foot, author of the book "The Boomer Myth."
Japan had only a negligible boom because of the atomic bombs; Australia's was spread out over 30 or 40 years; and Europe's boom didn't begin until the '50s because of postwar devastation.

the broadest measure of the economy's health.
Some private economists believe the lower estimate of Americans' personal incomes - a component in calculating the GDP - will result in a significant downward revision to GDP for all of 2001. Last year, the economy, they showed, was shrinking when it was joined by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, grew by just 1.2 percent, a big slowdown from 4.1 percent increases posted in 1999 and 2000.

Casinos

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Notice the spread on those percentages?
"These substantial improvements in operating income and EBITDA in comparison to the more modest revenue growth reflect the properties' continuing emphasis on controlling costs," Amestar's statement said.

Cactus Petes, Jackpot's largest employer, said recent data has difficulty keeping its staff positions filled. The turnover rate at Cactus Petes is about 75 percent per year, said Paul Austin, the casino's human resource coordinator.

Also on Tuesday, the casino operator said it estimates second-quarter diluted earnings per share will be in the range of 52 cents to 54 cents. Compared with 40 cents in second quarter 2001, that would show a jump of 30 to 35 percent. The share-price projection includes the effect of one-time costs for opening the new casino and entertainment facility at Amestar St. Charles, expected to open in late 2002.

Amestar also expects EBITDA of \$44.5 million to \$45.5 million for the second quarter - or growth of 15 to 17 percent from a year earlier.

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Boomer

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The economic impact of Euro boomers, Foot said, is "just a pimper" compared to that of their counterparts in the United States and Canada.
Still, he acknowledges strong similarities in attitude on both sides of the Atlantic on such priorities as healthy living and increased spending on activities such as gardening and walking.

He also insists there is no universal boomer. Foot gently refutes the boomer notion of extended youth - as embodied by boomer icon Bob Dylan in the lyrics, "I'm younger than that now."
"We all think we're acting 10 years younger than our age," he said. "But we're actually spending our money much the same as our parents did."

"We're acting our age, but we think we're not."

Large table listing various mutual funds with columns for Fund Name, High, Low, Close, Change. Includes funds like AAL Mutual, AIG, etc.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



The Olsen Twins

By Art Sanson & Chip



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Biondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



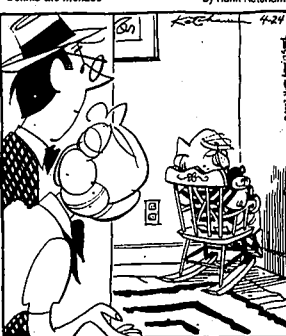
Pickles

By Brian Crane



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



He ran some carrots through your paper shredder.

Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luan

By Greg Evans

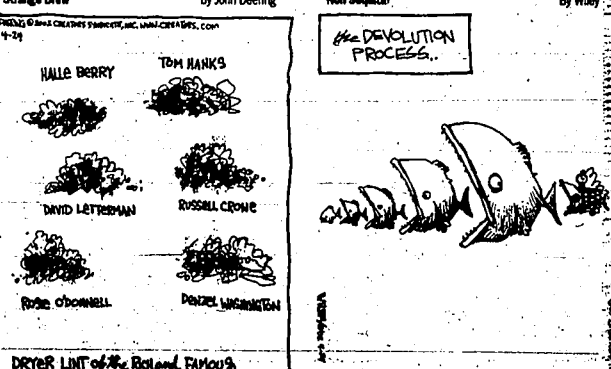


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequiter

By Wiley



CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for 1-30 across and 1-30 down.

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved crossword solution with words like 'BIBLICAL WEED', 'FLOCK FORTITUDE', 'NIGHTMARE', etc.

Graduate school try separate celebrations

DEAR ABBY: I am a high school senior. With graduation day fast approaching, I have some pressing questions.



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

have both become engaged. We are very close and are considering a double wedding.

offer some tips from the booklet: Two sisters or close friends may wish to be married in the same ceremony.

First, what are the rules of etiquette regarding sending invitations/announcements? Do I have to invite all the members of my family to my graduation party?

gatherings - one for family and the other for your contemporaries. (Try to give family members the benefit of the doubt.)

DEAR NEWLY ENGAGED: Double weddings are extra-special events - and they can reduce expenses.

If you desire, each bride may serve as maid of honor for the other bride, and each groom may serve as best man to the other groom.

Abby, I have been reading your column since I learned how to read and would greatly appreciate your input.

Write what each person gives you on the card that accompanies the gift. That way, you can easily keep track of who gave what when it comes time to send thank-you notes.

I discuss this topic - and more - in my booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding."

The costumes of the attendants should harmonize, although they need not be identical.

POLITE SENIOR DUDE IN AMARILLO, TEXAS

DEAR DUDE: Ask your parents if you can have two separate

DEAR ABBY: My sister and I

iron plows, the metal would poison the soil, they said.

Role becomes apparent in 'Bernie'

Today "The Bernie Mac Show" - Vanessa's (Camille Winbush) self-appointed role as the liaison between her siblings and Bernie (Mac) becomes evident

TV Best Bets and I." He tries some tough love by giving her full responsibility for them.

You don't often see a young child blushing

Duke Ellington delivered this final tribute to Louis Armstrong, and I'll warrant you'll never find a nobler thing to say of any man: "He was born poor. He died rich. And he never hurt anybody along the way."



REVISITED L.M. Boyd

They've been locked in leg irons and turned loose in the streets - to do what they do, clank, clank. Even children have been subject to this chain reaction.

Q. How long is a newly hatched alligator? A. About 9 inches.

Keep those confessions to yourself, Pisces; Scorpio will have a great day

IF APRIL 24TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have unusual birth day, often dream of domestic tranquility that includes home and family.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr home. Family member needs your care and tender, loving touch.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be analytical in discerning costs of home, property. Organize priorities. Take charge of your own destiny.

Take initiative in making fresh start. You're going into business for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your kind of day? Beat the odds. Review, rewrite and reedit what had been rejected can now be accepted.

Read, write and teach. Aries, Libra will play sensual roles.

The Times-News Classifieds section with various categories like LEGALS, REAL ESTATE, and SERVICES.

LEGAL notices including NOTICE OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, and PUBLIC NOTICE regarding legal actions and elections.

Large vertical text 'APRIL 24 2002' on the right edge of the page.

512 BURLEY/HELVEN... 60 Acres... 25 Acres... 77 Acres...

1512 KIMBERLY Cottonwood Heights... 3.9 acre lot... 38 Acres... 12 Acres...

WE BUY HOUSES... 1512 FILER '00 Marietta in-law... 2.8 acre lot...

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm... \$550 plus 500 cleaning... 201 Orchard Dr... West 733-1752

TWIN FALLS 349 Rommel... 3600 sq ft... 2 bdrm, 2 bath... 734-8888

JEROME 2 bdrm, 1 bath... 1470, 3435 + \$300 dep... 1700 sq ft...

CALF HUTCHES For sale... Also 5-14 mile haul lines... 208-764-4666

LINDA AND PAT PARELLI... Success with Horses... 208-252-9871

ALFALFA BEEB Now try... the best... Farmer to Farmer... 208-485-5280

GEM STATE REALTY, INC... 734-0400... TWIN FALLS... 2 bdrm, 1 bath...

601 UNIMPROVED HOUSES... HANSEN 2 bdrm... no smoking... 3375 month...

603 UNIMPROVED HOUSES... BUHL - Nowor 2 bdrm... freshly painted walls...

604 UNIMPROVED HOUSES... BURLEY... Affordable senior housing... 62 and over...

606 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY... TWIN FALLS... \$129,000... lots of potential...

607 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY... BURLEY... Office space... 1000 sq ft...

608 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY... TWIN FALLS... 780 sq ft... in Blue Lakes Office Park...

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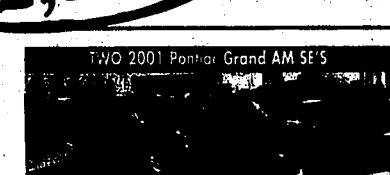
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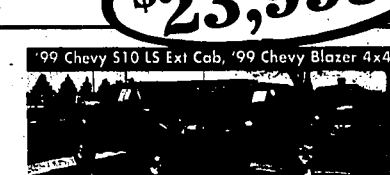
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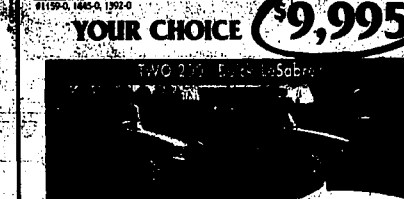
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