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Bush rips allies over Iraq stance

President says U.S. won't allow Saddam to remain with weapons

WASHINGTON - Increasingly impatient with resistance from key allies, President Bush Tuesday called their challenges to U.S. policy on Iraq a "rerun of a bad movie" and pledged to take on Saddam Hussein militarily if he does not fully disarm.

"This business about time, how much time do we need to see clearly that he's not disarming?" Bush said, bristling with irritation.

"He is delaying. He is deceiv-

ing. He is asking for time. He's playing hide and seek with inspectors. One thing for sure is, he's not disarming." Bush told reporters after talks with economists on his tax-cutting package. "Surely our friends have learned lessons from the past. ... This looks like a rerun of a bad movie and I'm not interested in watching it."

Bush's remarks were part of the administration's offensive, launched Tuesday, to convince public opinion both at home and

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President Bush in Washington Tuesday

Poll: U.S. support for war declines

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Seven in 10 Americans would give U.N. weapons inspectors months more to pursue their arms search in Iraq, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll that found growing doubts about an attack on Saddam Hussein.

In addition to the public's skepticism about military action against Iraq, the poll found that a majority of Americans disapproved of President Bush's handling of the economy for the first time in his presidency. The number of Americans who regard the economy as healthy hasn't been

lower in the past nine years, and majorities raised objections to the tax-cut plan Bush has proposed as a remedy.

Overall, support for Bush has dropped to levels not seen since before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, with 59 percent of Americans approving of his work. That's still a comfortable level of popularity, and Bush advisers and analysts expect Americans will rally to his side once hostilities begin in Iraq.

On the economy, Americans disapproved of the job Bush has done by 51 percent to 41 percent - a 12 percentage point shift from December.

PUTTING IT TOGETHER



Russa Kyndkandall cuts a piece of wall board in the new senior citizens center in Old Towne in Twin Falls. Officials had hoped for a February opening but are now aiming for sometime in March.

Volunteers help transform senior center

Workers look to open facility this spring

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Amid the gathering sawdust and the slow fading of the garish colors, a new senior citizens center is taking shape in the building that once held one of Twin Falls' largest amusement arcades.

"It will not be only a senior center, it will be a community center," said Bob Humphries, chairman of the Twin Falls Senior Federation board.

Voters in November approved a \$500,000 tax override levy to help the seniors buy the former Treasure Cove Golf 'N Games building on Shoshone Street from the city of Twin Falls. Now, the task before the seniors is to transform the building to suit their needs.

Help wanted, materials needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the remodeling of the new Twin Falls senior citizens center - in the former Treasure Cove Golf 'N Games building on Shoshone Street.

- Work has been taking place between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays - volunteers are welcome to show up during those hours.
- People with carpentry and dry wall skills are especially needed, but any sort of help is welcome.

"It looks like it's going slow, but it's really coming along," Humphries said during a visit to the new building Tuesday.

Workers had already used concrete to fill in the area once occupied by a miniature golf course. Once the floor is finished there, it will serve as a general assembly area and will also house a bargain shopping center.

The seniors are also counting on donated materials, and some of their needs include:

- Lumber, including 2x4, 2x6 and 2x8
- Caulking
- Tile, including ceramic tile and wall tile
- Carpet with a good base
- Cash donations are also welcome

For more information, call the senior center at 734-6849.

The outside wall of what was once a pitch black laser tag room had been knocked out - the first step toward transforming it into the center's kitchen. And holes and trenches had been knocked into the floor in places so big and deep that plumbing lines can be done on plumbing lines.

The seniors had saved about \$200,000 to help pay for remodeling the building. Even so, efforts

are being made to cut cost at every opportunity, said Bill Evans of Kimberly, who's overseeing the project.

"We've been using salvaged lumber," he said. And with the exception of a plumber and an electrician, everybody working on the project is a volunteer, Evans said. The seniors are even getting help from the Twin Falls County Jail's work-release program, which allows nonviolent, minor offenders to work in the community.

There have already been some generous donations, Humphries said. For example, Walt Livota of Twin Falls donated a new sign and siding for the building, he said.

When all the other work is done, senior Walt Milden said he and his painting crew will be ready to move in to tune down the loud colors used for the

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Parks & Rec chief takes heat

Panel blasts official who suggests public use of reservoir water

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - The problem of how to intercept "local public water" surfaced again on Tuesday, although it didn't have anything to do with dams.

The latest situation to pop up is a proposed phase-in of Idaho water law from Idaho government itself - the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

A phase-in of water law "of local public water" has been a topic of controversy by several people, including an organization that will likely be debating the issue. Its members want to change state law so municipalities and states



College presidents lobby for funds - B4

Feds: Private labs fake tests; Americans hurt

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Private laboratories are increasingly being caught falsifying test results, the water supplies in the United States may be contaminated, and the health care system is being put at risk, according to a report from the U.S. House of Representatives.

The report has caused many people to feel that the costs with substantial government aid may have violated clean air, water, or to drink water in the past.

Census: Hispanics now outnumber blacks as largest U.S. minority group

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Hispanics have surged past blacks and now constitute the largest minority group in the United States, a status Latino leaders are sure to use to push for political and economic advances.

The Census Bureau released estimates Tuesday showing the Hispanic population rose 4.7 percent between April 2000 and July 2001, from 35.3 million to 37 million. During the same period, the non-Hispanic black popu-

lation rose about 2 percent, from 35.5 million to 36.1 million.

"This is the first time that Hispanic number surpassed the black number," Census Bureau analyst Roberto Ramirez said Tuesday.

The data are part of the bureau's first statistics on race and ethnicity since results from the 2000 census were released nearly two years ago.

"This undoubtedly is a benchmark with powerful symbolic value," said Roberto Suro, director of the Pew Hispanic Center, a research group.

"But it doesn't automatically translate into any tangible benefits for Latinos."

Due to high birth and immigration rates, the Hispanic population more than doubled during the 1990s, the 2000 census found. Many new arrivals were drawn by the booming U.S. economy and settled in areas in the South and Midwest that previously attracted few Latinos.

Democrats and Republicans, aware

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Vlancey Rubio, 5, of Santa Ana, Calif., holds a sign during a protest Aug. 23, 2002, of the arrests of Hispanic immigrant workers at Southern California airports.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Rain and snow showers, otherwise brisk winds at times and cloudy. Highs in the 30s.

Tonight: Mixed precipitation. Lows in the 20s.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy skies and a bit warmer. Highs in the 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy skies and a bit warmer. Highs in the 40s.

Tonight: More mixed precipitation. Lows in the 20s.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the 30s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

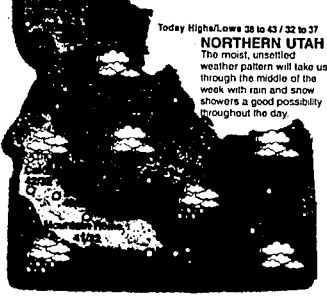
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Almanac section containing Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, and U.V. INDEX.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. The High Country will continue to cash in on snow showers over the next 24 to 36 hours as moist, Pacific air continues to pump into the region.

BOISE The moist, unsettled weather pattern will take us through the middle of the week with rain and snow showers a good possibility throughout the day.



Today High/Low 38 to 43 to 32 to 37. Northern Utah The most, unsettled weather pattern will take us through the middle of the week with rain and snow showers a good possibility throughout the day.

Table for Moon Phases showing Jan 25, Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 16.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table listing cities like Boise, Burley, and Idaho Falls with their respective weather and temperature forecasts.

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National forecast table listing major cities across the US with weather and temperature forecasts.

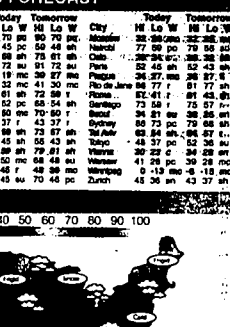
Table for Snowpack showing snow water equivalent for various locations.

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World forecast table listing major world cities with weather and temperature forecasts.

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Iraq

Continued from A1. ...abroad that Iraq should be disarmed quickly. It also included a blistering counterattack against critics of military intervention in Iraq and the issuance of a 33-page document detailing Iraq's alleged history of deceit and deception in dealing with the United Nations. As Bush talked tough, the Pentagon ordered the deployment of two more Navy aircraft carrier battle groups, whose arrival in the Persian Gulf region will double the size of carriers deployed to within striking distance of Iraq. Defense officials said the administration is considering dispatching two other carriers, critical to naval air power independent of land bases, for a total of six carriers and their support ships. Each carrier supports 70 to 80 warplanes. The carrier deployment came on the heels of a new Pentagon deployment of another 47,000 troops, including elements of the 101st Airborne Division. It is the Army's most modernized infantry division, equipped with the military's most sophisticated command and control and communications systems. The new deployment brings the total number of troops dispatched to the Persian Gulf and Mediterranean since late December to 127,000. Bush vowed, "in the name of peace," that the United States will keep diplomatic and military pressure on Iraq until Saddam surrenders all his nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and ballistic missiles. Iraq denies that it still has any weapons of mass destruction. But noting that "time is running out," Bush said that the United States will lead a so-called coalition of the willing to disarm Iraq if it continues to "play hide and seek." Bush also predicted that the United States will eventually garner wider support, despite growing antiwar protests and public opinion polls at home and overseas showing minority support for military action without U.S. backing. "It is very much like what happened prior to our getting a resolution to enact a \$774 billion economic growth plan, as Democrats sharpened their attacks on a plan they decried as ineffective, expensive and unfair. Bush huddled with 15 supportive economists from Wall Street and academia in the first of several events planned by the administration this week to promote a plan to accelerate income tax cuts and sharply cut taxes on investment dividends. Several economists in the group—including the dean of the assembly, Harvard University economist Martin Feldstein—underscored one of the criticisms leveled against the plan when they suggested beefing up its tax-cut numbers to provide more of a stimulative kick to the economy. But Bush said he had no intention of compromising on a plan that has gathered considerable opposition from Democrats and a few Republicans.

Bush pushes Water tax proposal

Continued from A1. ...The dam is depleted during the summer season due to releases to Treasure Valley canal companies and municipalities. As a result, recreational activities such as boating and water skiing are adversely affected during the late summer and fall. One sentence in the letter said, "We would like to see a new distribution that is equitable for both irrigators and public interest needs." The letter also said the department was "extremely interested" in increasing the amount of water in the reservoir during certain times of the year due to "public interest purposes such as recreation and aesthetics." "The question of how to best use the water in Lucky Peak is more than an irrigation question, it's a question as well that should be discussed in a public forum," is one sentence from the department's letter that particularly caught the attention of Ag Committee members. On Tuesday, Collignon, who moved to Idaho two years ago from South Dakota where farmers do not depend on irrigation, found out the hard way that the House Agricultural Affairs Committee isn't interested in changing how Lucky Peak's water is divided up. The committee is chaired by Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, and made up mostly of farmers and ranchers, gave Collignon a battering. "I have a real concern that your department has shown what they think is right or wrong," said Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star. "But it is totally against what this state stands for." At the heart of the matter is the issue of keeping Idaho's farmland under irrigation, said committee member Rep. Dell Raybould, R-Reburig. As irrigation rights are very, very important in Idaho, we could wind up drying up our farmland and drying up our rural communities," Raybould said. Raybould compared the Lucky

Census

Continued from A1. ...of the surge, have placed increased emphasis on attracting Hispanic voters. Last year, the two top Democratic candidates for governor of Texas debated in Spanish. Also last year, the Republican National Committee began sending representatives to citizenship ceremonies to register Hispanic immigrants. Cecilia Munoz, vice president at the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic advocacy group, said politicians must do more than ask for support. "The question is what they intend to do with that," she said. "Are they just going to offer platitudes in Spanish, or offer real public policy suggestions?" Whites remain the largest single population group, numbering 199.3 million in July 2001, or nearly 70 percent of all U.S. residents, according to the Census Bureau. Hispanics comprise 13 percent of the U.S. population, which grew to 284.8 million in July 2001. That's up from 35.3 million, or 12.5 percent of the country's 281.4 million residents in April 2000. Blacks make up 12.7 percent of the population, up from 12.6 percent in April 2000. Asians are the next-largest minority group, at about 12.1 million, or 4 percent of U.S. residents.

Tests

Continued from A1. ...tested for safety, the officials told The Associated Press. In addition, officials making decisions at hazardous waste cleanup sites have relied on companies that fraudulently tested air, water and soil samples. "In recent years, what has come to our attention is that outside (non-government) labs are often times in bed with the people who hired them, and conspired to commit environmental crime," said David Uhlmann, chief of the Justice Department's environmental crimes section. The EPA's watchdog against fraud, Inspector General Nikki Tinsley, has called the rise of lab fraud a disturbing trend. "If it was my drinking water, I'd consider it very serious," she said, declining to identify locations affected by the ongoing investigation. Private laboratories test products that are regulated by anti-pollution laws, and the results allow companies to certify that they're meeting the requirements of environmental protection laws. In one instance three years ago, investigators discovered fraudulent test results by contract employees at the Environmental Protection Agency's lab in Chicago. The head of the laboratory was transferred and the contractor, Lockheed Martin, was suspended from performing tests. The Justice Department and Environmental Protection Agency have prosecuted dozens of employees and laboratories in the past several years for fraudulent testing. Uhlmann, the Justice Department official, said the prosecutions have grown but statistics are not kept on lab fraud cases.

Center

Continued from A1. ...arcade. Mildon said he has had 50-plus years of experience in painting and interior decoration, and he plans to apply his skills to give the senior center an inviting, comforting look. "I have a special off-white paint I developed myself. It will reflect light, but not a glare," he said. There's no solid target date for the project to be finished, but the hope is to have the new center open for business no later than April. Humphries said the opening will be celebrated with a special dinner honoring everybody who helped with or donated to the remodeling. Meanwhile, people shouldn't be shy about dropping by the center to pitch in, Evans said. There is a special need for some skilled labor, but anybody is welcome to lend a hand. "I can use anybody who can push a broom or pick up a spig-

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'Roe' now fights against landmark abortion decision

DALLAS (AP) — They were on the same side 30 years ago, fighting for the right of women to get an abortion. But attorney Sarah Weddington and one-time abortion rights poster girl Norma McCorvey have sharply contrasting views today.

Weddington, the lawyer who tried the Roe v. Wade case and became an icon of the women's rights movement, is worried that as the 30th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision approaches today, anti-abortion forces are gaining political strength.

"It's melancholy celebration," Weddington says. "I am more concerned today about the future of Roe v. Wade and a woman's right to choose than ever before."

McCorvey — the "Jane Roe" of the case — has converted to Roman Catholicism and become an anti-abortion activist since the landmark ruling.

"I have a great deal of hope that it will be overturned," says McCorvey, sitting in her Dallas living room, which is papered with images of Jesus, anti-abortion posters, books and bumper stickers.

The two women who made history together no longer talk. McCorvey said she is praying for the woman she once idolized. Weddington said McCorvey's change of heart has no bearing on the case. But during a recent interview, she expressed uncertainty about her former client.

"What's Jane Roe saying these days?" she asked.

Three decades after the landmark case, the future of legal abortion is more uncertain than it has been in years. The balance on the Supreme Court would tilt if President Bush could replace one abortion rights justice with an anti-abortion justice. State laws have chipped away at access to abortion, and the Republican takeover of the Senate has raised hopes among those who oppose abortion for

Abortion in court

Outside of Supreme Court rulings, many states have their own laws regarding abortion including 24-hour waiting periods and mandatory consent for minors.

- 73 **Roe v. Wade** Abortion legalized.
- 74 **Bullock v. Board A** pregnant minor can petition a court for permission to have an abortion without parental notification.
- 75 **Webster v. Reproductive Health Services** Gives states significant rights to regulate abortion.
- 76 **Planned Parenthood of Southeastern U.S. v. Casey** Reaffirms a woman's right to and pregnancy in early stages for a federal law that a total ban on abortion would be found unconstitutional.
- 78 **The National Organization for Women** uses a racketeering law meant to stop organized crime to convince a federal jury that anti-abortion leaders engaged in a nationwide extortion scheme to shut down clinics. Appeal pending in Supreme Court.
- 79 **Filing orders** anti-abortion activists to pay abortion providers \$107 million in damages for making illegal threats through listing the doctors' names and addresses on a Web site. Appeal pending in Supreme Court.
- 80 **Shanberg v. Carhart** Strikes down Nebraska's law banning the late-term abortion procedure.

SOURCE: Associated Press AP

more federal judges who oppose the procedure. Weddington isn't sure abortion-rights advocates can turn back the tide. "There was a sense of we had

won, we could check that off and go onto other things," Weddington said. "It's a lot easier to get people excited and motivated and fully involved in trying to change something... than it is to keep things the way they have been for the last 30 years."

Diana Philip, executive director of Roe v. the Due Process, an Austin-based group that helps minors apply for judicial waivers under Texas' parental consent law, said most of the teens who call the group's hot line don't know about Roe v. Wade.

"There is a population of women who don't understand that the rights that we don't want to go back," said Weddington, who had an abortion at age 21 in Mexico.

McCorvey's focus hasn't strayed from the anti-abortion fight since she shocked the abortion-rights community in 1995 by joining the group, Operation Rescue.

McCorvey had originally said she needed an abortion because she had been raped but later said she lied, and put her child up for adoption. In 1994, she published an autobiography that disclosed a past including dysfunctional parents, reform school, petty crime, drug abuse, alcoholism, an abusive husband, a second unwanted pregnancy, attempted suicide and lesbianism.

She said images from abortion clinics where she used to work still haunt her. "Dead children in glass jars and freezer bags," is how she recalled a Dallas abortion clinic.

She gives speeches about her experiences and heads her own small ministry called "Roe No More," which tries to dissuade pregnant women from considering abortion.

Civilian workers play key role for U.S. in military campaigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Along with the U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf, an auxiliary force of thousands of civilians has been deployed — helping cook food for the troops, transport their supplies and fix their high-tech equipment.

On Tuesday, one of them died when he and a companion were ambushed near a U.S. military camp in Kuwait.

Michael Rene Poulton, a 46-year-old employee of the San Diego-based software company Tapestry Solutions, and another man were traveling in a four-wheel-drive Toyota when they came under a hail of bullets.

No group claimed responsibility for the attack. U.S. and Kuwaiti officials said they believed a single gunman fired a Kalashnikov assault rifle at the vehicle. The attacker then fled in the shooting was the first assault on U.S. civilians in Kuwait and the third on Americans since October in the



U.S. civilians are not on a military camp.

oil-rich emirate, where pro-American sentiment is usually strong and where thousands of U.S. troops are assembling for a possible war on Iraq. The Army said Tapestry Solutions was helping with military modeling and simulation training.

"They are a necessary part of today's battlefield," Army spokesman Col. Joseph Curtin said of civilians like the two ambushed Tuesday in Kuwait. "They free up soldiers, sailors,

airmen and Marines to do the warfighting."

Around the perimeter of Camp As Sayliyah in Qatar, which would be the command center for any war in Iraq, armed personnel of Reston, Va.-based DynCorp provide guard service.

And it was civilians who did the construction needed to convert a huge warehouse complex at Camp Doha in Kuwait into a U.S. military complex complete with gym, dining and living facilities and an operations center where they installed hundreds of desk and computers, the Army says.

Just as soldiers aren't paid to peel potatoes — KP duty went out in the 1970s — there's a growing list of other things they're not paid to do anymore.

There has been a push over more than two decades to privatize or outsource responsibility for many basic needs, including the provision of water, utilities and so on, said Glenn Flood, a Defense Department spokesman.

W.H. discloses nominee's law run-ins

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — John W. Snow, President Bush's nominee for Treasury secretary, was charged with driving under the influence in 1982 and settled a child-support case in 1991, the White House disclosed Tuesday.

The DUI charge, lodged in Utah along with a charge of an improper left turn, was dismissed. Terms of the child-support settlement were unavailable.

A senior administration official said Snow, outgoing chairman and president of CSX Corp. of Richmond, informed White House lawyers about the drunk driving case but not the child-support case before his nomination on Dec. 9. Snow disclosed the child-support matter "shortly after" he was nominated, the official said.

The Senate Finance Committee announced Snow's confirmation hearing will be Jan. 28.

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Bush won't take stand on race in college admissions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush declined Tuesday to say whether racial preference could be used as a factor in college admissions, leaving it to the Supreme Court to settle a question that could overturn a 25-year-old affirmative action ruling.

In stepping into the issue, Bush said it is up to the high court to "define the outer limits of the Constitution" without his input.

The Supreme Court announced Tuesday that it will hear oral arguments on the Michigan policies on April 1. The court will hear two cases back to back that day, one challenging the school's undergraduate admissions program and another challenging a slightly different program at the university's law school.

Bush declared last week that University of Michigan admissions policies are unconstitutional because of their use of what he said were racial quotas. But he skirted the larger question of whether race may ever be considered a factor in government decisions.

After Bush intervened in the Michigan case, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice said race could be a factor. Secretary of State Colin Powell said race should be a factor. Both Rice and Powell are black.

Asked for his opinion on that critical issue, Bush told reporters in the Roosevelt Room on Tuesday. "There are clearly unconstitutional means to achieve diversity. There are racial-neutral ways to achieve diversity,

which I have put in place as the governor of Texas, and that will lead the courts to define the outer limits of the Constitution."

The Michigan case marks the court's first statement on racial preference programs in public university admissions since the 1978 Allan Bakke case, when the court outlawed racial quotas in university admissions, but left room for race to be a "plus factor."

Bush was asked twice Tuesday for his opinion, saying both times it was up to the court to decide. Republican strategists close to the White House have said Bush's position is a result of trying to please anti-affirmative action conservatives without appearing to be against racial diversity.

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Ted Kennedy to Dems: Stand up to Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy on Tuesday blamed Democratic losses in last year's election on a failure to stand up to a popular president, accusing the Bush administration of promoting policies that divide America and its allies.

"The lesson of 2002 is clear," the Massachusetts senator said in a speech to the National Press Club. "We will not succeed if we fail to stand up and speak out."



Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass.

Kennedy accused President Bush of pursuing war in Iraq while a more imminent threat exists in North Korea, violating rights of immigrants in the name of homeland security and failing to prepare for future terrorist attacks.

Bush's tax cut plan only benefits

the wealthy, he said, while accusing the administration of failing to respond to spending needed to improve health care and education for all Americans.

"The last thing we need is policies that divide us at home by race or riches," Kennedy said. "The ideals of America are not realized but denied by a relentless ideology of tax giveaways for the few — and then even more tax giveaways for the few."

Kennedy suggested a compro-

mise with Bush on tax cuts, however.

Congress should use 10-year budget estimates to determine how much America can afford to spend, then give half to Bush's priorities — including cuts already passed into law — and half to education, health care, and other Democratic priorities, the senator said.

"Let me say plainly to my fellow Democrats — if we cannot achieve a fair and fiscally responsible compromise, there is no assured political safety in just going along with President Bush," Kennedy argued. "Not a single Senate Democrat who voted against the Bush 2001 tax cut was defeated."

Kennedy called for spending on more teacher training, smaller class sizes, increased college financial aid and a Medicare prescription drug benefit. He said Congress should require employers to provide health care for all workers and pass hate-crimes legislation and laws protecting gays from discrimination in the workplace.

Kennedy said Bush deserved credit for his leadership after the Sept. 11 attacks and in the early months of the fight against al-Qaida. But he said since then "we squandered too much of the good will of the world community because we seemed so intent on immediate, unilateral war with Iraq."

Israel's first astronaut flies with Torah, fulfilling an old promise

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Israel's first astronaut held up a tiny Torah scroll aboard space shuttle Columbia on Tuesday, fulfilling a promise made by a Holocaust survivor 59 years ago.



In this image made from television, from left, Israeli payload specialist Ilan Ramon, mission specialist Laurel Clark, shuttle commander Rick Husband and mission specialist Kalpana Chawla speak with Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon from the shuttle Columbia on Tuesday.

Astronaut Ilan Ramon showed the Torah to Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, during a televised conference.

Watching with emotion from a NASA control center in Greenbelt, Md., was the Torah's owner, Joachim Joseph, a 71-year-old atmospheric physicist at Tel Aviv University who is overseeing an Israeli experiment aboard the shuttle.

The scientist received the Torah from a rabbi while both were imprisoned at a Nazi concentration camp in Germany in 1944. Joseph had just turned 13, and the rabbi secretly arranged a 4 a.m. bar mitzva ceremony in the prisoners' barracks.

"After the ceremony, he said, 'You take this, this scroll that you just read from, because I will not leave here alive. But you must promise me that if you get out, you'll tell the story,'" Joseph recalled.

The rabbi was killed two months later.

Joseph was freed from the Bergen-Belsen camp in a prisoner

exchange in 1945, one month before it was liberated by the Americans and British.

Ramon, whose mother and grandmother survived the Auschwitz death camp, visited

the scientist's home two years ago and saw the Torah. "He was deeply affected. He almost cried," Joseph said. The astronaut asked if he could take the Torah with him into space.

Congressional Enron tax inquiry nears end

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional panel investigating how Enron Corp. used shelters to avoid taxes will present its findings at a hearing next month, an aide said Tuesday. A court-appointed bankruptcy examiner also is reported to be looking into the company's tax deals.

The House-Senate Joint Committee on Taxation has been checking Enron's tax records for almost a year, since the energy-trading company agreed to waive company laws

and provide the documents. The panel has been trying to determine whether Enron skirted tax laws.

The committee is close to completing its investigation, and the Senate Finance Committee plans hearings during the week of Feb. 10 to present the tax panel's findings, a congressional aide said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"Congressional oversight and reforms are key toward preventing future Enrons," said Senate Finance Committee Chairman

Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. "It's instructive to learn what Enron did so we can avoid such debacles in the future."

For examiner Neal Batson, appointed by a federal bankruptcy court after Enron's spectacular bankruptcy filing in December 2001, the question is whether the company violated tax rules. That would open the way for Batson, on behalf of Enron creditors, to go after assets involved in the tax deals or to sue the big banks, accounting firms and law firms that helped design them.

Survey: Wives and husbands disagree on sex, love importance

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP) — Love and sex are more important to a happy marriage for men in their 50s and early 60s than at any other time in their lives, a new survey says. Unfortunately for them, that's just when intimacy becomes less important to women.

The survey, being published in the February issue of Reader's Digest, found that between the ages of 57 and 64 men become more attentive to their wives while women, finally freed from family responsibilities, find more goals outside of marriage.

"The guys are saying, 'Now I get it. I want more intimacy,'" said John Gottman, a marriage expert who analyzed polling data for the magazine. "And the women are saying, 'Sorry, bub, I've already done that. I've got my own goals now.'"

A 60-year-old New York woman in the survey said she was finally getting the chance to travel, but her retired husband didn't want to. "What am I supposed to do? Stay home?" she asked. "Life's too short."

The nationwide telephone survey was conducted in June for the Chappaqua-based magazine by the Ipsos-NPD research group, which randomly chose 500 married men and 500 married women, but no couples. Questions were designed to determine how happy their marriages were and find out about specific behavior and attitudes.

Gottman, who teaches at the University of Washington and is the author of "The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work," then compared the answers to find the relationship between marital happiness and particular behavior and attitudes.

Researchers find meal portion sizes growing

CHICAGO (AP) — Americans aren't just expanding their portions in fast-food restaurants, they're doing it in their own kitchens.

In a new study, researchers looked at such foods as hamburgers, burritos, tacos, french fries, sodas, ice cream, pie, cookies and salty snacks and found that the portions got bigger between the 1970s and the 1990s, regardless of whether people ate in or out.

It is no surprise it is happening at fast-food restaurants; it was McDonald's that help put the word "super-size" into the American lexicon.

But Margo Wootan of the Center for Science in the Public Interest said the practice has caused Americans to suffer portion distortion at home.

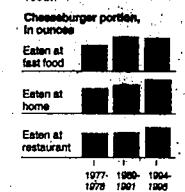
"We're getting so used to these big portion sizes when we eat out that when we go home we forget what a normal portion is," said Wootan, the center's nutrition policy director.

Portions for all of the popular foods studied, except pizza, increased both inside and outside the home between 1977 and 1996. The study was conducted by researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was published in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

"An important point is not just what foods we're eating, it's the fact that we're eating such large portions of these foods," said

It's official: small is now large

A new study supports the general consensus that the size of food portions have increased in the United States. The study looked at three national surveys conducted between 1977 and 1996.



SOURCE: JAMA

researcher Samara Joy Nielsen.

The findings came at a time when Americans are getting fatter. A study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found more than 44 million Americans were obese in 2001.

The University of North Carolina study looked at people's portions at home, in fast-food joints and at other restaurants. It included a sample of 63,380 people over the age of 2.

Twins study bolsters pot 'gateway' theory

CHICAGO (AP) — A study of Australian twins and marijuana bolsters the fiercely debated "gateway theory" that pot can lead to harder drugs.

The researchers located 311 sets of same-sex twins in which only one twin had smoked marijuana before age 17. Early marijuana smokers were found to be up to five times more likely than their twins to move on to

harder drugs.

They were about twice as likely to use opiates, which include heroin, and five times more likely to use hallucinogens, which include LSD.

Earlier studies on whether marijuana is a gateway drug reached conflicting conclusions. The impasse has complicated the debate over medical marijuana and decriminalization of pot.

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N. Korean delegation arrives in Seoul

Los Angeles Times

SEOUL, South Korea — A delegation of North Korean officials arrived here Tuesday for talks with their Southern counterparts amid a flurry of diplomatic activity aimed at cooling the crisis over Pyongyang's nuclear intentions.

The North Koreans came south for four days of Cabinet-level meetings — the highest-level contact between the archrivals since the row over Pyongyang's nuclear program broke out in October. The negotiations form one of three different sets of inter-Korean talks this week during which Seoul hopes to press the North to end its face-off with the United States.

A senior American diplomat also arrived Tuesday for high-level talks, while a top Russian envoy left after meeting with North Korea's reclusive leader, Kim Jong Il.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Losyukov, the first foreign official known to have met with Kim since the fall, described their six-hour session on Monday as "very substantive," the Russian news agency Itar-Tass reported. Losyukov presented Kim with a three-point plan to defuse tensions that calls for a commitment by Pyongyang to keeping the Korean peninsula nuclear-free in exchange for humanitarian and economic aid.

The plan also proposes that there be written assurances from the United States not to attack North Korea, a country President Bush last year labeled part of his "axis of evil."

Speaking to reporters later while passing through Beijing, Losyukov described his talks with Kim during a three-day visit to Pyongyang as "very useful and rather constructive."

Authorities: Kenyan helping U.S. is killed

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A Kenyan working with the United States to capture a Rwandan genocide suspect with a \$5 million bounty on his head has been killed, authorities said Tuesday.

William Mwaura Munube was found dead at his home in the affluent Nairobi suburb of Karen on Jan. 17, two days after the U.S. Embassy and Kenyan police tried to trap genocide suspect Felicien Kabuga, police spokesman King'ora Mwangi said.

There was blood on Munube's body, Mwangi said, but the cause of death has not been determined.

The independent Daily Nation newspaper reported Tuesday that Munube, 27, was shot in the head but that his death was made to look like a suicide from carbon monoxide poisoning.

The U.S. Embassy suspects the killing "was connected with Kabuga's efforts to evade capture," spokesman Peter Clausen said.

A Venezuelan soldier patrols in front of a mural of Simon Bolivar, Venezuela's independence hero, behind Miraflores Presidential Palace in Caracas, Venezuela, Tuesday.

Jimmy Carter proposes election plan in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jimmy Carter proposed a plan Tuesday to lead Venezuela to elections and end a 51-day-old strike against President Hugo Chavez, which has dramatically cut production in the No. 5 oil-exporting country.

Carter's ideas were the first concrete proposals to emerge from more than two months of talks between the government and Venezuela's opposition, which called the strike to demand early elections or Chavez's resignation.

Both Chavez and opposition leaders reacted cautiously, saying they merited study.

Carter said the first plan would amend Venezuela's constitution to shorten presidential and legislative terms of office and stage early general elections.

It calls for Venezuela's opposition to end the strike and for the government, which has a congressional majority, to move quickly on changing the constitution. Amending the constitution requires the approval of congress and a popular referendum.

Chavez said Tuesday he told Carter he would respect any constitutional changes. "If the people were to decide it should be four years... I have no problem with that," Chavez said.

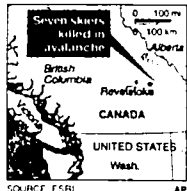
Carter's second plan calls for both sides to prepare for a binding recall referendum on Chavez's presidency in August, the midpoint of Chavez's six-year term. Venezuela's constitution allows such a vote.

"We've been pleased with the reception we've had from both the government and the opposition," Carter said at a news conference before leaving Venezuela. "My opinion is that both sides want to end an impasse that is destroying the economy."

Oil provides 70 percent of export earnings and a third of Venezuela's \$100 billion gross domestic product. It is a top supplier to the United States. Venezuela's output stands at about 627,000 barrels a day, compared to 3 million before the strike, according to strike leaders. The government claims production is at least 800,000 barrels a day.

Avalanche toll in Canada includes four Americans

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — A wall of snow 100 feet wide buried several skiers on a remote British Columbia mountain, killing seven of them, including snowboard pioneer Craig Kelly and three other Americans.



All the skiers who escaped the avalanche that thundered 300 feet down the mountainside Monday rescued one person, but the others suffocated under several feet of snow, according to police and rescue officials.

"If you get caught in one of those things, you can't flex a muscle, let alone breathe," said Ian Stratham of the Revelstoke ambulance service, who arrived at the scene about two hours after the snowfall.

Stratham said the survivors appeared stunned as they were taken by helicopter to their chalet near Durrand Glacier in the Selkirk Range of the Canadian Rockies. "It was pretty emotional for them," he said.

Sgt. Randy Brown of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said investigators would look at what caused the avalanche. He said

Police question seven suspects in poison plot

LONDON (AP) — British police investigating armed Algerian groups suspected of planning an attack using the deadly poison ricin studied seized documents Tuesday and interrogated seven men, most of them North African, arrested in a raid on a radical London mosque.

A day after the raid, Prime Minister Tony Blair told lawmakers there was no doubt Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network would try to attack Britain.

"I think it's inevitable that they (al-Qaida) will try in some form or other, and I think we can see evidence from the recent arrests that the terrorist network is here, as it is around the rest of the world," Blair said Tuesday.

Experts said Monday's early morning raid on the Finsbury Park Mosque — home to a fiery anti-Western cleric, Abu Hamza al-Masri — marked a toughening of Britain's counterterrorism policy.

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EDITORIAL

Make sure cellular fee improves 911 services

Idaho counties are taking their case for \$1 cell phone fees to the Legislature this month - and that's not all.

In addition to their contention that cell phone users should help support emergency dispatching, the Idaho Association of Counties is lobbying for an extra 25-cent-per-line fee - also to shore up dispatch budgets.

Legislators should hold off on both fee requests until the counties can fully explain how the money will be used.

The 25-cent proposed increase for land lines is an effort by the Idaho Association of Counties to create a statewide funding pool. This will help them update technology and maintain services. But authorities also say it's to extend high-tech 911 services into small, remote counties that can't afford to buy their own.

The more troubling proposal is the effort to collect a \$1 fee from cell phone users. Here in Magic Valley, the four-county Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center uses "enhanced 911" technology that can pinpoint a caller's location when a call comes from a land line. The technology is paid for with a \$1 fee from land-line users' phone bills.

But no such service exists for cell phones. Newer technology is required to give those customers the enhanced technology that can locate those calls. This is a key reason why the Idaho Association of Counties

is pushing for the \$1 cell fee.

But should the Legislature authorize counties to collect such a fee, if cell customers may not get the technology they pay for? Judging from the comments of SIRCComm officials, that fee could be diverted to pay for ongoing expenses or even to pay off the agency's lingering \$2.2 million debt.

Dispatch officials have no clear estimate for the cost of equipment and software for enhanced cell phone technology. The cost to outfit SIRC-

Our view: Legislature shouldn't allow emergency-dispatch agencies to collect new fees until the fees' purpose is clearly explained.

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

COMM's six dispatch stations could range from \$120,000 to \$300,000. And cell phones themselves may need to be outfitted with transmission equipment or global positioning system chips. That cost also would probably be carried by phone customers. SIRCComm officials do make a valid point that cell phone users should help pay for 911 services. Telecom companies say the majority of 911 calls are from cell phones, and local officials say the number of local land lines dropped last year, while wireless technology grows rapidly.

But if those fees are to be assessed, cell users should be given some assurance of when they'll get the enhanced service they'll be paying for. In general, lawmakers shouldn't allow any new fees whose purpose is not clear.

Before being allowed to collect additional fees from telephone customers, local officials should detail how they will use the money. So far, their explanations have been far too vague.

Germany, U.S. head for a standoff over Iraq

The relationship between the United States and Germany, once a pillar of the Atlantic community, has grown strained. Differences erupted during last fall's German elections, when Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder chose to sack the politician in Iraq to appeal to leftist voters. After the campaign was successful, Schroeder counted on ties to Washington getting back to normal. But instead matters may be about to get worse.

RUSSELL A. BERMAN

On Jan. 1, Germany began a new two-year term on the Security Council, along with other new members Angola, Chile, Pakistan and Spain. In February the German ambassador to the United Nations, Gunter Pleuger, will take his turn as president of the Security Council for one month and thus play a key role in structuring the proceedings at the precise moment that the Iraq debate may come to a head. The report of the U.N. arms inspectors is scheduled to come out in late January, putting Germany at the center of the U.N. debate on Iraq.

Schroeder's political debt is about to come due. During the campaign he insisted that President Bush was pursuing an "imperialist" Iraq policy and Germany would not participate in an invasion, even with U.N. support. Such a dismissal of a potential U.N. mandate appears odd for a country about to hold the presidency of the Security Council.



If Germany keeps Schroeder's campaign promise and votes against an invasion, relations with Washington will grow worse. If, however, Germany votes for an invasion, Schroeder will be in the uncomfortable situation of supporting the same invasion at the United Nations that he denounces at home. His credibility as chancellor would be greatly diminished.

This quandary reflects deep prepositions in German public opinion. When Americans look at the Second World War and conclude that appeasing a dictator is extremely poor, it has been 30 years since we created a country with a capitalization of \$100 million. Idaho's package of business investments and incentives needs to be more sharply focused and competitive.

Germany, in part a legacy of East German communism. Suspicion of the United States, although surely a minority position in Germany, is large enough to influence policy and drive elections.

To repair German-American relations, German leaders must address this anti-Americanism head-on. Germany's separate path of foreign policy not only has hurt relations with Washington, but has begun to isolate Germany in Europe. Even though Germany is a leading proponent of European integration, its Iraq policy has slowed down prospects for a united European foreign policy. Germany is at odds with England and France, both of which are much more hawkish.

where memories of American leadership in the Cold War are stronger than in Germany, the large and pro-American crowds that welcomed Bush in November in Vilnius and Bucharest contrast markedly with the anti-American demonstrators in Berlin in May. What Germany does in the Security Council can begin to repair the damaged relations with the United States or can make a difficult situation even worse.

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Investment in services can help Idaho recover

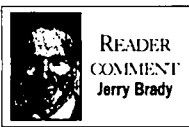
During my campaign for governor, I repeatedly predicted Gov. Kempthorne would increase the sales tax by 1.5 cents if reelected. Although he denied it, that's exactly what he has done. I also said Idaho's taxes were already high enough and need not be increased but rather applied to everyone equally.

So what should we do to balance the budget? Eliminate sales and property tax exemptions and reductions added over the years (48 in the last four years alone). Work with other states to tax Internet and catalogue sales, which would eventually bring in \$150 million a year.

In the alternative, roll back the 2000 tax reductions, increase alcohol as well as cigarette taxes, and make up the rest with a half-cent increase in the sales tax.

Boosting the sales tax is the least fair solution but the quickest fix. At least 1 cent will be added because it falls most heavily on those without a lobby in Boise: the poor and middle class. This will also blunt pressure for genuine tax reform over the next three years.

For 30 years, one study group after another has called for broadening the Idaho tax base. Nevertheless, the Legislature has steadily done the opposite: increasing the tax burden on individuals and families by 23 percent while reducing corporations' share by 21 percent since 1988. The sales tax increase will accelerate this trend. Idaho already has the lowest effective corporate tax



READER COMMENT
Jerry Brady

rates in the West, less than 5 percent.

Running against him and imagining myself as governor has given me considerable empathy for Gov. Kempthorne. It's good to see him challenge the Legislature. However, his plan to collect an extra \$70 million via the sales tax (above the \$200 million needed to cover the deficit) beginning in May, could easily fail.

He could have made a winning case for the extra money but did not. If replenishing reserves is so important, why did he deplete them just a year ago?

His focus on merely managing the government as it exists, with modest changes here and there, is not compelling. The governor needed to look more deeply, beneath the surface, and level with Idahoans about the real challenges we face and step up with critically needed solutions.

Briefly, here's an alternative analysis and vision. Invest in better jobs. Although the number of Idaho jobs increased during the 1990s faster than in all but five other states, we created few good-paying jobs. Today, half our people earn less than a "living wage" as defined by

the Department of Labor. Our wages are 25 percent lower than for the American average. Last year, our job creation rate was extremely poor. It has been 30 years since we created a company with a capitalization of \$100 million. Idaho's package of business investments and incentives needs to be more sharply focused and competitive.

Re-invest in higher education. The key to economic growth is an educated work force and university-business collaboration. Utah, for example, thrives because of its universities and colleges. We can too. Commendably, Gov. Kempthorne would erect new buildings with bonded debt but he hasn't made the broader, more exciting case for investment in higher education.

"Leave No Child Behind." Take President Bush's promise seriously. Sink at the core of the problem: 25 percent of our children are so far behind by kindergarten they never catch up. Vermont began helping children in at-risk families through a variety of means 10 years ago. This quickly boosted education performance and reduced child abuse, teen pregnancy and juvenile crime. Vermont consequently reduced taxes three times.

Improve health insurance. The state could use its purchasing power to lower the cost of prescription drugs for seniors, public employees and educators. Small businesses could be offered health insurance under a state-sponsored plan. Cost to the state would be

modest, limited to administrative expenses.

Reduce the foolish, excessive cost of corrections. Gov. Kempthorne is right to review mandatory sentencing, however, dramatic cost reductions could eventually be achieved by investing now in drug courts, in-prison education and community-based treatment and support for offenders. The best investment, of course, would be helping at-risk families before kids go wrong - which takes us back to the priority of early childhood and education.

All of this could be accomplished for less than the \$70 million the governor asked for. Most important, these investments will drive down the cost of government over time.

We labor under the impression that since Idaho was such a high performer in the last decade, we'll soon be back on our feet. In truth, Idaho squandered the opportunities provided us in those high-growth years. We should have what windfall for basic investments in basic needs, as outlined above. Instead, we cut taxes in good times and expanded in bad times, without turning to grips with the fundamental needs of Idahoans or the demands of the modern economy.

Doing so now will be much harder. But consider the alternative: paying delay to take care of symptoms - such as the nation's fastest growing prison population - because we neglected the causes years ago.

It's never too late to start.

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LETTER

Primary seat belt law can save Idaho state economy

Idaho lawmakers face a huge challenge this year: how to meet the state's budget with major revenue shortfalls. It is essential that legislators consider the costs of unbelted motor vehicle crashes and their effect on the state's financial challenges. According to the Office of Highway Safety, the economic costs of unbelted crashes in Idaho during 2001 were \$700 million. It is estimated that 74 percent of these costs were passed on to the public through insurance premiums, taxes and increased medical costs. If everyone had buckled up, Idaho would have saved \$266 million.

Studies show that laws allowing people to be ticketed only if they

are stopped for another traffic offense (secondary seat belt laws) just aren't enough. Laws that allow law enforcement to stop and ticket a person for not wearing a seat belt (primary laws) make a big difference in seat belt use. States that have passed primary seat belt laws, such as Oregon and Washington, have seat belt usage rates that are at least 11 percent higher than states with secondary laws like Idaho's. Those states have reduced their motor vehicle deaths significantly and saved their taxpayers millions. It is time for Idaho to do the same. We need a primary seat belt law.

DR. DONALD BARD
(Editor's note: Donald Bard is the chairman of the South Central District Board of Health.)

Navigating for Social Security can be difficult

Fern Warren writes to disparage the Social Security disability benefits system. Indeed, entitlement to such benefits is not automatic when one is ill or injured, and proving entitlement can take some time.

First of all, the claimant must

have "insured status," which requires something more than the "40 covered quarters" needed for old-age benefits.

Then, the claimant must suffer a condition that prevents working at any job in the national economy, and is expected to remain so severe for 12 continuous months or result in death.

One's doctor cannot merely

declare the disability. Our congressional representatives can do no more than investigate the status of the claim. Claimants who are younger, more educated, and skilled find the proof most difficult.

Every claimant wrongfully denied may appeal the decision and will be granted a hearing before an administrative law judge, and that decision is appeal-

able ultimately into federal court. The unfortunate reality is that navigating the Social Security disability benefits system after an initial denial requires legal representation.

PAULA BROWN SINCLAIR
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Paula Brown Sinclair is a Twin Falls attorney practicing Social Security law.)

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Opinions are split on the announcement that the president-elect's cabinet will take turns in 2004 presidential race in which the Democratic nominee promises more aggressively liberal positions on abortion and, perhaps, gun control than at any point in recent memory.

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Many Democrats will likely respond to Bush's demonstration of strength in the red states by arguing that the party needs to do even more to reconnect with socially conservative voters. North Carolina Sen. John Edwards will likely champion that position.

But most of the Democrats who expressly targeted those voters were still swept away last year in the pro-Bush tide. Sen. Jean Carnahan in Missouri conspicuously went skeet shooting, but she still got buried in rural areas in her narrow defeat. Erskine Bowles toured with NASCAR drivers in North Carolina, but still was run over by Republican Elizabeth Dole.

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RONALD BROWNSTEIN

Looks down the road, around a couple of curves, and it's easy to envision a 2004 presidential race in which the Democratic nominee promises more aggressively liberal positions on abortion and, perhaps, gun control than at any point in recent memory.

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may be forced to conclude that Bush's advantage is so pronounced in the red states that no amount of cultural outreach can overcome it. And that would point Democrats in a very different direction: toward emphasizing liberal positions on abortion and guns.

The logic would be this: If Democrats are likely to lose almost all of the red states anyway, why not stress the support for gun control and legalized abortion that represents one of their largest remaining advantages in both the states that Gore carried and the most socially liberal states that Bush captured in 2000 – particularly Florida?

In other words, ditch the race-track dads and beg the soccer moms for a second chance.

A second calculation could point the party in the same direction. In 2004, Democrats are likely to be more dependent on the votes of women than at any time in the past 20 years.

Mothers have always been extremely sensitive to issues involving security, and the sense that Bush has effectively responded to the terrorist threat helped the GOP carry married women last November. If that trend persists into 2004, the Democratic nominee is almost certainly doomed.

In general, married women are more socially conservative than single women. But most still support legal abortion and gun control. With Bush not only dominating the security issue, but also dampening the traditional Democratic advantage on education, guns and abortion may be the most effective means.

Democrats will have to lure back married women, and maintain their lead with single women, in the next election.

Changed circumstances – failure in Iraq, more terrorist attacks, a deeper economic downturn – would reshuffle these calculations. But the 2002 election results suggest that Democrats will have to thread a needle to

oust Bush in 2004. And that may impel them to risk polarizing the electorate around social issues that would undoubtedly cost them votes where Bush is strong – but perhaps allow them to

squeeze past the president where he is weakest.

Ronald Brownstein is a national political correspondent for the Los Angeles Times.



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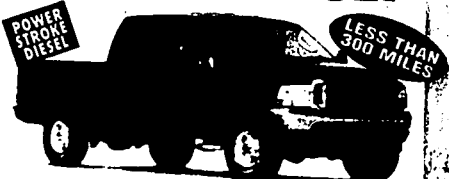
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...for city parks

City council approves plan to change the city ordinance that prohibits businesses from placing signs on their buildings to raise money for city parks.

BURLEY - Improvements to two city parks could occur this winter if the city's grant proposal to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation is approved.

Brent Winn, the city's golf course and parks superintendent, told City Council members about two grant requests he'll submit later this month.

One request is for \$100,000 for work at Kusanu Park and the other is a \$92,500 grant for work at North Freedom Park. The Kusanu Park project carries a total price tag of \$196,000, Winn said. The city would provide \$93,500 worth of labor and equipment on its match. At North Freedom Park, the city would put up a \$67,500 match, again in labor and equipment, for the \$160,000 project.

At Kusanu Park, plans call for the installation of a parking lot started this summer to create an asphalt road all the way from the Overland Avenue exit to the parking lot, building a sidewalk from the highway bridge to the boat dock and expanding the parking lot to the north. About 12 more parking spots would be created. The two rest rooms would be reconstructed and two drinking fountains installed.

Across town at North Freedom

Hansen was reapointed to the board until Dec. 31, 2005. Cassia County Commissioner Clay Handy was appointed to replace Shirley Danner. His term expires Dec. 31, 2006. And Tom King was appointed to replace Julie Woodford, who didn't seek reappointment. King's term expires Dec. 31, 2006.

• Economic development - The council heard a brief report from Mini-Cassia Economic Development Coordinator Mechele McFarland.

She said 2003 is off to an "excellent start." A site visit related to the possible switch of some work done by the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Lab into the private sector is scheduled in Mini-Cassia next week.

McFarland hesitated to offer up full details on the Mini-Cassia Development Commission's work in 2002. Instead encouraging people to attend the Jan. 30 Mini-Cassia City of Commerce banquet, when those details will be revealed.

• Audit report - Council members heard the audit report from Ed Evans but decided to wait until the next council meeting before deciding whether they'll approve the report, so they have time to review the documents.

Baby fair will take place on Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center hosts the Fifth Annual Baby and Children's Fair on Saturday at the Magic Valley Regional Center.

The fair will feature health information, fun activities and interactive demonstrations designed for children age 13 and under and their families from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The faire focuses on quality parenting and features the latest information and services available for expectant parents and young families.

Fun activities will take place in center court all day including a stroller parade, crawling derby, baby food eating contests, story time and dancing.

For the stroller parade, parents decorate their stroller, their baby and themselves. Prizes will be given to the best-decorated strollers at the parade at 10 a.m. For the "Best Baby Photo" contest, participants bring in snapshots (amateur photography only) of their little ones in order to win prizes. Photos must be picked up at the mall after 5 p.m. the day of the event. Door prizes will be given every hour.

Magic Valley Regional will also award its Native Idahoan Tuition Fund at 5 p.m. This is a full scholarship to any Idaho college or university awarded each year to one lucky baby born at Magic Valley Regional.

For more information about

Magic Valley in brief

- the day's activities and exhibitors, call 737-2955.
- Wood River school will have early dismissal
- HAILEY - Wednesday, Jan. 29, will be an early dismissal day for Wood River schools so that staff can participate in professional development opportunities.
- Dismissal times will be staggered to help facilitate busing:
 - Bellevue Elementary School - 11:55 a.m.
 - Carey School - 12:05 p.m. for elementary students and 12:15 p.m. for secondary students
 - Hailey Elementary School - Noon
 - Hemingway Elementary School - 11:25 a.m.
 - Silver Creek Alternative School - 11:30 a.m.
 - Wood River Middle School - 12:20 p.m.
 - Wood River High School - 12:20 p.m.
- Annual activities buses from Wood River High School and Wood River Middle School will not run on this day.
- For further information or clarification, please contact the building principals.
- compiled from staff reports

Cassia commissioners schedule land auction

The Times-News

BURLEY - An auction to sell land the Cassia County commissioners don't want is scheduled for Feb. 10 at the county courthouse.

The county obtained most of the land by virtue of people failing to pay property taxes. Much of the land is in shivers and is located in places such as the Street and Bridge areas. About 10 parcels will be offered for sale; each is about an acre.

Commissioners will send letters to the people who own land next to the parcels, informing them of the auction.

Other commission business included:

- Tax exemption denial - Commissioners denied the tax exemption request from Shannon and Jason VanBaskirk. The VanBaskirks last week asked commissioners to cancel about \$500 of their property taxes, saying they didn't realize the homeowner's exemption was no longer on their house when they bought it.
- Howell Canyon Road - Burley Highway District officials submitted a report detailing the costs for maintaining the Howell Canyon Road since October. The district has spent \$8,320 on plowing, sanding and salting the road and \$1,045 on new signs and guard rails this fiscal year.
- Ordinance codification - County ordinances have been updated and edited and placed in red binders. It's the first time county ordinances have been consolidated into one document.

Commissioner Clay Handy suggested the commissioners send a letter to local real estate agents asking them to tell their clients about the homeowner's exemption.

Commissioners also plan to deny an appeal for disability tax exemption from Susan Hart unless they receive more information. Hart didn't provide proof of her disability and did not attend Tuesday's meeting.

Commissioners decided to wait a week before making the final decision in case Hart had been delayed.

"I'd like her to get it if she's entitled to it," Cassia County Assessor Marty Holland said.

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hope of being part of something great."

Alas, they are often left disappointed if not merely unspired.

"But listen up business leaders: You have a moral obligation, a debt of imperative, if you will, to serve, Luke said.

"He, too, was mystic at one point, focusing solely on an attractive balance sheet.

In fact, when he joined his city's chamber of commerce it was merely to increase business.

It took but a year to realize that being a business owner and member of the community is more than a means of filling his wallet.

He discovered that life has a purpose and that the key to happiness is the ability to work and to serve others, that "success

comes not from what we get but from what we become because of it."

The greatest leaders in his life were those who lifted him to a higher level.

"We have a responsibility as citizens of this world to give back," he said. "I would like to challenge you to think about being a better leader."

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Volunteer program helps students learn

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

ACEQUIA - Parents, grandparents and community members dot the halls of Acequia Elementary School each day with students by their sides as they work one-on-one at reading or writing projects.

Volunteers have donated more than 300 hours so far this school year. Acequia school officials told school board members Monday. Nearly 30 volunteers are active in the program.

All students have a chance to work with a volunteer. Volunteers take students out of class to give them individual attention.

The volunteer program is organized through Colleen Hansen, the VISTA volunteer at Acequia Elementary. Teachers applauded at Hansen's introduction at Monday night's school board meeting, recognizing the work she does.

There was also reason for applause during a presentation on some of Acequia Elementary's test scores, delivered by Federal Programs Director Jodie Mills.

Overall, fall 2002 Idaho Reading Indicator scores show 33 percent of kindergarten students read at grade level, 57 percent of first-graders read at grade level, 38 percent of second-graders read at grade level and 30 percent of third-graders read at grade level.

"I was impressed," Ringle said. "It shows progress that we can do it with no cash from the city."

Rupert general fund shrinks to just over \$1000

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

RUPERT - Belt tightening may become necessary in the city of Rupert.

A clean audit was approved with no problems found, but the general fund had an ending fund balance of just more than \$1,000. "That's a pretty small fund equity," said auditor Dean Condie.

The city has been using surplus funds; some tightening of the budget may need to occur, Condie said.

Rate adjustments in the garbage and sewer departments are compensating for lower revenue in those funds, Condie noted.

Other council business included:

- Annexation - The council agreed to look at an ordinance at the next council meeting to annex several parcels of property east of town and the south side of 100 South from Meridian to Idaho Highway 24.
- Sewer - The south half of 100 South is controlled and maintained by the Minidoka County Highway District. City Attorney Rick Bollar said. Having the city annex the other half of the street into the city limits will allow easier street maintenance and sewer improvements.
- The annexation of land east of town is requested by the owner, Bollar said. Jim and Lucille Downs, along with Gary and Darlene Present have requested several parcels of property be annexed.
- Electric department yard - The electric department yard at 125 S. 50 W. needs improvements such as security lighting and storm drains, said electric department employee Jim Bowers.
- The electric department will eventually be centralized at that location. Currently some items

Volunteer

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are stored with other departments such as poles at the sewer department, Bowers said. Upgrades to the 50 West property would include stacking poles according to size.

Bogley noted there are safety issues with the poles as they are at the sewer department. Employees may need to dig to find the poles. If they need, which shifts the poles.

The proposed budget for the facility upgrade is \$19,088.70, Bowers said. Some work is being done by other departments.

- Garage truck bids - The council approved soliciting bids for a new garbage truck. The bid opening will be at 2 p.m. on Feb. 13.
- Currently the department has three trucks, the oldest was purchased in 1987, the newest in 1997.
- Bogley noted the newest truck is currently having electrical problems and the two older

years ago, she founded an organization called Change for Change while a student at the University of Pennsylvania. Now with chapters at five college campuses, the organization asks students to donate their spare change for worthy causes. In three years, students have given about \$400,000. \$50,000 went to the Red Cross after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

- Beyond U.S. borders - Nicholas Mantini, a student at Davidson College in North Carolina, remembers exactly what inspired him to found a U.S. fund-raising arm for a Nicaraguan group called Dos Generaciones, which helps children who are living in and around the country of Managua. It happened when he and other students on a school-sponsored trip visited a dump in the Central American country and watched as children - some of them with no clothes - sifted through garbage, looking for food and anything of value.
- "We knew this was something we would carry for the rest of our lives," Mantini says. "I just

re-evaluated everything I did."

He came home and, along with other students, started writing grants, selling hot chocolate and participating in elementary students to raise money. In less than two years, he says the Dos Generaciones Alliance has raised more than \$200,000 in aid.

Youth Venture, a national nonprofit that provides seed money to young people starting their own charities, has seen a "tremendous increase" in applications over the last year, says Theresa Donovan, a senior advisor to the Arlington, Va.,-based organization.

She agrees that the terrorist attacks have been a big motivator, but says there are other factors.

"I think some young people have become disillusioned with politics," Donovan says. "So more and more are seeing the solution as getting involved in community service. It's a no-direct route to getting that sense of fulfillment."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Hansen schools get a technology grant

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - The Hansen School District has received a \$70,000 grant to help maintain the equipment in its computer lab.

The state Enhancing Education Through Technology fund provided the grant.

Also this week, two students appeared before the School Board in the board's Monday executive session. The board gave one student, who was in danger of not receiving class credits because of failing grades and poor attendance, the chance to correct his grades and attendance. The other student's credit from the College of Southern Idaho will be accepted for credit missed due to illness.

Other School Board business included:

- **Bond refinancing** - The board discussed the possibility of refinancing the school's bonds.

- **New requirements** - Teachers' aides will have to pass testing by 2006, and the district has received the school's report card for No Child Left Behind Act testing.

- **Elementary report** - In his report to the board, elementary principal Tom Standley said a fifth-grade boy who is in a Salt Lake City hospital for long-term medical attention will receive

homebound services when he returns home.

- **Reading tournament** - A reading tournament started this week, the second round of Idaho Standards for Academic Testing for grades 2-6. The Idaho Reading Indicator tests for grades K-3 will be given this week.

- **Upcoming dates** - The honors breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m. Friday in the cafeteria; the Accelerated Reading winners' swimming party will be Jan. 31, hosted by the Hansen Market; a health-fitness program for grades K-6 will be Feb. 3; the fifth- and sixth-grade ski trip will be Feb. 7.

- **Fund-raiser** - Secondary principal Rick Abel announced the high school students raised \$220 during the basketball game with Hagerman for a Hagerman student who is being treated for cancer.

- **Game dates** - The upcoming girls' basketball conference starts Jan. 30 with Hansen playing at Murtaugh Feb. 1; the junior high music program will be Feb. 5 and the boys' basketball tournament will be Feb. 13 at Murtaugh. There will be a national Dan Mink assembly at 11 a.m. Feb. 19.

- **In-service day** - There will be no school Feb. 14 for teachers' in-service and no school Feb. 17 for Presidents' Day.

Sundance film honors firefighter brothers

By David Germain
Associated Press writer

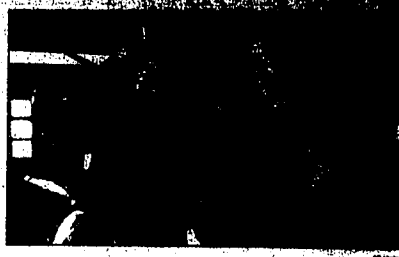
PARK CITY, Utah - What had been the beginnings of a reality-TV pilot on a New York City police squad became painfully real for producer Dick Wolf on Sept. 11, 2001.

Creator of NBC's "Law & Order" franchise, he had a show in the works featuring interviews and footage of a police emergency services unit that was called into action Sept. 11 to help in the World Trade Center rescue.

Fourteen of the 23 New York City police officers killed in the trade-center collapse were from that unit, among them 34-year-old Joe Vignano, a highly decorated cop who had been shot twice on duty. Among the 34 firefighters killed was Joe's brother, John Vignano Jr., 36.

After the attacks Wolf used his footage as the basis for "Twin Towers," a half-hour documentary playing at the Sundance Film Festival that runs through Sunday.

"It's an amazing and horrifying coincidence that they were both there. I think anybody who sees it comes away with an admiration



New York City firefighter John Vignano, Jr., left, and his brother, emergency-services police veteran Joe Vignano, who both died in the collapse of the World Trade Center, are shown in this undated family photo.

for the sacrifice this family made," said Wolf, who screened "Twin Towers" at a Los Angeles theater late last year to qualify for the Academy Awards and expects to land the film in commercial theaters on television.

"These were both really good guys, really good at their jobs. We got to know Joe pretty well, and he was to me the kind of cop you hoped would respond if you ever

had to call the police."

The film blends pre-Sept. 11 interviews with Joe Vignano and his colleagues discussing the rigors of their jobs, footage of them on crime raids and rescues, still photos and archival material of the Vignano brothers, and new interviews with their father, John Vignano Sr., a retired firefighter.

Vignano Sr. recounts his horror on Sept. 11 as he watched events

unfold on television, feeling his eyes were on the scene.

"To watch those buildings come down, I'm saying, 'Oh, God. They're in there. I know it. There's something just telling me they're in there,'" Vignano Sr. says.

The film presents chilling irony as Joe Vignano relates the tasks his unit might face, saying, "we go from being a SWAT team one minute, next minute we could be called to a building collapse trying to rescue people under rubble."

Wolf collaborator Bill Guttentag, a documentary filmmaker who co-directed "Twin Towers," said the story of the Vignano brothers humanizes the tragedy by narrowing the focus from thousands of victims to just a few.

"We're trying to take a very large story and present it as one family's tragedy. Hopefully, that speaks to all of us," Guttentag said. "The price this family paid is almost unimaginable, losing two sons at the same time."

The film's title is a metaphor for the Vignano brothers. Their father notes that after the trade-center collapse, a reporter interviewed him and "called the boys the 'twin towers.' I said, well how fitting, because they were."

University presidents: Budget crunch distances college dream

BOISE (AP) - State university presidents say budget cuts that are driving student fees up and slashing class offerings are curtailing access to higher education in Idaho.

"There's no question that families and individuals are going to have to decide how much they're going to invest in education," Boise State University President Charles Rich said. "For some families, we're getting to the point where they're questioning the investment."

Rich told lawmakers on Tuesday that a 12 percent hike in student fees this year only partially offset the nearly \$8 million cut from the school's state support to help balance the budget. The result was a significant reduction in available classes, and he estimated more than 1,700 students could not get the classes they needed last fall.

Idaho State University President Richard Bowen told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee the Pocatello campus has had the same experience, compounded by the escalating debt load that students are incurring to secure a college diploma.



Since the state's economy began eroding two years ago, state funding for higher education has been cut from \$236 million to \$213 million. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is recommending \$222.5 million for next school year.

The institution of the Promise Scholarship two years ago - \$250 a semester for every Idaho high school graduate attending college and maintaining acceptable grades - checked the escalation in student debt in its first year, but debt resumed increasing this last year.

Since 1990, state support for the four colleges has risen about 40 percent while overall operating costs for the schools has jumped substantially more, Bowen said. At the same time student fees have more than doubled.

Bill would drop lawsuit damages limit

BOISE (AP) - The Legislature will consider a bill that would set limits on the amount of punitive damages and lower the limit on non-economic awards a jury could award in a civil lawsuit.

The bill was presented by Idaho Liability Reform Coalition lobbyist Ken McClare to the House Judiciary Committee on Tuesday.

It would cap allowable punitive damages at \$250,000 or three times the amount of com-

pensatory damages, whichever is greater. It would also drop the limit on non-economic damages from the current maximum of \$62,000 to \$250,000.

The changes would also increase the standard of proof required before a jury or judge could award punitive damages, from a "preponderance of the evidence" to "clear and convincing evidence."

"We want to see if we can't improve the administration of justice," McClare said.

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The Times News

Wednesday, January 22, 2003

Rupert couple's travels have taken them around the globe, and they've had great gardens at almost every stop

By Corbin Hart
Times News correspondent

RUPERT—Charles and Renee Clark have traveled the world, thanks to his work as a civil engineer. They've gardened in Pakistan, Italy, Spain, Greece, Indonesia and Africa. While Charles built roads, Renee concentrated on gardening.

"In Indonesia, it was so hot and humid," Renee Clark recalled. "We fought powdery mildew constantly. But the soil was rich, and there was plenty of rain during the rainy season."

There, she said, she saved the seeds from a papaya and planted one. In a year, she had a 15-foot tall tree laden with papayas.

"I did that three times while we were there," she said. "The wind would topple them over because they were so top-heavy."

Charles Clark said the ground was a volcanic black clay loam.

"There was so much humus," he recalled. "All you had to do was break a piece of a plant off and put it in the ground, and it would grow."

They had huge bushes of poinsettias year round, and bougainvilleas in a dozen colors.

"I never had to fertilize anything, but I pruned and pruned and pruned," said Renee of their seven-year stay.

Her biggest delight was the atrium, a 12-by-16-foot glassed-in room with a big hole in the ceiling to let out heat and let in rain.

"We found some calcite rocks, and I put them in the atrium along with some 3- and 4-foot potted ferns," she said.

The Clarks enjoyed unusual tropical fruits, too. There were leeches, durians that tasted like a rich vanilla or caramel ice cream but stunk ferociously, jack fruit, rambutan and pineapple, Renee's favorite. There was also something small and pear-shaped that tasted like brown sugar. Another fruit had scaly skin, like a snake, and they called it snake fruit. It made delicious drinks.

"They don't keep, and they don't ship, so you never see them over here," Charles Clark said. "But they're sure good."

The Clarks said aquaculture was very big in that area, too. The fish market was near their home, and they ate fresh-caught fish often.

In Pakistan, there was such a perfect climate that Renee Clark gardened a tiny spot year-round.

"Once I saw some amaryllis in someone's garden, and I asked if I could have a start," Renee said. "They dug up a slew of them for me, and I planted them and they grew. Here, we have to grow

The Clarks' largest overseas garden, and therefore Renee's favorite, was in the tiny kingdom of Lesotho (pronounced Le-soo-too). A barren land with the worst erosion the Clarks had ever seen, they said, it nevertheless has rich soil.

them in pots in the house."

In Samoa, where the Clarks served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, they had little time for gardening. But a plant volunteer next to their front door. It turned out to be a nono plant, from which noni juice is made.

"The natives use it for everything," Renee said. "Burns, cuts, colds, asthma. But boy, does it stink."

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"Water is hard to get for most people," Charles said. "I think, since we left, there have been some community wells drilled in some villages. But those days (1980s), the women carried water about a quarter of a mile, often with a baby on their backs."

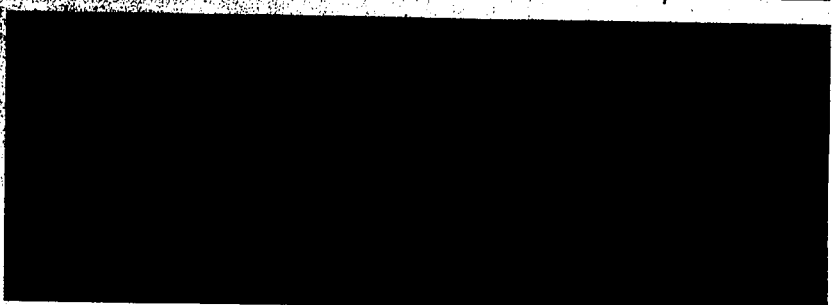
But U.S. Aid, which was financing the 37-mile road Charles worked on, provided a pump for the American staff. Water was pumped out of the Senque or Orange River.

"I had a man working for me for \$3 a day," Renee said. "We hauled dirt and nicely shaped rocks for months to cover the bare place where they'd put our house. It was on a slope, and I terraced it and put in alternating rows of vegetables and flowers. You should have seen the African days."

She said African daisies come in many colors, and winter is the best time for them to bloom.

There was a nearby convent in that area, and the nuns gave Renee starts from their garden. There were cactus, vegetables and fruits. Renee also bought seeds in South Africa. She planted eucalyptus trees which, in three years' time, reached 12 feet.

The Clarks shared their vegetables with locals, who had to water their tiny plots by hand.



In Pakistan, there was such a perfect climate that Renee Clark gardened a tiny spot year-round.

The dirt was a broken-down sandstone with a neutral pH. "That was the best," said Renee, a teacher by trade. "I never added anything to that soil, and it produced and produced. The weather was nice, I could garden all day long, if I wanted."

Back home in Rupert, the Clarks keep three acres growing, with fruits, flowers and vegetables. Aid Renee enters 50 or 60 flower arrangements in fairs each year.

These days, the Clarks don't fight powdery mildew as they did in Indonesia. But winters are harsher in Rupert than they were in the little African kingdom.

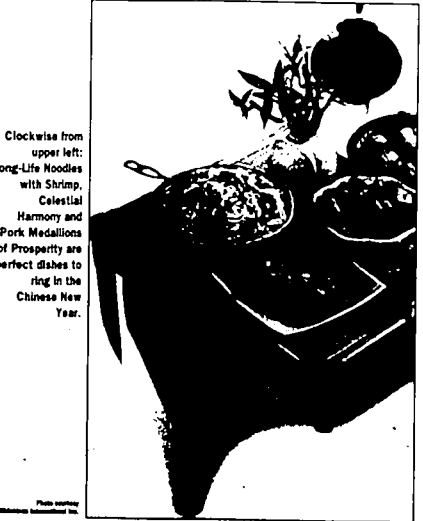
Either way, Renee still gardens with her original passion — and Charles says he helps in the yard to keep his wife happy.



Above, plowing the soil in Timor, locals jab sharp poles into the ground and press down, as they chant and sing and laugh. Renee Clark said the Timorese were the happiest people they've ever known.

Left, the Clarks couldn't bring home their overseas gardens, but they bought starters, and found coal to keep as reminders of their travels far from their Rupert home. Charles holds a photograph of a young mother and her twins, who became the Clarks' friends in Lesotho, Africa.

Chinese New Year celebration includes culinary traditions



Clockwise from upper left: Long-Life Noodles with Shrimp, Celestial Harmony and Pork Medallions of Prosperity are perfect dishes to ring in the Chinese New Year.

Family Features

Katie Chan remembers the Chinese New Year celebrations of her childhood fondly — not in Guangzhou, China, her parents' birth place, but in Minneapolis, Minn., where they settled in 1950 to start a new life. The Chins embraced America with vigor, but kept their old world culinary traditions because, as Chan says, "Food is important to Chinese culture. Food made them feel whole, and made the transition to a new life easier."

Chan's idea of a Chinese New Year party incorporates American customs and every-day supermarket ingredients. To really save time, just a pothole, Chan advises. Assign a dish to each guest and explain its meaning: noodles for long life, fish for abundance, a whole chicken for health, wealth and good luck.

The Chinese observe the lunar new year, which is based on the cycles of the moon. February 1 ushers in the year of the ram. People born in a ram year (1919, 1931, 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979 and 1991) strive for tranquility and harmony with nature. The ram is one of 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac.

- CHINESE NEW YEAR RECIPES**
- LONG-LIFE NOODLES WITH SHRIMP**
8 ounces dried fine egg noodles
2 1/4 teaspoons salt, divided
6 dried black mushrooms
3/4 pound fresh sea-thawed large shrimp in shell (16 to 20 count per pound)
1 teaspoon cornstarch
1/2 teaspoon sugar
Pinch white pepper

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 teaspoon minced garlic
4 green onions with tops, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 1/2 tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce

In a Dutch oven, bring 4 quarts water to a boil. Add the noodles and 1 teaspoon salt, stirring to separate the noodles. Cook for 10 minutes, or until the noodles are done. Drain in a colander. Soak the mushrooms in hot water until soft, about 30 minutes. Remove and discard stems, cut the caps into 1-inch strips. Make a shallow cut lengthwise down the back of each shrimp and wash out the sand vein. In a medium bowl, place cold water and add 1 teaspoon salt, stir to dissolve. Place the shrimp in the salt water for 5 minutes, then rinse with cold water and drain. Pat dry with paper towels. In a bowl, mix the shrimp with the cornstarch, sugar, pepper and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and set aside. Heat a wok or large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the vegetable oil, shrimp, mushrooms, and garlic. Stir fry 1 minute. Add the green onions and stir fry 2 minutes until the shrimp turn pink. Push the shrimp to one side of the pan. Add the noodles to the pan. Stir the noodles to separate and cook for 1 minute, or until the noodles are hot. Add the soy sauce to the noodles, making sure all the noodles are covered with soy sauce. Combine the noodles and the shrimp and remove to a serving platter. Makes 4 servings.

- CELESTIAL HARMONY**
1 pound broccoli

- 1 1/2 pound fresh shrimp
1 1/2 tablespoons oil
1 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons Kikkoman Soy Sauce

1. Prepare the food, using the following quantities: 1 1/2 pounds of fresh shrimp, cleaned and deveined; 1 1/2 cups of water; 1 1/2 cups of soy sauce; 1 1/2 cups of cornstarch; 1 1/2 cups of Kikkoman Soy Sauce; 1 1/2 cups of oil; 1 1/2 cups of water; 1 1/2 cups of soy sauce; 1 1/2 cups of cornstarch; 1 1/2 cups of Kikkoman Soy Sauce. 2. Heat a wok or large nonstick skillet over high heat. Add vegetable oil, broccoli, red pepper and garlic, and stir fry for 1 minute. Add the shrimp pieces and cook until they are 1/2 minute longer. Remove to a plate and set aside. 3. Heat a wok or large skillet over high heat. Add vegetable oil, soy sauce, and stir fry for 1 minute. Add the shrimp pieces and cook until they are 1/2 minute longer. Remove to a plate and set aside. 4. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

- GOOD FORTUNE SWEET SAUCE**
1 1/2 pound skinless sea bass fillet
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
Pinch white pepper
1 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped ginger
1 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
1 1/2 teaspoon vegetable oil
1/2 cup Kikkoman Soy Sauce

FOOD & HOME

Rose Selections holds February rose garden sweepstakes

Don't shoot the messenger. I have a really good reason to remind you that Valentine's Day is coming. How would you like to win a rose garden for your Hunny? Here's how.

The All-America Rose Society's people have announced their 30th annual "Promise Your Love a Rose Garden Sweepstakes." During the month of February, you can enter to win 16 new AARS-winning rose bushes. Four of each of the 2003 winners — Hot Cocoa, Eureka, Cherry Parfait and Whisper — will be awarded.

Fill out an entry form at the AARS web site, www.rose.org. Or enter by mail. Send a hard card with your name, address and daytime telephone number to: All-America Rose Selections Sweepstakes, c/o Publicists Dialog, 111 E. Wacker, Suite



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Wacker

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AARS winning roses are usually pretty good roses. They are test-grown in gardens across the country before they're called winners and offered to the public. Past winners include Bonica, Europæana, First Prize and Mr. Lincoln.

This year's offerings include Hot Cocoa, a fragrant floribunda that some say is chocolate-colored; others call it brick or russet. Hot Cocoa produces 4-inch flowers set against highly disease-resistant, glossy dark green leaves. The bush will only grow to about 4 feet tall.

Eureka is another floribunda, yellow with a golden centerpiece. It also has dark green, glossy foliage and grows to only about 3 feet tall.

Cherry Parfait is a red and white grandiflora that produces up to five blooms per stem. It will grow to 5 feet and looks great in a mass planting.

Whisper is a white hybrid tea that grows 5 1/2 feet tall, 4 feet wide. She offers 4-inch blooms that are terrific for cutting.

Enter the contest. It doesn't hurt to plan ahead.

DEAR CATHY I look forward

to your column, but the latest one has me baffled. We have lived on seven acres for 10 years and I thought that I had identified every weed on the place. I do believe that we have had one of every kind of weed that exists in Idaho.

We are getting many, many burr buttercup breaking through the cold ground right now. But burr clover? Our burr buttercup does indeed ultimately have burrs that are painful to walk on, but they are hardly strong enough to puncture tires. You sure you don't have black medic? Later we will see puncturevine (goat's head), and they will puncture anything that comes along. Do you suppose, heaven forbid, that you have confused burr clover with puncturevine?

DEAR STUCK I spend a lot of time confused, but this isn't one of those times. I know what you mean about every weed in Idaho coming to visit. It seems that the weeds take turns — one year it's one, the next it's another. Ortho spells "burr clover" with one "u" sometimes, and others spell it with two. It's not mentioned in a lot of manuals.

When our lawn tractor was delivered, the fellow looked around at the stuff and said,

"Boy, you better be careful of that cause, it'll puncture your tires!" Our tires are really well flattened. The stitching is a deep lake rubber, not the kind puppy paws. And to think it all starts with such a pretty little moss-like plant. Thanks for writing.

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

Community

A page for you and your neighbors,
Page E5

Add pizzazz to meatloaf

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

Recipe Finder

SWEET-AND-SOUR MEATLOAF
1/2 pound each ground beef, veal and pork
1/4 cup cornflake crumbs
1 egg
Seasonings: your choice of salt, pepper, dry mustard, thyme, onion flakes
1 1/2 ounces can diced tomatoes, including juices
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup white vinegar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
In a large bowl, combine

meats, cornflake crumbs, egg and seasonings. In a separate bowl, combine tomato, brown sugar, vinegar and mustard. Form the meat mixture into one large loaf or two smaller loaves and place in loaf pans. Pour tomato mixture over the loaf or loaves and bake, uncovered, in preheated 350-degree oven. Time depends on the size of your meatloaf and how dry you like the meat (about 40 minutes for one large loaf, 30 minutes for two small loaves). Serves 4-6.

New year

Continued from C1

3 green onions with tops, cut into 1-inch pieces
Sprinkle the sea bass with salt, pepper, ginger and garlic and let stand for 30 minutes or longer in the refrigerator. Heat a skillet or wok over high heat. Add the vegetable oil and sea bass and pan fry until both sides are browned, about 2 minutes per side. Add the stir fry sauce and heat until bubbling. Turn sea bass again and cook an additional minute, 4 minutes in all. Remove from the pan, garnish with green onions and serve immediately. Makes 2 servings.

PORK MEDALLIONS OF PROSPERITY
3 1/4 pound pork tenderloin
1 1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 1/2 cup Kikkoman Sweet & Sour Sauce
2 tablespoons Asian chili sauce
Clantro leaves
Cut the pork tenderloin crosswise into 1 1/2-inch slices. Sprinkle with salt and white pepper. Flatten pork by pressing down with your knife or hand and dust with cornstarch. Heat a nonstick skillet over medium high heat and add the vegetable oil. Pan fry both sides of the pork until brown, about 2 minutes on each side. Meanwhile, mix the sweet & sour sauce and chili sauce together in a small bowl. Add the sauce to the skillet and cook about 1 minute. Arrange the pork in 2

rows on a platter, overlapping each piece slightly. To serve, place enough cilantro leaves between the rows to eat with pork. Makes 4 servings.

GOLDEN HENS OF TOGETHERNESS
4 (1 1/2 to 2 pound) Cornish game hens
2 cups water
1 1/2 cups Kikkoman Soy Sauce
3 1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup dry white wine
4 star anise
1 1-inch piece ginger root, sliced
Remove the excess fat from the game hens. Wash the hens in cold running water, drain. Bring the 2 cups water, soy sauce, sugar, wine, star anise and ginger to a boil in a 4-quart saucepan. The saucepan should be large enough to hold 2 hens on the bottom, side by side. Add two of the hens and return the sauce to boiling. Turn the hens over, being careful not to break the skin (it looks best unbroken). Return to boil, reduce the heat to medium and simmer 5 minutes. Check to see if they are done by removing one from the pan and moving the leg. If it moves easily, they are done. Remove the hens carefully, keep warm. Repeat with the remaining hens. Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.

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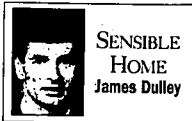
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DEAR JIM: I want to try to heat my house partially with solar to lower my utility bills and to protect the environment for my kids. What simple options do I have and is solar only effective in cold climates?

-KEN F.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dullea

DEAR KEN: It is a common misconception that solar heating is only suited to cold, northern climates. Using solar can also be effective in warmer climates. In many cases it can actually be more effective in the south because winter days are longer and the outdoor temperatures are higher.

There are many simple methods to incorporate solar heating into your home with minimal expense in materials and labor. If you are an average do-it-yourselfer, you should be able to build many solar projects for less than \$100 in materials. It would be a good idea to have your children help.

Passive solar projects are the simplest to design and build yourself. These solar projects don't include pumps or motors, yet they are effective and efficient. The simplest of all passive solar concepts is just making sure curtains on south-facing windows are open during the day and closing them at night.

A room heater is a very simple passive solar project. There are several different designs, but any of them can keep a room toasty warm on a sunny winter day. These designs use a thermosiphoning principle. This means hot air is less dense and rises naturally without the need for a fan.



Incorporating solar power can help cut utility costs.

A very shallow solar heater can be built and mounted vertically flush against an outside wall. Cut one small hole through the wall near the bottom of the heater and another one near the top. Seal the perimeters of the holes with caulk. The solar heated air will naturally flow out the top hole and draw cool room air in the bottom.

Another similar design is mounted on an angle facing the sun, on the outside of a window. The window closes on the inlet and outlet openings so no holes need to cut through the wall. By insulating a baffle between the cool room air and the solar heat-

ed air, the thermosiphoning action is created.

These solar heaters can also be used to cool the house during warmer weather with natural ventilation. Open an outdoor vent in the top of the solar heater, block off the outlet into the house and open some windows.

As the heated air exhausts out the top, it draws room air in the bottom creating a breeze throughout your house.

If you are energetic or doing some remodeling, consider building a Trombe wall. This is an indoor brick or stone wall built close to a south-facing window.

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Former (actor) star sells ranch

By Ruth Ryan
Los Angeles Times

Hot property

LOS ANGELES - Linda Gray, who played J.R. Ewing's long-suffering wife on the hit CBS series "Dallas" and last year starred on stage as Mica Robinson in "The Graduate" on Broadway, and in London, has listed her Santa Clarita ranch at \$2.9 million.

Gray has lived on the 3-acre ranch, behind gates in the Sand Canyon area of the high desert northeast of Los Angeles, for 30 years. "My children were raised here," she said, "but I've come to a time of my life when I want to fold my tent, or downsize, and travel."

She plans to go to Nicaragua and other countries as a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations, and she is working on a film that will be shot in Tucson. She is looking, however, to buy a smaller home in Santa Monica, where she was born, or in Pacific Palisades. She wants to keep a place in the Los Angeles area to remain close to her two children and two grandchildren, one of whom was born about six weeks ago.

Gray and her ex-husband, Ed Thrasher, whom she described as an art director and a cowboy, built the Sand Canyon home in 1973, 10 years before they were divorced and five years before she started playing Sue Ellen for 11 seasons on "Dallas," which is still in syndication around the world.

"He thought the ranch was perfect because it was near the studios but he could have a horse here," she said of Thrasher. "I was kicking and screaming, saying 'Lwas a city girl. Now it's my oasis.'"

The main house has three bedrooms and two bathrooms in slightly more than 4,200 square feet. The house has a kitchen with a pizza oven; a master suite with an exercise room; a step-down living room with a large fireplace; and an outdoor living room, which she calls her "sun-

mer living room."
"We always eat out there in the summer, and it's just like an indoor living room, except that the oak trees provide the roof."

The ranch also has a two-story guest house/studio with a fireplace and a game room; stables, where she has kept horses; and a number of guest rooms, one of which Gray said are 700 years old.

Although she said that her home is "like a resort's spa" with such amenities as a tennis court, and a pool, she is quick to add that unlike homes in "Dallas," her house is "not over the top." Realtors describe it as "a rustic, country estate."

She recently remodeled and had a feng shui expert help in the design, which she said also tried to make the environment "totally correct" with features such as organic materials and skylights, to cut down on use of electricity.

"I've had the decorating bug," she said, "and I'm eager to start brand-new."

Nicole Kidman's home closes for \$10.5M

Nicole Kidman's Pacific Palisades home, which she shared with Tom Cruise until they were divorced in 2001, closed escrow just before Christmas at \$10.5 million.

The buyers are a dot-com businessman, who is on several boards of directors, and his wife. They already owned a couple of homes in the neighborhood when they bought Kidman's.

The 1940s house, on nearly an acre behind gates at the end of a long driveway, has five bedrooms in about 7,600 square feet. Cruise purchased the home for about \$5 million just before the actor and Kidman were married in 1990. The actress got the home and one in Sydney through the divorce.

Contemporary Strasbourg draws eyes

House features huge great room with vaulted ceiling

Raised corner quoniam, interesting roof lines and a variety of window treatments draw eyes to the Strasbourg, a midsize contemporary home with a large bonus room over the garage.

The great room is huge, and the vaulted ceiling makes it feel even larger. Tall, slender windows flanking the fireplace provide plenty of natural light. Storage is also more than ample. A wide, deep closet is tucked under the stairs, and another nestles into a nearby room.

An open wall bounds the great room and kitchen. Windows on two sides brighten the nook, with the rear sliders opening onto a partially covered patio. The raised eating bar is handy for laddling soup directly from the pot to waiting bowls. It can also double as a buffet, or serve as additional counter space when needed.

Here again, storage space is abundant, thanks in part to the large step-in pantry. A small bathroom and large utility room are nearby. The utility room has direct access to the garage, which makes it a handy mudroom for taking off dirty footwear and/or drying muddy paws.

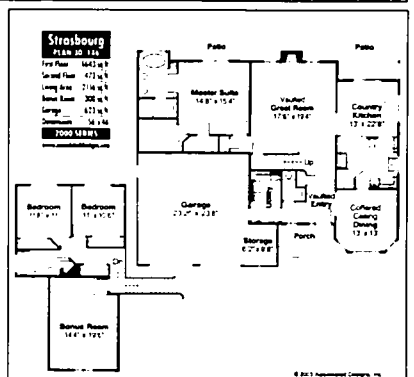
Amenities in the master suite include his 'n' hers walk-in closets (one larger than the other)



and a luxurious two-section bathroom. Glass blocks or opaque glass over the soaking tub provide soft, natural illumination, while a pocket door offers privacy and steam containment. Sliders at the rear open onto a private patio.

Upstairs, two more bedrooms share a bathroom with combination tub and shower. More storage space is available in the closet on the landing. The large bonus room could be put to countless uses.

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By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

While some football fans might not be as itchy this year, Super Bowl Sunday is America's biggest excuse to party. More than 130 million fans are expected to gather around the television to watch

the game on Sunday. Here are some ways to make your party something to cheer about.

- Keep food simple. It's hard to handle a fork and knife and give high-fives. Bush's Best beans, such as chili, which can be made in

advance and served with a variety of toppings.

- On game day, rearrange the furniture before guests arrive to give everyone an unobstructed view of the television.
- Keep kids busy by giving them construction paper, crayons and football stickers so

they can create their own football uniforms. Or if the kids aren't into football, have another television available with a selection of movies they will enjoy.

- Keep it fun. Hang a pinata in opposing team colors to let guests swing for satisfaction.

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Jeremiah Tower comes back

By Lisa Atwood
Los Angeles Times

Jeremiah Tower is back. Tower, one of the leading chefs in the birth of modern California cooking, has always been a man of flamboyant but precise tastes. Sometimes they have gotten the best of him, but that has never made him less interesting or entertaining.

One of the founding chefs at Chez Panisse in the early '70s, Tower went on to start Stars, his own blazingly popular San Francisco restaurant, which at one point had expanded into a whole family of places, including bakeries and fancy takeout as well as restaurants in Singapore, Palo Alto and Oakville, Calif.

His fall from grace was so dramatic as to border on parody. Done in by a combination of bad economy, bad partnerships and bad habits, two years ago this founding father — a one-time James Beard Foundation chef of the year, once the subject of glossy "Dewars Profile" Scotch advertisements — could be found running a restaurant/disco in the Philippines.

Now he is living in New York, traveling and writing an occasional food column for the tabloid San Francisco Examiner. And he has a new cookbook out, "Jeremiah Tower Cooks," subtitled with typical modesty: "250 Recipes From an American Master."

Although Tower was instrumental in establishing the Bay Area as one of the world's premier food capitals, in a way he never really seemed to fit in there. In an area where fine dining always seemed to come weighed down with political earnestness, Tower's party flew into the hedonist banner. Amid the stolid earth shoes of Berkeley, he was a Victorian dandy in a velvet smoking jacket and tuxedo slipknot.

Tower's new book is full of his trademark opinions and provocations. In truth, "Cooks" leans pretty hard on luxury ingredients and multi-step restaurant preparations. But as long as you don't feel too bound by the garnishes, that's not insurmountable. This velvety parsnip soup, for example, was supposed to be garnished with shaved white truffles. Not on a Wednesday night at my house. Instead, I simply used a swirl of sour cream and it was delicious. It would also be great — and a little dressier — if you deep-fried some of the parsnip wrappings and floated those on top.

SOUP RECIPE

In Jeremiah Tower's original recipe, he finishes the soup with shaved white truffles. Use them if you have them, but the version with sour cream is delicious, too.



Velvety parsnip soup is delicious even when a simple swirl of sour cream fills in for the shaved truffles called for in the original recipe from "Jeremiah Tower Cooks." 250 Recipes From an American Master.

LISA ATWOOD
Los Angeles Times

CREAM OF PARSNIP SOUP

- 1 pound parsnips
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 boiling potato, peeled and diced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups water or vegetable stock, divided
- 1 sprig tarragon
- 1 sprig parsley
- 1/4 cup sour cream

Working lightly, peel the parsnips and cut off the bottoms and tops. Continuing to use the vegetable peeler, cut away and save the rest of the parsnip down to its woody core, catching the thin slices in a wide soup pot. The color of the vegetable will change from creamy white to ivory when you get to the core. Discard the cores. Add the butter, onion, potato and salt to the parsnip in the soup pot along with one-third to one-half cup of the water.

Place the pot over low to medium-low heat, cook it tightly and cook slowly, "sweating" the vegetables until they begin to become tender, about 20 to 25 minutes. Stir from time to time to keep the vegetables from sticking and scorching. Add the tarragon and parsley and continue to sweat the vegetables another 5 minutes. Add the remainder of the water, increase the heat to medium and cook uncovered until the vegetables are completely tender, about 15 minutes.

Remove the tarragon and parsley sprigs and, using a slotted spoon, transfer as much as you can of the solids from the soup pot into a blender. With the lid of the blender removed (cover the top with a paper towel), pulse the blender to chop the vegetables. If necessary, add a little water or cooking broth. After the vegetables are chopped, turn the

blender on the lowest speed and gradually work your way up to the highest. When you start puréeing the vegetables, they'll jump up the sides but then they'll subside and remain at much the same level no matter the speed of the blender. With the motor running, add the rest of the liquid and any vegetables left over and puree until completely smooth. Wipe out the pot to remove any bits of vegetable and then pour the pureed soup back into it. Heat through over low heat and taste and correct the salt. Beat the sour cream with a spoon to soften it. Divide the soup among 4 warmed soup bowls and drizzle in a bit of sour cream in a decorative pattern. Serves 4.

Each serving: 172 calories, 638 milligrams sodium, 14 milligrams cholesterol, 6 grams fat, 4 grams saturated fat, 28 grams carbohydrates, 3 grams protein, 4.9 grams fiber.

3/4 cup shredded Napa or Chinese cabbage
1 cup shredded fresh spinach leaves
Toasted sesame seeds

In a medium bowl combine the rice, water, chestnuts, green onions, red bell pepper and cooked chicken. Combine the dressing ingredients thoroughly and toss with the rice mixture. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. To serve, toss with the cabbage and spinach and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 170 calories (27 percent from fat), 5.2 g fat (0.8 g saturated), 26.7 mg cholesterol, 13.2 g protein, 17.2 g carbohydrates, 1.9 g fiber, 199 mg sodium.

Roasted tomato dressing is a low-fat treat

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

QUESTION: I've lost a favorite recipe that makes bland vegetables almost tempting. I clipped it from Gourmet magazine right after I was married in the summer of 1996. We went on a honeymoon cruise and each gained five pounds. The dressing or sauce is made with baked tomatoes and we like it so much we put it on everything from raw carrots to pasta.

ANSWER: The recipe appears in the May 1996 issue of Gourmet, a special issue titled Light and Luxurious. This is indeed a wonderful recipe, and at 8 calories a tablespoon, it's a great diet motivator. The magazine says the dressing keeps, covered and chilled, for a week. I doubled the recipe and still used it all within two days. You can tailor the dressing to your own tastes by adding garlic, basil or hot pepper.

LOW-FAT ROASTED TOMATO DRESSING

- 4 plum tomatoes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon red wine or sherry vinegar

Cook's Corner

- 1 1/2 teaspoons honey, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon zest
- 1/2 cup water

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Slice tomatoes in half lengthwise. In a shallow baking pan arrange tomatoes in one layer, cut sides up, and season with salt and pepper. Roast tomatoes in middle of oven about 35 minutes, or until very soft and skin is dark brown. Cool to room temperature. In a blender or food processor puree tomatoes with vinegar, honey, lemon zest, water and salt and pepper to taste. Makes about 1 cup.

Per tablespoon: 9 calories (10 percent from fat), 0.1 g fat (0 saturated), 0 monounsaturated, 0 cholesterol, 0.3 g protein, 2 g carbohydrates, 0.4 g fiber, 2.8 mg sodium.

QUESTION: I have lost my recipe for Uncle Ben's Chinese New Year Rice that was on the back of the box years ago. It contained chicken and rice. It was great for picnics as you could serve it cold.

ANSWER: I couldn't find a

recipe by that name, but this one, from unclesbens.com, would be nice picnic fare as long as you waited until just before serving to combine the marinated rice mixture and the greens. I also tossed in some fresh orange segments.

CHINESE CHICKEN SALAD

- 1/2 cup cooked converted rice
- 1/2 cup diced water chestnuts
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1 small red bell pepper, cut into strips
- 1 cup chopped cooked chicken

Dressing:
1/4 teaspoon sesame oil
1 tablespoon soy sauce
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Garnish:

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Super Bowl Sunday means guacamole glut

By Michelle Morgante
The Associated Press

BONSALL, Calif. — Just off a stretch of Interstate called the Avocado Highway, work crews in the U.S. avocado capital are harvesting fist-sized fruits destined to be mashed and mixed by football fans across the country.

Super Bowl Sunday has become one of the biggest days for U.S. avocado consumption as the popularity of its zesty dip derivative, guacamole, has spread. Some 40 million pounds of avocados will be eaten during this year's Super Bowl festivities, according to the California Avocado Commission.

"If you were to lay it out end-to-end, it would stretch from Stadium, that's over 5 feet deep," said Irene Cabanas, a spokeswoman for the commission.

It was not so long ago that the avocado, a native of southern Mexico, was considered exotic in much of the United States. But the rising popularity of California cuisine and the dramatic spread of Latino populations over the years have allowed avocado growers to branch into new markets. An MTV film crew that recently visited Jerome Stehly's orchard in Bonsall, 50 miles north of San Diego, was surprised to see that avocados grow on large trees. "I think they were expecting a bush," he said. Now the avocado — a word derived from "ahuacatl" of the Aztecs' Nahuatl language — is linked with one of the most American events of all.

The Super Bowl marks the largest U.S. consumption day of avocados for any sporting event. It ranks third overall, behind Memorial Day weekend and top-ranked Cinco de Mayo, the celebration of an 1862 Mexican victory over French forces that has taken on its own life in the United States.

California is home to 86 per-

cent of the nation's crop, and 46 percent of the state's avocados come from San Diego County, where Super Bowl sales are especially important this year. Growers in the county are fighting a fruit-fly infestation and last month saw strong wind knock millions of dollars of fruit off their trees, rendering much of it unusable.

Despite a quarantine on the fly-infested groves and the wind losses, there will be plenty of avocados to meet needs, said Stehly, who chairs the Avocado Commission's board of directors. Avocados imported from Chile and elsewhere make up a large portion of the fruit consumed in the United States. The commission began promoting avocados as a Super Bowl menu item in the early 1990s after growers noticed the game coincided with the start of harvest for many of their trees.

Since 1995, the commission has created regional guacamole recipes for contending Super Bowl teams, which are entered in an "Avocado" taste-off held in the days before the game. Over the past eight years, the team with the best-tasting guacamole has won the NFL title five times, Cabanas noted.

This year's recipes for the Oakland Raiders and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers both include shrimp. California's recipe adds tomatoes and Florida's adds green onion and red pepper sauce.

At the Hotel del Coronado on San Diego Bay, 400 pounds of avocados will be used over the weekend, according to executive chef James Foutt.

The hotel is hosting several NFL team owners and major sponsoring companies. Special Super Bowl menus will include avocados that are spread over bread, blended with tomatoes in a sauce, or fried up tempura style.

And, Foutt said, "we obviously

It will have guacamole."

Deep fryer makes Super Bowl party sizzle

By Lisa Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

The Magalean Deep Fryer can put a little sizzle in the party. Letting you create french fries, batter-fried vegetables and mozzarella sticks. The

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Recipes for a fine game-day meal

Roasted cod

goes well with fries

By Anne Schellier
The Washington Post

In this simple, surprisingly flavorful entree, the cod is roasted in the same pan as the kid-friendly potato wedges, or, fries. The trick to roasting cod is a high temperature to ensure the fish cooks quickly without drying out. If you prefer, swap another quick-cooking white fish for the cod, such as flounder, haddock, halibut or orange roughy.

ROAST COD AND POTATOES

- 4 servings
- 1 1/2 pounds (about 3) russet or Idaho potatoes
- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper
- About 4 teaspoons finely chopped fresh thyme (may substitute about 2 teaspoons dried thyme)
- About 1 1/2 pounds white fish fillets, such as cod fillets, about 1 inch thick

Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Scrub the potatoes and, if desired, peel them. Cut each potato lengthwise into 8 wedges, then cut each wedge crosswise in half. Pat the potatoes dry. In a large roasting pan, toss the potatoes with 3 tablespoons of the oil, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, and 1/4 teaspoon of pepper. Sprinkle with about 2 teaspoons of fresh or 1 1/2 teaspoons of dried thyme and toss again. Roast the potatoes for 10 minutes. Using a spatula, turn the potatoes and roast for 10 more minutes. Meanwhile, rinse the cod and pat it dry. Rub the cod with the remaining 2 tablespoons oil and sprinkle both sides with the remaining salt, pepper and thyme. Set aside. Remove the pan from the oven. Turn the potatoes again, then push them over to make room for the cod. Place the cod on the top side of the pan and roast the potatoes just until the cod is opaque through and flakes easily, about 10 minutes. Transfer the cod and potatoes to individual plates and, if desired, sprinkle with any remaining fresh thyme.

From "Food & Wine Magazine's Quick From Scratch: Herbs & Spices" (American Express, 2002).

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...the amount of cold cuts and cheese, and increasing the amount of veggies and olives.

- 1 tablespoon Italian herb blend
- 1 teaspoon fennel seeds
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- Platter:
- 3 cups salad greens
- 1 cup black or green olives, or combination
- 1 pint cherry or grape tomatoes
- 3 carrots, sliced into matchsticks
- 1 stick pepperoni, sliced

- 1/4 pound salami, thinly sliced
- 1/4 pound provolone cheese, sliced or cubed
- 6 pepperoncini
- Italian bread or breadsticks
- Whisk dressing ingredients together in small bowl. Arrange lettuce on platter; top with vegetables, cold cuts and cheese. Drizzle some of the dressing on top; serve extra dressing on the side. Serve with slices of Italian bread.

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FOOD & HOME

Soups, stews provide good home for extra vegetables

By Steve Petushevsky
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

I like comfort foods because they're forgiving. If I have root vegetables that have been overcooking their welcome in my crisper or slightly wilted celery or carrots, soups understand. If I have 15 cans or jars of beans on hand, stews are a perfect place for them.

At work, I'm organized when it comes to cooking. But when I rummage through my pantry and find six open bags of lentils, I surprise myself. And that's when lentil stew comes to the rescue.

Minestrone is the champ for using up heavy winter vegetables. It comes from the word *minestra*, which means "to dish up" or "serve." However, to most Italians, it translates into "big soup." Think of it as a splendid creation that can contain almost any combination of fresh vegetables, beans and pasta.

Although there are many kinds of minestrone, most are cooking until the vegetables fall apart and melt into one another. I like to make mine a bit al dente so each vegetable retains some of its identity, even though this is not traditional.

Most cooks use water, not broth, for this soup. Some brown the vegetables before adding liquid; many others simply have you place everything in a pot and simmer 1 to 2 hours. Generally, pasta, rice or broken pieces of spaghetti are added directly to the simmering soup. I love to use ditalini (tiny tubes) or acini di pepe (little peppercorns). I also use orzo, or for a bit of whimsy, little stellini (pasta stars).

My version is vegetarian, but many Italian cooks add prosciutto trimmings, bacon or fatback. Either a good-quality extra-virgin olive oil or pesto usually is added at the end, right before serving.

Lastly, a sprinkling of fresh-grated parmesan cheese over the top is a must. In fact, my Laguna friends add the rind from a wedge of parmesan cheese while simmering the soup. I don't know if this cooking technique stems from frugality or a quest for added flavor, but I tried this in my last batch and it added a nice smoky taste.

I know my version is a bit unorthodox. But I intend to incorporate some different ingredients. If you want to omit the yuca, substitute potatoes. You can also use butafo or Caribbean sweet potato along with black beans in place of the white beans.

Another option you may want to try is to fill an ovenproof bowl with soup. Place some toasted rounds of Italian or French bread on the soup, sprinkle with mozzarella and parmesan cheeses, and bake 10 minutes until the cheeses melt and begin to turn golden.

If you don't feel like making pesto, drizzle over your soup bowl a small bit of oil to add a crowning touch. Although this recipe contains a lot of ingredients, they are simmered together with little attention.

Vegetarian today

- 2 small yellow squash, chopped
- 1/2 (14-ounce) can tomatoes, chopped
- 2 quarts water
- 1/4 pound green beans, ends trimmed, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 large kale or chard leaves or 1 cup chopped fresh spinach leaves
- 1 (15-ounce) can cannellini,

- chickpeas or borlotti beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup dried pasta such as ditalini, orzo, broken spaghetti or cappellini
- Rind from a small 3- to 4-inch wedge parmesan cheese, optional, plus 1/2 cup fresh-grated parmesan, for garnish, optional
- 1/2 cup loose-packed basil leaves, chopped
- Salt and fresh-ground black pepper, to taste

- 1/2 cup pesto, for garnish, optional
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, for garnish, optional
- Heat oil in a nonreactive large stockpot over medium-high heat. Saute onions, celery, carrots, garlic and Italian seasoning 3 minutes until lightly browned. Add yuca, potatoes, cabbage, zucchini, yellow squash, tomatoes and water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer

- and add green beans, kale, beans and pasta. Add cheese rind, if using. Cook 50 minutes to 1 hour until all vegetables are tender and pasta is cooked. Salt occasionally to prevent sticking. Remove soup from heat; add basil leaves, salt and pepper. Garnish with parmesan cheese, pesto and extra-virgin olive oil, if desired. Makes 8 to 10 servings.
- Per serving (with pesto and extra-virgin olive oil, for garnish): 261

- calories, 47 percent calories from fat, 8 grams protein, 26 grams carbohydrate, 5 grams total fiber, 14 grams total fat, 6 milligrams cholesterol, 270 milligrams sodium.
- Per serving (without pesto or extra-virgin olive oil, for garnish): 151 calories, 16 percent calories from fat, 5 grams protein, 27 grams carbohydrate, 5 grams total fiber, 3 grams total fat, 2 milligrams cholesterol, 104 milligrams sodium.



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 - 1 table-spoon dried Italian seasoning
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Rick Iskander of the Chicago Sun-Times, commenting on the character qualifications of Eddie Murray and others for the Baseball Hall of Fame

TRIVIA

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- Women's college basketball
Treasure Valley at CSI, 6 p.m.
- High school boys basketball
Wendell at Glenns Ferry, 7:30 p.m.
- Hagerman at Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.
- High school girls basketball
ESB at Camas County, 6 p.m.
- Dietrich at Hansen, 7:30 p.m.
- High school wrestling
Twin Falls at Minico, 6 p.m.
- Jerome, Challis at Wood River, 5 p.m.
- High school bowling
Wendell at Jerome, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Carmakers threaten breakaway series

LONDON — The top carmakers in Formula One oppose sweeping proposals to change their sport and are again threatening to form a breakaway series.

Max Mosley, president of the sport's governing body, has proposed banning high-priced electronic devices to cut soaring costs. He wants many of the driver aids eliminated from the 2003 season, which begins March 9.

Five opposed carmakers — Ferrari, BMW, DaimlerChrysler, Ford and Renault — are linked to a company called GPWC. The group says it's already had taken "reasonable and adequate" measures to reduce costs.

Last week in Berlin, GPWC appointed an investment bank to look into buying a controlling interest of Formula One. Fifty-eight percent of the shares in the F1 holding company SLEC are owned by creditor banks.

F1 head Bernie Ecclestone and his family own 25 percent. They are interested in buying some of the shares held by the banks.

Brind'Amour could miss three months for surgery

RALEIGH, N.C. — Carolina Hurricanes leading scorer Rod Brind'Amour will need surgery and could miss three months after tearing a tendon in his right hand.

Brind'Amour, who has 14 goals and 23 assists, was placed on injured reserve Tuesday. He was hurt on a first-period faceoff of Monday night's 5-3 loss to St. Louis, although he wound up scoring in the third period.

"Things weren't going too well as it is for the defending Eastern Conference champions, who have lost seven straight games and dropped to 13th in the playoff race.

Brind'Amour, a 15-year veteran, is one of the best face-off men in the NHL and a top penalty killer. He leads the team with 20 points on the power play.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Four, the San Francisco 49ers with five wins, the Baltimore Ravens, Chicago Bears and New York Jets, with one each.

Clemons returns in wake of allegations

Former CSI guard faces possible felony charges

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ricky Clemons returned to the basketball court Tuesday night four days after turning himself into police on a charge of assault.

The former College of Southern Idaho standout, who's now a junior at the University of Idaho, faces a second-degree domestic assault, which could be a Class C felony. The charge was filed on Friday in the Boone County 13th Judicial Circuit Court in Columbia, Mo.

Clemons named himself in to Columbia police on Friday in connection with an allegation that he choked a 20-year-old woman in his

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apartment. He faces an arraignment hearing on Jan. 29. He'll likely play the rest of the season with the Tigers before the case could go to trial.

Clemons served a one-game suspension in Missouri's 76-56 loss at Oklahoma State on Saturday. Missouri athletic director Mike Alden reinstated him on Monday for Tuesday's 64-59 win against Iowa State.

Details of the Missouri charge are similar to allegations in an incident that led to Clemons' arrest on July 1, 2001, in Twin Falls.

That arrest, made by part-time



The police mug shots of Ricky Clemons when he was booked into the Twin Falls County Jail on July 1, 2001, on suspicion of aggravated assault. Clemons was released the next day and was never charged.

Twin Falls police officer Ken Rivers, was based upon allegations by Sonya L. Reyes that, fol-

Clemons scores 15

In first game back

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Ricky Clemons, coming off a one-game suspension, found his scoring touch just in time to lead a late sport as Missouri beat Iowa State 69-59.

Clemons, a junior point guard who leads the Tigers with a 17-point average, was reinstated Monday after being charged with choking a 20-year-old woman in a hotel room. He shot 5-for-19 and missed a handful of wild layup attempts.

He finally started connecting in the closing minutes, scoring six of his 15 points in a 1:30 run that put Missouri ahead by three, 69-66, ahead 60-50 with 2:45 to go.

— The Associated Press

Mystique vs. misery

Bucs will have to fight to keep their good name

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — So what if this is the NFL's big show.

The Oakland Raiders clearly have their own schedule. And if it's their desire to add to their mystique this week, they are off to a pretty good start.

The Raiders missed their appointed interview time with hordes of reporters and broadcast cameras by 50 minutes at the league's media day extravaganza Tuesday. That's practically unheard of considering everything this week is micromanaged to the second.

But these are the Raiders and this media day was different.

The reason for the holdup: veteran receivers Tim Brown and Jerry Rice were late for a team picture, and blamed it all on ABC for keeping them too long for interviews.

"Hey, don't blame us," Brown said. "It was ABC. It wasn't Central or anything."

Owner Al Davis attended a ceremony honoring the late sports editor, Jack Murphy, outside Qualcomm Stadium, where Sunday's game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will be played. But he stayed away from the mass interviews inside.

As the statue of Murphy was unveiled, Davis quipped, "I wish he was giving me another Super Bowl trophy."

To hear his players tell it, that's the plan.

They paid homage to a man who enjoys using the NFL almost as much as he enjoys winning games. Those players' not only credit Davis for guiding the franchise back to prominence, but for reestablishing the aura that surrounded them when they were winning championships three decades ago.

"Al has done everything he can here," Brown said, adding that he wouldn't be surprised to see Davis retire if the Raiders win the championship. "This would be another feather in his cap and show he knows the game better than so do."

"What he's creating here is a



Oakland Raiders wide receiver Jerry Porter carries the ball after a reception against the New York Jets in their AFC divisional playoff game in Oakland, Calif., Jan. 12.

IHSAA OKs eight-man football as is

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

BOISE — After all the planning and scheming regarding the future of eight-man football in the state, the Idaho High School Activities Association decided to keep things status quo Tuesday at the organization's board of directors meeting.

Carey's proposal to split the classification into two divisions, one for schools with over a hundred students and another for smaller schools — and re-naming state champion Castleford's proposal to expand the playoffs to 16 teams — were both shot down.

Instead, there will remain just one classification and an eight-man playoff that Tuesday's board first read vote held up as expected. The issue will be again discussed and read at the April meeting, but that figure to be a more formal vote after Tuesday's vote.

"It's not that the board didn't hear these schools' IHSAA executives," says Bill Young, said in a telephone interview with *The Times-News*. "They heard them and listened to them. There were going along pretty smoothly until we got to the football."

The future of the eight-man system is being discussed in the remaining Class 1A 11-man football teams — Rich Ryan, Hagerman, Oakley, Mackay and Rimrock — decided they had to abandon 11-man football because of declining enrollment and to the eight-man game beginning in the 2003-2004 school year.

Young said the two biggest factors in preserving the system in place were economy.

"Given the current economic condition, the board has decided to create a philosophy to limit travel," Young said. "And that's why we're in 1A but not in the board."

The northern Idaho schools in the Class 1A didn't have the money to create the road trips that have created the road trips.

FOOTBALL

CSI greets former road dog TVCC

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men will look for their ninth consecutive victory over former travel partner Treasure Valley Community College when the two teams meet for the second time this season tonight in Twin Falls.

The CSI Lady Golden Eagles open tonight's doubleheader at 6 p.m. Both CSI teams beat the Chukars on Nov. 27, in Ontario, Ore. The CSI women (9-10, overall, 4-2 Scenic West Athletic Conference) needed a 190 run to break a one-point game midway through the second half en route to the 71-50 win, which spoiled the season opener for the Lady Chukars (4-8).

If the CSI women can win tonight, they'll creep back to being 500 or better for the first time since Nov. 9.

On that same night, the CSI men downed TVCC, 95-80, behind the 25-point, 18-rebound game of 6-foot-10 freshman center Santi Ibrahim.

Since then, the Eagles (16-3, 3-3 SWAC) have went 7-3 while the Chukars (8-7) have gone 7-6, but have won five of their last seven. The two teams used to be travel

CSI vs. TVCC

When: Tonight, 6 and 8 p.m.
Where: CSI Gymnasium

partners in the SWAC before Treasure Valley switched to the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges this season.

And the Eagles are coming off a hard fought split of their road trip at No. 10 Dixie State College and Community College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas.

Head coach Guy Beach said defense and toughness have been the focus of practice this week.

"Defensively, the Eagles haven't shown much lately until Saturday's second half at CCSN, holding the Coyotes to 38 points in five of CSI's last seven games (three losses). The Eagles have given up games of 86, 76, 79, 82 and 80 for an average of 80.6 points.

"I thought our defense has been horrible the last week," Beach said. "You can't let teams come out and do what you do. You can't win in this league giving up 80 points a game.

Toughness, or the lack of it, has been the other battle for CSI.

Yakhouba Dhanawa said it was a primary reason the Eagles lost ugly at Dixie, 82-73, on Friday.

USOC leaders join revolt

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press writer

The top leadership of the U.S. Olympic Committee urged USOC president Marty Mankamyer to resign Tuesday, blaming her for infighting within the organization and claiming she conspired with a staff member to try and force CEO Lloyd Ward from his job.

The turmoil that has consumed the USOC and attracted the attention of Congress escalated once again when all five USOC vice presidents and two other top officials said Mankamyer should quit.

In the process, they also revealed that Mankamyer was privately asked to resign last week and promised that she would. The officials, however, said Mankamyer reneged and hasn't returned their phone calls since.

"We believe that president Mankamyer must resign as she promised to do," vice president Bill Stapleton said. "I would ask for her in the interests of America's athletes to resign."

Mankamyer said she would not step down and called on her tel-

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low elected USOC officials to bow instead of a congressional probe into the USOC and her leadership.

"It's just a difference in opinion," Mankamyer said late Tuesday. "Some of the things that have been said aren't quite accurate, but that's OK."

Stapleton was named by the fourth other USOC vice presidents and the heads of athletic and sports groups. He said it Mankamyer didn't resign, they would take the matter to an executive board meeting in February or to the entire USOC board in April.

Stapleton accused Mankamyer of "attempting to hijack the ethics advisory board in pursuit of her own political gain" in a controversy over conflict of interest charges against CEO Lloyd Ward.

Stapleton was named by fellow vice presidents Herman Frazer, Paul George, William Martin and Frank Marshall, along with Rachel Godwin, head of the Athletes' Advisory Council, and Robert Marbut, head of the council of Olympic sports organizations.



Marty Mankamyer

SPORTS

Twin Falls tears through Tigers, 70-36

JEROME - Brent Stokes scored 14 points and Luc Martin added 13 as Twin Falls dominated cross-river rival Jerome 70-36 in boys nonconference basketball in Jerome Tuesday.

The hot-shooting Bruins outscored Jerome 25-6 after one quarter for the 39-16 lead at halftime. The Bruins finished off the Tigers (4-10, 0-2 Great Basin Conference) with a 22-9 fourth quarter. Cory Musgrave led Jerome with eight points. Jerome hosts Caldwell on Friday.

Century 57, Minico 52

POCATELLO - Andy Stucki had 14 points and Ryan Ray added 13 to offset losing quarter Travis Noble's 23 for Minico, as host Century beat the Spartans 57-52 in boys Great Basin Conference action in Pocatello.

Minico Diamondbacks capitalized on Stucki's turnover in the first half to take a 57-52 lead at halftime. Kody Cole added 10 for Minico (5-7, 1-2 Great Basin), which plays at Twin Falls on Saturday.

The Community School 65, Camas County 29

KETCHUM - The Community School defeated Camas County 65-29 in Northside boys basketball.

Shoshone 54, Bliss 30

BLISS - Tony Ferrera netted a game-high 23 points to lead Shoshone over Bliss 54-30 in Northside boys basketball Tuesday.

Oakley 49, Raft River 39

OAKLEY - Oakley used a 42-24 rebounding edge to grind out a 49-39 Magic Valley Conference girls basketball victory over Raft River Tuesday.

Filer 58, Wood River 46

FILER - The Lady Wildcats celebrated senior night by downing Wood River 58-46 in Sawtooth Central Idaho basketball Tuesday.

Valley 70, Buhl 52

HAZELTON - Michael Grant and Mark Edgett each scored 17 points to lead Valley past Buhl 70-52 in nonconference boys basketball play Tuesday.

Clemons

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On Tuesday, Wonderlich said the case merited prosecution, but Reeves never responded to a "promise to appear" form his office mailed to her on July 17, 2001.

Local sports

Shoshone 48, Bliss 32
BLISS - The Shoshone Indians dominated Bliss 48-32 in Northside girls basketball Tuesday.

Carey 85, Dietrich 47

DIETRICH - Northside Conference leader Carey blew past Dietrich 85-47 in boys basketball play Tuesday night behind 23 points from Destry Simpson.

Kimberly 48, Wendell 32

WENDELL - Wendell coach Ryan Poole described it as going "into a little funk."

Jerome 45, Minico 33

RUPERT - Jerome pounded Minico 45-33 in Great Basin girls basketball Tuesday in Rupert.

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Dietrich 79, Carey 47

DIETRICH - Raysa Parker scored a season-high 30 points to lead 2002 state runner-up Dietrich past Carey 79-47 in girls Northside Conference basketball in Dietrich on Tuesday.

Murtaugh 58, Castelford 36

MURTAUGH - Lacey Perkins scored a game-high 26 points to lead Murtaugh over Castelford 58-36 in girls Southside Conference basketball at Hulse Gymnasium on Tuesday.

Police incident report

Here is the incident report filed by Twin Falls police officer Ken Rivers on July 1, 2001. When he arrested Ricky Clemens (whose real name is Enique Eugene Clemens) on suspicion of aggravated battery, Clemens was arrested after police received a complaint from his former girlfriend, Sonya Reyes. The incident occurred at Eagle Hall on the campus of CSI.

Police incident report

and she started to walk back to her dorm room. Her boyfriend, Ricky Clemens (sic), followed her to her room and they began to argue. Sonya told me that Ricky demanded that she return to the state had given him. Sonya said that Ricky struck the left side of her face, held her down on the bed, and choked her. I observed a red mark on the left side of her face and bruises around her neck.

Police incident report

Also present was a second female. She told me that she observed Ricky assault Sonya and she gave the same story Sonya gave. "I walked to the men's dorm and saw Ricky standing outside. I asked him what had happened. He said that he went to Sonya's room. During an argument, Sonya struck him with a frame. Sonya told me that she struck Ricky with the frame, but said that it was in self-defense. I advised Ricky that if he was walking around on the campus when she was with the men's dorm, she observed her boyfriend talking to a girl. She told him that this was the last time she was going to catch him doing that

Declo earns season sweep of Burley

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer
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Wrestling

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NATION

Review finds pervasive ties between medical research, drug companies

CHICAGO — About one-fourth of university-based medical researchers receive funding from drug companies — the fact sometimes distorts study results, according to a review done by two researchers with industry connections of their own.

Yale University researchers Justin Bekelman and Dr. Cary Gross said they found "strong and consistent evidence that industry-sponsored research tends to draw pro-industry conclusions."

"Anecdotal reports suggest that industry may alter, obstruct or even stop publication of negative studies," they said. "Such restrictions have counterproductive to the arguments in favor of academic-industry collaboration, namely encouraging knowledge and technology transfer."

While industry influence on research has made headlines in recent years and prompted calls for reform, the new analysis attempts to quantify the prevalence by combining results from 37 previous studies on the extent and effect of such ties. The studies included data through 2000.

Judge sanctions Ford for hiding evidence

DETROIT — A federal judge Tuesday ordered Ford Motor Co. to turn over safety data on its 15-passenger vans — information the automaker has claimed doesn't exist and fined it for concealing evidence, a plaintiff's attorney said.

The world's second-largest automaker is accused of hiding evidence in a case involving the deaths of two passengers in one of the large vans when it flipped on a Kentucky highway in 1996. The ruling, issued in Chicago, could have implications in other cases against Ford involving E-350 vans, which have come under government scrutiny because of numerous rollover accidents.

The case, filed in 1998, is scheduled for trial Feb. 24. Ford has until Jan. 31 to turn over the safety testing records.

Police arrest Northwest Airlines pilot at LaGuardia

NEW YORK — A Northwest Airlines pilot scheduled to work a Detroit-bound flight was arrested Tuesday morning at LaGuardia Airport after a loaded handgun was found in his carry-on luggage, authorities said.

Robert Donaldson, 43, was charged with three counts of criminal possession of a weapon, and could face up to 15 years in prison, said the office of Queens District Attorney Richard A. Brown.

Prosecutor: Officers thought they were 'untouchable'

MIAMI — Eleven Miami police officers who saw themselves as "untouchable" planted guns at four police shootings and then lied about it, a prosecutor said Tuesday at their trial on federal corruption charges.

Prosecutor Curtis Mimer said the defendants saw themselves "as being above the law" when they covered up their involvement in the shootings that left three men dead and a fourth wounded in the 1990s.

Mimer told jurors they won't be asked to decide whether the shootings were justified but whether the officers later reached an understanding to obstruct justice by covering up misconduct.

Professor facing charge in plague scare posts bail

LUBBOCK, Texas — A university professor accused of lying to federal agents about the whereabouts of about 20 vials of plague bacteria was released from jail Tuesday after posting \$100,000 bond.

Dr. Thomas Butler, 61, is charged with making a false statement to a federal agent in an incident that sparked a bacterium scare last week.

Butler, who is internationally renowned for his plague research, had been held without bond since being arrested late Wednesday after admitting he had accidentally destroyed the

Nation in brief
30 vials, according to court documents. He had initially said they were missing.

Swimmer nears halfway point on Columbia River
KELLER, Wash. — A swimmer neared the halfway point in a 1,250-mile journey down the

Columbia River — a trip designed to raise awareness of its pollution levels and to encourage a cleanup.
Christopher Swain of Portland, Ore., began his swim at Columbia

Lake, near the British Columbia-Alberta border, last June. He said he was about on schedule for the journey that will eventually spill him out into the Pacific Ocean.
The 24-year-old has been swim-

ming about 10 days a month during the winter, spending six to eight hours in the water each day.
A support team, including an inflatable boat, accompanied him.
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MONEY

Value and utility funds would benefit most from repealing of dividends tax

NEW YORK (AP) — Mutual fund investors looking to benefit from the proposed elimination of taxes on dividends might consider value funds and utility funds for their portfolios.



Gamble, and they are widely held in value-style mutual funds, particularly those that concentrate on large companies. Utilities include electrical and gas companies such as Consolidated Edison and Public Service Electric & Gas.

able source of income, much appreciated by bear market fatigued investors who've seen stock prices drop for three years. Fund investors should keep in mind that the potential gains from investing in value or utility funds assuming the dividend tax cut gets the approval of Congress will likely be modest in keeping with the yields on these funds.

value funds is 2.41 percent, equivalent to the average yield of stocks in the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, one of the broadest measures of the stock market. Yields could grow as dividend payouts become more attractive and if more companies offer them, but that is certainly no guarantee. For years, companies have been decreasing or eliminating their dividends because investors preferred they reinvest all their profits to maximize growth.

"The best thing to do is look at funds that are focusing on corporate dividends and companies that have the ability and the cash to increase their dividends." Unfortunately for investors, the funds with some of the highest dividend yields — those that focus on real estate investment trusts, which are required by law to pay dividends — would be exempt from the dividend tax cuts.

dividend yield of 18.96 percent, while the Cabell Utilities AAA's was 10.95 percent, according to S&P. "When looking for funds that are heavy on dividend-paying stocks, investors should consider the underlying holdings of individual funds. While a fund may be labeled a value fund, it could include shares of companies that are more growth oriented. Additionally, there are few funds that have the word 'dividend' in their name — among them being the Huntington Dividend Capture fund.

Paulos

Continued from E1. in a small rural Idaho community, and he took it. Since establishing Con Paulos Chevrolet, he has added a Volkswagen Audi-Mazda dealership in Twin Falls, separate used-car outlets in Jerome and Twin Falls and a half a dozen Subway sandwich franchises to his business portfolio, the chamber said.

of funds and volunteer time in Twin Falls, Jerome and the state of Idaho ... promoting strong intercommunity relationships ... recognizing the potential for communities to thrive and their residents to prosper and ... (providing) needed leadership to see that they do."

Amalgamated Sugar Co., in 1915 began processing sugar beets grown on the Twin Falls tract. The company has gone through many changes over the years, the chamber said, and still searches for ways to modernize operations. The sugar beets that used to arrive at the plant in horse-drawn wagons now come by dump trucks from a much greater distance than they did almost 90 years ago.

Regional Medical Center has been an active chamber member for a decade or so and has served on the board for five years, including a term as president in 2001.

Continued from E1. "Business Ethics Center" on Junior Achievement's Web site at www.ja.org. The new ethics program will be more basic at the lower grade levels and will serve to introduce the concept to students, said Junior Achievement spokesman Brad Kaufmann. Middle school and high school activities will delve more deeply into the topic and may include role-playing activities and personal ethics assessments for students to complete.

to economics to entrepreneurship. The Junior Achievement project presents a tremendous opportunity to teach kids the right way to be successful in our free enterprise system, said Joseph Esposito, a federal official involved in financial education issues for the U.S. Department of Education in Washington.

The Curtis T. Eaton Award was first given in 1990 to Universal Frozen Foods. Price True Value Hardware (now called Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise) won it last year.

Recipients of other chamber honors Tuesday night:

"It's never seen her when she wasn't on the go, leading or following but always very involved in community projects as varied as Business Plus and Rotary's Jazz in the Canyon," outgoing chamber President Don Olmstead said in prepared comments. "Joy is never afraid to give her opinion, and when she does we all listen."

"Bottom line ... you are not getting high yields," Paine said.

Kaufmann said each ethics educational activity will correspond with a particular Junior Achievement program being taught in the classroom, such as "The International Marketplace" or "Success Skills."

With a question or column idea, call Steve Rosen of The Kanan City Star at (816) 234-879 or send an e-mail to srosen@kstar.com.

Paulos twice served as a chamber of commerce president in Jerome and has received both the Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards there. Now he is on the Twin Falls chamber's board and the Business Plus II development campaign's oversight committee. He helps lead the fledgling Business Plus III campaign, serves on the Jerome Economic Development Task Force and the governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force, and will soon retire as chairman of the Idaho Department of Commerce's Economic Advisory Council.

Charter Member Awards — Brize Heating & Air Conditioning Inc. is one of the oldest continuously operating businesses in the valley, according to the chamber. In 1909, Harry Brize started Brize Metal Works, a sheet metal shop. He passed the business to his brother Leland Brize, whose son Dick Brize and grandson Dan Brize carried on the family business. As the town grew, the company's focus turned to heating, then air conditioning, too.

Each year, the chamber selects for this honor two businesses which have supported the chamber and the community for a long time and have been chamber members for at least half a century.

"Joy is never afraid to give her opinion, and when she does we all listen."

The ethics program is one of many efforts currently percolating in classrooms to teach kids necessary skills about everything from money management

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The award plaque Twin Con Paulos received Tuesday credits the business with "going above and beyond the expected in the investment

the chamber said.

But this time around, the chamber also honored a nonprofit organization — the Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"Paula Sherman of U.S. Bank has led a hard organizing the chamber's annual picnic and auction for years.

Junior Achievement is organizing a panel of business and education leaders to review the new curriculum before it hits the classroom.

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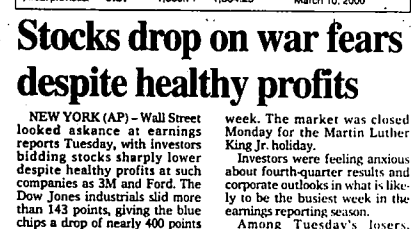
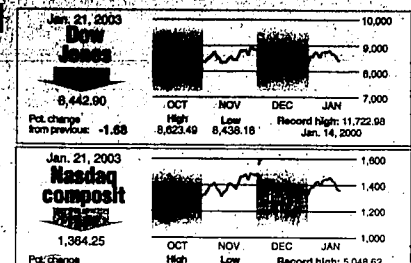
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Stocks drop on war fears despite healthy profits

NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street looked astounded at earnings reports Tuesday, with investors bidding stocks sharply lower despite healthy profits from companies as 3M and Ford. The Dow Jones industrial slid more than 143 points, giving the blue chips a drop of nearly 400 points over four straight loss sessions.

Analysts said a spate of disappointing corporate outlooks last week along with ongoing fears of war with Iraq made investors skeptical of better-than-expected earnings.

"The reference that the economy might not yet have a demonstrable turn yet is really setting people off," said Ned Riley, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors.

Concerns about war increased after news that a gunman in Kuwait opened fire on a vehicle carrying American civilians, killing one and wounding another. The U.S. Embassy labeled it a terrorist act.

"Despite the (earnings) data - and we have had some favorable data - this market is still focused on talk of war and the effects of war. And much of that was exacerbated by the fatal shooting in Kuwait," said Alan Ackerman, executive vice president at Fehsestock & Co.

The Dow closed down 143.84, or 1.7 percent, at 8,442.90. The Dow, down for four straight days, added to last week's 2.3 percent loss, which came as cautious outlooks from companies including Intel and IBM. With two other triple-digit declines, the Dow has dropped 399.72, or 4.5 percent, since Wednesday.

The broader market also retreated for the fourth day in a row. The Nasdaq composite index fell 11.94, or 0.9 percent, to 1,364.25, following a weekly decline of 4.9 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 14.16, or 1.6 percent, to 857.62, having dropped 2.8 percent last week.

The market's loss also came despite better than expected news on housing construction. The Commerce Dept. reported construction of new houses rose by 5 percent in December, surprising analysts who anticipated no change.

Declining issues outnumbered advancing shares more than 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated stock volume was held at 1.01 billion, a drop from 1.21 billion the previous Friday.

Investors were feeling anxious about fourth-quarter results and corporate outlooks in what is likely to be the busiest week of the earnings reporting season.

Among Tuesday's losers, Merrill Lynch fell \$1.15 to \$40.00 and J.P. Morgan Chase declined 77 cents to \$25.42 ahead of earnings due out Wednesday.

Companies that exceeded expectations last week but issued cautious forecasts traded lower again Tuesday. IBM fell 76 cents to \$80.54 and Intel declined 5 cents to \$16.29, having said last week it was reducing capital spending by roughly \$1 billion this year.

"The good news is companies are beating expectations. But the bad news is the next six months are going to be a difficult task, and they see no change in that," Riley said.

Keeping meager corporate outlooks in mind, investors sold 1.24 cents lower to \$10.14, although the company posted earnings Tuesday that surpassed analysts' expectations by a penny a share and CEO Bill Ford reiterated the expects the company to report full-year earnings of 70 cents a share, which is well above most Wall Street forecasts.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



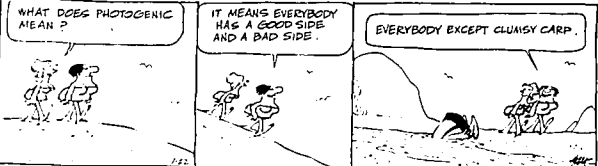
Dilbert

By Scott Adams



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Hi and Lois

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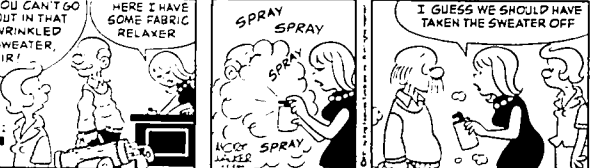
Hagar the Horrible

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Beetle Bailey

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Frank and Ernest

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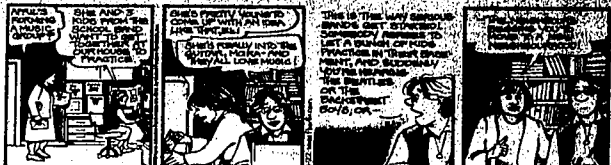
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For Better or For Worse

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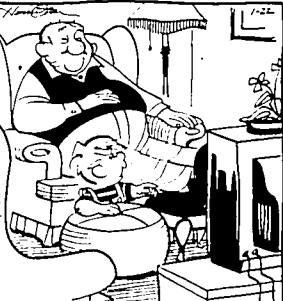
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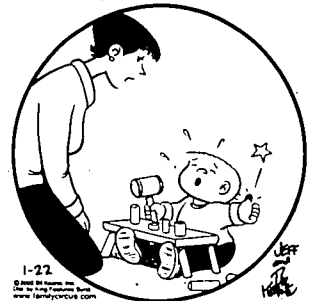
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

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Strange Brew

By John Deering



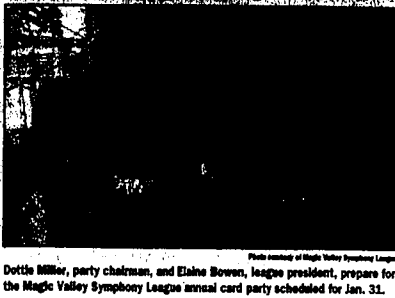
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By Wiley



Symphony

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Symphony League will hold its 10th annual card party...



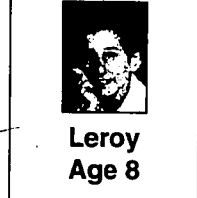
Dottie Miller, party chairman, and Elaine Brown, league president, prepare for the Magic Valley Symphony League annual card party scheduled for Jan. 31.

Leroy is likeable boy with lots of energy

My name is Lawrence, but my friends call me Leroy. I really like computers and playing video games. I like to read. My favorite books are 'Harry Potter' and 'Star Wars'.

attachments, Leroy is a boy who would attract attention. He would do well as an only child or with other children who are secure in their own place in a family.

Wednesday's Child



Leroy Age 8

Gooding CSI center offers computer course

GOODING - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering a variety of courses.

While keeping it tasty, altering recipes for special needs, savvy supermarket shopping and more. The course will meet from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 5-19 at the center, 601 S. 515.

Introduction to QuickBooks provides hands-on training in the use of the small-business book-keeping software. Students will learn to create and track payable and receivable accounts and invoices, and create budgets and reports using preset or customized transactions.

CLUB CALENDAR

Civic
Rotary Clubs
Blue Lakes 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Westport Inn...
Burlington 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Farm Bureau conference room...

Support Groups
Christian 12 Step Life Recovery Support Group 8:30 p.m. Mondays at Valley Christian Church...
Hunger for Healing 12-step Christian Group 7:30 p.m. Mondays at various members' homes...

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners
GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced its recent winners.

The group also will hold a regular dance Saturday at Anderson Camp. Pre-rundowns will start at 7:30 p.m. with squares at 8 p.m.

Refreshments and birthday cakes were served for Bonnie Davidson, Al Anglin, Connie Aspiarte and Bev Clark.

State service officer helps veterans with benefits
GOODING - Idaho Division of Veterans Services State Service Officer Walt Jackson will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Gooding Community Center.

Spanish council sponsors 'Romantic Night' fund-raiser
BUHL - A "Romantic Night" fund-raiser will be sponsored by the Spanish Council of the Immediate Conception Church in Buhl on Feb. 15.

CSI offers grant writing class starting next month
TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer an Orientation to Grant Writing from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 4-25 in Shields Room 107 on the CSI campus.

Buttons and Bows holds dances this week
EDEN - The Buttons and Bows will hold a regular plus tip dance from 7:30-9:30 p.m. today at Anderson Camp.

Sunnyside Beef and Dairy 4H Club meets Sunday
CASTLEFORD - The Sunnyside Beef and Dairy 4H Club will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Castleford Methodist Fellowship Hall.

National Alliance for the Mentally III
The National Alliance for the Mentally III is a national organization for the support of individuals and their families.

Alcoholics Anonymous
AA-Alcoholics Anonymous
The purpose of AA is to help alcoholics find and keep sober through the help of other members.

DivorceCare
Twin Falls 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Reformed Church...
DivorceCare is a program that helps people who are going through a divorce.

Rebekah Lodges
Rebekah Lodge 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

Military Veterans of Foreign Wars
Buhl Post 304, Thurston Post 7

Masonic activities
Star of the West (Western Eastern Star)
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Other Organizations
Odd Fellows 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Odd Fellows Hall...
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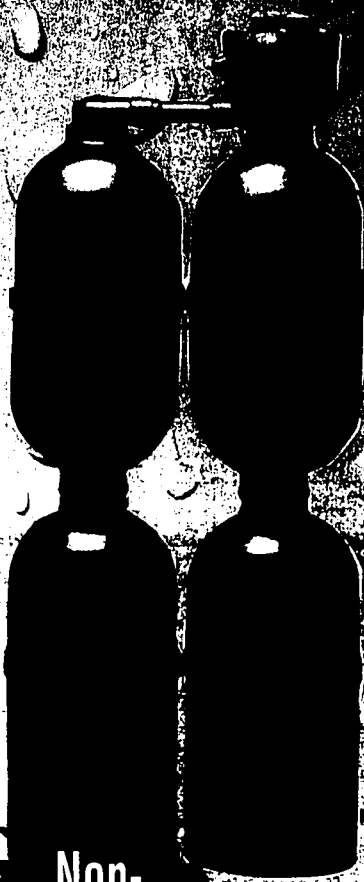
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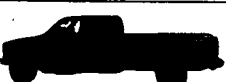


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