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A plan for change



Barbara Jund, a math teacher at Twin Falls High School, gives a homework assignment in an algebra class on Tuesday. A proposal to convert the school to 'block scheduling' is pending before the School Board and would take effect in the fall.

TFHS faculty wants 'block schedule'

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High School students would see a dramatic change in their school days next fall under a plan approved by faculty members. In an attempt to create more class time as the school plans to raise graduation requirements, the faculty wants to move to a "block schedule" starting in the fall. If the Twin Falls School Board gives its OK sometime in the next two months, high school students will attend blocks of

LDS seminary principal says the proposal could limit students' ability to attend classes there

four 90-minute classes for nine weeks four times during the year. Thus, a school year will be made up of four mini-semesters rather than the current two 18-week semesters. The new plan needs to be in place by late April, the beginning of fall registration. But some rumbling has already begun in those early classes, the school had two choices: eliminate

elective opportunities, or increase the number of available periods during the school year. The school now operates a six-period day with 55-minute classes. Teachers first voted whether to extend that to seven periods or go to a block schedule, which usually involves eight periods. Last week, the block schedule plan received the nod. Which kind of block schedule was the next question. Most area high schools with

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Chip market leads to layoffs at Micron

The Associated Press

BOISE — Micron Technology Inc., the world's second largest computer memory chip maker, announced on Tuesday that it is laying off 10 percent of its worldwide labor force of over 18,000. It is the first layoff of the Boise-based company has imposed since 1985, seven years after it was founded. "We remain committed to the long-term growth opportunities for our company and our industry," corporate Chairman Steve Appleton said in a prepared statement. "These actions will lower our cost structure, allow us to better focus our product portfolio, and continue to invest in new technology." Appleton said the layoffs will be proportional throughout the corporate system.

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PRETTY AS A PICTURE



Framed by the Brooklyn Bridge, Ingrid Rodriguez takes her son Ian to school Tuesday in snow-bound New York. For more on the storm that dropped a blanket of white over much of the Eastern U.S., please see page A4.

'Takings' bill awaits House vote

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — Two bills encouraging government to be more careful about regulating the use of private property passed the House Government Affairs Committee on Monday with a vote of 7 to 2. Introduced by House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, the legislation would allow property owners to ask government officials for an analysis of

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Meat industry, pro-vegetarian group compete for young people's loyalty

The Associated Press

Jessi Lehman may not know it, but she's the sort of girl who's stirring a battle between the beef industry and pro-vegetarian groups — with each attempting to sway young people to its side of the table.

The teen from State College, Pa., grew up surrounded by farm country and in a family of meat-eaters. Yet at age 16, she's been a vegetarian for more than six years, and says a growing number of her friends are following suit.

For many, especially girls, going without meat is in

"In America, we eat so much more than we need," says Jessi, who talks about "sustainable agriculture" and "slaughterhouse conditions" as easily as most teens talk about their favorite music or TV show.

There are signs that young people are increasingly interested

in eating vegetarian. Surveys show that more schools and universities now offer non-meat alternatives as main courses. The Vegetarian Resource Group cites its veggie nutrition information for teens as the "top page" on its Web site.

And a recent survey of 12- to 19-year-olds done by Teenage Research Unlimited found that 20 percent of all respondents — and 28 percent of girls — said vegetarianism is "in."

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Officials ponder jail deal

Could current funds be used to pay off lease to build new facility?

By Mark Helpez
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — There might be a way to build more jail space without raising taxes or borrowing money, county officials say. And if the Twin Falls County Commission is successful with that approach, it won't need approval from the voters or a judge, says the commission's top legal adviser on the matter.

Commissioner Tom Mikesell said the hope is that money now being used to house inmates outside the county could simply be re-routed toward paying off the lease on a new jail building. Even so, the commission is going to need more information before any decisions can be made.

The county spent about \$450,000 sending inmates to other counties over the last fiscal year and anticipates to soon be spending at least \$500,000 a year to do that, Mikesell said. So that figure would probably be the county's ceiling for an annual lease payment on a new jail.

The county has faced significant legal hurdles with previous jail plans. But a simple redistribution of funds probably wouldn't face much red tape, said Twin Falls County deputy prosecutor Ramsey Emory.

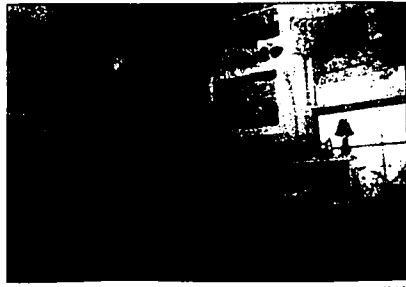
All the county would have to do is keep the jail within the bounds of an "ordinary and necessary expense," as defined by the Idaho Constitution, Emory said. The constitution says governments need voter approval to become indebted beyond the current fiscal year — unless they can show the money is going for an ordinary and necessary expense, she said. That concept has been tested on a case-by-case basis, and it's generally accepted that it's open to reasonable interpretation, Emory said.

So if a jail project does ever get down to the nuts and bolts planning stages, it would be that constitutional passage and similar sections of Idaho law the county would have to measure it against, Emory said. Otherwise, the county would open itself up to court challenges on the matter.

Classifying any new construction as an addition or expansion — rather than an entirely new project — could also help clear the way, County Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said.

Even so, it's not legally necessary to get the jail classified as an expansion in order to sidestep having to take the project before voters or a judge, Emory said. Rather, it will hinge on the court's ability to do it without raising

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Jessi Lehman, 16, who grew up in a family of meat-eaters, talks about what it's like being a teen vegetarian Tuesday in State College, Pa.

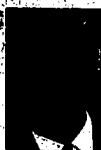
Bush brushes aside anti-war opposition

Los Angeles Times

UNITED NATIONS - Even as a parade of U.N. ambassadors added their voices to the chorus of global protests over the weekend, President Bush said Tuesday that broad opposition to a war with Iraq won't deter White House plans to disarm Saddam Hussein by force, if necessary.

"I welcome people's right to say what they believe," Bush told reporters. But he added that he had to "respectfully disagree" with those who think the Iraqi president is not a threat to peace.

"The role of a leader is to decide policy based upon the security - in this case, the security



President Bush

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through this evening. Most of the 27 ambassadors who addressed Tuesday's session urged that weapons inspections must be given a full chance before using force to disarm Iraq, but they also pressed Baghdad to show more cooperation.

"Resorting to war without fully exhausting all other options represents an admission of failure by the Security Council in carrying out its mandate of maintaining international peace and security," said South African Ambassador Dumisani Kumalo, who had requested the meeting on behalf of the U.N.'s 155 nonaligned members.

Only Australia, Kuwait and

Japan appeared to support the U.S. and British stance that Saddam has squandered his chance for the peaceful disarmament of his country.

U.S. and British diplomats say they hope to present the Security Council soon with a second resolution but are still working on language they hope the entire 15-member council can agree on by month's end.

Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair appeared to differ on the importance of a second resolution, with Blair seeming more interested in obtaining one.

Blair, responding to criticism at home, said it was his duty to do what he believes is right.

U.S. considers deeper move into Philippines

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States is negotiating details of a major new counter-terror operation against Muslim rebels in the Philippines that could include involvement of U.S. special forces in combat, officials said Tuesday.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, believe they have new information showing a stronger link than previously believed between the Philippine rebels and other international terrorist groups.

Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's government said Monday that she had approved joint training on the island of Jolo, where some Abu Sayyaf rebels fled after the last U.S.-Filipino effort.

But the Pentagon distanced itself Tuesday from the announcement, saying no decision had been made.

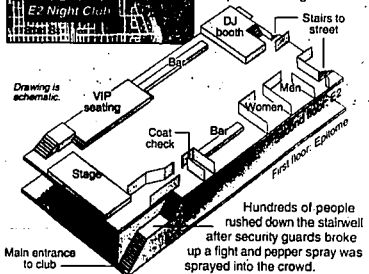
A month of talks between the governments has centered on sending U.S. special forces to Jolo as advisers and for possible joint operations - including combat - against the rebels, two officials said on condition of anonymity.

That would be a major escalation of U.S. involvement in the country, where American troops in recent months have only been doing training and joint exercises with Filipino armed forces.

Chicago seeks jail for nightclub owner



The city of Chicago asked that criminal contempt charges be brought against the owner of the E2 nightclub where 21 people were killed and 57 injured in a panic-sparked stampede early Monday. A court had previously ordered the club closed due to building code violations including failure to provide enough exits.



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Chicago blames club owners after fatal crush

The Washington Post

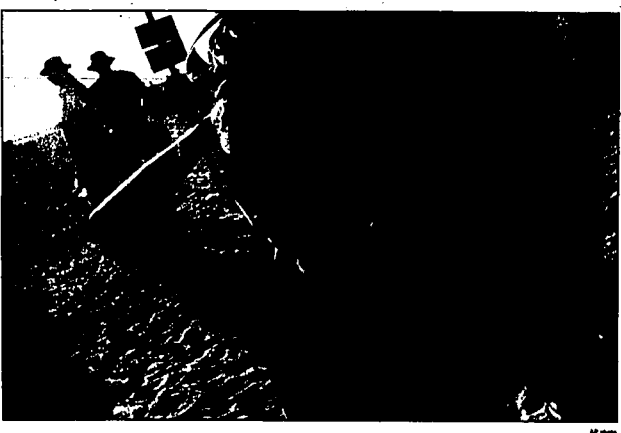
CHICAGO - Angry Chicago officials on Tuesday blamed what they characterized as rogue club owners who willfully broke the law for the stampede at a crowded nightclub that killed 21 people early Monday.

Prosecutors said it was too soon to determine whether criminal charges will be filed in the deaths of 12 women and nine men who ranged in age from 19 to 43. But that did not stop Mayor Richard Daley from moving on several fronts to shut down the club, called E2, and punish the owners. City attorneys filed contempt charges Tuesday afternoon against the owner of the facility, Le Mirage Studio Ltd., for operating in violation of a court order

that barred them from opening the top floor of a two-story building that also houses Epitome restaurant. The orders, signed last summer by Cook County Circuit Court Judge Daniel Lynch, called for a "mandatory order not to occupy 2nd floor" as a result of code violations. Attorneys for the owners said they followed the court order and dispute that it banned them from using the dance floor.

"When a court issues an order against you, it is your responsibility to follow that order," a visibly upset Daley said at a news conference Tuesday morning. "You don't have the right to disobey that order until someone catches you or until you have a disaster happen, as it did Monday morning."

PREPARING FOR THE REAL THING



U.S. Army military police officer specialist Samantha San Miguel, 23, from Houston, Texas, is taken as a prisoner during a prisoner of war training at Camp New York in northern Kuwait on Monday. During the Gulf War, U.S. troops took tens of thousands of Iraqi soldiers as prisoners of war.

U.S. drops leaflets warning Iraqis not to oppose American troops

Knight Ridder News Service

DOHA, Qatar - The United States has dropped more than 8 million leaflets over Iraq, warning Iraqis not to oppose American troops should they enter the country.

During nighttime missions, U.S. planes drop fiberglass bombs that burst 4,000 feet above earth. Each explosion releases clouds of white smoke and 60,000 paper leaflets, which spin like helicopter blades before they land in target areas the size of a living room.

The psychological warfare has been going on for months and is an attempt to intimidate those who might try to fight American troops, and warn others to stay out of the way. The leaflets tell Iraqis about American radio broadcasts, urge citizens to stay away from military targets and warn "noble" Iraqi troops to think of their families rather than fight for Saddam Hussein.

The goal isn't to destroy the enemy, only his willingness to

fight. "If we go to war, we'll know in the first few days how effective they are in the number of Iraqi soldiers who capitulate," said Marine Maj. Pete Mitchell, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command. "We're anticipating, regularly, tens of thousands of Iraqis who capitulate."

Since the 1800s, when European troops used kites and balloons to send messages behind enemy lines, leaflets have been a way to communicate during war. Today, the military calculates wind speed and cuts paper into 3-by-6-inch rectangles. They're biodegradable and aerodynamically designed to land close together within 10 meters of the target.

American military analysts say that before allied firepower drives home the message, leaflets are crucial to hammer away at the resolve of Iraqi soldiers.

"The fact that we can enter his airspace and drop leaflets reminds the soldier that he doesn't control his country," said

P.J. Crowley, former White House National Security Council spokesman during the Clinton administration. Iraq's military is believed to be at less than half the strength it had entering the first Gulf War, when an estimated 87,000 troops gave up. As they dropped their weapons, many carried leaflets that showed surrendering troops eating bananas, considered a delicacy in Iraq.

"On occasion, specific units were the targets of leaflets informing them that they would soon be bombed and should surrender," said Mark Burgess, a research analyst with Washington's Center for Defense Information. "In seven weeks, 29 million leaflets were targeted, reaching about 98 percent of the Iraqi troops they were targeted at. Seventy percent of Iraqi prisoners would later claim the leaflets were instrumental in their surrender."

Leaflets have their limits, however. Many in Afghanistan offered rewards for Osama bin Laden. He remains at large.

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SNOW DIN



Residents leave their homes to walk down a snow covered street in Boston as other residents shovel the snow Tuesday after a snowstorm dumped 27 inches of snow in the Boston area.

Storm lands final blow on East Coast

BOSTON (AP) — The Northeast struggled to dig out Tuesday from a paralyzing storm that unloaded up to 4 feet of snow, busted city snow-removal budgets and stranded thousands of people at airports up and down the East Coast.

The storm, blamed for 37 deaths, finally headed out to sea after taking a parting shot at Boston, which got an all-time record of 27.5 inches by the time the snow stopped falling Tuesday morning.

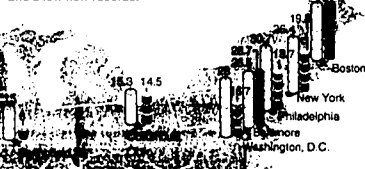
Homeowners and motorists dug out their cars and doorways and toiled to reopen driveways that had been sealed shut by passing snowplows.

"What can you do?" said 38-year-old Brian Shipley of Rockville, Md., standing waist-deep in the mini-canyon he had shovelled in the path to his door. "You dig out and you get ready for tomorrow."

A few blocks away, acupunctureist Cindy Clark foresaw a lot of sore backs. "There's going to be more work than I can handle for a long time," she said, leaning against a shovel in her almost

A record breaker

Final snowfall tallies from this weekend's snowstorm show significant accumulations from the Midwest to the Northeast and a few new records.



SOURCES: AccuWeather; Associated Press

AP

cleared driveway.

Major airports labored to resume service after the biggest snowstorm to hit the Northeast in seven years.

Thousands of people expecting

to fly home from vacations were stranded at airports in Florida. With Northern airports still catching up Tuesday, airlines could not meet the demand.

The storm spread snow from the

Plains to New England, caused floods and power outages, and closed schools from West Virginia to Massachusetts. Federal offices remained closed Tuesday in Washington; they had been closed on Monday for Presidents Day.

Because the snowstorm struck on the long holiday weekend and during midwinter vacation week for many schoolchildren, traffic was lighter than usual and plowing was easier.

"This has been one of those storms where things could go either way, and it's gone the right way every time for us," said Peter Judge, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. "It was sort of Murphy's Law in reverse."

Weather-related deaths included two in Illinois, one in Nebraska, five in Pennsylvania, seven in West Virginia, six in Missouri, one in Ohio, two in Virginia, four in Maryland, one in New Jersey, one in Connecticut, two in New York City, one in Tennessee and four in Iowa. A 12-year-old boy was missing in a swollen stream in Tennessee.

Analysts: Overseas security needs work

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Billions in taxpayer dollars and swarms of federal screeners have made U.S. airports harder for terrorists to hit, but passenger jets bound for America remain vulnerable overseas because of gaps in global security, industry and government officials say.

"There are hundreds and hundreds of examples of gaping holes

in foreign security," said Capt. Steve Luckey, of the Air Line Pilots Association. "There is nothing out there to negate a recurrence of 9/11, provided (terrorists) do it at the end of the flight instead of the beginning."

The concerns are intensifying as a possible war with Iraq looms closer. They increased earlier this month when the government elevated the nation's terrorism alert system to its second-highest level.

School

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block schedules use what is referred to as the A/B schedule. It is made up of eight classes, 90 minutes each, taken four a day. That is, one set of four classes is taken one day, the other four classes the following day, alternating daily.

Twins Falls educators didn't go for that version, thinking that eight classes a semester would overwhelm the students.

"If they're struggling with six classes, they're going to struggle more with eight," TFHS Principal Ben Allen said.

Instead, the 4-by-4 version was chosen, an approach unknown in south-central Idaho but used with regularity in other parts of the country.

But that might be troublesome for students who spend part of the day attending religious classes off campus, said Larry Prigmore, principal of the LDS Church's seminary program across the street from the high school.

Most of his 300 students attend seminary throughout the school year, using their elective classes for that pursuit. With only four classes per semester as proposed, the likelihood of having an elective period each time is greatly reduced, Prigmore said.

Athletes needing to take conditioning classes all year could suffer the same fate, he said.

Allen said he's aware of all concerns.

"I think they're legitimate," he said. "I'm apprehensive myself, because no other schools in our area are on that schedule."

There will be a public comment period sometime in March.

No schedule is perfect, and this one admittedly has its drawbacks, Allen said. But it was this option that teachers thought would offer the most benefits overall.

They also hope it will accomplish another goal: lowering the dropout rate.

"Nationwide, schools on block schedules have shown decreases in the number of dropouts," he said.

It's possible to attribute that success to the longer, 90-minute classes, he said. The extra time allows teachers to develop stronger relationships with students and greater ability to monitor students' progress and intervene when trouble brews.

Fifty-five minutes barely allows enough time to lecture and to assign homework, he said. The extra time would require greater teacher creativity to keep students engaged for the longer periods. The district would provide workshops and other means for teacher training over the summer.

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Increased requirements reduce teen auto accidents

Nation in brief

WASHINGTON — Requiring teens to get learner's permits or go through other interim stages before gaining their driver's licenses reduces auto accidents among young drivers — though they continue to have the highest rate of fatal crashes.

Twelve studies released Tuesday by the nonprofit National Safety Council found that graduated driver's license programs reduce teen crash rates by as much as 33 percent. One study found fatalities involving teen drivers plummeted 58 percent.

Among all drivers, however, teenagers still had the highest rate of fatal crashes — 71 fatal crashes out of 100,000 for 16-year-olds; 59 out of 100,000 for 17-year-olds; and 57 out of 100,000 for 18-year-olds.

At least 38 states, including Idaho, and the District of Columbia have three-tiered graduated driver's license programs. While they vary, a typical program generally gives teens their licenses after they have received a learner's permit and an intermediate license.

Groups urge Supreme Court to restrict spying powers

WASHINGTON — Civil liberties groups are using a long shot approach in an effort to get the Supreme Court to limit the government's power to spy, filing an appeal Tuesday on behalf of people who don't even know they're being monitored.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other organizations hope to draw the justices into their first post-Sept. 11 anti-terror case with a challenge of the Justice Department's surveillance powers.

Congress gave the government broader spying authority after the terrorist attacks. The ACLU argued that a review court misinterpreted the law, making it too easy for the government to get permission to listen to telephone conversations, read e-mail and search private property, and then use the information in criminal cases.

ACLU Membership surges in post-9/11 America

Conservatives are in power again. They control the White House, both houses of Congress and many statehouses across the country. And one of their most popular targets, the American Civil Liberties Union, has never been more popular.

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the 82-year-old nonprofit organization has seen its ranks of members and supporters increase by 15 percent, to an all-time high of about 380,000.

Many newcomers signed up because they're concerned about the Bush administration's anti-terrorism measures, which allow closed military trials, expanded profiling of immigrants and government monitoring of everyday electronic transactions.

"People tend to join at a time when they really see a threat," said Emily Whitfield, a national ACLU spokeswoman. "I think times of war are always galvanizing, because that's a time when the government makes the case that civil liberties can be sacrificed."

Study: New radiologists show better cancer detection rate

WASHINGTON — Practice may not make perfect when it comes to spotting cancer on mammograms.

A new study casts doubt on the belief that doctors who read the most mammograms each year are the most proficient. Instead, the research found the most recently trained radiologists did best in a test of cancer-detection accuracy.

Other factors that may give a more reliable mammogram: using a center that requires two radiologists to read each X-ray,

and that performs more sophisticated breast-imaging procedures as well as routine mammograms, concludes the study published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Study author Craig Beam of the University of South Florida stressed that his findings don't mean a doctor fresh out of school does a better job than a seasoned veteran. But they do raise questions about how some veterans keep up as the years pass.

Gulf War vet on death row asks Bush for clemency

LUBBOCK, Texas — A decorated Army veteran who blames childhood abuse and exposure to nerve gas during the Gulf War for his killing of a female soldier has asked President Bush to spare his life.

As the president considers sending thousands of Americans into another war against Iraq, Louis Jones Jr. is scheduled to die by lethal injection March 18 at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind. He has exhausted his appeals.

Jones, 52, admitted killing Pvt. Tracie McBride in 1995 after kidnapping her from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo and raping her.

During his 1995 trial in Lubbock, defense experts testified that he suffered from brain damage from abuse as a child and post-traumatic stress from his combat tours in Grenada and the Gulf. Prosecutors brought in their own experts to dispute the claims.

Liberals plan radio network as alternative to Limbaugh

WASHINGTON — A group planning a liberal-leaning radio network says the idea hasn't caught on in previous attempts because it wasn't marketed properly and wasn't entertaining enough.

Now venture capitalists from Chicago and an Atlanta radio executive are behind an effort to start just such a radio network that would offer an alternative to conservative talk show hosts like Rush Limbaugh.

"We believe this is a tremendous business opportunity," Atlanta radio executive Jon Sinton said Monday. Sinton, who would be the network's executive, added, "There are so many right-wing talk shows, we think it's created a hole in the market you could drive a truck through."

The group, led by Anita Drobny, considers the investors who have financially supported Democratic candidates. Hoping to start the network by this fall, they are talking with comedian and author Al Franken about working with the network and hope to attract other entertainers and political guests.

Girl remains critical after botched organ transplant

DURHAM, N.C. — A 17-year-old girl who mistakenly received organs from a donor with a different blood type is not expected to live more than a few days, a family friend said Tuesday.

Jessica Santillan, whose family moved to the United States from Mexico so she could get a heart and lung transplant, was in critical condition, said Richard Huff, a spokesman for Duke University Hospital.

"She's only got a couple of more days to live on this heart-lung machine, and she's already experiencing damage to her kidneys," friend Mack Maxey told ABC's "Good Morning America."

The girl's own antibodies are attacking the organs, he said, and she almost died from a heart attack Feb. 10.

— compiled from wire reports

Meatless

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overall, a spokesman at Teenage Research — a suburban Chicago firm, that tracks youth trends, notes the percentage is not particularly high when compared to other trends such as using the Internet (92 percent) and downloading music (84 percent).

Still, the interest in going meatless is substantial enough that the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, a trade group for cattle ranchers, is taking action.

In December, the group posted a Web site titled "Cool2B-Real" and aimed at girls, ages 8 to 12. The site encourages girls to be confident and active with message boards, computer games, self-esteem tests and advice — and recipes featuring various forms of beef.

"We are out to promote that all foods fit into a healthy diet," says Mary K. Young, executive director of nutrition for the National Cattlemen, who remembers a time wheneschewing meat was considered "fringe."

Young concedes that a vegetarian diet can be healthy. But too often, she says, it isn't. And overall — whether girls are vegetarian or not — she says federal statistics show that after age 11, many girls lack important nutrients found in beef and other food.

The data shows that 60 percent of girls ages 12 to 19 are not con-

suming recommended levels of iron, nearly half don't get enough zinc, and a third don't eat foods that contain adequate levels of vitamin B12.

On the other side, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is stepping up its pro-vegetarian campaign. PETA officials say that, every month in New York City, they'll circulate a bus covered in an ad featuring an obese child eating a burger and the slogan "Feeding Kids Meat Is Child Abuse — Fight the Fat."

The National Cattlemen call the ad, slated for circulation in other cities, "irresponsible."

But PETA spokesman Bruce Friedrich believes there are better sources of vitamins, iron and other minerals than meat. As PETA's director of vegan outreach, he goes as far as to recommend a vegan diet for adults and children: fruit, whole grains and vegetables, including legumes (beans, peas and lentils). That means no meat or fish and no dairy products, such as milk and cheese.

Research on the subject is mixed, though many health experts, including researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health, recommend eating more fish, beans and chicken as a source of protein than red meat.

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Diamond thieves make giant haul

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - Thieves emptied more than 100 vaults at a diamond trading center in what officials said might be the largest theft ever in Antwerp, the gem trading capital of the world.

Authorities were still trying Tuesday to determine the amount of the loss from the cellar of a building that houses dozens of gem trading companies in a city that has been a center of the trade in precious stones since the 16th century.

The thieves bypassed heavy security to

steal the diamonds from 123 of 160 vaults in the cellar of the Antwerp Diamond Center over the weekend. The loss was disclosed Monday.

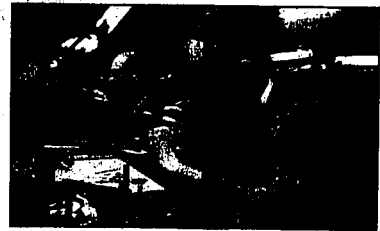
Previously, the largest theft on record in Antwerp occurred in 1994, when thieves cleaned out five vaults in the Diamond Center, for a loss of \$4.55 million. Two Israelis and another man from Brazil were convicted in that theft but their case is on appeal.

The total in the weekend burglary was likely to be much larger, said Youri

Steverlynck, a spokesman for the High Diamond Council, which regulates the gem trade.

"We are certainly talking about many millions," Steverlynck said.

The Diamond Center, in the heart of Antwerp's historic gem district, has extremely heavy security including surveillance cameras and round-the-clock guards for the vaults. There was no sign of forced entry in the weekend break-in so authorities suspect an inside job.



Inspectors check the quality of diamonds in Antwerp, Belgium, the diamond-cutting capital of the world, on March 2, 2001. Over the weekend of Feb. 15-16, 123 of 160 vaults in the maximum-security cellars of the Diamond Center in Antwerp were burglarized.

Israeli tanks roll into Gaza City

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Backed by helicopter gunfire, dozens of Israeli tanks rolled into Gaza City late Tuesday in the second incursion in two days.

The Islamic group Hamas claimed in a statement that a suicide bomber from Gaza City blew up one of the tanks. The Israeli military had no immediate comment.

The violence followed an Israeli decision to lift a quarantine on the West Bank and Gaza that had idled thousands of Palestinians who work in Israel, as Palestinian officials appealed for huge amounts of aid to rescue their conflict-battered economy.

Witnesses said about 40 Israeli tanks headed for the Shajaiyeh neighborhood, and militants destroyed a tank. Iman Shamali, 39, said her house "shook like an earthquake" from the force of the blast, and she saw the tank burning outside. "Bullets are coming from all directions," she said. "It's a real war here." There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Israel has been targeting Hamas since the group took responsibility for a bomb that blew up a tank in northern Gaza on Saturday, killing four soldiers.

Hamas official Abdel Aziz Rantisi warned Israel leaders that Gaza would be "a graveyard for their soldiers." He said Hamas would "continue our holy war to liberate this land," referring to Israel as well as Gaza and the West Bank.

Eight Hamas activists have been killed in the last three days, though six of them died in a mysterious explosion that may not have been tied to Israel.

Israel acknowledged Palestinian hardships lifted a quarantine Tuesday that idled thousands of Palestinian workers.

Israel had closed off the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Monday at the beginning of the four-day Muslim Feast of the Sacrifice holiday.

At the time, Israel cited warnings of terror attacks in Israel. Israel had been allowing about 20,000 Palestinians to work in Israel, a fraction of the number before fighting erupted, but they, too, were idled by the closure.

Four ask for asylum from N. Korea

BEIJING (AP) - Four people, all of them apparently from North Korea, entered the Japanese School in China's capital on Tuesday carrying letters asking for Tokyo's help in seeking asylum, a Japanese Embassy official said.

It appeared the four - a man, a woman and two children - entered the school at about 4:30 p.m. through the main gate, said Atsushi Ueno, a counselor at the embassy.

"They brought letters saying they were seeking asylum in Japan," Ueno said.

The group was spotted by officials at the school, which is run by Japan's Education Ministry for Japanese nationals in Beijing. They called the embassy after talking to the four and seeing the letters, Ueno said.

The four "appear to be North Koreans," Ueno said, adding that it was not immediately clear what would happen to them.

The asylum-seekers were taken to the embassy's consulate section for the night, he said.

"They are fine," Ueno said. "The embassy provided a dinner box, and they ate and seem to be OK."

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EDITORIAL

State needs to close tribal tax exemptions

As the Legislature continues its tireless search for more tax revenue, it's important to keep money from leaking away through unfair tax exemptions. It does little good to bail water out of a sinking boat, if you don't plug the holes in the hull.

That's why legislators are justified to amend the sales tax exemptions enjoyed by tribal-owned businesses on Idaho's Indian reservations. Those exemptions unfairly draw dollars out of communities near reservations. If the state raises the sales tax rate this year, the competitive advantage already held by tribal businesses will increase.

To understand the issue, you must understand the slippery slope of tribal sovereignty.

services benefiting everyone, including tribal members.

To address the tax inequity, two new bills in the Legislature propose ways to collect from non-tribal customers who shop on reservations.

One bill, sponsored by Bunderson, addresses a 1984 exemption on goods made by tribal-owned businesses and sold on reservations. The bill would allow the exemption only for customers who are tribal members.

The other bill would impose the state cigarette tax on non-Indians shopping in tribal-owned stores. The current exemption gives a huge advantage to tribal retailers — and if the state increases its cigarette tax in this session, the tax imbalance will be even harder for non-tribal businesses to overcome.

Remember, under these proposals, tribal members will still be exempt from sales taxes when they buy goods from tribal businesses. Only non-Indian customers would be affected.

Tribal leaders oppose any removal of tax exemptions for tribal-owned businesses. They say the proposals violate tribal sovereignty.

But the real issue isn't sovereignty. It's fairness. Non-Indians should pay sales taxes to support state services no matter where they shop.

First Gulf War offers perspective to present

To understand why America may go to war against Iraq, it helps to remember the war we already fought in Iraq, especially the way it ended.

On the night of Jan. 16, 1991, bombers swept over Baghdad, and the bombing began. "The battle," said President George Bush, "has been joined." Muslim nations were with us. Among the first waves of allied planes were 150 Saudi Arabian attack fighters.

Saddam had plenty of chances to avoid the Gulf War. For six months, he had been told to leave Kuwait. He refused. He ignored our threats as well as

MARK PATINKIN

United Nations demands. The world concluded that diplomacy wouldn't work.

We had many targets, but a main goal, said President Bush — one many of us have now forgotten — was to destroy Iraq's nuclear potential and chemical weapons stocks.

"We will not fail," Bush said. The bombing went on for 38 days. Across America, and the world, protests built. And diplomacy continued. If Iraq would only leave Kuwait, it would end. He refused.

On the night of Saturday, Feb. 23, the United States and its allies launched an attack on the ground. "The liberation of Kuwait," said President Bush, "is now entered a final phase."

Many feared a clash of armies unequalled since World War II. An advance allied force of 200,000 was set to engage an entrenched, 43-division Iraqi army of a half-million.

But the bombing had crippled the enemy. Allied troops met little resistance. They captured thousands as they marched toward Kuwait.

American casualties were com-



paratively low, but there were enough. On Monday, Feb. 25, an Iraqi Scud missile hit a makeshift U.S. barracks killing 28 at once. Sgt. Arnel Bona, who was assigned to control the crowd at the scene, described the destroyed barracks as "gory, horrible."

On Wednesday, Feb. 27, 100 hours into the ground war, President Bush ordered a ceasefire, declaring the defeat of the Iraqi army. The entire conflict lasted 43 days.

It had been about Kuwait, but what's forgotten is that it was about one other goal, too.

That goal was addressed six weeks later, on April 4, 1991. That's when the United Nations Security Council passed the war's official cease-fire. In essence, this document contained the terms of surrender. It formal-

ized what Iraq was expected to do in return for the allies having stopped their Desert Storm attack.

And Saddam Hussein agreed to it.

He agreed to dismantle his weapons of mass destruction. That meant destroying all chemical and biological weapons, most ballistic missiles and all nuclear-weapons-grade material. He agreed to do all of this under the supervision of the United Nations.

Before the Gulf War, Iraq had the world's fourth-largest army. The surrender was supposed to turn it into a demilitarized state. At the time, our U.N. ambassador said, "This resolution is tough but fair. It sets the path by which Iraq can take its place again in the world community."

It hasn't happened. Last week,

inspectors were still saying Iraq is not fully cooperating.

Since the 1991 agreement, there have been many more U.N. actions and resolutions demanding compliance. Iraq has ignored many.

So the president's focus on war today is not about America concocting some new concern that Iraq has mass weapons. It's about Saddam Hussein still refusing to fulfill the terms of surrender he signed to end the last war.

So what should the world do now?

Perhaps that question was answered 12 years ago.

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Coles' gift to Idaho

Maybe we underestimated the legacy of former Boise mayor Brent Coles.

In Tuesday's editorial, we asserted that Coles' bequest to Idaho would be citizens' greater mistrust toward government officials. We were wrong. Turns out Coles' scandalous behavior may have a more immediate effect.

The Idaho Senate passed a bill this week requiring Idaho city councils to "establish and maintain an adequate and reasonable system of internal accounting controls."

And we have Coles to thank.

Weeks ago, Sen. Hal Bunderson, R-Meridian, and members of the Idaho Association of Cities decided to investigate whether the situation in Boise could repeat itself in other Idaho cities. Their answer: Probably not, if city councils understand their responsibilities.

Which leads us to the bill. Bunderson said its intent is to clarify the duty of city officers to guard tax dollars and monitor city expense accounts. The tighter, the better.

If the bill can prevent the Boise City Hall fiasco from happening elsewhere, perhaps Coles' legacy is worth something after all.

A simple solution for overcrowded jails

There could be a simple solution to the overcrowding of the jails and prisons.

Have no idea what percentage of the incarcerated are there for sex crimes. But if all men that are convicted of sex crimes, including all rape cases, child sexual abuse and incest, would be neutered or castrated instead of given prison time and/or later released, many of whom seem to go out and commit another sex crime or murder as bad or worse than the original. If the offenders knew the penalty of their fun, it should make them realize the cost to them.

I can hear all the screaming about denying them their civil rights. Well, what about the civil rights of all the women and children they violate that affects them for life, or kill?

This would save millions locally, statewide and federally. The jails and prisons we have would probably be sufficient.

I can't see the justification of us taxpayers building and maintaining more prisons to comfortably house these rats. There are so many other more worthwhile places that our money would be spent and a lot more beneficial to all — schools, medical aid, senior citizens, roads, highways, etc. Even out our taxes.

JEAN NUTSCH
Jerome

Magic Valley can do more in a water shortage

I've lived in Twin Falls as a permanent resident since last September. As an Australian scientist with a background in agriculture, I am unsure whether to be bemused, amused or slightly cross at various aspects of water use in the valley.

Consider this classic: the snow-

pack is down, adjacent to an article about Bases over Glabia's wastewater discharged!

I go daily past the hot water discharge from the College of Southern Idaho's geothermal heating system. Your paper has written on the "great dairy problems," which include concerns that the aquifers from which their house water is drawn may be receiving unwanted inputs from treated wastewater from the dairies!

In places like drought-weary Australia, we would find these protestations very empty indeed.

How do you manage your water usage? I don't see many homes that are using recycled water for toilet flushing. I don't see many roof tanks collecting water for stock or domestic supply, such as rural Australia. There, towns of several thousand depend entirely on roof water for their existence.

I don't see solar-powered distillation systems for domestic or industrial recovery of high-quality water from second-class water. I don't see regulations that are enforced that prevent wasteful losses such as lawn sprinklers that are allowed to run to the gutters. I do see all manner of spray irrigation in place, in winds of 20 knots and at temperatures of 80 F; for some crops (corn) and some beans, it is essential to keep the humidity up or one gets uneven seed set. But for pasture? For potatoes? For sugar beets? What are the merits of furrow vs. sprinkler irrigation and what are the relevant water use economies? We almost never spray irrigate anything in Australia as it promotes trouble from fungal pests, tends to cause saline build-up in the soil (already in evidence here) and is unbelievably wasteful of water.

If you irrigate by non-spray system, you need level land, but I don't see any sign of laser grading of agricultural landscapes that

grow irrigated broad-acre crops here.

New homes are going up in subdivisions everywhere in and around Twin Falls, and that is the ideal time to put in place solutions that are well tested in other countries; come on, citizens of my adopted country, let's get real! Let's stop the whining and solve the problems. It is easy!

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Political predators attack our social systems

The framers of our Constitution never intended for career politicians to control our lives and become the lap dogs of large corporations and the military complex. But they have, and now thank us by mortgaging our children's futures. Corporate welfare is ubiquitous. Banks borrowing from the Federal Home Loan Bank at 1.5 percent and then purchase 30-year bonds at 5 percent, the difference comes out of our pockets as a subsidy. Almost half of our taxes go to the military complex. Insane fiscal and monetary policy and sneaky regressive tax increases have resulted in a devaluation of the dollar and budget cuts in areas of medical research, education, employment assistance and environmental issues. Stock market losses have devastated our retirements.

The political predators that absconded with your money also deprived us of effective government regulatory agencies. The justice department, Securities and

Exchange Commission, Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. attorney general's office have all been stripped of funding. Ostensibly, it was done to save money, but the real reason was to reduce regulatory pressure on political contributors like Enron. Also, an ineffective EPA can't apply pressure to environmental polluters and instead defers to state departments of environmental quality, hapless lackeys who acquiesce to corporate influence. Political robber barons and their talk of "war" is political subterfuge and a vain attempt to divert attention from real issues that face this country. Obviously, some military expenditures are necessary; otherwise, we wouldn't be able to impose our will upon others.

The financial devastation caused by our megalomaniac political representatives makes bin Laden and Saddam Hussein look like choirboys. The world is full of Third World tyrants like them, and a few million dollars and a promised refuge in the south of France has been a successful relocation policy. Is there any doubt that power, oil and money are behind this "war" talk? Sending laser-guided missiles into a hapless tyrant and a country full of peasants is not war and certainly nothing to be proud of. Where is our pride and moral indignation? Have we become so cynical and apathetic that our once-proud American heritage means nothing to us? Where is the outrage? Morally reprehensible behavior deserves nothing less.

Tell your friends and let's start voting for morally accountable representatives. Let's rid ourselves of career politicians. They are counting on our short-term memories come election time. Let's give them a surprise. Our children deserve nothing less.
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Health questions arise again in Bay State

Not telling what it is—maybe the pollution in Boston Harbor that the first George Bush talked about so much in the 1988 campaign. But the Massachusetts-based Democratic presidential candidate has a history of health issues popping up in his campaigns.

Sen. John Kerry is the latest to find himself discussing bodily ailments—in his case, prostate cancer, for which he underwent surgery last week at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is upholding a long tradition of mixing medical problems and politics.

When John F. Kennedy was running for president in 1960, backers of then-victor Lyndon B. Johnson suggested that he was far more seriously ill than the "bad back" he acknowledged living with after PT-109 was sunk by a Japanese destroyer during World War II.

Last November, historian Robert Dallek, given access to Kennedy's medical files, confirmed long-standing reports that he had Addison's disease, a potentially fatal adrenal impairment, and reported that Kennedy also was being treated at various times for urinary tract infections, intestinal disorders and depression. There were times, Dallek wrote in *The Atlantic*, when Kennedy was taking eight kinds of pills a day.

That legacy of secrecy and deception on health issues did not affect the president's younger brother, Robert F. Kennedy, when he ran for the White House in 1968 as a senator from New York.

But when Sen. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts took his turn in 1980, reporters delved into his personal history, not only the accident at Chappaquiddick that took the life of Mary Jo Kopechne, but the other accidents and lifestyle incidents that had



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marked his life. In 1964, he had nearly been killed in an airplane crash that fatally injured one of his aides. Kennedy was pulled from the wreckage by fellow-senator Birch Bayh and spent weeks in the hospital recovering.

From that point on, Kennedy often had his own severe back problems and walked with a limp. His alcohol abuse was also an issue in his 1980 race, and he was never far from serious health problems. In 1973, his namesake son Ted lost his right leg to cancer. In 1986, his son Patrick, now a congressman from Rhode Island, was treated for cocaine addiction. And last month, his daughter Kara had surgery to remove a cancerous lesion on her right lung.

Michael Dukakis, then governor of Massachusetts, was the next Bay Stater to run for the White House and captured the Democratic nomination in 1988. During the fall campaign, rumors circulated that Dukakis had been treated at least once and perhaps more often for clinical depression. The rumors reached print and when a reporter asked President Reagan about them, he replied, "I'm not going to pick on an invalid." Later, he claimed it was a joke, but, however intended, Dukakis backers saw it as a damaging part of a smear campaign.

Four years later, in 1992, former Sen. Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts ran for the Democratic nomination. Because he had stepped down from the Senate in 1984, rather than seek re-election, after announcing that he had cancer

of the lymph nodes, his health was obviously an issue.

After receiving a bone marrow transfer from his twin sister, Tsongas was pronounced cancer-free by his physician. He swam laps regularly during the primaries, as a way of demonstrating his strength, but after winning New Hampshire was defeated by Bill Clinton. A month after the 1992 election, Tsongas disclosed that doctors had found new cancer in his abdomen, but he disputed the contention by some medical journalists that warning signs had been visible earlier. Tsongas died in 1997 from liver failure and pneumonia, linked to the anti-cancer therapies.

Now comes Kerry, a healthy athlete of 59 who, like many others, found out about his prostate cancer in a routine medical exam strongly recommended for all men over 40. Having had the same surgery with the same doctor, Patrick Walsh, almost 11 years ago, I believe that Kerry too will

make a full recovery. He may find, as I did, that it takes him more than a few weeks to regain his full energy, but this spring, he should be firing on all cylinders.

Bob Dole was older than Kerry when he had that surgery in 1991 and, in part because of his openness, it was no issue in his 1996 presidential race. However, in an interview that touched on health matters 12 days before the Feb. 11 announcement, Kerry failed to disclose the diagnosis he had received, later telling reporters he had not yet informed his whole family and did not have his doctor available to answer press questions. That was a mistake.

The history of presidential candidates, especially from Massachusetts, suggests a clear lesson: Be skeptical of unfounded health rumors and be equally skeptical of too-easy reassurances.

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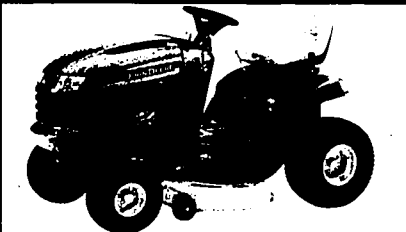
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If you have a child, or know of a child, in need of dental care, call and make an appointment with one of the following dentists.

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Special Olympians take to the ski slopes today

ALBION - Eight teams of Special Olympians are scheduled to compete in the area 5 and 6 regional winter games at Pomerelle Mountain Resort today.

Contestants may check in at Burley High School, beginning at 7:45 a.m., or at the lodge at Pomerelle from 9 to 10 a.m. Opening ceremonies begin at 10:30 a.m., with competition under way from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Teams expected include the Burley Bobcats, Blackfoot Bandits, Blackfoot Dragons and teams from Twin Falls, the Magic Valley, Pocatello, Snake River and Rock Creek.

Republicans will gather for Lincoln Day events

TWIN FALLS - Many of Idaho's top Republican elected officials will be in Magic Valley today for annual Lincoln Day events.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, and U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson are scheduled to speak at a luncheon at noon at the Burley Inn and at a dinner at 6 p.m. at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

The GOP leaders are scheduled to take part in a number of other events as well, including the annual Congressional Awards ceremony at 4 p.m. at the O'Leary Junior High School Auditorium.

Support group forms for parents of abused

TWIN FALLS - A new 10-week education and support group for non-offending parents of child victims is available for families who have experienced child sexual abuse.

The group will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays beginning today at the Canyon View West Group Room, 228 Shovel Ave. W. Participants should use the entrance on the west side of the building, facing the greenhouse. It will be an open group, so people can begin attending at any time during the free 10-week series.

Child Trauma Recovery Resource, a cooperative program of Children At-Risk Evaluation Services, and United Way of South Central Idaho are sponsoring the group. Parents will not be allowed to bring their children. Assistance with child care can be provided at a licensed day care facility on an individual as-needed basis before the session by calling CARES at 737-2600.

The goal of the group is to engage parents in the healing process for their children and families, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

For more information or to register, call CARES at 737-2600.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Aug.	% season peak
Upper Snake River	63%	60%
Twin Falls	61%	60%
Salmon	60%	63%
Oakley	55%	62%
Big Wood	54%	66%
Little Wood	104%	79%
Heater Fork/Teton	81%	69%
Big Lost	96%	66%
Little Lost	77%	52%

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Lawmakers worry over future cuts

Officials warn against trimming from natural resource, public safety

The Associated Press

BOISE - Key lawmakers warned legislative budget writers on Tuesday against making even deeper cuts in natural resource and public safety



spending as House leaders maneuvered to buttress support for another major reduction.

The chairmen of the House and Senate judiciary committee told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee that adult and juvenile corrections programs have already been cut to the bone.

"We have in place a good

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structure," Republican Sen. Denton Darrington of Declo said. "If our trend continues, that will be broken down and our public safety threatened."

And the chairmen of the natural resource committees said additional spending cuts could undermine the nearly two decades-old Snake River water

rights adjudication and attempts to remove wolves and grizzly bears from the endangered species list.

"We need to afford to do those things," Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, said. "And that means we need to generate more revenue."

But leaders moved ahead with plans to push to a House vote a \$58 million cut in the current budget - \$38 million more than Gov. Dirk Kempthorne cut last

summer to keep the state in the black. They cited continued opposition to raising taxes and the further erosion of the state economy.

House leaders think they might have just enough votes to pass the increased budget reduction. But key senators said it was unlikely to pass that chamber, creating a stalemate between the houses over whether cuts or

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Cat control

Organization urges spaying, neutering

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In just seven years, one cat and her young can produce 420,000 kittens, according to the Humane Society of the United States.

The fortunate ones will find homes. But many of them will end up living hard lives on the street, scraping for food and looking for shelter anywhere they can until their lives come to a lonely end.

It costs American taxpayers \$1 billion a year to euthanize homeless animals, according to the Doris Day Animal League, money that could be better spent spaying and neutering animals to end the problem of animal overpopulation. That's why each year the Doris Day Animal League sponsors Spay Day USA, a one-day effort to spay and neuter animals.

The LaRue Animal Clinic in Filer will host its sixth annual Tom-A-Thon Tuesday in conjunction with Spay Day USA. The clinic is looking for people to sponsor the spaying or neutering of a cat - their own, a friend's, a feral cat or a shelter animal awaiting adoption.

"There is a great need in our community for cat spaying and neutering," Bonnie Simper-LaRue, executive director of the Sheena Foundation, said in a news release. "We believe that the key to helping control over-

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USA IN COLLAGE/Photo Bank

A kitten from the Sheena Foundation begs to be taken home. People can help keep the unwanted cat population down and sponsor a cat to be spayed or neutered at next week's Tom-A-Thon. The event will be held in conjunction with Spay Day USA, a program of the Doris Day Animal Foundation, on Tuesday at the LaRue Veterinary Clinic in Filer.

Glanbia postpones permit appeal

Talks get under way

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

BOISE - An appeal planned today by Glanbia Foods Inc. over a one-time waiver of its wastewater permit has been postponed because of settlement talks with neighbors and the state.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality announced Tuesday afternoon that settlement discussions are under way among the department, the company and neighbors of Glanbia's wastewater disposal site.

DEQ last week distributed a proposal to see if a settlement could be reached, said Idaho Deputy Attorney General Doug Conde, who represents the department. Conde said the settlement framework suggested by the department proposals.

Glanbia test neighbors' drinking water wells near the wastewater land application site to determine whether their drinking water is adversely affected by Glanbia's wastewater, and, if so, for Glanbia to supply neighbors with an alternative drinking water source.

Glanbia provide financial assurance in the event that the company must provide an alternative drinking water source for neighbors.

Glanbia agree beforehand on payment of penalties should it violate its wastewater permit requirements. This would head off any potential post-penalty settlement negotiations.

Glanbia address potential aerial drift of its sprinkler irrigation system to prevent any untreated wastewater from blowing onto neighbors' property.

"Those are the basic concerns we have been working with," Conde said.

Glanbia's wastewater comes from water used to clean cheese processing equipment and includes water and solids from the processing of raw milk.

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■ Tom-A-Thon

What: LaRue Veterinary Clinic in Filer will host its sixth annual Tom-A-Thon, held in conjunction with Spay Day USA, a program started by the Doris Day Animal League.

When: Tuesday.

Why: Help stamp out pet overpopulation by sponsoring the spaying or neutering of a cat - your own, a friend's, a feral cat or a shelter animal awaiting adoption.

How: Call 326-8646 for more information. Low-cost spaying and neutering is available.

For more on the Doris Day Animal League, visit the Web site at www.danal.org.

■ Animal overpopulation facts

• Each year, an estimated 4 million to 6 million dogs and cats are euthanized in America's animal shelters because homes cannot be found for them.

In just six short years, one female dog and her offspring can be the source of 67,000 puppies.

In seven years, one cat and her young can produce 420,000 kittens.

• One of the solutions to overpopulation is spaying and neutering: In cities and towns that have implemented sterilization programs, the number of companion

animals who had to be euthanized declined by 30 to 60 percent.

Successful pet-overpopulation control programs range from cooperative efforts involving local veterinarians, to mass-media education campaigns.

For more information, call the Humane Society of the United States at (202) 452-1100 or write to The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. The Humane Society also has a Web site at www.hus.org.

Source: Humane Society of the United States

■ Area animal shelters

There are plenty of animals in need of good homes at the following shelters in the Magic Valley:

Twin Falls Animal Shelter: 139 Sixth Ave. W., 736-2299.

Sheena Foundation in Filer: 326-3266

Jerome Animal Shelter: 324-8436

Burley Animal Shelter: 678-2256

The Animal Shelter of Wood River Valley: 788-4351.

■ PetsMart Charities

PetsMart Charities' mission is to end the unnecessary euthanasia of adoptable companion animals as a means of controlling pet overpopulation. PetsMart Charities provides financial grants for new programs that assist in ending euthanasia through proactive adoption, spaying and neutering, behavior and pet identification programs. For more information on PetsMart Charities, call 1-800-423-7387.

Twin Falls council supports air traffic study

By Mark Heitz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With luck and support from the City Council and a local business organization, the Twin Falls airport hopes to win back a carrier willing to run a Twin Falls-to-Boise

route, the airport's manager said Monday.

Studies show that Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport each year loses 65 percent of its potential area customers by people choosing to drive to other airports for connections, Airport Manager Bill Carberry told the

City Council. That represents about \$14 million in potential business, he said.

The council voted unanimously to pitch in \$3,000 to pay half the bill for a private consultant to do a study to find out if it's feasible for Big Sky Airlines to revive Twin Falls-to-Boise com-

muter flights. Mayor Lance Clow was absent from the meeting.

The other half of the bill will be footed by the Business Plus II program, Carberry said. Flights to Boise were dropped in 1997, and activity at the Twin Falls airport has fallen by 10,000 to

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Glanbia update today

The Idaho Board of Environmental Quality will meet in executive session at 9 a.m. today for an update from legal counsel on settlement discussions involving Glanbia Foods Inc.'s wastewater permit. The meeting then will open to the public with updates scheduled from parties involved in settlement discussions over Glanbia's request for a one-time waiver of its wastewater disposal permit.

The Board of Environmental Quality meets in Boise at the DEQ's state office, 1410 N. Hite.

Castleford City Council proposes new zone designations

By Sandra Wisecover
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - The City Council is considering designating Main Street property commercial and all other property in the city residential.

That discussion is part of the council's attempt to create zoning. Castleford is one of the few remaining Magic Valley commu-

nities that has never been zoned. Building projects within city limits are currently on hold until zones and rules to regulate those zones are adopted. The council has established a tentative timetable of five to six months to complete the process, which includes public hearings.

Residents or business owners wanting to make structural changes to property must cur-

rently make applications to the City Council. Each request will be reviewed. Renovations or add-ons to existing structures may be acceptable. New mobile home or construction projects may or may not be put on hold.

"We want to be able to work with residents in every way possible," Mayor Rita Ruffing said. "We will look very carefully at all requests."

A representative from the Rural Fire District will work with the council to ensure any new commercial and residential ordinances meet state fire codes. Other council business included:

• Police report - Deputy Mike Cooper reported responses in January included two incidents of malicious injury to property, a civil protection order violation, a

traffic accident, an unlawful entry, five motorist assists, five traffic stops, five civil paper service calls, two animal-at-large responses, two search warrants, three officer assists, a domestic disturbance, a civil disturbance and two vehicle inspections.

• Damages - The city's insurance carrier will cover damage

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County agrees to improve road

Cassia officials prepare for more Castle Rocks visitors

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - In anticipation of many visitors to what could become a new state park, Cassia County commissioners agreed Tuesday to improve the road to Castle Rocks.

Plans call for widening the road and adding gravel to 2800 South, also known as the Cove Road. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation will provide most of the money, workers and equipment for the project. In addition to park visitors, some Almo residents will likely use the road, and when construction occurs on the Elba-Almo Road this summer, Cove Road will be used as a detour.

City of Rocks Superintendent Wallace Keck, who would also supervise Castle Rocks, told commissioners he expects floods of visitors when the park opens. Several climbing magazines plan

to publish stories of the possible new area to climb, and rock climbers will probably come to see what all the fuss is about, Keck said. The park would offer access to excellent rock climbing. "It will rank in the top 10 places to climb worldwide," he said. Many locals have also expressed interest in riding horses or walking through the park, Keck said.

The Department of Parks and Recreation has budgeted \$34,425 for the project and will do much of the work with City of Rocks workers and equipment. The project, County officials plan to use flood recovery funds to purchase new culverts and to use money and materials budgeted to create a detour on the Elba-Almo Road project.

The project contract also includes the Almo Water Company, which will provide consultation and head gate design, as well as three private land owners

who would sell bits of their property to allow the wider road.

Other commission business included:

- **Howell Canyon Road** - Commissioners signed an agreement with the Burley Highway District and the Albion Highway District to maintain the Howell Canyon Road.

Commissioners have been reviewing the contract for about six months. The new agreement calls for the county to pay the money it receives from the Forest Service and highway user fees specifically for the Howell Canyon Road. The Albion Highway District will provide an additional \$12,500 per year. The county and Burley Highway District will split the remaining maintenance and snow removal costs. Commissioners sent the contract to the Albion Highway District for review.

- **Family therapy** - Commissioners signed an agree-

ment allowing the Department of Juvenile Corrections to contract with the Idaho Youth Ranch to provide counseling to juveniles on probation in Minidoka and Cassia counties.

- **Tax exemptions** - Commissioners signed final paperwork to allow a tax exemption for Susan Hart, a partial exemption for the VanBuskirk and agreed to give the Oakley Quick Response Unit an exemption for the drive they use to transport the county surplus property auction.

- **Jail door system** - Commissioners approved a contract with Engineered Control Systems for \$52,000 to install a digital system to control doors and intercoms in the Mini-Cassia jail.

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Rupert library looks at future expansion

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Friends of the Library are hoping to see the DeMay Memorial Library more than double in size in the coming years.

"They're just plain old running out of space," said Friends of the Library Chairwoman Jean Linard.

Linard and the other Friends members are beginning a fund-raising campaign to gather money for an addition to the library. They would like to have some piece of an addition started in five years, which is the library's 50th anniversary, Linard told the Rupert City Council Tuesday.

The extra space would allow the director to have her own office, librarians to have reading areas and employees to have more space for storage, especially as the library looks to get an automated system, Linard said. Automation will mean more equipment.

Linard noted the renovations at City Hall, Minico High School and Minidoka Memorial Hospital. "So we thought it's the library's turn."

"A good library reflects the community," said Friends member Loraine Apple. Apple noted the Friends organization will celebrate its one-year anniversary in April.

Mayor Audrey Newirth and City Administrator Roger Bagley supported the group's plans.

"Go for it," Newirth said. Other council business included:

- **Advisory appointee** - The council approved the recommendation of the Rupert Citizen Advisory Committee to appoint business owner Dave Pinther to the committee, filling a currently vacant position.

Currently, only Rupert residents may serve on the commit-

tee. The committee decided to include a business owner who has a business in Rupert but doesn't necessarily live in the city.

Pinther sees a wide variety of people in the Trading Post, said John Cooper, chairman of the Rupert Citizen Advisory Committee.

"He probably sees every class of people in this community," Cooper added.

Cooper also noted the committee receives plenty of phone calls, but most complaints don't make it to a committee meeting or into the newspaper because they are taken care of before then. He commended the council for oversight in forming the committee.

- **Odor management** - A meeting to discuss sewer odor management is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 26 at City Hall.

- **Tort claims** - The council denied two tort claims filed by Francisco Guerra. One was directed to the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center; the other was a \$150 million tort claim against the city. Guerra claims he lost that amount of income while incarcerated.

- **Beer license** - The council approved a beer license for El Ranchito.

The council noted the county license was signed by Don Handy and Larry Harper, two men who no longer serve as county commissioners. City Attorney Rick Bollar said he would look into the matter.

- **Arbor Day** - Newirth signed a proclamation proclaiming April 26 as Arbor Day in Rupert. The proclamation is part of the requirements to continue as a Tree City USA.

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Burley council readies for bond election

By Shelley Ridener
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BURLEY - City Council members Tuesday began the process that will lead to a May 27 vote on whether the city should incur debt from the construction of a new sewer plant.

Council members saw drafts of ordinances at Tuesday's council meeting pertaining to the ballot language for the planned May election. They'll take action to approve or disapprove those ordinances at the March 4 council meeting.

City Administrator Mark Mitton said the plan is to seek voter approval for two things. The first question is whether the city should be allowed to borrow \$18 million from the Idaho

Department of Environmental Quality's revolving loan fund to replace the existing sewer treatment facility. That amount would allow a new plant with the same 2.5 million gallon capacity to be constructed in Burley.

That's the smallest plant Burley can build and meet all the regulatory agencies' requirements, Mitton said.

The loan would be repaid with money generated from user fees, Mitton said.

In order to pass, that question needs only a simple majority of voters to cast "yes" votes.

The second question voters will decide is whether the city should be allowed to incur a general obligation bond for either \$5 million or \$7 million - the council hasn't decided which amount yet.

An extra \$5 million would allow for a larger, 5 million gallon capacity, sewer plant to be built. The extra \$7 million would allow for both a 5 million gallon per day sewer plant and some improvements to the city's sewer system.

If that measure is approved, property taxes would increase for about five years, Mitton said. The additional money raised through those higher taxes would be used to pay off the loan. Every property owner's tax increase would be different, because the tax is based on the assessed value of property. Once the money is collected, the tax ends.

Mitton said city officials don't expect to issue bonds if voters approve the request, but the city

will incur debt. The city's bond consultant says it would cost less to borrow money than to go to the bond market.

At least two-thirds of the voters must approve that question in order for it to pass, Mitton said.

The city can't borrow any more than \$18 million from the DEQ. Mitton said because the revolving loan fund only loans the amount needed to replace a city plant, not to expand a plant. Nor can judicial confirmation be given for amounts higher than a replacement project. If voters don't approve the \$18 million loan, city officials are prepared to seek approval to get the money through Idaho's judicial review process, Mitton said. In Idaho, a judge can allow a city to incur debt, he said.

Thursday is last day for deaf forum sign-ups

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will present another forum as part of its Diversity Schoolhouse program this month.

Space is limited so advance registration is required by Thursday. To sign up, call Carol at 737-2900. Frontline professionals who work with diverse populations are invited to attend the next training session focusing on deaf and hearing-impaired people.

A representative from the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind will address such topics as practices related to hospital care, use of sign language interpreters, communication barriers, family roles and interaction with the community.

The session is hosted by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center coordinated by Children At Risk Evaluation Services and the hospital's educa-

Around the valley

Mountain climber speaks about surviving Afghanistan

KETCHUM - Mountain climber Greg Mortenson will present a slide show Thursday about his adventures surviving relentless intelligence investigations and armed kidnappings to help mountain villages of northern Pakistan and Afghanistan.

The slide show will be at 7:30

p.m. at the Clarion Inn Conference Room next to the Rustic Moose.

Mortenson is director of the Central Asia Institute, which promotes literacy, women's vocational skills and an awareness of public health and environmental issues in some of the world's most remote mountain regions.

Cost is \$5 for Environmental Resource Center members and \$10 for non-members. Those 12 and under will be admitted free.

Democrats schedule forum Saturday at Burley cafe

BURLEY - Idaho's House and Senate minority leaders have scheduled a Saturday lunch and town hall meeting in Burley.

Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, and Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, host the 1

p.m. gathering at Price's Cafe.

This year marks the fourth year for the Democrats to hold "pizza and politics" forums throughout Idaho. The forums are an opportunity for Idaho residents to share their ideas and concerns with state legislative leaders.

"We began these forums four years ago in an effort to provide an opportunity for genuine dialogue between the public and elected officials, and they have been a real success," Jaquet said.

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Mini-Cassia Democrats Chairman Damian Rodriguez at 679-2002 or the Idaho Democratic Party at 1-800-542-4737. Seating is limited, and Rodriguez asks that people RSVP by either 679-2550 or 679-2002.

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caused by a plugged sewer line Monday night.

A valve in the line from the main city pipe to the residence malfunctioned and water from the sewer backed up into the basement. Although the valve is the responsibility of the resident, the city is liable for damages. The city's insurance will cover the cost to replace damaged carpets and other personal items. The city will be responsible for the \$500 deductible on the claim.

Sewer lines recently cleaned out by the city contained built-up grease. Residents are being asked to stop dumping grease down drains.

The council is considering having an annual cleaning of all the lines to prevent a system malfunction from recurring. The council requested Brigg Vulgamore, maintenance super-

visor, and city employee Seth Christensen to seek bids for the work.

- **Cleanup day** - The date for the third annual Castleford City Cleanup is Saturday, May 17. Councilwoman Twila Crawford will be in charge of recruiting block captains for the project. Cooper will request a crew from the county jail.

The city will provide trash bins, free of charge, to residents and business owners.

- **Meter reading** - Water meters will again be read starting in March. During the winter months residents are charged a base rate. A list of meters in need of repair has been compiled. They will be fixed before the first reading.

- **Next meeting** - The next council meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at J&D Printing.

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higher taxes should be used to erase a \$160 million deficit in the next budget.

The House Republican majority was briefed on a plan to provide what supporters called a safety net against deeper cuts for public schools, which would see a second straight reduction in state support in as many years if the proposition passes. School funding was cut \$23 million from the original appropriation for the 2001-02 school year, and the new proposal would cut more than \$18 million from this year's allocation.

Kemphorne refused to make further cuts in education spending after last year, opting instead to cover this year's deficit with reserve cash and to balance next year's budget with a record tax hike.

But even a 1.5-cent increase in the 5-cent sales tax and more



Sen. Denton Darrington
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than doubling the cigarette tax, Kemphorne said, will only keep government programs operating at their current level for another year.

He promised six weeks ago when he unveiled his plan that he would use his veto if lawmakers made deeper cuts or tried to balance the budget with quick, but short-term, fixes.

His point man in the Legislature said the governor's

resolve has not weakened.

House Republican Caucus Chairman Julie Ellsworth of Boise said there was no indication how many lawmakers would back the deeper cut.

Spending cuts for schools are based on the assumption that nearly all the 114 school districts have reserve funds of more than 2 percent of their budgets and can use that cash to replace the money cut by the state. Those who do not have adequate reserves could borrow against their 2003-04 state allocation to make up the difference this year, although even supporters of the plan admit borrowing might only dig a deeper hole.

Financial experts have recommended that school districts have at least six weeks, or 11 percent, of their operating costs in reserve. Critics of tapping reserves have noted that districts often tuck money into

reserve accounts to finance maintenance and construction because they can't win voter approval of bond issues and the state won't help with building problems.

A number of districts tapped their reserves last year to cover their share of the \$23 million cut in state aid.

Darrington told budget writers that scripping on public safety programs like the State Police and juvenile corrections only raises pressure on property taxes.

"If crime and crime do not stop, he said, and counties have to spend more time patrolling interstates and dealing with juveniles, whom the state can no longer afford to handle."

"I can't tell you where to come up with \$160 million," Darrington said. "I can only tell you that public safety is a top priority."

ment discussions could lead to mediation over the expanded wastewater permit sought by Glanbia, Conde said.

Meanwhile, Glanbia is trucking its extra wastewater to the city of Grading's sewer treatment system.

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Concerns about odor, groundwater quality and pathogens in the wastewater have been raised by the public.

The company disposes of wastewater from its Gooding plant by irrigating farmland. It is permitted to apply wastewater to 940 acres near the plant but needs more land to handle its wastewater volume during win-

ter. While Glanbia seeks an expanded wastewater permit from DEQ, the company asked for a one-time permit waiver this winter.

DEQ denied the waiver, and Glanbia applied to the state Board of Environmental Quality. Neighbors of the land application site opposed to a waiver were allowed to participate in the appeal hearing. The administra-

tive hearing had been scheduled for today but was postponed because of settlement discussions.

Glanbia hasn't dropped its option to appeal, said Rick Wain, a company environmental representative. The company is putting that option on hold because of ongoing settlement discussions, he said. It's possible that the settle-

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13,000 passengers a year, he said. The key is to show Big Sky Airlines it can provide a service that will convince people to park their cars and fly from Twin Falls instead, Carberry said.

Bringing in Big Sky would also create competition for local air travelers, he said.

"Competition is what's ultimately going to set the standard and cost of air service here."

Cat

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population is removing the queens (female cats) before they are allowed to reproduce. If we can spay/neuter a cat at 16 weeks, before it is allowed to have even one litter, we have taken a huge step towards population reduction.

Cats can be spayed as young as six to eight weeks, said Gena Herzinger, a veterinary technician at the LaRue Veterinary Clinic.

Low-cost spaying and neutering is available. If someone doesn't think they can afford it, "We'll still love to talk to them," Herzinger said.

Peter's Mart Charities Inc., a Phoenix-based nonprofit organization, recently awarded \$2,000

to the Sheena Foundation for the Queen for a Day Program, which concentrates on spaying and neutering the cats that are continually procreating litters. The Sheena Foundation rescues cats that queens of litters being surrendered be spayed.

If the owner cannot afford it, the Sheena Foundation will spay the queens at no cost to the owner, according to the news release. The Sheena Foundation also offers a "live trap, spay, and return" service to individuals who want to have feral cats in their neighborhoods or on their farms spayed and neutered.

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House rejects federal tax break

BOISE (AP) — The House has added a small piece of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's budget-balancing plan.

Over objections from some business interests, the chamber voted 41-29 against incorporating into Idaho tax law a major business tax break the federal government is providing.

The state typically adopts federal tax changes to keep its tax laws as closely conformed as possible for easy application by Idaho taxpayers.

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Kempthorne objected to President Bush's plan to let businesses accelerate the write-off of equipment expenses, because it would cost the state an estimated \$25 million a year during the next three years.

The federal tax break, initiated after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, lets businesses immediately deduct 30 percent of the value of

post-attack investments, followed by 20 percent on the remaining balance. The break, available on investments through Sept. 11, 2004, is intended to help boost the economy by encouraging new business investment.

The House legislation, sent to the Senate on Monday, also rejects the federal government's \$250-a-year deduction teachers can claim for using their own money to buy classroom supplies. The governor made his opposition to the accelerated depreciation

plan known last spring. Some analysts have suggested that it does little to spur new investment and simply gives a break to companies for doing something they would have done anyway.

Since many teachers do not utilize deductions when calculating their state taxes, the State Tax Commission estimated the school supply deduction would cost the state only about \$240,000 a year, about \$15 per teacher.

Woman whose romance made headlines dies

WOODBURN, Ore. (AP) — Lulu Johnston, who made national news when she married an old flame, died last Sunday. She was 97.

Lulu Marschall and Paul Johnston rekindled their romance when she was 95. They were college sweethearts at Idaho's Albion Normal School in 1923. After college, they took teaching jobs in towns 150 miles apart. They married others and went on with their lives.

Generations later, and after both their spouses died, Lulu and Paul reunited and married in 2000. But the storybook romance took a tragic turn a few weeks after the wedding.

Paul and Lulu were on their way to pick peaches for a friend, when an oncoming car veered into them. Paul died two months later, and Lulu was paralyzed from the waist down.

Friends said the accident didn't slow her down too much. "She was a person who could take life's blows and deflect the energy so it didn't scar her. She was active and interested about everything," niece Joan Booser of Falls City told The Oregonian.

Lulu had so many friends at her Woodburn church, her family tried to limit her conversations to five minutes in order to fit everyone in.

She also got mail from all over the world after her love story made headlines, and she maintained a steady stream of pen pals.

Johnston is survived by her daughter, Marilyn Rhodes, and son, Gerald Marschall. Her son, Laurence Marschall, died in 2001.

Senate OKs requirement for violent sex offenders

BOISE (AP) — Legislation requiring publication of photos and locations of Idaho's most violent sex offenders won final legislative approval on Tuesday, sending it to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

"This will take another step toward informing the community who the worst of the worst are," said Sen. Patti Anne Lodge, R-Nampa, whose husband is a federal judge. "If this bill prevents one child from being harmed, one person from being harmed, this will be very successful."

The bill cleared the Senate unanimously, after winning House approval without dissent. Sheriffs will be required to publish the name, photograph and address of a released offender classified as a violent sexual predator for three straight weeks in the local newspaper serving the area where the offender

lives. The offender will be assessed \$50 to help defray the publication costs, but Lodge said sheriffs have been willing to take on the extra cost.

The publication requirement would be triggered each time the offender changes addresses.

Currently, all sex offenders must register with the local sheriff, and people can ask about the status of any individual they suspect of being an offender. But there is no required notification.

While there are 21 of the state's 3,000 sex offenders classified as violent sexual predators, the new law will immediately affect only four. A dozen are in prison, and the other five are living in other states.

The American Civil Liberties Union has backed the bill but stressed the importance of accurately publishing the names and pictures of the offenders.

Indian Affairs Council opposes tax measure

BOISE (AP) — Representatives of Idaho's five Indian tribes will ask the House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Wednesday to defeat a bill that would impose cigarette taxes on reservations.

At the same time, tribal leaders also intend to request a study by the state's universities to look at a broad spectrum of cross-governmental tax implications. Members said they were willing to open tribal records to show tobacco and general sales receipts at part of the study.

The Indian Affairs Council, which includes two senators and two representatives, met Tuesday. Tribal members have been critical of two pieces of legislation under consideration in the House; one aimed at tobacco tax and the other at state sales tax.

They believe the bills are retribution for last fall's voter approval of the Indian gambling initiative.

"I think this is a real stab at the tribes because of Proposition 1," said Wesley Edmo of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in southeastern Idaho.

Proposition 1, passed by 58 percent of the voters last November, legalized gambling machines already in use on reservations and limited their increase during the next 10 years.

Last month, former Coeur d'Alene Rep. Don Pichner now a lobbyist for non-tribal tobacco retailers, drafted a bill that would impose Idaho's 28-cent per-pack tax on reservation sales. The four tribes that sell cigarettes in Idaho have threatened to buy from out-of-state wholesalers to avoid paying the tax.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

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S1009 (State Affairs) — Requires third parties to report independent campaign expenditures during the final 16 days before an election.

H33 (Newcomb) — Clarifies provisions for renewal of professional licenses.

H86 (State Affairs) — Requires temporary rules to be sent to Legislative Services at the same time they are sent to the governor.

H90 (Appropriations) — Authorizes \$5.1 million emergency appropriation for the Department of Health.

H91 (Appropriations) — Authorizes a \$4,500 emergency appropriation for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Sent to Governor
H13 (Clark) — Requires publication of name, photograph and address of violent sexual predators.

H72 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Clarifies provisions of the Small Lawrent Revision Act, including bringing portions in line with other court procedures.

Confirmed by Senate
Food Quality Assurance Initiative — Idaho Food Quality Assurance Initiative. Darrell Boz, Caldwell, to the Idaho

Food Quality Assurance Initiative — Randall Rice, Moscow, to the Idaho Park and Recreation Board. Latham Williams, Sun Valley, to the Idaho Park and Recreation Board.

Introduced in House
H10276 (State Affairs) — Restricts cities, when dealing with urban renewal districts, from making decisions on unincorporated areas.

H10277 (State Affairs) — Puts the state police in charge of enforcing fish and game laws and transfers fish and game officers to state police.

H10278 (State Affairs) — Reduces penalty for poaching a moose from (felony) to misdemeanor.

Introduced in Senate
S1120 (Judiciary and Rules) — Repeals requirements for sanitary supervision of barber shops and similar establishments.

S1121 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies that destruction of telecommunications line or instrument is a misdemeanor.

S1122 (Judiciary and Rules) — Clarifies definition of accessory in criminal law.

S1123 (State Affairs) — Sets out notice requirements for regional public transportation authority budget hearings.

Idaho needs more college students, study shows

BOISE (AP) — At a poor economic time when the state needs more college-trained workers with their higher salaries, the percentage of Idaho high school graduates pursuing their post-secondary degrees is far less than the national average, a new study reports.

The fate of its students dictates Idaho's economy in years to come, researchers said.

"This is the state's long-term economic strategy. This is its 20-year strategy," said Tyler Norris, president of "Community Initiatives" and advisor to the U.S. Coalition for Healthier Cities and Community Partnerships.

Norris was on hand Tuesday for the release of a survey from Idaho Kids Count, funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. In the first such collaboration of its kind in the nation, Kids Count has joined forces with the United Way of Treasure Valley, which funds many programs for the young.

Its new report contains data on 65 different issues, including child health care, poverty, child abuse and risk behaviors by youth. Also included are statistics on Idaho's household income, employment, crime, insurance and even air and water quality.

The survey shows that in some ways, life in Idaho has improved. Median household income was up from \$33,277 in 1990 to \$37,572 in 2000.

The rate of medically uninsured residents dropped between 2000 and 2001, indicating an expanding enrollment in the Children's Health Insurance Program for low-income families. Immunizations have increased from 67 percent in 1995 to 75 percent in 2000, narrowing the gap between Idaho and the national rate of 78 percent.

Idaho's child abuse rate fell from 10.7 per 1,000 residents in 1995 to 5.9 per 1,000 in 2001. Idaho's rates for property offenses and violent crimes are well below the national levels and dropped even further during the 1990s.

But matters are getting worse for Idaho families in monetary ways.

Idaho ranks 12th in the nation for the rate of students graduating from high school, with only 5 percent of seniors dropping out in 1999-2000, a reduction from 6.8 percent in 1995-1996.

But the percentage of students pursuing their post-secondary degrees, two-year or four-year, is much lower in Idaho than the country, 49 percent in state compared with 64 percent nationally.

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Wife turns invisible when in-laws are around

DEAR ABBY: For the two years I've been married to "John," I have known his parents wished he had married someone other than me. They have never accepted me or tried to get to know me as a daughter-in-law. Family is important to me. All I've hoped was that they'd give me half a chance.

I've told John how I feel. He has yet to stand up for me. What upsets me is his mom and dad are nice to my face and in John's presence, but when he isn't around they ignore me. It's like I'm invisible.

My husband is in the military. During the past year he has been away on active duty, his parents have never once invited me to spend a holiday or any time with them.

I am always the one to reach out.

John is due home next month, and I know my next will try to "make nice" with me for his benefit - but it's all fake.

If they truly wanted to get to



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

know me, they would have tried while I was alone. (I live less than a mile from them.) I am sad, hurt and angry about the way I've been treated in my husband's absence. I love him more than anything, but my biggest fear is that when we reunite, my feelings toward his folks will have a spillover effect on our marriage. What can be done, Abby?

- MISERABLE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW IN NORFOLK, VA.

DEAR MISERABLE DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: When your husband returns, impress upon him the fact that his parents never called or invited you to join them in his absence. It's a shame to have to put him in the middle,

but these are his parents and if they'll listen to anybody, it's most likely him.

In the meantime, develop other emotional resources with other military families. When a loved one goes on active duty, it's not unusual that those left behind are on an emotional roller-coaster. Other wives (and husbands) can appreciate how you feel. Perhaps you can support each other.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Harvey," and I became engaged over the holidays. We are beginning to plan our wedding. Harvey was raised Jewish. I was raised Catholic. We envisioned a ceremony with both a priest and a rabbi.

However, Harvey's parents have informed us that they will not attend if a priest is present. One solution might be to be married by a justice of the peace, but my parents want a "man of God" to preside.

Harvey and I are willing to do whatever it takes to please our

parents, but we are having a difficult time reaching a compromise.

Also, my parents are paying for the entire wedding, so I'm not sure if that gives them more "say" in the matter or not. Please help.

-MARRIAGE BOUND AND IN A BIND

DEAR MARRIAGE BOUND: Before you and Harvey make any more plans, it might be helpful for both sets of parents to get together socially. If there is no "meeting of the minds," I urge you and your fiancé to get premarital counseling - preferably from a nondenominational counselor.

The problems you have encountered with Harvey's parents are just the beginning. You and he must come to a clear understanding now about how you will raise your children. If it's anything other than Jewish, I see major family problems and conflicts ahead for you because of his parents' stance.

Tucson isn't for hay fever sufferers anymore

Time was when the short of breath fled to dry Arizona for their health. Planted shrubs. Dog gardens. Green flowers. Pollen counts at Tucson now run three times the national average.

Here's one you can toss out for question and comment while waiting around in the nave: It is now known that porcupines engage in recreational sex.

Q. You said it was bad manners in the Old West to ask a man how many beeves he owned. Why?

A. Was no different than asking him how much money he had. Or how much capital. That word, "capital," in fact, came from the Latin "kaput" mean-



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ing "head" as in "head of cattle."

Q. Do crabs have noses?

A. No, sir, they get their oxygen through discs on their legs.

Q. How often did polar Eskimos of old feed their dogs?

A. Every second workday, once a week in winter layoff.

Q. If I could invent anything, what would be the most important thing I could invent?

A. Cedar. Then spruce, pine, fir. In order. That, from U.S. Forest Products lab tests.

In Benjamin Franklin's day, if you had a rug in your house, you were rich. Or well off, anyhow. In Philadelphia then, only three houses in every 100 had rugs.

All I know about toads is they got started in South America.

When you start to nod off, your eyes get warmer. When

A. How about a school system that would make a teacher want to go to work? One theory holds: If the teacher wanted to be there, so would the student.

Q. What wood makes the best log cabins?

A. Cedar. Then spruce, pine, fir. In order. That, from U.S. Forest Products lab tests.

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When you start to nod off, your eyes get warmer. When

you actually go to sleep, they cool down some.

Pretty dexterous, those Yellowstone bears. They can neatly take the wrappings off sticks of chewing gum.

According to protocol, while carrying the U.S. flag, it's all right to sing but not to talk.

What, you didn't know Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kans. are on the same side of the Missouri River?

Overweight people have been too much studied and analyzed. It's anything other than Jewish, I see major family problems and conflicts ahead for you because of his parents' stance.

Men and women who move rapidly up the economic ladder are more likely than others to pick up superfluous pounds plenty.

Your job holds more potential than you think, Aries

IF FEBRUARY 19TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are independent; some people claim you are arrogant. You are sure of yourself. You have been in the past but are always willing to give romance another chance. Leo, Aquarius persons play active roles in your life, could have these letters in names: A, S, J. This can be your power year; you become aware of this before February is finished. September will be your most romantic, profitable month of the year.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Current employment may appear to be routine; however, it could actually be the start of something big. Finish what you start. Give romance another chance. Libra involved.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You exude vibrations of personality, sex appeal. Love plays major role; protect self in emotional clutches. You could be made in love with someone not worthy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Attention revolves around family, home, where you live and with whom. If single, you will encounter future mate. If married, love spark will reignite. Cancer native involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): First there is confusion, then chaos and finally you bring order. Your value will be acknowledged; people will actually bid for your services. Sagittarius is in picture.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Work out routine, at least in your mind. You could strike it rich in

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stunning manner. Money owed you will be paid, but don't force issues. Scorpio is involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Elements of timing, luck ride with you. Don't get in your own way! Enjoy the ride; it could lead to romance and money. Written word plays major role. Read, write!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will help others find suitable living quarters; when it comes to yours, there is a delay. If you hear music, find your rhythm and dance to your own tune. Taurus represented.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Control tendency to be overly aggressive. No one will fool you, but, unless careful, you could be a victim of self-deception. You will win friends and influence people, could hit jackpot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your value will be acknowledged; pressure is on due to added responsibility. Remember slogan: "The harder I work, the luckier I get!" Capricorn figures prominently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Open lines of communication. Individual in faraway place will make an offer. Look beyond the immediate. You are going places; how far will depend on you. Aries plays role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make fresh start, but be sure financial commitments are on paper. Remember that jealousy is the only vice for which you receive no pleasure in return. You do not own any person!

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Slow down. Time is on your side; you can afford to play waiting game. There could be hidden clause in contractual arrangement. Be alert, observant. Cancer native involved.

'Joe Millionaire' finale dwarfs Michael Jackson

NEW YORK (AP) - Unknown to the world just a few weeks ago, Evan Marriott has overthrown the King of Pop - at least, on network television.

Marriott, of course, was the make-believe moneybags of Fox's "Joe Millionaire," who, on the finale of this unscripted-but-staged dating game, finally chose Marriott over Michael Jackson.

Meanwhile, viewers roundly chose Marriott over Michael Jackson, the subject of rival specials on ABC and NBC.

According to Nielsen numbers, the "Joe Millionaire" finale, which aired 8 to 10 p.m. EST Monday, drew an average 34.6 million viewers. The audience soared to 40 million in the second hour.

This figure approaches that of last year's Academy Awards broadcast of 41.8 million. It was the highest series telecast on any network since CBS' premiere of "Survivor II" in January 2001 - in the post-Super Bowl slot - according to Fox, which also said it was Fox's highest-rated entertainment program ever.

The enormous number dwarfed the 11.9 million audience for the 9-to-10 p.m. hour of a "Dateline

NBC" special, "Michael Jackson Unmasked," airing head-to-head against "Joe Millionaire." The "Dateline" 10-to-11 p.m. hour rose to 17.2 million viewers.

"Joe Millionaire" also substantially outperformed ABC's Feb. 6 broadcast of a two-hour Jackson special produced by British television; its audience averaged 27.1 million viewers, making it the most-watched show for that week.

ABC repeated that special Monday night from 9 to 11 p.m., drawing an audience of 9.5 million viewers. From 8 to 9 p.m., ABC aired a "PrimeTime" special, "The Many Faces of Michael Jackson," which drew 10 million viewers.

The 28-year-old Marriott is presumably happy, too. On the finale - taped last Thanksgiving - he and Zora Andrich, the dark-haired, New Jersey school teacher, were presented with a \$1 million check from the show.

Although such a windfall would be chump change to the \$50 million he told Marriott was pretending to be on the show, in reality he was a construction worker making \$15,000 a year.

But Zora, who beat out blond Sarah Kozar, didn't care that he had lied to her, along with 19 other women who had vied for his affections through the competition.

"I really was turned off by the fact that you inherited all that money," she told him after digesting his confession.

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CAUGHT BEING GOOD



Photo courtesy of Robert Stuart Junior High School

Seventh-grade students at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls receive a ticket when they are "Caught Being Good" by following the agreements of mutual respect, attentive listening, responsibility and appreciations. Winners of the drawing for January are, from left, back row: Rose Wardrip, Casey Rankin, Brock Beutler, Matt Hutchinson and Garnet Spang; second row: Kris Helmer, Lauren Jones, Angelina Malberg and Dylan Henderson; front row: Ashley Sabla, Neil Parkinson and Tami Craig.

Sun Valley Center for the Arts offers papermaking class in April

SUN VALLEY - The Sun Valley Center for the Arts will present a class on papermaking in early April. Early registration is encouraged by calling the center at 208-726-9491. A place can be reserved with a \$25 deposit, due by March 14. Idaho artist Tom Bennick will give a free lecture and papermaking demonstration from 6-8 p.m. April 4 at the Sawtooth Botanical Gardens, located at 11 Gimlet Road in Ketchum. The class is for students enrolled in the papermaking class, as well as those who are curious about papermaking. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5 and April 6, Bennick will teach the basics of making paper and uses for handmade paper. He will use a variety of fibers such as bulrush, grass, abaca, cotton rag, hemp, kozo, gampi and a pair of pants. After basic sheet forming is mastered, the class will move on to other kinds of artistic uses for paper. The deckle box, morigami, straining, pulp painting, pulp spraying, shaping paper, use of inclusions and simple book binding will be demonstrated and explored. Part of the class will be used for each student to make an artistic work to be shared with the class. Students also will take home multiple samples of their paper and detailed instructions on how to set up their own papermaking equipment home. Bennick has taught writing, book arts and papermaking at Mountain Home High School for 20 years. His handmade papers have been used by collage, book and card artists throughout the United States. He also has taught and demonstrated papermaking at the Boise Art Museum, Arner Charter School, Bookfest in Boise and numerous other schools and functions. His enthusiasm for papermaking is contagious, and his demonstrations and papermaking techniques are fascinating, center representatives say. The 16-hour class is \$140 for Sun Valley Center members and \$190 for non-members. Sawtooth Botanical Gardens members also will receive the center member price. Scholarships and work-study exchange are offered for all center classes. The Sun Valley Center is located at 191 Fifth St. E. in Ketchum.

AmeriCorps Promise Fellow supports T.F. coalition

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition is getting help this year from an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow. Genevieve Millard works with local youth organizations to help promote "assets," which are defined as developmental building blocks young people need to avoid risky behaviors. Through this asset-building, HealthNet representatives said they hope to fulfill the coalition mission of improving health and safety of people by empowering the diverse community to choose healthy lifestyles. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center serves as the lead agency for the Twin Falls County HealthNet Coalition, providing financial and operational support. Community members are always welcome to participate in coalition activities and planning. For more information, call Melanie Shouse, Twin Falls County HealthNet facilitator, at 423-5915. Millard is available to speak to local civic, church and community groups about the coalition's efforts. To schedule a presentation, call Millard at 732-3194.

Pinocle party will take place at Masonic Lodge

PAUL - A pinocle party will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Paul Masonic Lodge, 113 E. Idaho St. in Paul. Proceeds will be served at 6:30 p.m., and cards start at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Church choir sponsors fund-raising brunch

TWIN FALLS - The Presbyterian Church Chancel Handbell Choir will sponsor a brunch from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Room, below the sanctuary of the church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Proceeds will go towards purchasing English bells. The cost of brunch, which

includes bacon and cheese strata, fruit compote, juice, cookies and coffee, is \$5 for adults or \$12 per family. Tickets are available by calling the church office at 733-7023 or at the door.

Twin Falls woman celebrates 90th birthday

TWIN FALLS - Viola M. Hagen of Twin Falls will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Alterra Wynwood, 1367 Locust St. N. in Twin Falls. Viola Sellers was born Feb. 20, 1913, in Hazelton, She married Hans Hagen, who is now deceased. She has lived in the Magic Valley her entire life. Hagen had three children, Charlyn, now deceased, (Clifford) McCaslin of Hazelton; Mary (Garry) Lisenbee of Twin Falls and James (Sandra, who is deceased) Hagen of Las Vegas; 15 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. The family requests no gifts.

College of Southern Idaho offers additional math class

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho has opened a new section of Math 108 to help students who are having difficulty moving into upper levels of math. Professor Kathy Stover, who is chairman of CSI's Math and Engineering Departments, said that the new section will help students sign up for Math 108. Stover says taking this class will help prevent some students from having to drop out of Math 143, Math 160 or Math 157. Math 108 will strengthen students' understanding of intermediate algebra. The new class will be taught from 7:20 a.m. weekdays in Shields Room 208. Students can register at the records office.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced its winners for Feb. 14. Winners for north/south were: first, Lennie and Bev Burns; second, Al and Frances Anglen and third, Pat Nelson and Charlotte Bodner. Winners for east/west were: first, Ruby Grimes and Les Saunders; second, Jeanne McComb and Caroline White and third, Lorraine Morrison and Marge Pierson. Refreshments were served honoring Cecil Davidson's birthday. Lessons continue at 10 a.m. Fridays at Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. The club meets at 1 p.m. Fridays at city hall.

Twin Falls Scout receives Eagle award Monday

TWIN FALLS - Cole Easter, grandson of Dave and Mary Ann Wilbourn of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award in a court of honor at 6 p.m. Monday at the Buhl Middle School, 216 Seventh Ave. N. in Twin Falls. The club meets at 1 p.m. Fridays at city hall.

Easter, 17, is a member of Troop 65, and Keith Jensen is his troop leader. He is a senior at Twin Falls High School and has participated in football, basketball and track. He is a member of the National Honor Society and French Honor Society, in Who's Who in Sports, a National

Football award winner, Idaho Troop Scholar and the College of Southern Idaho's dean's list for the 2002 spring semester.

Buhl Community Ed offers aerobics, feather painting

BUHL - The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association announced the following upcoming classes: "Italian Chianti Receptacles" will be held from 7-8 p.m. Monday at the Buhl High School library, 525 Sawtooth Ave. The cost is \$4 plus materials, and the instructor is Cindy Lancaster. "Beginning Spanish" will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Buhl Middle School library, 216 Seventh Ave. N. The class will run for eight weeks, teach everyday phrases and vocabulary, and the cost is \$39. The instructor is David Sparks. "Maintenance Welding" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Buhl Middle School vocational shop. The class will run five weeks, and cover oxyacetylene, arc and MIG welding for farm or small shop use. Coveralls and welding gloves are required. The cost is \$25 plus \$5 for materials, and the instructor is Shane Stockham. For more information, call Connie Glander at 543-6553.

YMCA Splash program needs volunteers

TWIN FALLS - Volunteers are needed for YMCA Splash, a program designed to teach children ages 5-12 how to be safe in and around water. Each day includes a discussion of safety, as well as learning basic swimming skills, such as backcrawl, beach, public pool and boating safety. Volunteers are needed for 40-minute sessions, which will be held from 9-11 a.m. and 5-6:20 p.m. March 24-28 at the YMCA/City Pool at 756 Locust St. N. in Twin Falls. Volunteers will receive a 2003 Splash T-shirt. For more information, call John Twiss or Debra Tucker at 734-2336 or 731-2214.

CLUB CALENDAR

- Civic**
- Rotary Clubs**
- Blue Lakes** - 7 a.m. Tuesday at WestCrest in Twin Falls, call 336-4070.
- Burley** - Noon Tuesday at Burley Inn Convention Center, call Rose at 878-7000.
- Gooding** - 8 a.m. on Thursdays at the Gooding, 543-6275.
- Grande** - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn, 735-5445.
- Hailey** - Noon Thursday at the Senior Center of Blaine County, 788-0897 or 788-2114.
- Jerome** - Noon Tuesday at China Village, 121-5445; 124-1000 or 134-5511.
- Ketchum** - Noon Tuesday at China Village, 121-5445; 124-1000 or 134-5511.
- Shoshone** - Noon Wednesday at the Senior Center, 886-2281 or 886-2901.
- Twin Falls** - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club, 734-5400 or 734-5459.
- Unions Clubs**
- Burley** - Noon Fridays at Pica's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., 878-5553.
- Burley** - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Farm Bureau conference room, 444 E. 5th N. Alfonso Road, John Ellenberger, 678-0338.
- Gooding** - 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays at the Lincoln Inn, 735-5445.
- Hailey** - Noon first and third Wednesdays at Heartline station, 735-5445.
- Jerome** - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at Jerome Civic Center, 234-7910.
- Kamela** - 7 a.m. first and third Thursdays at Crowns United Methodist Church, 423-5568.
- Ketchum** - 7 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at Wayside Cafe in Hobart, 48-5794.
- Rupert** - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at United Methodist Church, 625-1131, 436-9962.
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Chili's the choice for winter

Family Features

A steaming bowl of chili is a favorite way to chase away winter's chill. These recipes offer a chili choice for every taste bud.

Colorful and quick, this simple, satisfying chili gets a flavor boost from diced tomatoes with zesty mild green chilies.

SANTA FE CORN CHILI
1 pound ground beef
1 large clove garlic, minced
1 can (15-1/2 ounces) red kidney beans, drained

1 can (15-1/4 ounces) Del Monte Whole Kernel Corn, drained

1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) Del Monte Diced Tomatoes with Zesty Mild Green Chilies, undrained
1 package (1 1/4 ounces) chili seasoning mix

Topping:
3/4 cup dairy sour cream
1 1/2 teaspoons green hot pepper sauce

Brown ground beef with garlic in large nonstick skillet over medium heat 6 minutes or until beef is not pink, breaking beef into small crumbles. Pour off drippings. Stir in beans, corn, tomato sauce, tomatoes and chili seasoning, bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile combine sour cream and pepper sauce in small bowl. Serve with chili. Makes 4 servings.

For fork-tender beef, gently simmer the chili in a tightly covered pan - no peeking!

CHILI CON CARNE
2 1/2 pounds boneless beef chuck pot roast
3 tablespoons ancho chili powder or chili powder, divided
2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
1 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 cups chopped onion (1 medium)

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 yellow bell pepper, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
2 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) Del Monte Diced Tomatoes, undrained
1 teaspoon unsweetened cocoa powder
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Fresh cilantro leaves and lime wedges

Cut beef into 1/2-inch pieces; sprinkle with 1 tablespoon chili powder and toss to coat. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in Dutch oven over medium heat until hot; brown beef in batches and remove from Dutch oven. Season with salt. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in same Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; cook and stir 3 to 4 minutes or until tender. Add bell peppers; cook and stir 2 minutes. Add



Photo courtesy Del Monte, National Cattlemen's Beef Association and Cattlemen's Beef Board

Santa Fe Corn Chili is a new twist on an old favorite.

beef, tomatoes, 2 tablespoons chili powder, cocoa powder and cinnamon; bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover tightly and simmer 1-1/2 to 1-3/4 hours or until beef is fork-tender. Serve with cilantro and lime wedges. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Diced tomatoes with green peppers add color and flavor accents to this subtly smoky beef chili.

SMOKY CHIPOTLE CHILI
2 1/2 pounds boneless beef chuck pot roast
2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided
1 teaspoon salt
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) Del Monte Diced Tomatoes with Green Peppers and Onions,

undrained
1 bottle (12 ounces) beer
2 tablespoons adobo sauce from chipotle peppers
1 tablespoon minced chipotle peppers in adobo sauce
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed, drained
3 tablespoons masa harina*

Dairy sour cream
Cut beef into 1/2-inch pieces. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in Dutch oven over medium heat until hot; brown beef in batches and remove from Dutch oven. Season with salt. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in same Dutch oven over medium heat. Add garlic; cook and stir 1 minute. Add beef, tomatoes, beer, adobo sauce and chipotle peppers; bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover tightly and simmer 1 1/2

to 1 3/4 hours or until beef is fork-tender. Stir in beans and masa harina; return to boil. Reduce heat; simmer 1 to 2 minutes or until slightly thickened. Serve with sour cream. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Three tablespoons all-purpose flour mixed with 1/2 cup water can be substituted for masa harina.

So easy for a busy weeknight dinner. Keep the ingredients on hand for this family-pleasing 20-minute meal.

CHILI MEATBALL STEW
1 package (1 pound) frozen fully-cooked beef meatballs
2 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) Del Monte Diced Tomatoes with Garlic and Onion, undrained
1 can (15 1/2 ounces) mild chili

beans in chili sauce
1 cup canned tomato juice
1 teaspoon chipotle chili powder or chili powder
1 package (16 ounces) frozen stew vegetables

Combine meatballs, tomatoes, beans, juice and chili powder in Dutch oven; bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer uncovered 5 minutes. Stir in frozen vegetables; bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer 8 minutes or until meatballs are heated through and vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Great spooned over burgers, potatoes or polenta - or use it as a filling for tacos, burritos, enchiladas.

SKILLET CHILI TOPPER
1 pound ground beef

1 1/2 cups chopped onion (1 medium)
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 jar (16 ounces) thick-and-chunky salsa
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) Del Monte Diced Tomatoes with Zesty Mild Green Chilies, undrained

Brown ground beef with onion in large nonstick skillet over medium heat 8 to 10 minutes or until beef is not pink, breaking beef into small crumbles. Pour off drippings. Add chili powder; cook and stir 1 minute. Stir in salsa and tomatoes; bring to boil. Reduce heat, simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes or until liquid is evaporated, stirring occasionally. Makes 4 servings.

Hometown cook serves up old-fashioned Idaho

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - A hometown girl, Lori Dunahoo graduated from Minico High School and has lived here all of her life. Her cooking style could be called old-fashioned Idaho.

Dunahoo has worked at the Almagamated Sugar plant for 22 years. She and hubby, Don, have been married for 27 years - have three sons, three granddaughters and one grandson. The grandchildren range in age from 2 to 6. On son lives in Rupert and two live in Pocatello.

Her oldest granddaughter is six and starting to want to help make cookies. All the grandchildren know where grandma's cookie jar is, and grandma keeps it full.

Dunahoo's mother started teaching her to cook at around the age of eight. She was the only child in the family who showed much interest in cooking.

She recalls a valuable lesson her mother taught her. When she was young and eager to please she made a cake for her father. The cake fell. But her mom showed her that with a little frosting and some peaches, nobody would ever know the difference.

Over the years, she's been pretty lucky and has not had any total disasters in the kitchen. Nothing, anyway, that she couldn't repair - like when her mom's early lessons.

Dunahoo enjoys cooking and likes

If you go...

We're looking for a few good cooks. Do your guests ooh and aah in your kitchen? Do your grown children ask for your special dishes? We'd like to hear from you.

We're looking for area cooks to feature in our cook's profile segment of the Wednesday's Times-News. If you or someone you know, would be willing to be interviewed and photographed and share some recipes, please let us know.

Write to: Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303-0548. Or call 733-0931, Ext. 243, or email to denise@magcvvalley.com. Tell us a little about yourself, and include your name and phone number.

to experiment. Her sons' favorite questions is: "Is this a recipe?" Which Dunahoo said means is it written down and can she recreate the dish. If she has been experimenting in the kitchen she might not be able to recreate the dish exactly.

Dunahoo's hobbies include photography, quilting, camping, crocheting and collecting children's toy china tea sets. She has 21 sets and is always looking for more.

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LORRIE'S RECIPES

Lorrie's favorite recipes:

ROUND STEAK SUPREME
1 pound bottom round steak
1/4 cup flour
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon butter
1 large tomato
1 bullion cube
1 (4 ounce) can mushrooms (save 1/4 cup of juice)
1/2 cup stuffed green olives, sliced
1 (4 ounce) can green chilies, diced
1 stalk celery, sliced
1 teaspoon parsley
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/8 teaspoon onion salt

Cube steak and cook with flour and pepper.
Brown in melted butter.
Puree in blender, tomato, bullion cube and mushroom juice.

Four in a large bowl and mix in the olives, chilies, celery, mushroom and seasoning.
Four over browned steak. Cover, simmer 40 minutes. Remove cover and simmer for 15 more minutes stirring often. Serve over rice. Garnish with fresh parsley.

This recipe was entered into the Idaho Beef Cook-off by my sister Mary Benton, Dunahoo said. "It didn't win, but should have."

CHOCOLATE ECLAIR CAKE
1 pound box of graham crackers
2 (3 ounce) boxes French vanilla instant pudding
3 1/2 cups milk
1 (9 ounce) carton Cool Whip

Topping:
3 tablespoons butter
2 squares baking chocolate
2 tablespoons white Karo syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 tablespoons milk
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

Pudding directions:
Butter a 9-by-13-inch pan. Lay whole graham crackers in bottom. Mix pudding with milk and blend. Add cool whip and blend on low speed. Spread half of the pudding mixture over graham crackers. Put another layer of graham crackers on top of pudding and pour the remaining pudding mixture over the crackers. Add one more layer of crackers.

Topping directions:
Melt butter and chocolate. Add the remaining ingredients

while hot and mix well. Pour over top layer of crackers and spread out evenly. Refrigerate overnight for best results.
"This is a very refreshing dessert," Dunahoo said. "It can be made low cal with fat-free Cool Whip and sugarless pudding ..."

SWEET DINNER ROLLS
1 package active dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water (not hot; around 110 to 115 degrees)
3/4 cup lukewarm milk; scalded then cooled
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 egg
1/4 soft butter
3 1/2 to 3 3/4 cups flour
In a mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in water. Add milk, sugar, salt, egg, butter and half of the flour. Mix with spoon until smooth. Add enough remaining flour until easy to handle; don't make dough stiff. Leave soft and smooth. Turn onto floured cloth covered board, knead until smooth and elastic about 5 minutes. Place greased side up in greased bowl. Cover and let rise until double in bulk about 1 hour. Shape into your favorite kind

of roll. Butter top and let rise about 10 minutes. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Bake rolls for 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown.

Remember, if you add too much flour your rolls will be dry, add just enough so you can handle the dough easily.

POTATO SALAD
4 or 5 large potatoes.
Cook until tender, peel and dice.
Add to cooked potatoes: 5 or 6 boiled eggs, diced (save 2 unboiled)
6 or 7 green onions, diced
2 stalks celery, diced
1 (10 ounce) can sliced olives
3/4 cup dill pickles, diced
In a mixing bowl blend: 1 1/2 to 2 cups mayonnaise
1 teaspoon celery salt
1/2 teaspoon coarse black pepper
1 teaspoon salt (more or less to taste)
2 tablespoons dill pickle juice
1 tablespoons vinegar
Mix well and pour over potatoes to mixture. Stir until all potatoes are covered. Slice the 2 saved eggs, place around top of the salad and sprinkle with paprika.

FOOD & HOME

Potted bulbs color gray winter days

Knight Ridder News Service

Dispirited by the frigid temperatures? Desperate for spring? Try this antidote to the winter blues: tulips.

Throw in a little winter whimsy, and it's a guaranteed prescription for a pick-me-up. Imagine a chorus line of red tulips dancing single-file across your table or mantel.

Or a discarded tuba propped up against a window emitting floral "notes."

Or a bench-warming gardener who's really blossomed.

But we'll come back to those.

Check out almost any florist, garden center or even supermarket right now, and you're likely to see these cheerful blossoms in cut-flower bouquets or growing in pots. Early January through April is prime season for such potted bulbs as tulips, hyacinths and daffodils, which are forced into bloom early to please the winter-weary.

It's easy to see their appeal. Just look out a window anywhere there's a pot of colorful tulips sitting on the sill.

"You see a breath of spring with snow behind it," says bulb grower Casey Jensen of Holland Greenhouses in Monroe Township, N.J. "Isn't that a lovely sight?"

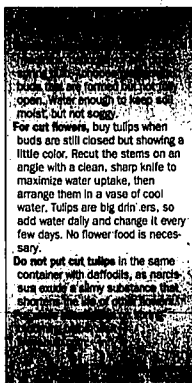
Lots of us think so, apparently. Within the last few weeks, Jensen's company shipped a million potted bulbs to East Coast retailers.

The company begins the growing process in late September and early October at acres of greenhouses, and begins the selling season in winter. But every year, Jensen's son, Casey Jensen Jr.,

"This is when bulbs first come into flower, when you do special treatments," he says. "It's only at a certain time of year you can have this flower. You can't always have a mum. Bulbs, you cannot."

And tulips are the top sellers, ahead of hyacinths and daffodils. Why?

Daffodils may be almost synonymous with yellow (though there are other colors), but tulips come in every Easter-egg hue you can imagine.



Tulips sell so well because they are colorful, says Jensen. They're quirky, too. Especially as cut flowers.

"They keep growing - they can grow up to an inch in the vase," says Sally Ferguson of the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center in Brooklyn.

"This is not normal behavior for cut flowers."

"The other fun thing about tulips is that they dance," she says. "They turn towards the light, they grow, and they have heavy heads in relationship to their stems. So as they dip in response to gravity and turn to the light, the flowers seem to dance in the bowl. If you realize that this is what tulips do, it's charming - it's something that floral designers treasure."

But if you insist on having your tulips stand up straight like soldiers, you can force them to toe the line, at least for a while. Take the bunch of flowers and gently wrap it in newspaper at an angle, starting at one corner, then stand it upright in a bucket of water for a few hours.

The paper should wrap the flower heads in darkness but not be in the water. Since the flowers are deprived of light and supported by the paper, their stems will gradually straighten. Once they're released to the vase, how-

ever, they'll start to follow their own muse again.

Of course, you could always lop off their limbs and control them. Which brings us back to that chorus line.

To get your cut tulips to make like Rockettes, you'll need a narrow but elongated, trough-like container of clear glass. Calculate how many tulips, placed side-by-side, will fill the trough. Trim the stems so the flowers are the exact height of the vase, then line the tulips up single-file within the container. Add just enough water to keep the lower stems submerged - and you'll swear your blossoms are high-kicking it across the table.

This is just one of the offbeat ideas dreamed up by floral designers. In Europe, that Ferguson suggests for having a little fun with flowers to get you through these chilly times.

"Most people are craving spring now," she says.

"You can get a jump on spring with pots of bulbs forced into early flower. Gardeners who are really well organized probably thought about this in early fall, and planted up their own pots of bulbs so they'd have winter blossoms indoors. Most of us, however, will settle for what the garden center has to offer. Just place the plastic nursery pot inside your own decorative cachepot."

"For a particularly lush look indoors, create stage settings that show off multiple uses of the same kind of flower," Ferguson says. Place a broad basket filled with pots of bright pink hyacinths on the floor by an entryway, for example, then use similar hyacinths nearby in a variety of vases of different styles and heights. "The repetition is fun and unexpected."

For more impact, try something a little wackier. Anything can be used as an indoor or outdoor planter, as long as it has sufficient root space and drainage and is no longer needed for its original purpose.

A tuba picked up for a song at a flea market could provide an ideal container for a music lover, Ferguson suggests. If the tuba is no longer musically useful, put a saucer to catch water runoff inside the horn, then plant it with as many pots of tulips or

daffodils as will fit, and carefully prop it up in a cool spot that gets light.

If you don't have a tattered tuba, adapt the idea to whatever catches your fancy. But if you'd prefer to use your found object as an outdoor accent, wait until early spring to position it in a prominent spot in the yard, where you can see it from a window.

Same goes for the "blooming gardener" mentioned earlier. This is a variation on a scarecrow theme, and is well-suited for an unheated but enclosed porch or entryway - if it appeals to your sense of humor.

Stuff an old pair of jeans with straw and seat the pants on a rustic bench, chair or ledge. Position old boots or clogs where the feet would be. Then set a large plastic garden pot, with drainage holes, inside the waistband and cinch it into place with rope or a belt. Add potted soil and tulips, daffodils or hyacinths, tamp down the soil for stability, and water well.

Again, if you want to do this on an outdoor bench, wait a while. "They won't grow in the weather now," says Ferguson. "You could probably do this (outdoors) at the end of March, so they bloom through into April."

Tulips are tough and can withstand quite a bit of cold. "You're planting them in soil, and the pants and hay serve as protection," she says.

The soil would also act as protection if you wanted to get really ambitious and create a spring planter for a shallow pond by painting an old kayak and manning it with a large plastic pot filled with smaller pots of bulbs. Make sure you moor it well, though, so your bulbs aren't shipwrecked. Or you could just "float" it on the lawn.

You can even take a cue from professional designers and plant pots of about-to-flower bulbs directly into your garden.

For special occasions, Ferguson says, she occasionally has planted potted bulbs in a protected spot garden, so that they were in bloom two months ahead of their normal schedule.

"People thought I was just a marvelous gardener," she says, laughing.

Don't be fooled - it's not spring yet.

Roses are just as confused as the rest of us. They seem to think it's spring. They're budding out. Some readers tell me those buds have opened into full-fledged leaves. But it isn't time to prune yet.

Here in the Inland Northwest, we know that the weather changes faster than most of us change our socks. We also know that winter is not through with us.

If we prune roses now we will encourage even more new growth. We don't want to do that. The new growth we're seeing will surely be killed in a hard freeze. If we encourage even more new growth out into the open, that's more damage the plant will suffer. It is not time to prune yet.

The rule of thumb around here is: When the forsythia blooms, prune the roses.

If roses continue to put out leaves and they are not frost-killed, then the worst that can happen is that we'll be playing catch-up, trying to prune what we can. Or we'll end up with a lot of brambly, messy-looking roses. The roses will survive, and so will we.

DEAR CATHY: Squirrels have chewed the bark off our trees. We live in a neighborhood with a high squirrel population, so we don't know if they're being fed nearby or if they are hungry. What can we do to discourage them and save our tree?

-SQUIRREL
DEAR SQUIRREL: I'm afraid it may be too late for your tree. If the bark is eaten off all the way around the trunk the whole tree will die. If the bark is eaten all around a branch, that



Cathy Walworth

branch will die. If you see damage like this, plan now to cut the tree or affected branch down before it falls on someone's head. Squirrels, on the other hand, are hardy creatures, and it is more difficult to know what to do with them.

My guess is that since they're eating tree bark, they're pretty hungry. I've seen a spray in a mail-order catalog that is intended to use on whatever squirrels are eating. It is made of red peppers and supposedly discourages these bushy-tailed diners. I have no idea whether or not it works, but it's worth a try. It's called "Scout Squirrel" and is sold by Whatever Works. You can reach them on the internet at www.whateverworks.com or 1-800-495-6757.

In the meantime, you can wrap a sheet of slick metal around the tree trunk extending six feet up. Squirrels can't climb it. Be sure to prune so that the lowest branches are at least six feet off the ground, too. It would help if you could prune branches at least six feet away from fences the squirrels might use as springboards, as well. Good luck.

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

New rose joins celebrity ranks

Los Angeles Times

A new rose arrived at nurseries this winter, tucked away amid such seasoned celebrities as "Queen Elizabeth," "Ingrid Bergman" and "Marilyn Monroe."

The rose looks like any other bare-root rose in early February: no flowers, no leaves, just a few well-pruned brown canes. Yet in its debut at Southern California nurseries it is outshining some of the most distinguished names in the rose trade.

This is the "Mary Lou Heard," named after the woman who ran a small but legendary Westminster, Calif., nursery featuring old-fashioned and hard-to-find plants. She died of cancer in September at 57. She left behind hundreds of followers who had looked to her to brighten their springs with hollyhocks and ladybird poppies, larkspur and columbine, freesia and her trademark forget-me-nots.

Now, as the soil warms under a springlike sun, her followers are planting the "Mary Lou Heard" and waiting.

This is a brand-new rose, never before grown in home gardens. No more than 4,000 plants will be sold, only at a few dozen nurseries and only this year. That it exists at all is testimony to Heard's disproportionate influence in the Southern California gardening world. An informal group of rosarians and other nurserymen managed to find her a new rose variety in time for planting season.

The name of a rose carries with it a certain mystique. Bridesmaid of the famous "Peace" is a pale yellow tinged with a dawl-like pink, well suited to mark the end of World War II, when it was introduced. The red "Mr. Lincoln" is tall and sturdy. "Joseph's coat" is of many colors - swirls of pinks and oranges, yellows. Heard's rose will have burgundy blooms.

Ron Vanderhoff, the nursery manager at Roger's Gardens in Corona del Mar, Calif., has seen roses named for royalty and entertainment stars but for a local hero.

"I've done this for 26 years,

and I've never come across this. It's a testimony to what Mary Lou was," he said.

Heard's former customers are calling nurseries and suppliers in search of the rose named for her, which sells for about \$15.

"They all want a part of her," said Jayme Cox, who, with her sister Stacy, recently opened a new nursery at the Westminster site.

Planting a bare-root rose is an act of faith. Such scrawny twigs would seem incapable of producing even a few new buds, much less the heavy, fragrant blossoms of spring. Those planting the Heard rose are making an extra leap of faith. Most people have never seen this rose in bloom. Gardeners can only trust, as Heard did, in the power of sun, soil and water.

"You have to learn to trust when you start gardening," Heard told a Los Angeles Times reporter last summer.

"Nowadays, most nurseries do nothing to teach you this. They sell plants in full bloom, which makes for an easy sale, but it means you're buying the plant at the end of its life cycle. I champion the ugly ducklings of the plant world and simply ask you to take care of them and wait."

Heard knew about resilience. While hospitalized with depression at age 31, she began working the soil of an abandoned garden. The restoration turned her into a lifetime gardener. She found another snippet of land on an obscure corner close to Interstate 405. She named her oasis Heard's Country Gardens and ran it for 17 years.

Customers flooded her closing sale. With her permission, they dug up precious plants from the garden and carried them home.

Guests at her memorial service received little packets of forget-me-not seeds.

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Diet programs target carbohydrates

Los Angeles Times

If he weren't an experienced chef, one might assume that Chad Robinson was, at heart, a practical joker. With a straight face, he's demonstrating how to make pizza and ravioli - without using any pasta or dough. Instead, thin slices of blanched and layered celery root do the job. Robinson is one of a growing corps of chefs in Los Angeles catering to diners following high-protein diets.

Programs such as the Zone, Atkins and Sugar Busters have grown so popular, they've moved beyond the diet fringe and into the mainstream. Suddenly the world thinks carbohydrates are the enemy in the war on weight, not calories or fat. The only problem is, those evil carbs tend to be the very foods we crave most.

But cooking foods that satisfy those cravings is a culinary challenge that requires real creativity. Two L.A. chefs who are doing it well are Robinson, the executive chef of Sunfire, an L.A. company that delivers meals based on the Zone plan; and Raj Brandston of Zone Gourmet in West Los Angeles.

With innovative substitutions for proscribed ingredients, the chefs are attracting hundreds of customers willing to pay about \$250 to \$300 a week for breakfast, lunch, dinner and two snacks.

The carbohydrate thing can make a chef's life tough: forbidden is what many people consider the staff of life - bread, pasta and rice. Like many sensible weight-control plans, the Zone advocates the use of lean protein, low-carbohydrate grains, vegetables and fruits, and monounsaturated fat such as extra-virgin olive oil.

Like other high-protein plans, the Zone suggests that each meal contain 30 percent protein, 30 percent fat and 40 percent carbohydrates. Diets such as these have demonized carbohydrates in the eyes of Americans, and the marketplace has responded with everything from low-carbohydrate energy bars to a new low-carbohydrate beer, Michelob Ultra.

But some of the substitutions are easy: brown rice instead of white; steel-cut oats instead of instant; soy flour and protein powder in place of white flour; and turkey, chicken or fish

instead of bacon and bologna. Replacing unhealthy food with leaner ingredients isn't the biggest challenge to most dieters, however. It's the tedium of buying, measuring and cooking the same kinds of basic diet food.

The Zone's restrictions might discourage many home chefs, and some low-carbohydrate cookbooks, including "Zone Perfect Meals in Minutes," (Regan Books, 1997) by Barry Sears, founder of the Zone diet, don't offer much for discriminating palates.

Recipes tend to rely on dried spices, prepackaged seasoning and sauce mixes or artificial products such as egg substitute.

But the restrictions have become a creative challenge to some chefs.

"I'll I'm handed a recipe, I say, 'How can I clean it up and extract things that we aren't supposed to use,'" Robinson said.

He has incorporated new cooking techniques, as well as ingredients. Unlike most commercial kitchens, Sunfire stocks nonstick cookware, trades longer cooking times for smaller amounts of oil, and often builds an entree beginning with the sauce.

"Most restaurants worry about getting food out quickly,"

Robinson said. "They use higher heat and more oil." His "low and slow" technique - reducing the oil as necessary to cook - allows him to create low-carbohydrate, lower-fat crumblike crusts for sautéed fish and chicken Parmesan, for example.

Pasta and Pizza Stand-Ins

After much experimentation, Robinson created his low-carbohydrate ravioli and pizza. To make a "ravioli," disks of thinly sliced and blanched celery root are layered with mozzarella, smoked Gouda and seasoned ground chicken and topped with a final, cheese-sprinkled layer of celery root.

The result is surprisingly accurate: The celery root flavor fades and you're left with just a pasta-like texture.

He has created a nut-free pesto sauce - basically, a standard recipe that omits the nuts and uses lime juice for a spike of extra flavor - and a soft taco that wraps shredded chicken and salsa inside a "shell" of butter lettuce.

Brandston finds himself scouring L.A.'s vast ethnic groceries and restaurants for inspiration. He has discovered sweet potato noodles in Koreatown that combine with spinach and eggs for a

Weight-loss guru Robert Atkins, proponent of a high-protein, low-carbohydrate diet, speaks in Washington Feb. 24, 2000. Atkins is gaining new proponents to his approach.

AP Photo

Quick substitutes

Here are some Zone-friendly ideas from chefs Chad Robinson and Raj Brandston.

Instead of ... Use ...

- taco shells ... large leaves of romaine or butter lettuce
- pasta for ravioli ... blanched celery root slices
- lasagna noodles ... sweet potato slices
- chutneys ... garbanzo beans
- pesto sauce ... nut-free pesto sauce
- corn tortillas for enchiladas ... sautéed eggplant slices
- whole milk ... high-protein soy milk
- instant oatmeal ... steel-cut, long-cooking oats

- Source: Los Angeles Times

lighter egg foo young; created lasagna with slices of sweet potato standing in for the pasta sheets; and crafted a crepe batter by substituting soy flour and protein powder for the white flour.

Chefs know that eating bland or boring food isn't going to keep most dieters happy. But when you can have your diet and your crepes too, there's hope for more to come.

Half the dinner fun is getting to the heart of the artichoke

The Orange County Register

Here are ideas for different fillings to place in cooked artichokes - either whole or halved.

To store raw artichokes: Sprinkle with a few drops of fresh water; place in an airtight plastic bag and refrigerate. They should store successfully

up to 10 days.

To store cooked artichokes: Once they have been cooked, drained and cooled, artichokes can be cut in half lengthwise or left whole. Scoop out the chokes (fuzzy centers) and the small inedible leaves using the bowl of a small spoon. Store airtight in plastic bags in the refrigerator for up to 3 days.

ARTICHOKE HALVES WITH SCALLOPS PROVENCAL

Yield: 8 servings
8 artichoke halves, cooked and hollowed out (see cook's notes)
3/4 pound bay scallops
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided use
2 large shallots, peeled and minced
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper

1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
1 bunch fresh tarragon or basil, minced
2 large tomatoes, cored and diced

Garnish: mixed baby lettuce
Optional garnish: Belgian endive and 5 cup chopped tomatoes

1. Pat scallops dry with paper towels. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large skillet or wok. Sauté scallops until they are just barely cooked; they will turn white and opaque when they are cooked. Remove from skillet.

2. Prepare the vinaigrette: In a small bowl combine shallots, vinegar, salt, pepper and mustard; stir to dissolve salt and blend ingredients. Stir in 1/2 cup olive oil in a thin stream. Pour mixture over scallops, reserving about 1/4 cup for later use.

3. Allow scallop mixture to cool for 15 minutes. Add tarragon (or basil) and tomatoes; gently toss. Taste and add more salt and pepper, if necessary.

Advance preparation: The artichokes can be prepared 3 days in advance and stored airtight in the refrigerator. The filling can be prepared 1 day in advance and refrigerated airtight, however, it is best to omit the tarragon (or basil) and add it just prior to serving. Assemble just before serving.

Presentation: Arrange a small "nest" of mixed lettuce in the center of the plate. Place the artichoke half on top. Fill the cavity of artichoke with scallop mixture. If desired, place several leaves of Belgian endive at the base of each artichoke and garnish with chopped tomatoes. Drizzle reserved vinaigrette over the lettuce and garnish. Serve.

ARTICHOKE HALVES WITH CURRIED RICE SALAD

Yield: 8 servings
8 artichoke halves, cooked and hollowed out (see cook's notes)
1 (6.5-ounce) package chicken-flavored Rice-A-Roni Mix (ingredients described on Rice-A-Roni package)
2 green onions, trimmed and sliced
1/2 green bell pepper, cored and seeded, finely chopped
8 stuffed green olives, sliced
2 (6-ounce) jars marinated artichokes

1/2 teaspoon curry powder
One-third cup mayonnaise
Garnish: mixed baby lettuce
Optional garnish: Belgian endive and 1/2 cup chopped tomatoes

Cook's notes: It is best to use large artichokes. Trim and cook artichokes according to preferred method (see story). Once they have cooled enough to handle easily, cut in half lengthwise. Scoop out the chokes and small inedible leaves using the bowl of a small spoon. Cool. Refrigerate, sealed in plastic bags, if desired.

1. Prepare the Rice-A-Roni according to package directions. Cool.

2. Stir green onion, bell pepper and olives into rice mixture.

3. Drain the marinated artichokes, reserving the liquid. Chop the drained, marinated artichokes and add the rice mixture. Combine half the artichoke liquid with the curry powder and mayonnaise; stir to blend. Stir mayonnaise mixture into rice mixture.

Advance preparation: Both rice salad and artichokes can be prepared 3 days in advance and refrigerated airtight. Assemble no more than 1 hour before serving.

Presentation: Arrange a small nest of mixed lettuce in the center of the plate. Place the artichoke half on top. Fill the cavity of artichoke with rice salad mixture. If desired, place several leaves of Belgian endive at the base of each artichoke and garnish with chopped tomatoes. Drizzle reserved marinated artichoke liquid over the lettuce and garnish. Serve.

Make low-carb meals without the gimmicks

The Hartford Courant

When Harold Gassenheimer's doctor suggested he switch to a low-carbohydrate diet to reverse his rising triglyceride levels, his wife, Linda, rejected the obvious solution - a gimmicky diet of protein and fat or unusual food combinations.

She worked with two cardiologists, an endocrinologist and a nutritionist who could explain why the low-carbohydrate approach worked. What they couldn't explain was how to adapt the information to her and her husband's lifestyle and food preferences.

As a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu who has devoted her professional career to food and cooking, Gassenheimer took on that task. The eating plan and recipes she developed turned into the book "Low-Carb Meals in Minutes," published in 2000. She says the response to the first book inspired her to write the sequel, "More Low-Carb Meals in Minutes."

The new book, however, stands on its own. Gassenheimer reiterates the basics of the low-carbohydrate plan, which is divided into three sections: quick start with minimal carbs; the second stage of "high carbs" that reintroduces high-fiber, low simple sugar carbohydrates, and "right carbs," which balances carbohydrates, fat and protein for life.

The book is well organized. The introductory pages also include shopping and label reading tips, advice on pantry staples necessary for this style of eating, cooking suggestions and hints for eating out. Each of the three stages of the plan has its own section,

beginning with a 14-day eating plan followed by recipes for the plan's breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Gassenheimer provides a shopping list for each menu, a helpful tool that she has found popular with readers of her syndicated column, "Dinner in Minutes." That column's quick approach to meal preparation also inspired the "super speed" chapter.

The audience: Fans of the first book will find more of Gassenheimer's easy, colorful and internationally flavored recipes in "More Low-Carb Meals in Minutes." Even the recipes that don't qualify as "super speed" still don't require lots of time - or a high level of experience - in the kitchen.

A recipe: This baked fish recipe can be made with any kind of mild white fish fillet. For the zucchini gratin, grate the squash using a grater with the large holes, Gassenheimer suggests. The menu also calls for a green salad dressed with a no-sugar-added olive oil or canola oil and vinegar dressing.

MEDITERRANEAN BAKED FISH WITH ZUCCHINI GRATIN

Fish:
3/4 pound mild white fish fillets
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 teaspoons olive oil
2 tablespoons pine nuts
6 pitted green olives, cut in half
1/2 cup drained, sliced sweet potatoes

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Rinse grouper and pat dry with a paper towel. Sprinkle fish with salt and pepper to taste. Place on prepared

baking sheet and drizzle oil on top. Bake 10 minutes. Spoon pine nuts, olives and pimiento over fish. Return to oven to 10 minutes.

Zucchini:
1 pound zucchini, grated
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 teaspoons olive oil

Put zucchini in a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on high for 2 minutes. If you do not have a

microwave oven, bring a small saucepan of water to a boil and add zucchini. Drain as soon as the water returns to a boil.

Spoon half the zucchini into a shallow ovenproof dish. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese and salt and pepper to taste. Cover with remaining zucchini and finish with Parmesan cheese and salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle olive oil on top.

Put into the oven with the fish for 5 minutes or until cheese melts. Makes 2 servings.

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Sweet wines get their just desserts

Putting snobbery aside, wine doesn't need to be dry

Chicago Tribune

Ask your dinner partner to sample a sweet wine with dessert and, almost invariably, the response will be a period of hemming and hawing, followed by, "I really don't care for sweet wines."

Thus speaks another victim of wine snobbery. How sad. Sweet wines can be wonderful creations. They can provide a honied bouquet and taste — ambrosia, the ancients called it — to help end a meal with a smile. Serve them with dessert, or by themselves as dessert. You needn't pour much; 2 to 3 ounces is sufficient. After the first sip the aroma and flavor will linger in your memory.

But a sweet wine need not wait for dessert. It can appear as an aperitif, or as a companion to rich patés or terrines. Sweet wines are appropriate, too, with soups and salads containing chicken, shellfish, pork and vegetables such as asparagus and tomatoes. Cheeses, notably blue and goat's milk, are easily matched to sweet wines, as is fruit, fresh or cooked, and walnuts and almonds. Above all — there is chocolate.

If the preceding menu reads like one from the Sun City Diner, so be it. Sweet wines, sometimes called dessert wines or fortified wines, are on the cup of a revival, and a Valentine's Day dinner may be just the setting to explore their romantic aromas and flavors.

Noted chef and cookbook author James Peterson goes further. In his excellent new book, "Sweet Wines" (Stewart, Tabori and Chang, \$35), he writes, "Because most people know so little about sweet wines and are so amazed when they taste a good



Tony Marti, owner of Sebastopol Fine Wines, shows off a variety of new labels at his store in Sebastopol, Calif., Jan. 4. Sweet wines are making a comeback on the dinner tables of Americans.

one, I sometimes turn dinner into a wine tasting of sorts by serving more than one sweet wine at a time."

As examples, he cites late-harvest semillon from Australia and Sauternes (with Cheddar or aged Gouda), port and late-harvest primitivo or zinfandel (with blue cheese).

The last time this country produced more sweet wine than dry was 1967. America had responded to the repeal of Prohibition by tossing back cocktails and guzzling beer. Wine consumption was concentrated in ethnic enclaves and skid rows across the country. Sweet, cheap domestic sherry and muscatel were best sellers on skid row, while the gentry opted for generic, California-made "chablis," "burgundy" and "chianti."

Through the 1950s and '60s, upstart California vintners such as Robert Mondavi improved their dry wines and won new customers, in part by decrying sweet wines. In the ensuing decades the vintners were victims of their own anti-sweet campaign as the

public ignored the excellent dessert wines that top wineries made from aristocratic grapes, such as riesling and sauvignon blanc.

Recently, the long-delayed and still tentative effort to create a demand for high quality sweet wines has been aided considerably by ambitious restaurants that feature desserts. Customers have responded favorably when sweet wines are offered with these treats in half-bottles or by the glass.

Scott Tyree, sommelier at TRU, said the increase in sweet wine sales over the 3.5-year life of the restaurant has been "substantial." He offers more than 25 sweet wines by the glass and has 50 selections available in half-bottles.

"I'd say Sauternes is the top choice, especially with foie gras," he said. "Port is also very popular at this time of year, and slightly sweet German wines match well with the chef's fish tartares and dishes with an Asian influence." The popularity of Gale Gand's dessert collections (multiple

selections for a single table) "has helped create interest too," he added.

Sales remain dependent on enthusiastic, informed servers, though. Even in this sophisticated environment, many customers are reluctant to consider a sweet wine, Tyree said.

Another barrier is cost. From harvest to aging, top quality sweet wines need more attention and care than their table wine kin, so prices from the mid-\$20 to \$100 or more are not uncommon. The price of a glass (a smaller portion than a dry wine) might range from \$8 to \$20 or more at the Italian Village, with a good vin santo at \$8.

"Our sweet wine sales have tripled since we expanded our half-bottle and by-the-glass selection," said Ron Balter, sommelier at the Loop restaurant. "We now deliver a spirits and sweet wine list to the table with the dessert menu, and even customers who don't know a lot about the category are receptive. Port sales are great in cold weather."

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FRENCH MUSSEL SOUP WITH CURRY
Preparation time: 25 minutes
Cooking time: 50 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

A German spatlese riesling would pair well with the shellfish soup, adapted from "Soup of the Day," by Lydie Marshall.
3 pounds mussels
2 large shallots, quartered
1 1/2 cups dry white wine, such as chardonnay
Fish broth or water, as needed
2 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup whipping cream or half and half
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon sugar

1. Scrub the mussels clean with a stiff brush under cold running water. Place the mussels, shallots and wine in a heavy-bottomed pot. Heat mixture to a boil, shaking the pot; cover. Turn off heat when mussels open, 8 to 10 minutes. Discard unopened mussels. Strain the liquid through a fine-meshed sieve into a large bowl. Add broth or water, if needed, to make 3 cups of liquid. Remove shallots and mussels; reserve.
2. Melt butter in the same pot over medium heat. Whisk in the flour, pour in the mussel liquid, being careful not to add any sand that may be at the bottom. Whisk in the milk, cream and reserved shallots. Sprinkle mixture with curry. Cover; simmer 30 minutes, whisking occasionally.
3. Meanwhile, shell all but 4 of the mussels; add mussels to the soup. Adjust seasonings with curry and salt, if needed. Pour soup into bowls; garnish with whole mussels.

Nutrition information per serving:
260 calories, 52% calories from fat, 15 g fat, 8 g saturated fat, 80 mg cholesterol, 335 mg sodium, 11 g carbohydrate, 20 g protein, 0.3 g fiber

Devil's food cake: An after-dinner icon

Knight Ridder News Service

In the underworld of sweet endings, devil's food cake trends on the dark side.

Rich, moist and intensely chocolatey, it is the counterpart to its cherubic alter ego — the white, light and airy chocolate angel food cake.

Both angel and devil's food are American in origin, but there is probably no cake more recognizable than the classic layer cake enrobed in swirling peaks of wickedly delicious fudge frosting.

According to Michele Urvater, author of "Chocolate Cake (Broadway)," recipes for devil's food cakes first appeared in cookbooks around the turn of the century. Early editions of "The Joy of Cooking" and "The Settlement Cookbook" printed versions of Devil's Food Cake, as did "A Book for Cook" by Pillsbury in 1905.

Urvater's 2001 release contains 150 chocolate cake recipes, including six versions of the rich, layered devil's food cake. For a surprising variation, she adds freshly ground black pepper to the batter, then tops the cake with frosting flavored with rose water and almond extract. But in most cases, cookbook authors seem to stick closer to traditional incarnations.

Surprisingly, the intense chocolate flavor of traditional cakes may not be the reason for devil's food comparisons to all things sinful and decadent. "The rich taste of the cake is not, as I suspected, the reason for the devilish reference; it is the color of the cake itself," writes Susan Purdy, author of "The Perfect Cake" (Broadway).

A characteristically reddish tinge seen in the cake layers is

Devil's food tips

Compared to making an angel food, devil's food is a cake. The most important tip: Pay close attention to the type of cocoa in the recipe.

Most devil's food cakes use "natural" cocoa, although some use Dutch-processed cocoa. Developed in the 1820s by a Dutch scientist, Dutch-processed cocoa means it has been treated with an alkaline solution to reduce acidity. This gives the cocoa a mellow flavor, a darker color and makes it more soluble in liquid.

Since devil's food cake relies on baking soda to neutralize the acid in the chocolate, it's best to follow the recipe exactly. Using Dutch-processed cocoa decreases the amount of baking soda needed; if the ratio is off, the cake may taste soapy.

"Dutch-processed" cocoa is usually marked on the package and is frequently imported. "Natural" cocoa includes familiar brands such as Hershey's and Baker's.

Storage: Keep this cake under a glass cake dome if you plan to eat it shortly after it is made, otherwise cover loosely with foil and refrigerate. Allow to stand at room temperature for two to three hours before serving. The cake will keep for up to five days.

Sources: The Perfect Cake, The International Dictionary of Desserts, Pastries and Confections (Heart Books) by Carole Bloom; Kansas City Star

caused by the addition of baking soda, which is used to alkalize the acidity of the cocoa powder. The result is a change in its flavor from other chocolate cakes and a deepening of its color to an almost reddish brown.

DEVIL'S RECIPES

DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE

Makes 1 (two-layer) 8-inch cake
2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/3 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup sifted regular unsweetened cocoa, not Dutch-processed
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
2 large eggs, at room temperature

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups buttermilk
Lightly grease and flour 2 (8-inch) round pans. Position rack in lower third of oven. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Have ingredients at room temperature. Sift together all dry ingredients and set aside. In the large bowl of an electric mixer, cream together the butter and sugar until well blended. Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Alternately add flour mixture and buttermilk, beginning and ending with flour and beating slowly to blend after each addition.

Scrape the batter between the prepared pans. Level the top, then spread the batter slightly from the center toward the edges of the pan so it will rise evenly. Bake in the

preheated oven for about 35 minutes, until a cake tester inserted in the center comes out clean and cake feels lightly springy to the touch. Cool on a wire rack for 10 minutes. Run the tip of a knife around the edge of each layer to release it from the pan. Top with another rack and invert. Lift off pan. Cool completely before frosting.

WICKED CHOCOLATE FROSTING

Makes about 3 cups
1 pound confectioners' sugar
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened

5 ounces unsweetened chocolate, melted and cooled
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
About 6 tablespoons milk or cream

Sift the confectioners' sugar into a mixing bowl. Add the butter and combine with a wooden spoon. Add the chocolate and vanilla, and combine. Warm the milk in a microwave oven or on the stove and add it to the frosting.

With an electric mixer on low speed (use the paddle attachment if you have one), beat the frosting for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well blended and light. If the consistency is too loose, add more sugar; if too firm, add more milk.

More research touts benefits of eating certain types of fish

Los Angeles Times

The fish oil story keeps getting better.

British researchers last month reported that eating fish cut the risk of dementia among a group of elderly people living in France. Those who ate fish or seafood at least once a week significantly lowered their risk of being diagnosed with the memory disorder. The British study was one of a series of reports this year that have helped bolster the case for increasing people's consumption of certain types of fish.

Consider: Researchers in Scotland and England reported that fish oil supplements helped alleviate depression in patients who had not responded well to prescription antidepressants.

A major Italian study published found that fish oil supplements reduced the chance that heart-attack survivors would suffer sudden death from a cardiac arrest.

Several infant formula companies have begun adding a particular type of fat found in fish to their products. Based on research that links the fat to enhanced brain development in children.

This research centers on the health benefits of fats found in the flesh of deep-sea fish such as cod, salmon, shrimp, tuna, mackerel and herring.

Unlike some of the other so-called good fats found in olive oil or avocados, these fish fats have anti-inflammatory and other properties that can potentially improve many aspects of our health.

GOAT CHEESE SOUFFLES

Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 20 minutes
Yield: 4 servings

Lightly flavored with goat cheese, these soufflés pair well with a demi-sec sparkling wine. Adapted from "Sweet Wines" by James Peterson.

6 tablespoons finely grated Parmesan cheese
12 ounces full-flavored goat cheese
6 eggs yolks
10 egg whites
Pinch each: salt, cream of tar-

tar.
1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Combine butter and sugar in a bowl of electric mixer; beat on medium speed until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time. Add molasses, ginger, cinnamon and cloves, beating until well mixed. Stir in sour cream.

2. Sift flour with the baking soda; stir the mixture a second time over the egg mixture. Fold ingredients together with a rubber spatula until no lumps remain. (Don't overwork the mixture or the cake will be heavy.) Pour mixture into a greased and floured 8-by-4-inch loaf pan. Bake until a knife inserted into the cake comes out clean, about 45 minutes. Cool 10 minutes in pan.

3. To remove cake from pan, run a knife around the edge of the pan, place a plate over pan. Hold the loaf against the plate with the kitchen towel. Turn pan over; shake gently to dislodge the cake.

Nutrition information per serving:
230 calories, 50% calories from fat, 16 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 90 mg cholesterol, 185 mg sodium, 33 g carbohydrate, 4.1 g protein, 1 g fiber

CHICKEN LIVER MOUSSE
Preparation time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 8 minutes
Chilling time: 3 hours
Yield: 10 first-course servings
This light mousse was adapted in the test kitchen from a recipe in "Sweet Wines," by James Peterson. Serve it with

GINGERBREAD CAKE

Preparation time: 10 minutes
Cooking time: 40 minutes

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Star chef's new book is a treat

The Providence Journal

"Live, love, eat" has been Wolfgang Puck's personal motto for as long as he's been cooking professionally.

In spite of this revelation, his new cookbook of the same name is quite likeable.

He was one of the first of California's celebrity chefs. Does the name Spago ring a bell? A native of Austria, he was chef of all the Hollywood stars, making designer pizzas, as soon as Spago opened in 1982. Since

then, he has cashed in with more Spago restaurants and other eateries as well as a line of signature cookware, frozen foods, and a show on the Food Network.

And now for something totally different, we have "Live, Love, Eat! The Best of Wolfgang Puck" (Random House \$35). It's user friendly and filled with comfort food, some with a twist. Chicken pot pie soup is one that comes to mind, but there's also all-American potato salad.

Naturally, there's a chapter on pizza and pasta (spicy chicken pizza for one), the dishes that attracted attention to Spago in the first place.

The photography is lovely and the recipes are of a kinder, gentler nature than his previous books with directions that, while involved, are doable. There are a lot of basic recipes that are to be used in others, but they offer practical uses.

Each recipe includes his thoughts on why he'd serve it, or where it came from, or what

meaning it has to him. Some are interesting and some are excessive. His Austrian white asparagus with browned bread crumbs is a dish loved by Julia Child when he cooked it for her on his TV show!

Puck offers a recipe for spaghetti, those little egg and flour dumplings that are back in vogue, duly noted by the Wall Street Journal just a few weeks ago.

Once again, Puck is right there on the edge of a trend. Live, love and rake in the cash.

SHRIMP A LA WOLFGANG

SPICY SHRIMP TEMPURA WITH CILANTRO
12 jumbo shrimp
1 large or 2 small jalapeno chilies, seeded and finely chopped
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro leaves
Juice of 2 medium limes
Salt
Tempura batter:
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 1/4 cups water
2 tablespoons sesame seeds
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro leaves
Salt
Peanut oil for frying
1 bunch of spinach, leaves only, trimmed, thoroughly

washed and dried
Peel the shrimp. With a small, sharp knife, de vein them by cutting a shallow slit along their backs, the outer curve, and removing the threadlike digestive tract. Butterfly the shrimp cutting deeper along their backs, about halfway through, to open them into two attached lobes. Place the shrimp in a single layer on a large platter. Sprinkle them with the chopped jalapeno and chopped cilantro. Sprinkle the lime juice over them, cover with plastic wrap, and marinate in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes and no more than a few hours. When ready to cook, season the shrimp lightly with salt.
Before cooking, prepare the batter: In a small mixing bowl,

sift together the flour and baking powder. Whisk in the water until a smooth batter has formed, then stir in the sesame seeds, cayenne pepper, chopped cilantro, and salt to taste. Nestle the bowl of batter inside a larger bowl filled with ice, to keep the batter cold and ensure crisp results.

At serving time, in a deep, heavy saucepan, wok, or deep-fryer, heat 3 inches of oil to 350 degrees. Preheat the oven to its lowest setting.

Working with 3 or 4 shrimp at a time, dip each one in the batter to coat it well, and then carefully drop it into the hot oil, taking care to avoid splashing or splattering. Fry the shrimp until golden brown, about 2 minutes. With

metal tongs, a slotted spoon, or wire skimmer, remove the shrimp from the oil and transfer to paper towels to drain. Transfer the shrimp to a heat proof dish and keep them warm in the low oven while preparing the remaining shrimp.

In the same oil, deep-fry the spinach, using the dotted spoon or skimmer to keep the leaves submerged until crisp and translucent, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove them with the slotted spoon or skimmer, drain on paper towels, and season lightly with salt.

Arrange a bed of fried spinach leaves on each of 4 plates. Place 3 shrimp on top of or next to the spinach and serve immediately.

Serves 4.

Science can help bake a better cake

Chicago Tribune

Science is just as much a part of a good cake as sugar. Following are some tips from Nick Malgieri's "Perfect Cakes" for making the most of your batter.

- Poundcakes and butter cakes: Always start with very soft butter.
- Don't rush the mixing — many of these batters are leavened only by the air beaten into them during mixing.
- Always have eggs and any liquids as close to room temperature as possible, and add them to the batter gradually. Adding too much too quickly, or adding too

much at a time can make a cake batter separate, resulting in a heavy, greasy texture instead of a light one.

• For a loaf cake, line the pan or at least the bottom with parchment paper.

If the top of a cake baked for a long time, seem to be coming too deeply, cover the cake loosely with aluminum foil. Placing the cake pan on a heavy cookie sheet or jellyroll pan will protect the bottom of the cake from coloring too deeply.

Good poundcakes in the pan for a few minutes, then invert onto a rack or board. Invert again so that the cake cools completely right side up.

• To store poundcakes, keep tightly wrapped in plastic and foil at room temperature for up to a couple of days, or freeze for longer.

• Although finer than coffee cakes, poundcakes are served in the same way: with a favorite beverage. If the last few slices of a poundcake seem dry, lightly toast them and serve with jam.

Alternating liquid and dry ingredients.

Many of the recipes call for alternating liquid and dry ingredients when you add them to the batter. For poundcakes or any butter cake, always begin and end with the flour," Malgieri writes.

"Here's why: The buttery base of these batters does not absorb a lot of liquid easily. If the batter is forced to absorb too much liquid (usually eggs), the butter will reach its saturation point, and the result will be a separated batter with unabsorbed liquid in it. If this happens, the cake will be heavy."

"So it's far better to start by adding just some of the liquid to the butter and sugar mixture, then add the rest alternating it with the flour. The flour brings the butter together and prevents separation. For most recipes, these ingredients are incorporated in five additions: flour, liquid, flour, liquid, flour."

Many object to hurried, hectic atmosphere of school lunches

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — At 10:39 a.m., 400 sixth-graders at Haverford Middle School pour into the basement cafeteria. The 30-minute hustle, known as lunch, is under way.

Billy Uditsky rushes to buy pizza and fries, using 12 of those precious minutes just getting through the food line. Greta Horowitz settles at a round table with friends and unpacks a peanut-butter sandwich, grapes, cucumbers and a granola bar, all from home.

As the period winds down, both students say they wish they had more time for lunch.

"I'll want to eat and eat," says Greta, half a sandwich untouched, "there isn't enough time."

Some schools offer an alternative to the commotion, such as the Literary Lunch Club in Haverford where students can eat in the school library while listening to a teacher read, or the Norristown school where a teacher eats with his first graders. But they are the exception.

It is a common lament in our fast-food society. Everyone from principals and parent-teacher groups to national food-service associations are hearing grumbles about the length — or rather the shortness — of the lunch period.

Now, nutritionists, pediatricians and educators are adding their voices, waging a fight to civilize the lunchroom. Lunch, they say, is as important a part of the school day as reading, writing and arithmetic.

They want America's students to not only have more time for lunch, but also to dine in a more pleasant, more social, more serene environment. The hope is to foster community, manners, even healthier eating habits — and take a bite out of the obesity epidemic plaguing U.S. children.

"We shove kids in lunchrooms,

feed them as quickly as we can, and we don't care what they learn," says Karen Evans Stout, an associate professor of education policy at Lehigh University and one of those leading the call for change.

"It's this wasted hour," she says. "We don't use that time to teach a thing about sitting and eating and talking."

The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Dietetic Association and other medical groups have joined with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to endorse 10 keys to achieving healthy eating in schools. These include a call for longer lunch periods, shorter lunch lines, fewer very early or very late lunch periods, more pleasant surroundings, and more adults eating with students.

"It's more than improving the quality of the food," says Susan Asker, USDA spokeswoman. "You have to improve the environment that kids are eating in, too."

Not everyone thinks a longer lunch helps eating habits. In a study published this year, Martha Chabot, associate professor of hotel, restaurant and institutional management at Pennsylvania State University, found that students, regardless of grade, needed an average of 7

to 10 minutes to actually eat, contrary to conventional wisdom that younger children require more time.

"When the lunch time was longer, they don't spend it eating, they spend it socializing," she says.

Still, she says students need at least 20 minutes at the table to allow for conversation, a valuable part of lunch.

In a recent pilot study of 217 middle school students in the southeastern part of the state, Stout found that 44 percent had less than 20 minutes at the lunch table — and about half of those less than 15 minutes. More than a quarter said they didn't have enough time to eat.

This fall, Stout plans to observe lunchrooms statewide. Ideally, she would like to see family-style dining where teachers eat with students and model good manners, polite conversation and healthy choices.

Many teachers are loath to give up duty-free lunches. Jamie Horwitz, spokesman for the American Federation of Teachers, doesn't argue the benefits to students, but "teachers need time away from adolescents to recharge their batteries. What you may gain in the lunchroom, you may lose in other parts of the day."

At first glance, the large lunchroom at Marshall Street Elementary School in Norristown appears the typical loud frenzy of mealtime activity. Children hustle from lunch lines to long tables to recess, with aides walking up and down and an administrator shouting instructions.

But at one table, first grade teacher Harriet Horton is choosing to eat a tossed salad among her charges rather than retreat to the calm of the faculty lounge. "Goodness flows from you to them when you eat with them," she says.

Her students, Horton says, also eat more because she encourages them — like a parent.

Pediatrician Robert Murray, director of the Center for Nutrition and Wellness at Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and an expert on school lunches, has found that students who eat with a teacher in a classroom while watching a video consume more dairy products and those who have recess before lunch waste less.

"It does make a difference, whether it's a crazy, hurried environment or a quieter, calmer environment," he said. "I think we would do well to optimize school lunch."

Head chefs in celebrities' restaurants toil in obscurity

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Hardly a day goes by that someone doesn't come to Emeril's Orlando and ask to speak to the chef. They're hoping, of course, to coax Emeril Lagasse away from the stove long enough to tell him how much they enjoy his oyster stew or lobster cheesecake, not to mention his television shows and his cookbooks.

But if they ask to see the head chef at Emeril's, it's Bernard Carmouche who comes out of the kitchen. It's a scene repeated with top chefs at Lagasse's six other restaurants in New Orleans and Las Vegas.

And Todd Baggett, head chef at Wolfgang Puck Cafe's upstairs dining room, admits to having a little fun when people call and ask to speak to Puck. "We tell them the chef was in prepping very early and we sent him home to get some rest," says Baggett with a snicker.

Joel Morgan, chef de cuisine at the just-opened Emeril's Touch Chop will probably have to put up with the same thing. Even though common sense would dictate that celebrity chefs with restaurants in multiple locations — some spread throughout the country — couldn't possibly be doing the cooking, people seem to want to believe they have a greater hand in the day-to-day operations of the kitchen than they really do.

Celebrity chefs such as Lagasse or Wolfgang Puck or Roy Yamaguchi have their names on the building and may even be listed on the menu as the chef and proprietor of the restaurant. But you can bet it's someone else who is doing all the cooking, even on those occasions, usually rare, when the chef is visiting the local restaurant. And still it's the celebrities who get all the credit.

They're playing second fiddle to guys who very frequently aren't even in the orchestra.

Most are fine with that, while others find it a little annoying to be cooking in the shadows.

To Carmouche, who soon will be returning to Emeril's corporate office in New Orleans and turning over the Orlando kitchen to Shannon Rowland, "It's really exciting just to work for a popular chef." The amiable Carmouche, who has been with Lagasse for 19 years, was the first chef to take over for Lagasse at the first Emeril's restaurant in New Orleans.

"It was very challenging, very stressful when he turned the reins over to me," says Carmouche. "I had some really big shoes to fill."

But does having the reins mean you have free reign?

"I would pretty much do whatever I wanted," says Carmouche, adding, "but I would communicate with him on a daily basis."

Gregory Ritchie, whose title is executive chef/partner for Roy's, says he has more freedom. But then there's no need for him to feel as if someone is looking over his shoulder. In the two years since the restaurant opened, Roy Yamaguchi, who is based in Hawaii, has visited only

three times, although Ritchie says they communicate once every one or two weeks. Most recently he was in town for Roy's second anniversary celebration, and even then it was less than a 24-hour visit.

The menu at Roy's, a Hawaiian-themed restaurant, is designed so that part of it has "Roy's classics," which can be found in any of the 34 Roy's from New York to Tokyo. Another section features dishes that are the discretion of the chef/partner. So, in theory, if Ritchie wanted to offer spaghetti and meatballs or lamb chops, he could.

Of course, that would be counterproductive — people are coming in to Roy's to sample Yamaguchi's style of food.

And Yamaguchi isn't worried that Ritchie will go off on a culinary tangent. "I have a team from day one was to engage a team that could fulfill the same dream and goals that I have," says Yamaguchi. "So with that thought process in mind, we wanted our kitchen with talent and whoever came into our kitchen, my goal was to advance their culinary endeavors and put them into a position where they could be our chef."

Greg Ritchie worked for us in Hawaii and when we felt he was ready to run his own kitchen, we gave him Orlando."

Yamaguchi, whose restaurants are chained under the Outback Steak House mantle, says he encourages his chefs to be distinctive. "I have no ego where I'm continually telling these guys what not to do," he says. "We want to make sure that Greg Ritchie is known for what he does."

One else's name that person whose name is on the door sometimes overshadows the chef. It's not really Roy Yamaguchi cooking," says Yamaguchi, "it's Roy's chef."

If there's common ground among celebrity chefs and the guys doing their cooking, it's mutual trust. And for the cooks there is a unique opportunity to work in an instantly successful restaurant and learn from chefs who are at the top of their game.

Baggett of Wolfgang Puck Cafe in Downtown Disney, says he still learns from Puck, who is based in Los Angeles and owns more than 22 full service restaurants. "I have a lot of concepts around the country. For me it's kind of neat because Wolf still visits the store about six or seven times a year," says Baggett. "He's a very knowledgeable guy."

Baggett moved to Wolfgang Puck Cafe shortly after opening the Boheme in downtown Orlando, says he has carte blanche at the restaurant, but he makes sure to run new ideas by Puck. And Puck will make some suggestions, although some are probably a little more than requests. For example, Puck asked Baggett to feature some recipes from his new cookbook on the dining room's menu. How could Baggett refuse?

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Once spurned, cast-iron cookware comes back into favor

By Susan Thomas

In the days before Calphalon and Cuisinart, before Teflon and anodized aluminum, there were few choices in cookware. Gleaming, stainless Revere Ware pans, their copper bottoms polished to a shine, were the lookers in cookware. Their counterpart was the heavy, blackened cast-iron pots from companies with salt-of-the-earth names such as the Lodge Manufacturing Co. and Wagner's 1891 Original Cast Iron Cookware.

But those became passe. They didn't fit with our increasingly wash-and-wear lifestyle. Cast-iron cookware needs attention. It has to be seasoned periodically by coating it with shortening and baking the pan to keep food from sticking. In addition, cast iron was decreed by many to be just too heavy. So it, like other once-popular cookware, was pushed to the back of the cupboard, properly snubbed and gathering dust.

Now, however, those same cast-iron pans handed down from one generation to the next are treasured like fine pieces of heirloom silver. Perhaps the recent trend toward the comforting and familiar is behind the shift.

Maybe, after all of our experimentation with other surfaces, nothing can really replace a classic cast-iron pan for frying chicken or baking cornbread into perfect, golden wedges.

The Lodge Co. has certainly paid its dues, setting down roots in South Pittsburg, Tenn., in 1896. It's now the

only cast-iron cookware foundry in the country. (Wagner's packed up the pots and pans a few years ago.)

Their process involves heating iron to 2,800 degrees Fahrenheit, and pouring each pan separately into a new sand-cast mold. It's a method that's stood the test of time, and the cookware, if treated kindly, will last several lifetimes.

Still, the folks at Lodge have done some experimenting of their own, developing a contemporary line of cast-iron pans with a pre-seasoned surface. A specialized vegetable-oil formula is sprayed onto traditional iron pots. Then they're set into high temperature, industrial gas ovens that bake the oil deeply and evenly into the surface.

Why the innovation?

"People are afraid of cast iron because they don't know how to season it," explains Gayle Allen-Grier, executive assistant to company chairman and CEO Bob Kellermann. "We wanted to make it easier for the consumer to buy a pan today, go home and cook dinner in it tonight." But, even pre-seasoned pans will eventually need to be re-seasoned.

How to season

Both the natural, classic finish and pre-seasoned pans are seasoned in the same way. First wash with hot, soapy water and a stiff, nonmetallic scouring pad or brush. Then rinse and dry completely. Apply a thin coat of melted, plain vegetable shortening such as

Crisco to the entire surface, both inside and out, with a pastry brush. Cooking oil or sprays should not be used for seasoning because they'll eventually make the surface sticky. (Both, however, can be used for cooking.) Coat the handle, edges and corners of the pan, and if it has a cast-iron lid, coat that, too. Wipe out excess shortening with a paper towel.

Line the lower oven rack with aluminum foil to catch any drippings and preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place the pot upside-down on the middle rack and bake 2 hours for new, natural-finish pans and 1 hour for older pans with either finish.

Turn the oven off and let the pan cool before removing it from the oven. Wipe again with a paper towel. Once seasoned, a new, natural-finish pan will acquire a brownish-gray color. With time and use, and reseasoning, it will become shiny and black.

Seasoning is an ongoing process, and a well-seasoned pot has a surface that will release food easily. A rule of thumb to consider: If the crust on your fried fish or chicken begins to stick and burn, it's time to reseason.

How to clean

The right seasoning also will repel rust, but if the pan begins to show traces, or if it takes on a metallic smell or taste, wash with soap and hot water. Scrub off rust with an abrasive, non-metallic pad or stiff brush, never a metallic scouring pad such as SOS, and then reseason.

Allen-Grier suggests cleaning pots after cooking with a stiff brush and hot water only. Never wash cast-iron pans in the dishwasher or scour with abrasive detergents. In fact, purists don't use soap of any kind on their cast-iron pans. Salt is rubbed on the surface to clean the pan, then it's rinsed and dried immediately.

If that makes you uncomfortable, clean the pan immediately after use with a little mild dishwashing liquid and hot water. If, however, soap is used, the pan will need to be reseasoned more often.

Never soak or let soapy water sit in the pan for any length of time. After cleaning, rinse and dry immediately with a kitchen towel. Air-drying will eventually cause the pan to rust. Then apply a light coating of vegetable oil to cookware, wiping out the excess.

How to store

Store the cookware in a cool, dry place. Place a clean, dry paper towel in the pan to absorb any moisture and another folded paper towel between the lid and pan so air can circulate. Paper towels between stacked pans will protect their surfaces.

How to cook

Never put a cold pan on a hot burner — cast-iron cookware should be warmed slowly because thermal shock can cause the metal to warp or even crack. Food will cook faster because the pan holds

the heat and stays hot longer. For instance, if you have a recipe for cornbread that's baked in a glass pan, lower the oven temperature by 25 degrees if using cast iron.

Of course, not everything cooks well in iron pans. Highly acidic ingredients such as tomato, wine, citrus juice and mustard can be a problem. Even quickly deglazing the pan with wine will cause its tannins to react with the iron, resulting in a bitter, metallic sauce. But a quick tomato sauce that's out of the pan within 10 minutes will still have fresh flavor and color.

If the coating on fried food sticks, continue cooking a few minutes. When a good crust has formed, the food will release from the pan and the food can be turned easily. And using a splatter screen will reduce the mess and prevent burns. Vegetables caramelize beautifully when oven-roasted in cast iron. The secret? Don't crowd the pan, and resist the temptation to stir the vegetables often. One is enough.

Price

Sources as varied as REI, True Value Hardware Stores and Sur la Table carry a variety of cast-iron pans, and there isn't a better value in cookware. Prices range from about \$8 to \$11 for a 10-inch skillet, to around \$30 for a 5-quart Dutch oven.

Or cast about online for some comparison shopping. A good source for price and quality comparisons is www.epicureans.com.

CAST-IRON COOKWARE RECIPES

SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN

8 servings
2 medium frying chickens, about 5 pounds each
2 cups buttermilk
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon kosher salt
2 tablespoons freshly ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Cooking oil, for frying

1. Rinse the chickens, dry with paper towels, and cut into serving pieces. Place pieces in a large, shallow pan and pour the buttermilk over them. Refrigerate the chicken 30 minutes. Place the flour, black pepper, salt and cayenne pepper in a heavy, brown paper bag and shake vigorously to blend.

2. Place a large, cast-iron skillet over medium heat. Cover the bottom of the skillet with about an inch layer of cooking oil, or enough to come at least halfway up the chicken pieces. Drain the chicken pieces and place in the bag, several pieces at a time. Shake the bag vigorously to evenly coat the chicken with the seasoned flour. Remove the chicken pieces from the bag, shaking them to remove any excess flour.

3. Place the chicken pieces into the hot fat. Do not crowd the pan. Be sure to leave enough room between the pieces of chicken. Turn the chicken frequently until all sides are an even, golden brown and the meat is cooked through. Remove the chicken pieces as they are done, drain on paper towels and keep warm. The white meat should take at least 15 to 20 minutes, the dark meat about 25 minutes. (Cut into chicken to test for doneness.)

4. Serve the chicken on a warm platter.

CAST IRON CORNBREAD WITH ORANGE-HONEY BUTTER

8 to 10 wedges

2 Butter

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature

1/8 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon orange-juice concentrate

1 tablespoon honey

1 Cornbread

1/2 cup yellow cornmeal

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup granulated sugar

1/2 cup salt

1/2 cup baking powder

1/2 cup buttermilk

1/2 cup milk

1 egg

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled

1 tablespoon vegetable shortening

1. To prepare the butter: Put the softened butter into a bowl with the salt and whisk until creamy. Whisk in the orange-juice concentrate, and then the honey. Whisk until smooth. Set aside.

2. To prepare the cornbread: Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place a seasoned 10-inch cast-iron skillet on the center oven rack and heat 15 minutes.

3. While the pan is heating, stir together the cornmeal, flour, sugar, salt and baking powder

into a large bowl. Measure the buttermilk and milk in a 2-cup measuring cup, then whisk in the egg until well blended. Whisk in the cooled melted butter. Pour into the dry ingredients and stir with a wooden spoon just until completely blended.

4. Remove the skillet from the oven and put the shortening into the pan. As it melts, brush evenly over the inside. Then pour batter into the pan, spreading evenly. Bake on center oven rack 20 minutes. Test with a toothpick or skewer in the center. Remove from the oven and brush with a little of the honey butter. Cook about 15 minutes before cutting into wedges. Serve with the remaining flavored butter.

ROSEMARY POTATO WEDGES

4 servings

4 medium-size white or Yukon Gold potatoes (about 1 3/4 to 2 pounds total)

4 strips bacon

3 tablespoons olive oil

2/3 cup finely chopped onion

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

1 tablespoon minced fresh rosemary

1. Peel the potatoes and cut each in half lengthwise. Place in a steamer basket set over water at a low boil. Steam until tender, about 20 to 25 minutes. Remove the potatoes from the pan. When cool enough to handle, cut each potato half into 2 wedges.

2. Cook the bacon in a large (12-inch) cast-iron skillet over medium heat until crisp. Transfer the bacon to a paper-towel-lined plate and drain off the fat. Pour the olive oil into the pan. Add the onion and saute about 5 minutes until tender.

3. Then add the potato wedges, salt and pepper; cook, stirring occasionally, until light golden brown, about 6 to 10 minutes. Add half of the rosemary after 5 minutes. Crumble the bacon and stir into the potatoes with the remaining rosemary. Cook for another minute and serve.

UPSIDE-DOWN PEAR CAKE

8 servings

Topping:

1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest

About 2 teaspoons lemon juice

3 ripe Bartlett or Red Bartlett pears

1/4 cup unsalted butter

1/3 cup light brown sugar, lightly packed

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom

1/3 cup coarsely chopped slivered almonds or walnuts

Cake:

1 2/3 cups sifted cake flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom

1/2 cup unsalted butter, slightly

softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup apple juice
Whipped cream for serving

1. To prepare the topping: Grate the lemon zest and set 1 teaspoon aside. Juice the lemon and set 2 teaspoons aside. Refrigerate the remaining juice.

2. Peel the pears, cut each in half and remove the cores. Cut each half into quarters and drizzle with the lemon juice.

3. In a seasoned 10-inch cast-iron skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Add 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest, brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and cardamom, stirring until blended and just beginning to bubble.

Add the pears and stir to coat with the syrup. Cover the pan and simmer gently 4 minutes, turning the pears once. Remove the lid, raise the heat to medium and cook 2 minutes. Arrange the pears so they evenly cover the bottom of the skillet, sprinkle with the nuts and set aside.

4. To prepare the cake: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift the flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg and cardamom onto a sheet of wax paper. Cut the butter into 1-inch pieces and place in the large bowl of an electric mixer. Soften on low speed. Add 5 teaspoon lemon zest and increase speed to medium. Cream until smooth and light in color, about 1 to 2 minutes.

5. Add the sugar a tablespoon at a time and blend it well. Scrape the bowl occasionally. Add the eggs one at a time, beating 1 minute after each.

Blend in the vanilla.
6. Add the dry ingredients in 3 additions, alternating with the apple juice. Mix just until blended after each addition. Scrape the sides of the bowl and beat 10 seconds longer. Pour the batter evenly over the pears and

spread if necessary. Bake on center oven rack about 25 to 30 minutes, or until the edges and top of cake are browned. Cool on a rack 10 minutes.
7. Run a thin knife around edge of skillet to loosen the sides. Invert the cake onto a

serving dish. Let stand 5 minutes before removing the skillet to release the fruit and syrup. Carefully remove skillet. If any fruit remains in bottom remove and arrange on cake. Serve warm with a spoonful of whipped cream.

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FOOD & HOME

Grapefruit gets a little less sour

The Washington Post

This time of year there are dozens of varieties of grapefruit to choose from, in shades of red, pink and white. But those are the colors of the tangy segments inside; on the outside most grapefruit look the same. So you have to trust the signs in the market and your own memory to know which type you've purchased.

Whichever grapefruit you choose, the taste will be similar from one fruit to another, though some varieties — particularly the red ones — are sweeter. In general, grapefruit is not as puckery tart as it was years ago.

Red grapefruit contain two antioxidants, beta carotene, which is converted to Vitamin A by the body, and lycopene, which has been shown by several studies to reduce the risk of some types of cancer. White grapefruit actually more a pale shade of yellow — contain small amounts of other beneficial phytochemicals.

Though Florida is perhaps the best-known state for grapefruit, Texas, Arizona and California all

supply their own varieties. (The most popular is the relatively mild, faintly sweet state fruit of Texas, the seedless Ruby Red.)

Half a small grapefruit contains about 40 calories and approximately half the daily requirement for Vitamin C, along with smaller amounts of B vitamins and iron.

Little-known fact: Technically, seedless grapefruit may contain up to five seeds.

How to select: A choice grapefruit will feel heavy — even unwieldy — for its size. Optimally, the fruit should be glossy with slightly flattened, not pointed, ends and bear no soft spots or bruises. Room-temperature fruit should have a subtly sweet fragrance.

The color of the rind has little to do with the ripeness of the fruit; random splashes of brown and various shades of green are bruises. Grapefruit are not picked until fully ripened, so rare is the unripe supermarket grapefruit. Though available year-round, grapefruit is most commonly and abundantly found in

markets between January and June.

How to store: Keep grapefruit at room temperature for up to one week or refrigerate for up to several weeks. Do not store grapefruit in a plastic bag as this may promote the growth of mold.

How to prepare: Grapefruit is at its best when served simply. A grapefruit sliced in half and served in the morning with a serrated spoon (and, depending on whom one asks, possibly a sprinkle of sugar) has yet to fade from fashion.

Beyond breakfast, the sections may be wrested from the tough membrane, then served either intact or coarsely chopped as a tart counterpoint to particularly bitter, sweet or rich flavors. Whole segments may be arranged atop a salad of arugula or butter lettuce leaves. Diced segments may be tossed with avocado and lime juice, jumbled together with red onion and cilantro, if desired, as a tart juxtaposition to sweet seafood, such as shrimp and scallops, or rich fish, such as salmon and tuna, or

even a simple cheese quesadilla.

The freshly squeezed juice may be served straight up in a tumbler, whisked into a vinaigrette, sweetened with honey as a glaze for roasts or mingled with pan drippings, white wine and a pat of butter when deglazing a skillet.

Rather than tossing the rind away, it can be turned into sweet-tart candied peel.

Grapefruit doesn't lend itself to innovation in the last course. Simpler and far more stunning than any tart or sorbet is halved grapefruit drizzled with honey and water, sprinkled with chopped crystallized ginger and refrigerated for several hours.

A friend and experienced cook, Tom Walsh, asserts grapefruit makes a better palate cleanser than dessert. And so it does when done Walsh's way. He halves grapefruit, spoons a bit of red wine over the top and broils them until slightly caramelized.

The subtle charms of the grapefruit are muted by lower temperatures; serve close to room temperature for optimal tartness.

The Hartford Courant

Lasagna can be more than ground meat, tomato sauce and pasta ribbons.

One of the most popular variations is vegetarian lasagna made with a white sauce instead of red. Here, we use domestic or white mushrooms and frozen lasagna. You can use whatever strikes your fancy or looks good in the market: Shiitake mushrooms, chopped Swiss chard, butternut squash, caramelized onions, whatever.

As with the traditional 'red' recipe, given last week, making lasagna is a matter of steps. You can stop and start as you like to fit into your schedule. And the assembled lasagna can always be refrigerated or frozen until you're ready. Leftovers, too, provide the ammo for future weeknight meals.

One thing to remember: Make sure you coat the bottom of the baking dish with some sort of sauce to help insulate the lasagna from the oven's heat. Chris uses a little prepared 'tomato' sauce, use a bechamel or white sauce if you like.

SPINACH AND MUSHROOM LASAGNA

Our recipe calls for 1 pound of mushrooms. Not every supermarket carries packaged mushrooms in this weight. Buy what you can find — a 12-ounce package isn't going to make that much of a difference. Or, buy your mushrooms from the open-bulk container. Picking out mushrooms one by one takes time and can cost more money, but you'll have greater choice in size and condition.

2 lasagna sheets
6 quarts water
1 teaspoon oil
1/2 cup prepared tomato sauce
1 8-ounce package frozen spinach, thawed
1 pound sautéed mushrooms (see recipe below)

Ricotta cheese filling:
5 cups (3 pounds) ricotta cheese
1 egg
1/2 cup whipping cream
1 cup shredded mozzarella
2 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
1/2 cup dried parsley
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
Topping:
2 cups shredded mozzarella
1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese
Cook the lasagna sheets. Bring

6 quarts of water to a boil in a 6-quart pot. Cook the pasta sheets for 8 minutes, or until al dente. Carefully strain the pasta sheets and chill in cold water to stop the cooking. Lightly oil the sheets with 1 teaspoon oil and lay the pasta out in a baking pan until ready to use.

Combine all ingredients for the ricotta cheese filling in a large bowl. Set aside until ready to assemble the lasagna.

Divide the thawed frozen spinach into four roughly equal portions. Set aside.

Build the lasagna in a 9-by-13-inch baking pan. Spread 1/2 cup tomato sauce on the bottom of the pan. Lay out four sheets of cooked pasta on top of the sauce. Overlap the sheets by about 1/2 inch.

Spoon the ricotta cheese mixture onto the pasta sheets. Spread one part of the divided spinach and about 1/2 cup cooked mushrooms on top of the cheese. Top with four more sheets of pasta.

Repeat, building the lasagna layer-by-layer until you have four layers of ricotta cheese and five layers of pasta. Top the final layer of pasta with the 2 cups of shredded mozzarella and 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese.

Cover the lasagna with parchment paper and aluminum foil. You can bake it now, refrigerate it for later or freeze.

When ready to bake, place the lasagna in a preheated 350-degree oven and heat for 45 minutes (90 minutes if the lasagna is frozen). Uncover and bake 15 minutes more or until the cheese is bubbling.

Let the lasagna stand for 10 minutes, then serve. Makes 12 portions.

Sautéed mushrooms

Sautéed mushrooms can be used for far more things than lasagna. Fold them into an omelet, spoon into a sauce, stuff a broiled tomato. Be imaginative.

1 pound mushrooms
1 teaspoon cooking oil
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
Gently wipe the mushrooms clean of any clinging soil with a damp paper towel and cut a slice off the stem end. Chop the mushrooms into a roughly 1/2-inch dice. Heat a medium-size sauté or fry pan over high heat. Add oil. Lift and rotate the pan to spread the oil across the pan's bottom. Place the mushrooms in the pan and cook for 3 to 5 minutes, or until nicely golden brown. Season with kosher salt.

GRAPEFRUIT RECIPE WITH ARTIST

RUBY GRAPEFRUIT, AVOCADO AND ARUGULA SALAD

This winter salad combines tart grapefruit, bitter arugula and rich avocado. If desired, embellish with a shaving of Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese or steamed shrimp or thinly sliced chicken breast.

2 large or 3 medium red or pink grapefruit, preferably Ruby Red
2 teaspoons Champagne vinegar
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 scallion (white and tender green parts)
2 avocados, pitted and thinly sliced
3 handfuls arugula, washed and dried

Using a sharp knife, cut a slice from the top and bottom of each grapefruit so the sections are exposed. Place the grapefruit on a cutting board. Using a sharp paring knife, cut the rind and membrane off in strips, beginning at the top and working to the bottom, cutting all the way to the flesh. Once the grapefruit is

peeled, carefully cut along each side of the remaining membranes to release each grapefruit section, reserving as much juice as possible. Set aside. Cut the grapefruit sections in a bowl. Squeeze the membranes and pith to extract as much juice as possible. Set aside.

In another bowl, whisk together 2 tablespoons of the grapefruit juice with the vinegar. Season with salt and a generous grind of pepper and whisk in the oil. Taste and adjust the seasoning and acidity as necessary. Set aside.

Halve the scallion lengthwise

and thinly slice each half to produce thin half-moon shapes. Place in a small bowl and drizzle with 1 tablespoon of the reserved vinaigrette. Set aside.

Toss the arugula with 1 tablespoon of vinaigrette. Arrange the grapefruit segments and avocado slices on individual plates, top with a tangle of arugula and spoon over the remaining vinaigrette. Garnish with the reserved scallion. Serve immediately.

Per serving: 202 calories, 2 gm protein, 8 gm carbohydrates, 20 gm fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 2 gm saturated fat, 54 mg sodium, 8 gm dietary fiber

Man makes sense of nutrition headlines

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — Drinking Booze Prevents Heart Attack?

Or that's what the headlines said last month.

While America scurried for the liquor cabinet, David Klurfeld headed instead for the New England Journal of Medicine. He would read the source report, examine the data, analyze conclusions and write a three-paragraph summary of what the research REALLY meant.

Then he would send it by e-mail to 33,000 people in 100 countries.

And they would pay attention.

"I don't even get minimum wage for doing this," says Klurfeld, grinning in his Detroit office on a cold January afternoon. Instead, Nutrition News Focus is his labor of love.

Evaluating food studies reported in journals and in the media, the authoritative, free e-mail

newsletter is read by consumers, doctors, dietitians and journalists around the world.

Five days a week, the confident, friendly prose of Klurfeld reassures, cajoles or throws cold water on the latest nutrition news. Salt might not be so bad. Not everyone needs vitamins. Tomatoes might or might not help your heart. Milk isn't evil.

A miracle of brevity, the newsletter contains a 2-paragraph description of that day's subject, plus a one-paragraph "Here's What You Need to Know" summary. Readers can digest it faster than a Krispy Kreme doughnut.

In real life, Klurfeld is chairman of the Nutrition and Food Sciences department at Wayne State University in Detroit.

The trim 52-year-old professor is a prodigious researcher. His biggest claim to fame is his 1981 research linking red wine to improved heart health. That con-

nection later became known as the "French Paradox" to explain why the wine-drinking French have low heart attack rates despite a high-fat diet. He is editor of the Journal of the American College of Nutrition. He teaches. He publishes. He consults.

So, why is he spending all this time penning a newsletter for the unwashed masses?

"To counteract some of the absolute lies out there," he says.

Klurfeld despises the miracle promises, food alarmists and get-rich-quick schemes floating around the Web and on television.

The newsletter rejects 99 percent of advertising, sells no products, markets no mailing list and is free to readers.

Sure, Klurfeld does have help. His brother, Roger, a Washington, D.C., attorney, and Ken Deifik, an old friend and Web expert in Los Angeles, run the business and post the

newsletter. Klurfeld does the writing, and they do the rest.

Deifik says the mission of Nutrition News Focus is simple.

"It's a chance to do something really good, to make a difference," he says. "Reading it helps you tune up your BS detector."

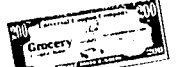
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Section D

1A GIRLS STATE TOURNAMENT

Dietrich renews old rivalry with Troy

Shoshone, Murtaugh and Hansen all open today

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

It was one of the fiercest rivalries in the late 1990s.

So fierce, the two teams met twice in state title games and twice in state semifinal games from 1996-1999.

And even though they're located at opposite ends of the state, and in different time zones, the Dietrich and Troy girls basketball teams know that to win a state title, they'll probably have to see one another at the opposite end of the court.

This year, they're getting it over at

the start. Dietrich (23-3) meets Troy (21-3) in the first round today at the Class 1A Girls Real Dairy Shoot Out at Skyline High School.

It's been a quiet couple of years for the rivalry to renew. Dietrich made noise advancing to the state final last season, but Troy, which won five state titles in the 90s, didn't make the trip.

From 96-99, Troy won the first three meetings, capturing two state titles along the way. But Dietrich has had the last laugh. The Blue Devils finally overcame their District Two nemesis to win the championship in 1999 and again downing Troy in 2000 to advance to the

consolation championship, which the Blue Devils took.

It's arguably going to be the best game of the tournament.

Sixteen teams in all open the four-day 1A girls tourney, with three other teams from the Magic Valley involved in games today.

District Four champion Shoshone (19-5) plays Meadows Valley (13-8), the fifth seed from the Boise valley, at 1:15 p.m. at Nampa High School. Hansen (16-7) follows at 3 p.m. meeting District Five-Six champ Rockland (14-9). And Murtaugh (17-5) closes out Day 1 with a game against Salmon River (15-5) at 8 p.m. at Skyline.

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Times-News photo

Dietrich forward Rayna Parker drives the baseline against Oakley on Nov. 19. Parker hopes to help lead the Blue Devils back to the 1A girls state championship when Dietrich opens the tournament today against Troy at 1:15 p.m. at Skyline High School. Other District Four teams in action today include Shoshone playing Meadows Valley at 1:15 p.m. at Nampa H.S.; Hansen plays Clark County at 3 p.m. at Nampa and Murtaugh takes on Salmon River at 8 p.m. at Skyline.

Twin Falls dominates Skyline

By Ely Garner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls faced the Skyline Grizzlies, minus nine of their 10 top players, to open the Region Four-Five-Six District Tournament at Baun Gymnasium in Twin Falls Tuesday.

In January, five Grizzly starters and four top reserves decided to exodus the team after coach K.C. Jones used

questionable language in the locker room, according to a report in the Post-Register last month.

Jones was suspended for two weeks but returned in time for the district tournament.

"The kids were hoping that by walking out, they would make me quit," Jones said. "And then they would rejoin the team. But that defeats the purpose of what we are trying to teach them with not quitting."

The Grizzlies (2-19), with only one senior and three juniors, fell to the third-seeded Bruins 59-37.

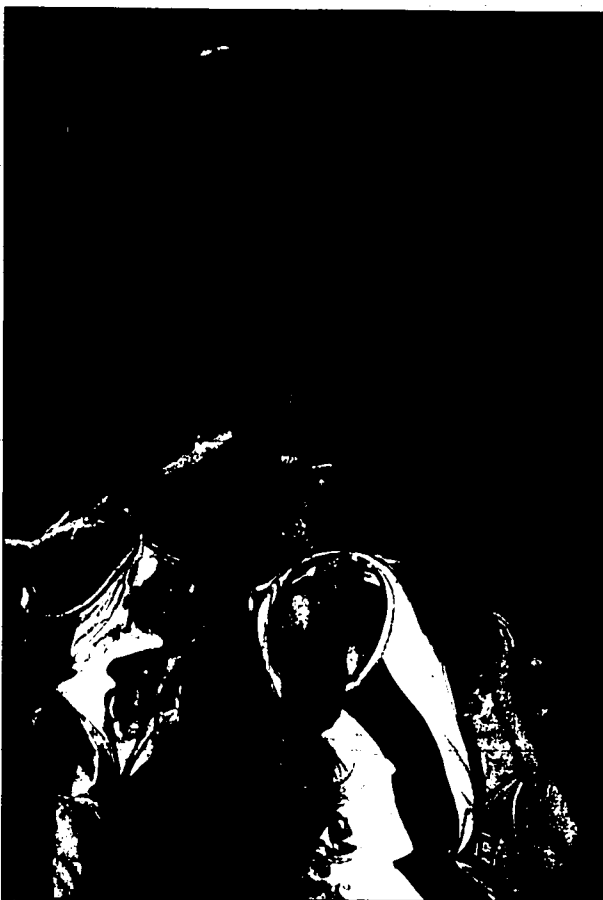
Twin Falls came out strong on both defense and offense, as Brett Miller hit the first of the Bruins' six 3-pointers 32 seconds into the game, 3-0 Bruins.

Skyline leader, Derek Grinnell put up a quick bucket. Chris Herzinger netted a field goal in response, but Grinnell scored again. The game continued in succession, Twin Falls scoring and Grinnell answering with the first and only six points for Skyline in the first quarter. The Grizzlies couldn't grasp the lead because Miller's early 3 kept Twin Falls just one step ahead of Skyline.

"Derek was one of those kids that benefited from the others quitting," said Jones. "He's gotten lots more playing time and he's really stepped up to the challenge."

Bruin Andy Coats pulled down a bucket with 4:12 on the clock, sending the game into overtime.

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Twin Falls players Cole Easter and Graham Stanley go up for a rebound in their game against Skyline Tuesday evening in Twin Falls.

Coroner factors weight-loss drug into death of Orioles pitcher Bechler

Medical examiner asks MLB to ban ephedrine

The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - A weight-loss drug containing a stimulant probably contributed to the heartstroke death of Baltimore Orioles' pitching prospect Steve Bechler, a coroner said Tuesday.

Bechler had been taking an over-the-counter supplement that contained ephedrine, which has been linked to heartstroke and heart trouble, Broward County medical examiner Dr. Joshua Perper said.

Ephedrine has been banned by the NCAA, the NFL and the



Steve Bechler Dr. Joshua Perper International Olympic Committee, but not by major league baseball.

Perper urged baseball to ban the stimulant, and its risks - along with warnings about hot weather - were a topic of clubhouse conversation throughout big league training camps.

"We're going to wait until we

know more about what happened," baseball spokesman Rich Levin said.

Bechler died Monday, less than 24 hours after a spring training bout sent his temperature to 108 degrees. Preliminary autopsy findings indicated he died from complications of heartstroke that caused multi-organ failure, Perper said.

Only toxicology tests can confirm whether there was ephedrine in Bechler's system, and those results won't be available for at least two weeks, Perper said.

Among other factors cited by Perper as contributing to the 23-year-old pitcher's death: a history of borderline high blood pressure.

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Tyson says fight's back on; Etienne doesn't want bout

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Just when it seemed Mike Tyson's world couldn't get more bizarre, he outdid himself.

Faced with an uncertain future and the reality of throwing away a reported \$5 million-plus payday, Tyson woke up in a better mood Tuesday and pronounced himself ready to fight after all.

A day before, Tyson backed out of Saturday's bout against Clifford Etienne. Now, though, Etienne says he doesn't want to fight, leaving the former heavyweight champion in need of another opponent.

Tyson boarded a chartered jet Tuesday to Memphis, Tenn., according to promoter Gary Shaw, and is ready to face who

ever is in the ring against him Saturday.

"Mike told me he wants to fight, and we're here to fight," trainer Freddie Roach said after the plane landed.

Earlier in the day, Roach said he told Tyson that he didn't think he was ready for the fight but would stand behind him. After landing, Roach sounded more confident despite Tyson missing time in the ring.

"It didn't help at all but in a couple of days we can get the timing back in," Roach said.

"He's ready to fight. I don't care who they put out in front of him."

While Tyson's mood swings are well-known, Etienne had a little fit of his own.

"I'm going to show him I don't Please see TYSON, Page D2

Coming Thursday

Continuing coverage from the 1A girls state tournament

The Times-News

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

"It was kind of horse race turned into a pony jaunt."

-Denny Snyder, Dexo boys basketball assistant, on the Hornets win over Buhl on Tuesday

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school girls basketball

1A Girls Real Dairy Shoot Out at Nampa HS
Shoshone vs. Meadows Valley, 1:15 p.m.Hansen vs. Clark County, 3 p.m.
At Skyline HS
Dietrich vs. Troy, 1:15 p.m.

Murtaugh vs. Salmon River, 8 p.m.

High school wrestling

5A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament, at Minico HS, 11 a.m.

3A District Four Tournament, at Buhl HS, 1 p.m.
2A-1A District Four Tournament, at Raft River HS, 3 p.m.

High school bowling

Girls Team District Four Tournament, at Bowldrome, 4 p.m.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who was Andre Agassi's doubles partner in the 1992 French Open?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

CSI baseball sweeps Scottsdale

PHOENIX - Winners Brandon Christiansen and Mitch Woolf each threw one-hit ball as the College of Southern Idaho baseball team rebounded from a loss Monday to sweep Scottsdale Community College 7-4, and 3-0.

At the plate, shortstop Casey Oliver from Pocatello went 4-for-7 with a double and triple in both games; Levi Shumway of Boise went 2-for-2 with three RBIs; Mitch Stachowsky added two hits.

Christiansen tossed four innings and Woolf went five innings, recording three strikeouts.

Boxes were unavailable.
CSI (3-2) plays Phoenix College today at 3 p.m.

Twin Falls men's softball meets to organize

TWIN FALLS - An organizational meeting for the Twin Falls men's softball leagues will be held Wednesday Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation building at 136 Maxwell Ave.

For more information, call Paul DeBoard at 735-0398.

Runners, walkers needed for St. Patrick's Day Race

HAGERMAN - Runners and walkers are encouraged to sign up for the annual St. Patrick's Day Race at Malad Gorge State Park on Saturday, March 15.

Entry fees are \$18 through March 11 to \$25 after March 11.

Racers can choose between a 3.5-mile run or walk or a 5.5-mile run.

Awards will be presented to the top three overall finishers and top three finishers by age group.

The race is sponsored by the Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce and South Central Idaho Tourism and Recreation Development Association.

For more information, call 837-9131 or 732-5569 or e-mail at rideidaho@csd.edu.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

John McEnroe. Agassi and McEnroe lost in the quarterfinals to Pablo Albano of Argentina and Cassio Motta of Brazil.

SPORTS

Kimberly defeats Gooding in 3A District Four

The Times-Herald

KIMBERLY — Third seed Kimberly slipped past No. 3 Gooding, 59-56 in overtime in the first game of the 3A District Four Tournament Tuesday in Carson.

Kimberly coach Roger Keller said the game was tight to the end.

In the third we came out quick, we got up by 20 and then Gooding did a good job hitting some good shots to come back," Keller said. "Garcin missed a shot there at the end of the fourth that would have given Gooding the win."

Jack Garcin had a game-high of 21 points. Angel Aguilar scored 19 points for the Senators who play the winner of the Wood River/Buhl game at CSI on Tuesday. Kimberly advances to play Filer at CSI Monday at 8 p.m.

Kimberly vs. Gooding 59-56
 Kimberly: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12
 Gooding: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12

Declo 74, Buhl 52

DECLO — First seed Declo downed No. 6 Buhl 74-52 in the first game of the 3A District Four Tournament Tuesday in Declo.

Hornet Trac Jones netted a game-high 20 points. Billy Allard added 15 points.

"First half was kind of horse race at 49-33 and then we took care of business again," Declo assistant coach Denny Smyer said. "I have to give them credit. They played hard with a lot of energy; a bouncer to lose attention."

Buhl's Tim Bourner had 18 points and Nick Popplewell contributed 17 points. The Indians 2-17 travel to Wood River for a loser-out game Thursday.

Declo's Jordan Bagwell reportedly suffered dis damage in his ankle on Feb. 12 and is currently in a body cast.

Declo vs. Buhl 74-52
 Declo: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12
 Buhl: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12

Local sports

Flier 67, Wood River 41

FILED — The Wildcats defeated Wood River 67-41 in 3A District Four Boys Basketball Tournament Tuesday.

Luke Gerrish, Justin Mecham, Cody Ehrmantraut, and Jason Garner were all in the double digits. Gerrish pulled down 18 points, Mecham had 14, and Ehrmantraut and Garner scored 11 apiece.

"My boys came out with a lot of energy and a lot heart and drive and they finished the game," Flier coach Jim Annala said. "Four kids in double digits is what we need this time of year."

Wood River Travis Hofman had a team-high 12 points. The Wolverines (3-16) host Buhl Thursday in a loser-out game. Flier (15-4) advances to meet Kimberly at CSI Monday.

Flier 67, Wood River 41
 Flier: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12
 Wood River: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12

Declo 74, Wood River 39, JV Kimberly 60, Flier 56 JV

Region Four-Five-Six

Pocatello 57, Minico 42

POCATELLO — Pocatello shut down Minico 57-42 in the 5A Region Four-Five-Six District Tournament Tuesday night in Pocatello.

Indian Greg Birch netted 17. The Spartans were only down by five at halftime, but only scored four points to Pocatello's 10 in the third quarter.

Minico's Cody Cole had 13 points. The Spartans (6-15) will play the loser of Twin Falls/Highland on Saturday.

Pocatello vs. Minico 57-42
 Pocatello: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12
 Minico: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12

Boys 1A Northside Shoshone 44, Community School 41

SHOSHONE — Shoshone earned its ticket to state with a 44-41 defeat of The Community School in the second-place game of the Boys 1A Northside Conference Tournament Tuesday at Shoshone High School.

Tony Pereira scored a game-high 16 points and Mike Fitzgerald added 12 to lead the Indians (17-9), who rallied from a 15-7 first-quarter deficit by outscoring the Cutthroats 26-20 in the second half.

Dylan McIlhenny scored 10 points to lead The Community School (13-9).

Shoshone and Northside champion Carey now await their opponents from the Magic Valley Conference for the District Four Tournament, which is Feb. 27 at Shoshone High School.

Shoshone vs. The Community School 44-41
 Shoshone: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12
 The Community School: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12

Valley 54, Wendell 51

HAZELTON — The Valley Vikings inched past Wendell, 54-51 in the second game of the 2A District 4 Boys Basketball Tournament in Hazelton Tuesday.

Viking Kyle Anderson scored a game-high 17 points. Anthony Nelson and Michael Grant added 10 points each.

"We were down by nine with under three minutes to go," said Valley coach Bernard Mussmann. "We hit a couple key 3's and Egbert made some clutch free-throws down the line to give us the win."

Wendell (15-6) will play Glenns Ferry for a spot in the district championship game. The Vikings (16-4) host the winner of that game on Feb. 26.

Valley vs. Wendell 54-51
 Valley: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12
 Wendell: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12

Raft River 64, Oakley 48 Loser Out

MURTAUGH — Alex Nelson had

a game-high 17 points to lead Raft River over Oakley 64-48 in a loser-out game in the Southside Boys Conference Tournament Tuesday in Murtaugh.

Troyan Bryce Greenwood added 12 points to the win.

Ammon McBride paced the Hornets with 16 points. The Hornets finished the season at 9-12.

Raft River (14-6) advances to meet Murtaugh on Monday at 6 p.m.

Raft River vs. Oakley 64-48
 Raft River: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12
 Oakley: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12

Murtaugh 67, Hansen 62

MURTAUGH — Murtaugh eliminated Hansen 67-62 in a loser-out game in the Southside Boys Conference Tourney in Murtaugh Tuesday.

Red Devil Cody Perkins pulled down a game-high 26 points. Ben Roseborough contributed 16 points for Murtaugh (13-9) will play Raft River Monday at 6 p.m.

Kyle King scored 22 points for the Huskies, who finish the season 8-14.

Murtaugh vs. Hansen 67-62
 Murtaugh: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12
 Hansen: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12

Raft River 49, Oakley 41 JV

4A District Four-Five

Burley 58, Jerome 29

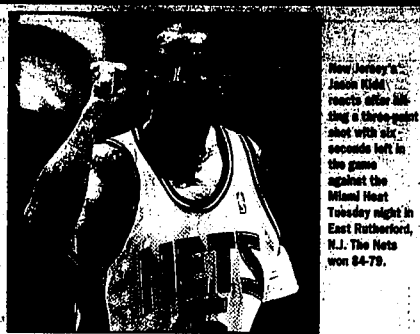
BURLEY — The host and top-seeded Bobcats downed Jerome 58-29 in their Boys 4A District Four-Five Tournament opener at Burley High School on Tuesday.

Cole Nelson scored 11 to lead Burley (9-10), which tallied 14 points in each of the game's four quarters.

Burley takes on second-seeded Century on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Jared Miller led the Tigers with 11 points and Cory Musgrave added eight points. Jerome visits the loser of Burley-Century on Saturday.

Burley vs. Jerome 58-29
 Burley: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12
 Jerome: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12



Nets rally, Kidd hits clincher for 84-79 win

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jason Kidd fed Jason Collins for a go-ahead three-point play with 1:50 to play, then hit a clinching 3-pointer with 5.8 seconds left to lead the New Jersey Nets to an 84-79 victory over the Miami Heat on Tuesday night.

Kenny Martin added 28 points and 10 rebounds in a game in which the Nets were forced to rally from an eight-point fourth-quarter deficit after squandering a 17-point second-quarter lead to a point that was beaten by 31 points in Detroit on Monday night.

Caron Butler had 17 points and Russell Butler added 15 for the Heat, who shot only 3-for-15 in the final 7:05.

Magic 99, Hornets 94

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tracy McGrady and Mike Miller each scored 24 points as the Orlando Magic snapped a three-game losing streak.

The Magic trailed by 12 with five minutes to play, but got the victory behind a late 20-2 run.

Darrell Armstrong scored 15 points and Andrew DeClercq had a season-high 14, including seven in a 1:13 span of the fourth quarter to kick start Orlando's comeback. New Orleans, which has lost six of seven road games, shot 22 percent (5-for-23) in the fourth quarter.

Bulls 107, Cavaliers 101

CLEVELAND — Jalen Rose scored 28 points to help the Chicago Bulls gain just their third road victory in the season.

With high school phenom LeBron James watching two of the teams that will likely end up in the draft lottery, the Bulls scored a season-high 39 points in the first quarter and then turned to Rose to hold off Cleveland's comeback.

Rookie Carlos Boozer had 23 points and 12 rebounds and helped spark the Cavaliers from a 19-point deficit as they pulled to 94-72 with 4:45 to play. Rose then hit a fallaway jumper with 4:27 left and Chicago went on to its second win in a row, breaking an eight-game road losing streak.

Mavericks 105, Hawks 79

DALLAS — Michael Finley

Bruins

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ing Twin Falls on a 14-0 run. Coats grabbed a rebound as Skyline went for the shot, the first of his six, and passed to Miller who missed his 3-point shot. Coats grabbed another board and in the process of shooting drew a foul, sending him to the line for two shots. He hit both.

Luc Martin stole the ball as Skyline ran the ball down the court and passed to Brent Stokes who converted the steal into a 3-pointer. The Grizzlies attempted to take the ball down to their basket again, only to see Martin steal it and Stokes turn it into another 3-point goal, 17-6 Bruins. Coats and Albertson and Brian McComas each had a field goal to wrap up the first quarter 21-6 Twin Falls.

"We wanted to stick it to them hard in the first," Coats said. "And we did it."

The Bruins cooled down a little in the second with only eight points, but still outscoring the Grizzlies 8-6.

"We felt comfortable in the second, but we didn't put them away. The players were looser in the second, but the head coach certainly wasn't," Bruin coach Matt Harr said. "So we upped the tempo to put it away in the third."

Twin Falls did come out strong again in the third scoring six

scored 26 points and reserve Walt Williams added 15 points as the Dallas Mavericks took early control and eased past Atlanta.

The Mavericks won their third straight and improved their league-best record to 41-12.

Dirk Nowitzki, Dallas' top scorer and rebounder, finished with only 14 points in 28 minutes after six consecutive games of 25 points or more.

Finley went 10-for-19 from the field, including 3-of-4 from 3-point range.

Shaun Abdul-Rahim's 14 points and Glenn Robinson's 13 paced the Hawks, who have lost five of their last six.

Spurs 101, Nuggets 76

SAN ANTONIO — Bruce Bowen scored 18 points as the San Antonio Spurs played their first home game in 23 days and defeated Denver.

The victory was the ninth in a row for the Spurs, who won the final eight games of a nine-game road trip that concluded Sunday at Sacramento.

Stephen Jackson scored 14 points, while Tim Duncan added 11 points and 12 rebounds. Duncan attempted only four field goals, making two.

Denver, which lost its sixth straight game, was led by Juwan Howard with 21 points, while Vincent Yarbrough and Nene Hilario added 12 apiece.

Reggie Miller's desperation 3-point shot, which sent the game into overtime, missed the opening shot in the final sequence of regulation from top of the key, but tracked it in the right corner, tipped and nailed the jumper.

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Jason Williams added 18 points with nine assists, Shane Battier had 15 and Lorenzen Wright finished with 14.

Jermaine O'Neal and Ron Artest led the Pacers with 23 each.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Paul Gasol had 24 points, 14 rebounds and seven blocks as the Memphis Grizzlies won for the third time in four games since the All-Star break.

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Pain-free Roddick begins defense of Memphis title

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Top-seeded Andy Roddick played without pain on Tuesday night in the first round of the Kroger St. Jude tournament, his first match since reaching the semifinals of last month's Australian Open.

Roddick, the world's sixth-ranked player, beat qualifier Cecil Mamiit 6-4 to begin defense of his Memphis title. The victory came four weeks after he injured his right wrist in Australia, where he later lost in the semifinals.

Since then, the 20-year-old Roddick had skipped several

events, including the U.S. Davis Cup team's first-round loss at Crater.

"I felt good," Roddick said. "With the exception of being stiff from not playing for the last couple of weeks, I'm pleased."

Roddick joined second-seeded Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand in the second round. Srichaphan beat former world No. 2 Michael Chang 6-4, 6-2 in 56 minutes.

Chang, playing his final year on the ATP Tour, was no match for Srichaphan's power. Srichaphan repeatedly blasted winners from both his forehand

and backhand sides, in addition to serving 11 aces.

In women's play, top-seeded Silvia Farina Elia of Italy and No. 2 Lisa Raymond moved on.

Farina Elia advanced with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Adrianna Serra Zanetti of Italy, and defending champion Raymond beat Tanner Snyder 6-3, 6-2.

Fifth-seeded Laura Granville joined the top seeds with a 7-6 (4), 6-1 win over Sandra Cacic.

Also advancing was No. 4 Alexandra Stevenson. Last year's losing finalist defeated qualifier Samantha Stosur 3-6, 7-6 (9-7), 7-6 (10-8).

Bibby, Malone expected to be added to Olympic team

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Sacramento Kings guard Mike Bibby said Tuesday he will accept an invitation to play for the 2004 U.S. men's Olympic basketball team, with Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz expected to join the roster.

Bibby said he was told of the selection during a phone conversation with NBA senior vice president of basketball operations Stu

Jackson.

Malone confirmed that he was interested in playing. Malone also represented the United States at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992 and the Atlanta Olympics in 1996.

"I don't want to put the buggy before the horse because no one has called me to confirm it," Malone said. "It would be a great honor because I'm not just repre-

senting myself or my family, I'm representing USA, the Jazz and Salt Lake City."

"It will be pretty good after all these years to hopefully maybe be the third one," Malone said.

USA Basketball spokesman Craig Miller said the national federation had no announcement to make.

Earlier this month, Ray Allen of the Milwaukee Bucks, New

Tyson

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ever added by Mike's rules," Etienne said.

"I think he has mental problems, but Mike has to live with that."

Bechler

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liver abnormalities detected two years ago but not diagnosed; warm, humid weather during the workout when he became ill Sunday;

he was on a diet and hadn't eaten much solid food the previous two days.

"All of those factors converged together and resulted in the fatal heatstroke," Perper said.

But Perper spent the bulk of his 30-minute news conference talking about ephedrine, the active substance in the plant supplement. Though common in supplements, Perper said they're too risky for

athletes.

"I would like to hope that this very unfortunate and tragic death would prompt perhaps the baseball association and other athletic groups to ban them from their practice," he said.

Perper, who interviewed the player's family and Orioles officials, said he was told Bechler took three tablets each morning of Xanadrine RFA-1, a weight-loss drug that contains ephedrine.

Cytodyne Technologies, which makes Xanadrine, noted that the recommended dosage for the drug is two capsules twice a day.

Major league teams have cau-

tioned players in the past about the dangers of ephedrine.

Medical personnel with the New York Yankees and San Francisco Giants were among those warning players anew Tuesday about the risks.

In addition, the Yankees left an article entitled, "The Effect of Heat on Athletes," on every player's locker room seat.

Orioles team physician Dr. William Goldiner said he hopes the coroner's findings trigger a ban on ephedrine.

"This is not just a problem of major league baseball," Goldiner said. "This is a problem of over-

the-counter supplements that are dangerous, and they are unregulated, so the point where you don't even know what's in some of these things."

A native of Medford, Ore., Bechler was a third-round draft pick by the Orioles in 1998. He made his major league debut last September and was expected to begin this season with the club's new Triple-A affiliate in Ottawa.

Bechler and his wife, Kiley, were expecting their first child in April. She visited camp Tuesday and met with team officials but left without speaking to reporters.

for joy that he's fighting a Mike Tyson who hasn't trained for days," said Tyson's manager, Shelly Finkel. "I think you'll see him fight. If not, we have others to take his place."

By choosing Bibby, the selection committee passed over several other guards — notably Steve Francis and Allen Iverson — who have expressed a strong desire to play.

Jersey Nets guard Jason Kidd, Tracy McGrady of Orlando and San Antonio's Tim Duncan were selected to the 12-man team. Kobe Bryant is expected to be added soon.

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Twins Falls did come out strong again in the third scoring six

points before allowing Skyline to score on a pair of free-throws. Miller scored another 3 to increase the lead to 26 points, 40-14.

"I've been focusing on the 3 in practice," said Miller, who hit three of six attempt from the 3-point line.

"When Miller, Herzinger, and Stokes are all on with their 3's, we're tough to beat," Harr said.

Grinnell had six of his 14 total points in the fourth third, but it wasn't enough to counter Twin Falls' 21 points in the third.

Skyline couldn't make up the Bruin 23 point lead in the fourth and fell to Twin Falls 59-37.

"We had a bad start and gave up some easy baskets," Grinnell said. "After that we kept it fairly even, we didn't fall farther behind, we just couldn't make up the difference."

Twin Falls advances to meet Highland in Pocatello on Thursday at 7 p.m. Skyline will play the loser of Pocatello at Idaho Falls on Saturday at either Pocatello or Idaho Falls.

Twin Falls vs. Skyline 59-37
 Twin Falls: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12, 9th 12, 10th 12, 11th 12, 12th 12
 Skyline: 1st 12, 2nd 12, 3rd 12, 4th 12, 5th 11, 6th 12, 7th 12, 8th 12,

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Renewed rivalry

But the game of the day – and possibly of the tournament – is Dietrich's matchup with Troy.

The uptempo game should feature two defenses that play an aggressive, in-your-face brand of basketball, while keying off their full-court press to start their offenses.

Dietrich coach Gene Shaw said it could be an exhausting, up-and-down game for the entire 32 minutes. Shaw scouted Troy in its district championship win over defending champion Kendrick.

"They like to press and they got some good shooters," he said.

Mainly 5-foot-10 junior Jenna Kirk, who netted a game-high 18 points in the win over Kendrick. But Kirk is helped on the inside by 6-0 junior Lynn Fredenberg.

"She'll play wherever," Shaw said, "they post her up a lot. They like to move it around, go inside, then dish it out to one of their three shooters."

And those are either Kirk or 5-3 senior Mickelle Strom or 5-3 junior Lindsey Parkins. "They're just kind of a typical Troy team – they're scrappy, they hustle, pretty quick and not overly big," Shaw said. "We should match up well with them."

Especially on the perimeter with talented 5-9 senior Raysa Parker, determined junior point guard Ayleen Sorensen and senior Bryoni Southwick and sophomores Lindsey Shaw and Juteik Weber. Senior Sheena Bingham (5-10) and 5-10 Michelle Anderson roam the inside.

Shaw said Parker, Dietrich's main scoring threat, is running well on an ankle she sprained in the sub-district championship loss against Shoshone.

"She's better, it's pretty well healed up," he said.

Shaw said the Blue Devils are looking forward to rekindling their rivalry with the Trojans. It'll be the first time they've played in three state tournaments.

"Actually it might be the best time to play them," Shaw added. "They got to travel and stay away from home that could be to our advantage. They haven't been to the state tournament for three years and the first day you're a bit nervous. The first day is usually the toughest day to get through. We have a bit of experience."

And a bit of motivation. The Blue Devils still remember last season's bitter loss to Kendrick in the title game.

"We want to get back to the championship," Sorensen said in the fall.

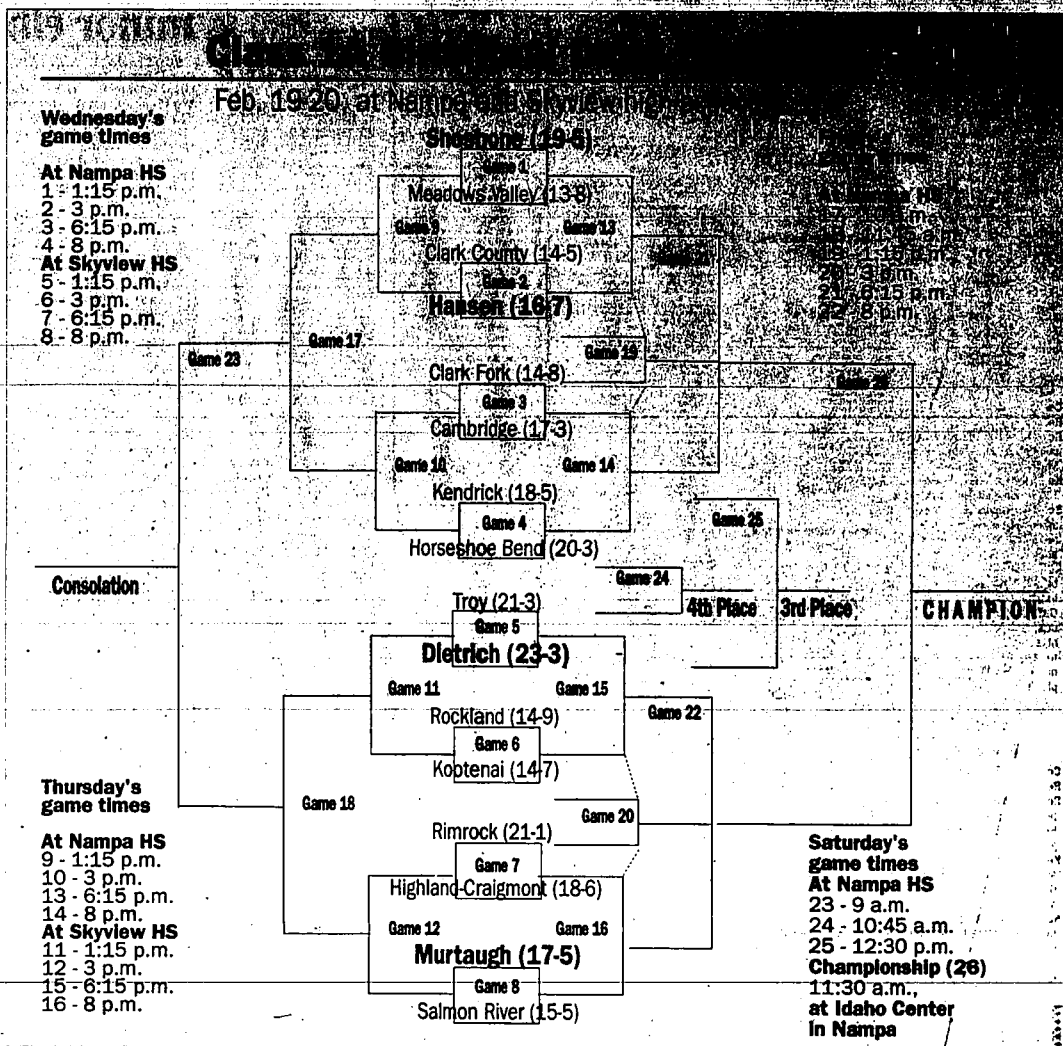
Upstart Shoshone

Tim Chapman received a couple of pleasant surprises from his ultra-young Shoshone Indians ballclub.

It started with an upset of No. 1 seed and Lincoln County rival Dietrich to win the Northside Conference sub-district tournament.

It could have ended when starting wing Amanda Gullford transferred out of the district to Jerome High School during the conference tournament. But 5-5 freshman Hailey Harris stepped right up to fill Gullford's role.

It continued with the District Four championship over



Murtaugh.

With just three seniors on a team that is 19-5, you could say the Indians have been quick studies this basketball season.

"Our team is very confident especially as young as they are," he said. "I've been surprised how well they've overachieved this year. This team thinks they can do some damage at the state tournament."

The Indians get their first test today facing newcomer Meadows Valley (13-8), in its state tourney debut.

Chapman, who scouted the Mountaineers in their District Five elimination win over Cascade on Saturday, said he expects to see a zone defense from Meadows Valley while trying to contain 5-6 senior Kendra Dreyer.

"Dreyer scored about 12 (vs.

Cascade) and hit the winning shot," Chapman said. "She's one of those girls with a lot of confidence. We need to make sure where she's at on the floor at all times."

But Chapman likes his chances with speedy point guard Meghan Sorensen, 5-7 junior Katie Strunk and guard Sarah Hultsmith.

"They're not as fast as us. We need to get up and down the floor with them and press them," he said. "Their ball handlers look susceptible to the press."

The teams are comparable in height, so what it could come down to is which team executes better.

"Cascade was able to run on them. We definitely have to rebound first and get the ball up the court," Chapman said. "Those two things are key for us."

Chapman likes Shoshone's draw in the upper bracket.

"I like being in the upper bracket. If we win and Hansen wins we'll play," he said. "They are a solid team but they didn't show much at district."

Southside summary

For Southside champion and district runner-up Murtaugh, it's all about getting healthy.

As in senior Tanyin Perkins' ankle.

The physical player twisted the ankle at the sub-district tournament and coach Doug Wright said she is about "60-70 percent."

"She's been undergoing some heavy physical therapy to try and get a little bit of movement," he said. "She's walking well and shooting well. We still

got a little bit of swelling."

Wright expects her to play. Even so, the bulk of the scoring falls upon 5-7 senior Lacey Perkins as well as juniors Jillian Cutler, Katelen Perkins and senior point guard Lany Andersen.

Wright isn't too concerned about first-round opponent Salmon River (15-5), despite the fact the Savages will have a distinct height advantage with three players 5-10 or taller.

His only concern is on the Red Devils.

"You go out and try to play the game and try to win it," he said. "You don't worry about whether I'm going to win a trophy. You go in and try to win."

The Red Devils will have to find a way to get the ball to Lacey Perkins' hands.

"She plays the middle but we

have to have the younger girls step up like they did at district," Wright said.

Jenilyn (Perkins) hit the game-winner vs. Oakley and Hailey Roseborough gave us some good minutes. They're both capable. I get nothing but hustle and defense out of Katelen and Lany and with Jillian and her athletic ability, we've got to just play our game."

Hansen's game is getting the ball to Bonnie Freestone. The all-everything junior led the Huskies through a tough sub-district and subsequent 38-point loss to Dietrich at the district tournament.

The Huskies (16-7) take on District Five-Six champion Clark County (14-5) at 3 p.m. today. Tournament favorites are of course, Dietrich, Troy, defending champion Kendrick and 21-1 Rimrock.

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IN THE 1A FIELD:

Clark County Bobcats
Coach: Roland Bott, sixth year
Record: 14-5
Road to state: District Five-Six champion, defeated Leadore and Mackay in district tournament.
Key players: 5-8 sr. P. Lucy Tomlinson; 5-5 Jr. G. Taylor May. Scouting report: Tomlinson averages nearly 15 points with eight rebounds per game, while May adds 11 points and 5.5 assists. ... Bobcats are making their first back-to-back appearance at state in 21 years (last in 1980-82). ... Opportunistic defense preys on offense batters to set up offense. ... Tomlinson has ability to take over a game, and she will have as Bobcats carry just eight players on roster.

Clark Fork Wampus Cats
Coach: Mark Stevens, year N/A
Record: 14-8
Road to state: District One champion, averaged earlier loss to Kootenai, 61-42, in district title game.
Key players: 5-8 sr. G. Sara Anderson; 5-8 Jr. F. Sarah Baugh; 6-0 sr. Nick Hurt; 5-8 Jr. G/F. Mary Pearson.
Scouting report: Fourth consecutive trip to state for Wampus Cats, who finished fourth last season. ... Anderson, the team's lone returning starter from last year,

Blue Devils
Coach: Geta Shum, 11th year
Record: 23-3
Road to state: District Four third seed, defeated Hansen. Lost sub-district championship to Shoshone after sweeping Indians in regular season. Won Northwest Conference regular season title.
Key players: 5-8 sr. G. Rayssa Parker; 5-4 Jr. G. Ayden Sorenson; 5-10 Jr. F. Shoshone Brigham. Scouting report: Experienced Blue Devils return four of five starters off last year's runner-up team. Parker is District's primary scoring threat, able to knock it down from all areas of the floor. Can also post up but her lateral movement is questionable coming off a severely sprained ankle. ... Sorenson is team's point guard and is as tough as they come, scrapping for loose balls and rebounds while penetrating off the dribble. ... Blue Devils like to press, trap and push the ball in transition. ... State champions in 1998-99 season. ... Eighth straight trip to state. ... Enter tourney off wins of 31 and 38 points.

Hansen Huskies
Coach: Rick Abel, sixth year
Record: 18-7
Road to state: District Four fourth seed. Won three first-round games at sub-district tournament. Finished second in Magic Valley Conference.
Key players: 5-8 Jr. G. Bonnie Freestone; 5-7 sr. G. Jessica Ratto; 5-7 sr. G. Brianna Stanger. Scouting report: Huskies go as the versatile Freestone goes. She had games of 23 and 28 this season, but is also known for her defensive ability with quick hands and feet. ... Hansen will need some support as teams have used the box-and-one and doubled Freestone most of the season. ... Huskies come into tournament off a bruising 65-27 loss in district tournament where Abel sat most of his starters. ... Third consecutive trip to state.

Mustangs
Coach: Stephanie Hale, second year
Record: 20-3
Road to state: District Three runner-up, lost district championship to Rimrock.
Key players: 6-1 Jr. P. Candi Bryant; 5-8 sr. G/F Theresa Hartway; 5-4 sr. G/F Kym Hess; 5-7 sr. G/F Katie Fisher. Scouting report: Former Oakley High graduate Stephanie Hale coaches Mustangs, who went 0-2 at last season's tournament. ... Lost three times to Rimrock, including district title game, when Mustangs made only four baskets in first half. ... Bryant and Hess both average 10 points a game. ... Team had an interesting season off the court. HSB began its season as a member of the Western Idaho Conference and ended as an independent after its former league, the Long Per Conference, had petitioned the IHSAA to return the school to the league.

Kendrick Tigers
Coach: Lisa Wolff, 12th year
Record: 18-5
Road to state: District Two runner-up, losing title game 61-55 to Troy.
Key players: 5-11 soph. P. Nikki Scott; 5-8 soph. F. Chelsea

Shoshone Indians
Coach: Tim Chapman, 12th year
Record: 19-5
Road to state: District Four champion, defeating state runner-up Dietrich in sub-district title game and downing Murtaugh for district crown.
Key players: 5-7 Jr. F. Sarah Hubschmidt; 5-3 soph. G. Meghan Sorenson; 5-6 Jr. F. Katie Strunk. Scouting report: Young Indians are peaking at the perfect time. After losing both regular season games to Dietrich, Shoshone rallied past the Blue Devils in sub-district tourney before advancing past Murtaugh for district crown. ... Balanced attack with Hubschmidt inside and Sorenson and Strunk outside. ... Not overly quick team but well-coached and well-disciplined team. ... Lost a scoring threat in Amanda Guilford, who transferred to Jerome after sub-district tourney. ... Making sixth straight trip to state.

Murtaugh Red Devils
Coach: Doug Wright, second year
Record: 17-5
Road to state: District Four runner-up. Southside sub-district champions.
Key players: 5-8 sr. G. Lacey

Rimrock Raiders
Coach: Bob Delle, fifth year
Record: 21-1
Road to state: District Three champion. Defeated Horseshoe Bend in district championship.
Key players: 6-0 Jr. Andrea Thomas; 5-8 Jr. G. Annalise Field; 5-10 Jr. F. Melanie Simper; 5-6 Jr. G. Emily Chandler. Scouting report: Raiders graduated three off last year's third-place team but Thomas (14.7 ppg, 8.3 rpg, 4.7 apg) and Field (11.1 ppg, 4.8 apg) lead talented and young squad. ... Sixth straight trip to state. Raiders have advanced to semifinals under last three seasons. ... Thomas is a three-year starter. ... Team's only loss was to 2A Marsing in second game of season.

Rockland Bulldogs
Coach: Vern Nelson, year N/A
Record: 14-9
Road to state: District Five-Six runner-up.
Key players: 5-11 sr. P. Vicki Milmore; 5-11 sr. P. Angie Pernann; 5-9 sr. G/F Jessica Ralphs; 5-6 sr. G. Erin Earl. Scouting report: Bulldogs return to state after one-year absence. ... Senior-laden core that boasts both size and athleticism. ... Lost to Hansen by 14 points. ... Won last 10 of last 11 games.

Salmon River Savages
Coach: Elaine Anderson, second year
Record: 15-5
Road to state: District Three fourth seed.
Key players: 5-10 soph. Christon VanderEsch; 5-10 Jr. Kendra Hester; 5-8 sr. G. Jennifer Mignerey. Scouting report: Savages are mak-

ing third straight trip to state, including semifinal showing a season ago. ... VanderEsch and Hester are both returning starters and younger sisters of former standout players. ... Mignerey returned to program after not playing for two seasons, a key leader in steals and assists. ... Tall team, with three players, including Becca Davis, listed 5-10 or better.

Troy Trojans
Coach: Erin Royse, third year
Record: 21-3
Road to state: District Two champion, beat defending state champion Kendrick in district title game.
Key players: 5-10 Jr. G/F Jenna Kirk; 6-0 Jr. P. Lynn Freedenberg; 5-7 sr. G. Nikki Spencer. Scouting report: By Troy's standards, it's been a long time since its last state appearance, having last participated in 2000. ... Not your typical Trojan squad as they run more and often switch to a full-court press. ... Balanced team with Kirk, who scored game high 18 in win over Kendrick, Freedenberg (9.9 ppg) and Spencer leading the team. ... Won five state titles in the 90s, losing 1999 championship game to Dietrich.

Promising young players get swayed by a bunch of heels

FORT WORTH, Texas — Two words I can live without hearing for a long time: LeBron James. Some five or six years ago, a high school basketball player I covered was being recruited heavily by a lot of big-time college programs. During his junior year of high school, he was ranked among the nation's best prospects. After his sophomore and junior years, he played on a summer-league team funded by Nike. He attended the big summer camps sponsored by shoe companies and received the talent-affirming invitations to the two biggest: one put on by Nike in Indianapolis, the other held by rival adidas in New Jersey. I watched closely the ways this player changed each time he returned home from a camp. Each time, he would be wearing new sneakers, the expensive ones, and bearing shirts and other nice gifts

from the sponsoring shoe company. This young man came from a two-parent family, lived in a nice, middle-class neighborhood and made good grades. Yet, each time he returned, the values he had grown up with and had routinely demonstrated diminished. His appearance and his attitude changed distinctly. One time, it was giant earrings, one in each ear. Another time, it was a grand tattoo of a lion prowling a basketball court (on his left arm). It read, "King of the Court." His wardrobe turned ultra-trendy, as if he just walked off the set of a music video. He seemed to smile a lot less. He became increasingly self-focused and self-absorbed. His high school teammates, far below the talent level of his summer-league mates, began to resent him because he never looked to pass, and the team performed horribly.

JEFF CAPLAN
Entering his senior season, the school had an opening for a new head coach. The player was annoyed with school administrators when they refused to hire his personal selection. So the player chose to defy the new coach, whose discipline-first philosophy didn't jibe with the free-wheeling player destined for greatness at any one of a number of college programs. The player who had traveled the country on Nike's dime the previous summer knew well that his summer-league coach was far more important for recruiting purposes than his high school coach. At one point, the player became so enraged when the high school coach benched him for not playing within the team concept that, in

the middle of the game, the player untucked his jersey, pulled it over his head, violently chucked it to the floor and stormed out of the building. The coach he hated, but hardly knew, suspended him from the team. The player didn't finish his high school career but often talked about leaving college after his sophomore year, maybe even after his freshman season, for the NBA. He knew he had the skills to do it. At least that's what everyone who handed him a free pair of sneakers told him. One day, when asked if he had decided where he would go to school, he said he still wasn't sure. He said Sonny Vaccaro, the head man at adidas and director of its ABCD Camp in New Jersey, was helping him reach a decision, likely one that would steer him to a university that had a contract with

But, after the all-expenses-paid trips and the freebies ended, the player went on to a rather anonymous college career, making a few highlight films here and there. He then transferred to another school for his senior season. Today, he is far more humbled as a graduate student who will someday earn a regular paycheck at a regular job. That high school coach the player so detested went on to win the Class 4A state championship a few years later. Yet, through the long and glamorous recruiting process — a process that makes kids every year believe that they are the Kings of the Court, or King James — no one, save his high school coach, seemed concerned with the changes in this star high school player. Perhaps visions of the bling-bling were far too glaring. Such is the case for LeBron, the biggest of all prep stars. The shoe

companies are bidding for Lebron's signature. For years, they have strutted him around and made promises of gold. One time, Lebron returned to his high school after one of those camps with a Santa Claus sack full of gear, courtesy of the shoe company running the tournament. Lebron, acting as emcee, passed out the gear to fellow students as prizes during a school-time sports trivia game. "But he couldn't take a couple of retro jerseys" that were at the root of a twisted basketball recruiting system are shoe companies influencing teenagers with visions of grandeur while searching for their next million-dollar marketing tool. Jeff Caplan writes for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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Gourmet food business workshop set for T.F.

TWIN FALLS — "How to Start and Grow a Specialty Foods Business in Idaho" is the topic of a series of five one-day workshops set for March 3-7 throughout Idaho.

The workshops in Twin Falls and elsewhere, sponsored by the Idaho Department of Agriculture, Lewis and Clark Gifts, University of Idaho and Idaho Small Business Development Centers, will target those interested in starting a small business, existing gourmet-food entrepreneurs, farmers, technical assistance and community-development professionals, community representatives and other interested individuals.

The workshops are designed to help companies develop value-added agricultural products by providing information on business formation, food safety, labeling requirements, government regulations, marketing, pricing and distribution methods.

Speakers will include representatives from state and federal agencies, as well as gourmet food and confection producers, sales representatives, distributors, retailers, grocers and food service providers.

The Twin Falls workshop is set for March 7 at the Twin Falls County extension office, 246 Third Ave. E. Workshops are also planned in Coeur d'Alene, Lewiston, Boise and Idaho Falls.

The cost is \$39 for an individual, or \$49 for couples or business partners including lunch.

For information contact Mandi Thompson of the Idaho Department of Agriculture, at 332-8535 or mthompson@agri.state.id.us.

Sun Valley promotion offers free lift tickets

SUN VALLEY — Buy a new pair of skis or a snowboard and get a free lift ticket for Sun Valley.

That's the deal the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau is making with Galt Sports in Boise in a promotion that will last the remainder of the winter.

If the program is successful, the chamber will seek to continue it with Galt and possibly other ski and snowboard shops, said Amy Olson, the chamber's communications director.

Meanwhile, the chamber has already booked a number of Too Good To Be True packages in a new promotion that started a week ago.

That promotion includes a two-night-or-longer, one-day lift ticket package starting at \$145 per person (based on double occupancy), plus discount coupons and other offers at area restaurants and stores.

For information, call 1-800-634-3347, Ext. 1, or click on www.visit-sunvalley.com.

Intruder makes off with credit card numbers

NEW YORK — An "unauthorized intruder" gained access to some 8 million credit card account numbers, including Visa, MasterCard and American Express, by breaching the security of a company that processes transactions for merchants, the card companies said Tuesday.

Visa said that there had been no sign of fraudulent activity involving the accounts and that the card association was monitoring the situation.

Christine Elliott, a spokeswoman for American Express, said that security processes were in place to determine if card numbers were being misused but that "we're not aware of any unusual activity with the affected cards."

General Mills hikes price of cereal to wholesalers

GOLDEN VALLEY, Minn. — General Mills Inc. has raised the price it charges wholesalers for its total cereals by 2 percent.

Chief executive Steve Sanger said the price increase for Cheerios, Wheaties, Chex and other Big G cereals was based on the rising cost of wheat, cocoa and energy.

Rival Kellogg Co. recently introduced a similar price increase.

Sanger also told analysts at the annual Consumer Analyst Group of New York conference in Scottsdale, Ariz., that General Mills expects sales to increase 6 percent this year, accompanied by strong earnings growth.

compiled from staff and wire reports

Wal-Mart beats expectations

Retailer says earnings rose 16.3 percent in fourth quarter

The Associated Press

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the world's largest retailer, said Tuesday its fourth-quarter earnings rose 16.3 percent, beating analysts' expectations.

Wal-Mart, which has Supercenter stores in Burley and Jerome, earned \$2.53 billion, or 57 cents per share, for the three months ending Jan. 31, compared with \$2.19 billion, or 49 cents per share, a year earlier.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call forecast earnings of 56 cents per share.

Focusing for the quarter were

\$71.07 billion, up 10.7 percent from \$64.2 billion a year earlier.

Sales in stores open at least a year were up 2.7 percent in the quarter. Wal-Mart discount stores, Supercenters and Neighborhood Markets saw a 3.3 percent same-store increase, while the Sam's Club wholesale division fell 0.3 percent for the quarter in same-store sales.

"In a challenging retail environment with slowing comparable sales growth, we achieved another year of record sales and earnings," Wal-Mart's president and chief executive, Lee Scott, said.

For the year, Wal-Mart

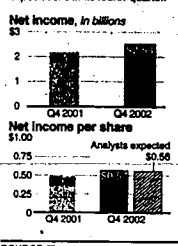
earned \$8.04 billion, or \$1.81 per share, up from \$6.67 billion, or \$1.49 a share, a year earlier.

Sales for the year were up 12.3 percent to \$244.52 billion from \$217.80 billion a year earlier. Same-store sales were up 5.1 percent, with the Wal-Mart division seeing a 5.7 percent increase and a rise of 2.3 percent at Sam's Clubs.

Wal-Mart has 2,875 stores within its Wal-Mart division, 525 Sam's Clubs and 1,288 international units. Also, the company owns a 34 percent interest in Seiyu Ltd. in Japan, with options to buy 66.7 percent of the company, which has more than 400 stores.

Wal-Mart cashes in

The world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., beat analysts' expectations in its fourth-quarter.



SOURCE: The company AP

NO PLAYING AROUND



Daren Watson, left, and Jourdan McVicker try out Hasbro's Video Now at the American International Toy Fair Tuesday in New York. The Tiger Electronics toy, which retails for about \$50, plays a black and white video on special CD video disks.

Toy industry becomes a really tough game

Knight Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — There's trouble in Toyland. But as the U.S. toy industry gathers for its once-a-year trade meeting, Santa's little pitchmen are still putting their best foot forward, focusing on who will be selling what for the Christmas 10

months in the future.

In an industry that searches constantly for the next breakout toy, there's always something new at the American International Toy Fair, the 100th such meeting.

Barbie's best friend Midge is pregnant with a second child. The fascination with superheroes

continues while the Nickelodeon character known as SpongeBob SquarePants suddenly seems to be everywhere — even in one disconcerting version, clad in a Speedo swimsuit. American Girl is planning to open a retail outlet in midtown Manhattan, to complement the doll-and-book company's existing store/restaur-

ant/theater in downtown Chicago.

Thanks to a drooping economy, the absence of a blockbuster must-have toy and the brutal retail shakeout, the toy business has become a really tough game.

The industry just closed out a dreary Christmas sales season. Please see TOYS, Page D8

Zale posts \$46M loss due to write-down

The Associated Press

DALLAS — Jewelry retailer Zale Corp., which has a Twin Falls store, swung to a loss in the most recent quarter due to a charge related to past acquisitions.

The Dallas-based retailer — operator of Zales Jewelers, Bailey Banks & Biddle Fine Jewelers and other chains — lost \$46 million, or \$1.44 per share, in the quarter ended Jan. 31, compared with a profit of \$95 million, or \$2.70 per share, a year earlier.

The company took a charge of \$136 million for goodwill because outside analysts said the Piercing Pagoda kiosk chain was worth less than the value that Zale assigned to it.

Excluding goodwill and other special items, the company said it would have earned \$90 million, or \$2.80 per share, matching the expectation of analysts

surveyed by Thomson First Call.

On the same basis, the company said, it earned \$93 million, or \$2.64 per share, a year ago.

Revenue rose 1.3 percent to \$908 million from \$897 million.

Same-store sales, or sales at those stores open at least a year — a key measure for retailers — rose 1.1 percent.

President and chief executive Mary L. Forte said she was pleased with the company's over-

all performance in a tough sales environment.

For the first six months of its fiscal year, Zale posted a net loss of \$53 million, or \$1.63 per share, compared with a gain of \$133 million, or \$3.79 per share, a year earlier.

The company said revenue for the first half was nearly flat at \$1.32 billion compared with \$1.31 billion a year earlier.

Same-store sales rose less than 1 percent.

With teenagers, initiate a family debate on President Bush's proposal to eliminate the tax on stock dividends. Will the plan spur economic growth and the stock market, as supporters believe, or be a giveaway to the rich? You might be surprised at what your teen has to say — and

COURT FILINGS

The Times News

BOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000

Steve Douglas Book and Connie R. Book, also known as Connie M. Book and Connie M. Chidister, 20422 Main St., No. 5, Carey, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40200.

Keiley Leigh Bethea, 302 Second St. N., Gannett, (P.O. Box 532, Hailey), individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40207.

Norma Shirleen Kunz, 327 Fourth St. E., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40213.

Douglas Ray Owsley and Julie Renee Owsley, 242 Buena Vista, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000. Case no. 03-40223.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000

Zachary Scott Cutler, also known as Zach Cutler, and Teo I. Cutler, also known as Teo I. Grimmert and Teo I. Brownings, 1179 Imperial St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40198.

Michael D. Radabaugh and Rhonda S. Radabaugh, 198 S. 100 W., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000. Case no. 03-40224.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Manuel A. Lopez Jr. and Jeanette Lopez, 1900 J St., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40205.

Emilee Maughan, also known as Emilee Janice Maughan, 810 Eastland Park Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40206.

Chapter 7, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Rain Tree Ent. Inc., 703 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, corporation, business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40201.

Hall Construction Inc., an Idaho corporation, 703 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, corporation, business (construction), Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40202.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Gerald L. Mayes and Linda K. Mayes, 591 S. 700 W., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 03-40217.

Each day offers opportunities to teach economics to children

Some of the fastest and easiest ways to teach kids about taxes and economic policy don't require flipping through a single textbook.

Instead, simpler approaches, such as scanning the headlines with your kids or catching sound bites on television, might do the job. Even a trip to the gas station to fill up the tank can be a great learning laboratory.

With debates raging in Congress and in statehouses nationwide over taxes, spending cuts and balancing budgets, this is a great opportunity for parents to make the process relevant to kids.



KIDS AND
BUSINESS
Steve Rosen

I'm certainly not suggesting that you plunk your preschooler in front of the television each day for some quality time with C-SPAN. But I do think there are ways you can take a stab at engaging kids in some heavy-duty topics — none of which requires you to have a degree in economics or an ability to draw

charts with sloping curves. Of course, you need to be somewhat informed to be a good teacher.

A good starting point might be talking to your kids about school financing. In many school districts, the threat of state budget cuts might mean larger class sizes and less money for band programs, field trips and sports teams. School closings are imminent. Keep your conversations relevant to your kids' school and neighborhood.

If your kids are in a Scout troop, consider a field trip to city hall for a council meeting, where you might catch a debate over raising taxes to pay for every-

thing from sidewalk repairs to lifeguard salaries at the municipal pool.

On the way to city hall, stop at the gas station and fill up the tank. Explain how gas taxes are an ever-larger part of your bill and how the money is supposed to be spent on construction and maintenance of roads.

With teenagers, initiate a family debate on President Bush's proposal to eliminate the tax on stock dividends. Will the plan spur economic growth and the stock market, as supporters believe, or be a giveaway to the rich? You might be surprised at what your teen has to say — and

that he or she can distinguish the difference between a dividend and debt.

I'm sure you can come up with many more mini-lessons like these. That's the idea.

For help, check out some Web sites on the impact of taxes and other economic issues. Go to www.economiclink.org and click on "Research Materials." I plugged in "taxes" and found many good resources that a parent — or teacher — could use, including a lesson on Jesse Ventura's tax policy as governor of Minnesota. Also visit the nonprofit Kansas

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French leader's eloquence charms nation



Dominique de Villepin
Uses charm to full effect

By Angela Doland
Associated Press Writer

PARIS — He is everything France likes about itself: cultured, literary, eloquent and more than a little dashing. As the government's point man in efforts to slow Washington's drive for war against Iraq, Dominique de Villepin has used his charm to full effect.

At the U.N. Security Council, the French foreign minister has faced down Secretary of State Colin Powell in pressing for more U.N. weapons inspections. In a rare move, U.N. delegates broke protocol to applaud de Villepin after his impassioned appeal last week that war should be a last resort.

A new resolution — A3

De Villepin, 49, has long had a way with words. His published writings include a 634-page biography of Napoleon. He's tan and silver-haired, prompting a British commentator in The Observer to quip: "If there can be such a thing as a diplomatic pinup, then it is Dominique de Villepin."

In only 10 months on the job, de Villepin has broken traditional thinking about how to be a French diplomat. Instead of being neutral and emotionless, he's "flamboyant and romantic," said Philippe Moreau Defarges of the French Institute for International Relations.

"His style is very active, very present, and he gives impressive speeches," Moreau Defarges said.

But de Villepin has been less effective in France's other main diplomatic effort — to end civil war between loyalists and rebels in the former French colony of Ivory Coast.

Instead of bringing peace, a French-brokered accord sparked anti-French riots, and terrified foreigners fled. Some in Ivory Coast accuse France of still treating their West African country as a colony.

"They are acting as if this is France. We will show them it is Ivory Coast," Ble Goude, a loyalist youth leader, said Monday, urging renewed protests against French soldiers. France has sent

about 3,000 troops, and rebels say the soldiers are the only thing stopping them from winning the war.

Only a year ago, de Villepin — whose aristocratic-sounding full name is Dominique Galouzeau de Villepin — was working quietly behind the scenes as French President Jacques Chirac's top adviser.

After spring elections, Chirac picked de Villepin in May to head the Foreign Ministry — sending him back to the ministry where his career began.

A senator's son, de Villepin studied at France's prestigious National Administration School — a gateway for entering French political life. He was a spokesman at the French

Embassy in Washington during the 1980s; he polished his excellent English there and as a diplomat in India.

Later, as Chirac's chief of staff, de Villepin had a hand in the president's biggest miscalculation: the 1997 dissolution of parliament. It brought a Socialist-led government to power and began five years of uncomfortable "cohabitation" — with conservative Chirac sharing power with a Socialist rival.

Many in Chirac's entourage urged de Villepin's dismissal, but the president remained loyal.

"It is rare to meet a man like him," Chirac told Le Monde newspaper, saying he admired de Villepin's leadership and literature.

Arson attack kills 120 in South Korean subway

The Associated Press

DAEGU, South Korea — Fire raced through two crowded subway trains in South Korea on Tuesday after a man ignited a carton filled with flammable material, killing about 120 people and injuring at least 138, officials said.

A suspect police said had a history of mental illness was under interrogation in Daegu, South Korea's third-largest city. Police still did not know what motivated the attack or what substance the attacker used to start the blaze.

The fire started in one six-car train at a station, igniting seats and spreading to another train also stopped at the station, officials said.

Firefighters gave horrifying accounts of the scene underground: bodies of victims asphyxiated as they tried to escape up the stairs; on the platform were the ashen bones of those trapped in the flames.

Chung Sook-jae, 54, rushed to the scene after her daughter, 26-year-old Min Shim-eun, called her husband to say she was suffocating. Then the line went dead.

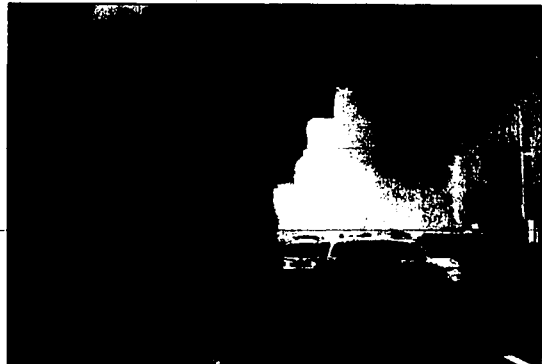
"She never caused any problems. She was a good kid. Why does this have to happen her?" Chung said, crying on the pavement near the scene. "If she's not out by now, she's probably dead. What am I going to do if her body is all burned out of recognition?"

Police were interrogating Kim Dae-han, 56, who witnesses said carried the milk carton into the subway car, according to Kim Byong-hak, a police lieutenant in Daegu. Another police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the suspect had been treated for mental illness.

"When the man tried to use a cigarette lighter to light the box, some passengers tied to stop him. Apparently a scuffle erupted and the box exploded into flames," the officer said.



SOURCES: ESPN; Daegu Metropolitan AP; South Korea Metropolitan City; Associated Press



Smoke billows from the entrance to a subway Tuesday in Daegu, South Korea. Fire raced through two subway trains packed with people after a man ignited a carton filled with flammable material, killing at least 120 people, officials said.

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Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"And with a little pin, bores through his castle wall, and farewell king!" — Shakespeare

Against four hearts West led the club two, and East cashed two rounds of the suit and thoughtfully switched to hearts. South drew three rounds of trumps, then led a spade to dummy's queen and cashed the ace. When spades failed to behave, he had to lose two spade tricks: one down.

Declarer could have done considerably better if he had tried to get a partial count of the hand. The correct play is to win the trump switch in hearts, then cash the diamond ace, draw a second round of trumps with dummy's heart ace, and ruff a diamond.

Now reassess the position. There is no danger if West has three spades, but given that East made a weak jump overcall and the spade is relatively short in clubs, West appears to be the opponent who is likely both to lead the spade king and to be long in spades. Take the spade finesse, but when it holds, there are better plays than cashing the spade ace immediately — in which guards against a spade shortage in West.

The subtle point the declarer intermediates in spades are just good enough to guard against a doubton spade nine or 10 in East. Ruff another diamond, and when East follows to this trick, there is a good chance that he has a doubton spade. What you must do next is to draw the last trump, then lead the spade jack from hand, pinning East's spot card and allowing your spade seven to win the fourth round of the suit.

WEST
♠ K 9 6 2
♥ J 6 5
♦ K 8 7
♣ 10 7 2

EAST
♠ 10 3
♥ 10
♦ K 10 5 3
♣ A K 9 8 6 4

SOUTH
♠ J 7 5 4
♥ K Q 9 7 4 2
♦ A K 8 6 4
♣ J 3

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

The bidding:

South West North East
3♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Club two

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ A 9 8
♥ A Q 3
♦ J 9 6 4 2
♣ Q 5

South West North East
1♦ 1♥ Dbl. Pass
1NT 2♥ Pass Pass

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Partner has four spades and moderate values. Rather than selling out to two hearts, compete to two spades, which suggests only three spades (since you did not bid the suit last time) and lets partner revert to diamonds if he wants to.

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