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## E-mails spark criticism

Budget chiefs contend Health and Welfare director seeks to thwart innovation

By Julie Pence

Times-News writer

BOISE — The Legislature's budget chiefs, Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, sent a letter on Tuesday to the director of the Department of Health and Welfare chastising him for reining in employees' freedom of speech as far as agency matters are concerned.



Bell and Cameron asked

Director Karl Kurtz to take a look at copies of "two e-mails from your office effectively placing gag orders on employees." They said his staff e-mails have had the effect of "thwarting innovation and stifling improvement. They give the perception that there is something the department is hiding."

But agency spokesman Bill Walker's response was that Kurtz

and agency managers are baffled by the accusations.

"I don't understand. We are doing everything we can to cooperate," Walker said.

It seems unclear when all the confusion started, but on Jan. 22, Bell and Cameron sent e-mails to all state employees inviting them to town meetings they were hold-

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Sean McCool, son of astronaut Willie McCool, comforts his mother, Lani, during a memorial service Tuesday at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston for the seven shuttle astronauts who perished over the skies of Texas Tuesday. Please see page A3.

## CHANGING CSI



Molly Jones squints through a microscope in a biology class at the College of Southern Idaho. While overall enrollment numbers at the campus are down slightly, the number of full-time students is up.

## More full-time students sign up

But total student enrollment declines by just a bit

By Robert Meyer

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Now that her children are old enough to attend school full time, Kim Kimmes can finally become a full-time student herself.

After two years of attending the College of Southern Idaho part time, Kimmes has signed up for 12

credits this spring semester.

"Now I have more time, and I now go to school full time," the Gooding resident said. "I just love it."

The number of students who have gone from part time to full time this spring semester increased, according to CSI's official spring semester enrollment figures. While the overall headcount of 6,999 is

down slightly compared with last spring semester's 7,027 students, the full-time equivalent enrollment — or FTE — has increased by 5.8 percent.

The FTE is actually based on a mathematical formula which takes the total number of credits taken by all students and divides it by 12, the

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### By the numbers

Here are College of Southern Idaho spring semester enrollment "headcounts" for the past seven years:

Spring 2003	6,999
Spring 2002	7,027
Spring 2001	6,050
Spring 2000	5,915
Spring 1999	5,275
Spring 1998	4,932
Spring 1997	4,769

## Heavy snowfall blankets southern Idaho

Roads turn slick, Utah man dies in I-84 crash

By Mark Heinz

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some was anticipated, but not this much.

"We expected snow showers, maybe enough to dust the grass — but not of the accumulating variety we've been seeing," George Skari, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Boise office, said late Tuesday.

An inch to 4 inches of snow had come down in various parts of the Magic Valley by 5 p.m. or so, and another inch or two was expected over the rest of the evening, Skari said.

The storm was on the edge of a general change in the weather expected to last the rest of the week, he said.

"Now, this pattern is setting the stage for colder weather — normal weather for this time of year," Skari said.

Even so, things were expected to warm up over the weekend, and unseasonably warm weather might be back by next week, he said.



Erlyna Jasevic of Twin Falls got more than she bargained for when she ducked out her front door to leave a snowfall at her sister, Melissa, left. Melissa and her friend Nina Sjog returned fire.

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## Tax revenues drop, hitting Idaho's budget

The Associated Press

BOISE — State tax collections fell below projections for January, a second consecutive monthly miss.

That's certain to aggravate the potential deficit in the current budget and build pressure on the next.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who has spent the last week campaigning across Idaho for his proposed 1.5-cent tax increase, said January revenues were more than \$3 million short of the target, based on preliminary estimates. He declined to say just how much greater the shortfall was.

It comes on top of a \$3.4 million shortfall



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# TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Crisp temperatures and partly cloudy skies. Highs near 30.

Tonight: Increasing clouds. A few late night flurries may surface. Lows near 14.

Tomorrow: Mostly dry with patchy clouds. Highs near 33.

# BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly dry, partly cloudy and cool.

Highs in the upper 20s to middle 30s.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy and mostly dry through the night. Lows from 10 to 20.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy and continued cool. Mostly dry. Highs from the upper 20s to middle 30s.

# IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Cool and mostly dry with partly to mostly cloudy skies. Thursday will be similar. A chance for snow returning to higher terrain on Friday.

Today Highs 18 to 27. Tonight's Lows -16 to -6.

BOISE A light breeze and cool temperatures. Partly cloudy and mostly dry. A few degrees warmer on Thursday, otherwise dry and partly cloudy.

Today Highs/Lows 22 to 27/16 to 21.

NORTHERN UTAH Mostly cloudy and windy in areas. A chance of snow developing. Snow possible overnight. Thursday will be partly cloudy and dry.

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# TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Crisp and partly cloudy	Becoming cloudy, a few flurries possible	Brief with fair skies	Mostly sunny and not as cool	Comfortable and sunny	Mostly sunny and breezy
High 30	Low 14	33/12	35/14	39/19	42/22

# ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Today's High: 30 Today's Low: 14 Record High: 52 in 1966 Record Low: -18 in 1966	Today's Precip: 0.17 Monthly to Date: 0.17 Avg. Moist. in Feb: 0.17 Avg. Moist. in Year: 0.17	Today's High: 85% Today's Low: 65% Record High: 95% Record Low: 45%	Today's High: 30.1 Today's Low: 30.0 Record High: 30.3 Record Low: 29.7	Today's Sunrise: 7:47 AM Today's Sunset: 6:03 PM Record Sunrise: 7:44 AM Record Sunset: 6:00 PM

# Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
Feb. 9	Feb. 18	Feb. 23	Feb. 28

# REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	30-40	30-40	30-40
Idaho Falls	28-38	28-38	28-38
Meridian	28-38	28-38	28-38
Moscow	28-38	28-38	28-38
Pocatello	28-38	28-38	28-38
Rupert	28-38	28-38	28-38
Shoshone	28-38	28-38	28-38
Twin Falls	28-38	28-38	28-38
Walla Walla	28-38	28-38	28-38
Yakima	28-38	28-38	28-38

# Moonrise and Moonset

Today	Tomorrow
7:47 AM	7:44 AM
6:03 PM	6:00 PM

# NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Atlanta	30-40	30-40	30-40
Boston	28-38	28-38	28-38
Chicago	28-38	28-38	28-38
Denver	28-38	28-38	28-38
Detroit	28-38	28-38	28-38
Houston	28-38	28-38	28-38
Los Angeles	28-38	28-38	28-38
Memphis	28-38	28-38	28-38
Minneapolis	28-38	28-38	28-38
New York	28-38	28-38	28-38
San Francisco	28-38	28-38	28-38
Seattle	28-38	28-38	28-38
Washington	28-38	28-38	28-38

# Snowpack

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	30-40	30-40
Idaho Falls	28-38	28-38
Meridian	28-38	28-38
Moscow	28-38	28-38
Pocatello	28-38	28-38
Rupert	28-38	28-38
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Twin Falls	28-38	28-38
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Boise	30-40	30-40
Idaho Falls	28-38	28-38
Meridian	28-38	28-38
Moscow	28-38	28-38
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# WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
London	28-38	28-38	28-38
Paris	28-38	28-38	28-38
Rome	28-38	28-38	28-38
Tokyo	28-38	28-38	28-38
Sydney	28-38	28-38	28-38
Auckland	28-38	28-38	28-38
Wellington	28-38	28-38	28-38
Christchurch	28-38	28-38	28-38
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# Shuttle

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crew home safely. Among the uncertainties were the potential effects of the debris not only on the shuttle's ceramic tiles - the major focus of NASA's attention - but also on the reinforced carbon leading edges of the shuttle's left wing, which is stronger than the tiles in some respects but have their own vulnerabilities.

NASA officials have repeatedly expressed doubt that such a collision would be capable of damaging the shuttle's protective surfaces enough to jeopardize the spacecraft through the head of reentry as it hurtled back to Earth.

Their confidence, they have said, was based on both empirical evidence - the many previous times that tank foam has pelted the craft upon liftoff with no serious effects - and on computer modeling they conducted both before and after Columbia's ill-fated voyage, which suggested the impacts did not pose a "safe-to-fly" issue.

But Kostelink's comment at a Washington media briefing Tuesday that a 2 1/2-pound slab of hardened foam "probably is the largest piece" ever to hit the shuttle on takeoff undermines the agency's supposition that the lack of trouble in the past was predictive of a safe return on this flight, experts said.

If one in only three large-scale foam impacts can result in the loss of a shuttle and its crew, experts said Tuesday, the overall safety of the shuttle may be less than NASA presumed, and it becomes important to know the probability that similar sized or even larger chunks of foam might break off on future flights.

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# Taxes

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In December revenue collections, after administration economists revised their outlook to eliminate nearly all of the \$30 million cash surplus built up last summer and fall.

Some key lawmakers said the January figures bolster the governor's hand in the war of wills over whether the huge deficit in the 2003-2004 budget, estimated at \$160 million, should be erased with deeper budget cuts or higher taxes.

Kempthorne has proposed the increase in the five-cent sales tax and more than doubling the cigarette tax. The \$270 million in new revenue, he said, will avoid elimination of essential programs that his analysts contend would lead to dismantling state government and laying off more than 1,000 workers.

A tax analysis of state tax systems by Governing magazine found Idaho ranking relatively high in adequacy of revenue produced by the tax structure and its management of the system. But the state achieved only a mediocre ranking on system fairness.

The per capita tax burden, according to the magazine, was \$1,936 in 2001, for 20th nationally. Total state and local tax burden as a percent of personal income ranked 17th.

The study was critical of the permanent tax cut lawmakers and Kempthorne implemented in 2001, and said the sales tax has never expanded to cover services to reflect the realities of a 21st century economy.

But it also found that much of the state's fiscal problems are cyclical rather than structural.

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# Saudis helped terror suspect's wife

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Saudi Embassy quietly provided the wife of a terror suspect a passport and transit out of the United States in November, after she was subpoenaed to testify before a federal grand jury in New York investigating her husband's possible links to the al-Qaida terrorist network, diplomatic and law enforcement sources said.

Federal law enforcement officials were outraged by the Saudi

# Budget

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ing action at the state. Since they chair the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee - which is the Legislature's budget panel - he asked state workers to comment at the meetings or by e-mail on areas of government that could be run more efficiently.

The budget chiefs both said they were happy with the turnout of Health and Welfare employees during the first round of meetings that took place the weekend of Jan. 25 in the Magic Valley. But since then, responses from Health and Welfare workers at meetings and by e-mail have fallen off.

Both Cameron and Bell said they have heard from many sources that health and welfare employees are afraid to speak candidly about how to save money because there might be unpleasant repercussions from their supervisors. Fueling their suspicions are copies of two e-mails from a Health and Welfare central-office manager that were forwarded to them by a lower-level Health and Welfare employee who said she was afraid she would lose her job if she spoke out.

The first e-mail sent by a central-office manager at 9:02 a.m. on Jan. 22 said, "When you make inquiries from Legislators regarding our Division's programs, please forward their request and your proposed answer to me PRIOR (sic) to responding... This request came from the Director's office."

The second e-mail sent by the same manager at 4:12 p.m. on Jan. 27 said, "Ken asks that if you choose to respond to JFAC's request for suggestions regarding efficiencies and related information that you please first inform your supervisor and share your thoughts with them."

The second e-mail also asked employees to limit comments to those subjects that they knew well.

Walker said Tuesday that the first e-mail was simply composed in anticipation of the usual kinds of questions lawmakers pose during legislative sessions. It had nothing to do with Cameron's and Bell's request because it was sent out an hour earlier than Bell's and

action, describing it as an obstruction of their investigation. State Department officials, who had previously objected to the woman's departure without clearance from the FBI, expressed surprise at the move on its well.

An attorney for the Saudi embassy who notified the State Department the day after the incident said the embassy "did not believe there was any legal impediment to her departure" because the grand jury hearing the case had recessed.

Cameron's request for information.

He also said, "There was absolutely no effort made by the director or the department in any way to interfere with or discourage employee response to JFAC in its quest to maximize resources."

In addition, Walker said the agency told employees on its Web site that comments would be kept confidential if they

# REMEMBERING COLUMBIA



Tania Ruiz, education associate for Earth and Space Sciences at the Museum of Science in Boston, wipes her eyes Tuesday while she watches the live satellite coverage of the NASA memorial for the crew of Columbia.

## Bush pays tribute to crew, says space program will go on

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Under sapphire blue skies that once held Columbia and her crew, President Bush paid tribute Tuesday to the shuttle's seven astronauts and rededicated the nation to space travel. "They go in peace for all mankind. And all mankind is in their debt," he said.

The president joined at least 10,000 teary-eyed NASA workers, aging astronauts, political leaders and families of the fallen crew for a memorial service in a plaza outside Mission Control usually reserved for celebrations of space triumphs.

The shuttle broke up Saturday as it was returning to earth. In Bush's words: "Their mission was almost complete, and we lost them so close to home."



The president met with family members after the service, which ended with the ringing of a Navy bell — seven times, one for each of the deceased astronauts — and a "missing man" formation flyover: four T-38 NASA jets roared above the crowd, with one peeling away and soaring high and out of sight.

Bush bowed his head and first lady Laura Bush wiped tears from her eyes as the United States Navy Band Sea Chanters led the crowd in song. The words to one hymn, "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand," were printed on the back of the service's programs, allowing the NASA family to raise its voice in tribute to "shining worlds in splendor through the skies."

Leading the crowd in prayer, Harold Robinson, a captain in the Navy's Chaplain Corps, said the astronauts found true humility while viewing "our little planet from outer space."

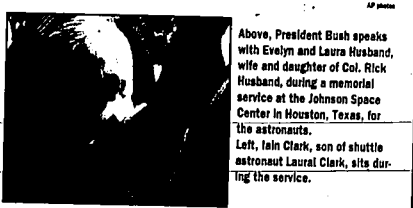
Fighting back tears, NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe then declared, "Today, our grief is overwhelming."

He promised to find out why Columbia broke apart, correct the problem and make sure it never happens again. To the families of those lost, he said: "We will keep this solemn pledge."

Bush recalled that Navy Capt. David Brown, a medical doctor aboard Columbia, was asked several weeks ago by his brother what would happen if something went wrong with the mission. "This program will go on," the 46-year-old Navy flight surgeon replied.

"Capt. Brown was correct," Bush said. "America's space program will go on."

At the Johnson Space Center, crew members were remembered in separate eulogies that shared



Above, President Bush speaks with Evelyn and Laura Husband, wife and daughter of Col. Rick Husband, during a memorial service at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, for the astronauts.

Left, Iain Clark, son of shuttle astronaut Laurel Clark, sits during the service.

## U.S. will show spy evidence today in pressing Iraq case

The Washington Post

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary of State Colin Powell made the final preparations Tuesday for a high-stakes speech before the United Nations Security Council today that the Bush administration hopes will convince wavering nations that Iraq continues to hide weapons of mass destruction in defiance of U.N. demands to disarm.

With polls showing little support around the world for a U.S.-led strike against Iraq, the administration is gambling that Powell's address will convince enough nations on the 15-member council to support a resolution authorizing military force, or at the very least cool the demands for months of additional U.N. weapons inspections.

Powell's presentation, the product of days of intense analysis and debate among senior U.S. national security and intelligence officials, will include declassified satellite images of suspected mobile bio-weapons labs, informa-

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tion on hidden chemical or biological weapons, and intercepted conversations of Iraqi officials planning to thwart U.N. inspectors, officials said.

"He will show the Iraqis aren't complying and have no intention of complying," a senior State Department official said.

Officials said intelligence on alleged links between Iraq and the al-Qaida terrorist network would comprise a smaller part of Powell's remarks and would mostly elaborate on previous charges made by U.S. officials.

Administration officials pointed to Powell's presentation as a possible watershed in the United States' long confrontation with Iraq.

To underscore the importance of the moment and the weight the administration is putting behind the evidence, CIA Director George Tenet will accompany

Powell to the Security Council and sit behind him during his remarks.

In advance of Powell's speech, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, President Bush's closest ally, met with French President Jacques Chirac on the French coast but failed to convince him to halt France's opposition to imminent war. Ten Eastern European countries, however, said they were readying a statement of support for the United States that would be issued after Powell speaks.

Blair, the head of the U.N. weapons inspection commission, warned Iraq that it is on the verge of squandering its last opportunity to reverse course and provide evidence that can settle unanswered questions about its chemical and biological arsenals and nuclear weapons development program. "Isn't it five minutes to midnight?" Blair told reporters Tuesday. "I don't think that the end is here, that a date has been set for an armed action. But I think we're moving closer and closer to it."

## Study warned NASA nine years ago about effect of debris hitting wing tiles

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — NASA was warned nine years ago that the space shuttle could fail catastrophically if debris hit the vulnerable underside of its wings during liftoff — the very scenario that may have brought down Columbia.

After receiving the warning, NASA made changes in materials and flight rules to lessen the risk of debris breaking loose, Paul Fischbeck, an engineering professor at Carnegie Mellon University who conducted the 1994 analysis, said Tuesday.

"There are very important tiles under there. If you lose the tiles on those stretches ... it can cause the shuttle to be lost," he said.

The underside of the left wing is where NASA is focusing its

investigation into Saturday's disaster, which killed seven astronauts.

A spokesman at NASA's Johnson Space Center said Tuesday night that no one was available to comment on the report.

Fischbeck and a colleague at Stanford University studied the damage caused by debris during the first 50 shuttle launches and concluded that on average, 25 thermal tiles per flight sustained damage of at least once inch.

He said his risk analysis showed that the most vulnerable spots on the shuttle were the undersides of both wings close to the fuselage, and right under the crew compartment. To reach that conclusion, he weighed three factors: which tiles were most likely to be hit by

debris, which tiles endured a lot of heat on atmospheric re-entry, and which tiles had critical systems underneath them.

It is not clear exactly where under the wing Columbia was hit, but just before the shuttle break up, temperature spikes were detected around the left wheel well, which is close to the fuselage, and on the left side of the fuselage itself.

Fischbeck said NASA "took a lot of our advice to heart" and made improvements such as changing the foam insulation on the top of the booster rockets and allowing less ice to be present on the fuel tanks before liftoff. Ice forms on the tank because of the super-cold liquid hydrogen and oxygen inside.

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### NASA receives reports of debris in California, Arizona

HEMPHILL, Texas (AP) — NASA sent teams Tuesday to check out reports of space shuttle debris found as far west as California and Arizona — material that could shed light on the earliest stages of Columbia's breakup.

Michael Kostelnik, a NASA spaceflight office deputy, said the debris could be wing material, but he cautioned that the space agency has not determined whether it is connected to Columbia at all.

"Debris early in the flight path would be critical because that material would obviously be near the start of the events" that unfolded during the shuttle's west-to-east trip across the country, Kostelnik said.

The search up to now has been concentrated from central Texas into central Louisiana.

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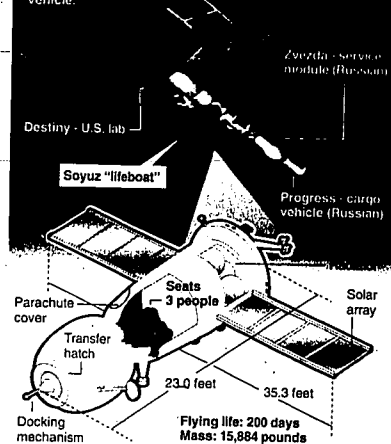
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## A way to get home in an emergency

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SOURCES: NASA; RKK Energia

N. Rapp/AP

## Russian cargo ship brings supplies to space station

KOROLYOV, Russia (AP) — A Russian cargo craft docked Tuesday at the international space station, carrying fuel, food and water in a supply mission made critical by the loss of the Columbia and the grounding of the remaining space shuttles.

Maneuvering on autopilot, the unmanned Progress M-47 linked to the station two days after lifting off atop a Soyuz-U rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The 16-ton space station has depended on shuttles to deliver most supplies. With the other shuttles grounded pending the investigation into the Columbia disaster, Russian missions now remain the only link to the international outpost.

"The docking went normally, without any problems whatsoever," Yuri Semyonov, head of the company that makes the progress, said at mission control outside Moscow, where Russian space officials and cosmonauts watched on a giant screen and burst into applause when the spaceship moored to the station.

The event drew the most extensive media attention in years.

## Yugoslavia ceases to exist; union of republics emerges

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) — Lawmakers formally abolished Yugoslavia on Tuesday and replaced it with a loose union of its remaining two republics, Serbia and Montenegro, marking the final demise of the troubled Balkan federation.

The approval by the Yugoslav parliament meant the birth of a new country called Serbia and Montenegro, as outlined in a deal brokered by the European Union.

The accord preserves the alliance of Serbia and Montenegro as the last of the six republics that once made up Yugoslavia. Before the wars in the 1990s, the federation also included Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia.

The lower chamber of the parliament voted 84-31, confirming an earlier 26-7 vote in the upper chamber.

Although Yugoslavia ceased to exist with the parliamentary vote, its state institutions will continue to operate until a new parliament, president and a council of ministers are elected in the coming weeks.

Serbia and Montenegro opted in 1992 to stay together as a rump Yugoslav federation. But the relations of the two republics have since soured — especially under the former federal president Slobodan Milosevic — and the European Union last year mediated a deal aiming to prevent new upheaval in the volatile Balkans.

The agreement envisages almost complete sovereignty for the two republics, which will be linked only by a small joint administration running defense

The Progress brought about 2.75 tons of fuel and other supplies, including food, 18.5 gallons of water and parcels for U.S. astronauts Kenneth Bowersox and Donald Pettit and Russian cosmonaut Nikolai Budarin.

Semyonov said that U.S. and Russian space officials are now pondering ways to run the orbiting complex during the break in shuttle missions.

"We are OK on food and fuel," Semyonov said. "The most critical situation is with water ... since in the past U.S. space shuttles have delivered a lot of water."

There is a water regeneration unit on the station and mission control spokesman Valery Lyndin said the crew has sufficient reserves to last until the next Progress supply mission, set for June.

Mission control chief Vladimir Solovoyov said a Soyuz spacecraft is set to blast off for the station in late April with a replacement crew.

Cosmonaut Pavel Vinogradov said the next crew would likely include just two men, instead of the usual three, and that they would remain in orbit for six months instead of four.



## Serbia and Montenegro

Key characteristics of Serbia and Montenegro, the new country set to replace Yugoslavia:

## Administration and status

- Will have one seat in the United Nations and other international organizations.
- Will have a joint administration consisting of a 120-seat parliament (91 deputies from Serbia, 25 from Montenegro) and a shared government called the Council of Ministers.
- Will have a joint armed force to be the Yugoslav Army.
- Will each have separate currencies and economies.
- Kosovo, currently administered by NATO and the United Nations, is part of the new country.

## What's in store

- Republics' constitutions will be amended in six months to conform with provisions defining the new union.
- After three years, each republic may hold a referendum on full independence.

SOURCES: World Almanac and Book of Facts, 2003; CIA World Fact Book; Associated Press

and foreign affairs. Serbia's capital, Belgrade, will remain the capital of the whole country.

## Indonesian police grill terror suspect

TANJUNG PINANG, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian detectives interrogated a man accused of leading the Singapore cell of the Jemaah Islamiyah terrorist group, an official said Tuesday.

Indonesian authorities arrested Mas Selamat Kastari, on Bintan Island on Sunday night.

The group has been hunting Kastari for more than a year. The group is accused of carrying out last year's bombings on the Indonesian tourist island of Bali in which about 200 people were killed.

"He has acknowledged that he is Mas Kastari, but that is all we have so far," said Lt. Col. Johannes Kwartanto, chief of police in this administrative center of Bintan island.

Kastari, a 41-year-old mechanic born in Singapore, allegedly hatched a failed plot to fly a hijacked plane into Singapore's main airport and helped al-Qaida plan possible attacks on U.S. military personnel and their families in Singapore.

Kwartanto said that officers had arrested him on a bus, shortly after Kastari and his family arrived on Bintan from Sumatra island.

A senior police officer who took part in the investigation said on condition of anonymity that Kastari had met "several times" with Abu Bakar Bashir, an Indonesian cleric believed to be the spiritual head of Jemaah Islamiyah. Bashir is now in custody in Jakarta.

On Tuesday, Singapore's Straits Times daily said that Indonesia would not hand Kastari over to Singapore because the two countries did not have an extradition treaty.

Kastari has been charged with forging documents, which he used to travel between Indonesia and Singapore last month.

## Woman killed in London park was American

LONDON (AP) — A woman stabbed to death in what police said was a "frenzied" morning attack in a London park was identified Tuesday as a highly regarded American artist.

Margaret Muller, a native of Virginia who moved to Britain in 1998 to teach at the prestigious Slade School of Fine Art, was killed in east London's Victoria Park.

Joggers and cyclists heard Muller, 27, screaming for help about 8:30 a.m. Monday and rushed to her aid. They found her slumped on a path between a rose garden and playground. By her clothing, she appeared to have been jogging at the time of the attack. Police said there was no evidence of sexual assault.

## Saddam: U.S. wants to control world

LONDON (AP) — In his first Western television interview in more than a decade, Saddam Hussein said the United States wants to conquer Iraq so it can "control the world" and insisted his regime does not have weapons of mass destruction.

A retired British lawmaker and peace activist, Tony Benn, conducted the 40-minute interview, in which the Iraqi leader spoke slowly in precise, careful tones, his voice at times falling very low, as he sipped from a cup of Arabic coffee in what appeared to be a room in one of his palaces.

The interview took place Sunday in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, and was broadcast Tuesday, one day before Secretary of State Colin Powell was to present evidence at the

U.N. Security Council that Iraq has hidden large caches of banned weapons.

Saddam, speaking in Arabic, accused Washington of fabricating false claims as a pretext to seize Iraq's oil fields. He also said Iraq does not want war and is willing to work with U.N. weapons inspectors if they have no ulterior purpose.

"If the intention (of inspection) is to confirm that Iraq is free of biological and chemical and nuclear weapons, then they can do so. These weapons are not

some aspirin pill someone can hide in his pocket. These are weapons of mass destruction, so it's simple to determine if Iraq has them or not," he said.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, responding to the interview, said Saddam's "track record on telling the truth is not good at all."

"Given the fact that he has biological and chemical weapons, clearly what he said today is continual denial of the truth," Fleischer said Tuesday.

Saddam wore a dark suit in the interview, sitting at a table from Ben's in a green chair in front of a curtain and a white, black and red Iraqi flag with three green stars. Occasionally he turned a pen in his hands, lining it up precisely with a green book on the table before him.

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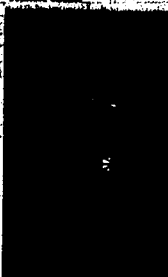
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## World Trade Center finalists

Two proposals have been chosen as finalists by the groups rebuilding the site of New York City's destroyed World Trade Center towers.

### THINK team



■ Team led by New York architect Rafael Vinoly, Frederic Schwartz  
■ 1,665 ft. (507 m) tall  
■ Lattice around space World Trade Center occupied

### THINK team



■ U.S. architect, designed Jewish Museum in Berlin  
■ Buildings with 1,778 ft. (541 m) spire  
■ Each year on Sept. 11, sun will shine directly into deep wells

### Daniel Libeskind

#### THINK

■ Petronas Twin Towers, Malaysia 1,483 ft. (452 m)  
■ Currently world's tallest building

■ World Trade Center 1,368 ft. (417 m)

## WTC finalist plans call for world's tallest structures

NEW YORK (AP) — Two plans featuring structures that would rise taller than any other in the world have been picked as finalists in the selection of a design to rebuild the World Trade Center, officials said Tuesday.

One proposal evokes the original trade center with twin lattice-work towers, while the other preserves the foundations of the twin skyscrapers.

The selection of the designs was announced Tuesday afternoon by officials from the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the agency overseeing the redevelopment of the site, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, the agency that owned the trade center.

"These designs best satisfied the rigorous set of criteria that we set forth," said Roland Betts, head of the LMDC's planning committee.

Both finalist designs — by an architectural team known as THINK and by Berlin-based architect Daniel Libeskind — feature structures rising higher than

the tallest in the world, Malaysia's 1,483-foot Petronas Twin Towers.

The World Trade Center's twin towers measured 1,350 feet. The THINK team, led by New York-based architects Rafael Vinoly and Frederic Schwartz, proposed the World Cultural Center, whose lacy 1,665-foot towers have been called 21st-century Eiffel Towers.

Libeskind, who designed Berlin's Jewish Museum, proposed starkly geometrical buildings clustered around the foundations of the fallen towers and topped by a 1,778-foot spire.

Although both finalists include soaring structures, neither plan conceives of office space extending all the way to the top.

The models each include a vision for where the victims' memorial might be built. A specific design for the memorial is expected to be chosen later this year in a separate competition. Nearly 2,800 people were killed in the attack on the trade center Sept. 11, 2001.

## Spine ailment may be treated without a brace

CHICAGO (AP) — Many adolescents diagnosed with spine curvatures can skip braces, surgery or other treatments without developing debilitating physical impairments later in life, a 50-year study suggests.

Previous research presented a grim prognosis and led to mandatory school screening programs in 26 states, based on the misperception that spine deformities inevitably lead to severe, even life-threatening disabilities.

Untreated patients did have more back pain and more body-image concerns than study participants with normal spines and three deaths were considered possibly linked to the deformity.

But untreated patients had similar death rates and were just as functional and likely to lead productive lives 50 years after diagnosis as people with normal spines.

"The bottom line is most patients are doing very well," said lead author Dr. Stuart Weinstein, an orthopedic surgery professor at the University of Iowa.

The study's results are based on 50 years of follow-up information on 117 patients diagnosed with scoliosis between 1932 and 1948.

They appear in today's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

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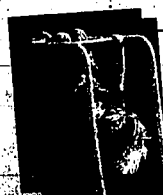
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## EDITORIAL

### Performance audits also belong in Idaho schools

In the early 1990s, Idaho House Speaker Bruce Newcomb waged a long battle to implement performance audits of state agencies. By observing how efficiently money is spent within state programs, auditors can improve the system — and save money for taxpayers.

A decade after winning that campaign, Newcomb, R-Burley, will ask the Office of Performance Evaluations to conduct an audit on Idaho public schools and their spending efficiency. In the face of a proposed 1.5-cent sales tax increase, Newcomb is wise to search for more efficiencies in the biggest segment of the state's budget.

**Our view:** Legislators should extend performance audits into Idaho's school districts, to determine if state spending is efficient and effective.

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

operate. They say they need to see where the money goes and how it is used.

Performance audits for schools are a welcome idea. This project will begin to address a key shortcoming in Idaho's education system: the lack of measurement of what comes out of Idaho's public school investment.

Audits could provide legislators with the much-needed answers to help guide funding. House Education Committee Chairman Fred Tillman, R-Boise, has pushed for audits for months now. His colleagues in the Senate need to recognize the value of the proposal and get behind it.

It's important to remember that half of each tax dollar collected by the state goes into public schools, and the public school appropriation grows each year. With that much money going into the system, there should be a way to monitor the bang we taxpayers get for our buck.

The Office of Performance Evaluations expects an audit of three districts this year — one small, one medium, and one large-sized district, to test the auditing process. That's a good start.

Once the auditing program is in place, it should help both budgeting and school performance in the years to come.

## High-risk cuts hit NASA, others

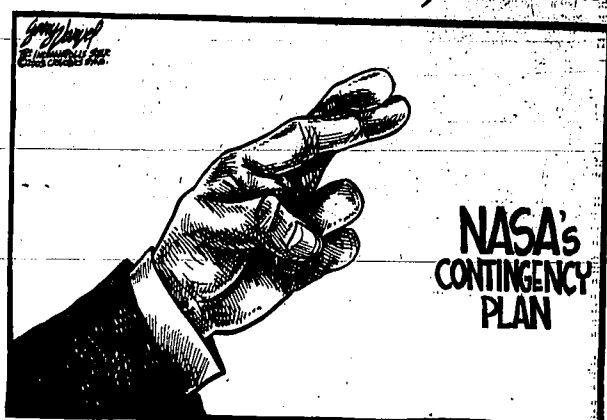
Last Thursday, two days before the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated in the clouds blue sky over Texas, killing its seven-person international crew, the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, issued its biennial report on "high-risk" operations of the government.

Prominent among these agencies and programs identified in the report was the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) contract management function.

The GAO report was not specific to the shuttle and made no mention of Columbia, the oldest vehicle in the fleet. Nor did it mention the United Space Alliance, the private consortium formed by the Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp., which since 1996 has taken over space shuttle operations as a government contractor.

But noting that NASA "spends over \$12 billion a year" on its contractors, the GAO report said: "Since 1990, we have identified NASA's contract management function as an area of high risk, principally because it has lacked accurate and reliable financial and management information on contract spending, and it has not placed enough emphasis on end results, product performance and cost control." This failure, it said, "threatens the success of NASA's major programs."

Other audits had been much tougher and more specific in warning of dangers in the shuttle program. Last April, Richard Blomberg, the chairman of the Aerospace Safety Advisory Panel, said the group's concerns were the greatest in 15 years. "I have never been as worried for space shuttle safety as I am right now," Blomberg told a congressional oversight committee. His panel blamed budget cuts and periodic hiring freezes for eroding engineering skills in the program and making it impossible even to "maintain the safety risk level" of flying the shuttles, let alone improving safety. Those safety issues will now



be examined afresh. But the striking thing to me is that the GAO report, which reiterated these criticisms of NASA operations for the 13th straight year, also identified 22 other major federal programs that it termed

same category — a signal to Congress and the White House that attention must be paid. The newly created Department of Homeland Security was given a "high-risk" rating at its birth, mainly because of the organizational challenges

and property inside the United States that came from the commission headed by former Sens. Warren Rudman and Gary Hart — an alarm bell that went unheeded until Sept. 11, 2001, and one which they say is still not being sufficiently addressed.

The budget that President Bush offered this week needs to be examined in the context of what appears to be a pervasive problem — the failure to address the systemic shortcomings that are crippling too many important parts of our government. The headlines go to bold new ventures, whether they be a Medicare prescription drug benefit or an assault on AIDS in Africa.

But if the federal government lacks the basic ingredients it needs to do its job — sufficient, talented, motivated people, modern management and communications systems, and adequate funding to avoid risky short cuts — the result will almost certainly be costly.

The failures will not always provide the kind of television pictures and personal tragedies the Columbia explosion did. But the damage to the country will be costly.

We have been warned.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

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information systems, including those of federal agencies themselves.

The threat of cyber warfare — or sabotage of communications — continues to grow, the report says, while "we continue to report significant information security weaknesses in 24 major federal agencies."

All this is ominously reminiscent of the warnings of the growing threat of terrorism to people.

he is to be reasoned with, you are wrong, wrong, wrong! Throw away your protest posters and get real. Mr. Crouson has the right of it.

EDITH ROBERTSON Wendell

**Medical professionals prove they're valuable**

I thought your recent articles about the finances at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center were interesting. I realize the importance of a good medical facility in a service as we have needed its services several different times during the 52-plus years in the Magic Valley.

I did feel compelled to write about a short experience I had a few months ago that shows just how compelled to help we are to fund a good hospital and knowledgeable staff.

My wife, daughter and grandchildren were on our way boating east of Twin Falls when I started experiencing what I thought could be the onset of a heart attack. Having had one heart problem eight years ago, it was concerning to us all. Headed back to Twin Falls, I called the hospital as I approached the Hansen turn-off of the freeway.

They advised me not to drive in as they had an ambulance only a short distance away that would be a safer way of travel.

In a very short time, the ambulance pulled into the Oasis Twin Stop. I got inside, as did my wife. We headed out with the sirens sounding. I thought it was unusual as we shot by the Addison East intersection the hospital was on, but oh well, I wasn't driving. I thought it more interesting as we pulled into the John Deere dealership.

Kimberly Road, parked the ambulance and stripped down for an EKG. Ten minutes later, we were back on the road.

We arrived at the emergency room, where I was greeted by a very experienced, friendly group of nurses, assistants and doctors. I was immediately relieved of the electrical hookup apparatus and patches just in time to be given another EKG.

I was then shot into the intensive care unit where the new staff received the second set of electrical paraphernalia, followed by the most friendly team working to hook me up for the third EKG.

There were many blood tests and a comfortable night's rest. The next morning, a nice

young man I presumed to be an aid of some kind came into my room and informed me I had had a severe case of heartburn, and I was free to go. With that behind us, our insurance company and ourselves paid the \$13,000-plus bill for the less-than 24 hours I was there, and we were back into the real world once again.

JACK WRIGHT Twin Falls

**Salary lists should be published for others**

Thanks for publishing the salaries of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center workers. It's good to know someone in the Magic Valley is making decent living wages and getting what they are worth.

Now if you really want to do the community a service, you publish the wages of our state elected officials from the Magic Valley, along with any perks they receive.

Along with that list, the salaries paid at the College of Southern Idaho would be useful information, especially to me, taxpayer from Jerome.

DEXTER C. JONES Jerome

## LETTERS

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### War protesters underestimate Saddam

Time was when the citizens of the Wood River Valley were patriots.

Time was when we backed our president, our government and displayed our national flag with pride.

It appears that most of the citizens of the Wood River Valley who did some have either died off or moved elsewhere.

How many of you are displaying our national flag?

Saddam Hussein is a liar, a sadist and a madman. He cares nothing for you or me and especially his own people. He is all P.S. It is a shame that former President Bush was stopped from eliminating him during Desert Storm.

If you (Ms. Taylor, et al) think

### Collecting Social Security remains as elusive as ever

In reference to the letters of late concerning Social Security benefits, you should be aware that there are many out in the work force that have a claim to fame in regard to what they know and how they can help. Before you get representation, be sure you have the right person for the job. There is more than one type of benefit available.

Question: Why can someone without physical or mental restrictions who willingly subjects themselves to the effects of drugs be able, in the aftermath, to collect SS? And then why is a person who has become disabled from birth defects and/or a crippling injury or a devastating bout with illness (cancer, heart failure) denied?

My daughter was born with spina bifida. Then at the tender age of 4, she suffered a traumatic brain injury and head trauma from a fall into an empty swimming pool. The blow broke the anvil bones in her ears and damaged her right eye to the point of legal blindness. Also to follow were several operations to try to correct her broken sinuses, of which now at the age of 22 she has to undergo another. The

### Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

# Powell's appointment with U.N. means war is coming

**W**ith Secretary of State Colin Powell's meeting with the members of the U.N. Security Council today, the United States will have fulfilled its obligation to come back to the table before proceeding with action against Iraq, according to Powell administration officials. The United States will follow the same course of action with respect to Saddam Hussein regardless of what the council does after meeting with Powell, the officials said.

Although Powell will not be divulging the entirety of U.S. intelligence on Iraq, the members of the council should find that Powell's presentation is "convincing," notes another senior administration official. More than anything, the presentation should prove an embarrassment to the weapons inspectors, whose pointless tactics have yielded little tangible results. The inspectors have inverted the very purpose of their mission from forcing Saddam to prove that he has disarmed into a cat-and-mouse game where several dozen inspectors play hide-and-seek with portable weapons caches under the control of the entire Iraqi government.

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CASSANDRA PHARIS-BLAKEY  
Filer  
(Editor's note: Cassandra Pharis-Blakey is a registered



Associates say that Powell's recent public appearance of forcefulness will also be on full display behind closed doors. Many skittish council members, because of Powell's past position, may be more convinced of the U.S. case by the messenger than the message itself. The same may be said of the American people, many of whom quite possibly sensed — and even identified with — Powell's noticeable hesitance. So what happened? There are two answers: one charitable, the other cynical.

Powell has been intimately involved in all the wrangling over Iraq, and consequently knows

the very same intelligence that has led Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Vice President Dick Cheney to conclude that an armed Saddam poses an imminent threat. So it is possible that an armed Saddam has genuine motives. But that body of information has not changed substantially over the past several months, yet Powell has.

Powell's greatest influence in changing his tune on Iraq is likely his military background — not in the sense that it guided him to believing that war is necessary but that his strong sense of allegiance has been the dri-

ving force. "He realized where the president is, so he decided to be a good soldier and salute," notes a senior administration official. Those who know him agree that Powell is nothing if not loyal. But observers have noticed that the secretary of state is not just making the case for war in Iraq; he is making it resolutely and passionately — and something France and Germany did may be the reason. When the leaders of the two socialist nations ganged up on a surprised Powell last month, the secretary of state "felt ambushed." In the words of an official who witnessed Powell's demeanor following the PR debacle, Powell in no way allowed the event to affect his decision, but according to those around him, it certainly affected his intensity. And that

higher energy level has had the effect of intimidating others at state who might otherwise be — at best — apathetic about the push for war in Iraq. After Wednesday's briefing — the official briefing from the State Department, as of press time — was that it is a "session" — U.S. officials will attempt to read the tea leaves about the votes on the council. But only one country really matters: France. Although three nations besides France and the United States have veto power — China, Russia and Britain are the others — only French leaders are seen as willing to thwart a follow-up resolution. If France signals that it will vote for — or at least not block — a resolution authorizing the use of force in Iraq, then the Bush administration will offer one. If France's stance is one of opposi-

tion — or simply ambiguous — then the United States will abandon plans for U.N. support and instead go with Plan B, a coalition of the willing. Either way, Americans should expect imminent action with the goal of dismantling Saddam. Notes Richard Perle, chairman of the influential Defense Policy Board (a civilian committee that advises the Pentagon): "Based on the president's own words, it seems inevitable that we are going to war." A senior administration official concurs: "I don't see any way war doesn't happen, unless there's something dramatic, like a coup."

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## LETTERS

nurse and founder/coordinator of the Magic Valley Brain Injury Support and Referral Service of Idaho.)

### Father's outlook inspires the best in dads

On Thursday mornings, I always first turn to the Outdoors section of *The Times-News*. Thursday morning was extra special as I read "Life as Father" by Christian Draper. His words touched my heart with an immense sense of pride and hope.

Our lives are constantly bombarded with stories in the news media of abused children and absentee fathers, etc., and I worry about the future of today's children. How will they grow up and what will become of them as adults in today's world? With fathers like Christian, I need not worry. He is a Mr. Mom and stays home with his 5-month-old son, Matthew, who smiles sunshine into his life. He said that he can handle being cooped up inside with his son if he keeps smiling. "I need the time, anyway, to learn what I'm supposed to do to be a dad."

I've got news for you, Christian. You don't need to learn because you are the best of dads. When Matthew is a teen-ager and you give him a choice to stay in town with his friends over the weekend or to

go camping with you and he chooses camping, you will know that this is his way of saying, "Thanks, Dad, for being my father." Don't you feel sorry for the "dad" who never changes a dirty diaper?  
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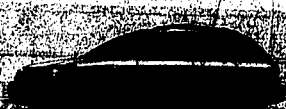
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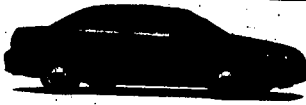
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Standoff suspect takes plea agreement

**TWIN FALLS**—The suspect in a day-long standoff with police in June pleaded guilty to related charges Tuesday, even as jury selection was taking place for his trial.

Tommy Fite, 26, agreed to plead guilty to a charge of aggravated assault against a police officer and a charge of unlawful use of a bomb or destructive device, according to court records. Prosecutors in turn agreed to drop a second charge of aggravated assault against an officer and a persistent-offender enhancement against Fite.

He was scheduled to go on trial Tuesday, and jury selection had begun that morning — when Fite decided to take the plea agreement.

The charges stem from a June 6 standoff at the Motel III in Twin Falls.

A sentencing for Fite is scheduled March 31.

He also faces other criminal charges. A trial is scheduled to begin April 1 on a charge of being an inmate in possession of a weapon at the Twin Falls County Jail. He also faces an escape charge based on allegations that he tried to break out of the Minicassia Criminal Justice Center. Twin Falls inmates are often shipped there to ease jail overflow.

And District Judge John Hohnhorst last week sentenced Fite to at least four and a half years in prison on fraud charges, court records say.

### Police: Unraveling cause of fatal fire could take time

**TWIN FALLS** — A Nov. 19 fire that claimed the lives of two Twin Falls children probably started in a couch, but nailing down an exact cause could be difficult, according to a police report released Tuesday.

Pending further examination of evidence and talks with other possible witnesses, the cause of the fire that killed 2 1/2-year-old Isaiah Bohne and 8-month-old Michael Cruz Kelly Shell will remain officially undetermined, according to a report from the Twin Falls Police Department.

The fire started at about 10:30 a.m. in the attic apartment of the children's mother — Michelle Daniels, 18, at 260 Blue Lakes Blvd.

The exact source of the fire has yet to be determined, police reported, and it was not known when further investigations might reveal more answers.

### Twin Falls School District will award bus contract

**TWIN FALLS** — The Twin Falls School Board will award its transportation contract to the lowest bidder today at its 7 p.m. meeting at the district office, 201 Main Ave. W.

Western States Bus services currently provides the student busing and is among the six bidders for the five-year contract.

Other action items on the agenda are:

- Title III Limited English Proficiency Plan — all districts are required to submit a plan under the federal No Child Left Behind Act.
- Energy conservation policy — As a money saving/learning enterprise, schools will increase recycling efforts with recycling bins placed at all schools.
- Accreditation reports

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake River	84%	51%
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Baldern	92%	55%
Castle	84%	34%
Big Wood	92%	55%
Little Wood	110%	69%
Hennys Fork/Teton	81%	51%
Big Lost	100%	60%
Little Lost	77%	46%

As of Feb. 4

\*A percentage of historic snowpack, on

# MV teens urge non-smoking life

By Julie Pearce  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** — People have gotten used to employees who smoke huddling near the doorways of businesses in freezing weather in order to satisfy their cravings.

It's the result of smokers being forced outside over the past 10 to 15 years as smoking cigarettes has become increasingly unpopular. Laws and ordinances have been passed forbidding smoking in certain places. And employers and business owners are banning the practice in their buildings.



Now, more and more Magic Valley employees who smoke are being forced to puff no closer than 15 feet from their work places, thanks to a coalition of teens from Twin Falls, Jerome and Lincoln counties.

The group — called the Magic Valley Tobacco Free Coalition — has a goal of getting up to 80 business owners to make their work places smoke free inside their buildings and no closer than a 15-foot perimeter outside. The teens are also asking business owners to encourage smoking cessation classes provided by South Central District Health.

The teens traveled to Boise on Tuesday for their annual meeting with the legislators visit. Several other Idaho anti-smoking teen groups also converged on the Statehouse. As part of their yearly project,

some groups appealed to lawmakers to avoid using tobacco settlement money to balance the budget and instead put it toward anti-smoking programs. The Magic Valley group, however, is focused on building a smoke-free community by getting businesses to help people avoid smoking, said group member Kevin Brumbaugh.

The students' advisor, Dr. David McCluskey, said he has signed on to the program. So these days he can look down from his office at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's downtown campus and see his employees

who haven't kicked the habit using City Park for their smoking quarters.

But McCluskey isn't particularly judgmental about smokers. In fact, he blushed at the idea he has forced this upon his workers.

"Hey, no one's perfect. I know I'm not. Smoking is a bad habit that a lot of good people have," McCluskey said.

Just the same, McCluskey said 65 percent to 75 percent of the ailments he treats in his practice result from smoking. And that's not confined to any particular age group.

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## MVRMC TRIES MAKING WOMEN'S HEARTS HAPPY



Glenda Thompson, right, uses a device to measure body fat at a women's heart screening at the downtown location of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Experts say most women don't think they are at risk for heart disease even though it is the No. 1 killer of women nationwide.

## Hospital launches program on heart disease in women

By Sandy Miller  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — It's the No. 1 killer of women. And it's not breast cancer.

It's heart disease.

It has been long thought of as a man's disease, but women surpassed men 20 years ago, according to the American Heart Association. Today, heart disease is the No. 1 killer of American women, claiming more than 500,000 lives each year.

What's worse is many women don't even realize they're at risk, according to a recent survey by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The random survey revealed some startling numbers. The results showed 82 percent of women in the Magic Valley are at risk for a first heart

**Free screenings**

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will offer free screenings over the next several months to give both women and men an opportunity to learn more about their risk for heart disease and provide simple solutions to do something about those risks.

The screening process consists of registration; a finger-stick cholesterol blood test; measurement of height, weight, blood pressure and body fat analysis; and a review of the results with health care professionals, including nurses and dietitians. Participants must fast for 12 hours before their screening, meaning no food or drinks except water. This will ensure

accurate results on the cholesterol screening.

Here is a list of screening dates and locations. All screenings will be held from 7 to 11 a.m.:

- Saturday, Feb. 22, Wal-Mart, Burley.
  - Saturday, March 8, Magic Valley Mall, Twin Falls.
  - Saturday, March 22, Wal-Mart, Jerome.
  - Thursday, April 3, Eighth Street Center, Buhl.
  - Thursday, April 17, Fred Meyer, Twin Falls.
- Registration is required. To sign up or to learn more about Women's Heart Advantage, call toll-free 1-866-687-2328.

attack, but only 26 percent of those women recognize that risk,

said registered nurse Susan Courtney.

Courtney and other health professionals at Magic Valley Regional want to do something about those numbers. On Tuesday, the hospital launched a new program called Women's Heart Advantage to educate women about their hearts and help them lower their risk for heart disease.

Local women participated in the first of a number of free screenings for heart disease that will be offered at different locations around the valley over the next few months. They moved from station to station inside the lobby of Magic Valley Regional's downtown facility having their blood pressure taken, cholesterol levels measured, hopping up on the scales and getting body fat readings, receiving computerized

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## ATV restrictions top game proposals

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Expanding off-road vehicle restrictions for hunters, reining in the elk population in the Wood River valley, and building more trophy herds are among proposals the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is considering for big game hunting.

The department hosted its annual public meeting Tuesday evening in Twin Falls.

A large percentage of hunters are supportive of keeping off-road vehicles on the road — and leaving the road on foot to hunt, Fish and Game officials say.

Last year's off-road vehicle use was restricted in Unit 47 in the southern portion of Twin Falls County. Hunter feedback was positive with few reports

of people breaking the rules, said Kelson Hatch, regional conservation educator for Fish and Game.

The restriction can protect hunting quality, wildlife and the environment. The department is considering expanding the restriction to two hunting units in the Wood River Valley.

"The only two we're thinking of adding the ATV restrictions to, just for the hunters, are units 48 and 49," he said.

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## Ski giant Odmak writes about his long link with resort

By Karen Bosack  
Times-News correspondent

**SUN VALLEY** — The Viking-like jaw line and steely gray eyes of Leif Odmak are as much a part of the Sun Valley-scape as landmarks like Glassford Peak.

After all, the tall, lean, ruddy-faced ski instructor has been helping to shape the Sun Valley legend for more than half a century.

Now Odmak has set down many of his recollections in a 78-page book titled "Sun Valley Memories."

The book, which features a sketch of Odmak with a former Nordic student of his named Jackie Kennedy, is chock-full of pictures and anecdotes of Sun Valley's past.

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Leif Odmak shares a light moment with former Olympic ski racer Terry Palmer and Palmer's wife, Gretchen, in front of a statue erected in Odmak's honor. The statues were erected at the 2002 Bill Janes Celebrity Ski Race, which was themed as a tribute to local gods and goddesses of skiing.

Photo by THE TIMES-NEWS

## 'They saved my life'

### Passing motorists rescue Jerome man from Payette River

By Jonathan Brant  
The Idaho Statesman

**BANKS** — Several passing motorists worked together Sunday to save the life of a Jerome man trapped inside his pickup and submerged in the frigid waters of the Payette River.

Kurtis Hopper, 18, was driving south on Idaho Highway 55 a few miles north of Banks at about 12:30 p.m. Sunday when his pickup swerved from the road, rolled down a 40-foot slope and landed upside-down in the Payette River.

Passers-by immediately pulled to the side and began an impromptu rescue operation.

"The whole bank was lined with people ready to help," said Rob Seiber, a Boisean who was

driving directly behind Hopper and was the first to reach Hopper's submerged cab. "I can't believe the teamwork that went on."

Seiber climbed down the hill leading to the river and ran into the waist-deep water to the pickup. At least two other men and a woman followed him into the river, Seiber said.

Meanwhile, a driver who happened to see the scene called the police, Seiber said. A pre-galled woman stopped and helped direct traffic. Others scrambled to find tools to help pry open the truck. A few descended the hill and headed down the river banks to look for any people who might have been ejected from the truck.

"They saved his life," Idaho State Police Trooper Janet Murakami said. "These people, they committed true acts of altruism. It really warms my heart."

Hopper, a College of Southern Idaho student, said he didn't

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# MAGIC VALLEY

## Burley Council approves annexation of home

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-Herald Staff Writer

**BURLEY**—The request by City Councilman Dennis Curtis to annex his new house into the city limits is the first of its kind to be brought to the council since a crowd to Tuesday's council meeting.

After some arguing among council members, some frank talk by Curtis and comments from some of the 60 or so people in the audience, the council voted 4-1 to approve the annexation.

Councilman Curt Mendenhall voted against the annexation ordinance and against the motion to suspend the rules to allow the ordinance to be considered on a single reading. Curtis abstained from both votes. Councilmen Gordon Hansen, Brent Kerls and Dave Ringle and Councilwoman Adria Masoner all voted "yes" on both motions.

Curtis has asked that half the township be just bought, at 77 Van Engelen Drive, be annexed into the city limits. The township meets the annexation requirements by being contiguous to the city. It sits next to the Burley Municipal Golf Course, which is owned by the city and is in the city limits.

Curtis pulled no punches when he spoke right after the mayor

brought the matter up for discussion.

"I bought a house outside the city limits. In order to continue to serve on the City Council I have to be in the city limits," he said.

Curtis said his annexation poses no threat to his new neighbors. Those people won't be annexed by default, he said.

City officials aren't planning any other annexations in that area, Mayor Jon Anderson said.

If the annexation request had come from any other citizen than Curtis, "We'd do it," Councilman Dave Ringle said. "If it wasn't Dave Ringle it would be a done deal and no one would care."

Even though the purpose for this particular request was obvious — "It allows Mr. Curtis to stay on the council," there was no real reason to decline the request, Ringle said.

"It doesn't circumvent planning and zoning. He has no expectation of city sewer and water. There's nothing under his house. It's all open. He's decided he wants to run (for council). It adds to our tax rolls. There's no personal issue here," Mendenhall said.

Mendenhall said the city hasn't allowed post annexation in the last 10 years because the council is "trying to work for proper and orderly growth."

Mendenhall also said the matter should have gone to the planning commission before coming to the City Council, "especially" because it came from a councilman.

"I'm wondering if it's right," he said.

Hansen asked Mendenhall what annexation requests the city has denied in recent years.

"I'm not aware of any annexation requests we've turned down in my time on the council Mr. Mendenhall, can you give me a specific example?" Hansen asked.

Mendenhall didn't answer, saying he'd have to defer to the city building inspector to answer the question. "I'll put the monkey on Mr. Bryant's back," he said.

The city hasn't had any requests for annexation for about a year, the mayor said.

Ringle and Mendenhall differed over the council should respond to Curtis' request to indicate that the council was treating a councilman the same way it would treat any other citizen.

"Politicians need the same treatment as everyone else," Ringle said.

Some people in the audience questioned whether the city was really trying to annex more sites above the golf course into the city limits and just starting with Curtis' house.

Some asked what would happen when Curtis moved out of the township and the next occupant doesn't want to be in the city limits and pay the higher taxes that come with living inside the city.

Kerls and Hansen said the next owner will know the house is in the city limits and will know the taxes will be higher or the person won't buy the house.

Some people also said they thought Curtis' house would be hooked up to city sewer and water lines if it's annexed. Hansen repeatedly said the city is under no obligation to provide city services to property it annexes and no such plans are in place for this house.

The council wasn't bound by any rules as it considered the annexation request, City Attorney Randy Stone said. Because the property is contiguous to the city and the annexation was requested by the owner, the council could annex the site, he said.

As a matter of practice, some annexation issues go before the city's planning and zoning commission, but that is not a legal requirement, Stone said.

"The simple answer is the City Council can do whatever it wants," Stone said. "It's completely within the council's discretion."

## School will hold forum on education for impaired kids

**GOODING**—Public forums will be held this month to gather information to improve the education of Idaho's deaf, hard-of-hearing, blind and visually impaired children.

These forums are open to those served by the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind and public school programs throughout Idaho—parents, students, teachers, interpreters, etc. Representatives of the ISDB Parent Advisory Board and administration will be present at each forum. Sign language interpreters will be available, as will a Spanish interpreter upon request.

Information gathered will be shared with the Bureau of Special Education. The forums are an opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions.

Forums in the Magic Valley area—Region 5—will be held as follows:

- Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m., Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, 1450 Main St. in Gooding.
  - Feb. 8, 7 to 9 p.m., Outpatient Surgery Center, 1344 Hilland Ave. in Burley.
- For more information on the forums, call the local school district special education director or ISDB at 934-4457.

### Around the valley

**spokesman for Idaho Power.** Security measures continue but not at the same level as they did immediately following Sept. 11, he said.

The company says it plans to amortize about \$15,000 a month over a five-year period. The final amount will be subject to adjustment by state regulators. The action will not directly affect rates.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission authorized the power company to defer extraordinary security costs and to spread them over a five-year period beginning this year.

Security measures included posting armed guards at the Hells Canyon hydroelectric complex, electronic surveillance devices and increased security at major company facilities.

**Elko County commission will meet today, Thursday**  
ELKO, Nev. — Elko County Commission members will meet in their regular session today and Thursday in Room 105 of the courthouse.

Today's agenda includes a discussion of garbage collection for Montello; the possible formation of an advisory board in Milas; and a resolution recognizing high school football teams that excelled this past season.

Thursday the commission will discuss the continuance of issuing marriage licenses in Wells; consider a resolution banning the introduction of wolves in the county; and look at revising the county seal.

Meetings both days begin at 1:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

—compiled from staff reports

## OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0934. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

### BOISE



**Lori Brandt**

Lorraine "Lori" Kay Brandt, age 40, of Boise, Idaho, the daughter of Larry and Betty Lou McMurdie, died at her home in Boise on Thursday, January 30, 2003.

Lori was born on March 10, 1962, in Provo, Utah. She married Ray Robinson and they had four children: Chad, Michael, Casey and Ames. They were later divorced. Lori later married Gary Brandt. Lori was licensed as a Licensed Practical Nurse, graduating with highest honors. She loved quilting, cross stitching, and shopping. She surrounded her home with family photos and family heirlooms.

Lori is survived by her husband, Gary Brandt, of Boise; three sons, Chad (Amy) Robinson of Monterey, CA, Michael (Lara) Robinson of Twin Falls, ID, Casey (Cecile) Robinson of Fort St. Vrain, GA; one daughter, Ames Robinson of Eugene, OR; and three grandchildren: her parents, Larry and Betty Lou McMurdie of Twin Falls, ID; three sisters, Julie (Shane) Klund of Twin Falls, ID, Patti (Tom) Keene of Boise, ID, and Theresa Tamez of Boise, ID. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and her grandmother, Vonna McMurdie, of Buhl, ID.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents and paternal grandfather.

A celebration of Lori's life will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Fr. Robb Keller officiating. All who wish to be present are invited. Burial will be in the Sunnyside Cemetery, Twin Falls.

**JEROME**



**Jeannette Jean Della Folkman**

Jeannette Jean Della Folkman, 89, of Jerome, Idaho, died February 6, 2003, at Woodbury Health Center, Woodbury, MN. Prior to her hospitalization she had been living with her daughter, Carme, in Woodbury, MN. She was born on December 11, 1913, in Bancroft, Idaho, and was raised and educated in the Sand Springs and Wendell, Idaho. She graduated from Wendell High School and attended Boise School in Twin Falls. She was a very devoted musician in her 80's. She was active in the Jerome 1st Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served for years in the Young Women's Program. She married Kenneth Haber Folkman on August 1, 1938, in

football, basketball and track. Jay married Marie Holmes on June 6, 1944, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple and they began a wonderful life together on a farm in Declo, Idaho. They later lived on farms in Burley, Gooding and Jerome, Idaho, and also farmed in Mt. Home, Murphy, Glenn Ferry and King Hill, Idaho. They and Marie raised registered Holsteins, had a grade A dairy and established Brownview Farms. He was involved as a 4-H leader and showed livestock at numerous state and county fairs including Filer, Portland, San Francisco and Salt Lake City.

Jay was a devoted sports and sponsored, through Brownview Farms, numerous city and youth league teams, including softball, baseball, volleyball and basketball. Jay enjoyed watching these teams and received many trophies through the years. Jay was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He taught Sunday School at the Gooding Financial Clerk in addition to various other callings.

Jay is survived by his children: David (Debbie) Brown, Gooding; Dean (La Deane) Brown, Jerome; Catherine (Robert) Smith, Blackfoot; Rod (Cathy) Brown, Jerome; and Malene (Eric) Malm, Payson, Utah. Brothers: Garth Brown of Salt Lake City, and Merrill (Barbara) Brown, Mtvale, Utah.

He was preceded in death by his dear wife Marie, who died in July of 2000. Parents: Walter and Maude Besse. Brothers: Howard and Newell. Jay left a strong heritage for his 21 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 6, 2003, at 12:00 noon, in the Gooding Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1228 Main Street, Gooding, Idaho, with Bishop Andrew Lott officiating. A visitation will be held the day prior to the funeral services on Wednesday at 6-8 p.m. at the Gooding Elwood Cemetery.

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Sparks, Nevada, and they were sealed for time and eternity in the Idaho Falls Temple April 24, 1953.

Kenneth preceded her in death August 13, 1990.

She is lovingly remembered by her two children: Alan (Sharon) Folkman of Tualatin, OR and Carme (Leo) Mathis of Woodbury, MN; nine grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, two sisters, Joan DePillips of Idaho, ID, Betty Eberhart of N. Highland, CA; two brothers, Alvin Chandler of Boise, ID, and Wesley Chandler of Nampa, ID.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, Faron and Hank Chandler, and one sister, Bernice Strickland.

Funeral services will be held Friday, February 7, 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Jerome LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 825 East Avenue B, Jerome, with visitation will be held Thursday evening at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, where family and friends may call from 6-8 p.m. and again one hour prior to the services at the church on Friday. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

### RICHFIELD

#### Grace E. Edlund

Grace E. Edlund, age 81, formerly of Richfield died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Grace was born May 25, 1921, the daughter of Pete and Nell Lore Christensen. She was raised in Hollister, California. It was in the 1950's that she married Douglas Edlund. After their marriage the couple resided in Hilmar, California, for many years prior to moving to Richfield, Idaho, in 1979.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1990.

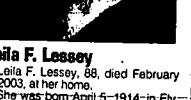
Grace enjoyed the outdoors, loved to fish, go to Jackpot, Nev., and visit with friends.

Survivors include (3) sons, Doug and Dennis Edlund, both of Filer, and Mike Edlund of Richfield; sister, Thelma Shumway of Turlock, California; and two grandchildren. In addition to her husband she was preceded in death by her daughter, Peggy Irwin, sister, Marie Rozendos and brother, Ted Christensen.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, February 7, 2003, at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel with interment following at Richfield Cemetery.

Visitation and viewing will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6th, at Demaray's Funeral Chapel in Shoshone.

### TWIN FALLS



**Laifa Lessey**

Laifa L. Lessey, 88, died February 2, 2003, at her home, Nevada, to William and Margaret (Keegan) Fielding. She was the oldest of nine children. She married Ruel C. Lessey in Blaine, Montana, on August 17, 1938. Ruel and Laifa spent their first years in Powell, Wyoming, and transferred to Rigby

and later Twin Falls, Id.

Laifa worked many years in the children's department at the Idaho Department Store. She always called it the "fun department." After her retirement she enjoyed spending time with her sisters Fern and Milt and her husband, Dick. They shared wonderful times at the Ruby Marshes in Nevada.

Laifa is survived by her daughter Sharon (Emie) Miller of Creston, Ca., son K.D. of Twin Falls, son Ken (Marc) of San Jose, Ca., and Barbara (Pat) Delmore of Twin Falls. She is also survived by grandchildren, Cheryl, Steve, Joe, Kelly, Megan and Jeremy, and great-grandchildren, Coni, Chris, Cameron, Chase, Trevor, Changel and Gabi.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers.

Family services will be held in Ely, Nevada, at a later date.

### TWIN FALLS



**Virginia Elaine Stearns**

Virginia Elaine Stearns, 75, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, February 3, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Virginia was born in Cortez, Colorado, April 15, 1927, to Glen and Anna Ruth Coppinger. She was the oldest of three children. At age 12 her mother passed away and she assumed the responsibility of raising her brother Glen and sister Edna. She received her education at the Blue Door School in Mancos, Colorado.

Virginia met and married Jim Montgomery and they headed to Idaho where they started their family of three children. They were later divorced. Virginia worked at various jobs in Twin Falls before moving the family to Bend, Oregon, for a short time. She returned to Twin Falls where she met and married J.L. (Junior) Stearns on June 6, 1954. J.L. and Virginia were active members of the LDS Church and worked many years in the church library. After J.L.'s retirement in 1982 they traveled extensively, spending time in Apache Junction Arizona, where Virginia continued to winter after J.L.'s death in 1999. Virginia's lifelong hobby was gardening and she loved flowers.

Virginia is survived by her children: Corinn (Don) O'Reilly of Columbus, GA, Otis (Chris) Stearns of Twin Falls, Id., Barbara Freeman of Stockton, Ca., and stepdaughter Sharon (Ed) Sanchez of Nampa, Id. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 6, 2003, at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel at 847 East Sunnyside Blvd. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and one hour prior to the services on Thursday at the church.

The family suggests that donations in memory be given to the American Heart Association and may be left in funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142 Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-1142.

### Idaho Power reports its post-Sept. 11 security costs

**TWIN FALLS**—Idaho Power Co. announced it will begin to amortize extraordinary costs associated with post-Sept. 11 security measures.

Security measures included posting armed guards at the company's Hells Canyon hydroelectric complex, electronic surveillance devices and increased security at major company facilities.

Total post-Sept. 11 security expenses are about \$90,000 a month, said Dennis Lopez,

## SERVICES

**H. Reed Alderson** of Twin Falls, private family burial today at Twin Falls Cemetery (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

**Florence Boyd Reed** of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

friends may call from 1-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

**Catherine Mildred Watson** Bisson Burks of Paul, celebration of life at 11 a.m. March 22 at the Paul United Methodist Church; interment at 10 a.m. March 24, at Sunner Memorial Park, Twin Falls.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Dennis S. Lehmann

**DIETRICH** — Dennis S. Lehmann, 48, of Dietrich died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

### Freda Jean Steele

**MOLLALA, Ore.** — Freda Jean Steele, 65, of Mollala, Ore., died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003.

A service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at Mollala Funeral Chapel in Mollala, Ore. The graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, in

Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

### Elizabeth Schubert

**GOODING** — Elizabeth Schubert, 76, of Gooding died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

### Emil J. Tvrdy

**TWIN FALLS** — Emil J. Tvrdy, 75, of Twin Falls and formerly of Buhl died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, in Yuma, Ariz.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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The family of Ione Loveland wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our many friends in the community for their prayers, calls, flowers and cards. There are not enough words to express how much your love and support has meant to all of us in our loss of Mom. And a special thanks to Valley Vista Assisted Living Center at Acequia for all the tender loving care they provided Mom this last year. Thanks from The Loveland Family

# Drug expert: No town is too small What to do with \$1M

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY**—There's no such thing as a town too small for drugs.

Renowned drug expert and former Los Angeles Police Department officer Frank Porra said children don't live in small towns anymore. They live in homes with Internet access.

She also noted that South Dakota is a state with a big rave problem and said people will travel long distances to get to such a party. Often license plates from other states are in the parking lot to rave.

Porra was speaking to police, health care workers, educators and other professionals Tuesday in Burley, during one of several presentations she is giving throughout the Magic Valley this week.

The most important thing is to be truthful with children: "The scariest thing just fine," Porra said. But that means adults must understand club drugs such as Ecstasy, GHB and Special K, as well.

They're drugs that are not well known by law enforcement, the medical community or even drug rehabilitation centers, Porra said.

She showed a video of a traffic stop involving a man on GHB, or

Gamma Hydroxy Butyrate. He lost control of his muscles numerous times during the traffic stop. The police officers did not know about GHB or what to look for. They did call for an ambulance but couldn't explain to the dispatcher what was wrong with the man.

GHB is a rape drug also, Porra said. Often, she said, women are arrested for driving under the influence while on GHB or find themselves in a traffic accident. When the drug wears off they realize they were raped but police think the women are just trying to get out of the ticket.

A traffic accident will not blow my underpants off," Porra said.

Ecstasy can also lead to rape because those on the drug think everything feels good, whether it be a back rub or a rape, Porra said.

Communities do need to be educated, Porra explained that butterflies represent ecstasy. She told the story of a school official who said a child literally wore wings to school two days a week. That's a sign the girl is dealing or is on Ecstasy, Porra had told the official.

At times, she said, teens date parties. "I can have hidden messages that say Ecstasy will be available. The word 'one' with 'o' and 'n' in small-case letters and 'e' capitalized can be read

**Presentations**  
More presentations by drug expert Frank Porra are scheduled this week. Porra will speak about club, designer and "date rape" drugs. The presentations are free. Parents are encouraged to bring their children.

**Twin Falls, today:**  
Seminar for professionals—10 a.m. to noon, Nazareth Church, 1231 Washington St. N.

Presentation for College of Southern Idaho students and the public—4:30-6:30 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Auditorium, 315 Falls Ave. W.

as "on E," or "on Ecstasy." Ecstasy is a backward "e" can be a clue. "If it is set apart or special in some way may be a sign the drug will be available."

Nothing at a party can be a giveaway. In southern California where temperatures are warm, people going to raves still wear long sleeves. Porra said material rubbing against the skin has a good sensation when the wearer is high on Ecstasy.

Porra noted Ecstasy and raves eliminate bullying. Fifty pills at a rave will get someone 50 new friends. But those friends won't remember you later, Porra said, and in fact they may watch you die, believing they

**Presentations**  
Presentation for the public—7:30 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Auditorium.

**Haley, Thursday:**  
Seminar for professionals—3:30 p.m., in the band room at Wood River High School.

Presentation for the public—7:30 p.m., in the auditorium at Wood River High School.

For information, call Marlene Yandley at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare office in Twin Falls, 736-2177.

should not call 911.

Club drugs, such as Ecstasy and GHB, can be right under your nose. A candy necklace can have Ecstasy pills on it, a Tootsie Roll can be softened and a pill placed inside. Even children too young to attend a rave need to know not to eat candy that they didn't unwrap themselves, Porra said.

Porra's presentation Tuesday afternoon also included a call to combat both club drugs and methamphetamine, the latter being a big problem in Minicassia, officials say.

"Communities that organize make a difference," Porra said. "We've got to do a better job with this."

## Cassia County commission reviews voter precincts

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY**—Cassia County commissioners are trying to equalize the number of voters in the three commissioners' districts and simplify voting for people in Burley.

Commissioners are considering shifting the precinct boundaries in Burley to match the established city precincts. They may move other precinct boundaries to follow physical lines on the ground.

The realignment must occur because the current district boundaries result in one commis-

sioner representing fewer people than the others. The population of District 1 is 7,150, according to the 2000 Census Bureau. District 2 has a population of 6,679, and 7,387 people live in District 3.

State law requires counties to have districts "as nearly equal in population as may be." The state also requires commissioners to form precinct boundaries that follow visible features. The county has until January 2004 to make changes, Cassia County Elections Deputy Barbara Mai said.

Precinct realignment will be discussed during the Monday

commission meeting, but county officials don't plan to make any changes right away. The Monday meeting is in the commissioners' chambers of the county courthouse and is open to the public.

"In this meeting we won't be looking for comments, rather we'll be looking at what facts already exist," Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray said.

Commissioners will request comments from county residents at a future meeting, Commissioner Dennis Crane said. Existing county precincts follow different lines than the

precincts in the city of Burley and are numbered differently. In November 2001, the last time the city and county held elections on the same day, many voters were confused by the precinct number differences. Voters had to figure out which district they were in to vote for the city council and mayor and another to vote for county issues. Many people had to go to two polling places.

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## ATV

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Fish and Game off-road vehicle restriction only governs hunters, Hatch said. It doesn't affect other off-road vehicle use.

Hunters John McClain and Karen Sanderson of Buhl said they wouldn't mind if off-road vehicle use is banned altogether. They say all-terrain vehicles have disrupted the hunting trips numerous times.

Last year, he was closing in on deer when all-terrain vehicles drove through and scared them off, Hatch said.

Trails have proliferated where there never used to be any, Sanderson said.

In other news, the department is looking at ways to increase the number of bucks in some hunting units. A favorable shot at bringing home a buck goes a long way

toward making hunters happy. Options for improving buck ratios include shorter seasons, controlled hunts, reducing the number of hunt permits, or having a two-point antler regulation.

Reducing the size of elk herds in the Wood River Valley is under consideration. Private elk feeding has supported more elk than the winter habitat can handle.

"We would like to discourage it as much as possible," said Dave Parrish, the department's regional supervisor.

Not only does it increase the risk for the spread of disease by concentrating elk into a single area, the elk often feast on garden plants and landscaping, he said. Three out of the past four years, the department has removed mountain lions that have followed elk into the valley, Parrish said.

Other proposals include:

- Expand the South Hills elk hunt from Unit 54 south of Twin Falls to Unit 55 south of Burley and consider adding a youth hunt.

- Reduce antlerless deer permits in the Smoky Mountains (Unit 49) and other units, because of herd population control.

- Hold antlerless elk hunts about a month later in the fall in the Smoky Mountains (Unit 44) from Nov. 10 to Nov. 30, to increase harvest.

- Increase the cow elk harvest in the Smoky Mountains (Units 43, 44, 48 and 49) to reduce animal numbers around feed sites.

- Expand the ether-sex elk hunt in the Smoky Mountains (Unit 43) to the entire unit.

- Open an antelope hunt in the Big Desert area (Unit 52) to all hunters. It has been for youth

only. Expanding the hunt to include part of Unit 48 south of Crook Creek Road.

- Expand the doe/fawn antelope hunt in the Owyhee-South Hills area (Unit 46) to include Unit 54 south of Twin Falls and the portion of Unit 47 east of Salmon Falls Creek.

- For bear and mountain lion seasons, no major changes are under consideration.

- Eliminate the general youth deer hunt in the eastern Magic Valley (Unit 56) and add the area to the controlled 300-permit youth hunt across the southern and western portions of the Magic Valley in Units 46, 47, 54 and 55.

Times-News writer Jennifer Sandmann can be reached at 733-0931. Ext. 237, or jsandmann@magicvalley.com

## Truck

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know what caused him to swerve from the road. He was traveling alone on his way home from a poker game. Or about how the Ram Restaurant used to attract the Ram matches so they could burn their initials into the wooden tables.

"Going to parties, I would always tell a few stories. Finally, people said to me, 'Lef, why don't you write a book?'" he recounted in his trademark Swedish accent.

Odmark became enamored with Sun Valley before he set foot in America. His first destination ski resort, thanks to the movie "Sun Valley Serenade," which he saw while playing hockey for the Swedish Viking Club in Chicago.

"I was a big fan and said, 'I've got to see that place before I go back home,'" recalled Odmark, son of a Swedish clothing manufacturer. "There was only one Sun Valley in the whole world. And it was so gorgeous, it attracted the best skiers in the world—from Austria, Germany, Norway and

the water."

"I tried, and I couldn't get out," Hopper said on Monday afternoon just before he was discharged from Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. "I guess I blacked out, and that's when I was pulled out by other people."

Seiber said he and others in the water pulled Hopper's feet until his head surfaced. Hopper's body was purple and white.

"I thought, 'Oh, God, he's dead,'" Seiber said.

"But Hopper still had life. But his eyes just came open like, 'Don't let me die,'" Seiber said.

The group pulled Hopper through the truck's broken passenger-side door window and carried him ashore, Seiber said. There, other passers-by with medical training, including a volunteer emergency medical technician, a nurse and Eagle vascular

surgeon Dr. Michael Tullis, helped stabilize him. Names of other people involved in the rescue were not available.

Hopper was taken by helicopter to Saint Luke's after a thorough examination, his injuries amounted to cuts, bruises and a fractured nose.

"I can't begin to describe what it means to me," Hopper said. "They saved my life. They got me out."

## Minidoka County School District ponders question

By Nate Johnson  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT**—By refinancing a loan for facilities improvements, the Minidoka County School District could generate \$1 million dollars, which creates a new question: How should the district distribute the money?

On Tuesday the district's Facilities Committee tackled that question. At the *Times-News* deadline the committee had made a tentative allocation. The numbers might have changed before the end of the meeting.

The committee suggested \$35,000 go to Heyburn Elementary School to remodel and enlarge the library. Workers would remove walls separating the library from two classrooms, making it bigger. The classrooms are no longer needed at the school since there are no longer sixth-graders there, said Facilities Committee Chairman Dan Lloyd.

The committee suggested \$220,000 go to West Minico Middle School to build new science rooms. The money would pay for about 1,800 square feet of lab space at the school. East Minico Middle School has lab rooms like this already.

Another \$100,000 would go to repairing sidewalks and drainage across the district. There are several places badly in need of repair, said Minidoka District Maintenance Supervisor

Theo Schut. The committee suggested \$250,000 go to combat the mold growing in Big Valley Elementary School and make architectural changes to the walls to prevent water from further seeping through the masonry. About \$100,000 would go toward architect's fees, testing and unexpected costs.

There was \$255,000 left and the committee could not decide where to put it. The old part of the Acquia Elementary School, the gym and rooms attached to it, are badly in need of remodeling. It is not clear if the entire school needs a fire extinguishing sprinkler system and a water source to supply it.

There was nowhere near enough money to make these improvements. Committee members worried that if they only made some improvements, especially to the old building, the money would be wasted. The improvements would be lost when the building was demolished. Adding to the problem, any new construction would force the school district to bring other parts of the school up to current building codes.

"It sounds like we need a separate bond issue for Acquia," said committee member Margaret Hunt. "There's no way with what we've got to solve the problem."

"There's just no middle ground here is there?" said committee member Steve Whitesides.

At press deadline the committee had written in \$295,000 for Minico High School. The money would go to building a choir room between the auditorium and the band room. Additional money would go to improving the auditorium and band room.

## Rupert tells Legislature to keep revenue sharing

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT**—The city could see a loss of revenue if a bill currently proposed in the state Legislature regarding revenue sharing is approved.

City Administrator Roger Bagley said House Bill 96 would freeze revenue sharing funds received by the city at 2002 levels. Revenue sharing constitutes nearly 9 percent of the city's general fund revenues.

Bagley said that in 2002 the

city received \$252,071.47 from the state. The revenue sharing portion was \$154,878.35.

There is also a proposal that would change the formula for how much revenue-sharing funds a city receives so that cities would not see a loss in revenue sharing with the governor's proposed 1.5-cent increase in sales tax, Bagley said.

The City Council approved a resolution asking the state Legislature to continue the revenue sharing program with no reductions.

## Heart

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assessments of their results. Nurses, dietitians and other health educators were on hand to discuss participants' results and give them advice on how to lower their risks.

"It really gives you a complete profile of your heart health," Courtney said. "We want to help women find out if they're at risk, so we want to increase awareness."

Heidi Olson, who works in advertising sales at MIX 103 radio, said she came back from vacation to find out one of her colleagues had died during winter.

"I like to pay attention to my health," Olson said as she waited for her results. "And they consult with you and give you some ideas."

Janie Draney, Magic Valley Regional's vice president of patient services, said heart disease "is perhaps the most overlooked and misunderstood

health risks."

Draney joined Courtney, Dr. Lucie DiMaggio, Dr. Reed Harris and heart attack survivor Vetta Roberts to speak about the disease that can be a silent killer of both women and men.

"The number of women who die from heart disease will continue to climb unless we take action," DiMaggio said.

Symptoms of a heart attack include uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest, pain that spreads to the shoulders, neck or arms, lightheadedness and sweating.

DiMaggio pointed out that women sometimes have different heart attack symptoms than men, such as nausea, shortness of breath and fatigue. Those experiencing symptoms should get help immediately, DiMaggio said.

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## Smoke

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group, either.

"Just yesterday I did surgery on a 45-year-old, and he really had a terrible time with bleeding," McCluskey said. The excessive bleeding was a direct result of smoking, he explained.

McCluskey emphasized that smoking affects everyone's health costs. A recent survey of his own patients revealed that 77 percent of Medicaid patients smoke, while only 22 percent of non-Medicaid patients smoke.

McCluskey said he is involved with the anti-smoking teens because he thinks their innocence and energy make them better communicators. They are also able to reach their friends more easily than adults, and it is their friends who need help in not falling prey to the habit.

The Magic Valley group reaches high school and upper elementary classrooms, but the students don't focus as much on high school classrooms, member Michelle Rohde said.

"It's harder to reach high school kids," she said.

United States in 1970. It meant giving up his position as one of the highest-paid instructors in Sun Valley's Ski School, but it seemed a natural for him.

He had grown up skiing to school in his hometown of Jared, Sweden. As a young man, he had raced and jumped for the Swedish national team. He skied during World War II for the Norwegian underground and, after moving to Sun Valley, had maintained his passion for the sport, sking 24 miles on occasion to the old mining town of Galena.

Long before there was a groomed trail like the Harriman Trail. He blew away American skiers at a tryout for the U.S. Nordic ski team in 1943, only to be denied a spot on the team because the team had been picked before his tryout.

And he coached the 1952 U.S. Olympic Nordic team to its most successful Olympic showing until 1976, when Bill Korb burst on the scene. His training regimen included having the Olympians race Sun Valley's pet antelope

and clear cut what is now the Olympic ski trail on Baldy.

As director of Sun Valley's fledgling Nordic school, Odmark conducted day-long ski tours in the Galena area. He arranged for groups to be flown by helicopter into the isolated Deer's Bedstead area.

And he opened a Nordic center on the Sun Valley Golf Course and conducted free lessons for senior citizens, disabled people and school kids.

"He was so enthusiastic to have people try another aspect of skiing," recalled Bob Jones, former operator of Sun Valley Trekking. "And he was such a good model for it. He was like some kind of Nordic god, yet utterly a gentleman ambassador. He had a European style of appreciation of etiquette and manners and was so articulate and passible about the sport of Nordic skiing."

Yod'd be hard-pressed to find another Lef Odmark, agreed Ansel Klumpp, a former schoolteacher who helped Odmark pen his memoirs. "He's a very determined positive, per-

sonable, likable man—a real gentleman. The type of person that is disappearing in our world today."

Two years after undergoing surgery on both knees, Odmark took his downhill and cross-country every day during winter. He lives in a redwood home north of Ketchum customized with European-style wall paintings by the late Sun Valley ski instructor, Florian Hamner.

He presides over an annual Nordic/d downhill combined race named in his honor. And he continues to follow the competitive aspects of the sport.

While no longer a paid employee of Sun Valley, Odmark remains one of the resort's best ambassadors.

"I love this place. I've traveled all over the world, signed all over the world, and there's no other place that has such great Nordic skiing and downhill skiing back to back. It's a sophisticated area with a beautiful climate, the best scenery in the world. Sun Valley is like a little pearl. You can't help but want to come back."





## Make Valentine's Day sweet

*Homemade treats are a great way to make your feelings clear*

**Family Features**

\* Fancy, frill Valentine's Day greeting cards  
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\* A bouquet of deep red roses

All of these are wonderful ways to say 'I love you' on Valentine's Day. But even better is to send your Valentine message in a more unique way ... with something lusciously creamy ... something irresistibly sweet ... something you made yourself.

Like tartslets with an almond-scented vanilla filling ... dark, rich chocolate brownies, some with the ruby kisses of tart, red raspberry ... toothsome truffles in chocolate, amaretto or rum ... thin, sweet crepes rolled around creamy chocolate and served with a scattering of fresh fruit.

Happily, you don't have to spend all day creating these Valentine confections. With a little help from sweetened condensed milk, you can make the creamiest truffles, the richest brownies, the most flavorful tartslets and the tenderest filled crepes. Sweetened condensed milk makes it easy to create sweet memories in minutes.

What better way to say 'Be mine, Valentine!'

**Valentine Tarts**

Prep Time: 5 minutes  
Chilling Time: 1 hour  
Makes 12 servings

1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)

2/3 cup milk Few drops vanilla or almond extract

1 (4-serving size) package instant vanilla pudding mix

4 ounces (one-half 8-ounce container) frozen whipped topping, thawed

2 (4-ounce) packages single serve graham cracker pie crusts

1. In large mixing bowl, combine sweetened condensed milk, milk and vanilla extract.

2. With mixer, beat in pudding mix. Fold in whipped topping.

3. Spoon into pie crusts. Cover and chill at least 1 hour. Garnish as desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

**Chocolate Cream Crepes**

Prep Time: 10 minutes plus assembling  
Chilling Time: 15 minutes  
Makes 5 servings

1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)

1/4 cup cold water

1 (4-serving size) package instant chocolate pudding mix

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder

1 cup whipping cream, whipped

1 (4 1/2-ounce) package ready-to-use crepes (10 crepes)

Sifted powdered sugar

1 1/2 cups sliced or cut up fresh fruit, such as strawberries, peaches, nectarines and/or kiwi fruit

White chocolate curls, optional

4. With mixer, beat sweetened condensed milk and water in large bowl. Beat in pudding mix and cocoa powder. Fold in whipped cream. Cover and chill 15 minutes.

5. Pipe or spoon a generous 1/3 cup filling into center of each crepe. Roll up each crepe. Place on serving plate.



**Brownie Raspberry Bars** are bite-sized bits of joy.

Sprinkle with powdered sugar.  
3. Spoon fruit over crepes. Garnish with white chocolate if desired.

**Brownie Raspberry Bars**

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Bake Time: 20 minutes

Chilling Time: 1 hour

Makes 36 to 48 bars

1 cup (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips

1/4 cup margarine or butter

2 cups biscuit baking mix

1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup chopped nuts

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1/2 cup confectioner's sugar

1/2 cup red raspberry preserves

Red food coloring, optional

Chocolate Drizzle

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In small saucepan, over low heat, melt chips with margarine.

2. In large mixer bowl, combine melted chips, biscuit mix, sweetened condensed milk, egg and vanilla; mix well. Stir in nuts. Turn into well-greased 15x10-inch baking pan.

3. Bake 20 minutes or until center is set. Cool thoroughly. In small mixer bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, preserves and food coloring, if desired, until smooth; spread over brownies. Garnish with Chocolate Drizzle. Cut into bars. Store covered in refrigerator.

Chocolate Drizzle: Melt 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips with 1 tablespoon shortening. Immediately drizzle over bars.

**Double Chocolate Valentine Brownies**

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Bake Time: 35 minutes

Makes 12 (3-inch) hearts

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour, divided

1/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup (1 stick) cold butter or margarine

1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)

1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract



1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1 (8-ounce) milk chocolate bar, broken into chunks

3/4 cup chopped nuts (optional)

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 13x9-inch baking pan with foil; set aside.

2. In medium bowl, combine 1 cup flour and sugar; cut in butter until crumbly. Press firmly on bottom of prepared pan. Bake 15 minutes.

3. In large bowl, beat sweetened condensed milk, cocoa, egg, remaining 1/4 cup flour, vanilla and baking powder. Stir in chocolate chunks and nuts. Spread over baked crust. Bake 20 minutes or until set.

4. Cool. Use foil to lift out of pan. For hearts, cut with heart-shaped cookie cutter or, with knife, cut around waxed paper heart shape. Or cut into bars. Decorate with icing or gels if desired. Store tightly covered at room temperature.



**Vanilla Tarts** are a Valentine's treat.

## Local expert offers more recipes

By Sandra Wisecaver  
Times-News correspondent

**BUHL** — A new collection of tried-and-true recipes is now available in a third cookbook by a Buhl award-winning cook. The title: "Still More Unbearably Delicious Recipes of Irma Haley, Her Family and Friends."

Haley got into the cookbook business for a "selfish reason," she said: "When I went to the kitchen to cook for a potluck or to entertain, I spent more time hunting my recipes than I did cooking. So that's when I started putting them in order and thinking about a cookbook."

In 1983, she published the "Unbearably Delicious Recipes of Irma Haley, Her Family and Friends," featuring many of her mother and aunt's traditional recipes. In 1993, "More Unbearably Delicious Recipes of Irma Haley, Her Family and Friends" was published.

The new book contains every-

thing from appetizers, soups and salads to main dishes, breads, cookies and candy.

Raised on a farm near Buhl, Haley graduated from Buhl High School and continued her education at Linfield College in Oregon. She married J. Roy Haley on Dec. 31, 1940, and the couple farmed near Castleford for 50 years. In 1957, Irma went back to school to get her bachelor's degree in home economics and taught at the Castleford school while studying for her master's degree, which she received in 1971 from the University of Idaho. She retired from teaching in 1976. In 1990, the couple left the farm and moved to Buhl, where they have remained except for a four-year tenure serving in the ministry of the First Baptist Church of Rupert.

She dedicated her new cookbook to her family, "who were very patient as they endured many culinary experiments."

**IRMA'S RECIPES**

Irma says, "This recipe was given to me by a wonderful friend, Pat Saudé. She knows a good cake when she bakes one."

**CHOCOLATE-CHOCOLATE CHIP BUNDT CAKE**

1 chocolate cake mix (I prefer Duncan Hines)

1 small (3 ounce) box instant chocolate pudding

1 cup sour cream

4 eggs

3/4 cup vegetable oil

3/4 cup water

3/4 to 1 cup chocolate chips

Place all ingredients, except chips, into large bowl and beat until well mixed. Add and fold in chips. Place in a well-prepared (lightly greased and floured) Bundt pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes or until tests done with wooden pick. Serves about 12 to 14.

— From Haley's friend, Pat Saudé

**Local cookbook**

"Still More Unbearably Delicious Recipes of Irma Haley, Her Family and Friends" Available: West End Senior Citizens' Center, 1101 Main in Buhl; Kitchen Magic in the Lynwood in Twin Falls. Costs: \$10. Mail orders: Irma Haley, 603 Eighth Ave. N., Buhl, ID 83318 (include additional \$2.50 per book for shipping).

**DALLAS DIP**

2 tomatoes, diced  
1 bunch green onions, chopped  
1 small can-chopped green chiles  
1 small can sliced ripe olives  
1/2 cup nacho sliced jalapenos (canned)  
1 small can tomato sauce  
2 avocados, diced  
1/4 cup vinegar  
1 1/2 tablespoons oil

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Buhl's Irma Haley, an award-winning cook, works on a tasty creation.



## FOOD &amp; HOME

# The Foreman phenomenon:

The boxer's counter-top contact grill is a cultural icon

By Sylvia Rector  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

George Foreman's grill may not have the snob appeal of, say, the Sub-Zero refrigerator, but give it its due. What other kitchen appliance gets called by its first name, referred to as a member of the family or taken on summer vacation in

the of travel trailer?

"If there were any doubts that the Foreman grill is a bona fide American icon, they vanished for me amid all the e-mails and letters we received after I asked readers to send me their favorite George recipes, anecdotes and cooking advice."

As a recent convert to the quick-cooking, fat-draining con-

tact grill, I hoped for a few pointers.

But what I got was much more — a peek into the kitchens of real Americans, a taste of what we're really eating for dinner on busy weeknights and an entertaining glimpse into a cultural and culinary phenomenon.

People from all walks of life

bring it to work, take it on trips, treat it as their diet crunch, make up recipes for it, teach the kids to cook on it, give it as gifts and generally sing its praises.

If you have a Foreman, or another brand of contact grill, check out the quick, tasty recipes, along ideas from a few Foreman fans.

And even if you aren't one of the Foremanized, we think you'll enjoy meeting these folks who love cookin' with George.

## Don't ruin grilled food by overcooking

Knight Ridder Newspapers

What's the secret to success with a contact grill? Don't ruin your food by overcooking.

Most foods — especially meats — cook almost twice as fast as they do on the stovetop because the grill's heating surfaces are in direct contact with both sides of the food, cooking it from the top and bottom simultaneously. Until

you get the hang of it, check early and often for doneness. Some of the best recipes are also the simplest, like the one former heavyweight champ George Foreman described in a recent all-time favorite.

He seasons a salmon steak with lemon pepper and garlic powder, cooks it in the Foreman grill for 3.5 minutes, wipes the cooking sur-

faces clean and grills a split bagel until it's heated through. Spread some low-fat cream cheese on the bread, lay the grilled salmon on top, you've got a great breakfast sandwich.

"If I could eat anything, that's the one thing I want," he said.

Below are several more quick and delicious dishes recommended by grill users or featured in the "George Foreman

Lean Mean Fat Reducing Grilling Machine Cookbook" (Pascoe Publishing, \$19.95), by George Foreman and Connie Merydith. The book includes not only recipes but good general guidance on the use and care of Foreman grills. The soft-cover book is sold with some grill models; major bookstores can also order it if it's not in stock.

### FAVORITE FOREMAN GRILL RECIPES

**garlic and black pepper.**  
Dip each tenderloin into the soyinger sauce and place it on the grill. Spoon 1 tablespoon of the sauce over each tenderloin. Grill, with the lid closed, for 4 to 6 minutes or according to your preference.

**Makes 4 servings.**  
From "The George Foreman Lean Mean Fat Reducing Grilling Machine Cookbook" by George Foreman & Connie Merydith (Pascoe Publishing, \$19.95).  
Tested by Susan Selasky for the Detroit Free Press Test Kitchen.  
Per serving: 246 calories (29 percent from fat), 8 grams fat (3 grams sat. fat), 4 grams carbohydrate, 38 grams protein, 616 mg sodium, 113 mg cholesterol, 30 mg calcium, 1 gram fiber.

**CAJUN RUBBED RED SNAPPER**  
Nonstick cooking spray  
1/2 teaspoon paprika  
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon onion powder  
1 tablespoon fresh parsley, washed, patted dry, finely minced  
4 red snapper fillets (6 ounces each)  
Lightly spray the grill with the cooking spray and preheat it for 5 minutes.

In a small plastic bag, mix the paprika, cayenne pepper, salt, onion powder and parsley. Shake well and pour the mix onto a shallow plate.  
Pat the fillets into the rub and turn them to cover thoroughly. Grill the snapper, with the grill lid closed, for 3 to 5 minutes or until the fish flakes easily.

**Makes 4 servings.**  
From "The George Foreman Lean Mean Fat Reducing Grilling Machine Cookbook" by George Foreman & Connie Merydith (Pascoe Publishing, \$19.95).  
Tested by Susan Selasky for the Detroit Free Press Test Kitchen.  
Per serving: 167 calories (13 percent from fat), 2 grams fat (0 grams sat. fat), 1 gram carbohydrate, 34 grams protein, 220 mg sodium, 60 mg cholesterol, 55 mg calcium, 0 grams fiber.

**TURKEY BURGERS WITH CRANBERRY GLAZE**  
Nonstick cooking spray  
1 pound lean ground turkey

1 egg white  
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
1 clove garlic, peeled, minced  
1 teaspoon black pepper  
1/2 cup canned, jellied cranberry sauce  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
4 whole wheat hamburger buns, split  
4 romaine lettuce leaves, washed, patted dry  
1/4 cup walnuts, finely chopped  
Lightly spray the grill with the cooking spray and preheat it for 5 minutes.

In a large bowl, combine the turkey, egg white, Worcestershire sauce, garlic and black pepper. Shape the mixture into 4 burgers; set aside.

In a small saucepan combine the cranberry sauce and lemon juice and heat the mixture until it is smooth.  
Place the turkey burgers on the grill and smooth 1 tablespoon of the glaze over each. Close the grill lid. Grill for 4 minutes. Open the grill and spoon sauce over each patty again. Grill 3 to 4 minutes.

To serve, place the buns on individual plates. Put one lettuce leaf on one half of the bun, place the turkey burger over that, spoon additional sauce over the patty and sprinkle the chopped walnuts over it.

**Makes 4 servings.**  
From "The George Foreman Lean Mean Fat Reducing Grilling Machine Cookbook" by George Foreman & Connie Merydith (Pascoe Publishing, \$19.95).  
Tested by Susan Selasky for the Detroit Free Press Test Kitchen.  
Per serving: 351 calories (35 percent from fat), 14 grams fat (3 grams sat. fat), 38 grams carbohydrate, 21 grams protein, 350 mg sodium, 67 mg cholesterol, 77 mg calcium, 4 grams fiber.

**CHICKEN CHEESE QUESADILLAS**  
Nonstick cooking spray  
1 boneless and skinless chicken breast, washed, patted dry  
4 flour tortillas  
1 cup shredded low-fat cheddar cheese  
2 tablespoons chopped green onion  
1/2 cup mild tomato salsa  
Lightly spray the grill with nonstick spray and preheat for 5 minutes.

Grill the chicken breast for 7 minutes, or until fully cooked.

## Let leaves work for your garden

**DEAR CATHY:** I was reading somewhere that leaves have some food value for my soil. And that it would be good to turn some over into the flower beds. I would like your opinion. Also, is there still food value in them after they've been lying in the yard all winter? Your information will be greatly appreciated.

**SIGNEE BAFFLED**  
**DEAR BAFFLED:** Think of a leaves as a tea bag. When you make your first cup of tea, it is strong, rich and dark. By the time you make the tenth cup of tea, the liquid in your cup is barely colored. No self-respecting tea-drinker would ever do that, but we're making an analogy here. After the tenth cup of tea, if you put that same well-used tea bag on a linen napkin, you can bet that it will leave a stain. There is still some good stuff in it.

Even when you don't see color from the tea bag, the "used-up" tea leaves will be beneficial. Now let's switch back to the leaves in your yard.

Leaves and other organic matter are good for the soil. Even when they've been rained and snowed-on all winter. They can still make "weak tea." In fact, "Barnyard tea" is what we call layers of manure, leaves and whatever else you've got all piled up on the garden. When those wonderful components are laid upon a garden plot and left to percolate all winter, they impart a lovely elixir with no help from you.

Between now and spring, if a day comes when the snow melts and it's dry enough that you want to be doing something, rake the



leaves up and lay them on top of the garden soil. Don't try to work them in. The soil will be too wet, and you'll end up with chunky soil. Remember never to walk on the beds — especially when the soil is wet. You'll squish all the air out and find you have concrete there next summer.

The leaves will continue to decompose the rest of the winter. Every time they get wet they'll drip nutrients into the soil below. If they haven't completely disappeared next spring, turn the soil over and work what's left of the leaves into the beds. Their cellular skeletons will still do good things for your soil. Think of the leaf cell skeletons as microscopic sponges.

Long after we've seen the last of the leaves, their cells continue to work. The used-up skeletons hold soil particles apart, allowing water and air circulation in clay soils. Those same skeletons attract and hold some water, which is good in sandy soil.

That was a good question. A lot of other gardeners have probably wondered about that same thing. Thanks for writing.

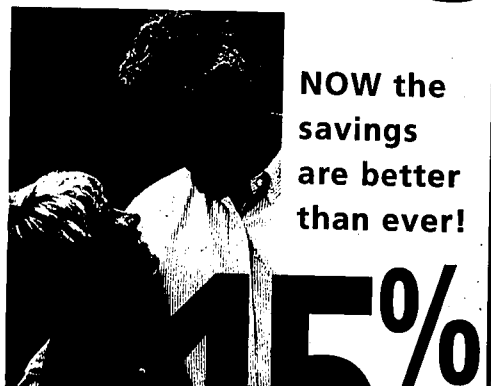
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**FRENCH TOAST**  
Jay Richley of Dearborn, Mich., tries all sorts of foods on his Foreman, and this French Toast is a winner.  
8 slices (about 1 inch thick)  
French or Italian bread  
3 eggs  
1/4 to 1/2 cup 2-percent milk or half-and-half  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Dash of cinnamon  
Dash of nutmeg  
1 teaspoon sugar  
Dash of salt  
Maple syrup, honey or raspberry jam, optional  
A few hours before making or the night before, beat the bread slices out to dry slightly.  
When you're ready to cook, in a shallow dish or pie plate, whisk together the eggs, half-and-half, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and sugar.  
Preheat the grill for 5 minutes. While the grill is preheating, and working in batches, soak the bread slices in the egg mixture. Grill the bread, with lid closed, about 4 to 5 minutes or until the bread is golden brown on both sides. Serve with your favorite syrup, honey or jam.  
Makes 4 servings.  
From Jay Richley, Dearborn, Mich.  
Tested by Susan Selasky for the Detroit Free Press Test Kitchen.  
Per serving: 233 calories (24 percent from fat), 6 grams fat (2 grams sat. fat), 32 grams carbohydrate, 10 grams protein, 405 mg sodium, 161 mg cholesterol, 84 mg calcium, 2 grams fiber.

**QUICK AND EASY PORK TENDERLOIN**  
4 pork tenderloins (6 to 8 ounces each)  
Nonstick cooking spray  
1/4 cup reduced sodium soy sauce  
2 teaspoons ground ginger  
4 green onions, ends removed, washed  
1 clove garlic, peeled, chopped  
5 teaspoons black pepper  
Remove all the visible fat from the tenderloin.  
Spray the grill with the cooking spray and preheat it for 5 minutes.  
In a flat glass dish combine the soy sauce, ginger, green onions,

FOOD & HOME

# Chili chases the winter cold away

The Baltimore Sun

One cure for winter's chill is a steaming bowl of spicy chili. A pot simmering on the kitchen stove can bring almost instant relief from the seemingly unending cold and snow in some regions.

There are many variations on this dish that food writers Jane and Michael Stern called America's "one truly shared national food." To illustrate how versatile this dish is, the Sterns collected recipes from every state and put them in their book *Chili Nation* (Broadway Books, 1999, \$12.95).

The recipes include the famous Texas Red, the Cincinnati Five Way served over spaghetti, green chili from New Mexico and a Chesapeake Bay Chili with shrimp and crab meat.

But what's the key to a really great bowl of chili?

There are nearly as many answers as there are chili experts, and considering there are thousands of people who participate in chili cook-offs around the country each year, that's a lot of opinions.

Alan Dean, executive director of the Chili Appreciation Society International, a nonprofit group that sanctions chili cook-offs throughout the country, approaches a bowl of chili the way an oenophile approaches a glass of wine.

Dean, who lives in Bel Air, Md., says when he judges contests he looks for chili in which "The heat kind of blossoms in the back of your throat."

There are five criteria for chili in a cook-off — color, aroma, consistency, taste and aftertaste.

"Each of these is pretty much subjective," Dean says.

Most of the chili created by competitive cooks is the Texas Red, although in recent years green chili, made with green chile peppers and either pork or chicken, has been gaining popularity.

"It's better for all-around eating," says Kathy Stewart of Loma Linda, Calif., who won the top prize for her green chili in the International Chili Society's World Championship Cookoff in October.

But whether chili's green or red, most aficionados say a good bowl starts with quality meat. Forget ground beef and, for heaven's sake, the beans. Real chili — at least in competitions — never has beans.

The preferred cut of meat for red-chili lovers is chuck roast. Joel Gregory, editor of *Chili Pepper* magazine and a chili-competitor judge, says it's important the meat be cut into 1/4-inch cubes — any larger and the spices cannot permeate the meat, any smaller and the meat becomes grainy.

He also says the spices should be fresh, not more than 3 months old.

A bowl of competitive chili can have 14 kinds of chili powders, and competitors all seem to have their favorite brands and combinations. Nevertheless, most agree the flavor is not about how hot the chili is.

"It's a balancing of each of the spices so that nothing stands out," Dean says.

"You don't want something blazingly hot," adds Jim Parker, one of the founders of the Hard Times Cafe restaurant chain, which has chili parlors in Columbia, Md., and Laurel, Md.

"There has to be a little tang to it that makes it something different than spaghetti sauce."

And then there's the actual cooking. "It's about a three-hour, three-stage process," Gregory says.

In the first hour the meat is braised and cooked in chicken or



Kelly Baker, left, and Amy Pearson dish up chili for an annual cook-off in St. Henry, Ohio, Jan. 24. Chili is always popular in the cold of winter.

beef stock. A few condiments are added, but usually not the chili powder, which tends to disintegrate if cooked too long. In the second stage, more spices and chile peppers are added. In the last half hour, the most delicate spices are put into the pot.

Al Nappo, corporate chef for the Austin Grill, says it's important not to rush the cooking time. "The trick is making sure you give it plenty of time to simmer."

While competitive chili cooks in three hours, he suggests four hours on low heat.

The pot should be heavy to avoid scorching, advises Parker, who is a competitive chili cook. Most cook-off competitors choose Calphalon, he says.

And for a really great bowl of competition chili, you'll need to take into consideration elevation, temperature and how much beer the judges have been drinking.

Says Ron Burt of Lancaster, Calif., who won \$25,000 in the International Chili Society's cook-off.

He considers the weather and adjusts his seasonings accordingly.

## CHILI RECIPES

### CHILLI CHILI

2 1/2 pounds meat, either chili ground or small cubes  
1/2 teaspoon Gunpowder Foods Hot Stuff  
3 1/2 tablespoons Gunpowder Foods Red Chile Pepper (divided use)  
2 tablespoons granulated onion (divided use)  
2 teaspoons granulated garlic (divided use)  
1/2 tablespoon paprika  
1/2 teaspoon jalapeno powder (divided use)  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt (divided use)

1/2 can Swanson chicken broth (low salt)  
1/2 can beef broth  
8 ounces tomato sauce  
1/4 teaspoon white pepper  
1/8 teaspoon oregano (Mexican)  
2 teaspoons beef crystals (or 2 cubes)  
1 teaspoon chicken crystals  
1 teaspoon ancho chile pepper powder  
1/2 teaspoon ground serrano  
6 tablespoons chili powder  
4 teaspoons cumin (divided use)  
1 pack Sazon Goya seasoning  
1 teaspoon mild chili powder  
Brown meat in Hot Stuff and 1/2 tablespoons Gunpowder Foods Red Chile Pepper. Add 1 tablespoon granulated onion, 1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic, 1/2 teaspoon paprika, 1/2 tablespoon Gunpowder Foods Red Chile Pepper, 1/4 teaspoon jalapeno powder, 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Barely cover with water and beef broth and cook for 1 hour at a very slow boil. Add tomato sauce, remaining 1/2 tablespoon granulated onion, white pepper, oregano, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, beef and chicken crystals, remaining 1/2 tablespoon of Gunpowder Foods Red Chile Pepper, ancho and serrano and cook for 1 1/2 hours. Add chili powder, 3 1/2 teaspoons cumin, remaining garlic, Sazon Goya, remaining jalapeno powder and remaining salt and cook for 25 minutes. Add mild chili powder and remaining cumin and cook for 5 minutes.

Makes 1/2 gallon

**KATHOUSE GREEN CHILI**  
1 pound hot green chiles, chopped

1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground white pepper  
1 teaspoon celery salt  
1/2 tablespoon chili powder  
1 pound fresh crabmeat, picked over  
2 eggs, hard cooked and sliced  
cooked white rice  
In a skillet or saucepan, melt the butter and saute the scallions and celery until soft. Add the shrimp and saute until pink. In a small bowl, combine the cream and milk and stir in the flour until smooth.  
Add the cream mixture to the skillet along with the salt, pepper, celery salt and chili powder. Stir and cook over low heat until the mixture thickens. Gently stir in the crabmeat and eggs. Serve at once; this chili does not improve with age. Serve on white rice.  
Serves 6.

### TEXAS CHILI

7 pounds chuck-eye roast  
1/2 cup olive oil plus more for rubbing  
2 pounds yellow onion, diced  
1/4 cup minced garlic  
3/4 cup pure chili powder  
1 tablespoon cayenne pepper  
4 tablespoons cumin  
3 tablespoons oregano  
2 teaspoons kosher salt  
12 ounces amber beer  
can of chicken stock as needed  
3.5 ounces chipotles en adobo, pureed  
3/4 cup yellow cornmeal  
Slice chuck roast in 2-inch steaks, trimming all excess fat. Rub with olive oil. Grill over wood fire until medium-rare to medium. Allow to cool, then cut the steaks into 1/2-inch cubes. Heat olive oil in large stock pot and saute onions and garlic over low heat until they are extremely soft, stirring occasionally, about 12 minutes. Add grilled cubed meat to onions and garlic. Add all dry seasoning and saute over medium heat for 10 minutes.  
Add beer and chicken stock to cover meat by 2 inches. Simmer on low until meat is tender to the bite, about 1 1/2 hours.  
When meat is tender, add pureed chipotles and stir until well blended. Slowly whisk cornmeal into chili a little at a time until surface oil on chili is absorbed. Simmer for 20 minutes more.  
Makes 1 gallon

### CHESAPEAKE BAY CHILI

2 tablespoons butter  
1/4 cup chopped scallions  
1 cup chopped celery  
1 pound medium shrimp  
1 cup heavy cream  
1/2 cup whole milk  
1 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
Makes 1 gallon

## Americans still don't get enough fruits, vegetables

The Produce for Better Health Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is urging Americans to brighten their plates by eating fruit and vegetables in a variety of colors.

Although nutritionists have been saying for years that we should eat more fruit and vegetables, 80 percent of Americans do not eat the recommended five servings a day.

The "5 a Day the Color Way" campaign is designed to encourage people "to eat their colors" by selecting fruit and vegetables from each of the color groups: blue/purple, green, white, yellow/orange and red. The campaign will include television and radio commercials, print ads, school programs and a partnership with Crayola.

To find out more, visit [www.5aday.com](http://www.5aday.com).

### Solving for pie

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### Compadres for cooks

Looking for a friend who can give you ideas about what to cook for dinner? Then meet "Becky," a recipe expert who is available to that night or day.

In real life, she is an interactive program called "RecipeBuddie" that can be summoned through instant messaging on AOL or MSN Instant Messenger. Type in food items or even your mood, and she'll come up with menu suggestions.

To converse with Becky, send an instant message to RecipeBuddie. —Compiled from wire reports

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A vaulted, hexagonal great room, windowed on three sides, is at the core. Two sets of sliding glass doors in the center section provide deck access and allow cooling breezes for air circulation in summer. When the weather turns gray and cloudy, you can kindle a fire in the fireplace and watch the flames.

The kitchen is large, with plenty of counter and cupboard space. Two or more cooks can work together in this kitchen, without getting in each other's way. Standing at the kitchen sink, or in front of the stove, you can gaze across the great room for full enjoyment of the panoramic view. Washer and dryer are close at hand, in an angled utility room equipped

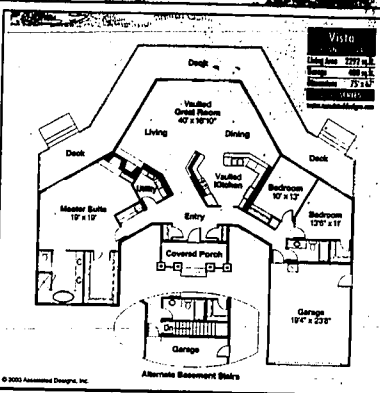


with a sink.

The master suite is well-isolated from the secondary bedrooms and boasts its own fireplace and sitting area. Other luxuries include a huge walk-in closet and a private bathroom with twin lavs, spa tub, oversized shower and separately enclosed water closet. Glass blocks over the tub provide natural illumination.

The Vista's other two bedrooms share a bathroom. One of the rooms is larger than the other and has a walk-in closet.

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## Supplemental humidifiers make a difference

**DEAR JIM:** The air in my house gets very dry during the winter even with a furnace-mounted humidifier. I get static shocks from whatever I touch. Will also using some smaller humidifiers help and which types are best?

-SUE W.

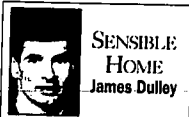
**DEAR SUE:** Using a furnace-mounted whole-house humidifier can be effective, but it is often wise to supplement it with one or several smaller portable room-size units. A furnace-mounted humidifier operates only when the furnace is running, so on milder days, it may not produce constant, even humidity.

There is a proper humidity level range for a home. In this range, you can set your furnace thermostat lower for energy savings and still be comfortable. If too humid, windows sweat, mold forms and dust mites thrive. If it is too dry, it is uncomfortable and unhealthy microbes may grow.

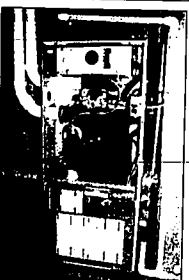
The proper indoor humidity level also varies with the outdoor temperature. Generally, as the outdoor temperature drops, you should lower the indoor humidity.

For homes without a furnace-mounted humidifier, there are high-capacity freestanding models available. These are usually console styles that produce enough moisture to adequately humidify up to a 3,000-square-foot home.

Moisture has a natural tendency to migrate throughout a



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Portable room-size humidifiers can help the main unit keep a house's air at a consistent level.

house. In your home, it sounds like adding a couple smaller portable models is your best choice. There are many designs

and styles from which to choose at home centers. You will probably want different types for different rooms, such as a quiet one for a bedroom.

Evaporative humidifiers are one of the most effective designs. With this design, a large wick (very porous pad) rests in a water reservoir. The water is drawn into it by a natural wicking action and a small internal fan blows air through it. Some models also include an air cleaner to remove allergens.

Evaporative models are easy to clean by lifting off the top and removing the wick. Periodic cleaning is important to eliminate mold and microbes. Some wicks are replaceable and others are washable. Consider selecting a model that uses a wick made of an antimicrobial material.

Another effective type is a warm mist humidifier. These boil the water so bacteria and viruses are not a concern and combine its output with room air to cool it. The exterior stays cool so they are safe around children. Since it heats the water, this type uses more electricity than some others.

Cool mist humidifiers use a mechanical action to produce the water vapor. A fast-moving

impeller throws the water into a screen to create the fine water droplets. You may find a white dust on nearby surfaces in hard water areas. Ultrasonic models are quiet, but you may also find some white dust.

Write for (instantly) download - [www.duley.com](http://www.duley.com)) Update Bulletin No. 649 - buyer's guide of 10 humidifier manufacturers listing types, styles, moisture outputs, water capacity, features, prices, sizing and window condensation charts. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Duley, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244.

## Robust Belgian beers brew up controversy

By Barry Schachter  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Chimay, the Trappist Abbey-brewed Belgian beer, received a deservedly glowing report in The New York Times. Unfortunately, it hasn't been all good news lately for the Abbaye de Notre Dame de Scourmont and other Trappist communities brewing strong beer.

The Times missed the story that the French government wants to slap higher taxes on beer that contains more than 8.5 percent alcohol, and that includes a lot of the famously robust Abbey beers of Belgium. France is the biggest export market for Chimay's production.

According to the BBC, the Trappist brews see the French move as being against the spirit of the European free-trade market. If enacted, it could double the retail price of a bottle of ale and collectively cost the abbey's hefty \$2.63 million. Much of Chimay's profits go to the abbey's upkeep and to good works.

The proposal was announced at the end of 2002 as an anti-alcoholism measure, yet French wine - with a stronger alcoholic content than Trappist beer and already taxed at a lower rate - is not affected in the same way, the BBC reports.

Chimay and the five other Trappist brewing abbeys have asked the European Union to investigate. Meanwhile, some of Belgium's big commercial brewers already have watered down their beers to avoid the higher tax.

Texans are in a good position to commiserate with the

Chimay monks.

Last summer, the Lone Star State quietly became the first place outside of countries neighboring Belgium to get the abbey's Cinq Cents ale in kegs.

At \$5.50 a goblet at some draft-beer mecca, the hazy golden triple ale is one of the pricier tip-ple and, therefore, not one of the more popular brands.

But if my friend Jim's reaction, taken down verbatim, is any indication, you might want to make the investment when the stock market recovers.

"I like this a lot. It's smooth."

Another sip.

"This is terrific. I can drink a lot of this."

A third.

"Really nice," he said, drawing out the phrase. "I like it a lot. I give it a four-star."

The thick creamy head left a dainty lacework around the chalice-shaped glass. The beer had a very pleasant citrus flavor and aroma, a well-married hop-malt balance and a welcome sweet, but not too sweet, finish.

Unlike what the French want to add taxes on, this one slips under the barrier at 8 percent alcohol.

Cinq Cents and other Chimay varieties have long been available in liquor stores and specialty supermarkets with large beer selections.

The monks knew their priorities. According to beer authority Roger Protz, they completed the brewery two years before constructing their abbey in 1864. Cinq Cents, also known as Chimay Triple, was introduced only in 1965 to mark the 500th anniversary of the town of Forges-les-Chimay. Not a moment too soon.

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# FOOD & HOME



As in this cocoon and kidney bean dish, beans can provide a hearty taste.

## Becoming a bean believer

By Emily Green  
Los Angeles Times

I've always hated beans. Black beans, cranberry beans, kidney beans and, most especially, lima beans. I didn't care that beans were, arguably, the world's most important food crop. I hated them anyway, right up until one dark and windy night about a month ago.

A succession of rainstorms were predicted for Los Angeles. I was expecting a house guest who, given the weather and airline schedules, might be late by hours, or days. What to have on the stove? Nothing seemed quite right, not roasts, not braises, certainly not grills.

Flipping through my most trusted cookbooks, I found "Memories of Gascony," the unutterably wistful 1990 book about the cooking of the grandmother of the great French chef Pierre Koffmann. There was the perfect dish: "Saucisses aux Haricots et Tomates," or, more plainly, sausages with beans and tomatoes. In it, what the French so pleasingly call haricots (and we call kidney beans) are soaked, par-cooked, quickly browned in duck fat with onions, herbs and garlic, then simmered until tender and splash from tomatoes. In the final stage of cooking, this silken mix is finished with the addition of browned sausages.

*There was no denying it. This was the perfect winter dish, in spite of the beans. I had to make it.*

There was no denying it. This was the perfect winter dish, in spite of the beans. I had to make it. Koffmann called for Toulouse sausages. I used Italian ones, which gave it a pleasing dash of paprika. I served it with a sharp green salad and a bottle of Chenin Blanc.

I liked it so much so that I had to question my lifelong hate-affair with beans. In the first stage of what can now be described as a complete turnaround, I decided that the problem with the bean dishes that I had encountered before Koffmann's was that they had not been prepared with 4 ounces of duck fat. I became so pleased with the notion, I put it to my friend Jeremy Lee, chef at the Blue Print Cafe in London and, typical chef, a bean-lover.

"Beans do adore fat," he conceded. They are, after all, seeds, little storehouses of protein and good starches to feed baby plants, but almost entirely bereft of fat. Even so, Jeremy maintained that beans could also shine without fat. What they could not forgive, he argued, was bad handling or bad cooking.

His wonder was reserved for how miraculously beans married the astringent perfume of sage with the sweet onion bass notes of garlic, he said. Note the steam, he suggested, next time a pot of beans simmers with nothing more than a bouquet garni and garlic. Try it without the fleshy salt notes of the pork knuckle or smoky hit from bacon. Just simmer beans and bay leaves, thyme, sage and garlic, he said. The house will never smell sweeter.

### BEAN RECIPES

This recipe is adapted from Pierre Koffmann's 1990 book, "Memories of Gascony." Duck fat is sold frozen at specialty markets. For a bouquet garni, knot 3 sprigs thyme, 1 sprig rosemary, 2 sage leaves and 4 sprigs parsley in cheesecloth.

#### BEANS WITH SAUSAGES AND TOMATOES

1 pound, 2 ounces dried kidney or Taylor beans, about 3 cups  
4 ounces duck fat  
4 large spicy pork sausages  
1/4 pound smoked bacon  
1 large onion, sliced  
Bouquet garni  
4 cloves garlic  
1 teaspoon sea salt or to taste  
Freshly ground pepper  
2 large carrots, peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick

2 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded and quartered, or 1 (14-ounce) can chopped tomatoes, drained  
1 tablespoon chopped parsley  
Place the beans in a bowl; cover by 3 inches with cold water. Soak 8 hours. Drain. Cook in boiling water 30 minutes, then drain.

In a large, heavy saucepan, melt the fat over medium-high heat. Fry the sausages until browned. Remove from the pan, reduce heat to medium and add the onion. Cook until golden, 5 minutes. Add the bacon, beans, bouquet garni, garlic, and season with salt and pepper. Add cold water to cover. Cook uncovered, 1 1/2 hours. Check the seasoning. Add the carrots and tomatoes. Cook 30 minutes, then set sausages on top, check seasoning, and cook until the water is just under the beans and thick, 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Each serving: 485 calories; 1,501 mg. sodium; 65 mg. cholesterol; 35 grams fat; 13 grams saturated fat; 25 grams carbohydrates; 20 grams protein; 581 grams fiber.

Total time: 3 1/2 hours, plus 8 hours soaking; servings: 8.

This recipe is from Jeremy Lee of the Blue Print Cafe in London. For a bouquet garni, knot 2 bay leaves, 2 sprigs thyme, 2 sage leaves, 4 sprigs parsley and 1 dried red chile in cheesecloth.

#### GIANT WHITE BEAN SOUP

1 pound dried "gigantes" or Italian Corona beans  
Bouquet garni  
6 cloves garlic, peeled  
1 large onion  
1 large carrot  
12 leek  
Olive oil  
Sea salt  
Freshly ground pepper

Place the beans in a bowl and cover by 3 inches with cold water. Soak 12 to 14 hours. Drain. Place the beans in a heavy-bottomed pot and cover by 2 inches with water. Add the bouquet garni and garlic, and bring to boil, reduce the heat and simmer until the beans are tender, 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Toward the end of cooking, finely chop the onion, carrot and leek. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add the vegetables and cook until the onions turn golden, 5 minutes.

Remove the bouquet garni, add the onion, carrot and leek. Simmer until the beans are very tender, 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

Drain off 3/4 (about 2 cups) of the liquid and reduce in a saucepan over medium heat until it reaches a medium-thick consistency, 5 minutes. Return the liquid to the beans, toss and add the parsley sauce. Toss and serve immediately.

Total time: 2 hours, 15 minutes, plus 12 hours soaking; servings: 6.

#### HABANERO BEAN SALAD

1 pound mixed small dried beans  
1 small yellow onion, unpeeled  
3 cloves garlic, unpeeled  
2 "pencil" chiles  
2 habanero chiles  
1 red bell pepper  
2 tomatoes, diced  
1/2 small red onion, diced  
1 cup fresh tangerine juice  
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar  
1 tablespoon lime juice  
1 tablespoon oil  
Salt, pepper

Place the beans, yellow onion and garlic in a large saucepan; add enough water to cover by 2 inches. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer, uncovered, until the beans are tender but still firm, 1 1/2 hours.

Meanwhile, place the chiles and pepper 6 inches beneath the broiler, turning once or twice, 15 minutes for the pasillas and red pepper and 8 minutes for habaneros. Peel and chop. Place in a bowl with the tomatoes and red onion.

Reduce the tangerine juice in a small saucepan over medium heat to 1/2 cup, 15 minutes. Let cool. Whisk in the vinegar, lime juice and oil. Season with salt and pepper.

Drain the beans; discard the onion and garlic. Let the beans cool slightly, then add to the chile mixture and toss with the dressing while still warm.

Each serving: 98 calories; 209 mg. sodium; 0 cholesterol; 2 grams fat; 0 saturated fat; 17 grams carbohydrates; 5 grams protein; 3.70 grams fiber.

Total time: 2 hours; servings: 8 to 10.

## Irma

Continued from C1

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
Mix all together and serve with taco or corn chips.  
—From Haley's friend, Pat Langford

#### CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICHES

2/3 cup mayonnaise  
2/3 cup frozen peas  
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard  
1/4 teaspoon sage  
1/4 teaspoon chopped walnuts  
1/3 cup chopped chicken or turkey, drained and crumbled.  
Mix all together and cool. Do this a day before to blend flavors. Spread thickly on fresh white or wheat bread for a delicious sandwich.

#### ARLENE'S DELICIOUS FRENCH BREAD SPREAD

1 cube butter, melted  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 teaspoon oregano  
Mix all together well and spread on medium thick slices of French bread. Sprinkle generously with chopped green onions, grated Parmesan cheese and parsley. Place under the broiler and broil until bubbly and golden brown.

—From Haley's friend, Arlene Todd

#### ANGEL FLAKE BISCUITS

6 cups sifted self-rising flour  
1/2 cup shortening or other shortening, cut into flour mixture  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 cups buttermilk  
2 tablespoons yeast  
1 cup warm water  
Dissolve yeast in water and combine with mixture of the flour and sugar. Roll and cut, as desired, for biscuits. Bake 15 to 20 minutes at 400 degrees. This batter will keep in refrigerator for up to 4 weeks.

—From Haley's sister-in-law, Doris Haley

#### BANANA STACK CAKE

Cake: Beat 6 eggs at high speed for five minutes. Stir in 1 1/3 cups pumpkin, thinned with 4 tablespoons milk. Add 2 cups sugar. Beat one minute.  
Sift together:  
2 cups flour  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
4 teaspoons cinnamon  
2 teaspoons ginger  
1 teaspoon nutmeg  
1 teaspoon salt  
Fold all of this into egg mixture. Bake in two layer-cake pans which have been greased and floured and the bottoms lined with wax paper. Bake until test done with wooden pick. Oven should be heated to 350 degrees and layers baked 20 to 30 minutes.

Banana Cream:  
4 medium ripe bananas

3/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup flour  
1 whole egg, beaten slightly  
2 cups milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Cook all but bananas over medium heat.

Topping:  
1 cup heavy cream, (whip)  
2 tablespoons powdered sugar (add)  
2 tablespoons cocoa (add)  
2 tablespoons toffee bits (to sprinkle on top of cake)  
Split both layers to make four layers. Spread banana cream over top of three of the layers. Slice banana over cream mixture. Frost the whole cake with the chocolate-whipped cream. Sprinkle with toffee bits on top only. A large cake, probably enough to serve 15 generously.

#### CARAMEL PECAN ROLLS

2 cups milk  
1/2 cup water  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup butter  
1/3 cup cornmeal  
2 teaspoons salt  
7 to 7 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided  
2 (1/4 ounce) packages active dry yeast  
2 eggs  
Topping:  
2 cups packed brown sugar  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 to 1 cup chopped pecans

Filling:  
1/4 cup butter, softened  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon  
Combine the first six ingredients, bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Set aside to cool to 120 degrees. In a mixing bowl, combine 2 cups flour and the yeast. Add cooled cinnamon mixture; beat for one minute. Stir in enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Turn onto a floured board; knead until smooth and elastic, about six minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about one hour.

Combine the first three topping ingredients in a saucepan; bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Pour into two greased 13-by-9-by-2-inch pans. Sprinkle with pecans; set aside.  
Divide dough in half. Roll each into a 12-by-15-inch rectangle; spread with butter and sprinkle with cinnamon-sugar mixture. Roll up dough from one long side; pinch seam to seal and turn ends under. Cut each roll into 12 slices and place cut-side down in prepared pan. Cover and let rise in a warm place until nearly doubled, about 30 minutes. Bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Invert pan onto serving platter. Yield: 2 dozen.

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# Rescuers need well-marked addresses

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a police officer in a small but very busy community in New England. I would like to implore your readers the importance of having their address numbers clearly visible on their homes and businesses. On too many occasions, police, fire and rescue personnel have wasted precious time trying to find the exact location of an emergency because the homes and businesses in the area were poorly marked — or not marked at all. This could mean the difference between life or death for the persons requiring assistance. The numbers must be large enough to be seen from the road in all types of weather and lighting conditions. Their color must contrast sharply with the background. Put them directly on or immediately by the front door. If the structure is set too far back from the road, place the number at the entrance to the driveway. Make them large enough to be read from a moving vehicle.

**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby VanBuren

Individual apartment or condo doors should be clearly numbered or lettered as well. It is a wise investment that could save your life.

**—PUBLIC SERVANT IN RHODE ISLAND**  
**DEAR PUBLIC SERVANT:** You have written an important letter, and I'm pleased to pass along your message. Address numbers should be posted on both sides of one's mailbox, or near a porch light so they're clearly visible at night. Do not allow hanging plants, overgrown shrubs or partially opened doors to obscure them. Once 9-1-1 is called, if at all possible, station someone at the

door or in the yard to guide the police, firefighters or emergency medical personnel in. It's also a good idea to give the 9-1-1 operator a brief description of the house. A 15-minute search for an address during an emergency can be the difference between life and death.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 20-something new mother, as are most of my friends. On New Year's Eve, my husband and I invited all our friends who have small children over to ring in the new year together. The idea was that the children (all 20 months and younger) could play and fall asleep, while the adults sat back and enjoyed themselves.

The nursery was packed with little ones snug in their makeshift beds, as their moms and dads sang "Auld Lang Syne." A good time was had by all. The next day, I received a phone call from my cousin, who attended the party. He's a

police officer. He told me that two of my guests had reported \$250 stolen from their purses sometime during the evening. I was flabbergasted. All of the guests who attended are so close that my husband and I would have trusted them with our own lives. To drive home, we don't know what to do. I've called each guest. No one else had money stolen, and any one of us would have gladly lent funds to whoever took the cash from those purses. What do I do now, Abby? I have lost trust in my closest friends. I had scheduled play dates for our children, but have told the other mothers not to bring their purses.

**—HEARTSICK IN CLEARWATER, FLA.**  
**DEAR HEARTSICK:** By notifying your guests about the unfortunate incident, you have already done the responsible thing. You have prevented it from happening again.

## Continuous swaying motion helps charm a cobra

All bats can swim. A. Aren't most stutters men? B. By five to one, they are. You know how a little animal freezes in its tracks when scared? That suits the cobra just fine. It waits for its target to stop all motion before it strikes. So a snake charmer, when close doesn't stop. Just keeps on swaying. That's said charmer's secret. A baby giraffe grows an inch a day.

**REVISTED**  
L.M. Boyd

function: "Focal dystonia." Q. What kind of a bird, really, is a goosey bird? A. Laysan albatross. When and where people cry most is between 7 and 10 p.m. in front of television. It's not the TV programming that makes them cry, though you'd think it might.

It's trouble in relationships. So say the researchers. Sculptors of old used this standard to do statues of the ideal woman. Make the figure seven and a half times the length of the head. The neck, one third the head's length. Shoulders, three times the head's width. Bust at its widest point in line just below the armpit. Waistline, slightly less than two-thirds the height of the figure from the ground. Hips, an arm's width wider than the bust.

Those bats that walk on their wings — some do — walk on their wings, actually. History's most renowned fisherman, Isak Walton, only lived to be 90, some say, because he gave up fishing at 83. What distinguishes Walton from power anglers who came after him was his commitment to the truth. If said that fish was 16 inches long, you could believe it. A salt block a couple miles thick and as big as Maryland underlies Utah. If you see an owl perched on a power pole, could be a plastic scarecrow incident. To drive off birds of a different feather. The power people say perching birds can turn your lights out. Q. What's a group of frogs? A. A knot.

## Anchor's absence on day of disaster is OK with CNN

**NEW YORK (AP)** — CNN said Tuesday it had no problem with its lead anchor, Aaron Brown, staying at a California golf tournament and not working Saturday when the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated. Brown's absence was notable when compared to the lengths to which other news networks went to get their marquee names on the air.



Aaron Brown

NBC's Tom Brokaw, for example, cut short a sabbatical vacation to make it on the air by Saturday night. ABC's Peter Jennings, two hours away from New York City, made it to the studio shortly after noon. CBS' Don Rathner, who was in New York on Saturday, was on the air before 10:30 a.m. EST. CNN's direct competitor, Fox News Channel, brought lead anchor Shepard Smith in by midday on Saturday. Brown, who was playing golf at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic in California, first appeared on the air Sunday night. He's been promoted as the network's top anchor, and was to be host of CNN's memorial service coverage on Tuesday.

"We don't have to do planes, trains and automobiles to get our faces on CNN," Robinson said. "We're lucky to have a lot of stars." Brown told the Palm Springs Desert Sun that going to CNN's Los Angeles office to work Saturday "didn't make sense because I didn't have any clothes."

Brown also said he "felt a profound sense of sadness at what happened. It's horrible. A golf tournament, even a fun one, it didn't matter. It took the fun out of it for me."

Robinson said a report in The Los Angeles Times that Brown had told network executives he wasn't available to come to work was untrue.

## TV networks make quick changes to avoid insensitivity after crash

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Television networks and advertisers quickly yanked material from the air to avoid appearing insensitive after Saturday's disintegration of the space shuttle Columbia.

The HP ad depicted astronauts dressed for flight, and included the line, "HP computers and servers help NASA in making sure our astronauts come home safely."

The computer company tried to get all of the ads pulled from the air immediately after the accident, but one was missed and run inadvertently Sunday during CNN's coverage of the accident, said Rebecca Robby, HP spokeswoman on Monday.

The FX cable network took its Saturday night airing of Willis' movie "Armageddon" off the schedule. It was replaced by another movie, "Aliens."

"In light of the tragedy, we felt it would be inappropriate to run the movie," FX spokesman John Solberg said.

An Albany, N.Y.-area Fox affiliate received complaints from viewers on Saturday when it aired a rerun of "The Simpsons." One scene of the cartoon includ-

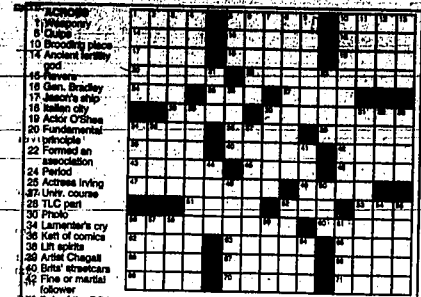
ed Bart Simpson building a rocket and firing it, and it falls to the ground, burning down a church. WXXA-TV pulled the episode from its schedule and replaced it with another rerun of "The Simpsons," said Jeff Whitson, the station's general manager.

"It wasn't as if we got hundreds (of complaint calls), but it was enough for us to pay attention to the episode," Whitson said. "We had no way of knowing. The episode title (Lisa of Little Faith) didn't give us any indication."

Meanwhile, the Hardie's restaurant chain picked the wrong weekend to launch a new campaign for its "Big Chicken" sandwich. The company's ad showed a NASA rocket taking off, with a voiceover saying, "We know that the astronauts were not chicken. Stop by Hardie's and get your 'Big Chicken' sandwich."

Hardie's tried to have the ad pulled from the select Midwest and Southeast markets where it was going to run over the weekend, but failed at some stations and the ad ran, said Larry Brayman, company spokesman.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“If he’s guilty of this, he’s gone. But let’s wait to see what happens... Let’s try to preserve the rights of the accused.”

—Missouri head coach  
Quin Snyder, on guard  
Ricky Clemens, who faces a  
felony charge that he choked  
a female acquaintance

### TODAY’S SCHEDULE

**High school boys basketball**  
Biley at Jerome, 6 p.m.  
Valley at Wendell, 7:30 p.m.  
**High school girls basketball**  
3A District Four Tournament  
Kimberly at Gooding, 7 p.m.  
JV Tournament, at Declo IIS  
Gooding vs. Declo, 5:30 p.m.  
Northside Conference  
Tournament, at Shoshone HS  
Dietrich vs. Richfield, 7 p.m.,  
second-place.  
**High school wrestling**  
Minico at Idaho Falls, 6 p.m.  
Jerome at Declo, 6 p.m.  
**High school bowling**  
Hansen vs. Wendell, at Ranch  
Bowl, 4 p.m.  
Jerome at Filer, 4 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Mankamyers resigns as USOC president

**DENVER** Marty Mankamyers resigned as president of the U.S. Olympic Committee on Tuesday night, succumbing to pressure from officials in the world’s most powerful Olympic organization. Mankamyers, the USOC’s highest-ranking volunteer, submitted her resignation via e-mail to members of the organization’s executive committee, according to a news release from the USOC.

The USOC’s executive committee was expected to take a vote of no confidence this week in the Chicago after seven members asked for her resignation Jan. 21.

The group, which includes all five USOC vice presidents, claimed that Mankamyers inflated ethics charges against chief executive Lloyd Ward in an effort to force him out.

Ward was cleared of charges that he helped his brother’s company try to arrange a deal to supply power generators to the 2003 Pan American Games.

#### Bengals football coach Lewis comes to town

**TWIN FALLS**—Idaho State University football coach Larry Lewis and his staff will hold a “Meet the Coaches” night on Friday, Feb. 7 at the Twin Falls Pressbox Sports Bar.

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting, which runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fans and boosters can meet with the coaches, watch a season-high light film and ask questions of the coaches.

For more information, call 736-2427 or 237-9957.

#### Sign up for St. Patrick’s Day Race at state park

Registration is under way for the annual St. Patrick’s Race at Malad Gorge State Park on March 15.

Entrants may choose either the 3.5-mile walk or 3.5-mile or 5.5-mile runs. Entry fees are \$18 through March 11 and \$25 after.

For more information, call 837-9131.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

## Price will spend spring training at Dodgertown

By Scott Thompson  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT**—Minico graduate Jared Price is headed for Dodgertown, taking one more step toward his dream of playing Major League Baseball.

Price, who turned professional soon after leading the Spartans to a runner-up finish at the state tournament in 2000, found out Sunday that he will be flying out Feb. 12 to report for spring training with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He’ll join the team’s major league pitchers and catchers for

big league training camp at Dodgertown in Vero Beach, Fla., in the Grapefruit League.

Price caught for the Class A South Georgia Waves for most of last summer before being called up to the advanced A Vero Beach team in the Dodgers’ organization. He is now hoping to get a step closer to the majors after spending most of the last month working out at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles with the team’s coaches and some major league players.

“The workouts aren’t mandatory,” Price said. “But it gives them a chance to see me and know me.

They can see my dedication.”

It worked when he received that call Sunday while in Las Vegas on his way back to Idaho from Los Angeles.

The call could mean that Price will be playing AA baseball this year.

“It doesn’t mean that I’ll be sure to be there,” he said. “But it means that I have a good shot. That’s definitely what I’m working for.”

Price estimated while practicing at Minico Tuesday that there are four to six catchers ahead of him in the Dodgers organization. Price, who won’t turn 21 until March 18,

hit .200 and played steady catcher in advanced A for the Vero Beach team.

“I didn’t play much when I first got there,” Price said. “But then I started playing every day and swinging pretty good.”

Price was selected in the seventh round of the 2000 first-year draft after hitting .609 for the Spartans and setting school records in home runs (17) and RBIs (67) his senior season.

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## BE LIKE IKE

ASU freshman is a coach’s dream

By Bob Baum  
Associated Press writer

**TEMPE, Ariz.**—Ike Diogu doesn’t swear, disdains tattoos and has no interest in piercing any part of his 6-foot-8, 250-pound body.

His conversations with elders are sprinkled with “Yes, sir” and “No, sir.” “It’s just how I was brought up,” Diogu said. “You can ask anybody who knew me from elementary school on up. I’ve always been like that. I guess I’m just a nice person.”

And perhaps the best freshman in college basketball.

Diogu is at the center of every defense’s attention on an Arizona State team that is in the hunt for its first NCAA tournament bid since 1995.

He’s fourth in the Pac-10 in scoring (18.1 points a game), sixth in rebounding (7.1), sixth in field goal percentage (.582) and first in free throws attempted (19.4).

“He’s probably had more of an immediate impact than I thought he would,” Sun Devils coach Rob Evans said. “I knew he was going to be a good player. I didn’t know how quickly he would adjust to the college game.”

Diogu thought he would play well, but not this well so soon.

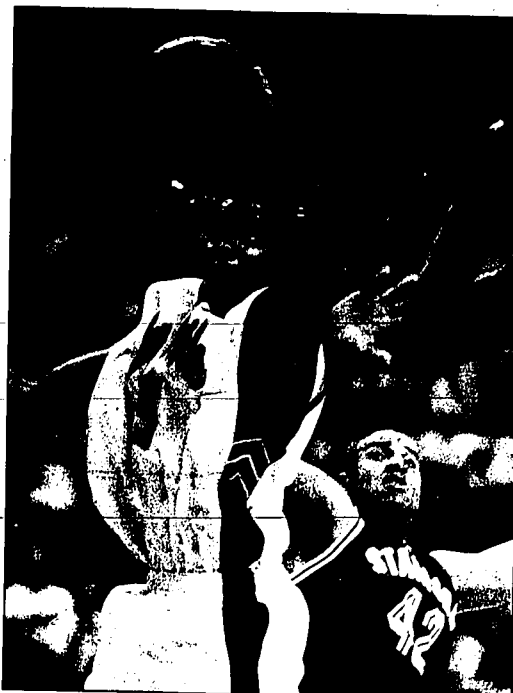
“I guess in a way, I really have surprised myself,” he said. “Coming out of high school, I always thought I’d be able to come in and contribute immediately. Maybe not scoring 18 points and grabbing seven rebounds a game. I thought I’d average maybe nine points a game.”

Diogu’s given name is Ikechukwa Samotichukwa Diogu. He was born in Buffalo, N.Y., 19 years ago to parents who immigrated from Nigeria. His father Edward and mother Jane arrived in the Dallas area, and they have expected their children to be serious students as well as good athletes.

Diogu, a digital art major, sports a cornrow hairstyle for his mug shot in the ASU media guide, but mom did not approve, and the cornrows are gone.

“If I really wanted to, I could have kept them,” he said. “But she preferred I didn’t have them, and it was no big deal to me.”

Diogu’s two older brothers played college football. His brother



Arizona State forward Ike Diogu grabs a rebound against Stanford center Rob Little during the first half Saturday in Tempe, Ariz.

er Eric was the starting tight end on Tennessee’s 1998 national championship team.

But Ike was always better at basketball, and after his sophomore year at Garland High School he got the attention of Evans and his staff. Arizona State was the first school to recruit Diogu, but the Sun Devils came perilously close to losing him.

At one point, Diogu’s father told Evans his son was going to Illinois. Even on letter-of-intent day, Evans had to wait anxiously as Diogu decided between Connecticut and Arizona State.

He chose the Sun Devils, and now he could be the player who

finally brings Arizona State to success in Evans’ fifth season at the school. He also has been a coach’s dream.

“There’s nothing bad you can ever say,” Evans said. “The kid goes to class. He does what he’s supposed to do. You don’t ever have to worry about him outside of the classroom. He comes to practice every day with ‘yes sir’ and ‘no sir.’ He works hard every day, and he’s such a leader. He’s a quiet leader.”

“As he gets older, he’s going to get even better, but it’s just a joy coaching him.”

Opponents soon learned that to stop the Sun Devils, you had to

first stop Diogu.

“I’ve been facing a lot of double- and triple-teams,” he said. “It’s pretty tough, but at the same time, I’ve gotten used to it now. I don’t think anybody’s really going to continue to play me one-on-one. I’m not trying to hype myself up or anything. But nobody really does it anymore.”

He realizes how fortunate he was to be able to pursue a big-time athletic career in the United States.

“When I look at where my dad came from, sometimes I don’t know how he made it out of there,” Diogu said.

## Tigers dominate Burley

By John Derr  
Times-News writer

**JEROME**—The Jerome Tigers wanted to send a message. It came through loud and clear.

With a lights-out showing performance and solid defense, Jerome easily defeated Burley, 53-22, in the opening round of the Class 4A District Four-Five Tournament at Jerome High School Tuesday night.

“We wanted to send the message that this is a tough place to play and we are a tough team to play,” said Tiger point guard Whitney Clark.

A quick glance at the statistics sheet told much of the story. The Tigers dominated on both ends,

### Girls District Four-Five Tournament

shooting 60 percent (25-of-42), while the Bobcats were ice cold, connecting on just 8-of-41 from the field. Many coming from the outside.

Jerome (19-2) will host second-seeded Century on Thursday, while Burley will meet the loser of that game on Saturday in an elimination contest.

The Tigers earned the top seed with an unbeaten conference record, but the district bracket gave the first-round bye to the Diamondbacks.

“That was definitely my choice,” said Jerome coach Michelle Skyles of playing. “At this time of the year I want to be playing. I don’t want to take a week off and get rusty.”

Jerome beat Burley by 20 and 21 points in the regular season, but Tuesday’s game was close through the first six minutes. Clark scored on a drive though the lane and posts Jennifer Pond and Vanessa West both connected at the paint for the Tigers. Burley got buckets from Sheri Garn and Erica Hill to trail by a single point, 6-7, late in the period.

That’s when the inside game of Jerome took over.

West, who played despite being sick, scored a pair of buckets.

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## Alou is confident of World Series chances

The Associated Press

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Felipe Alou is just as confident at 67 as he was as an outfielder for the San Francisco Giants more than four decades ago.

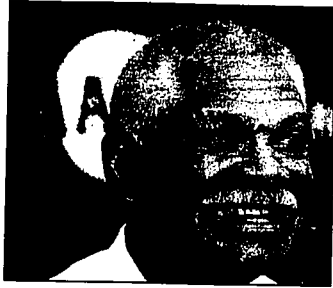
He can’t help it, he says. That’s what happens when you’ve been around professional baseball for nearly 50 years.

“We’re going to go all the way and win it all,” the new Giants manager said Monday, when the club introduced its new players.

Alou cherishes the opportunity to be a major league manager again when most men his age are already retired. Especially considering he’s in charge of the team for which he made his debut in a 17-year major league career back in 1958.

“After four days being here, I could see the spirit of the fans of the Giants,” Alou said. “It reminded me of the time we moved from New York to San Francisco, but I can see that it’s even greater.”

His enthusiasm is obvious when he discusses the speed of



San Francisco’s new manager Felipe Alou answers questions during a news conference Nov. 15 at Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco.

his new team, and how he plans to use that strength to be aggressive on the bases whenever possible. It’s clear in his sincere words when he talks about each of the new players on the roster, and even the veterans such as five-time MVP Barry Bonds.

Alou is a man with lofty goals—

just reaching the World Series isn’t good enough for him. And not for the Giants, either.

With the start of spring training less than two weeks away, Alou is ready to stash his fishing pole for the season and get his mind on the mission: getting the

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## James asks court to block ruling barring him from play

Akron Beacon Journal

**AKRON, Ohio**—The Ohio High School Athletic Association commissioner acted as investigator, prosecutor, judge and jury and made LeBron James the victim of a flawed, one-day probe, James’ attorneys claimed Tuesday.

In court papers, attorneys for the sidelined high school phenom claim commissioner Clair Muscareo was pressured into investigating James for accepting two throw-back jerseys after his failure to find any violations in the purchase of a Hummer H2 by James’ mother. The vehicle was valued at more than \$50,000.

James’ attorneys also say that the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School basketball star received the much-talked-about jerseys from a family friend as a reward for making the school’s honor roll and did not violate any OHSA rules.

Attorneys Fred Nance and Jeffrey Wedel are expected to advance their arguments this morning in a Summit County



LeBron James

courtroom, as court orders a temporary restraining order against the association’s ruling that stripped James of his eligibility last week.

If Common Pleas Judge James Williams West, who presided over the hearing, were to grant the restraining order by Friday, James would be eligible to play in the Fighting Irish’s next game Saturday in Trenton, N.J.

Williams also could deny the request, which would keep James on the bench at least until a second hearing is held in the next 14 days.

Muscareo ruled last Friday that James’ investigation showed that James broke association rules and forfeited his amateur status by accepting the two retro jerseys, which combined sold for \$845. The rule states an athlete loses amateur status if he or she capitalizes on his or her fame by receiving gifts.

SPORTS

# Minico's Martin nets 18 in loss to Pocatello

The Times-Herald

**POCATELLO**—Blair Zikrich scored a game-high 21 points to lead Pocatello over Minico, 50-39, in the opening round of the Girls 5A Region Four Five-Six Tournament in Pocatello on Tuesday.

Spartan senior Whitney Martin scored 18, including 15 in the second half to lead Minico. After the teams played a 12-12 tie after one quarter, the Indians outscored Minico 13-4 in the second quarter to take a 25-16 lead at the break. Martin sat with foul trouble in the period. "We missed a lot of layups but the plain and simple truth is that their No. 33 (Zikrich) played a great game and we didn't play defense on her," Minico coach Clint Strauman said. Kabbie Dayton added eight for Minico, which visits the loser between Twin Falls and Highland on Saturday. Highland stopped Idaho Falls, 32-21 to face Twin Falls Thursday, while Pocatello meets Skyline.

**Pocatello 50, Minico 39**  
1st Quarter: Pocatello 12, Minico 10  
2nd Quarter: Pocatello 13, Minico 4  
3rd Quarter: Pocatello 15, Minico 12  
4th Quarter: Pocatello 10, Minico 13  
Total: Pocatello 50, Minico 39  
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## Class 2A District Four Tournament

**Valley 57, Glenns Ferry 39**  
HAZELTON—Valley downed Glenns Ferry 57-39 in the 2A District Four Girls Basketball tournament in Hazelton Tuesday.

Jessica Ritchie put up 15 points, including three 3-pointers. Mindy Malone contributed 13 points for the Vikings (19-3). Valley coach Brian Hardy said his team came prepared, as it the first quarter than run out to a 53-25 lead after three quarters. "We had good balance with seven girls scoring in the first quarter," he said. "We came out with some defensive steals. It was one of our best games of the year."

Gisela Arevalo and Kemie King each had 11 points to pace the Pilots, who host Wendell Thursday. Wendell won the junior varsity championship.

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## Local sports

### Boys basketball

#### Carey 63, Richfield 32

**CAREY**—Carey improved to 11-0 in the boys Northside Conference, defeating Richfield 63-32 in Carey Tuesday.

Panther John Sall netted 12 points. Shawn Hennefer added 11 points for Carey (15-2, 11-0) which travels to Shoshone Friday.

Kyle Jones paced the Tigers with eight points.

#### Carey 63, Richfield 32

**POCATELLO**—Valley's Tony Periera scored 15 points and had 10 rebounds. Phillip Royal added 13 points. The Indians (12-6, 9-1) host Carey Friday.

Musher Steve Vouch had a game-high 18 points.

#### Shoshone 57, Camas County 41

**SHOSHONE**—The Shoshone Indians easily outdistanced Camas County 57-41 in boys Northside Conference basketball in Shoshone Tuesday.

Shoshone's Tony Periera scored 15 points and had 10 rebounds. Phillip Royal added 13 points. The Indians (12-6, 9-1) host Carey Friday.

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## Alex Nelson led the Trojans with 17 points.

Bryce Greenwood pulled down 16 points, including three 3-pointers. Rafi River (12-4, 6-4) travels to Oakley Thursday.

Ben Roseborough netted a game-high 22 points for the Red Devils.

#### Rafi River 61, Mustang 44 OT

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## Halley Thursday

The Class 4A District Four Five meet will be Feb. 21 at Burley.

Twin Falls travels to Pocatello Tuesday.

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# Declo rolls in district opener

By Scott Thompson

Times-Herald writer

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The good, the bad and the ugly was playing Tuesday night at Declo High School.

The Declo Hornets' outstanding defense and Gooding's awful shooting combined for an ugly opener to the Girls 3A District Four Tournament as the Hornets downed the Senators 44-26.

The Hornets mixed just about everything—zone, box-and-one and full-court pressure—at the Senators to harass them into 21 second shooting from the field (9 of 43). Even when up-guarded, just 6 of 25 free throw attempts.

And then the Hornets (13-6) grabbed the boards, outrebounding the much smaller Senators 41-22.

Gooding also struggled defensively to control the inside as Hornets posts Whitney Anderson and Ashley Peterson combined to keep pace with Gooding as a team, combining to score 26 points.

Anderson had 16 points and 15 rebounds and Anderson chipped in 10 points and seven rebounds.

"We really just had our way with them inside," Declo coach Kim Johnson said. "There's not a lot of teams that can match up with us inside."

Next up for the Hornets in Thursday's semifinal at Filer High School are the Wood River Wolverines, who downed Buhl 56-54 in overtime Tuesday.

Top-seeded Filer beat Kimberly 59-50 Tuesday and will get a bye into Monday's title game. Gooding and Kimberly play a loser-out game today at Gooding High School at 7 p.m.

Declo got out of the gates quickly against Gooding Tuesday, forging a 12-4 lead at the end of the first quarter as Anderson and Peterson scored the Hornets' first eight points.

The Senators didn't fold, though, cutting the lead to 12-10 with 5:17 remaining in the half.

That didn't last long as Declo responded with a 13-2 run to end the half with the Hornets up 25-12 and firmly in control of the game.

"You're not going to win too many games shooting 6-of-25 from the line, and they got a lot of offensive rebounds," Gooding coach Chris Comstock said.

The Gooding and Declo junior varsity teams advanced to tonight's championship at Gooding, with the Senators downing Buhl 43-22 and the Hornets beating Filer 47-38.

## Girls 3A District Four Tournament

### Filer 59, Kimberly 50

**FILER**—Filer held on to the top seed, narrowly defeating No. 6 Kimberly, 59-50 in Filer Tuesday.

Wildcat Jessica Meacham netted a game-high 13 points. Nikl Peterson added 13 points.

Filer coach Kim Remus said it was a game of half-and-half.

"We came out and played really well in the first half. We ran the floor well, shot the ball well, and our defense was pretty aware," she said. "In the second half, Kimberly came out shooting the ball well, and we just didn't make the adjustments we needed to."

Kimberly's Whitney Funk scored 18 points. Rachel Bulcher had 16 points. The Bulldogs (2-18) will travel to Gooding for a loser-out game Thursday.

### Wood River 56, Buhl 54, OT

**HAILEY**—The Wood River Lady Wolverines inched past Buhl 56-54 in overtime in Hailey Tuesday.

Wolverine Natalie Green scored a game-high 16 points. Jessica King contributed 13 points.

Buhl's Krystal Avelar paced the Indians with 16 points and Jessica Brown had 15 points.

Wood River (16-5) will play Declo in Filer Thursday.

### Declo 44, Gooding 26

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# Bryant scores 35 in leading Lakers; Kings down Mavs, 110-109

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)**—Kobe Bryant scored 35 points, Shaquille O'Neal fought off foul trouble for 19 points and Los Angeles Lakers as they defeated Indiana 97-94.

It was the first game between the teams since Reggie Miller and Bryant fought after a Los Angeles win last March at the Staples Center. Bryant threw a punch at Miller and the two landed on the scorers' table near the Pacers' bench.

## Kings 110, Mavericks 109

**DALLAS**—Keon Clark's high-flying dunk off a missed 3-pointer with 16.5 seconds left capped a thrilling showdown between the

Western Conference division leaders.

Michael Finley's 3-point shot with 37 seconds left put Dallas, which had trailed by 16, ahead 107-106.

After Mike Bibby and Dirk Nowitzki traded jumpers, the Mavericks still led by one.

Hedo Turkoglu missed a long 3-point and the rebound went straight up. The long, lanky Clark—who earlier had an amazing one-handed, reverse alley-oop dunk—caught the ball and slammed it through in one motion.

The Mavericks, who had won four straight and seven of eight, had one possession left, but

Nowitzki missing a 10-footer in the lane.

## Wizards 93, Cavaliers 84

**WASHINGTON**—Michael Jordan scored 27 points in 43 minutes Tuesday night as the Washington Wizards beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 93-84, despite the absence of leading scorer Jerry Stackhouse.

Jordan scored 45 points in 44 minutes in a victory over New Orleans on Saturday with the Cavaliers.

Stackhouse, who has a groin injury, Stackhouse is expected to return after the All-Star break.

## Knicks 105, Clippers 92

**NEW YORK**—Latrell Sprewell

was held to just two points and no field goals.

Kerbs said the Bobcats will have to adjust facing elimination.

"It was a lot worse loss than it should have been. There is no disgrace losing to Jerome," he said. "Hopefully we will be back Tuesday night."

## Trail Blazers 96, Magic 89

**ORLANDO, Fla.**—Scottie Pippen had his first double-double of the year with 25 points and 17 rebounds and the Portland Trail Blazers defeated

the Orlando Magic for the eighth consecutive time.

## Timberwolves 103, Rockets 89

**MINNEAPOLIS**—Kevin Garnett scored 23 points and Rasho Nesterovic added 19 as Minnesota topped Houston.

Steve Kerr led Houston with 31 points on 11-of-21 shooting.

## Raptors 98, Bucks 95

**MILWAUKEE**—All-Star Vince Carter scored 23 points, two shy of his season high, and blocked the potential tying shot by Ray Allen, just ahead of the final buzzer.

## Jerome

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inside including a nice turnaround jumper as Jerome pushed the lead to 127 after one.

"My eyes were watering and I couldn't breathe but everything and just did it," said West, who finished with a game-high 14, a handful of rebounds and a pair of steals.

Clark added back-to-back drives to the basket and the quarter to grow the lead to eight.

"They were up close on me and I didn't have a shot so I tried to drive," Clark said. "If they collapsed on me I would wish it, but

they didn't so I took it all the way."

West added a pair of free throws and Pond connected twice in the paint as Jerome led 24-12 at the break.

"We didn't make shots," they coach Gordon Kerbs said. "If we made some the first half, we might have had a chance. We missed at the high points all night."

Pond, who added 11 points, converted on the dish from West for an old fashioned three-point play to open the second quarter as Jerome went on an 8-2 run, building the lead to 20 points in the period.

West added two more buckets in the paint as the Tigers continued to pound the ball inside.

"We have been getting away from (playing inside) for a while, but Coach wanted us to get back to it," West said.

The Tigers' bench also contributed as nine players made the scoring column. Callie Callen and tossed in a pair of baskets and was a solid presence on the defensive end. Tara Davis made the last Jerome basket and grabbed the final rebound to end the game.

Garn led Burley with six points, while leading scorer Liz Brice

in Game 6.

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Stengel was 71 when the New York Mets lured him out of retirement in October 1961 to manage them in their initial season of 1962.

## Alou

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Giants back to the World Series, and making sure they win it this time.

Alou, who was hired in November to replace Dusty Baker's contract was not renewed, has different faces in the infield, the out-

field and on the pitching mound, but he truly believes the defending NL champions have the talent to return to where their season ended just short of a championship last season.

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# SCORES AND STATS

# Gators' time at No. 1 doesn't last long

**LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)** — Keith Bogans scored all 15 of his points in the first half and No. 6 Kentucky used overwhelming offense to beat Florida 70-55 Tuesday night, snapping the Gators' 14-game winning streak. One day after they moved to the first place of the rankings for the first time in school history.

Gerald Fitch had 14 points for Kentucky (17-3, 7-0 Southeastern Conference), which won its 11th straight game.

Anthony Robertson scored 18 points for the Gators (18-3, 7-1), who shot 34 percent (17-of-50), including 36 percent (5-of-14) from 3-point range.

Ryan Gomes had 26 points for Providence (10-9, 3-5), which has lost four of five.

## College Top 25

**No. 13 Creighton 84, Northern Iowa 75**  
OMAHA, Neb. — Michael Lindemann scored 20 points, including two 3-pointers late in the game, as Creighton (20-2, 10-1 Missouri Valley Conference) became the first Division I team to reach 20 wins this season.

Freshman Ben Jacobson scored a career-high 26 points for the Panthers (6-13, 3-8).

**No. 20 Xavier 80, George Washington 63**  
WASHINGTON — Lionel Chalmers, playing just his second game since returning from a broken foot, scored 17 points to lead Xavier.

Chalmers' 3-pointer with 4:42 left gave the Musketeers (16-2, 7-1 Atlantic 10) a six-point lead, and they went on to their seventh straight win.

## Colorado 93, No. 3 Texas 80

**BOULDER, Colo.** — Michel Morandais scored 24 points, including a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 3:58 left that triggered a 13-0 run for Colorado (13-10, 6-3 Pac-10).

The Buffaloes (13-7, 3-4 Big 12), who beat a Top 10 team for the second time in 13 days, also got 23 points from Blair Wilson and 18 rebounds and 14 rebounds from Stephane Pelle.

## No. 4 Pittsburgh 68, Providence 61

**PITTSBURGH** — Pittsburgh made free throws down the stretch to hold off Providence's comeback.

Ontario Lett scored 15 of his 18 points in the first half as the Panthers opened a 13-point lead.

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

## Mariucci finds a home with Detroit Lions

**DETROIT** — Cast aside by the San Francisco 49ers, Steve Mariucci found his services in demand back in his home state.

Mariucci was hired as coach of the Detroit Lions Tuesday, taking over one of the league's worst teams less than three weeks after he was fired by the 49ers.

"We are thrilled," Lions chief executive Matt Millen said. "This is a huge step for our team and organization." Lions chief executive Matt Millen said he got into the NFL as an assistant, and he has continually impressed me with his knowledge of the game and his ability to handle players and people."

Terms were not disclosed, but ESPN.com reported that Mariucci will earn \$25 million over five years, which would make him one of the NFL's highest paid coaches.

Mariucci, born and raised in northwest Michigan town of Iron Mountain, was scheduled to be formally introduced at a news conference today.

After compiling a record of 60-43 and guiding the 49ers to four playoff appearances in six seasons, Mariucci becomes the Lions' fourth coach in four seasons. He replaces Marty Mularkey, who was fired last week after the Lions went 2-13 and 5-7 in two seasons — the worst two-year mark in team history.

Mariucci clashed with San Francisco owner John York, and he was fired three days after a 31-0 loss at Tampa Bay on Jan. 12. His postseason record was 3-4.

coronary atherosclerosis, a common cause of heart attacks, the coroner's office said Tuesday.

Malarkey, 58, of Arnold, Md., paid several thousand dollars to participate in the Richard Petty Driving Experience.

Malarkey became unemployed while driving a race car similar to those used in the NASCAR Winston Cup Series, said Brad Mark, driving school general manager.

Mark called Malarkey's death the first in 13 years at the race driving school.

The maximum speed for the cars is about 160 mph, but Malarkey was not traveling at top speed when he became unconscious and his car scraped the wall on the 1.5-mile oval, officials said. His car did not hit any other vehicles.

## Judge sends former NL MVP Caminiti to rehab

**HOUSTON** — Former National League MVP Ken Caminiti was ordered to a state-run drug treatment facility Tuesday, giving him another chance to avoid jail time for cocaine use.

Caminiti tested positive for cocaine use last week, prompting prosecutors to request his probation on a drug conviction be revoked. Texas District Judge William Harmon overruled that request Tuesday on the condition Caminiti enter a tougher program.

Caminiti turned himself over to the court Tuesday and was to stay at the Harris County Jail until arrangements were made at the center in Humble, a suburb northeast of Houston. The program is operated by the state jail system and stays run four-to-six months.

## Court calls off Williams

**NEWARK, N.J.** — Jayson Williams' trial for Feb. 18 was called off Tuesday when an appeals court agreed to consider dismissing malpractice charges against the former NBA star.

An appellate panel is to hear arguments March 12 in Trenton from his lawyers and the prosecutor's office. The ruling was filed Tuesday, without elaboration, by two appellate judges.

Williams' lawyers contend the office's grand jury presentation was flawed and the grand jury never deliberated. Williams' attorneys had been told earlier that the case would remain silent after a limousine driver was shot to death at his mansion last Feb. 14.

## LCSC hoops rate 20th, 21st in latest polls

The Lewis-Clark State College men's basketball team is ranked 20th in the latest NAIA Men's Division I Basketball Top 25, released Tuesday.

The Warriors (18-6) moved up three spots from last week and garnered 87 votes. The LCSC women (15-7) also moved three spots to No. 21 in the women's NAIA poll with 58 points.

## Man dies behind wheel at Petty racing school

**LAS VEGAS** — A man in town for a business convention died of natural causes while driving at a racing school named for Richard Petty.

Phillip Jerome Malarkey's death at Las Vegas Motor Speedway was attributed to

## Area sports report

**Baseball** — The Tulsa Oilers, a Class A minor league team, will play its first game of the season today at 7 p.m. at the Tulsa Drillers stadium. The Oilers are the Tulsa Drillers' affiliate.

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## WHAT'S ON T.V.

**Basketball**  
College, Cincinnati at Louisville, ESPN, 7 p.m.  
College, Gonzaga at Pepperdine, ESPN, 8:30 p.m.

**Baseball**  
Tulsa Oilers at Tulsa Drillers, 7 p.m.

## Monday's Late NBA Boxes

**WARRIORS @ GRIZZLIES 81**  
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## High Schools

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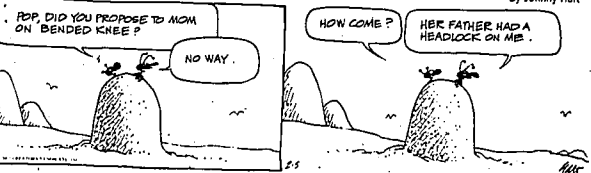
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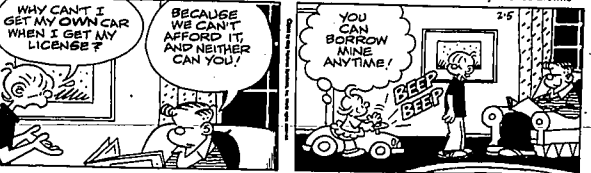
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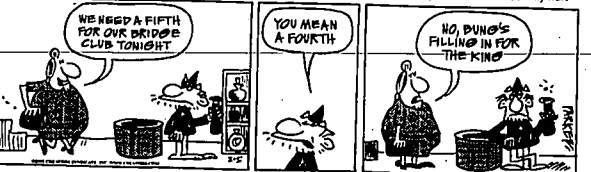
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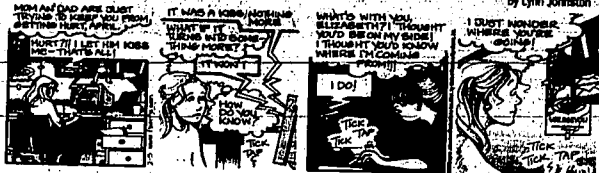
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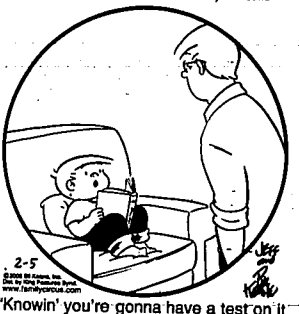
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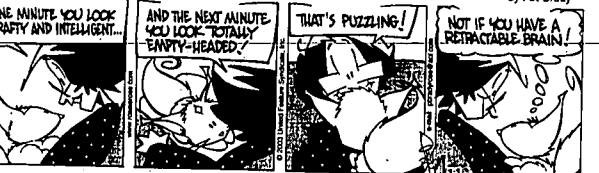
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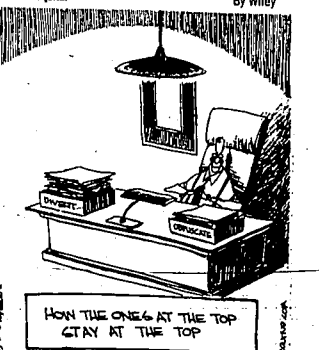
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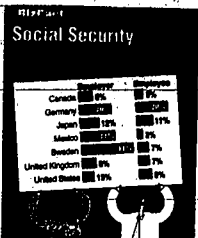
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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Land O'Lakes reports \$99M in net earnings

**GOODING** - Minnesota-based Land O'Lakes Inc. - which has operations in Gooding and Twin Falls - on Tuesday reported 2002 net earnings of \$98.9 million, compared with \$71.5 million for 2001.

Company officials said year-end earnings were driven primarily by proceeds from vitamin price-fixing litigation settlements and bottom-line contributions from the company's dairy foods and ag services branded and proprietary value-added business segments.

The company continued to pay down debt in 2002 and, at year-end, total long-term debt was down by \$55 million. The company's long-term debt-to-capital ratio improved to 51.1 percent, compared with 56.1 percent at the end of 2001.

For the fourth quarter, Land O'Lakes reported net earnings of \$23.6 million, compared with \$18.7 million a year earlier. Sales for the fourth quarter were \$1.5 billion, down 9 percent from fourth quarter 2001, primarily the result of depressed commodity markets in swine, dairy and feed.

For the year, sales were basically flat at \$5.6 billion.

### Glacier Bancorp reports record net earnings

**HAILEY** - Montana-based Glacier Bancorp Inc. - whose subsidiary Mountain West Bank has branches in Ketchum and Hailey - reported record net earnings of \$8.76 million, or diluted earnings per share of 50 cents, for the fourth quarter, compared with \$6.46 million, or 38 cents per share, a year earlier.

Diluted per-share core operating earnings - earnings excluding merger-related expenses, gain on sale of branch and goodwill amortization - were 50 cents, up from 43 cents in the fourth quarter of 2001.

Employees and directors should be very proud of what they were able to accomplish this past quarter and throughout 2002," said Mick Blodnick, president and chief executive.

### WestCoast hotels will get Red Lion name

**TWIN FALLS** - Spokane, Wash.-based WestCoast Hospitality Corp. on Tuesday announced a series of special events and philanthropic initiatives to mark the conversion of 22 of its hotels to the Red Lion brand, set for completion Feb. 26.

Among them, WestCoast's Twin Falls operation will change its name - again - to Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs.

The conversions will increase the number of Red Lion hotels to 63 in 13 states.

The company used the occasion of its rebranding to announce plans for "Team Red," a companywide outreach program to benefit local communities while rewarding both employees and hotel guests for time spent volunteering.

### Kraft Foods to event presentation at west

**RUPERT** - Illinois-based Kraft Foods Inc. - which has a cheese plant in Rupert - said Tuesday it will host a live video webcast of the company's presentation at the annual Consumer Analysts Group of New York Conference.

The one-hour, listen-only webcast will be at 1:15 p.m. Feb. 19 at www.kraft.com.

Betsy D. Holden, co-CEO, Kraft Foods Inc., and CEO, Kraft Foods North America Inc.; and Roger K. Peromelli, co-CEO, Kraft Foods Inc., and CEO, Kraft Foods International Inc., will speak at the conference.

An archived copy of the webcast will be available Feb. 19-26 at www.kraft.com.

compiled from staff reports

# Campaign introduces itself to public

## Investors give Business Plus III initial boost

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The pot is more than half full.

Early investors gave Business Plus III a big boost before today's campaign kickoff. The new six-county initiative aims to raise \$1.44 million to invest in Magic Valley's economic health over five years.

"We are more than 50 percent towards our goal," campaign executive Scott C. Wilson, of Gooding-based Stellar Fundraising Executives Inc., said this week.

Stellar is under contract to help local volunteers create, launch and fund Business Plus III.

Wilson didn't want to say exactly how much has been given by the 23 investors so far. He's saving that announcement for the first of two public kickoff events tonight.

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### The purpose

- **Five-year initiative:** To create jobs, grow the tax base and add new wealth by attracting new companies, assisting in expansion of existing firms, helping build small business and expanding the region's work force.
- **Organization's role:** To be the principal private-sector fund-raising and funding resource for the region's economic-development organizations.
- **Area of focus:** Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties.
- **The direct goals:** Help companies create or retain 2,000 jobs in the six counties - in technology, manufacturing, business services, agriculture and food processing, transportation and distribution - at an average annual salary of \$22,500, or a direct total payroll of \$45 million. Generate \$208 million in new private investment through business attraction and retention.
- **The indirect goals:** See another 3,200 jobs created by spin-off effects. Add \$50 to \$100 million to the region's effective buying power.

### Business Plus III

#### The leadership

- **Campaign executive:** Scott C. Wilson of Gooding-based Stellar Fundraising Executives Inc., working on contract.
- **Executive teams:** Con Paulos of Jerome, Steve Westfall of Burley, Jerry Meyerhoeffer of Twin Falls and Lyman Ford of Idaho Falls.
- **Fund-raising campaign co-chairmen:** Larry Cope and Alan Homer.
- **Platinum division co-chairmen:** Stephen Hartgen, John Kee and Dan Olmstead. This division is for those contributing \$50,000 or more over five years.
- **Gold division co-chairmen:** Ron Belliston and Jeff Clark. For those contributing \$25,000 to \$50,000 over five years.
- **Silver division co-chairmen:** Janet Key, Jim Lynch, Rick Moore and Mitch Watkins. For those contributing \$15,000 to \$25,000 over five years.
- **Bronze division co-chairmen:** Blake Chapman, Mike Cooper and Ruth Stevens Pierce. For those contributing under \$15,000.
- **Strategic partners:** Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, College of Southern Idaho, local chambers of commerce and local economic-development commissions.



Scott C. Wilson

#### The dollars

By the end of April, Business Plus III will attempt to raise \$1.44 million to invest in Magic Valley's economic health. Here's the spending allocation:

- **\$3.15 million** for business-attraction and business-retention incentive grants.
- **\$250,000** for regional marketing by the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization.
- **\$40,000** for operations, overhead and an investor-relations program.

Projected campaign costs - including Wilson's expenses, office expenses and Stellar's consulting fee - are \$230,000 over the eight months from September 2002 through April. That money came from the pot of predecessor campaign Business Plus II.

#### The kickoff

In two events this week, Business Plus III will explain its strategy, introduce its leaders and seek additional investors.

- **in Burley:** 5:15 p.m. tonight, Burley Inn, 500 N. Overland Ave.
- **in Twin Falls:** 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave.

The public is invited for free hors d'oeuvres, desserts and drinks. RSVP at 736-1085.

# Factory orders rebound



Louie Soria works on the assembly line at Dell Computer July 16 in Austin, Texas. According to the Commerce Department, orders to U.S. factories bounced back in December, providing a dose of good news for the nation's manufacturers.

## Numbers provide good news to U.S. manufacturers

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** - Orders to U.S. factories bounced back in December, rising by 0.4 percent, providing a dose of good news for the nation's manufacturers, which have borne the brunt of the fiscal economy recovery.

The over-the-month increase - the second advance in the last three months - marked an improvement over the 0.8 percent decline registered in November, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday.

December's performance was slightly better than the 0.3 percent advance analysts were expecting.

Stronger demand for computers and household appliances more than offset weaker demand for automobiles and other transportation equipment.

But on Wall Street, war worries sent stocks down. The Dow Jones industrial average was off 153 points and the Nasdaq was down 29 points in morning trading.

On Monday, a more forward-looking report showed that manufacturing grew in January for the third straight month though at a slower pace, as worries about a war with Iraq dampened optimism.

Manufacturing activity, as measured by the Institute of Supply Management's Index,

came in at 53.9, below December's 55.2 but above analysts' expectations of 53 for the month. The above-50 reading indicates the sector is still growing.

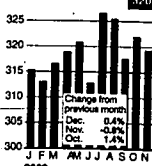
The pair of reports on manufacturing offered a hopeful sign that the beleaguered sector of the economy may be healing after suffering through a sick spell that started in the late summer.

The Federal Reserve last week held a key interest rate steady at a 4 1/2-year low, with the hope that will encourage consumers and money to spend and invest more, forces that would help the economy grow.

### Factory orders

Here is a look at total new orders to American factories.

Seasonally adjusted



Note: Semiconductor manufacturers not included.

SOURCE: Department of Commerce AP

## New York diners pay big bucks for Idaho Kobe beef

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - A \$41 Kobe beef hamburger at the Old Homestead Steak House in New York City has done wonders for Idaho-based Snake River Farms and

other producers.

Snake River Farms and other Idaho producers have been raising Japanese Wagyu cattle in the United States for a decade. The breed provides what the Boise company labels "butter

knife beef."

And while most people associate the meat with Japan, few realize it is more likely to come from Idaho cattle.

But producers are still struggling to put it on menus in the

Boise area.

Old Homestead put a \$41 hamburger on its menu, causing a stir among the media. Snake River provided the burger.

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## In students' college search, the Internet can cut travel and costs

Hardly a day goes by at our house without a parcel of glossy brochures or letters hitting our mailbox from colleges vying for my high school junior's attention. The mail comes in various shapes and sizes. Some schools I've never heard of, many others are in far-flung locations surrounded by cornfields or in urban areas hundreds and hundreds of miles from home.

All of which presents an interesting challenge as we get our



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feet wet in the college shopping process: How can we get a feel for all these schools?

Sure, we plan to make a whirl-

wind road trip or two over the next year to investigate a few college campuses and trim our prospects list. But more on-campus trips than that sounds overwhelming - and expensive once you consider airfare, long-distance car trips, meal money and motel reservations. I've heard stories of parents laying out \$5,000, \$10,000 or more just for college visits.

Thankfully, there is a good, cheap alternative that can mini-

mize your travel - the Internet. As with many things, the Web can be a thorough, fast and sometimes spectacular resource for researching colleges.

College admissions officers readily acknowledge today that most college-bound high school juniors begin their school searches on the Web. That is why more admissions departments are overhauling their Web sites to make them more informative and flashier - complete with vir-

tual tours of campus landmarks and panoramic shots of students enjoying college life.

The leader in this online field is CampusTours LLC, which links you to more than 800 virtual campus tours through [www.campus tours.com](http://www.campus tours.com).

Many college virtual tours use basic pictures and text so you can learn the history of each building on campus.

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## MONEY

## S. Korea denies unfair help to chip makers

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea denied charges on Tuesday that it unfairly assisted the country's computer chip makers against international competitors including Micron Technology Inc.

In its reply to questions from U.S. investors, South Korea's Foreign Affairs and Trade Ministry denied the government used its influence in getting banks to bail out Hynix.

The ministry said Hynix's creditors banks, mainly state-controlled, voluntarily provided financial

packages to the ailing chipmaker in 2001.

"We explained that the banks made the decision under commercial alignment, not under government pressure," the ministry said in a statement.

Last year, Micron and Infineon Technologies of Germany filed complaints with the European Union and the U.S. Department of Commerce, accusing the South Korean competitors of benefiting from unfair government subsidies.

Those subsidies allowed the

South Korean firms to undercut global chip prices, they said.

The U.S. Department of Commerce sent queries to Seoul after launching a formal investigation into the allegations last year.

The contents of the queries were not released.

Hynix has been bailed out by its creditors banks several times in recent years. The banks took control of the company in June after a debt-for-equity swap of about \$2.5 billion, and creditors approved another debt-refinancing plan for Hynix worth \$4.08 billion.

The ministry also denied allegations of providing subsidies to Samsung and Hynix through tax benefits, Samsung, Micron and Hynix are the world's three largest computer memory chip makers.

The U.S. Department of Commerce is expected to announce a provisional ruling on whether to impose tariffs on Korean-made memory chips before April, the ministry said.

Computer memory chips are South Korea's biggest export item.

## Stocks fall again on war worries

NEW YORK (AP)—

Increasingly anxious about a possible war with Iraq, investors unloaded stocks Tuesday, collecting profits from Wall Street's two-day rally.

Analysts said there was little reason to buy ahead of a U.N. address Wednesday by Secretary of State Colin Powell.

"It just doesn't seem anything right now that's going to improve investors' psychology about the market. There is just so much uncertainty going on with the

possibility of war, with Iraq," said Richard A. Doherty, senior market strategist at Lowry Research Reports in Palm Beach, Fla.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 95.53, or 1.2 percent, at 8,013.23. The Dow wiped out more than half of the 164.69 points in the past two sessions following three weeks of heavy selling.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 17.54, or 1.3 percent, to 1,306.15.

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Some have pledged to contribute \$100,000 or more over five years, Wilson said, but he didn't name names.

The events—tonight in Burley and Thursday in Twin Falls—aim to spread understanding of the positive effects of regional economic development and to persuade business people to invest in it, Wilson said.

The issue matters to workers and local businesses. If successful, the Business Plus III campaign could bring workers in Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties new job openings with higher pay. For businesses, economic development promises to put more dollars in customers' wallets but could intensify competition for labor and raise wages.

The campaign has garnered support from leaders around the valley.

Associating ourselves with Business Plus III will increase the resources available to us when it comes to attracting new jobs," said Brent Lee, chairman of the Mini-Cassia Development

Commission. "We expect Business Plus III to be a potential source of funding when recruiting new businesses and adapting local facilities for future expansion in the Mini-Cassia region."

Business Plus III will act as one of the players that will create new employment and business-expansion leads. But this player will have money to spend to bait the hook.

Other players have different roles. A local labor organization, for example, might provide the labor force data that convinces an expansion-minded or site-seeking company to bring its jobs to Magic Valley. The College of Southern Idaho might assemble a worker-training program. A chamber of commerce might collect answers to the company's questions about the community. A city might pledge to improve a road or a sewer connection. Other entities might be involved, too.

Business Plus III, during its five-year lifetime, will dole out job-training incentive grants to businesses.

If that sounds familiar, it's because predecessor campaign Business Plus II made similar grants and can still make more with the money left in its pot. But Business Plus III, its organiz-

ers say, will be more regional. Leadership of both the fund-raising campaign and the governing organization will come from the entire six-county region. Marketing efforts done by Southern Idaho Economic Development

Organization and supported by Business Plus III will touch all of Magic Valley. Businesses throughout the region—not merely the Twin Falls-Jerome corridor—will be eligible for grants.

"The regional concept is the norm anywhere, it's not the exception," Wilson said. Regional cooperation strengthens the chance of landing good jobs.

"The Magic Valley is not competing with the Northwest or the Southwest. It's competing on a global basis for job creation," he said.

The new entity will rely on chambers of commerce to lead business-retention efforts and SIEDO to market the valley to potential new employers.

Business Plus III's strategy also includes some sort of entrepreneurial program to support development of new businesses in Magic Valley.

Business Plus III intends to work more effectively with Idaho National Engineering and

Environmental Laboratory contractor Bechtel BWXT Idaho and its staff dedicated to commercialization of technology developed by the Idaho State University Business Development Center. It could be another player, and Business Plus III will rely on local chambers of commerce to drive the entrepreneurial program. A venture capital conference might be in the works, Wilson said.

Whatever form it takes, the entrepreneurial effort will need other leadership. "It has to be coordinated, and we're looking to the chambers to do that," he said.

After this week's kickoff events, Business Plus III leaders will hold a series of small-group briefings to solicit prospective investors in the \$15,000-\$25,000 and under-\$15,000 divisions, Wilson said.

Chambers, service clubs and individual businesses will sponsor some of the briefings. Some meetings will be held at hotels. The campaign will issue invitations, then follow up with prospects one-on-one.

Wilson will stay in his Twin Falls office until fund-raising hits the \$1.44 million mark.

Leaders hope to have that much in the pot by April 30.

"If not more," Wilson said.

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For example, the University of Missouri-Columbia's top officers with a photograph and brief history of its administration building, Jesse Hall.

Other college sites, such as Duke University, are glitzier. By clicking and dragging your mouse, you can create the illusion of standing in a particular area on campus while taking in the ambience in any direction.

Panorama aside, what information should you look for on a college Web site? Start with events calendars, which will tell you when schools are offering special presentations or weekends for prospective students. Also look for information on the admissions process, specific academic departments and how to contact department heads. E-mail is often the most effective way to reach them.

Like any marketing tool, a virtual campus tour doesn't tell the whole story. Also, figure that any of those panoramic images may have been touched up a bit to cover cracks in columns or bare spots on the lawn.

Still, the virtual experience

can be a great way to help college-bound students bone up on a school and see how it looks like without having to set foot on campus. Then you may be able to get more out of an actual visit.

Some other sources for scouting colleges:

• [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). This site helps search for colleges based on location, the type of institution (such as two-year vs. four-year) and academic interests. Most intriguing is a section on campus crime statistics.

• [www.univ.com](http://www.univ.com). This site, which is essentially a news service for college newspapers, provides stories about college life and issues on campuses.

• [www.collegespossible.org](http://www.collegespossible.org). You can find answers to lots of questions about colleges, scholarships, the SAT and other aspects of the higher education maze, plus lots of links to other college sites.

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## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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# Report: Budget gaps jumped nearly 50 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The flood of red ink for state governments just keeps rising: Expected budget deficits jumped by close to 50 percent in the past three months, and the situation is expected to worsen, the National Conference of State Legislatures said Tuesday.

The deteriorating situation could prompt more cuts in a wide range of programs such as elementary schools, health care for the poor and more. Additionally, it will increase pressure on state lawmakers to raise taxes.

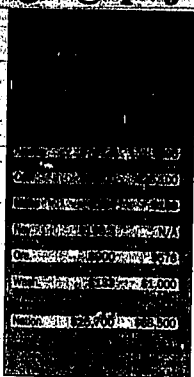
"It's dismal and probably getting worse," said Nebraska state Sen. Roger Wehrbein, who heads his state's budget-writing Appropriations Committee. "Even if the economy turns around, we don't go to war and oil prices don't go up, it'll still be two or three years before we see improvements in state revenue."

Oklahoma state Sen. Angela Monson, who presented the findings of a conference study at a news conference, said if the federal government doesn't help, many states will have no choice but to raise taxes and fees.

"If there was a Utopia, the 'no tax' option would be great," Monson said. "But there is an expectation that state government will meet certain needs — education, health, roads."

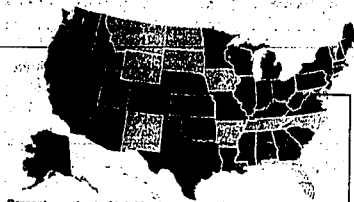
Several states are already discussing raising so-called sin taxes on cigarettes or alcohol, while others are pushing gambling to raise revenue. Like Maryland Gov. Robert Ehrlich's proposal to put thousands of slot machines at the state's racetracks.

Monson and others from the bipartisan governors' organization criticized the \$2.3 trillion federal budget that President Bush proposed Monday. The plan, they said, fails to provide billions needed for education, homeland secu-



## States unable to close budget gaps

Thirty-six states reported budget gaps for their fiscal year 2003 budgets and 15 of them reported gaps of greater than 10 percent. The cumulative state gap is approximately \$25.7 billion.



Percentage short of total budget  
 No gaps  
 Up to 5 percent  
 5.1 to 10 percent  
 10.1 to 20 percent  
 More than 20 percent

NOTE: Tennessee had no response.

SOURCE: National Conference of State Legislatures

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ity and election reform, or to provide enough help to offset soaring costs of Medicaid, the federal-state health care program for the poor.

The report's findings were compiled from data collected during the first six months of the fiscal year, which began July 1 for all but four states. Among findings:

- The collective budget shortfall for state governments jumped nearly 50 percent between November and January, rising from \$17.5 billion to \$25.7 billion, despite scaled-back spending plans.

- Next year's projected shortfall is \$68.5 billion now, but analysts said that probably will get higher as revenues continue sagging.

That's a jump of almost 40 percent from this year's estimate of \$49 billion.

Last year's shortfall hit \$37 billion.

- Thirty-six states reported gaps between income and spending; 19 states were missing money equal to 5 percent or more of their budgets.

The faltering economy, along with weakness in the stock market, manufacturing and the high-tech industry, drove down tax revenues.

Adding soaring health care to the mix, and "there is no immediate end to these severe budget troubles," the report said.

In his 2004 budget plan, Bush heeded governors' request for flexibility on federal rules. He proposed to give states more latitude in spending federal money for Medicaid and for Head Start

preschools in low-income neighborhoods.

Bush's plan also would increase federal grants to state and local governments by nearly 4 percent to \$398.8 billion, about 18 percent of the budget.

More than \$18 billion of the increase, however, is in mandated benefit programs such as Medicaid.

For discretionary grant programs, Bush is asking Congress for \$154.1 billion, down from \$157.8 billion this year.

An analysis of Bush's proposal by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a group that focuses on how policies affect poor people, concludes it would reduce tax revenues for the states by \$64 billion over 10 years.

# Kempthorne signs first bills of Legislative session

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed the first bills of the 2003 session on Thursday, approving the two-year freeze in unemployment insurance tax rates he called for two months ago.

The bill, which cleared the Senate unanimously after drawing just three negative votes in the House, will save Idaho employers an estimated \$120 million in tax payments without affecting benefits for those who are laid off.

"As Idaho businesses make their way through these tough economic times, I believe it is better to have these dollars in the hands of employers and not in the trust fund," Kempthorne said as he signed the new law. "Our goal is to give Idaho workers pay checks, not benefits."

The weekly unemployment benefit ranges from a minimum of \$51 to a maximum of \$316 for between 11 and 26 weeks, depending on pay and work history.

The governor also signed a bill making a technical change in the way cash is sent to projects financed with cash generated on the investment of the state's tobacco settlement payments.

Escalating unemployment has been drawing down the unemployment insurance trust fund the past two years.

Last year, regular benefits hit nearly \$180 million and extended benefits added another \$26 million. But tax receipts from employers remained under \$100 million.

The unemployment rate reached an eight-year high of 5.8 percent in November.

But Kempthorne called for freezing the tax at the same rate it has been the past five years.



## Idaho tax collections fall short in January — A1

after being assured that the trust fund could withstand the pressure even if unemployment remained high. The fund opened this year with a \$270 million balance.

State Labor Director Roger Madsen also renewed the administration's earlier effort to convene a task force of business, labor and others to reassess the taxing formula and benefits package.

Critics contend the formula raises the taxes on employers with low payroll records while those who have high layoffs, typically seasonal industries, end up paying no more.

Madsen also emphasized that while the overall tax rate is being frozen, individual employer rates could go up or down depending on their latest layoff experience. He estimated 75 percent of employer rates will remain the same or drop.

Organized labor objected to the two-year freeze, fearing that it will take the pressure off revamping the system while leaving the fund vulnerable for longer than necessary.

"Not everyone agreed on what we did on this," Madsen said. "But they'll all work together this summer."

# Allred defends handling of environmental enforcement

BOISE (AP) — State Environmental Quality Director Steve Allred defended his enforcement of environmental standards on Tuesday, disputing suggestions that his agency has been tougher than federal regulators.

"I understand the perception," Allred told legislative budget writers. "We have to be as strict by law, but I hope we are a heck of a lot more reasonable."

He emphasized that in the four years he has bolstered state regulatory activity, the confrontations between Idaho businesses and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the huge fines the EPA tried to impose have been eliminated.

"Prior to 1999, EPA was taking actions against this state that, in my opinion, were unreasonable," he said. "We have shielded industry from unwarranted federal

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—Steve Allred, state environmental quality director

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The problem, he suggested, is that Idaho businesses expected federal environmental regulation to ease up with the inauguration of Republican President George W. Bush after eight years under Democrat Bill Clinton.

"But it hasn't happened," Allred said. "Look at our budget. It has \$20 million more for enforcement."

But he told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee that Idaho industries will likely get a chance to make the comparison themselves because the state's

financial crisis has curtailed his department's operations.

Environmental inspections of various businesses and industries are being cut back up to 20 percent, Allred said, and "a consequence of this will be increased federal presence at these facilities."

Air quality management plans for the Pocatello, Boise and Lewiston areas will be delayed, meaning an extension of the period under federal restrictions and possibly even new federal restrictions, he said.

And water quality plans to deal

with specific problem areas will have to be postponed, Allred said, because the department no longer has the resources to deal with them.

"We have many groundwater areas in the state where significant deterioration continues, at times when drinking water will not meet standards," he said. "It's primarily our rural interests. That's what bothers me."

He blamed it on bad individual septic tanks, failure to replace individual systems with community systems as density increases, excessive fertilizer use and leaky municipal sewer systems. The problem cannot be reversed quickly, he said, even with unlimited cash.

"It took 20 years to get that way," he said. "You could get rid of all those inputs right now, it would still take 20 years to get it back."

# Idaho lab takes new role in atomic energy research

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's budget for fiscal year 2004 reflects the federal state's shift from nuclear waste cleanup to development of atomic power.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham on Monday unveiled a \$23.4 billion national budget for fiscal year 2004, one of the largest requests for the agency in recent years.

The proposal puts special emphasis on strengthening America's defense programs, speeding up cleanup around the country, stopping the buildup of nuclear weapons and investing in energy research.

For the INEEL, the new budget means \$775 million, a little more than last year's request.

It includes more money for cleanup and for nuclear research, reflecting the INEEL's new designation as the country's lead lab for the development of nuclear power.

It is more promising than last year's budget, which included a call for the INEEL to be cleaned up and shut down, a proposal that Department of Energy officials quickly retracted.

The site's nuclear waste cleanup budget is \$600 million, up about \$150 million from last year, but close to the request in fiscal 2002.

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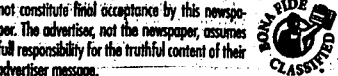
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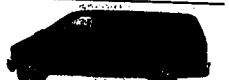


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