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# House backs additional cuts

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Measure faces close vote today in Senate; proposal could trigger Kempthorne's veto promise

BOISE - The House began a march toward a showdown with the governor on Tuesday when members voted 39-30 to move for-ward with a 2 percent across-the-board cut in the current budget.

board cut in the current budget. Essentially, the measure is an expansion of the governor's 3.5 percent ho'dback in place for all state agencies since August. The plan that originated in the Joint Finance-Appropriations

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Committee would reduce the 2003 general budget appropriations by \$58.8 million. Public

schools and higher education, which take up 59 percent of the general budget, would be

reduced by 2 percent. Health and Welfare would be cut by 3.9 percent, and all other agencies would see a 5.5 percent reduction, or 539 million more than the previous \$20 million that the governor cut.

It would be the fifth holdback for state agencies and the fourth for education since August 2002 if it passes the Senate and is signed by the governor. It trins \$18 million from public schools and \$4.4 million from p

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In January and again late last week, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne warned that he would not stand by and watch the dismantling of state government. Instead, he has offered the Legislature the option of a 1.5-cent increase to the state's 5-cent sales tax. If Tuesday's measure passes both houses, Kempthorne has to decide whether to veto it to sign.

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Altribase. Based in Kuwalt, the task force is a forward-deployed nuclear, biological and see of the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as experts from Germany and the Czech Republic.

# Troop numbers raise concern

Administration plans for post-Saddam Iraq draw some criticism

Combined wire reports

WASHINGTON - The Army's top general said Tuesday a mili-tary occupying force for a postwar Iraq could total several hundred thousand soldiers.

thousand soldiers.
Iraq is "a piece of geography
that's fairly significant." Gen. Eric
K. Shinsehi said at a hearing of the
Senate Armed Services. Committee. And he said any postwar occupying force would have to be big
enough to maintain safety in a
country with "ethnic tensions that
could lead to other problems."
In response to questioning by
Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the
senior Democrat on the commit-

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#### Anti-war activists enter harm's way

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq - He is white haired and slightly bowlegged, but with crystalline blue aves and a ruddy face that bears the glow-ing look of a man who feels that— in the autumn of his life - he is exactly where he ought to be

exactly where he ought to be Godites Mexical, M.B.E., for mer British colonial officer in Aden, former high shierrit of Derby, former Home Office eval servant, former independent Green candidate for parliament, a self-described loyalist of church

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## **Proposals** worry area educators

By Shari Chaney Times-News writer

BURLEY - Devastating That's Cassia County School District Superintendent Mike Chesley's description of a pro-posed 2 percent cut to education which the Idaho House approved

which the Idaho House approved Tuesday.

The measure must still be approved by the Senatre and signed by the governor before it would be effective. It's expected to face a close vote in the Senate toda, and Gov. Dirk Rempthorne has said the work accept further education curs. Still, education say the measured in in the

cedication curs. Still, educators say the prospect of another cut in the current budget has the myostied. A 2 percent reduction in the current fiscal very could drop Cassia County School District reserves above.

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# Busts of area shops were part of larger operation

TWIN FALLS – Hauling in federal indictments to take down three "head shops" in the Magic Valley might seem excessive – but not when it's taken in the perspective of being part of a national operation, officials said Tuesday.

Meanwhile, two Twin Falls residents and a Burley man arrested in the crackdown were arraigned in federal court, a spoke-swoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office said.

Drug paraphernalia cases like those brought against Manuel

Complaints, tips led to Idaho cases. U.S. attorney says

Munor of Burley and Lena Ann Johnson and Damiel Ben Nogara of Twin Falls can be difficult to put together and prosecute, some local officials said – so the federal government might have better resources and more time to make sure the charges hold up. Munor, Nogara and Johnson were among more than 50 people arrested across the country

Tuesday as part of "Operation Headhunter" and "Operation Pipe Dreams" - federal efforts amed at doming the confine that confine the confine that sale of summer rans LaT Cunders Smoke Shop at 2411 Overland Ave. in Burley. Johnson owns the Enchantres at 621 N Main Ave. in Twin Falls, and Nogara owns Dead On Arrival at 445 Second Ave. Sin Twin Falls, Federal procurers say those businesses were ecutors say those businesses were among those found to be selling drug paraphernalia, according to grand jury indictments.

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Officials remove parapherna Street Monday In Pocatello.

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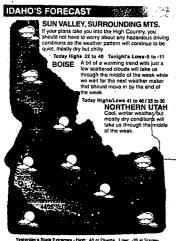
Tonight: Cold with fair skies. Lows in the teens

#### BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Parily cloudy skies with dry conditions. Highs in the upper 30s to the lower 40s.

Tonight: Chilly with mostly clear skies. Lows in the teens.

#### Tomorrow: Increasing clouds. Highs near 40.



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# Busts

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Munoz, Johnson and Nogara
were each charged with multiple
counts of selling drug paraphermalia and also called upon to forfeit
the paraphermatia and the proceeds from the sale.
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down as of late Tue-day, said Joan
McNeil, a spokessoman for the
U.S. Attorney's Office in Bose.

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Munoz was arraigned early
Tuesday before a federal judge in
Pocatello, and Johnson and
Nogara were arraigned in Bose,
McNeil said. All three were later
released after posting \$2,500
bond, she said.

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They will probably face trials soon, but no dates had been set as of late Tuesday, said Deputy U.S. Attorney Monte Stiles, who also works out of the Boise office.

Local authorities are usually waver of "head shops" banking paraphermalia. But pinning sometime, the banking paraphermalia. But pinning sometime, and Twin Falls. County Prosecutor Gront boebs and Iwin Falls. County Sheriff's Office spikessyoman Namey Howad.

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Federal officials might have must time and resources to build cases. Boebs and Howelf said For instance, agents made 'underrow or buss' of paraphermalia at some Universitient of the said of t

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of the shops, according to court records.
Federal laws against peddling paraphernalia are also more uniform and strict than some state laws, Siles said.
And the cases in Burley and Twin Falls were also part of a much larger picture, he said. The probe started in the Eastern states, but quickly grew to include other jurisdictions. There was also evidence of paraphernalia being transported across county and state lines.

The Idaho branch of the U.S. Attorney's Office was asked to jump on board because of complaints and tips from some Idaho residents, Stiles said. In all, 17 people in Idaho and Oregon were arrested as part of the crackdown, according to court records.
Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins said his department was saked to join the investigation about two weeks before the buss. Local authorities believe and secures at most of the locations, Stiles said. It wasn't that local authorities were being lax or ignoring parabernalia sales, Sides said, It wasn't that local authorities were being lax or ignoring parabernalia sales, Sides said, It wasn't that local authorities were being lax or ignoring parabernalia sales, Sides said, It wasn't that local authorities were being lax or ignoring parabernalia sales, Sides said, It wasn't that local authorities were being lax or ignoring parabernalia sales, Sides said, It was more a matter of the operations, sales of the deep authorities were being lax or ignoring parabernalia sales, Sides said, It was more a matter of the operations, sales of the operations, the said.

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And in almost any type of crime-fighting, it often boils down to a matter of which agency gets the earliest up and launches an inves-tigation first, Loebs said.

mation first, Lochs and, "On any given day, the federal police are working cases all over liddio, as are the state police and the local police. It's just a matter of who makes a particular arrest at a particular time," he said.

Times News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 735-3238 or by e mad at mheinz⊌magiculley.com.

#### **Bulletins: Attack on Iraq will** spark global terror offensive

New York Dally News

WASHINGTON - When the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq begins, dictator Saddam Hussein will launch a terror offensive that will be joined by extremists around the world, according to new intelligence bulletins obtained by the New York Daily News.

The warmings also report that Saddam's henchmen in foreign embassies are "awaiting the goahead signal from Baghdad," but one source indicated to The Daily News that the operatives were under surveillance.

The bulletins distributed by the Defense Intelligence Agency on Feb. 11 and 13 were the strongest warnings yet about the likelihood of terrorism once war begins, and for the first time predicted an uprising that would spread from al-Qaida to terror organizations that are not Islamic. "Anti-US terrorist attacks during any conflict with Iraq are a certainty," one memo read. "Indigenous terrorist groups in Greece, Turkey, Italy, Peru, Chile, Japan and Southeast Asia are the most likely to have some kind of terrorist response to U.S. multary action in Iraq."

## Shields

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Continued from A1 and queen, is spending his days and mights on a cot at the previously hombed South Baghdad Powce Plant.

He is a part of the burgeoning movement of "human shields," people who hope their present will help prevent what they see as an unjust and unnecessary war argainst frag. Their mission mas seem quixotic, but they are inspired by the millions of protesters around the world against they care the prospective war, and feel that they, rather than the political leadership of the United States and Butain, are the true voices of the people.

the people Meynell, a 69-year-old grandfa the people Mexical, a 65-year-old grandfather and country squire, is martied to a Church of England pries. He traveled for 21 uncomportable days on a Lundon red double-decker bus, crossing France, Italy, Gæece, Turkey and Syra before arriving in Baghdad late Feb. 15. His back sometimes abled. He kept his very on his book rather than looking out at the drop offs as they crossed Turkish mountains in a snow-some He has even put up with younger protesters who smoke too much, drink too much and "swear in the most boring fashion."

But the discomfort, inconvenience and fearful thoughts that sometimes cross his mind are, he easy, a small price to pay to defend the best valoes and traditions of his country and to oppose what he calls. This hideons force through suffer and authorities this week agreed to begin allowing usem of

driving the world from aid war. Iraqu authoratives this week agreed to began allowing some of the would be human shrelds to take up perts at strategic installations most likely to be bombed if the United States and its allies launch a war to force President Saddam Hussein to give up weapons of mass destruction he demes having.

Although the US government has said it will not be waived by the presence of human shields.

the protesters hope that they can deter or abort any military action. Meynell was in the first group of 20, which arrived Sunday at the power station that was but be five missiles in the 1991 Fersan Gulf War Other activists plan to go to ol refineries, water treat-ment plants, and feed storage and telecommunications site.

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Mexically group includes people from Britant, Turkey, France, Norway and the United States. Assigned a room large enough to accommodate two lines of cuts covered with thin mattresses and thick worden blankers they have made a themselves at home and the state of the stat

that reads "Capitalism wants war. People of the world want peace"

"I am not here for a death wish," Mesnell says, and when the time comes he is still not sure if he will "cut and run". But for now, he says, "I am from the heart of traditional England and wish to stand for all the good things of my country which relei against this great exil."

An admirer of American demostracy, he feels the United States has lost its bearings. "I see a darkering of the spirit," he said. "I think that by this war America and Britain are only bringing a curse upon themselves."

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Mexicall emphasized that he has hitle sympthy for Saddam or his government, but does not think they are very different from other dictatorships, many supported by the United States. In any case, he says, there is hitle global threat from Iraq. "The worst dictator in the world, up to his elbows in blood and working 10 days a week, couldn't kill as many people as America is going to with global warming."

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The human shields already number in the hundreds and more arrive evers day. On Monday, a group of Spaniards turned up chanting. "No to war."

## Iraq .

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tee, Shinseki said he couldn't give specific numbers of the size of an occupation force but would rely on the recommendations of comman-

ders in the region.
"How about a range?" said

"How about a range?" said
Levin.
"I would say that what's been
mobilized to this point, something
on the order of several hundred
thousand soldiers," the general
said. "Assistance from friends and
allies would be helpful."
Levin called the numbers
'sobering."
Meanwhile, on a day when
President Bush said he would
accept nothing short of "full disarraments." In Iraq and served
notice he was willing to go to war
even without passage of a second
United Nations Security Council
resolution offered Monday by the
United States, Britain and Spain,
Senate Minority Leader Tom
Daschle and presidential candidate Sen. Joe Lieberman criticried the president over his war
plans.
Doschle said Bush has not adequately laid out the sacrifices,
both human and economic, that
Americans will face in the event
of war. He said the president has
minimized the threats posed to
American soldiers and has failed
to las out the domestic tradeoffs
that will be required by a longterm commitment in leag.

"The administration has fallen
far short in being hores with the
American people in regard to sacrifices." Dasshle, SSD, said "Inregard to sacrifice of American
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#### Iraq in brief

I rad is providing inspectors with new information about its weapons programs and has report-ed the discovery of two bombs, including one possibly filled with a biological agent - moves that show signs of real cooperation, chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Bits said.

The Pentagon is telling the White House and Congress that defeating liraq and occupying the country for six months could cost are sources - considerably more than sources - considerably more than what senior administration officials have said in public

ctals have said in public.

A U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter on night traning crashed Tuesday in the Kwanti desert, shifing all four crew members. The Kwanti military said sandsloims were reported in the area at the time the chopper went down. On Jan. 30, and MHGO, an adapted version of the Black Hawk, crashed in a training mission seven miles east of Bagama Ar Base in Afghanistan. Four members of an eithe awation regiment were killed.

The White House said Saddarr The White House said Saddam and other langle leaders would be legitimate targets for U.S. military forces in a war. "If you go to war, command and control are legit-mate targets under international taw." spokesman An Flerscher Said.

said.

The Turbish government asked partiament to authorize the deployment of 62,000 U.S. combat throops, warptaines and heicopters, but it sagreements on the conductions of the U.S. deployment desiyed the vote.

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"would put America in the pos-tion of an occupying power, not a liberator," Lieberman says. "And it may well widen the gulf-between the United States god-the Arab world."

The Bush administration repet-edly plans to take complete con-trol of Iraq after removing. Saddam, setting up an interim administration headed by an American civilian.

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Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee listens to Idaho Gov. Dirk Frist's address to the group Tuesday in Washington.

## Senator offers governors hope to resolve concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist on Tuesday offered hope but no promises to the nation's governors that Congress will find more money to help cash-strapped states pay for spiraling security, health care and education costs. Governors left their meeting with Frist and other congressional leaders more encouraged than they were a day earlier, when President Bush said there was little chance new cash could be found.

Frist, R-Tenn., said it's possible Congress could boost spending for Bush's education initiative, 'Leave No Child Behind', 'Which aims to increase student performance and measure gains through regular tests, as well as for special education programs.

Governors have complained that these federal programs impose costs on the states that the federal government fails to reimburse.

"The federal government,

reimburse.
"The federal government, which talks a good game, has not fulfiled its obligations to you" on education, Frist acknowledged.

He also said that Congress could revisit this year's appropriation of 33.5 billion for homeland security if there is military action in Iraq and could possibly give governors more direct control of the money instead of sending most of it directly to local governments. Governors and local officials say they need far more money to adequately protest citizens.

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ried by the state-federal Medicaid program for the poor.

Frist said such a change should be linked to a more comprehensive reform of Medicare, but he din't rule out taking small steps now. If broad changes are not imposed, in 25 years Medicare "falls and it (alls dramatically." Michigan' Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a Democrat, said she was encouraged by Fris't comments. "They recognize what we have come and put on the table," she said.

## Senate criticizes FBI for handling of anti-terror act

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unprecedented levels of domestic
surveillance, the Senate Judiciary

"The lack of professionalism in
applying the law has been scandalous," and Sen. Arlen Specter,
RP-a., who wrote the committee
report with Sens. Patrick Leahy,
D-Vt., and Charles Grassley, Rlowa. "The real question is if the
FBI is capable of carrying out a
counterintelligence effort."
Specter said

The report contended that the
FBI and the Justice Department

counterintelligence effort,"
Specter said.

The report contended that the
FBI and the Justice Department
were guilty of execusive secrecy,
inadequate training, weak information analysis and the stifling of
internal dissent in using the
Foreign Intelligence Surveillance
Act, a key tool in the war on terronsin.

The report focused on the case
of Zacarias Moussanut, the only
person accused in the United
States of conspiring with the Sept
11, 2001, hyackers. It details how
FBI headquarters thwarted efforts
by agents in Minneapolis to obrain
a. FISA warrant to vearch
Moussaous', laptop compositer and
belongings before the attack.
"September 11 might will have
been prevented," Specter said
"What are they doing now to pre-



vent another 9/11?"
Gravsley said closed Senate bearings on the Moussaout case revealed that two supervisors who handled the case did not understand the basic elements of FISA, and a senior FBI attorney could not provide the legal definition of probable cause," an element needed to obtain a FISA warrant.
"The FBI's difficulties in properly analyzing and disseminating information in its possession caused it not to seek FISA warrants that it should have sought," the report concluded.
There was no immediate comment on the report from the FBI.
The 1978 FISA law was enacted during the Cold War to allow investigators to obtain secret warrants to spo on foreign agents. It was expanded after the Sept 11 attacks by the USA Patriot Act, giving law enforcement greater power to secretly investigate ter-tornst suspects.

# Asians shy from U.S. policy on N. Korea

Country's missile launch rattles region

Knight Ridder News Service

SEOUL; South Korea – Secretary of State Colin Powell returned to Washington from northeast Asia on Tuesday with-out support for U.S. efforts to end North Korea's nuclear weapons

North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

The Japanese shied away from endorsing new sanctions. The Chinese refused to stop providing food and fuel aid to the starving Morth Koreans, a move they feel would create instability – and person on hungry refugees—should not have been supported by the control of hungry refugees—South Korea's new president, Roh Moohyun, said in his inaugural address Tuesday that he would demain a more "equitable" relationship with Washington and would refuse to

follow White House policy without question.

Just as the Bush administration is finding it harder to sell Europe Just as the Bush administration is finding it harder to sell Europe on its aggressive policy toward Iraq. Powell's visit showed that Washington is having an hard time conyincing Asian nations that the United States is justified time conyincing Asian nations that the United States is justified the Pyongyang until North Korea Even the North Koreans thumbed their noses at Powell aunching an anti-ship missile that rattled Asian stock markets and once again demonstrated Pyongyang's ability to attract attention by making provocative moves.

Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said Pyongyang was trying to "create a sense of a crisis" by launching the missile. Powell downplayed the test, calling it "innocuous" and saying it had been expected for a

number of days, because North Korea had warned mariners to avoid the brea in the Sea of Japan. North Korea also accused Washington of sending spy planes to the season of sending spy planes. U.S. spy planes mue or gular partols just south of the demiliar-partols just south of the demiliar-pized zone between North and South Korea, although they are not supposed to stray over the bor-der.

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Powell and Roh, the 56-year-old dove and former civil rights attorney who won a closely fought election in December, papered over their differences after a brief talk.

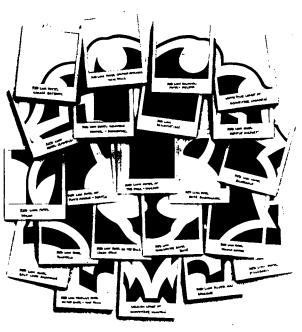
Powell denied that the United States is preparing to attack North Korea. "The U.S. has no plans to invade North Korea. There are no armies on the march," he said.

Roh told Korean journalists that there is no major policy disagreement with the United States that can't be ironed out through dialogue.

## launches missile

North Korea Jaunched an anti-ship missile from an unidentified location on its northeast shore into the sea botween the Korean Peninsula and Japan. It came on the eve of the inauguration of South Korea's new president.





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"It's a trial balloon that didn't get very far off the ground 'Thirry people demonistrated how devastating these cuts would be," Whitlock said.

Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, said he expects the seven Democrats in the 35-member Senate to vote against the measure because of its cut in public school funding. If Stennett's caucus is united in opposing the measure, 11 Republicans will have to also vote against it for it to fail.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, didn't hesitate to say he won't vote in favor of the measure to cut schools. And Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Decto, said he's siding with Noh.
"It would be a step back," and is siding with Noh."



"It would be a step back-wards," Darrington said. "We've worked hard to put reforms in place with smaller classes, high-tech schools and improved curriculum." In addition, chairs the Senate

In addition, Darrington, who chairs the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee, said from his perspective the prison system has almost reached a crisis situation. He predicted the "wholesale release of inmates" if

a crisis situation. He predicted the "wholesale release of immates" if the measure becomes law. However, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb. R-Burley, said on Tuesday he has little faith that the state's and the nation's economy will recover anytime soon.
"I'm hopeful that in five years we're out of this thing, but don't make a vote that by next year we'll be out of this thing," the speaker said in a wrapup following over two hours of speeches most of which centered on cutting public schools.
Newcomb acknowledged the plan does not target specific areas that are more easily cut than others, but he pointed out that January's \$16.9 million shortfall of revised revenue projections have a law and the plan does not receive than others.

ers, not re-pointed out that January's \$1.69 million shortfall of revised revenue projections leaves lawmakers little choice. In light of a loss of 1,700 jobs statewide just since the beginning of the year and spiraling defla-tion, Newcomb predicted if law-makers don't agree for more hold-backs that next year they could be facing an even higher tax increase than Kempthorne sug-gested. "There's nothing to say that we're not going to come back to we're not going to come back to an even worse economy next year an even worse economy next year There is nothing in this economy the subject of the said. "There is nothing in this economy the said lawmakers can make the said lawmakers can ma

How they voted

Republicate for: Barrectough, Barrett, Bader, Bedke, Bell; Black, Block, Bolz, Bradford, Collins, Crow, Deal, Denney, Elisworth, Eskridge, Reld (18), Field (23),

Republicans against: Campbell, Cannon, Clark, Eberte, Edmunson, Jones, Meyer, Miller, Ridinger, Shirley, Smith (24), Smylie. Snodgrass, Trail.

Democrate against: Anderson, Boe, Bleter, Cuddy, Douglas, Henbest, Jaquet, Langhorst, Martinez, Mitchell, Naccareto, Ringo, Robison, Sayler, Shepherd, Smith (30).

House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet led all the Democrats in a vote against the cuts. Of, the 14 Republicans who voted against the measure, three were from Magianst the measure, three were from Magianst the Magian of Magian of

Loo Snith, R. e. p. Defores Crow, R. Na m p. a. chairs the House Revenue and daxation Committee from which all tax bills must come. Known for her formidable governing style, she challenged House lawmakers to bring forth the bills to increase taxes if they didn't like the measure in front of them.

And that's next when Central

taxes it they didn't like the measure in front of them.

And that's just what Smith intends to do, Smith's plan would igcrease taxes substantially on all sun' products, repeal the lottery exemption from the sales tax, crack down on tax dodgers and raise the state sales tax by a half a penny. He figures that would raise an extra \$24 million to bring the 2003 budget back into halance. It would also increase 2004 revenues by about \$142 million, he said.

Democrats, who number 16 in the House, intend to introduce bills that would go after tax dodgers and force the self-employed to pay quarreity uncome taxes. The plan to accelerate quarreity payments would bring in a

terly payments would bring in a one-time windfall of \$40 million, Stennett said.

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January and July.

"February to May is pretty

"February to May is pretty dry," Wade said.
Chesley said he is concerned about cash flow in light of any cut. The school district has monthly bills due, while payments from the state come only five timesa year. A cut now could mean borrowing money to make payroll in the coming months.

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2 percent cut in the current budget year by using cash reserves would have the option of dipping into the next year's appropriations. Some districts also would have the option of imposing local property ax levies to make up for the cuts, but a number of districts already are levying at the maximum levels allowed. Hill said he doesn't plan to get too excited about the 2 percent cut until the deal is complete. The Buth' district can afford the holdback this time, but it will be the last time, he said. Hill wasn't sure how much 2 per ce n to a mounts to in specific dollars for the Buhl district.

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tricts for being frugal, Chesley said.

The Buhl School District has worked hard to be in a good financial position, Hill said. When he was hared nine years ago, men he was hared nine years ago, when he was hared nine years ago, when he was hared nine years ago, when he district had extra money, school officials saved it. Those savings might now be used to make up for cuts in state funding. Hansen schools had specific projects in mind for some of that district's surplus money, including the paved parking lot at the elementary school and a tennis court. The State has effectively killed those plans, Coulter said. If cuts are mandated, more than tennis courts will go. Positions which are vacated in the Hansen School District will not be filled. Technology may have to go as grant money runs out, Coulter added.

"Things are just going to go by the wayside," Coulter said.

The Cassia district has already-taken some action. Budgets were frozen Monday, Chesley said. No purchase orders, except for emergencies, will be accepted by the district.

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That's pens, pencils and books, Chesley said. "That hurts kids."

Chesley said. "That hurts kids."
Chesley has even more concerns if more cuts were to follow,
such as an 8 percent cut the foint.
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Committee has talked about for
the next fiscal year.
If that cut occurs, one in eight
employees would lose their jobs.
Chesley said. The district wouldhave to go to the board and comimunity to determine what to cut.
"We'd cut programs big time."

"We'd cut programs big time," Chesley said. "You'd have to."

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#### Top chef's death shocks France

PARIS (AP) - Like many a reat artist, Bernard Loiseau was

great artist, Bernard Loiseau was a fragile and sometimes tortured soul, a perfectionist tending to oge of France's greatest passions: fopd.

Loiseau's apparent suicide Monday shocked France, plunged the gastronomic world into mourning and raised a storm of condemnation from fellow culinary masters, who blamed all-powerful food critics for pushing the celebrated chef toward despair.

despair.

The death also served as a solemn reminder of France's complex relationship with food. Loiseau, 52, was found dead in the bedroom of his home in Saulieu, near his three-star "Cote d'Or" restaurant in the Burgundy region southeast of Paris. A rifle was at his side.

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Dijon Prosecutor Jean-Pierre
Alacchi said suicide was "very
probably" the cause of death, to
be determined in an autopsy.

"All these people, all these
exceptional beings who give you
the impression of so much assurance, they are all very fragile,
they all have such strong
moments of doubt," said
Loiseau's wife Dominique.

Her husband "had such a
strong (moment of) doubt and,
unfortunately, he was all alone
for several hours and we don't
know what went through his
head," she said on France2 television.

head, she said of vision.

"His name alone evokes all the perfection of the culinary art and the art of living," Culture Minister Jean-Jacques Aillagon

said.

The energetic Loiseau was a pioneer inside and outside the

He was among the first chefs to promote "nouvelle cuisine," lightening thick, creamy sauces and cooking various ingredients, like vegetables, separately to maximize their savor.

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## Venezuela fears Colombia-style terror

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) – Powerful explosions just minutes apart devastated the Spanish and Colombian diplomatic missions. Tuesday, injuring four people and raising fears that Colombian-style terror has reached next-door Venezuela.

door Venezuela.
The attacks in Caracas came two days after President Hugo Chavez denounced Colombia and Spain, among other nations, for allegedly interfering in Venezuelan affairs. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blasts.
Leaflets supporting Chavez's

ity for the blasts.

Leaflets supporting Chavez's
"Bolivarian Revolution," a politi-

cal movement loosely based on the writings of 19th century independence hero Simon Bolivar, were found outside both missions. But Chavez's government dismissed the papers as a "iddiculous" "flant and said no one should jump to conclusions.

"We will find those responsible for this crime," vowed Deputy Foreign Minister Arevalo Mendez.

Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel repudiated the attacks as "a form of terrorism never seen in Venezuela," and suggested Chavez opponents may have been involved.

He said an anti-terrorism task force would be created and offered condolences to the Colombian and Spanish people. The explosions – at 2 a.m. at the Spanish Embassy and 2:15 a.m. at the Colombian consulaters and the Spanish Embassy and 2:15 a.m. at the Colombian consulaters and the Colombian consulaters and the Colombian consulaters and the Colombian consulaters and steel gates were twisted by the force of the blasts. The blasts slightly injured four people, including a night watchman. Security was bolistered at other diplomatic missions in the capital.

#### Police arrest four in connection with Antwerp diamond heist

ANTWERP, Belgium (AP) –
Four people were arrested in connection with a massive heist from
diamond trading center that has
been described as the biggest
robbery ever in the diamond-cutting capital of the world, police
said Tuesday.
The three Italian men and a
Dutch woman were arrested over
the weekend and were put in solitary confinement until a court
decides on their detention
Thursday, said Leen Nuyts, a
magistrate at the prosecutor's
office in this port city. ANTWERP, Belgium (AP) -our people were arrested in con-

She declined to give more information on the four besides saying they were arrested based on "developments in the ongoing investigation."
The daily De Morgen said the four had rented office space only a few months ago in the building where the vaults are located.

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#### **EDITORIAL**

## Crunch time means cuts in government spending

runch time has arrived in the 2003 Idaho Legislature's high-pressure game of "balance the budget." But the biggest play er is still sitting on the side

budget." But the biggest player is still sitting on the side lines.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, despite his push for a 1.5-cent sales tax increase and a 34-cent layoffs at Micron ligarette tax increase, has yet to send legislators an actual bill-proposing-those measures.

In the meantime, legislators are facing one ut check after the other.

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News of Micron
Technology Inc.'s
1,000-job layoff in Boise
couldn't have come at a worse
time. The layoff will shake the
Treasure Valley economy and the rest of the state.
Next year's budget has a
\$160 million revenue gap, and
the current year's revenue is
still sagging. Tax collections in
December and January fell
short of expectations by more
than \$19 million. The outlook
for the remainder of the 2003
fiscal year is even worse especially April, when the
state collects 15 percent of its
total revenue. total revenue.

state collects 15 percent of its total revenue.

Those gloomy prospects led the House to cut S60 million from the current budget on Tuesday. That measure would order state agencies, public schools and higher education to cut 530,4 million - in addition to the \$19.4 million state agencies slashed last summer. If that sounds harsh, it's because the economy has turned equally brutal. The Micron layoff joins major cut backs that hit southeastern Idaho and the Mini-Cassia area in the past year. State government cannot stay insulated from the private sector's pain.

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lated from the private sector's pain.

The bad news should have a sobering effect on Kempthorne and any legislators leave the same sales tax increase. Hitting Idaho consumers with the biggest tax increase in a generation would demonstrate abysmal timing.

Legislators should question whether a sales tax increase

whether a sales tax increase will bring the hoped for rev-

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from spending.
But Kempthorne has yet to
propose anything formally. His
press aids asys he's waiting for
"the right time" to send his
proposals to the Legislature.
While he waits, legislaturs are
trimming state government,
which is the right
course under the
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for reserve accounts and con-struction. This isn't the time to build the state's reserves or to reserves or to undertake long-

undertake iong-term construction debt. Whether the money comes from the general fund or the permanent building fund, taxpayers pay for it. A recession is no time to make costly commitments.

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• Increase cigarrette, heer and soda pop taxes. Cigarette taxes should go up to \$1 a pack. Beer and wine taxes should be tripled. Soda pop purchases should see a five-cent tax per can. These taxes on discretionary goods would bring in tens of millions. Citizens who don't want to pay are free to change their drinking and smoking habits.

• Roll back wages among top-level state workers. A 10 percent cut among top camers will create instant swings, and more importantly, save state worker jobs. This idea isn't revolutionary. Pollatch Copidi it recently to avert knofts.

State government can do the

• Require school districts to use reserves. Some dis-tricts are sitting on milliondollar reserve accounts. The state should require that dis-tricts use that money before hitting taxpayers with higher

hatting taxpayers with higher taxes.

Once all these measures are in place, a half-cent sales tax increase would be justifiable – with a sunset in two years or less. Anything more would be excessive. excessive.
Remember: Idaho's budget

problem is not about under-taxing. It's about overspend-ing. Now that times are tough, let's not inflict more pain on Idaho taxpayers.

## States shouldn't ask for federal help

State capitols are abuzz with nervous activity. In 31 states, legislatures are working to close a combined budget gap of \$17.5 billion. What cracted these crises? Overspending. Even after two years of what many call "the worst fiscal crisis since World War II," state tax revenues are up almost 40 per cent over 1990 levels. Yet state general-fund spending is up 50 percent. The total amount spent by state governments topped \$1

#### BRIAN M. RIEDL

trillion for the first time ever in 2000 and has continued to rise. Sounds like a good opportuni-ty for these states to rein in the runaway spending that's plunged their budgets into the

plunged their budgets into the red.

Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle, D.S.D., apparently disagrees. He proposes a 540 billion federal bailout of the states. But since the same taxpayers who fund state budgets also fund federal budgets, this would bardly help. Like a family responding to unaffordable MasterCard debt by running up its Visa instead, a federal bailout would run up families' federal tax bill in order to reduce their state tax bill. You've solved nothing.

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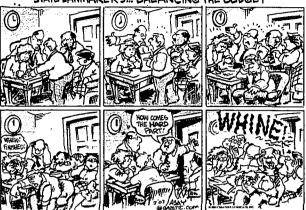
Worse, Daschle's plan doesn't encourage states to live within their means. When the economy fell into recession in 2001, families nationwide tightened their belts. States, meanwhile, grew their budgets by 8.3 percent - the largest one-year spending jump in over a decade.

Federal spending has grown even faster, Had state lawmakers exercised as much restraint as the federal government, they could have had anced their 2003 budgets and had enough money left to cut taxes by \$5.25 per household. Keeping new spending in line with the inflation rate would have increased that tax relief fund to \$1.372 per household.

Instead, states spent all their

hold. Instead, states spent all their new revenue – and then some. California exemplifies this

STATE LAWMAKERS ... BALANCING THE BUDGET



mindset. Blessed with a 28 percent increase in tax revenues
between 1999 and 2003, Golden
State lawnskers responded by
hiking spending by 36 percent
turning a 510 billion budget
surplus into a deficit. And they
still haven't learned. When
Gov. Gray Davis announced a
535 billion budget shortfall for
2003, his projection included
not just the cost of funding current programs, but also billions
in additional new spending. Not
even the largest budget deficit
in state history has slowed his
appetite to expand government.

Meanwhile, a handful of
states such as Wyoming,

Meanwhile, a handful of states such as Wyoming, Michigan and Colorado gener-ally resisted adding extrava-gant programs over the past decade. As a result, their short-falls are far smaller than those of, say, California and New York. Is it fair for California lawmakers to go on a spending binge and then send the tab to Wyoming taxpayers, via Congress?

Basic accountability demands

ic accountability demands that the unit of government that spends the money should

have to collect the taxes. If state spending is financed by state taxes, elected officials shouldn't be able to spend beyond their constituents' willingness to be taxed. Yet when states can simply withdraw whatever money they need from the federal ATM, the incentive to weigh benefits against costs vanishes.

Some state lawmakers say accountability means Washington's bridler what the unformation of their tax dollars on tax dollars on their tax dollars on tax dollars on their tax dollars on t

their tax dollars on Washington's priorities. They're right. But the mandates enacted since 1996 account for less than 1 percent of state budgets, so they can't be blamed for the recent state spending spree. Besides, many of the recent mandates' in education and homeland security aren't mandates at all; state participation is voluntary, meaning they can opt out if federal funds don't cover all costs.

Granted, the largest unfundated.

opt out if federal funds don't cover all costs. Granted, the largest unfunded mandate – Medicaid – isn't vol-untary. States must split their Medicaid program costs with

Washington, and those costs have soared 165 percent since 1990. While Washington deserves much of the blame for designing such an expensive and inefficient program, much of the recent increase was driven by states that expanded eligibility and offered new benefits, such as weight-loss and substanceabuse treatment. States that want to continue operating gold-plated Medicaid programs should be willing to foot the bill themselves rather than expect out-of-state taxpayers to pick up the tab.

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Spending restraint newer comes easily. It demands leader-ship and discipline. And it's not achieved by shifting the cost of government from one level to another. Indeed, ballouts can be appropriate the real probanomer, indeed, ballouts can only exacerbate the real prob-lem: that too many politicians spend every dollar they're entrusted with – and then ask for

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# Campaign finance bill backfires on Dems

Then President Bush signed the McCain-Feingold campaign-financereform bill last year, he did so without fanfare. There was no Rose Garden ceremony, no commemorative statement, no smiling exchange of pens and handshakes, no photo op, Bush seems to have affixed his signature to the bill in the privace. ture to the bill in the privacy of his office, and made it law, with

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At the time, this violation of legislative protocol was ascribed to churlishness. Most Republicians in Congress had vigorously opposed the measure, and the president, while pledging to sup any bill that crossed his desk, had done nothing to help it. Moreover, the bill was the brain-child of Sen John McCan, R. Ariz, Bush's principal rival in the 2000 COP primaries. President Bush, it was said, could not bring Bush, it was said, could not bring himself to showcase his old antagonist's crowning achieve-

antagenest's crowning achieves ment. While I was disappointed at the time that the president hadn't vetoed the measure, I understood the politics of the sit-uation. Thanks largely to uncrui-cal press coverage, McCam-Feingold was very popular, and Bush might well have seen his veto overridden – a needless embarrassment. There is a per-cention that money is decisively ception that money is decisively influential in politics, and that such influence must be Bad. Accordingly, any measure that severely limits the ability of Big



Oil or Special Interests to bankroll politicians (mostly Republican) or support legisla-tion (mostly conservative) must

tion (mouly conservative) must be Good.

The problem is that this perception is, at the least, highly suspect. The influence of money is finite. Helpful, but scarcely decisive. Measures hovile to well-heeled special interests are regularly passed in Congress, and lavishly funded campaigns against bills are often defeated. Jon Corzine's millions probably elected him to the Senate from New Jersey, but Michael Huffington's millions couldn't catapult him into the Senate from California. Politics is full of principles and variables.

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Another misperception is the Another misperception is the nature of political money. McCain Feingold bans soft money – that is, unlimited, large-ly unreguluated contributions to party committees from unions, corporations and rich donors – but doubles the limit that individbut doubles the limit that individuals can make to federal candidates (from \$1,000 to \$2,000). And contrary to what most people think, the Democrats specialize in soft money and Republicans in hard money.

The gnomes at Common Causemay believe that the system is drowning in soft money for Republicans from malicious corporations, but almost exactly opposite is true. It is the Democratis who have persuaded labor unions to transfer huge amounts of members' dues to party coffers, or who rely on the checkbooks of Steven Spielberg, Barbra Streisand and friends. Large piles of each from small numbers of contributors. The Republicans, by contrast, they perfected the art of saliciting modest contributions (\$255-\$200) from a voluminous corps of supports. The gnomes at Common Cause

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So, from a practical Republican standpoint, President Bush knew what he was doing when he signed McCamfengold. Having been shell-shocked by last November's elections, the Democrats now find themselves at a perilous disadvantage in fund-raising. Not only have the old soft-money sources been outlawed, but the growth of hard-money contribution is declining. For the Republicans, the reverse is true. Not so dependent on soft money, they have dramatically fattened their hard-money coffers, and the disparity between the party treasuries grows wide revery day.

Then there is George W. Bush. Running for president as governor of Texas, he raised an unprecedented \$100 million in hard money - that is, from small contributors - when the individu-

al limit was \$1,000. That limit has an limit was \$1,000. That limit has now been doubled, thanks to McCain-Feingold, and the cash is pouring in. It is widely believed that the president might well enter next election year with \$300 million to \$400 million on

that the president might well enter next election year with \$300 million to \$400 million on hand – and no foes in his party—while Democratic candidates accepting federal subsidies would be limited to \$44 million during primaries and before the party—while Democratic candidates accepting federal subsidies would be limited to \$44 million during primaries and before the party—while present of the present of the party of the party of the present of the party of the

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#### Nations set their sights on the U.S.A.

Founded on constitutional law, the United States has become a lofty target. As the most powerful and most envied nation in the world, it is held nation in the world, it is held aloft by freedom and indepen-dence. For those reasons, it is a threat to the United Nations, and it must be brough down. One-world government cannot succeed without complete and absolute mastery over all nations.

If you have followed the outgovernment, you surely know that the United Nations has that the United Nations has , been conspiring against American policy in the Mideast. The evidence is irrefutable. Kofi Annan, ringmaster of the U.N. flea circus that is now performing in New York and in Iraq, is in center ring with just enough likeminded conspirators on the security council to stonewall any meaningful finality to the total disarmament of Saddam Hussein.

Hussein. Elmer Fudd's inspectors Elmer Fudd's inspectors have once again asked for more time to wander around in the Iraqi wilderness, to scratch around for the smoking gun. They need more time to find and deliver another mountain of innocuous paperwork and to file another ambiguous report. They want more time to be set up and jerked around by Saddam's cooperative henchmen. The security council wants to increase the number of inspectors. Maybe that could include one or two psychics and Monsieur Chirac with a devining rod and a white feather.

er.
Using CNN, arguably the world's foremost propaganda machine, the United Nations has spread an infestation of anti-Bush hatred throughout world to undermine our

anti-bush narred throughout the world to undermine our relationship with allies. Secretary Koft's smarmy, soporific speech is sufficiently effective to repel our border-line partners and turn away our otherwise ardent supporters. There is trouble in our own back yard, as well. Vermin have infested our body politic. A pervasive swarm of anti-Americanism has aggravated the itching and scratching among many of those who put partisan politics above national security - celebrity pols, wealthy wannabes and members of Congress.

The United Nations, particularly the veto kinds on the security council, will do anything to prevent a regime change in Iraq. They have too much to lose when Saddam is gone. I do not want to see another 9/11 to prove what we already know. Saddam Hussein is complicit in terforism. He must be put out of business. Now, nat tomorrow.

JACK LINTELMANN Buhl

#### Support for globalization spreads quickly

spreads quickly
Globalization and illegal people in this country seem to be a priority for President Bush. He is not the president I voted for nor are the policies he is trying to put into effect that will change both the world and our country as we know it. Our bortenstead in the seem of the property benefits for them. After this will be the driver's license, no doubt. They need not resemble they are they have immunity it seems they have immunity not worry about auto insurar it seems they have immunity

not worry about auto insurance, it seems they have immunity from that.

The illegals are not all from south of the border; there are people here from all over the world, and you and I both know that there are more than a few that are here for the purpose of terrorist tactics. Thest types of illegals have no qualms about causing mass destruction on our population and have had many years to bring in the implements of mass destruction and are willing to die for their cause. These could be chemical, biological or nuclear weapons. And don't forget that the missing "briefcase" atomic bombs that are missing from Russia might be in the hands of a terrorist organization, aka "the New World Order," is being formed by the super rich and people of power from an organization called "The Bilderbergs," a super-secret society that has been around for a very long time. President Bush, Henry Kissinger and England's Tony Blair are among the members of the Bilderbergs and, with other powerful people around the world, are forming "the one-world government."

If you look at a \$1 bill, you

will see on the middle of the left side the "illuminati" (it is a symbol with a pyramid and the all-seeing eye on top of it). The illuminati is a symbol of the Bilderbergs, although placed on the dollar bill years

**LETTERS** 

ago.

I am not crazy, but if one-world government comes about, I will hate it. And sure hope it

t come about.

RIAN MITCHELL

#### Police state, U.N., threaten U.S. Interests

We are rapidly losing our freedom on two fronts. The domestic one is the rapidly rising federal police state. The foreign one is our loss of independence to the United Nations!

United Nations! Presently, the growing Big Brother police state is using the Pentagon's Total Information Awareness Program to violate and compromise the privacy of individual citizens and the independence of our local police forces through the development of intrusive unconstitutional surveillance techniques and the cre-

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ation of a centralized grand database.

Last year, police-state, world-government advocates world-government advocates world-government advocates as Congress (1) authorized President Bush to create the Homeland Security Department, which is a direct threat to our local police forces; (2) authorized trade promotion authority for President Bush to complete the Free Trade Area of the Americas, which is a stepping stone toward world government; (3) authorized President Bush to use military force to enforce United Nations' resolutions for disarming traq, which is an important step toward transforming the United Nations into an effective world government.

Nations into an effective worsu government.
Please ask our senators and congressman to stop funding the TLA, secure our open borders if they are really serious about homeland security and, most importantly, retain our independence by getting out of the United Nations by passing H.R. 1146.

ADRIAN L. ARP Twin Falls

## Wrinkle Discovery

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Odor trouble: Rupert plans to fix the problem.

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#### Around THE VALLEY

#### **Environmental author** will speak in T.F. today

TWIN FALLS - Environmental author and speaker Derrick Jensen will speak at 7 p.m. today at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium. His appearance is sponsored by the CSI Diversity

sponsored by the CSI Diversity Committee. Jensen is the author of several well-known environmental books, Committee.

Jensen is the author of several well-known environmental books, including "Listening to the Land," "Conversations about Nature, Culture and Fros," and his latest book, "Culture of Make Believe." He lectures extensively around the United States and also writes for the New York Times Magazine, Audubon and Sun Magazine, Audubon and Sun Magazine, Audubon and Sun Magazine of the New York Times Magazine, Audubon and Sun Magazine, Jenset Sun Magazine, Audubon and Sun Magazine, Audubon and Sun Magazine, Jensen's Web Site is www.derickjensen.org.

#### **Buhl High School principal** resigns to head to Nampa

BUHL - The School Board this week accepted the resignation of high school principal Terry Adolfson.

Adolfson.
Adolfson will complete the current school term but has accepted a position in Nampa where he has family members.
The board will advertise for candidates as well as accept applications from within the district.

#### Gooding P&Z holds dairy expansion hearing

dalry expansion hearing
GOODING - The Gooding
County Planning and Zoning
Commission will hold a hearing on
a dairy operation expansion
tonight at 7 in the commissioners'
room of the county courthouse.
Luis Bettencourt of Jerome is
asking for a permit to increase the
animal units from 10,700 to 14,900
at his dairy east of Wendell.
Bettencourt wants to expand his
heifer replacement facility to
accommodate 4,200 cows.
A milking or dry cow is considered as 1.4 animal units, according to the Gooding County's confined animal feeding ordinance.
Heifers, one year and older, is one
unit.

unit.

The ordinance allows for 10 animal units for every 1-acre of eround.

ground.

Bettencourt has a land base of 614.14 acres at the dairy.

#### Sorry, no tickets left for Bar J Wranglers show

TWIN FALLS - Next week's per-formance by the Bar J Wranglers has sold out.

The Bar J Wranglers from the Bar J Chuckwagon in Jackson, Wyo, have been featured on TNN with Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Randy Travis, as well as live per-formances on the Discovery Channel and the Travel Network. In 1998, the Bar J Wranglers were named the "Pride of Wyoming."

#### **Buttons and Bows** changes dance venue

EDEN - Buttons and Bows has moved its plus-tip dance scheduled for today to Anderson Camp.

It will start at 7:30 pm. with no pre-rounds. There will be finger

Complied from staff recorts

## Snowpack levels

# Budget plan would return spending to 2000

BOISE - As the House approved a dramatic cut in this year's state spending, legislative budget writers on Tuesday drafted the first pieces of a 2004 general tax budget that would return government to early 2000 operation

government to early 2000 optiming levels.

"You could say we've taken two steps forward and 15 steps back," Senste Finance Chairman Dean Cameron, R. Rupert, told the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee. "But this is what we have to do."

**'Sprinkler** 

confusion

in Jerome By Dixie Thomas Reale Times-News correspond

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JEROME - Confusion about city "sprinkler rates" in Jerome has sparked a flood of phone calls to City Hall.

"The confusion centers on the different sewer rates charged during the winter versus summer months," Utility Supervisor Paula Thompson said.

The "sprinkler rate" is the reduced sewer charge customers receive during the summer when water used outside is not returned to the sewer plant of the sewer continued to the sewer continued to the sewer plant is sewer paid and the sewer rate is \$1.62 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption, Thompson explained.

The term "sprinkling rate" is misleading, Thompson said. That term refers only to the sewer portion of the bill. The city does not have a separate reduced rate for water.

All residential water consumption is metered, and the entire amount of water used is billed at 57 cents per 100 cubic feet year around.

The sewer is not metered, so sewer charges are based on the assumption that if the water comes out of the faucet, it goes into the drain during the winter.

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Idaho Legislature SULE

House might set up showdown with Governor - A1

Republican leaders directed eir majority on the House-Senate committee to begin vot-ing on budgets that cut 8 percent



from this year's spending level. That would include the 2-percent cut in current spending that the H ou se approved on Tuesday but that is expected to either be rejected by the Senate on Wednesday or eventually vetoed by Gov. Dirk Kempthome.

Kempthorne.
The committee will vote first \_IN THE WARMTH OF THE SUN \_\_

on general government budgets—the Legislature, elected state officials and the Department of Administration and Tax Commission. The target would asve just over \$4 million from the \$80 million originally authorized for those agencies for this year. It means eliminating jobs in both the Legislature and governor's office and slashing nearly \$2 million more from the department that collects the tax revenue lawmakers need. Cameron said Republican leaders would reassess the situation

ers would reassess the situation after that, but if there is no

movement toward raising-taxes as Kempthorne wants, they will press ahead with the rock-bottom budget and its severe cuts in prisons, health care, economic development, public safety and education.

Public schools and the colleges alone would see their operating support from the state cut back below the level of the 1999-2000 school year. Parks would be closed, prison inmates released, poor people denied health care and over 1,000 state workers dismissed, the administration Please see BUDGET. Page 83 Please see BUDGET Page B3

#### Enviros seek injunction-for wolves again

BOISE - Two environmental groups are suing to close some livestock grazing allotments in the Stanley Basin and renew an injunction that protects wolves there from "predator control" by federal agents. Western Watersheds Project and the Idaho Conservation League filed suit Tuesday not. Some control of the protect wolves in Idaho's Sawtooth National Recreation Area during the 2003 grazing season.

to protect wolves in Idaho's Sawtooth National Recreation Area during the 2003 grazing season.

They contend the U.S. Forest Service has not met a courtordered timetable for environmental reviews of eight grazing allotments, which they label problem areas' for conflicts between the reintroduced wolves and livestock.

U.S. District Judge Lym Winnill last July prohibited federal wildlife managers from automatically moving or killing wolves that tangle with cattle and sheep. The ruling expired at the end of last year's grazing season, and the groups want the injunction renewed.

"Even with the judge's ruling last year, the Forest Service has done nothing to after fivestock grazing in the SNRA to help keep heep off the wolves dimit table and wolves off the Wildlift Service's hir list," said Linn Kincannon of the Conservation League. "We will continue to press for wolf protection."

A 1972 law created the seem recreation area and gaves wolves recedence over grazing Winnill said those rules must be balanced with rules established in the 1990s, which directed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to move and eventually kill wolves that preyon stock.

The two groups contend montioning shows some wolves still live in the recreation area and although Wildlife Service agents killed the Whitehawk pack of 11 animals in 2002.

"The fact that these wolves are formed in the now the wolves in the recreation area will be a fine and though Wildlife Service agents killed the Whitehawk pack of 11 animals in 2002.

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"The fact that these wolves are known to have been present in and around the SNRA since the Whitehawk pack was killed underscores the importance of ensuring against future wolf livestock kills that would trager 'con trol' actions to kill wolves under the wolf reintroduction program," and Land Lucas, afterney for Western Watersheds

# comes out of the faucet, it goes into the drain during the winter. Water use in the summer is a different story. During the warmer weather months when people sprinkle lawns and gardens and use water for other outdoor activities where the water might not gd back into the sewer charges downward. This adjustment is automatic and applies to all residential customers. If a customer moves to Jerome in the spring or summer, after the averaging period has passed, the water office uses a chart drawn up by the City Council based on how many residents live in the house. In calculating the charges, the council used randomly selected homes to determine average charges, Thompson said. Pease see JEROME. Page B3 Buhl scraps middle school study

#### Officials decide time is right for new high school

Please see JEROME, Page B3

By Mary Lou Potts Times News corresp

BUHL - The School Board this week elected to move forward with getting a new high school built and strapped the idea of studying whether to renovate the Buhl Middle School Following negative community feedback on a proposal to spend \$11,426 on a fact funding report, the board resended the motion it had made Feb 18 to consider the study.

study.

"The people I talked with told me that if we put money into an old school, we'll still have an old school, and board member Ken McDonald.

icDonald.

The board had been set to pur-ue a bond issue to build a new igh school, but some residents iid the board hadn't given mid-

It's a great old building, but pouring several millions into it is not using money wisely. It's time to move on

Lynn Poppleweil, middle school art instructor

dle-school renovation fair consid

described resolution fall consideration.

But board members said Monday they have received telephone calls from people who say the board should not spend money on the study but should move ahead with a new high whool

After seeking additional opin-ions, the board concluded that

right to float a bond issue.

Interest rates are low, the district would get a rebate from the state education fund, the district owns the property on which a high school would be built, and the district's previous maintenance levy will be paid off in June.

Board members also noted that people were distressed at the idea of disruptions to the school and athlete schedule, as well as to education, should a renovation take place.

The board also reviewed April 2002 survey results from a Pocatello firm which indicated the community would support a bond issue.

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Scott Mail smoothes down the edge of a biliboard at East Five Points in Twio Fails Tuesday. Despite the chilly fore-cast, the sunshine made it warm enough for Mail to shed his cost. Sunny skies should return today, but clouds will be sack in the skies by Thursday, according to the National Wasther Service.

bond issue.
"Even though the economy is "Even though the economy is down in many places, our area seems to be moving abead," said board member Grant Loveless, citing the new Cenex store, a Mercy Housing project in Buhl, and increased remodeling and new-home construction in the

area.
The board does not yet know Please see BUNL Page B3

#### **Changes to Gooding County** CAFO regs garner no interest

By Mickey Walker Times-News correspo

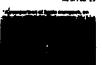
GOODING - Proposed restained to the proposed restained to the country contined animal feeding ordinance gathered little interestain public hearing this week. No one spoke in disturbing the form of the control of the proposed that the country to t

backs should be outlined for com-post storage that would protest surrounding residents, properts lines, wells and public rights of

lines, wells and public rights of Way Commercial composting will still regime a specialize permit, and no composting will be allowed in areas other than the agricultural rone. The commission thought that selecting certain areas of the count for special handling might bring unwanted litigation our way. Daubiner said regarding the proposal to require special use permits on new aid expanding CAFOs south of 2800 South Road.

ing CAFOs outh of 2800 South Road County commissioners had wanted this amendment due to the saturation in the area south of Wendell It was seen as anoth-er was for the county and CAFO operators to mitigate CAFO waste.

Members of the planning bard want to view each CAFO, new or existing, regardless of its



## National Park service will close scenic Colorado park highway to snowmobiles

DENVER (AP) – The National Park Service announced Tuesday that it will close Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park, the highest continuous paved highway in the country, to snowmofilers. A second more highly traveled road that concerts to 100 miles of Forest Service roads outside the park will remain open.

Service roads outside the park will remain open.

The park, 45 miles north of Denver, usually is the third-busiest park in the country for snowmobile use, trailing Yellowstone in Wyoming and Voyagers in Minneson.

Park Superintendent Vaughn Baker said.his staff worked close-ly with the local community,

Theo Mae Mayne of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary-burial-will-follow at Sunset Memorial Park; one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Arnold "Arnie" Bryson of Twin Falls, service at 11 am. today at the 4th Ward LDS Chapel, 824 Caswell Aze W, Twin Falls, burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery, friends and family may call one hour before the service today at the church (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Kenneth L. Cluer of Twin Falls,

Austin Lawrence Hall of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3850 N. 3500 E; vicewing from 6-8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary and from 12-48-1-45 p.m. Saturday at the church; entombment service will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

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service of remembrance at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

environmental groups and snow-mobilers on its new plan. He said eliminating snowmobile use on Trail Ridge Road "will preserve important winter habitat for righten sheep as well as potential habitat for species such as lynx and wolverine."

The road will remain open to snowmobilers this winter but park officials expect the new rule to take effect by next winter.

Of the 2,584 snowmobile visits recorded in the park last year only 6 percent were on Trail Ridge Road, and use has been declining each year. The rest used the North Supply Access Route, which links with Forest Service roads outside the park.

**SERVICES** 

service at 1 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; burial will be at the Hagerman

Lillian Marie Niska infant daughter of Jonathan and Katie Niska, service at 2 p.m. today Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome; Inter-ment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Alice LaNea Nebeker Stocking of Burley, service at 1 p.m. today at the LDS Burley 2nd Ward Chapel, 515 East 16th 51; friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 1245 p.m. today at the church, burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery.

The supply road only goes through the southwest corner of the park. Charlie Cox, president of the Colorado Snowmobile Association initially disputed the need to close the road. Later, after checking on the details, as the season of the road. There, are elk in the area. And the 6 percent who were using the road werent respecting the rules."

Snowmobiling in Rocky Mountain National Park hasn't created the controversy seen in Yellowstone, where the Park Service has said snowmobile exhaust is a threat to the health of staff.

Thursday at the Almo Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Salniss burial will be in Yost Cemetery, friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley and from 10:30-11:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Norman C. Potter of Heyburn, service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley, friends may call from 64 p.m. Thursday and from 1:145 p.m. before the funeral Friday at Payne Mortuary.

## Former GOP party chairman sues newspaper, alleges libel

BOISE (AP) - Former Republican Party Chairman Trent Clark has filed a libel law-suit against the Idaho Spokesman-Review newspaper, saying he was misquoted in a 2001 article that discussed racial issues.

issues.

The article, published on Feb. 2, 2001, resulted in Clark's apologies to the Idaho NAACP branch and others. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne at the time characterized Clark's handling of the situation as insensitive to black but said the GOP chalman had "learned a great deal" from the incident.

incident.
Clark's lawsuit seeks unspecified damages.
"At this stage, the complaint alleges there has been harm done "At this stage, the complaint alleges there has been harm done as a result of (the newspaper) publishing a faise statement," Clark said. "You don't know what kind of very serious harm was done. I have a family—they know I am incapable of saying what the Spokesman-Review reported," he said. He indicated that at least one family member sought medical treatment from the resulting embarrassment. Spokesman-Review editor Steve Smith said he could not respond to specific allegations since he had not seen the lawsuit. But, he said, "We still stand by the story. Our reporting was accu-

Former Republican Party Chairman Clark concedes there still is come question about what he actually said.

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rate and we'il decleno our accura-cy in court if we have to."
Clark said that in 2001, during a 15-minute interview with a Spokesman-Review reporter for the article in question, he was trying to explain that pollticlans should not be judged on past activities or associations.

should not be judged on past activities or associations. He was quoted in the newspaper article as saying, "You probably cannot find an African-American male on the street in Washington, D.C., that hasn't been arrested or convicted of a crime."

A day later, Clark said his words should have been: "I know of no African-American males in Washington, D.C., who don't have at least a couple of friends who have been arrested or convicted

of a felony."
Clark concedes that there still is some question about what he actually said. He told The Associated Fress on Monday that the thrust of his point to the Spokesman-Review was that friends, families and associates of people who have been arreited as a result of racial profiling may be dissuaded from going imp opities because of the negative weight of those arrest records.
Clark said that since the arrick was published, he and then-GOP spokeswoman Paula Garriott, who was listening to the telephone conversation, have been unable to reconstruct his exact

phrase. Clark acknowledged that he later apologized profusely for the words, but maintains they were

not his own.

"If you go back and read the apologies, they were carefully worded apologies to the African-American community," Clark said. "You can be not guilty of the offense and still feel bad that the offense occurred."

Clark said the worst fallout from the incident is that meaningful discussion about racial issues have been quashed.
"The net result is many people in Idaho politics don't want to talk about race unless you've got talk about race unless you've got

talk about race unless you've got a recorder going."

## Judge orders woman never to own cats again

LOGAN, Utah (AP) - A north-ern Utah judge has ordered a woman convicted of 59 counts of animal cruelty never to own cats

again.

Judkins gave \$2-year-old Sydney McDonald a two-day jail sentence, plus lines and restitution of almost \$8,000 - and he said her pet-owning days are over.

"If 1 find out 10 years down the road you have a cat, you could go back to jail," 1st

District Court Judge Clint S. Judkins warned.

McDonald was found guilty of 59 misdemeanor animal cruelty charges, in what the judge called a case of "cat hoarding." The 59 ailing animals were found in a trailer near the town of Paradise. Most of them had to be euthanized.

Some of the cats were strays that she had taken in, but others had apparently been trapped and taken from neighbors,

according to court documents.
Judkins told McDonald: "For the rest of your life, you're going to have nothing to do with any animals.
"You have some deep, deep problems; and part of the problem is that you don't recognize it," he said at the Monday sentencine.

The Salt Lake City woman was placed on two years of formal probation and 12 years of infor-mal probation with the court.

# JACKPOT, Nev. - Herbert Lee, 51, of Jackpot, Nev., died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Valley. OBITUARIES-

in Twin Falls.

Chapel, 515 East 16th St. friends may call from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the church; burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Parley Vale Montgomery of Yost, Utah, service at noon Falls.

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ducting Burian will be in the nau-Cemetery
Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home 1350 East 16th Street, Burley on Thursday, from 6.00 until 8.00 pm, and at the church on Friday, from 1.00 until

#### TWIN FALLS



officiating. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park.

#### HEYBURN



Norman C. Potter

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#### Utah governor says he'll veto any general tax increase

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Gov. Mike Leavitt said Tuesday that he would veto any general income tax increase that comes across his desk this session. Leavitt made the announcement after the Utah Senate passed a bill that proposed phasing in income tax increases over two years to generate 597 million for public schools. Leavitt said he supports many of the education reforms in the bill, including more stringent

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bill, including more stringent graduation requirements, but doesn't support a tax increase. "Now is not the time to raise income taxes on the people and businesses in our state," he said. The governor is contuning to push the Legislature to instead defer road construction and reduce the subsidy on nonagricultural water to pay for education. Lawmakers have repeatedly said they do not like these ideas.

The education reform bill is expected to be considered by the House of Representatives next

week.
When it gets there, House
Speaker Marty Stephens, R-Farr
West, said he also will oppose



Find some of the recipes on page C1.



the tax increase.

Instead, he wants to raise \$26 million for the first year of the education reforms by increasing while registration and tile fees by \$10 each. After that, the Legislature would be forced to find the funding on a year-to-year basis, he said.

"I've not been convinced we need a general tax increase," Stephens said.

That includes a proposal that was introduced in the House Taxation and Revenue Committee Tuesday. Reps. Pat Jones, D-Salt Lake City, and Steven Mascaro, R-West Jordan, want to raise more than \$90 million in new and on-going money for schools.

The plan would do away with state income tax brackets, Although the committee heard a presentation on the idea, the hearing adjourned without a vote.

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#### MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Rupert sees problem, seeks viable solution | Burley drug suspect

RUPERT - The dissolved oxy-en reading at the Rupert sewer agoon Tuesday afternoon was

gen reading at the Rupert sewer lagoon Tuesday afternoon was 4.2 percent oxygen. That's a very good reading, lab tech Brian Williams said. It means a lot of activity is taking place in the sewer aeration basins. It also means there is little odor, a problem that has plagued Rupert's sewer plant. Rupert city officials have scheduled a public meeting about sewer plant odors for 7 tonight at City Hall. The meeting is designed to help people understand where the odors come from an how the problems will be fixed. The meeting is part of Rupert's odor management plan, prepared after Idaho Department of Environmental Quality personnel noted strong and very strong odor levels downwind of the sewer facility last summer. DEQ became involved after receiving odor complaints.

complaints.

Very simply the plan says the current treatment facilities cannot handle the load.

Residential and commercial

Residential and commercial flows will continue as the population increases, the report reads, and in recent years industrial sever flows have increased in both quantity and strength. Specifically biochemical oxygen demand loads to the plant are increasing. On average, nearly 13,000 pounds of biochemical oxygen demand come to the treatment plant daily, with peaks of 16,000 to 17,000 pounds



Brian Williams takes a dissolved oxygen reading at the Rupert sewer plant aeration basins Tuesday afternoon Dissolved exygen readings correlate with increased odors. Readings are taken three times daily.

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"Original design criteria for the facility suggest that at a biochemical oxygen demant Journal of the facility suggest that at a biochemical oxygen demant Journal oxygen dema

h Increased odors. Readings are taken to Infiltration and inflow come from high groundwater levels and an aging collection system, the report says. The city is working to replace leaky pipelines and manholes.

Long-term plans include changes to the sewer treatment facility. The city is preparing an addendum to a 1999 wastewater facilities planning study to prepare for improvements.

The city also plans a public notification system which is

spelled out in the odor manage-ment plan. Based on dissolved oxygen readings, the city will notify the public if there is potential for excessive odor at the plant. The city will also con-tinue to document odor com-plaints.

Times-News writer Shari Chaney can be reached at the newspap 's Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4021, Ext. 638, or by e-mail at schaney@magicvalley.com.

# faces new theft charge

By Shelley Ridenour
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BURLEY - A Burley man who faces drug trafficking and possession chaffeges was back in failTuesday on a charge of grand theft by possession.

Kurt Blaine Higgins had been released from jail last week after he posted \$5,000 bond after his Feb. 13 arrest on the drug charges. Magistrate Judge Roy Holloway set a \$1,500 bond on the theft charge at Higgins was still in the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center.

According to the criminal complaint filed Friday in 5th District Mogistrate Court in Cussia County, Higgins, 48, had a Browning 1.2-gauge shorgun and a 22-caliber semiautomatic Stevens if-gauge shorgun and Stevens if-gauge shorgun and size-activity of the semial county of the semial county of the drug charges. The gams bansta Moneur, according to the court documents as the same address where Higgins lives.

The court affidavit states that on June 20, 2002, Moneur reported to Cassia County Sheriff's Office personnel that Higgins had taken three of her gans and wouldn't give them back when she asked for them.

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Moncur told police she "was afraid the guns may be used in

the commission of a crime, so she wanted to report them stolen," the affidavit states. Meanwhile, a Feb. 25 preliminary hearing for Higgins on the two drug charges has been delayed, it is now scheduled for March 21:

Those charges stemmed from a search of Higgins' Burley home on Feb. 13 after police officers obtained a search warrant.

The trafficking charge alleges that Higgins manufactured methamphetamine at the house where officers found methamphetamine during the Feb. 13 search warrant.

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According to the court affidavit, officers found a plastic bag
containing methamphetamine on
the back of a toiler lid in Higgins
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was arrested for spressession of controlled substance after officers found the drugs.
During the same search of
Higgins' house, officers found
ingredients and equipment commonly used to make methamphetamine, and a list of chemicals and supplies needed to manufacture methamphetamine.
All of those items led officers
to believe Higgins 'has the capablity to manufacture methamphetamine,' the affidavit states.
The search of Higgins' house
became a public event of sorts,
because police barricaded the
street and a hazardous materials
team spent several hours at the
house processing the materials
used to make the illegal drug.

#### Former Boeing executive dies on Sun Valley slopes

SUN VALLEY - Former Boeing executive Dean D. Thornton, who retired in 1994 after 31 years with the aerospace giant died Tuesday while skiing in Sun Valley near his Idaho resi-dence.

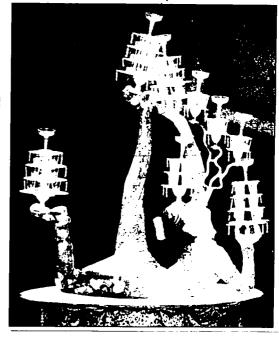
dence.
Thornton was 74. He and his wife, Mary, had a vacation home near the resort in Ketchum, Idaho. His wife, reached at their Seattle home, confirmed his

death Tuesday evening.
The death was attributed to natural causes, said Blaine County Cornoer Russ Michael. Michael said no decision had been made on an autopsy. Sun Valley Marketing Director Jack Sibbach said the incident happened on Exhibition Lift on Bald Mountain. The person riding with Thornton signaled the lift operator that something was wrong. Ski patrol arrived immediately and performed CPR on Thornton, who was unconscious.

Emergency personnel continued to perform CPR as Thornton rode by ambulance to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center. Thornton retired as president of Boeing Commercial Airplane Group. He joined the company 1963 as assistant treasurer, and later served as vice president and later served as vice president and general manager of the 767 Division while that jetliner was being developed.

Thornton grew up in Lewiston and graduated from the University of Idaho.

#### BALANCING ACT



of the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats balances trays of glasses of water at the Bakersfield Convention Center on Monday in Bakersfield.

## **Budget-cutting plan**

oriations for the 2003 fiscal year

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's recommendation for 2004, and Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee plans for 2004.					
Agency	FY 2002 spending	FY 2003 approp.	FY 2004 governor	FY 2004 JFAC	
Education:					
Colleges and universities	\$228,925,300	\$213,558,800	\$222,495,000	\$198.377.153	
Community colleges	\$19.861.000	\$18.821.600	\$19.646.400	\$17.483.594	
Public schools	\$909,645,600	\$920,000,000	\$943,000,800	\$854.598.268	
Total Education	\$1,275,205,400	\$1,263,957,400	\$1,300,636,200	\$1,174,104,135	
Health and human services	\$384,620,900	\$378,174,700	\$398,026,900	\$351,290,699	
Public safety	8185,123,000	\$188,871,000	\$191,735,800	5175,444,380	
Natural resources	\$43,297,600	539,118,500	\$39,578,900	536,337,611	
Economic development	\$23,248,000	\$20,589,900	\$20,412,300	\$19,126,188	
General government	\$88,038,800	\$77,183,900	\$75,485,700	\$71,696,986	
Statewide total _	\$1,979,53" "00	\$1,967,895,400	\$2,025,875,800	\$1,828,000,000	

#### **Budget**

warned.
At one point, Democratic Rep.
Mike Mitchell of Lewiston made
an unsuccessful pitch for diversing cash from state Liquor
Dispensary operations to economic development grants for rural
cities and counties. Mitchell said
othe program, which could spur
activity that would lift Idaho out
of its financial crisis, was terminated because of the budget
crunch.

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"It won't be the only one," Cameron shot back.

Kempthorne has repeatedly labeled as unacceptable further cuts in the state budget that has already been reduced by more than \$100 million in the past 18 months. He wants a record tax hike on retail sales and tobacco

Utility Clerk Kathie Maas fur-explained the utility state-

ment.
At the top of the city utility bill are headings. The "previous" heading refers to the date and the meter reading of the previous month. The "present" heading reflects the current

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that he says will only keep government operating for another year without further cuts.

But key members in the Republican legislative majority have resisted, forcing leaders to test the GOP's budget-cutting mettle with a spending blueprint that erases next year's estimated \$160 million deficit without rais-

ing taxes.

The governor's budget bureau chief, Brad Foltman, called it

chief, Brad Foltman, called it excessive.

"It goes so far that there are impacts you can't even think of right now," Foltman said. "It ignores madates. It ignores contracts. It ignores agreements with other states. It ignores tate law."

He called it a recipe for "public health and public safety problems, let alone what it does to

month meter reading and date. "Usage is the difference between the previous and current readings. It is billed at 57 cents per 100 cubic feet of consumption for water and by \$1.62 to get the sewer charge for the month.

education."

Cameron acknowledged that there is little likehhood many, if any, of the slashed spending bills will win legislative approval, heading off the need for a veto by Kempthome.

"We have no illusions about what will happen to some of these budgets, so there is a sense of frustration," Cumeron said. But we need to do our job as painful as it might be."

But leaders say the financial

painful as it might be."
But leaders say the financial debate requires pushing budget cuts to the point they can no longer win approval before law-makers will acknowledge, even if grudgingly, that taxes must rise. "We feel we have to go through this process in order to get where we need to go." House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said

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consumption). These rates are sepained on the reverse side of the bill. The City Council has restricted funds for repayment of debt, capital improvements and unforeseen operating expenses. Charges for trash collection are found under the heading "sanitation."

#### Utah OKs increased penalties for underage polygamist marriages

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A bill meant to protect girls from being married into polygamist relationships was overwhelming-ly approved by the Utah House Tuesday.

relationships was overwinening, by approved by the Utah House Tuesday.

The measure makes child bigamy - marrying a second wife who is under the age of 18 - a second-degree felony, punishable by one to 15 years in prison. The penalty for bigamy is zero to five years.

The marrying of teenage girls is common among some of Utah's isolated polygamist communities. Utah Attorney General Mack Shurtleff has previously said. His office drafted the legislation to the Senate.

"I think it's many, many years too late," said Rep Sheryl Allen, R.Bountiful. She said there are rumors of these underage marriages in Davis Country and remembers that when she was in junior high and high school, frends were forced into these marriages.

"Late is better than never, let's get this passed," she said.

State law says that when an adult has sex with someone age 10 or 17, they are guilty of a third degree relow it they are 10 years older than the teen in addition, a person is guilty of a third degree felony if they have sex with a 14- or 15 years older than the teen. The crime of rape of a child, a first-degree felony, occurs when anyone has sex with a child under 14. The state also has two laws in place, that were meant to address under age polygamist marriages. Parenty can be charged with a third degree felony if they allow.

Parents can be charged with a third degree felow it they allow a minor to enter into a marriage prohibited by Law Another Law makes it a third degree felowy for anyone who performs a mar-riage of a minor that is prohibi-ed by Law

Third degree telonies are pun-ishable by zero to live years in

"We need to protect these young girls," said the legisla-tion's sponsor, Rep. Susan Lawrence, R. Salt Lake City

## Potato co-op plans two meetings

BURLEY - The Southern Idaho Postato Cooperative has scheduled from meetings this week for contract postato growers who grow for Maho five pricessong companies. One meeting is sat 1.30 p.m. Funday at the Burley Inn. The second meeting is sale at 1.30 p.m. Finday at the Shilo Inn Suites in Finday at the Shilo Inn Suites in Contract negotiations for the 2001 crop will be discussed. According to a press release from the cooperative, the french fry demand for the current market vear is expected to be soft, "Which means a decrease in the amount of Idaho potatoes required for frozen page essuig." Coop officials urige growers to make a hand look at their options for displaced contract potato acroage" in light of the absence of the contract settlements in the Pacific Northwest and the fact that planting time is rapidly approaching

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Continued from B1 the amount voters will be asked to approve in May. On Monday, dis-brict officials start interviewing architects who will help deter-mine the cost of meeting the dis-

Some middle school teachers say the school is too costly to fix and that it makes more sense to move middle school students into

ionth.

Other charges on the bill are base rates? (rates charged to

the current high school once a new high school is built. "It's a great old building, but pouring several millions into it is not using money wisely. It's time to move on," said Lynn Popplewell, middle school art instructor.

istructor. The roof has leaked so often it has eaten away the boards, plaster and insulation. District officials

say the roof has been patched to the limit; a new roof is needed. Popplewell said that Monday it was so cold, with the wind blowing through the windows, that the stu-dents were wearing their coats. The room temperature was 62 degrees, she said. "It's unbearably hot in the fall and spring and unbearably cold in the winter," she said.

## **Review finds little improvement** for protected steelhead, salmon

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) – Increasing salmon and steelhead returns in the past three years appear to be due mostly to a temporary cycle of more food in the ocean and do not signal any lasting victories in saving the fish, from extinction, federal scientists say.

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None of the 27 populations of salmon and steehead evaluated appear to warrant coming off threatened or endangered species lists, and threa appear of threatened for endangered species lists, and three appear of the salmon and the sa

said NOAA Fisheries Northwest Regional Administrator Bob Lohn.

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NOAA Fisheries still must evaluate conservation efforts, such as habitat improvements, such as habitat improvements, hatchery reforms and harvest limitations, before deciding. Lohn added.

"The rebuilding is far from even," said John. "In those areas where there have been good habitat conditions and/or major reforms such as harvest reforms or other improvements, we are often seeing a quicker rebound."

The review covered all 26 runs of Pacific salmon and steelhead listed as threatened or endangered since 1991, plus one candidate for protection. It was prompted by a 2001 federal court ruling that temporarily struck date for protection. It was prompted by a 2001 federal court ruling that temporarily struck down threatened species status for Oregon coastal coho salmon. Still to come as a result of the ruling is a review of NOAA Fisheries' policies on whether hatchery fish should be protected

along with wild salmon and how hatcheries should be used to help

along with wild salmon and how hatcheries should be used to help restore depleted runs.

Based on the abundance; reproduction success, distribution across a home range and genetic diversity of each population, the review found that eight appeared endangered, or in danger of extinction, and 19 threatened, or likely to hecome endangered endangered. 21 threatened as endangered, 21 threatened and candidate for protection.

The scientists suggested changing three populations from threatened or candidate species to endangered: Central California cohe salmon, lower Columbia River/Southwest Washington coho, and California Central Valley steelhead. None warranted upgrading or being taken off the list.

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"Increasing returns over the past three years have helped alleviate immediate fears of extinction for some populations, such as Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook and Sacramento winter chinook, the report said.

## **Budget writers ax coyote** impact assessment plan

BOISE (AP) - After months of controversy, legislative budget writers on Tuesday killed a proposal to assess coyote impact on Upper Snake River big game herds.

"The project has kind of been under scrutiny every since it was talked about a year ago," Republican Sen. Don Burtenshaw of Terreton said. Members of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee discussed the issue with key law-makers and the Fish and Game Department before agreeing to pull \$300,000 earmarked for the project from the budget. Any further analysis of the effect predators are having on deer herds can be handled by the department, Burtenshaw said. "They can do it on their own without us being involved," he told his colleagues.

The decision was included in the department, 2003-2004 budget, which was easily cleared for votes by the House and Senate. The spending blueprint, finance entirely by sportsment's fees and federal funds, mirrors the recommendation of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne except for denial of cash to replace 28 vehicles with less than 100,000 miles.

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that it was a communication.

When the Willow Creek project was opened for bid last summer, Graham and Dave Morelli of Post Falls both submitted proposals. Graham got the contracteven though his bid was higher. Fish and Game officials said the cost was only one aspect considered in deciding who should have gotten the contract.

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University of Idaho president assures

# lawmakers project remains fiscally sound

BOISE (AP) – University of Idaho President Robert Hoover reassured lawmakers on Tuesday that the financial maneuvering on the initial phase of University? Place at Boise has not under-mined the economic viability of either the school or the project. Hoover took full responsibility for any violation of Board of Education rules in connection with the three loans totaling \$10 million that the cash-stranged

with the three loans totaling \$10 miltion that the cash-strapped school made to the University of Idaho Foundation to help underwrite initial work on the project. However appeared before the House-Senate budget committee and the House Education Committee. He declined to answer questions about his direct

penuent management review the the matter. Foundation Vice President Roy Eiguren said all the loans will be feet \$1.9 million just interest was turned over to the university last Friday, he said. "The foundation will honor its obligations to the university," he said.

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While the inquiry is still to come on the validity of the loan without board notification or approval, Hoover said the money came from the school's cash management fund. The fund gets a major cash infusion three times a

year when students pay their fees and then is drawn down over the following months as expenses must be paid.

Hower said the balance in that fund is constantly placed in income-earning investments and the loans to the foundation were viewed no differently than any other investment of that money.

Eiguren compared the university handling of its cash management fund to the way the state handles the hundreds of millions of dollars it gets from the annual sale of tax anticipation notes. The money is invested and then drawn on to cover state financial obligations in the early part of the budget year when tax collections are insufficient to make the bills.

#### Committee kills higher water transfer fees Legislature in brief

BOISE - Higher fees for those the protest water transfers have need killed by the Senate town the Conference of Water The Department of Water The Depa

Advocates said the increase odd help establish financial equity between protesters and the applicants in how much they pay to file

But Democratic Sent Fred Kennedy of Mountain Home sold he had been bombarded by critics claiming the higher fee would deny people of modest means the chance to protest transfer applications.

#### **IDAHO** LEGISLATIVE - LOG

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#### **Budget writers approve Ada** County state-run liquor Store

County state-run liquor Store
BOISE - Legislative budget
writers have authorized a new
state-run liquor store for western
Ada County
The committee refused to
authorize two new stores as Gov.
Kempthorne had recommended,
Members wanted profit figures
from the first before deciding
shether to invest in a second.
The western Ada County area
has grown so dramatically that
Liquor Dispensary officials said it
is more profitable to the state for
it to run the store than to contract
the work out to a private operator.
It would be the 53rd state-run
store in Idaho. The state also contracts with 100 other retail liquor
outlets.

distribution system has always run into problems in the Legislature because of moral opposition to alcohol. But Sen. Patti Anne Lodge, the Huston Republican whose brother runs the Liquio Dispensary, said the budget crunch makes it important for the state to capitalize on every financial asset it has.

#### State Affairs votes 9-9 against alcohol-sales bill

against alcohol-sales bill
BOISE - The House State
Affairs Committee on Tuesday
voted to kill a bill supported by
the Idaho Retailers Association
that would have allowed Bayearold employees to sell beer and
wine in stores. The bill failed on a
9-9 ne vote. Meanwhile, the same
committee also passed a bill that
would allow dessert wines—sherry, port and Madeira, to be sold
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## **Supreme Court sides with** Texas death row inmate

WASHINGTON - The Supreme ourt ruled Tuesday that a black death row inmate deserves a new chance to press his claim that prosecutors stacked his jury with whites and death penalty sup-

whites and death photers.
The 8-1 ruling is a rare example of the conservative leaning court agreeing that a death row in mate may have been treated

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prove black jurors we because of their race.

#### Young drinkers

Young people between ages 12 and 20 consume one-fifth of the nation's alcohol, a new study suggests.

Amount spent on elcohol Underage dinkers \$22.5 bitton



Adult drinkers who drink two or less drinks a day \$59.3 billion

SOURCE National Center on Addiction AP and Substance Ahuse

#### Study: One-fifth of U.S. alcohol consumers are underage

CHICAGO - Underage drinkers account for nearly 20 percent of the alcohol consumed in the United States each year, a

percent of the accoor consumers in the United States each year, a study says.

Attempting to correct botched statistics they released a year ago, researchers from Columbia University's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse analyzed three sets of data from 1999 and said underage drinking amounted to 19.7 percent of alcohol consumed that year, or \$22.5 billion.

The previous estimate – now discredited—was 25 percent.

"These analyses show that its not in the alcohol industry's financial interest to voluntarily exact strategies to reduce underage or adult excessive drinking."

## AIDS vaccine failure deals

AIDS vaccine failure deals blow to fight against disease. SAN FRANCISCO - The failure of an experimental AIDS vaccine into first major text has shattered hopes of developing a shield against infection in the near fixure and demonstrated just how far scientists are from bringing the disease under control. Still, the results made public Monday contained an intriguing finding. The vaccine appeared to work well in the small number of blacks who participated Scientists with participated Scientists was more small number of blacks who participated Scientists was more small number of blacks who participated Scientists was more small number of the drug's developer. Vasgen line, suid this developer, Vasgen line, suid this developer, Vasgen line, suid this the vast number who received in proposition between the 3.330 vidualitiers who received a place to All participants were at hish nish of contracting the disease through sex Officials had been willing to give the drug approval even if it worked in just one in three peycle.

## Prosecutors subpoena band

Prosecutors subpoens band to testify in nightchub case. PROVIDENCE, RI.—Members of the rock group Great White thive been subpoensed by prosecutors and said Tuesday they will appear before a grand pay investigating whether criminal charges should be field in the nightchb utderno that killed 97 people.

#### Nation in brief

The grand jury is expected to convene today, law enforcement officials said on condition of

officials said on condition or anonymity.

Investigators are trying to determine who is to blame for the fire that was apparently sparked by the band's pyrotechnics last Thursday. The bund has said it received approval to use the spe-cial effects, but the club's owners have denied giving permission.

#### Professor jalled in terrorism

Professor Jailed in terrorism probe calls himself a victim TAMPA, Fla. — A jailed university professor accused of helping run a Mideast terrorist groups says he is a victim of post-Sept. It hysteria who has been "crucified" for his support of Palestrian rights. Sami Al-Arian, 45, made the charges Monday in his first statement since his arrest last week. His 17-year-old daughter read it to reporters after his scheduled detention hearing was postponed until next month.

A federal indictment issued last week accuses Al-Arian and seven other men of operating a criminal enterprise since 1984 supporting Palestrinian Islamic Jihad. His wife, Nahla, said her husband is on a hunger strike and has lost 10 pounds. He also is not taking medicine for his diabetes, she said.

#### Four die in shooting at employment agency

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - A "very unstable" man looking for work opened fire at a temporary employment agency during an argument over a CD player Tuesday, killing four fellow jobseekers and wounding a fifth, police said.

seekers and wounding a fifth, police said.
Hours later, the gunman surrendered after a standoff at his 
apartment, where police had 
tracked him down using the 
address he had put on his job 
applications, authorities said. 
Authorities had turned off the 
building's electricity while the 
temperature was near freezing. 
Police spokesman Wendell 
Johnson the man who did the 
shooting regularly went to the 
office looking for work and was 
well known both to employees 
and other laborers.

#### Richard M. Daley wins fifth term as Chicago mayor

term as Chicago mayor
CHICAGO - Mayor Richard M.
Daley wamped three little-known, underfunded challengers
to win a fifth term Tuesday after
an unusually quiet campaign in a
city known for raucous politics.
Daley, 60, defeated two black
ministers - the Rev. Paul Jakes
and the Rev. Joseph McAfee and black businesswoman
Patricia McAllister in a 'nonpartisan election expected to set a
record low for voter turnout.

#### Georgia senator lashes out at proposed hillibility reality show

Georga senistor lesines out at proposed hilbilly reality show MASHINGTON – Å proposed hilbilly reality show has struck a nerve with Sen. Zell Miller, who hails from the North Georgia mountains and contends poor rural residents are America's last exceptable target of biggory.

Miller lashed out at CBS Georgia, which would chronicle a rural, lower-middle-class family that moves into a luxurous Beverly Hillis manison. The program is modeled after the hit 1960s sitcom.

The Georgia Democrat, a former two-term governor, called the proposal a "ministrel show" and "Cracker Comech" at the expense of hardworking Americans. He said he doubted CBS Television chief executive Lerlie Moonies would dare try such a spoof featuring a black or Latino family.

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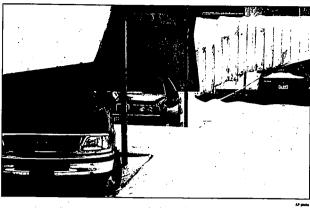
#### Tourist falls to death from hot air balloon in California

hot air balloon in California
YOUNTVILLE, Calif - A foreign tourist fell to his death
Tuesday from a hot air balloon
floating as much as 500 feet
above a winers.

The sictim whose name and
nationality were not released,
was hanging onto the basket as
the balloon was being inflated,
and when it began to rise, he did
not let go for some reason. Napa
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Denaldoon said

The victim fell and landed in
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#### FREE PARKING



ulte, Texas, collapsed Tuesday under the weight of ice, trapping and damag-. Sleet and freezing rain turned north and central Texas into a blanket of white, forcing a shutdown of a schools, businesses and government agencies.

## Pioneer 10 spacecraft sends its last signal

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Pioneer 10, the first spacecraft to venture out of the solar sys-tem, has fallen silent after trav-eling billions of miles from Earth on a mission that has last-ed nearly 31 years, NASA said Tuesday.

ed nearly 31 years, Grand-Tuesday. What was apparently the spacecraft's last signal was received Jan. 22 by the Jet

Propulsion Laboratory's Deep Space Network. At the time, Pioneer 10 was 7.6 billion miles from Earth, the signal, traveling at the speed of light, took 11 hours and 20 minutes to arrive. The signal and the two previ-cus signals were very faint. The Deep Space Network heard noth-ing from Pioneer 10 during a final attempt at contact on Feb.

7. No more attempts are planned. Pioneer 10 was launched March 2, 1972, on a 21-month mission. It became the first spacecraft to pass through the asteroid belt and the first to obtain close-up images of Jupiter. In 1983, it became the first manmade object to leave the solar system when it passed the orbit of distant Pluto.

### Unions see lowest level in 20 years

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) -Union membership dropped last year to the lowest level in almost year to the lowest level in almost two decades as manufacturing companies hemorrhaged traditional union jobs faster than organizers could build new membership in other areas.

Some 13.2 percent of America's work force belonged to unions in 2002, down from 13.4 percent in 2001, the Labor Department reported Tuesday. "Weaker union membership numbers are grim news for the entire nation," said AFL-ClO President John Sweency. He said unions increase productivity, economic stability and workers' economic stabil

unomic stability and workers' economic status.

The rate of union membership has dropped steadily since the data first was recorded in 1983, when 20.1 percent of the work force belonged to a union. In fact, the annual rate has never increased in the 19 years since.

Labor Department economists under the state of the

Previous years ....

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Union leaders in Florida this week for the AFLCIO's wither executive council meeting countered with a new labor-financed poll that found half of respondents saying they would join a union if given the chance.

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## Heart health is crucial for diabetics

DEAR ABEY: February is devoted to "matters of the heart." As president of the American Diabetes Association, I offer this message to your readers and to the 17 million Americans with diabetes: The "heart matters" when treating diabetes - much more than people realize.

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Two out of three people with diabetes will die from heart attack or stroke unless they manage their blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol. The following are the ABCs of diabetes:

(A) ALC, the test that measures average blood sugar over the past three months, should be less than seven, and checked at least twice a year.

(B) Blood pressure should be below 130% and measured at every visit with your doctor.

(C) Cholesterol (LDL or "bad") should be below 100% and checked once a year.

should be below 100 and checked once a year. It's imperative that people with diabetes work closely with their health-care provider to deter-mine what steps they can take to reach their ABC goals. Some peo-ple may have to make changes in their meal plans or exercise rou-

DEAR ABBY Abigali VanBuren

tines. In many cases, medicines are needed to keep the ABCs on track.

track.

The American Diabetes
Association and the American
College of Cardiology have
launched a major assault on diabetes and cardiovascular disease betes and cardiovascular disease through an initiative, called "Make the Link! Diabetes, Heart Disease and Stroke." Abby, please encourage your readers to learn more about this effort by calling (800) 342-2380 or visiting our Web site:

calling (800) 342-2383 or visiting our Web Site: Www.diabetes.org/makethelink.
- FRANCINE KAUFMAN,
DEAR DR. KAUFMAN,
Thank you for an important letter. Out of the 17 million the 17 million don't know they have it. That's because diabetes develops gradually, often with-

out obvious signs or symptoms.
The most common symptoms of
Type 1 diabetes are: frequent unination, unusual weight loss,
extreme fatigue and irritability.
Type 2 diabetes symptoms are
the same as Type 1, plus: frequent infections, blurred vision,
cuts/bruises that are slow to heal,
ingling/numbness in the hands
or feet, and recurring skin, gum
or bladder infections.
There is a quick and easy test
to see if you are at risk on the
Web site: www.diabetes.org/risktest.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, Alicia," and I were married

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Alicia," and I were married three months ago. We have a large circle of friends who gave us wonderful wedding gifts. Yesterday, a package arrived in the mail. It was addressed only to Alicia, but we opened it together. Inside, we found a beautifully framed photograph of

Alicia with her old boyfriend "Enrico." It had been taken selleral years ago on Maul. They were laughing with their army around each other (in we bathing suits) in front of a beaulf ful tropical sunset. I was very offended. I took the photograph out of the frame and tore it up a beaulf with the sunset of the frame and tore it up a beaulf with the sunset of the frame and tore it up a beaulf with the sunset of the frame and tore it up a beaulf with the sunset of the frame and to the frame and the sunset of the frame and the sunset of the sunset

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Look at it on the positive sides
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are his memories - and the negative.

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Find the Horscope on Page D6 today.

## A brief cloudy patch slows a fly in flight

Flies in flight slow down when the sun goes behind a cloud. Item No. 729C from our Love and War man's flies: Medodarna of old showed the amorous fellow fall to one knee and plead eloquently for the lady's hand in marriage. Might look silly now, but that theatrical bit came out of cause. Tspically, a man two centuries ago was much more eager than at woman to marry. He needed her more than she needed him Many courtshap really did go on for years.

If you ever stand eyeball to eyeball with a stade, remember, makes don't blink.

Right task of an elephant tends to be larger than the left.

Odds run 50-50 an NEL football place's marriage will come apart within one year after he hangs up his helinet.

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That state with the most bridges is leave. Writes a client: "It von don't beheve the nature of Man is to make war, visit a day care center full of two year olds."

Q. Which sort of catastrophe is least likely to be reported in the general.

papers? A Disappearance of a ship at

A man of science says the brain, though only 2 percent of



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the body's weight, consumes 20 percent of the body's energy with rapid thought. His brain maybe.

Q. If Vikings didn't wear horns on their helmets, how come they're always pictured that way?

A. Costumers of Wagner's operas dreamed up that one.

Psychologists still try to hang your morbid lears, if any, on something that might have happened to you as a child. But not everybody sared of snakes had early snake trauma. Nor do all those who pain over rate have a rat record. Not enough is known about generic memory. A duckling with no experience whatsoever will get historical when it sees the shadow of a hawk Explain that

Legs of astronauts in space shrived some In zero gravity, body fluids use to the head.

Of those creatures that live in the deepest ocean waters, mine out of 1° glow in the dark. So says a marries scientist.

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## **Sandwiches** make lunch fun, easy

like them hot; I like them cold, I them open-faced and closed up. I them piled high, Dagwood style, smashed flat for party favors. In I like sandwiches just about any possible.

fact I like sandwiches just about any way possible.

The story goes that the Fourth Earl of Sandwich was so busy gambling that he couldn't tear himself away. His cook figured out a way to feed him at the gaming table without disturbing the play. The cook used slices of bread as plates and, voila: The sandwich was born.

Thank goodness for the Earl of Sandwich's chef. Without him, life would not be as much fun. And lunch would not be nearly as easy. I like sandwiches all by themselves. If I am really hungry, I add a bowl of soup or a salad.



I like to use a wide variety of bread, rolls and buns when making sandwiches. For little guys, cut sand-wiches into four wedges, squares or strips for easy eating. Here are a few sandwiches for you

TUNA STACKS

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3 tablespoons mustard
8 slices rye bread
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118 cup mayonnaise
salt and pepper to taste
1 medium cucumber, sliced
1 medium cucumber, sliced
1 medium conato, sliced
1 ettuce leaves
4 slices rye bread, toasted
Combine tuna and mayonnaise in
owl. Season with salt and pepper to
ste.

Spread the mustard on 4 slices of toasted bread. Spread tuna mixture on one layer of the toasted bread on top 19ace a slice of toasted bread on top of it and place tomato on that layer. Add another layer of toasted bread then excumber and lettuce. Top with last layer of toasted bread. Fasten with toothpicks and cut into quarters. MYEVENAS

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1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or mar-garine 12 (1/2 inch thick) slices of French bread 12 slices chicken or turkey lun-cheon meat 12 slices ham luncheon meat

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I Stices white or wheat bread, toasted lettuce

8 slices rape tomato

12 slices (about 1/2 pound) bacon, crisply cooked

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4 slices turkey luncheon meat

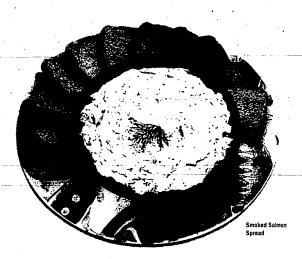
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4 slices swiss cheese
mayorinaise or butter. Arrange 4 slices toasted bread in a
row and spread with mayorinaise or
butter. Top each with lettuce, 2 slices
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turkey meat. Add a second slice of
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# Tales from the Sea



## Easy-to-fix recipes give a little twist to old favorites

efore there was Ariel or Madison - popular movie mermaids - there was "The Mermaid," one of the best-known icons in the world. Her familiar image has pointed the way to the best recipe-ready fish and shelifish. And she is currently celebrating her 50th anniversary!

to the best recipe ready fish and shelf-fish. And she is currently celebrating her 50th anniversary!

The Mermaid is proud of her skinless. The Mermaid is proud of her skinless. The shoreless pink salmon or no-drain tuna in a vacuum-packed foil pouch that can help you create light and delicious recipes in minutes. The innovative, convenient Tuna Salad Kit less you assemble one of America is favorite lunchtime treats at home, at xhool or at work. The Mermaid is fresh catch-crab, shripm, oysters and clams—has already been cleaned and processed for you to star in Juscious seafood casseroles, dips and spreads.

To celebrate her fifty years, The Mermaid is sharing some of her favorite seafood recipes. Add two new salast to your recipe collection—South-of-the-Border Shrinp Salas with avocado and jalapeno and Caribbean Salsa of the Sea with mango and pineapple. Both taste great served with tortilla chips. Serve the sophisticated Smoked Salmon Spread on crackers or French bread rounds.

The Mermaid also loves new twists on old favorites Tuna Twist Casserole with

The Mermaid also loves new twists on old favorites: Tuna Twist Casserole with twisty pasta zarella – and ista shapes and mellow moz-and Easy Salmon Cakes with zarella - and Easy Salmon Cakes with fresh-tasting chopped red pepper and

nesmusting enopped red pepper and green onion.

Ask any mermaid you happen to see and she'll tell you that deliciously easy seafood dishes, perfect for spring, are as quick as a visit to your nearest grocer.

#### EASY SALMON CAKES

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1/4 cup finely chopped red pepper
1/4 cup finely chopped green onton
1/4 cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt
Cayenne (red) pepper to taste
1 beaten egg
1 pouch (7.1 ounces) Chicken of the
Sea Skinless & Boneless Pink Salmon
1 cup dry breadcrumbs, dvided
3 tablespoons butter
1n small mixing bowl, combine

I cup dry breadcrumbs, divided 3 tablespoons butter. In small mixing bowl, combine chopped red pepper, green onion, masonnaise, lemon juice, seasoned salt and cayenne pepper. Adjust seasonings to personal preference. Sitr in egg, salmon and 4 tablespoons breadcrumbs. Form mature into 6 to 8 balls. Roll salmon balls in remaining breadcrumbs, flatten into cakes about 1/2 inch thick. Fry salmon cakes in melted butter over medium heat for 3 to 4 min-



#### SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER SHRIMP SALSA

2 cans (6 ounces each) Chicken of the Sea Shrimp, rinsed and drained 1.1/2 cups chopped fresh tomatoes 1 medium avocado, peeled, pitted and

taste
1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon chopped fresh garlic
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
Tortilla chips
In Large howl, combine all ingredients Cover, chill one hour. If desired,
dram before serving Serve with tortilla
chips Makes 5 cups.

#### CARIBBEAN SALSA OF THE SEA

CARIDDEAN SAISA OF THE SEA 1 can 11 pound 4 ounces) pineapple tidbirs, drained 2 cans (6 ounces each) Chicken of the Sea Shrimp, rinsed and drained 1 large tart green apple, peeled, cored and diced 1 cup dired, peeled mango\* 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilanto 1/3 cup wasoned rice vinesor

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14 to 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes Tortilla chips In large bowl, combine pincapple, shrimp, apple, mango and cilantro. In small bowl, whisk together vinegar, sugar and red pepper flakes. Pour vine-

gar mixture over fruit, tossing self to coat. Cover; chill one hour erve with tortilla chips. Makes 4-1-2

\*This recipe may be prepared with tresh or canned mango or mango found in the refrigerated produce section. For



## Think you're hooked on sugar? You may be right

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In her darkeft days. Hena Santaballa panistakinaly planned her binges. She surreptinously purchased her stash She lid the exidence. Even when trying to resist the temptation to use, she almost always sucumbed. Finally, three vears ago, the Culver City. Calif., woman acknowledged that she was hooked or sugar.

"It's like being an alcoholic," says the 3'year old entertainment executive, who was extremely overweight when she joined a 12'year fed entert program. There is always the danger 1'll go back to it if I don't have some sort of support program. It still stringle with wanting to use sigar as a drog. The concept of sugar addit tion has been popularized in books, and joked about - for decades. But most health texpetts have long maintained that overuse of sigar doesn't meet

the criteria of addiction, typically described as an intense desire for a substance (so that it disrupts normal little, given difficulty stopping use of the substance and a severe physiologi-cal response upon withdrawal. People who are addicted, they add, loss control over their

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# Late-winter day-dreaming about daylilies

This time of year I succumb to daylily fever. I trek to Seattle for their. Northwest Flower and Garden Show annually so I can load up on freshly dug daylily bulbs. Bringing home all those new flowers does not cause the fever to abate. I just enjoy it more while. I watch them all come up the following spring and summer.

come up the following spring and summer.

I failed to load up my suitcase with daylily treasure this year, though. The fields were so muddy the growers couldn't get out to dig up any daylilles at all. But the visit was not wasted.

I like dayliles because they grow into ever-increasing mounds of healthy, stap-like leaves. They produce strong, waxy flowers of pure, clear colors that never fade in the sun. After a few years they've multiplied so well that they are lovely even when they're not blooming.



Daylilies are pest- and disease-free. And they think our poor, alkaline soil is just a walk in the

alkaline soil is just a wauk in un-park.

But until they've grown into tidy, weed free clumps, the gar-den is not a bed of roses, to nix our metaphors. New, fairly skin-ny daylilins are not beefy enough to keep grass out of their beds. Pulling the grass is next to impos-sible because it seems to wrap itself around the base of the daylily plants. Spraying is not an option.

A person could swipe the grass

berring carefully with a sponge leaded with Round-Up, but then that person would have to make sure the wet grass didn't touch the daylily leaves. Not my idea of a good time. So I asked the lily growers: How do you keep grass out of your beds?

"You don't," they, said. While the professionals agreed it's next-to impossible, they did have one suggestion. Pre-emergent weed killer. If you're careful to remember that timing is everything.

Pre-emergent weed killers such as Preen or Casoron kill sprouting vegetation. That means that it can whee out a fortune in bulb flowers if applied at the wrong time.

The time to apply a pre-emergent weed killer is when the bulbs are up to at least 2 inches tall. At that height, they're safe from the pre-emergent, and you can sprinkle the stuff around the

Tip of the Week: Have you tapped your spruce trees today? Spruce aphids are probably at work on your spruce tree right mow. By the time you notice the damage, it'll be too late to de anything about it. By late March and her her we stoked and the head of the her we stoked not another than the propulations have dropted. Head a piece of white paper under a branch. Tap the branch with a pencil. The spots that run around on the paper are bugs. Bad bugs. Right now, spray with Orthene or other insecticide labeled for spruce aphid, Follow label directions and respray 10 days later.

What's hugging your garden?

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

From left, South-of-the-Border

Shrimp Salsa and Caribbean Salsa of

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## A new world of garden plants emerge from Africa

The plants that you'll love in the garden centers this spring may very well come from Africa. A boggling number of new ones do each very

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A boggling number of new ones
do each year.

And that's partly because the
end of apartheid in South Africa
a decade ago also ended worldwide economic sanctions.

Plant finders, botanists and
other horticulturists stepped up
heir visits to the small Cape of
Good Hope province on South
Africa's tip. The fertile soils of
the Cape, along with its mild, wet
winters and warm, dry summers,
produce "one-tenth of all plant
species in the world," says Josh
Schneider, horticultural product
manager for California's Proven
Winners breeding company.
Home gardeners in the United
States already may be seeing the
bright results.

"Breeders have really gonecrazy with Cape plants in the last

"Breeders have really gone crazy with Cape plants in the last six or seven years," Schneider

says. Each 'spring, for instance, expect new hybrids of the South

African daisy gazania, also called Treasure flower. The Red-hot poker plant-from South Africa and known as kniphofia-also is having a good run here for middle- or back-of-the-border color. Diascia, or Twinspur; is part of a number of breeding programs for getting more of the colorful little annuals to withstand hot, muggy summers.

getting more of the colorful little annuals to withstand bot, muggy summers.

Schneider says a South African weed called creeping Charlie there is becoming a popular, trailing container plant here-called sutera for the genus, or Bacopa for a common name-at the hands of Japanese, Dutch and U.S. breeders.

Cape hybrids may provide the newest looks.

"People have been breeding plants from the Cape since the early 1800s," says Peret Goldblatt, Oregon-based curator of African botany at the Missouri Botanical Garden. "I have noticed more African plants in the garden centers here." he adds. "Nemesia, diascia, sutera hybrids and kniphofia are all over the place."

## Sea

#### Continued from C1

another flavor, substitute fresh or canned peaches.

#### SMOKED SALMON SPREAD

- SMOKED SALMON SPREAD
  2 packages (8 ounces each)
  light cream cheese
  3 tablespoons lowfat milk
  1 1/2 teaspoons dill weed
  1 pouch (7.1 ounces) Chicken
  of the Sea Skinless & Boneless
  Pink Salmon\*
  1/4 cup thinly sliced green
  onion

- onion
  3 to 4 drops natural hickory
  liquid smoke
  Crackers or French, bread

Crackers of French, bread rounds
Beat ream cheese with lemon juice, milk and dill weed in mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in salmon and green onion until thoroughly combined. Season with liquid smoke to taste. Chill several hours before serving to allow flavors to blend. To serve, spread on crackers or French bread rounds. Makes 25 servings, about 3 1/2 cups.

\*Use approximately 2 sixounce cans, drained, instead of 1 pouch if desired.

## TUNA TWIST CASSEROLE 8 ounces uncooked corkscro

pasta 2 cups frozen mixed vegeta-

bles, thawed

1 large garlic clove, minced 2 tablespoons margarine or

- utter
  1 can (10.75 ounces) conensed cream of mushroom soup
  1 cup milk
  1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarel-

I pouch (7.1 ounces) Chicken of the Sea Solid White Albacore or Chunk Light Tona. Cook pasta according to package directions; drain. In large saucepan or skillet, saute vegetables and garlic in melted margarine until vegetables are crisp and tender. Stir in soup, milk, cheese and pepper. Cook over

medium heat, stirring frequently, until cheese is melted. Stir in pasta and tuna. Cook until heated. Makes 4 to 6 serving.

\*Use approximately 1 twelveounce can, drained, instead of 1 pouch if desired.

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This space is open to the kitchen, where a raised and gently curved eating bar and a lower ceiling mark the bound-

ary.

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room.

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## Sprinkle of red: A dash can rev up a room

#### A little can make a big impact

The Washington Post

It doesn't take a lot of color to make a big difference in a room, especially when the color in question is red.

From the cherry red of a child's tricycle to frothy raspberry to rich, deep claret, red adds sizzle and pop. In homes where neutrals rule, or in rental property where bold impulses need to be reined in, judicious amounts of red can provide the design equivalent of a dash of chili powder.

equivalent of a dash of chili powder.

"Even a little red brings life to a room," says Bethesda, Md., decorator Marjory Segal of the Well-Furnished Garden & Home in Bethesda. "The eye goes right to

Bethesda. "The eye goes right to so the floor in a child's show house bedroom, and on the bedroom walls in her own house. She has covered an ottoman in red leopard print and disguised plan card-board boxes under red velvet. "There's nothing prettier than red in small spaces," say Carolyn Wilson, principal of Design in a Day in Chery Chase. M. She likes red with a pale vellow ceiling and high gloss white tirm in a tuny entry hall or foyer. Her favorite shades include Ruby Red (No. ACLISN), both Tomatillo (No. ACLISN), both

#### Design tips

Other splashes of red you could add in a heartbeat;

- Give old kitchen chairs a lift with a true, energetic red, like Benjami Moore Vermilion (No. 2002-10).
- Add fresh red binding to a worr
- Toss a single red leather pillow a white sofa in an all-white room

- A pair of lacquered red tables

from Duron's Millennium Collection; and Benjamin Moore's Confederate Red (No. 2080-20). One caveat: Walls can take more coats of red than you might think. Use a red-inited primer underneath and you might get away with two coats instead of three or more. Washington designer Victor Shargai thinks red is ideal for dining room. It's associated with passion, but it's also really warm and comforting to live with, he says. "There's nothing wrong with conforting."

Designer Pamela Gashin Ryder

instead of the usual coffee table in front of the sofa.

- Dress a chandelier with bright red
- Cover the back of a bookcase in red flannel.
- \* Put a shiny red glaze on the out-side of a clawfoot tub.

A big glass or crystal bowl of the reddest apples you can find, or a plate with two perfect red apples on the coffee table.

in Washington prefers her reds in neutral territory, like a basement home office with white floor-to-celling bookcases and sixal carpeting. "Carpet the stars leading down to the from with a snappy cottage y red rag rug." sle says.

Interior designer Bud Yeck of the Mill Company in Falls Church, Va., recommends "a shot of red where you least expect if" – say, on a lampshade expect if" – say, on a lampshade expect if — say, in a lampshade one of the best things about red in small doses, he says, is that it keeps an otherwise formal from from feeling too stuffy.

Washington designer Stan Kelly suggests Chinese red porcelain for texture; tiny red mosaic tiles for shore walls in a black bathroom, and red silk throw milions with celery, peach and off-white fringe to give comply to a pale green room But be aware that a long, long was, he says. "We have red Oriented rugs, but time is emough red for one room."

In a project she's working on right now, Bethessla, Md., mren or designer Camille Saum has proposed red for virtually event youn of the house a paprika pilerug for the den, garnet chemilie on the dama room chars, a persimmon floral for the kitchenfamily room windows.

on the dining room chairs, a per-simmon floral for the kitchen/family room windows, and a red flange border with crystal beads for the greenish-gold alk music room drapenes. "We pulled the whole house together with red," she says. "When we get to the bedrooms, red will follow like the cabone on the Little Engine That Could."

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SENSIBLE HOME Jim Dulley

ment near the furnace. These can be connected to your existing furnace duct system, but it is best to install its own ducting.

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#### Some tips when buying tulips imize water uptake, then arrange them in a vase of cool

Knight Ridder Newspapers

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Some other tips:

Water enough to keep soil most, but not soggs.

For cut flowers, but utilips when buds are still closed but showing a little color.

Recut the stems on an angle.

Recur the stems on an angle with a clean, sharp knife to may

arrange them in a vasc of the water.

• Tulips are hig drinkers, so add water daily and change it every tew days. No flower food is necessary.

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# Girl Scout cookies are not the same

Bakers tweak recipes

Knight Ridder News Service

One Girl Scout's Dosi-do might be another girl's Peanut Butter Sandwich. If you're used to eating Samoas and this year you ordered Caramel Delites, don't fret. The cookies are the same -well, almost.

Girl Scouts across the country will be delivering and selling a variety of cookies in the next few weeks. But not all cookies have the same names even if they look alike, according to the Girl Scouts of the USA.

What kind of cookie you get depends on where you live and, more specifically, on which baker the troop you order from uses, said Sharon Hewitt, marketing director of the Girl Scout Council of the Pee Dee, S.C. The Girl Scouts use two baking companies, Little Brownie Bakers in Louisville, Ky., and ABC Bakers in Richmond, Va. The different names for cookies come from the different to and the start of the same part of the first own of the same part of the sa

slightly different, too, according to Hewitt.

"The chocolate in the Caramel Delite is milk," she said. "The Samoa is dark." Both Samoas and Caramel Delites include chocolate bases with coconut, caramel and crunchly cookie centers topped with chocolate stripes. Hewitt said she prefers the Samoas. Maybe it's the elves. Little Brownie Bakers is a studied with the Cookies, and the Cookies, from this groop and Dossidos (peanut butter-filled sandwich cookies). Tagalonge (chocolate-covered peanut butter



Brooke Duckworth, 4, front, helps her big sister, Courtney, 9, pull a sled loaded with Girl Scout cookles in Woodbridge,

cookies in the shape of the Girl Scout symbol). Aloha Chips (cookies with white chocolate chunks and Macadamia nuts), All Abouts (shortbread dipped in chocolate and imprinted with Girl Scout ideals like "friend-ship"), and Ole Oles (reduced fat cookies with vanilla, coconut and pecans covered in powered sugar).

Don't forget the Girls Scouts' top-selling cookie year after year, Thin Mint.

The chocolate wafer dipped in minty chacolate is the one commonality between the bakers. The Girl Scouts require both bakers to make the cookie and call it Thin Mint. Other requirements are the shortbread known as Trefoil by Little Brownie

Bakers and Classic Shortbread by ABC Bakers, and the peanut butter-filled sandwich that gos by Do-si-do or Peanut Butter Sandwich. The bakers aren't required to tall these cookies certain names. Other cookies are optional, but both companies produce similar coconut, caramel and chocolate cookies and chocolate-covered peanut

CREATE A DESSERT

Knight Ridder News Service

The following recipes come from the Girl Scouts' Create a Dessert Contest held recently in Myrtle Beach, S.C.:

MURRAY BROS.
CADDYSHACK PEANUT
BUTTER BANANA BONANZA
6 ounces Tagalong cookies,
finely chopped
18 cup butter, melted
1 quart each of chocolate and
vanilla ice cream
3 ounces chocolate syrup
6 ounces Chocolate syrup
6 ounces samoa cookies,
coarsely chopped
2 bananas, thinly sliced
2 ounces crumbled Ole Ole
cookies

Cookies
Chop Tagalong cookies in food processor until they make a fine powder.

processor with melted butter until it makes a thick paste. Then spread the inside of a 9-inch pie evenly with cookie mixture, approximately 1/4-inch thick. Freeze or refigerare 30 minutes. Soften half of vanilla ice cream and spread evenly across bottom of pie crust. Top ice cream with 1 ounce chocolate syrup, 2 ounces chopped Samoa cookies and half of a sliced banana. Put in freezer for one hour.

Repeat above steps twice, ternating vanilla and chocolate

butter cookies.
"We choose a baker not just for how they produce a product but for the program," said Casey Fletcher, program specialist for the Girl Scouts of the Carolina

ice cream.
The last layer should be choco

the last myel should be check-late with no toppings.

Cut into eight pieces. Garnish with whipped cream, Maraschino cherry and chopped Ole Ole Ole cookies.

cookies.

From Joe Nolen and Matt
Shapiro of Murray Bros.
Caddyshack, first place in Girl
Scouts' Create a Dessert Contest,
restaurant division.

JOHNNY ROCKETS PEANUT -BUTTER DREAMS

8 ounces crushed Butterfinger

pieces
1 gallon vanilla ice cream, softened

ned 1 jar of Skippy peanut butter 4 ounces Hershey chocolate

4 ounces Hershey chocolate syrup
3 boxes of Tagalongs
Layer bottom of large baking pan with Butterfinger pieces to act as a crust. Evenly spread half vanilla ice cream on top. Spread Skippy peanut butter over the ice cream. Next, layer Tagalong-cookies, reserving some for garnish, over the peanut butter:. Cover with a thick layer of vanilla ice cream.

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Drizzle with Hershey syrup and top with Tagalongs.

From Adam Thornton of Johnny Rockets, second place at Girl Scouts' Create a Dessert Contest.

Low Country. "The program for girls teaches goal setting. It isn't just another fund-raiser. It teach-es girls some really valuable life skills, money management and planning."

# You're never too old for mudpie cookies

Think back to your childhood. What may come to mind is the delight of splashing through mud pudles, soaked to the skin, or kneeling in a sodden garden shaping soft mud pies.

We suggest giving mud a place in your life. Bake a barch of Chocolate Mudpie Cookies. Or form a Northwest Mud Pie with its double dose of chocolate and slightly gooey center, studded with pebbles of chopped, toasted barelnuts and dried cherries. Make your own mud and stay in touch with the child within.

NORTHWEST MUD PIE WITH HAZELNUTS 12 to 16 servings Nonstick cooking spray 13 cup plus 1/2 cup chopped hazelnuts, divided

hardmus, divided Filling Temperature of tablespoins encoup powder 14 teaspoin white Temperature 12 teaspoin white Temperature 1 cup plus 2 tablespoins granulated sugar 3 large eggs 2 teaspoins Frangelico charelmut liqueur or 1 teaspoin vanila extract 34 cup dried cherries, coarse ly chopped (see note) long.

powder 2 caps sifted powdered sugar 6 tablespoons sweetened con-densed milk 1 tablespoon light corn syrup 2 teaspoons. Frangelico liqueur or 1 teaspoon vanilla

plate with cooking spray and set

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2. Put the hazelnuts in a skiller and place over medium heat. Toast 4 minutes, shaking the pan occasionally. Set aside to cool slightly, then chop finely. Measure 1/3 cup for the filling minutes, but and the state of the state of the state. The state of the state

the center should still be slightly most Set on a rack.

5. To prepare the using Melt the butter over low heat in a heavy. 2 quart. saucepain Remove from the heat and blend in the costa, condenced milk and corn syrup. Mix as much as possible. Then place back over low heat and stir constantly until the icing hecomes shim and the nonagh to spread Remove to me the heat and sur in the Frangelro, and 25 cup harelmats. Spread over the warm too Sprinkle the remaining 25 cup harelmats around the edge. Serve slightly warm or at room temperature. The pie can be served with vanilla ne cream or slightly sweetened whipped cream.

Data per 1 of 16 servings: Calories 404; Protein 4.52g; Fat 22.63g; Carbohydrates 48.57g; Sodium 62.99mg; Saturated fat 11.67gMonounsaturated fat 8.0g; Polyunsaturated fat 11.7g; Cholesterol 87.76mg Adapted from "Great Pies & Tarts" by Carole Walter.

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CHOCOLATE MUDPIE
COOKIES

Makes about I dozen
1 cup pecans or walnuts
1/4 cup all purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 pound semisweet chocolate
1/8 teaspoon salt
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1 pound semisweet chocolate
1/8 teaspoon salted butter,
cut into small pieces
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 targe eggs
1 teaspoon vanila extract
Parchment paper
1 Put the nuts in a skillet and
set over medium heat. Toast
until fragrant, about 5 minutes,
stirring often Transfer to a cutting surface When cool enough
to handle, chop the nuts coarsely
and set aside
2 Combine the flour, baking
powder and salt, whisking to
blend Set aside
3 In the top of a double boiler
set over summering water, comsume half of the chopped chocolate or chips with the butter. Stir

gently until melted. Remove from the heat and set aside to

from the heat and set aside to cool slightly.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, combine the sugar and eggs; beat at high speed until thick and pale yellow, about 5 minues. Lower speed to medium. Add the chocolate mixture and vanilla, blending well. On low speed, add the flour mixture and beat just until incroporated. Stir in the nuts and remaining chopped chocolate. Cover the bowl tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate until firm enough to handle, about 60 minutes.

enough to handle, about 60 minutes.

5. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Using a large tablespoon, drop portions of the dough about 3 inches apart on the sheets. Press down with your fingers to form rounds about 1/2 inch thick.

6. Transfer one baking sheet at time to the center oven rack and bake 10 to 12 minutes, or until the cookies are set but still a little soft in the center. Cool 15 minutes. Using a wide spatula, transfer the cookies to a wire rack and cool rompletely. From "Afternoon Delights: Coffeehouse Favorites" by James McNair and Andrew Moore

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## It's not your grandmother's chicken soup

#### Different cultures add to the recipe

By Barbara Hansen Los Angeles Times

They say chicken soup is good for the soul and zings bodily ills like a shot of penicillin. But what kind of chicken soup are they talking about? Is it chicken with noodles, rice or matzo balls? Or could it be pho ga, tom yam kai or sopa de gallian india?

In Los Angeles, it could be any, of the above. Chicken soup in this city is as diverse as its inhabitants, who come from all over the world. Thats, Vietnamese, Chinese, Mexicans, Filipinos,
Salvadoras, Lindonesians and many others have stirred their own flavors into the pot.

The models twined in the broth models.

have stirred their own flavors into the pot.

The noodles twined in the broth might be fine rice noodles. The rice could be rosy Mexican rice. Instead of carrots, celery and potatoes, the vegetables could be straw mushrooms chayote or green papaya. Fish sauce and hot chiles may replace salt and pepper. Lime juice, coconut milk and numeric transform the broth. Cilantro, mint and basil add new herbal flavors.

In fact, these soups taste so In fact, these soups taste so different from one another, it's hard to tell that they have anything in common. But each is a variation on the same theme: chicken broth, vegetables, meat and spices. And each is the quintessential example of home cooking, wherever home may be. To get an idea of the range, we made a chicken soup tour of Los Angeles, starting with the simple classic with noodles and moving on to more exotic variations.

moving on to more exotic variations.

Our first bowl is an elite version of chicken vegetable soup from the Grill on the Alley in Beverly Hills. The full, mellow groma of the Grill's broth is amazing - just inhaling it makes you feel soothed and nourished. The chicken is juicy. The vegetables, nudged upscale by shallots and leeks, are painstakingly unto fine shreds. Bits of macaroni add substance. It's real comfort food, and the power people who lunch at the Grill jam in on Mondays to get it. The only other day it's served is Sunday. The soup comes with a big, crusty heel of sourdough bread and a slab of sweet butter, which is enough for lunch. The appointments are first-rate. You feel naughty scattering crumbs

appointments are first-rate. You feel maughty scattering crumbs on the starchy white tablecloth and wonder if the waiter is miffed because you haven't ordered anything else. Nevertheless, this anstocratic bowl of soup is just 55.75. Our dinner stop is Nate 'n' Al's a few blocks away. This restaurant and del also draws a power crowd. The man at the next table is on his cell phone chattang in film jargon. The good-looking blond guy across the coom shows off his beceps with a black T-shirt and wears sunglasses, although it's dark outside.

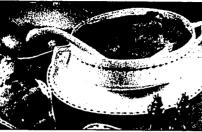
black T-hirt and sears sunglasses, although it's dark outside.

Like scads of Hollywood famous and other key players, the cell-phone talker is spooning up Nate 'n' Al's celebrated chicken soup with matro balls. There is no meat in the soup, just broth, dominated by two huge matro balls so fluffy and light it's a wonder they don't float out of the boat You can't find more soothing food than this.

this.

And you can't help but feel good in a place where the wait-resses check on you as if they were Mom They look comforting in their old fashioned uniing in their old fashioned uni-forms, white socks and sneakers. I tell my waitress I have a cold and ask if the soup will help. "I hope so," she replies. "Jewish pomicillin - isn't that what they say? I hope you feel better

Nate 'n' Al's provides tye bread, sauerkraut, kosher dilis and "half done" (partielly cured dilis with the soup It's quate a meal for \$5.25. On Day 2, we head to Glendale, a city in L.A.'s submb, for lunch at La Cabauta. This Mexican restaurant has cripated a six with its caldo depolio, a beautiful bowl of chicken and vegetables topped off



zucchini and continue to cook until the vegetables are very tender, about 10 minutes. Drain the vegeta-bles and set aside. Remove the chicken pieces from the broth and shred into bite-sized pieces, discarding the skin and ones. It he broth into a clean stream. Boil over high heat until

Strain the oron into a clean saucepan. Boil over high heat until reduced to 10 cup high heat until reduced to 10 cup, shour 20 miles. Add the chicken, vegetables. Cook over medium heat just until heated through about 6 to 8 minutes. Add the avocado. Serve in bowls with the lime wedges and chopped onions along-side.

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Makes 8 servings. Each serving: 355 calories; 328 milligrams sodi-uni; 71 milligrams cholesterol; 11 grams fat; 3 grams acturated fat; 26 grams carbohydrate; 31 grams proteim; 2.76 grams fiber.

Active work time: 20 minutes; total preparation time: 2 hours.

THE GRILL CHICKEN VEGETABLE SOUP 1/2 pound chicken thighs (2

VEGETABLE SOUP
112 pound chicken thighs (2 thighs)
Salt, pepper
1 teaspoon butter, melted
2 cups raw elbow macaroni
2 buble-poons minced shallors
2 duarts water
2 busy leaves
1/4 cup chicken bouillon powder
1 cup sliced onion (2-inch-long thin strips)
1 cup sliced celery (2-inch-long thin strips)
1 cup sliced carrots (2-inch-long thin strips)
1 cup sliced carrots (2-inch-long thin strips)
1 cup sliced the slice (2-inch-long thin strips)
1 cup sliced speen beans (2-inch-long thin strips)
1 cup sliced rucchin (2-inch-long thin strips)
1 cup sliced rucchin (2-inch-long thin strips)
1/4 cup diced tomatics
Salt
Hot pepper sauce

14 cup diced tomatoes Salt Hot pepper states Parsley spins for garmah Hear the oven to 325 degrees Place the chicken in a 9-inch square baking pan and season the chicken to asse with salt and pepper. Brush with the melted butter Bake until consel through, 45 minutes Refrigerate the chicken 50 minutes, the meacaron in bolling water until all dente, 6 to 8 minutes Med the meacaron in bolling water until all dente, 6 to 8 minutes. Dean and set asset in the butter in a season of the season o

Beigian chicken soup contains chicken, colory, carrots, leeks, onion, parsies and two eggs yokes.

#### **CHICKEN SOUP RECIPES**

Los Angeles Times

The following recipe for Tom Yam Kai is from Sunshine Thai Cuisine in Los Angeles' North Hollywood district. Kaffir lime leaves and chile paste with soya bean oil can be found at Asian markets. Fish sauce and canned straw mushrooms are found in the Asian aisle of well-stocked supermarkets.

TOM YAM KAI

1 boneless skinless chicken breast, cut into 1/2-inch slices on the diagonal 3 cups water
1 tablespoon kaffir lime leaves, thinly sliced (2 leaves)
1 thin stalk lemon grass, cut into 2 inch pieces

a that stark remoin grass, cut into inch pieces 2 tablespoons fish sauce 3 tablespoons lime juice 1 tablespoon minced cilantro 1/2 cup whole peeled straw justpropms

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CALDO de POLLO 1 1/2 gallons water 1 (3 1/2- to 4-pound) chicken, cur

o 8 pieces onion, unpeeled and cut in half tablespoon chopped garlic carrots, peeled and cut into 1-

2 carrots, jesses a linch dices
1 baking potato, peeled and cut into 2 inch pieces
1 chayote, peeled, cored and cut into 2 inch pieces
1/4 pound green beans, cut into linch pieces

usin pieces
1 ear corn, cut into 1 inch chunks
1 rucchuni, cut into 1 inch chunks
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
3 cups cooked rice
1 teasmont salt

nuh. Chopped onions, for partish. Combine the water, chickennoin and garlic in a stockennoin and garlic in a stockenterm of the stockenbeat Reduce the heat to low and
summer for 1.12 hours, skimming
the top occasionally.

Being a large susception of water
to a boil over medium high each
Add the carrois, potato, change,
creen beam and com. When the

to a boil over medium high heat Add the carrots, potato, chayote, green beans and corn. When the water returns to a boil, reduce the heat to medium low and summer until the vegetables are almost done, about 15 minutes. Add the

the feeks and string occa-another 3 minutes, stirring occa-sionally.

Add the chicken and return to a boil. Gonk 3 minutes at medium bod then add the tomatics. Season with salt and hot sauce to faste Remove the law eastern sixed mo-dies on the bottom of each of 8-way books and ladde. I only design over the top of each. Garnish with purpless species 8-servings.

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chayote, the bowl contains a spoonful of the same red rice that accompanies most main

spoonful of the same red rice that accompanies most main dishes.

A basket of hot, handmade corn tortillas accompanies the caldo, and a little container of lime wedges and chopped onion is tucked against the bowl. To eat it Mexican style, squeeze lime juice into the soup and add onions and salsa to taste. There are two salsas, a dark one of tomatoes and chile de arbol and a bright green blend of serrano chiles and tomatillos.

Owner Francisco Jimenez says the recipe is from his mother, Maria Vazquez. They're from Mexico City. During the week at lunchtime, the caldo is \$5.95 and comes with a plate of rice and leak beans and a soft drink. At night and on weekends, it's \$7.95 without the extras.

On the way back to Los Angeles, it's easy to swing into what street signs designate whistoric Elipinotown. This area approaching downtown still includes a few Filipinor restaurants.

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tinolang manok in Tagana),
which is ginger-flavored brothwith chicken chunks, spinachand chayote. The original is
made with green papaya and
chile pepper leaves, but even
some cookbooks published in
Manila authorize the substitutions. What stands our about
Nanay Gloria's soup is its richness. Stored overnight in the
refrigerator, the broth partially
gels. A big serving is S4.

Dinner on Day 2 takes us to E1
Zunzal, a small Salvadoran chain
restaurant in Koreatown. It's a
cheerful place with yellow-print
tablectoths, golden walls and
artificial yellow tulips on the
tables.
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One of the dishes in the illuminated menu behind the counter is sopa de gallina india-salvadoran chicken soup, "Gallina" means hen, and "india" indicates freshly killed poultry-chicken "from the rancho," the woman behind the counter explain.

This is tristic food big chunks of zucchini, potato and omon as well as green beans, celery streps, bell pepper, tomato and sew limit pound and you uncover chicken girards and perhaps a piece of bone, but no mear. That's on a separate plate.

After being boiled to make the broth, the chicken is browned on a grill and set on a pile of race being to the being and a separate plate.

After being boiled to make the broth, the chicken is browned on a grill and set on a pile of race beside a salado of shredded cabbage, sliced radish, tomato, cucumber and a lime wedge.

This \$6.99 meal also includes thick, hot, freshly made tortillas You can hear the slap slap slap shap as they are patted into shape in the kitchen.

On Day 3, lunch is at one of the most authentic that restaurants in the city, Sunshine Hain in North Hollwood Here, the chile pastes that season soups, curries and other dishes at made from wristin.

Tom yam kai is the chicken the sourness from shall dired Thai chiles, the sourness from lime gaze.

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The key seasonings are lemon grass, galangal, kaffiri lime leaves and fish sauce Cilantro, straw mostro-sm and chicken sish about in the breth, which is colored crance with nam prik pag, a shife strimp paste made at the restaurant.

The soap arrives in a chimnes pot, just as it would in Thailand Elames bearest faire up the chimnes as the forelonders agnited Riv \$5.50 for a large verying, \$5.90 for a small one.

## **Grape expectations:** Lessons in wine etiquette

Chleago Tribune

For centuries, nothing was easier to comprehend and follow than the eliquette of wine. At home, the wine area from the nearest producer, a distant if you were the wine and follow than the eliquette of wine. At home, the wine and the hoped the supply would last until the next harvest. In public dining places, you needed only to respond to the classic question, "Red or white?"

Just when this changed, when this simple wine protocol became encrusted with do's and don't's, is unclear. It is certain, however, that from the end of Prohibition through the end of the 20th century, many Americans trembled at the challenge of choosing, serving and consuming wine in public.

Happilly, there is a new spirit abroad in the land. A vast quantity of good wine, much of it from young vineyards in new growing areas, is available in markets and restaurants at a wide spectrum of prices. Sellers and consumers are free to make their own judgments, while hosts and hostesses are invited to serve wine whenever and with whatever pleases them.

Still, as the piano player Sam (Dooley Wilson) in "Casablanca" reminded his audience long ago, "the fundamental things apply," or at least some of them do. So here are some thoughts about dealing with situations where the fundamental thing is wine, either in restaurants.

#### In restaurants:

In restaurants:

• There has been considerable discussion recently about BV.O.B. (bring spur own bottle). Some restaurants offer this to attract more customers on a night of the week that usually is slow. Others simply do not want to sell any alcoholic beverages, including wine. Whatever the cause, this policy is a privilege, not advised to call ahead, ask if there is a bring-your-awn policy and whether there will be a corkage fee. Expect to pay corkage, or leave a large up, if a restaurant that sells wine allows you to bring a special bottle for a special occasion. In some cases, the corkage sked is so large as to discourage the practice. Take the hint P.S. If the wine you bring is walable on the restaurant's wine list, put yours away and order theur.

• A bottle of wine will yield six sounce on the sum of the su

culate whether a wine is a better deal by-the-glass or by-the-bottle, realize the glass pour is likely to be 6 ounces or more. Therefore you break even if a \$30-a-bottle wine is sold for \$7.50 a glass. (In 100 many cases, pricing by-the-glass wines is not a subject for a column on etiquette.)

\* In ordering wine, you are not out of order if you specify a maximum price you are willing to part of the young of the wine-bottle wine is a subject for a sak the price of any off-the-wine-list recommendations. Nor is it gauche to ask that a thoroughly chilled white be removed from an ice bucket or a warm red be chilled. Serving reds in the mid-60s temperature range and whites on the chilled. Serving reds in the mid-60s temperature range and whites on the will be the subject of the will be pleasing the will be the subject of the best own to the host before opening. Once open, a small portion should be poured for the host's approval. Silf and silf, and it is a subject of the pour of the the subject of the host in the provided in the pleasing or, at least, indiffensive. A nod of approval will do unless you intend to impress your companion(s) by imperiously rejecting it. The server should pour and refill as necessary-and remember to top off the taster's portion. However, if glasses are empty and there's no water available, don't spoil the rhythol of the meal. The server should pour and refill as necessary-and remember to rooke of the taster's yourdeff.

Complex seasonings and sances, novel combinations of ingredients and personal taster as well as a broader selection of wines all contribute to a situation where the host need not compromise on refore. If the water is not able to follow this line of inquiry, ask to speak to the person in charge of wine or send a message to the chef.

The practice of delivering a

\*The practice of delivering a separate up to the wing steward has declined in this casual era. It's perfectly proper to leave a single trip in the expectation that the management has a system for distributing this income On the other hand, should a wine steward make a special effort to fulfill your needs, you may wish to reward him or her directly It may not guarantee promptness-the original meaning of "tip" was "to insure promptness"-but it should guarantee recognition on your next visit.

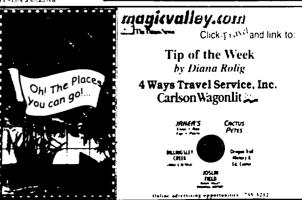


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## Bad home habits can lead to disaster

#### Professionals offer their safety tips

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They're the household equivalent of slouching and chewing with your mouth open.

They're bad home habits, dimb things we do without a second thought. Unlike elbows on the table, though, these bad habits have the potential of the process of the table, though, these bad habits have the potential of the process of the proces

#### Check appliances

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We're so used to automatic dishwashers, clothes washers and clothes dryers doing the work for us that it's all too easy to turn on these appliances and forget about them - even as we're walking out the door.

We almost always' get away with letting the appliances finish their cycles after we've left the house, but the sense of security that creates is dangerous. On the rare occasion that something goes wrong, the results can be disastrous.

Hoses can burst. Appliances

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Hoses can burst. Appliances can overflow. Dryer lint can neath fire. Before you're even aware of a problem, water could be seeping out from under your front door or flames shooting from your windows.

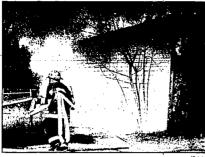
Appliance repairman Rudo Germeister won't even go to bed with the distwasher running. 'In may be hours before you realize there's a leak,' Said Germeister, have been to be a superficient of the control of the con

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other extended time. Gettinestst, also recommended cleaning the hot filter after every driver load and discounting and vacuuming out the driver vent often a year. If you notice an often, it is the machine is driving clower than usual, stop using the artiser and call in a service per son. You probably need to have

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In the home, never put anything that can burn within 3 feet of something that could cause it to burn.

the accumulated lint cleaned out of the appliance's insides.

#### Stove storage

Stove storage
L. Al Bragg sees it all the time:
clean pans left on burners, pot
holders hanging above stove
tops, cooking implements and
even nagkins stored in ovens, it's
enough to make him cringe.
"People use their stove sort of
as a storage area," said Bragg,
the Akron (Ohio) Fire
Department's public education
supervisor.

the Akron (Ohio) Fire Department's public education supervisor. The problem, he said, is that heating elements can come on an electrical problem or because of an electrical problem or because of an electrical problem or because a control was sturned on by a child or an unknowing visitor. That can cause the items on the stove or in the oven to melt or injuite. If soft helicky, you might come away with just a ruined pan. If you're not, you might come away without a house. The common rule, Bangs said, is never put anything that can burn within 3 feet of something that could couse it to burn. Don't hang your post holders near the range, where one could fall of the hook and onto the stove top Move your plastic spice fast so would have now topple out a heading that could couse it to huma bord have one topple out a feeting the hook and onto the stove to avoid having one topple out a feeting that of the beat, move it some where offin i than another burn until a cycle in than another burn in the wrong know. Never leave the kitchen when with his position of the properties of the content of the winner had over the something cocking on

migin account wrong knob.

Never leave the kitchen when you have something cooking on the stove. It's just too easy to get distracted and torget.

Neglecting gutters
Nobody likes channing the gutters It's soggy, slimy, nosty work.
But you have n't seen soggy, slimy, and navy fill you've seen what can happen to your basement walls it you've youn gutters clogged with leaves, and debus.

debux. By von know the majority of damp, base men, walls, are because people don't clean out their gotters, asked Norma Stat's, a Stati Hard insortance ago it in Coventy. Powership, Ohio, Warer spile over the edge of the gotter state of the production and the foundation and often makes series was into the

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basement, where it can promote mold growth.

That's not the only problem. Standing water freezes in gutters, causing ice dams that can back up under roof shingles. When that ice melts, the water can seep into your house and damage walls and ceilings.

The best course is to clean gutters and downspouts whenever debris accumulates. Autumn, when leaves are falling, is the most critical time, but you may need to do it in spring and summer, too.

If you don't want to do the job yourself, hire someone, Starts said. It's cheaper than fixing a wet basement.

wet basement

#### **Electrical shortcuts**

Your brand new DVD player is all hooked up and ready to go, but the nearest electrical outlet is already claimed by the televi-sion ser and the VCR. So you dig out an extension cord, run it from the DVD no no outlet several feet away and settle in for a night of movie watching. Bad ridea. Extension conductions.

Bad idea. Extension cords aren't meant for permanent use, but Canton, not Ohno, home inspector Extension of the Malertness and he sees them used of that way all the time. Often such that way all the time of the cord can overheat. Or the theory of the cord can overheat or the dama and hidden under rugs, where

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the wire covering eventually gets rubbed raw and the wires short

rubbed raw and the wires short out. The unust use an extension cord, read the label to make sure it's the proper gauge for the job, Malernee advised. (The lower the gauge, the heavier the wire. Most permanent house wiring is 12 gauge). Keep the cord off the ground and away from potential wear, perhaps by attaching it to the baseboard with adhesive clins.

wear, perhaps by attaching it to the baseboard with adhesive clips.

If the need for the cord is long-term, though, Malermee strongly suggested adding an outlet. The wiring can be done on the outside of the wall and hidden by a plastic channel mounted fairly inconspicuously along the top of a baseboard, so the job doesn't have to involve opening walls or spending big bucks.

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#### Warming up the car

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It's common knowledge that
you shouldn't let a car idle in a
closed garage. But Bragg said you
should never warm up a car in an
attached garage under any circumstances, even with the
garage door open.
When a car is started and its
catalytic converter hasn't yet
warmed up, it emits carbon
monoxide at a concentration of
about 10,000 to 30,000 parts per
million, said David G. Penney, a
professor of physiology at Wayne
State University in Detroit and
operator of the Web site Carbon
Monoxide Headquarters com/COLh
tm). According to the U.S.
Environmental Protection
Agency's standards, a concentration of just 9 parts per million
presents a danger of chronic CO
poisoning, he said.

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## Candles hold potential hazards in your house

A relaxing soak, an elegant dinner party or a romantic rendervous could easily go up in smake - if you forget about the candles burning on your bathtub, sideboard or bedside table. Such incidents are more common than you might think. In 1999, the most recent year national data on candle fires were analyzed by the National Fire Prevention Association, 15,040 house fires were caused by candles, nearly triple the number in 1990. The 1999 fires resulted in 102 deaths, 1,473 injuries and \$278 million in property loss, NFPA says. Candles account for about percent of all house fires. Candles haven't become more dangerous over the last decade. Rekindled interest in candles is the reason for the increase in blazes caused by candles. Each year, more folks are lav-

candles.
Each year, more folks are lavishing their mantels, boudoirs, bathtubs, backyards and dining tables with romantic candlelight and intoxicating aromas

tables with romantic candlelight and intoxicating aromas. Candles are used regularly in nearly seven out of 10 American homes, says the National Candle Association, a trade association based in Washington, D.C.

U.S. shoppers – mostly women – spend \$2.3 billion annually on candles, not including the accessories that go along with them. "People especially like the scents" of candles, says Sherry Hamilton, manager of Yankee Candle in Jefferson Pointe, Ind. "They love to walk into a room and smell them. They find it relaxing."

Tips on candle safety

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N you can't resist basking in the golden glo
of condies, follow these sefety rules from
local and national experts:

Follow the directions on the cardie label,
Burn candles only in well-ventilated room
but keep them away from drafts and air

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Don't cluster lighted candles too closely. They should be at least three inches a part.
Use the correct type of candeholder, and place it on a sturby, stable and heat realstant surface.

tant surface.

\* Place candies where children end pets can't get to them.

\* As a general rule, stop burning a pillar can't get to them.

\* As a general rule, stop burning a pillar can't get when 2 inches of wax remain. Stop burning a container candie when half an inch remains. Follow the label directions if they differ from these.

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them unattended,
\* Move candles away from flammable items such as curtains and blinds, before lighting
\* Trim the wick to 1/4 linch each time you.

ueurs out of the wax.

Don't burn candles with flammable adornments — such as dired flowers or pine twigs — in or on the wax. Use those only as decorations.

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- when using cancles during a power outage, do not use them when searching
through an enclosed space or when checking pict lights. If possible, don't carry lighted candles around at all.

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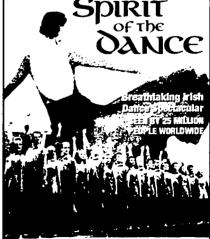
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# Why settle for anything else? Portable privies become posh

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Los Angeles Times

Talk about a royal flush.
Step inside the cushy portable restroom built by Wisconsin's Kohler Co., and you'll encounter blasts of air-conditioning a stepped blasts of air-conditioning a stepped blast of air-con

Kohler Co., and you'll encounter blasts of air conditioning, a stereo playing New Age music, gold-plated faucest, designer cabinets, and a bank of private stalls with solid cherry doors, full-size flush toilets and framed artwork. If that's too low-rent for your tastes, Kohler can add a whirlpool bath, steam room, waterfall shower and crystal chandellers.

Why should you have to settle for a lesser bathroom experience when you're away from home?" says Jeremy Knopow, general manager of Kohler's "mobile plumbing" division.

plumbing" division.

Although the posh privies aren't likely to show up at construction sites or outdoor rock concerts, they're increasingly popular for weddings, corporate galas, golf tournaments and other glitzy events.

Andy Gump Inc. of Santa arita, Calif., which helped pio-Andy Gunp int. of same Clarita, Calli, which helped pioneer the portable restroom industry in the 1950s, says luxury latrines now account for a third of its business. "We've hed them at the U.S. Open in Pebble Beach, aboard an aircraft carrier that went to Honolulu for the premiere of 'Pearl Harbor' and at one of Jennifer Lopez's many weddings," says company President Barry Gump.

The advent of pampered pottles came about a decade ago, says Bill Carroll, executive director of the 500-member -Portable Sanitation Association

International, a trade anheadquartered in Minnesota.
The initial purpose was to the units more appealing to make the units more appealing to the units more appealing the units more appealing to the units more appealing the units more appealing to the units more appealing the units more appeali make the units more than women. "A guy's mentality is any old bush will do," Gump says.

old bush Will do,"
"But women use resently." Or not at all.
Industry officialsbegan noticing
that women were
departing outdoor
events early - and
taking the entire
family with them
to avoid dealing
with the notoriousju squ'alid plastic
water closets.
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The first upgrades involved adding solar-powered lights, sinks and running water. Companies also introduced wasterment chemiincreasingly popular for weddings, corporate galas, golf treatment chemi-cals scented like bubble gum, lemon pennersia tournaments and bubble gum, lemon, peppermint and "mountain other glitzy events.

and "mountain breeze."
From there, things escalated. Today, Gump maintains a fleet of 60 trailersized restroom "suites," which rent for \$3,000 a weekend, and feature such amenities as simulated hardwood floors, fresh flowers, faux marble vanities, swinging saloon doors for each urinal and black-tied attendants.
More flourishes are on the way, including canopied entrances and Art Deco-style furnishings.
The ultimate commode on wheels – at least for now – is Kohler's behemoth Executive Restroom, which starts at \$85,000 and debuted recently at a trade show in Sacramento, Calif, Weighing in at 13,000 pounds, the 32-foot-long forest green trailer is cutifitzed with cark floors (so

32-foot-long forest green trailer is outfitted with cork floors (so golfers can use it without remov-ing their cleats), beveled-glass

porcelain sinks.
And that's the cheap model.
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cabanas (built onto a motorized bus chassis) with such options as saunas, skylights, showers and couches. Prices or not have been't likely on sites or or cock, stars and athlees for private use, they're galas, golf entits and zy events.

But that can backfire. "I've dings where the guests talked more about the luxur jours event where done and the luxur jours event where done and the luxur jours event where everyone's dressed up, your bathroom should match the tone, he says.

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Systems Inc., a VIP toilet manu-facturer in Houston.

Such praise is welcome news for the portable sanitation indus-try, which has long been plagued by image problems.

The history of mobile restrooms goes back centuries, says Ronald Barlow, author of "The Vanishing American Outhouse" Renaissance painters sometimes depicted "outhouses on wheels" in their landscapes. Before that, entrepreneurs armed with chamber pots and large cloaks served as walking bath-rooms.

built for shipyard workers in Long Beach, Calif., during World War II. (Another account says movie studios developed mobile wooden restrooms in the Losa 1920 for film shoots but

World War II. (Another account says movie studios developed mobile wooden restrooms in the late 1920s for film shoots, but that claim is disputed by Carroll and Gump, who say the Hollywood johns were stationary outhouses placed over pits in the ground.)

Today, spurred by such advances as the "hover handle" (a grip on the inside of the restroom door that users can hang onto to avoid touching the toilet seat) and Soy Blasters (an "environmentally friendly graffitir remover derived from U.S. grown soybeans and corn"), the number of portable toilets has swelled to I.4 million worldwide, according to the Portable Sanitation Association.

Construction companies are the biggest clients. But special events are growing in impor-

Sanitation Association.
Construction companies are the biggest clients. But special events are growing in importance. Organizers of the Winter Clympics in Salt Lake City ordered 2,300 units, some of which required electric heaters installed underneath to keep the equipment from freezing. The biggest single deployment of mobile johns was in Toronto in July – 7500 units for the pope's World Youth Day.
To calculate how many portable toilets are needed for an event, planners rely on a formula devised by University of Missouri researchers, based on the number of guests, length of the event and availability of alcohol (if booze is served, the number of cliets required jumps 40 percent).
Despite the academic studies.

Despite the academic studies mobile latrines still don't get much respect. Portable restrooms remain the subject of countless jokes, even within the industry. where companies go by such names as Nature's Call, the Mother Lode and Dear John - or advertise with slogans like "No. 1

In response, Carroll's organiza-In response, Carroll's organization has formed an image committee to promote "a positive
attitude and pride in what we
do." But it's an uphill battle. "I
went to a trade show in Nashville
not long ago, and one guy was
walking around with fake dog
poop on his hat," he sighs. "What
kind of message does that send?"
Weird hats aside, being in the
portable lavatory business does
have its glamorous side.
In 1976, after Ronald Reagan
lost the Republican presidential

primary to Gerald Ford, he threw a thank-you party at his ranch and rented some restrooms from Gump. "When I got there, he helped me unload the units," Gump recalls.

Since entering the luxury loo cump recalls. Since entering the luxury loo market, Gump employees have been invited — with their restrooms – to movie premieres, a presidential library dedication and celebrity soirces. "I've been to Mel Gibson's house and I personally saw him go into one of our suites," says Gump's daughter, Naney, who runs the company's special events division.





The U. S. Department of Energy has completed a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) (DOE/EA-1393) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the implementation of a long-term, comprehensive management program for potentially reusable low enriched uranium, normal uranium, and depleted uranium. DOEs inventories of these excess materials reside at many site across the nation, with only a few of these sites having long-term ongoing uranium missions.

in the PEA, DOE evaluated various options for interim centralized storage and interim consolidated storage at six BOE locations and two commercial sites, as well as a No tetion alternative, Based on this analysis, it was determined that implementing a comprehensive management program is not a major Federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment within the context of the National Environmental Policy At. Therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Satement is not necessary, and DOE is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FOSSI). In the PEA, DOE evaluated various options for interim centralized storage

A copy of the PEA and FONSI will be available by February 26 at the

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## Artists create eye-catching mosaic tile house

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - Along Palms

Boulevard in Venire, the funky seaside enclave, residents have enlivened a stretch of otherwise ordinary tract homes with the occasional architectural flourish: a pop-up addition here, a bowed-bamboo fence there.

Nothing, however, is quite as eye-catching as the house of Cheri Pann and Gonralo Duran.

The Mosaic Tile House, as it is called, has shades of Antonio Gaudi's spectacular spires, the Watts Towers and the Emerald City, complete with yellow brick well, tile - road. The teneral city, complete with yellow brick well, tile - road. The treation bespeaks whimsy and romance.

"It's a monument to love in the midst of really chaotic times," Pann says.

Indeed, as longtime "significant others," artists Pann and Duran have embraced the dual motifs of harmony and love. They both paint and sculpt, but tile is the medium they share most intimately.

Brightly hued mosaic tiles, figurines, ministure tea sets and mashed-up plates are cemented onto walls, inside and out. Coffee mugs, handles poking out for the grabbing, line window frames. What was once the front lawn is coated in shards of mirror, handmade tiles and pieces of garage sale pottery, in vivid yellows, reds, greens and blues.

Just inside, the exuberant kitchen is an almost indescribable cacophony - the colors are that loud. It comes complete with a handcrafted table embedded with a bright yellow foot-tall ceramic Tweety Burd.

As many home remodelings do, theirs started simply enough Pann, a painter, potter and

sculptor, bought the house in 1994. The interior was a wreck; the beige stucce exterior unacceptably bland.
What attracted Pann, 62, was the enormous backyard, where she soon set about erecting a studio the size of a small barn. At its skylighted peak, the sunsplashed space is 20 feet tall. Two of the 16-foot walls are covered with grim mural-size works that are her commentaries on the Persian Gulf war, and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

attacks.
Pann speaks reluctantly of Pann speaks reluctantly of these pieces, preferring to point out a wall filled with her por-traits of Duran, her four kilns, the artfully askew wine goblets she makes for clients and the piles of handerafted tiles just waiting for spots on a wall or a pathway. The kilns share a room behind the main studio with Duran's surrealistic works, paint-

ed in the hot colors of Mexico. Some clients have dubbed him the Mexican Marc Chagall. After the studio was built, the couple decided to jazz up a cou-ple of drab bathrooms with tile. One room led to another - and another.

One room led to another - and another.

Pann grew up in East Los Angeles. As a youngster, she drew and colored everything to sight. Her mother envisioned her as a performer and sent based to the state of the state

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She studied printmaking, drawing and ceramics at UCLA. USC and California State University, Los Angeles. From the late 1960s to the mid-90s, she exhibited in California and Japan. These days, she exhibits exclusively in her studio at the

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Mosaic Tile House.
Born in Mexico, Duran, 59,
emigrated to Los Angeles as a
boy. He is named for his father,
who gained fame as a maker of
flamenco and folklorico shoes
for Mexican and Spanish
dancers. The elder Duran died
last year.

last year.
Duran, who studied at the Otis
Art Institute and Chouinard
School of Art, has worked for
many years at an artist paint
store where Pann was a regular.
One day at the shop, she said,
"we just started kissing."

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# It's still winter; here's how to protect your plants

You probably dislike snow more than your plants do. In fact, some snow is healthy for plants because it provides good moisture and insulation against winter's cold.

cold. Wet snow, however, can weight plants to the point they break. To remove heavy snow, use a small broom and gently lift up the branches, shaking off the snow as you go; sweeping the snow off with a downward motion can cause severe breakage.

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Even ice isn't always had. Pansies encased in ice return to their glory once the sun melts them free. If your pansies get worn and weary looking from winter's wrath, lightly trim and feed the plants and they'll soon bloom big again.

It's the awful winds that do the most damage. Cold winds desictate - or dry out - evergreens, causing discolored or burned follage and even plant death, according to Virginia Cooperative Extension. Leaves continue to transpire, or lose moisture, in the winter, though at a lesser rate than in summer. Winter winds can increase the rate of transpiration, causing the plant to dry out, especially if the ground is frozen and the plant cannot take up more water.

To protect tender plants from more water.
To protect tender plants from

damaging winds, construct a wind barrier around them. To create the barrier, sink four posts in ground around each plant, and secure burlap to the posts. Lead the top open; avoid using plastic because it will heat up and kill the plant.

Thankfully, plants are tougher than we think. Many of the plants we buy today are bred to withstand lower temperatures, especially some of the newer cameliass such as Winter's Rose and Winter's Waterlily.

"It is a good idea to water plants thoroughly prior to extreme freezing weather," says Jeff Williamson at Smithfield Gardens in Suffolk, Va.

"Cold air is often drier and freezing can zap any available moisture quickly from a plants tissue. Also, if it snows all over your plants you want to leave it since it works as insulation. I would only remove snow, if it appears too heavy and likely to break a particular plant."
Williamson says he keeps a

heavy and likely to break a parucular plant."

Williamson says he keeps a shed full of old blankets, towels, and rugs that he uses to cover up the most-tender species during winter. He also uses those coverings to project newly opened flower buds when late-spring frosts threaten them.

"I also use gallon jugs filled with the hottest tap water and place those under my blankets to

#### Other winter-wise tips

weight of Ice and snow can break even large, strong braiches, espe-cially if wind further taxes the plant's physical strength. Another cause of breakage is improper removal of Ice and shew. Frozen, laden limbs are very brittle and snap easily if bent the wood way.

This spring, plant any new tender species in protected areas and away from eaves where falling snow or ice

namy one asked.

Mulch – it keeps the ground warmer – because many plants will have stems that can tolerate the cold have stems that can tolerant so it makes are less cold tolerant so it makes.

Breakage is usually caused by a combination of ice, snow or wind. The

A crocus peeks through the snow in Raleigh, N.C., last week follo

# raise the temperature a few degrees," he says. "When you talk about cold-weather hardiness, a degree can make all the difference." If you suspect plants such as gardenia have dead branches, wait until the new growth emerges to remove any dead wood. Or use the thumbnail test, using your nail to scrape back to where green tissue thrives before pruning out the bad wood.

#### Sugar

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behavior and use a substance
compulsively and repetitively in
spite of adverse consequences
related to their actions.
Now researchers are finding
what many sufferers have long
suspected — the compulsive
overeating of sugar does at least
share some of the characteristics
of more destructive addictions.
Their work is shedding light on
the neurological response of those
who abuse sugar.
In a widely discussed study presented in November, for example,
Princeton University psychologist
Bartley Hoebel showed that rats
will not only eat sugar exessively,
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Princeton University psychologist Bartley Hoebel showed that rats will not only eat sugar excessively, they suffer from withdrawal when denied sugar and continue to crave it weeks later.

Most of the studies so far have been in animals. But researchers at Galumbia University will soon launch a study focusing on sugar dependency in bulimics—people who hinge (usually on nich, sweet food) and then purge.

"There are people who have pathological, clanical eating disorders who say they are addicted to chocolate and other sweets. And you know what? They may be," so when we have a superior of the Center for the Center for the Center for the Center of the Center for the Center for

ble." So does Kathleen DesMaisms, Many of the people-she counsels fit at least some of that descrip-tion. DesMaisms, who calls her-ten freedom to the self a "recovering sugar addict," is a leading proposent of the theory of sugar addiction and the author of "The Sugar Addict," States of "The Sugar Addict," In-Stationary was manused. The share of the state of the st was managing a freatment center for alcoholics when she began to see similarities between alco-holism and compulsive overeat-

Celebrating a birthday doesn't just have to be a piece of cake.

"When you're addicted to sugar, you need more to feel better," says DesMisions, who runs a Web site on sugar addiction from her home in Albuquerque, N.M. "Your life starts being focused on getting a sugar fix. You have symptoms of withdraw, it is craving. You get antay, irritable and cranky. To all the sugar fix to the sugar

of worthlessness and depression made her realize she had a problem.

"I would say, I'm not going to ear it, and thereax thing I knew I would talk myself out of it," says Walker, 35, a warehouse clerk in Barstow, Calfi, who was about 20 pounds overweight and, she says suffered from fatigue, low energy and poor self-exteem. "Then I would kick myself because I had no willpower. I had feelings of shame and fadiure. A lot of the addictive behaviors that people would attribute to other types of addiction Inding things, boarding, being overly upset when someone all that."



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Janine... Still hanging in there at 50! heading to this week's state tournament.

Big week

has CSI

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**UVSC** 

TWIN FALLS - It all comes down to the season's final weekend for 18th-ranked College of Southern Idaho.

The Golden Eagles (24-4, 10-4 Scenic West), winners of seven in a row, have put themselves in a row in a row of the row

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#### MORNING LINE

**SPORTS QUOTE** 

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Somebody once said that the only thing that could make a sailing race exciting is if they started it above Niagara Falls.

- Bernie Lincicome of the Rocky Mountain News on the America's Cup

TODAY'S SCHEDULE High school boys basketball 3A District Four Tournament, at

CSI Filer vs. Kimberly, 7 p.m., winner to state 2A District Four Tournament Wendell at Valley, 7 p.m.

IN BRIEF

#### Jerome grad will play football in Europe

football in Europe

JEROME - Dan Walters, a 1996
graduate of Jerome High School
and the fourth all-time career pasing leader in Southern Oregon
University football, has signed to
play semi-professional football this
summer in Austria.
Walters, 24, who coached the Eagle
High School sophomore football team
last fall, will play for the Graz Giants
in the European Federation of
American Football league.
Walters will act as a playercoach for the nine-time EFAF Cup
champions. Matt Sayre, the offensive coordinator at Southern
Oregon, helped direct him toward
the league.
Walters said "it's nice to be com-

Oregon, helped direct him toward the league. Walters said "it's nice to be competitive again and it's more of a chance to see a part of the world that I've never seen before. In addition to his yardage mark, Walters ranks third in career pass attempts (760), pass completions (437) for the NAIA Raiders, who are located in Ashland, Ore. Walters played for SOU from 1997-2001.

#### Northside announces all-conference team

all-conference team
SHOSHONE - The Northside
Conference has announced its AllConference pirls basketball team
for 2002/03.
First-team members are
Shoshone teammates junuor Sarah
Hubsmith and Ireshman Katin
Strunk; senior Taraysa Parker of
Dietrich; senior Taraysa Parker
Community School and senior
Ginger Bingham of Carey.
Three Dietrich players lead the
second team in seniors Sheena
Bingham and Bryons Southwick
and junior Ayleen Sorensen.
Senior Shannon Meyer of
Richfield and senior Jesse
Molyneux round out the second
team

Molyneus round out the second team Molyneus round out the second team Honorable mentions include sophomore Meghan Sorensen of Shoshone, Bliss senior Sundii Brizendine and junior Malorie Kast, Richfield senior Candace Farmorth and junior Michelle Sundit, senior Erika Community School, seniors Bard Community School, seniors Bard Media and Bertim McLam and freshman Beth McLam of Camas Sounds, and senior Nickla McAles of Care;

Coaches of the year are Tim Chapman of Shoshone, which finished third at the state tournament

chapman of Shoshone, which fin-ished third at the state fournament on Saturday and Ryan Waterfield of The Community School

#### Pomerelle resort slates competition Saturday

competition Saturday
ALBION - Pomerelle Mountain
Resort is holding a triple competition for mountain bikers, skiers
and boarders on Saturday
Registration takes place
Saturday from 9-11 a m in the
lodge, and is open to people of all
ages. There is a 55 entry fee, and
all competitors under the age of 18
will be required to submit a
release waiver ugned by a parent
The mountain bike competition
is set to begin at 10 a.m., with the
skiers and boarders beginning at
noon. Trophies will be presented
to the top three performers from
each category.
For more information, call (208)
673-5599

# Bruins' season ends in OT

Pocatello faces Highland for second seed

By Scott Thompson Times News writer

POCATELLO - Crunch time again flattened the Bruins.
This time for good as the Pocatello Indians snagged their third victory against the Twin Falls Bruin losy basketball team, winning 54-52 in overtime in a

Region Four-Five-Six oser-out game at The Pit.

game at The Pit.

"This team just had trouble learning to win on the road," said Matt Harr, who completed his first season as coach of the Bruins after moving over from Burley to coach his alma mater. "But we won 15 games and that's nothing to hang your

Region Four-Five-Six Tournament

head about,"
The Bruins finished the-season
15-8.
"I think we had some very
good senior leadership and a
strong crop of juniors will benefit from that," Harr said. "The
future is very bright."

The present looked pretty good when Cole Easter tipped in a bucket to give the Bruins a 39-35 lead with 4:49 remaining in

35 lead with 1973 i Children he game.

"But then we leave (Nick) Hansen," Harr said. "And I just don't understand that. We do a great job on him all game and then we leave him."

And it wasn't as if Twin Falls

By Kevin Hall Times-News writer

# Hornets dominate Kimberly

## Filer survives upset-minded Indians in OT

By John Derr mes News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Declo Hornets found the range in the second quarter and never looked back, claiming the Class 3A District Four Championship with a 78-53 victory over Kimberly at the College of Southern Idaho Tuesday.

Filer stayed alive, but barely. The Wildcats rallied to Tournament without a basket as they advanced to meet the Bulldogs today at 7 p.m. for the final berth to state.

Declo heads to the 3A Idaho Boys Real Dairy Shootout March 6-8 at Meridian High School.

#### Declo 78, Kimberly 53

After a close first quarter, Declo (18-2) got hot and the Bulldogs (12-9) couldn't recover.

Declo coach Loyd Garey said the djustments his team made were the

Declo coach Loyd Garey said the adjustments his team made were the key.

"Kimberly did a good job of getting the ball inside and we struggled in the first quarter," said Garey. "We did a great job of make adjustments."

Spencer Glerin led a Hornet push in the first quarter. The serior guard hit two short jumpers converted a layup on the fast break as Declo led 8.2 early.

"We like to push the ball up the court and try to run," said Glenn, who finished with 19 points.

The Buildags stayed close with Chance Askew scoring a pair inside and Darin Musver knocking down a three-pointer.

Terry Darrington completed a three-point play and the Hornets led by seven. With time running out in the quarter Declo missed a free throw and A Aron Osborne grabbed the rebound and let it fly from the free-throw line. The ball found the net, remniscent of Declo's Mike Christensen's shot that won the state talle in 1988 against Kimberly.

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Declo's Chris Jenkins goes up for a shot late in the Hornets' 78-53 win over Kimberly

pionship

berth to state tour next week at Meridian High School.

Kimberly

takes on Filer for the district's second and

final berth

and an

College of Eastern Utah Thursday and at Utah Valley State College Saturday.

But Southern Idaho is going to need some help if it is to host its first tournament since 1999. Primarily, it needs No. 12 Dixie State College (24-5, 11-4 SWAC) to 12 Dixie State College (24-5, 11-4 SWAC) to 10 Seaturday at home to Snow Scenario-College. And that's unlikely since the Rebelshold a 64-game home winning streak. More likely, CSI needs Salt Lake Community College to love either of its final two games to Community College to Southern Newada or Eastern Ctah. But CSI head coach Guy Beach said his team can only take care of its own busness. "We've played well the last two on the road and our last seven games," he said "All we can dura win out." evening at the College of Southern Idaho, The win gave Decio the 3A District Four cham-

games," he said "All we can do is win out."

CSI handled the Golden Eagles 93-79 on Jan 4 despite being out shot 44 percent to 41 percent being out shot 44 percent being out shot 44 percent being constant Said being and 52 points and Said being and 52 points and 52 po

games. And though Eastern has been struggling of late, it is playing for something, namely seeding for the tournament CEU is presently field with North Idaho for the seventh and last berth to the tourness.

enth and task or them, nex-"It'll be a big game for them, like everybody else, when we go down there and they're playing for seeding for the fournament." Beach yard: "They're in, but I

PAY FOR PLAY?

## Big 12 coaches split on athlete payments

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Giving college athletes a small percentage of the millions of dollars they generate its a "pipe dream," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampion

Baylor coach Dave Bliss calls the whole idea "a Pandora's

the whole idea "a Pandora's Box"
But judging from an informal survey, most Big 12 baketoball coaches would like to see players in revenue producing sports get a supend, if not a monthly salary. "I think it's unrealistic to think there kids only need their education paid for and nothing else," Colorado coach Ricardo Patton said Monday during the Big 12 coaches' weekly conference call. "Most of these kids are far away from home A great deal of them don't have parents who can send them money on a regular haus, if at all," Patton said. "Pet coached kids whose parents are unable to send them anything other than a box of food. The people who are making these decisions are all capable of sending their kids money when they go off to kchool."

The biggest argument against



paying players has always been the value of the education and other benefits they derive as schol arrays pathers. In the Big 18th they alwe of a full athletis scholar scholar

Full scholarships include tuition, room and board, books and fees. Athletes also get other considerations, such as free tutor

considerations, such as free rutorical still am one of the 'old school' gays who feel the education and the opportunity to learn fee skill in the really enhances their college experience." Blus that doesn't mean it won't happen tomorrow, the way college athletics has gone." he added "College athletics has a

guilt symplex because of all the mores involved with football and baskerball.

The issue has heared up in the Big 12 because there is a bill working its way through the Nebrasia legislature that would mandate payments for feetball basers.

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Ges Mike Johanns has said fewould sign the bill into law, which would not take effect unless three other Big 12 states adopt the same measure Feimer Nebrasika Gov Kas Orr vetsed similar legislation in 1988.

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## Utes shrug off BYU, creep closer to gaining top seed

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## Century buries Burley; Castleford earns berth

POCATELLO – Playing their fourth game in a week, the Burley boys basketball team fell 72-43 at Century in the 4A District Four-Five boys basketball tournament in Pocatello late Tuesday.

The Bobcats shot just 34 percent (15-01-42), while the Diamondback netted 51 percent on 26-01-43 from the floor. With the win, Century (12-10) advances to the 4A Idaho Boys Real Dairy Shootout March 68 at Albertson College in Caldwell. It was the third win in four tries for the Diamondbacks against Burley this season.

Burley (10-12), which was led

the Diamondbacks against Burley this season.

Burley (10-12), which was led by the 12 points of Ryan Bailey, has one more shor at making state on Saturday. The Bobeats play Hillerest (14-6), which fell to Bonneville, 71-51 Tuesday, in interdistrict —play-in game Saturday at Highland High School in Pocatello at 1 p.m.

Burley coach Jack Bagley credited Century with a grinding game plan that simply wore down his team.

"This is their second game and our legs weren't under us," he said. "We came out hard and went up \$5-2 early but they were really patient and they made us work on defense. That wore us down."

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Andy Stucki had a game-high
19 points for the Diamondbacks,
who were playing only their second game in a week.

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#### 1A M.V. Conference Tournament Castleford 70, Raft River 61

MURTAUGH - Elvis Medina scored a game-high 31 and Robert Comer added 16 as Castleford earned a spot to the 11A Boys Real Dairy Shootout state basketball tournament with a 70-61 defeat of Raft River Tuesday at Hulse Gymnasium in Murtaugh

Murtaugh.

Medina and Comer had four 3pointers each for the Wolves (203), who face Shoshone in the 1A
District Four Tournament
Thursday at Shoshone High

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Kobe Bryant's remarkable scoring streaks ended Tuesday night. But he vill helped the Los Angeles Lakers win for the 12th time in 14 games. Shadowed closely by Corey Maggette and often double-teamed, Bryant scored 32 points

#### Local sports

School. That game will be for the third seed to state. Hagerman meets Northside Conference champion Carey for the district championship later Thursday. Castleford rebounded off its overtime loss to Hagerman Monday by blowing out to leads of 18-10 and 32-22 at halftime. The Trojans (16-7) were paced by the 21 points of Adam Darrington.

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#### Swimming M.V. Marlins fare well at Nampa winter meet

NAMPA - The Magic Valley Marlins had several top finishers this weekend at the Snake River Winter Championship Swim Meet at the Nampa Recreation

Winter Championship Swim Meet at the Nampa Recreation Center.

Twin Falls High School senior Jake Carroll swept four events, winning the 100-meter breaststroke in 1 minute, 6.37 seconds and the 200 breaststroke in 2 minute, 6.37 seconds and the 200 breaststroke in 4.54.84. He also placed fourth in the 50-meter freestyle.

Twelve-year-old Jessie Layton finished first in the 50-meter breaststroke in 38.11 seconds, 50-meter backstroke in 38.11 seconds, 50-meter backstroke in 31.93, another 50 meter backstroke in 11.0.84, and the 50-meter freestyle. 100-meter backstroke in 11.0.84, and the 50-meter free individual medleys, 50-meter free individual medleys, 50-meter free individual medleys in 11.0.277, 100-meter backstroke in 11.0.279, 100-meter individual medleys in 11.0.271, 100-meter freestyle in 6.01.55, 100-meter freestyle in 6.01.55, 100-meter freestyle in 6.21.20 and 100-meter individual medleys in 11.0.21 and 11.0.31, 200-meter freestyle in 2.12.08 and 200-meter individual medleys in 11.0.21 and 11.0.31, 200-meter freestyle in 2.12.08 and 200-meter individual medleys in 11.0.21 and 11.0.31, 200-meter freestyle in 2.12.08 and 200-meter individual medleys in 11.0.21 and 11.0.31, 200-meter freestyle in 2.12.08 and 200-met

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Bryant only nets 32, ending 40-point scoring streak at nine games

Michael Jordan scored 40 or more in the same number of games in the 1986-87 season. Bryant had also scored at least 35 points in 13 consecutive games. Only Chamberlain has longer streaks, having accom-plished that feat in 33, 23 and 20 straight games.

Best (1) lóose ball as Malik Allen (35) and San Antonio center Robinson (50) work for posi-tion in the background during the first quarter Tuesday in San Antonio

#### Cleveland notches first win since All-Star break

CLEVELAND (AP)

Cydrunas Ilgauskas scored 29
points as the Cleveland
since the All-Star break, 93-90
Tuesday night over the New
Jersoy Nets.

Ilgauskas also stole a pass
from Jason Kidd and hit two free
throws with 13.7 seconds left for
the Cavs, who snapped a sixgame losing streak with their
first win since Feb. 5.

Cleveland nearly blew it in the
closing seconds, however, and
only survived when Kidd's gametying 3-pointer at the horn hit
the front of the rim.

Ricky Davis added 19 points
and Jumaine Jones had 12
rebounds for Cleveland.

Kidd had 31 points and nia
sassists for the Nets, who have
lost three straight and six of nine
since the break. New Jersey was
without forward Kenyon Martin,
its leading rebounder, who left
the team to attend to a family
matter.

Magic 98. Mavericks 93

#### Magic 98. Mavericks 93

ORLANDO, Fla. - Tracy McGrady had 26 points and seven assists as the Magic won their season-high fourth straight game.
Drew Gooden added 20 points

game.

Drew Gooden added 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Gordan Giricek had 20 points, eight rebounds and five assists. The Magic acquired the two rookies from Memphis last week in a rade for Mike Miller, Ryan Humphrey and two draft picks. The Magic reached 500 for the first time since Jan. 31. MicGrady's frustration at Dallac' physical, frenetic defense boiled over late in the second quarter. He was slapped with a technical foul for elbowing Eduardo Najera in the upper back. Soon after, Najera was ejected for accidentally bumping official David Jones when McGrady wasn't called for losing the ball out of bounds.

INDIANAPOLIS - Michael Jordan scored 25 points and Tryronn Lue added 18 points and 11 assists for Washington. The Pacers have lost five straight games - their longest skid of the season - and eight of 12.

Wizards 83, Pacers 78

skid of the season – and eight of 12.

Jordan, who has scored over 20 points in four of the last five games, was Washington's only offensive threat in the first half, scoring 16 points on 8-for-14 shooting. When Jordan's shots stopped falling in the third, the Wizards turned to Lue, a 6-foot quard with a 7.7 scoring average.

Lue drilled three 3-pointers in the quarter and accounted for nine straight Washington points.

#### Knicks 102, Rockets 95

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NEW YORK - Latrell
Sprewell and Kurt Thomas each
stole the ball from Yao Ming on
two late possessions as the
Knicks snapped a four-game losing streak.
Yao scored 24 points and
grabbed six rebounds, but his
two turnovers down the stretch
were costly.
Allan Houston scored 28
points for New York.
Cuttino Mobley scored 25 and
Steve Francis added 19 for
Houston.

#### Spurs 84, Heat 69

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SAN ANTONIO - Tim Duncan had 17 points and 10 rebounds, helping the Spurs to their 11th victory in the last 12 games for the Spurs. They had three other players in double figures, with Malik Rose getting 14, Bruce Bowen 11 and Manu Ginobili 10.

The Heat, who have dropped four of their last five contests, were led by Eddie Jones with 13 points. Sean Lampley chipped in 11.

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Osborne scored on the fast break midway through the sectional period and the Bulldog deficit was down to four points. But that is as close as it would

But that is a superior took the feed from Glenn and nailed a 3-pointer. Twice more he would hit the same shot from nearly the same

same shot from nearly the same spot "Glenn kept attacking and my gus would leave I was wide open and just hit," Christenen, who had a game-high 25 points and added double-digit assus. Detol ted by 16 at the break and continued to pull away in the second half With sa minutes left in the game, Garey sent his reserves into the game. Kimberly coash Roger Keller said Christensen shot the ball well.

"He was hot. Osborne got in some foul trouble and we ended up turnover the ball over," said Keller, "Our goal of going to state is still in front of us, we control our own destiny."

As the Lakers beat the Los Angeles Chippers 109-98. Bryant thus failed in his attempt to extend his streak of scoring at least 40 points to 10 games, which would have tied Wilt Chamberlain for the sec-ond-longest streak in NBA histo-ry.

#### Filer 69, Buhl 58, OT

Buhl entered the district tour-nament at the sixth seed, but didn't play like it. The Indians led most of the game, but a Filer 3-pointer late in the game forced

overtime.
In the eatra period the Wildcats (16.5) took control to stay alive in the tournament.
Buth played really good, they peaked at the right time, said team high 16 points.
Down the stretch Bull (4-18) was able to keep the lead party due to the Wildcat's struggles at the free throw line. Filer went 2.

Chamberlain scored 40 or more in 14 straight games twice in the 1961-62 season, when he averaged an NBA-record 50.4

He had his 10-game streak the following season.

Bryant's streak of nine straight was the longest since

of 8 in the final four minutes. All hope seemed to be lost as XII hope seemed to be lost as XII as Bourner, who paced the Indians with a game-high 20 points, grabbed the steal and Filer was called for the intentional foul. Bourner made both free throws. Rob Walker hit a pair from the charity stripe and the lead was \$653 with 30 seconds left. Filer's Paul McLaughlin found himself open beyond the arc and calmly nailed the shot, his second of the quarter, to tie the game Bull was unable to find the net on its final shot and the ream swent to overtime. "During warmups! wasn't hitting that well, but vomething told me to shot the ball," said McLaughlin Gerrish connected from beyond the arc, the only basker made by either tream in the extra period, as the Wildcars took the \$6058 lead.

"I was feeling relief. I hadn't made a shot and I was juu glad it went in," said Gernsh.
Suddenly Filer couldn't miss from the charity stripe, going 10-14 in the extra period while Buhl struggled from the field.
"We juut relaxed. We had the lead and felt like there was no pressure," Gernsh added

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know they don't want to go in as a last seed. But we're on the road and they're going to be juiced up to play us."

to play us."

And an equally good game from Utah Valley State on Saturday. The Wolverness are league's top defensive team allowing just 58.3 points a consert But CSI negated that in an 83-65 rout in Twin Falls Jan 30. Southern Idaho leads the league in scoring at 90.9 a game.

Two other things CSI has won the last seven meetings with the

Wolverines, last losing Dec. 4, 1999; but Utah Valley State is 12 O at the McKay Events Center this season, Utah Valley warms up for CS1 by hosting Colory. "They'll be preparing for us," Beach and "But we can't get to Saturday without winning on Thursday."

#### Throw-in

Sophomore Rob Black won't make this weekend's trip. His best friend, Rob Wood, died on Sunday and the funeral will be held Thursday.

#### Bruins

Cortinued from D1 didn't know the ball was coming to the 6-foot-4 jumor standout, who did in the Brains in the late going all three times the teams placed.

On Tuesday, he finished with 17 points to go along with 18 points from fellow jumor Jordan Pollard and 13 from Greg Birsh, takes a minor.

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Hansen, who scored seven of Pocatello's final 14 points, drained a 3-pointer with 3-33 put the Indians (10-13) up 42-39. He scored seven of Pocatello's final 14-points.

14 joints.
But Twin Falls senior standout
Brent Stokes sandwiched a 3jointer and a rebound basket
around a pair of free throws from
Brett Miller, who scored a game-high 23 joints as the Bruins even

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Stokes, who joined Miller in
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Falls couldn't convert on four chances.

"We had our chances at the end," Harr said. "And I guess that's all you can ask We just didn't take advantage. And we shot 70 15 from the free throw line. I'm not going to espect to win too many toad region games shooting like that."

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Picatello shot just 5-of-13 from the line, though

In overtime, Miller's two free throws with 42 seconds erased what was a 51-47 Piccatello lead Brian McGomas' 3 pointer a few minutes earlier put the Bruins on track, though.

The game may never have made it to overtime had Stokes and fellow starter Lisc Martin not buttled fold trouble-all night.

They combined to play just 2101.

"That may have been the game right there," Harr said. "But I san't lay it all there. We had our chances."

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top seed to the state tournament Tuesday with a 55.54 victory over Highland. Harr has a quick remedy on hose to avoid Tuesday's road loss, home playoif games. And with the strong junior class and a sophomore team that funished 18-1 and two freshman teams that played one another for the league title, that looks entirely possible.

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Tanguay's goals help Colorado extend streak

DENVER (AP) – Alex Tanguay scored two goals and Peter Forsberg added three assists as Colorado extended its home winning streak to seven. Tanguay extended his point streak to a season-high 11 games, in which he has seven goals and 11 assists. Forsberg has 22 points, four goals and 18 assists, in 12 games. Top-line forward Milan Hejduk had his goal-scoting streak snapped at seven games.

Lightning 2,

Lightning 2, Mighty Ducks 0

TAMPA, Fla. — Dave nord-reycliuk score his 609th and sold his 1st career shutout as the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 20 Tuesday night.

Wild 3, Senators 0

OTTAWA - Dwayne Roloson stopped 28 shots to earn his second shutout in three starts and lead Minnesota over Ottawa.
Richard Park, Lubomir Sekeras, and Marian Gaborik provided goals for Minnesota.

Stars 5, Bruins 5

BOSTON - Brian Rolston scored two goals, and Glen Murray added a pair, including a power-play tally with 1:40 remaining in regulation, to lift Boston into a tie.

Rangers 3, Devils 3

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. –
Petr Nedwed scored on a power
play with 4:28 left in regulation
and the New York Rangers salvaged a point against New
Jersey.

vaged a point against New Jersey. Brian Leetch and Tom Poti also scored for the Rangers, who remain five points behind Boston in the race for the final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference.

Kings 5, Penguins 3
PITTSBURGH – Ziggy Palffy and Bryan Smolinski each scored twice and Los Angeles overcame two goals by Mario Lemieux and a two-goal deficit to beat Pittsburgh.

Maple Leafs 5, Islanders 2
TORONTO - Mars Sundin scored twice as Toronto beat the New York Islanders.
Sundin scored his 29th and 30th goals of the season in the second period after mistiring on a penalty shot early in the period.

Predators 5, Blue Jackets 0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Tomas Vokoun made 19 saves for his second shutout this season and five Nashville players against Columbus.

Fivers 2. Blackhawks 0

CHICAGO - Roman Cechmanek stopped 25 shots for his second consecutive shutout and Kim Johnsson and Marty Murray scored as Philadelphia beat Chicago.

SPORTS IN BRIEF-

NCAA denies BYU lineman extrà year of eligibility

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PRQVO, Utah - The NCAA
denied a sixth year of eligibility
for Brigham Young offensive
lineman Ben Archibald, who
missed last season with a broken leg.

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Tuesday from the NCAA upholding an earlier decision that Archibald should not receive another year because he coluntarily used a redshirt season in 1996. "We were liopeful the NCAA would overturn its earlier decision," Archibald said, "But looking at the circumstances, we knew this was the way it could ration ut."

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The 6-foot-5, 315 pound line-man plans to lure an agent and work out for NFL scouts next month.

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Archibald sustained com-pound fractures in his libia and thia in his lett leg during a pre-season practice in August.

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LOS ANGELES - Phil
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prans to sue the manufacturer of a dietary supplement the Baltimere Orioles pitcher was believed to be taking before his death.

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Bechler, 23, died Feb. 17
from heatstroke after collaps
ing during a workout at training
camp. In his preliminary aotop
sy report, Broward County chief

medical examiner Dr. Joshua Perper linked Bochler's death to a diet supplement that con-tains ephedra. A bottle of Xenadrine RFA1. A bottle of Xenadrine ephedra, was found in Bechler's lock-was found in Bechler's lock-after he collapsed. "The way we see it, Steve Bechler is dead, and ephedra is the primary cause of death," David Mersedman, the lawyer or Kie's Bechler, said Tuesday. Perper plans to release the final overslogs report in about two weeks.

Cap-strapped Broncos

Cap-strapped Broncos release seven players
DENVER - The Denver Broncos cut starters Chester McGlockton, Kavika Pittman and Denard Walker and four other players Tuesday as the team time parvoid hefore the tees acent suming period. The players of the players to the players of t

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In the event of war, GBS could shift NCAA tourney NEW YORK - If the United States goes to war against Iraq and CBs stars with news cover age next month. VCAA tournament games could be whited to another network owned by Viacom Ira. CBS holds malts to the men's baske thall tournament, which must rom March 20 to April 7 War, in networks also include

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Report: Redskins offered Smoot for No. 2 draft pick

Washington Redskins owner general manager Daniel Studer tried to make another big offscason splash - this time offering up one of his team's up and coming stars for a channe to assend to one of the draft stop slots

chance to ascend to one of the draft step slots. Sportslame com has learned that the Redskins offered cor-ner back Fred Smoot to the Detroit Louvin an attempt to move upto the No. 2 pick in the April draft.



# Biggio adjusts to life in center field

AISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) - Craig aggio is getting ready to play center field when the Astros open their exhibition season Friday.

"It's all about communication," said the four-time Gold Glove sectond baseman, who is moving to make room for Jeff Kent, "Just like in the infield, you have to talk to the other players and work together. If you don't, you aren't going to be very success-



work together. If you don't, you aren't going to be very successful." Biggio, 36, says he's still getting used to his new environs.

"It's just getting used to the elements, the wind and the angles. There might be a high sky or no high sky, things like that," he said.

#### South Korean OF shows promise at Seattle camp

promise at Seattle camp PEORIA Ariz. – Shin Soo Choo was disappointed as he left the Seattle Mariners' spring training complex Tnesday.

The young South Korean out-fielder had been looking forward to a practice game against his uncle's team, the Lotte Giants, but the contest was rained out. The Giants represent the area of his homeland where Choo grew up.

up.
"I'm very disappointed because
it was my team, my hometown
team," Choo said through an

it was my team, my nometown ream. Thoo said through an interpreter. Choo said his uncle, Jung Tae Park, is a star second baseman for the Giants. A promising prospect with a solid bat, Choo gets another chance Wednesday, when the teams again try to play. And he'll



Seattle's Shin Soo Choo, right, talks with

spring train ing in Peorla, Ariz. South

er who was clocked at 95 mph, but

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Offerman agrees to minor league contract from Expos

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MELBOURNE, Fla. - Infielder
Jose Offerman agreed to a minor
league contract with the
Montreal Expos and was invited
to spring training.
Offerman, 34, is a .274 career
hitter with 53 home runs and 502
RBIs in 13 seasons with Los
Angeles, Kansus City, Boston and
Seattle.
He hit .232 with five homers
and 31 RBIs for the Red Sox and
Mariners last year.

Mariners last year.

If Offerman is added to
Montreal's major league roster,

he would get a \$350,000, one-year

#### Matsui returns to Yankees after undergoing root canal

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TAMPA, Fla. – Japanese slugger Hildeki Matsui worked out
with the New York Yankees, one
day after having a root canal.
"No problem," Matsui said
through an interpreter. "Just one
tooth. It didn't hurt as much as I
thought."
Manager Joe Torre said Matsui
will play in the Yankees' spring
training opener Thursday against
the Cincinnati Reds.

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# Hoffman heads for surgery, looks to return

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) – Trevor Hoffman already is focusing on his comeback – and not the shoulder operation that will make him miss half of the season.

"We're going to take care of this," the San Diego Padres' closer said Tuesday after deciding to have surgery. The ball will be in my court. I'll do the things in richal that I need to do to get on the field and pittot. Hopefully, we'll write a better ending, the way I want it down.

In 10 major league seasons, the San Diego Padres right-handen never has been on the disabled list.

"To lose his ability to close

der never has been on the dis-abled list.
"To love his ability to clove games, which is basically auto-matic, is going to be tough," first hasceman. Ryan Klesko vaid.
"We'll try to get him back by the end of the year. But right now, this is devastating for us."

Manager Bruce Bochy said the length of rehabilitation won't be known until the surgery. It will be performed at the end of the week in Lox Angeles by Anaheim Angels medical director Dr. Lewis Yosum.
"It's a blow when you lose your

sometime after the All-Starbreak.
"There's some silver lining to this," Bochy said. "The rotator cuff looks fine and it looks like he'll be pitching at some point for us."
Hoffman had surgery Oct. 16 or repair a tear in his rotator cuff and fraying of cartilage in the shoulder. You'm did that procedure, as well as a repair of Hoffman's rotator cuff tear in 1995.

1995.
An MRI last week revealed no additional damage to the rotator culf but showed arthritic degeneration of the clavicle. Doctors will shave the edge of the clavicle - the collarbone - to reduce irritation and give tendons more grown.

"It's not a 25-year-old shoulder anymore, but 1 feel confident anymore, but I feel confident with the procedure we're going in to do," Hoffman said. "It should be fixed up." Hoffman was 2.5 with a 2.73 ERA in 61 games last year, con-verting 38 of 41 save opportuni-tes.

Last fall's operation was the first time doctors saw problems with Hoffman's AC joint, where the clavicle meets the shoulder

blade. The coarse edge of the collarbone didn't show on an ear-lier MRI. "It became apparent that structurally we weren't coming

structurally we weren't coming around the corner with the AC." Hoffman said. "The cuff was get-ting stronger, getting where we needed to get but we're still being held back by the AC joint."

joint." One candidate to replace Hoffman is former Cleveland Indians pitcher Jaret Wright, who had a similar bone-shaving procedure in September 2001 and was throwing again in four months.

Clearly, though, the Padres would rather have Hoffman

would rather have Hoffman return.
"If this procedure is able to relieve some of the discomfort, then he'll be back," Towers said. "Hoffy's not a gay who relies on velocity. He's mechanically sound. He can locate. He just needs to get to where he's comfortable again." Hoffman is due \$9 million in 2003, the last season of a \$52 million, four-year contract. The Padres hold a \$10 million club option for 2004 with a \$2 million buyout if they decline the option.

New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, left, watches batting practice with coach Don Zimmer during morning workouts Tuesday at Legends Field in

## Yankees skipper Torre leads run to Hall of Fame

By Ben Walker Associated Press writer

NEW YORK - Until recently, oe Torre thought he was too ctive to be considered for cooperstown.

Cooperstown.
Come Wednesday, though, the
New York Yankees' manager
might be able to add yet another
title to his resume - Hall of
Famer.

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"It was brought up to me the other day and I had no clue that

"It was brought up to me me other day and I had no clue that I was even eligible, to be honest with you," he said this week.
"Because I figured: I'm still working, I'm still collecting a paycheck. All these other people that have gone in, they're done. They hadn't worked, "he said. Instead, Torre is a top candidate in this first election since the Veterans Committee revamped its rules to let actual Hall of Famers do most of the voting. Ron Santo, Gil Hodges and former players' union head Marvin Miller might also fare well when the results are announced at noon MST.

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It's certainly set up well for
Torre. A press conference is
scheduled for 8 a.m. (MST)
Thursday for new Hall members,
and it will be held in Tampa,
Fla., - about a 10-minute drive
from the Yankees' spring training camp.

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The 62-year-old Torre was a nine-time All-Star and an MVP as a player and a four-time World Series champion as a manager. The Hall even made a point of encouraging voters to combine all of those achievements in his candidacy - there may be some however who ments in his candidacy - there may be some, however, who won't vote for him until he's retired.

"It's tough to say you belong because of one or the other," Torre said. "You'd like to think that everything should count.

"It certainly would be an honor because." most of the

"it certainly would be an honor because ... most of the people that are doing the evalua-tion are your peers." That's because of the Veterans Committee's new way of doing business.

business.
For years, many baseball fans
claimed the 15-member panel
was full of cronyism, suggesting
it met behind closed doors in
Tampa to choose new Hall of
Famers based on speeches, not
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The criticism reached a crescendo in 2001 when they chose Bill Mazeroski, a career 260 hitter known for a great glove and his home run that won the 1960 World Series. His election was enthusiastically announced by committee chairman Joe Brown, who happened to be Pittsburgh's general manager when Maz played there.

#### **MLB Hall of Fame**

What: The Class of 2003 for the baseball Hall of Fame will be announced Wednesday at noon MST.

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So the Hall decided to try it a new way.

The new panel includes 85 members: the 58 living Hall of Fame players (newly elected Gary Carter and Eddie Murray don't get to vote yet), 25 Hali writers and broadcasters, and two members from the former Veterans Committee whose terms had not expired.

"It certainly gives other people a voice in the process," Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Palmer said Tuesday." It think it's probably a little fairer this way. I think it's probably a little fairer this way. I think it's remided weeks studying the candidates and wound up voting for about a half-dozen. Among his picks was Carl Mays, who pitched the Boston Red Sox (of their last World Series title in 1918.

"I thought his number Limatched up very well to those of

"I thought his number I matched up very well to those of some pitchers already in the Hall," Palmer said.

Roger Maris, Tony Oliva, Joe Gordon and Bob Meusel were also among the 26 former players on the hallor. Charlie O. Finley, Dick Williams, Walter O'Malley and Doug Harvey were among the 15 former managers, executives and umpires.

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got ballots from 81 voters. As
always, it will take 75 percent
for a candidate to be selected—
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appear on 61 of the 81 ballots.

in this case, a person must appear on 61 of the 81 ballots. Under the old rules, the Veterans Committee met each year. With the new system, the Vets will pick players every two years and will consider managers, executives and umpires every four years. Santo, who turned 63 Tuesday, was hoping for some good news The nine-time All-Star and five-time Gold Glove third haseman had hoth legs amputated because of diabetes. "I want it at this time because of diabetes for what I've been through, to be honest with you, health-wise," the former Chicago Cubs star said.

said.

Hodges, who died in 1972, will get consideration because of his achievements as a player and

achievements as a puge, manager.
Hodges was an eight-time All-Star who hit 370 home runs, mostly as a first baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He also good ed the 1969 New York Mets to the franchise's first title.

# Reigning queen of tennis hesitates at playing men

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tros month that she will play in the Colonial in May. The 21-year old Williams assn't around shen Billy Jean King be at Bolby Riggs in the Hartle of the Seess' on Sept. 20, 1973 Bat Williams saware that Riggs was never close to the top in men's tennis. "I (ske I said, Lennox Lewis andarist Lafa Al)," Williams and "She'd have no chance

Trevor Hoffman

er is one of the best of all time," Bochy vaid.

The 35-year-old Hoffman ranks fifth with 352 career saves. He's never gone on the disabled list in 10 major league veasons, and since Bochy took over the Padres in 1995. Hoffman has 327 of the team's 359 saves - 91 percent.

There is no timetable for Hoffman's return, though general manager Kevin Towers was optimistic Hoffman can pitch

have an opportunity this season to climb the Mariners' farm sys

"Watching him, the tools he has and the passion he has, we're expecting big things out of him." Mariners manager Bob Melvin said. "He's got a lot of things down that most 20-year-olds don't home."

Choo is a former pitcher who was clocked at 95 mph, but he's been converted to outfield because of his strong arm and steady bitting. During two seasons

During two seasons in the farm system, he's hit no worse than .302.

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Williams made her comments during a tain delay at the State Farm Women's Tennis Classic.
Only two singless matches began before the storm set in, and they were suspended until Wednesday Six other singles matches and five doubles matches and five doubles matches and five doubles matches are suspended. Williams won the first of her 19 singles titles last year at Scottsdale. She completed a Serena Slam" in January by beating her sister, Venus, in the Australian Open final after winning the 2002 French Open, Williams and U.S. Open trown.

Withous set a goal after with drawing from last year's Australian Open because of a sore ankle - to win every Grand Slam event the rest of the way. She never expected to realize it,

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-Serena Williams

but wanted to set her sights high to stay focused. She used similar reasoning to arrive at this year's goal - to win every match after going 56-5 last season Williams is 110 so far after winning in Australia and Paris.

"I expect for someone to beat me," she said "I don't think it's

possible, personally, But for me to reach that goal last year and win all four Grand Slams in a row is really awesome. Now I realize I can do anything. Who knows what can happen? Williams is in her 34th week as the WTA's No. I – far from the 378 weeks that Steffi Graf enjoyed during her career. It's one record Williams, who is already dabbling in clothing design, modeling and entertainment, won't shoot for.

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"I don't set long term goals," she said. "It's impossible for anyone to have a long career nowadays. I mean, it's really hard. I try not to play too much. Plus, the players are tougher than they were back then, your marches are a little longer and the conditions are harder.

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"I think those records that have stayed for a while eventually will be broken, but I don't know if I'm going to play 15 years to break them."

#### Utes

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row, there's not a better feeling. They're a tough team."
Usah committed 20 turnovers, but made up for it at the free-throw line, where the Utes were continued to the free throw line, where the Utes were the

cut him off and the officials immediately stepped between

immediately stepped between the two players.

Araujo was called for an intentional foul and Jacobson made both free throws to put the Utes up 35-28. Then Frost got open below the basket and was fouled while dunking. He made the frest throw and Utah He dby 10.

The Utes extended the lead to 13, but the Cougars never let a get too far out of hand.

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Johnsen, who played just four minutes in the first half because of foul trouble, was 3-for-4 from the line after being shut out in the first half. Mark Jackson, who went 13-for-13 in Utah's 79-74 win at BYU on Jan. 25, was for-6-for form the line Monday.

"Guys just played clutch basketball at the end," Johnsen said

Continued from D1 student arthlete," Sampson said, "Just because her sport doesn't make money, that doesn't mean she should be excluded." Older coaches remember fond is the \$15 supend they received as college players. The NCAA outhawed the stipend – called

"laundry money" - in a costeut-ting move in 1973

"We lined up and couldn't wait to get that check," Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins said, "I would have no problem with (paying athletes) at all. I know they say we've got a valuable scholarship, but they're putting

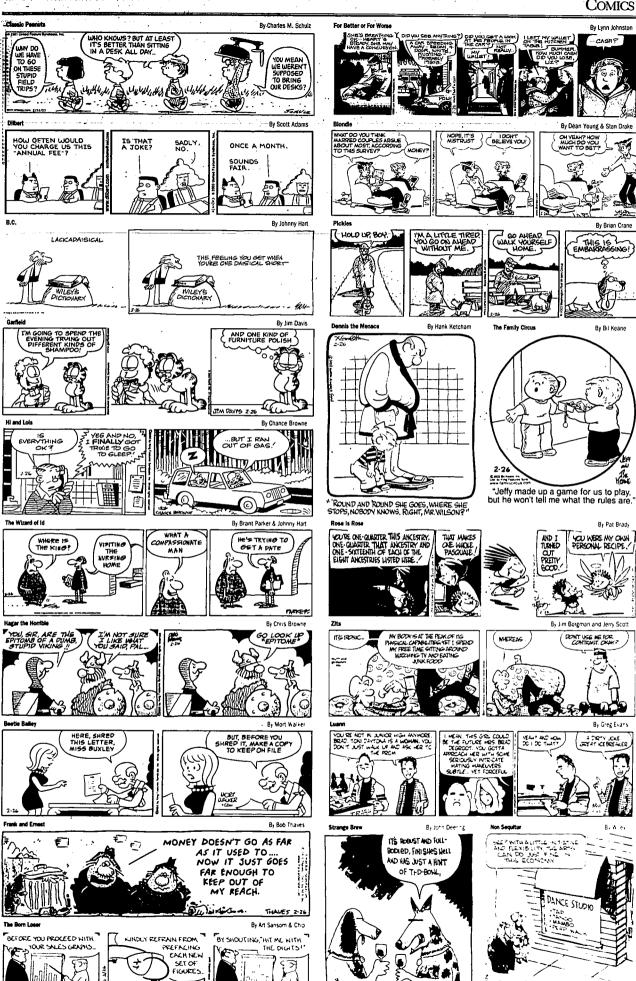
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Not surprisingly, a player quirzed on the subject came down solidly in favor of the payments.

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"It's a weird system, with so many people making so much money, and the athletes who are putting the product on the

floor aren't making money," Kansas basketball star Nick Collison said. "There are kick who struggle so much financial-ly and worry about a family at home who's struggling. Sometimes it's not easy for them to stay four years. It's a difficult situation."

#### COMICS



## It's a power-play day for Taurus; Virgo could be lucky in money

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TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):
This is your power-play day!
Persons at a distance request
your expertise in matters relating
to law, education, publishing and
advertising. Set your price,
obtain appropriate compensation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The day features an aura of mystery and intrigue. You have a right to

know where money (and other valuables) came from and where they ended up. An inheritance could be involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Although lunar cycle is low, the charm and force of your personality can turn detriments into resounding victory. Former opponents are willing to comprise; get promises in writing!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A domestic adjustment may be long overdue; this could include an actual change of residence, remodeling and redecorating. Some loved ones object but eventually see things your way. Proceed!

VIRGO (Aug. 32-Sen. 22): Von. VIRGO (Aug. 32-Sen. 22): Von.

Proceed!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can be lucky today in money and love. If speculating, stick with number 3. Emphasis also on creative endeavors, dealings with young persons. The light touch is recommended. Sagittarius featured.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Unexpected red tape could con-cern real estate transactions, including signing a lease. It could be a blessing in disguise. Best to delay decision; avoid forcing issues

Issues.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
Read, write, teach and learn.
You exude sex appeal; a fliration may prove more than you can handle. A recent "romantic dream" could come true.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emphasis on domestic affairs, dealings with family and loved ones. You find ways to increasing income, perhaps with catering or sale of household goods. A beautiful gift represents token of esteem.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You gain the spotlight today. Moon in your First House means you should see and be seen;

ture.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
You are effective working behind You are effective working behind scenes. You are trusted with con-fidential information; keep secrets sacred. Also, visit or

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	Infants	Toddler	Young Children		
Weight	Birth to 1 year at least 20-22 lbs.	Over 1 year and over 20-40 lbs.	Over 40 lbs. Ages 4-8, unless 4'9".		
Type of Seat	Infant only or rear-facing convertible.	Convertible forward-facing.	Belt positioning booster seat.		
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#### COMMUNITY EVENTS

## West End Writers' Guild

meets at member's home.

CASTLEFORD - The West End Writers' Guild will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at a member's home, 894 E. 3700 N. in Castleford.

Anyone interested in sharing their own and others' work is welcome. Members should bring three to four copies of a work in progress.

## Historical society will

Historical society will hold meeting Thursday
GODDING - The Gooding Historical Society will hold a meeting to organize a parade for the Gooding County Founders' Day at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding, Hotel Bed and Breakfast, 112 Main St. in Gooding. Tounders' Day is scheduled for May 3. The society is asking for representatives from businesses, clubs, youth performing groups and various organizations from around the county to participate.

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#### Parent support group meets at Gooding hospital

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GOODING - A parent support
group will meet at 6 p.m.
Thursday at Gooding County
Memorial Hospital, 1120
Montana St. in Gooding.
Parents will learn about their
rights, services available, and
how to help their child in school,
as well as share coping skills with
other parents.

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Children should not be brought to the meeting. The group is sponsored by the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health.

Health. For more information, call Sally Walker at 934-4844, Lisa Bolton at 934-4348 or Claire Kiener at 1-800-905-3436.

#### Cassia blood drive takes place at the Burley Armory

BURLEY - The American Red Cross Cassia County Blood Services is hosting its first blood drive of the year from 12-6 p.m. Monday and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday at the Burley Armory.
Donors may call Joyce at 678-2984 to make an appointment.
Cassia County Blood Services also is seeking a volunteer can teen chairman. This position is responsible for obtaining and organizing snacks and refreshments for the four blood drives held each year. Anyone who is interested volunteering should call Lori at 678-5464.

#### MHS class of '73 holds

reunion planning meeting

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RUPERT - The Minico High
School class of 1973 will have a
reunion meeting at 7 p.m.
Thursday upstairs at the Rupert
Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200 W., Rupert.
Anyone interested in helping
with the upcoming class reunion
is invited to attend.
Class members also are asked
to register their e-mail address at
www.classmates.com or call Debi
at 678-3124 or Brenda at 8623824. If no answer, leave a message.

#### Scouts will serve

Dancake supper Saturday
TWIN FALLS - The Cub Scout
Pack 65, Boy Scout Troop 65 and
Girl Scout Troop 640 will serve a
pancake supper from 4.8 p.m.
Saturday at the First Christian
Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. in
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The all-you-can-eat meal will include buttermilk pancakes, scrambled eggs, link sausages, hash browns, coffee and punch for \$4.25 per person or \$12 per family.

For tickets, call 733-2209 or 731-3278 for Scouts to deliver tickets to you.

#### Filer Rose Society holds meeting, seminar Saturday

FILER - The Filer Rose
Society will hold a meeting and
seminar at 9 am. Saturday in the
main office of the Twin Falls
County Fairgrounds in Filer.
Consulting rosarian and newspaper columnist Cathy
Walworth will conduct a seminaron prevention and control of dis-

eases and insects on roses. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Roses are still available in the Memorial Rose Garden. For more information, call Barbara Urie at 326-5636 or Shari Hart at 326-4087.

#### **Boise State Big Band**

Bolse State Big Band
performs in Burley, T.F.

BURLEY - As a preview of
this year's Gene Harris Jazz
Extravaganza, the Boise State
Big Band will perform in Burley,
Twin Falls and Halley.

The band will perform for the
Burley High School Jazz Band at
10 a.m. Thursday at the King
Fine Arts Center, I Bobcat Blvd.

The beand will perform at 12:30
p.m. Friday at O'Leary Junior
High School, 2350 Elizabeth
Blvd. in Twin Falls. The conceft
will be produced with the help
of director Dennis Bortz and
Brent Jensen, professor of jazz
studies at the College of
Southern Idaho. The event is
free to the public.

The band will perform with
students at 6 p.m. Friday at
Wood River High School 1050
Fox Arcrs Road in Halley. Band
Director Bart Baily will coordinate the evening concert for the
surrounding community. There
may be a nominal admission
fee.

The festival will be held April
3-5, and feature more than 60 jaz
artists.

For more information, call
Brad Peters at (208) 426-3099 or
vicit www.geneharris.org.

#### **DAR** will watch slide

## show on China Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at moon Saturday at the home of Susan Bench in Twin Falls. Maureen Williams will pre-sent a slide show of her trip to China.

Prospective members are invited to attend. For more information, call 733-8415.

#### RELAY FOR LIFE=



From left, Alan Horner, president of First Federal Savings Bank in Twin Falls: Shauna Sutterfield committee member for the 2003 Relay for Life; Lori Hiatt, bank Relay for Life team captain; and Bob Glies, co-chairman of the 2003 Relay for Life, pose with the traveling banner honoring the Magic Valley's success in the 2002 American Cancer Society fund-rais-ing event. The bank team and others in the Magic Valley are starting to colfect donations for the lect donations for the 2003 event, which raises money to fight cancer. For more information about Relay for Life, call Giles at 734-5618, Kathy Kent at 825-5717 or Mary Baker at 326-6461. many maker at 326-6461. The event will take place May 16-17.

#### Ricky deserves happiness in new family

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ed in the reading department, since his first preference is to stay indoors, with a book. Venturing out is getting easier as Ricky experiences the joy of good friends, participating in soor pursuits ampling other out-toop pursuits ampling other out-toop pursuits wide youth whose behavior is closely linked to his feelings healthier and happier every day. His caseworker asys he will prosper in a family that boosts feelings of worth within a dependable, structured environment. Personal accountability helps him turn mistakes into learning opportunities. Being loved and wanted is the firm foundation upon which Ricky can build the happiness he deserves.

Ricardo is available for adop-

#### Wednesday's Child



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tion through the State of Oregon For contact information, call the Idaho CareLine, 1-800-926-2588.

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#### Staying grounded

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January 2003: 2 383

hat's an unwelcome 29 perce decrease from the 3,377 Skyl decrease from the 3,377 SkyWest boardings in January 2002. And it starts the year off in much more neg-ative territory than 2002 overall, when boardings showed a 3 percent annual decrease from full-year 2001 levels.

For comparison, January boardings were 3,600 in 2001; 3,669 in 2000; and 3,686 in-1999. Those totals don't include charter flights.

Twin Falls Airport Manager Bill Carberry said local airfares, slowly creeping up in pince during the past few months, are starting to affect traffic. The economy plays a major role in the decreased boardings, too

he said.
Carberry said he contacted Detta's pricing analysis in Atlanta, making a case for airdares more comparable with the Bose amarket's.
For some reason, we've been very high. The Detta prices have been higher than usual out of here, and I think that's reflected in the lobard into numbers, "Curberry Said." ing numbers." Carberry said

Data source: Darlene Johnson, airport executive assistant

#### Briefly IN MONEY

#### **Clear Channel** tops expectations

SAN ANTONIO - Clear Channel Communications Inc., the largest U.S. radio station operator, posted a fourth-quarter profit on Tuesday in contrast to a loss a year ago, beating analysts' expectations. In Twin Falls, Clear Channel has radio stations REZJ-FM, KLIX-AM and KLIX-FM. Each of the company's key divi-sions posted strable revenue gams.

gains. Antonin-based Clear Channel reported profits of \$184 million, or 30 cents per share, in million, or 30 cents per share, in the final three months of 2002 in contrast to a loss of \$366 million, or 61 cents per share, in the corresponding period in 2001. Thomson First Call had the consensus of industry analysts at 27 cents per share to the most recent quarter. Revenue rose 19 percent to \$22.

Revenue rose 19 percent to \$2.2 billion from \$1.86 billion a year

billion from \$1.86 billion a year earlier. For the full year, Clear Channel Soud it earned \$525 million, or \$1.18 per share, compared with a less of \$1.14 billion, or \$1.93 per share, in 2001. That loss was attributed to the company's com-pliance with accounting rules changes. Revenue for the full year was \$8.4 billion, up about 6 percent from \$5.95 billion a year ago.

#### H&R Block reports surge in third-quarter earnings

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - HAR Black Inc. and a "wild" start to the few season and a continuing beem in mortgage business pro-duced record useal third quarter cortuins.

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A large part of the profit came from selling mortgage related assets those sdes added 44 cents to the 73 cents per share that Block carned during the three meeths.

Block also said its strong third quarter lifted its one expectations for profits in its friead year, which ends April 18.

The compans said it now expects carnings per share to be in the range of \$3.10 to \$4.25. Block previously estimated fixed year earnings are seven \$2.90 and \$3.10 per share.

Compiled from wire reports

## Former Qwest execs face fraud charges

WASHINGTON - Four former executives of Qwest Communications were accused in a federal fraud indictment Tuesday of devising a scheme to create more than \$33 million in revenue by wrongly reporting a purchase order and covering it up.

purchase order and up.
Quest provides local-phone service to much of Magic Valley.
Attorney General John

Asheroft announced the indictment handed up by a federal grand jury in Denver. New Securities and Exchange Commission chairman William Donaldson, standing next to Asheroft, announced the filing of civil fraud charges in U.S. District Court in Denver against the same four former executives and four other past or current Qwest officials.

The defendants named in the 12-count indictment were

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actused of seeking to create over \$33 million in revenue by wrongly reporting the order with the Arizona School Facilities Board. The action violated SEC rules, the indictment said.

The government said Qwest agreed to design and build a statewide school computer network with Internet access. While the contract provides for Qwest to be paid as the system was installed over an 18-month to two-year period, the company

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"As we continue our efforts to battle corporate fraud, our message is clear. We will protect the integrity of our markets by punishing those who falsity financial

# Home Depot profit slips



m a new television ad to be released by The Home Depot, Facing slumping sales, the comp

#### Home improvement company cautions that next year may be slow

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - The Home Depot said Tuesday its profit slipped 3.4 percent in the fourth quarter despite gains in its appliance business and cautioned that sales business and cautioned that sales may be flat this year. The latest carrings results still beat Wall Street expectations. The Largest U.S. home-improvement retail chain— which has a store in Twin Falls— also announced it will no longer

give quarterly earning guidance so it can focus on its long-term outlook. It will give guidance only on an annual basis. It earned \$686 million, or 30 cents a share, in the three months ending Feb. 2 compared with a profit of \$710 million, or 30 cents a share, for the same period a year ago.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call were expecting net earnings of 27 cents a share for the quarter.

Home Depot reported revenue slipped to \$13.21 billion for the quarter, compared to \$13.49 bil-lion for the same period a year

In deciding not to give quarter-ly guidance. Home Depot joins a handful of other large compa-nies, including Coca-Cola and Gillette.

The companies say such esti-mates draw attention away from efforts to build a successful busi-ness for the long run.

For all of 2002, Home Depot reported net income of \$3.66 billion, or \$1.56 a share, compared with \$3.04 billion, or \$1.20 a share, for the previous year.

Revenue for the year was \$58.25 billion, compared to \$53.55 billion for the previous year.

year.
The chain, which has 1,500 stores, plans to add 200 locations this year and 40,000 employees. It currently has 277,000 employ-

# Trend watchers see increasing caution

Economic slumps, talk of war, corporate and religious scandals, and terrorism have retail term of forecasters predicting 2003 as the "sear of long securety". "Until the economy gets through this off spot, retailers will need to use their ingenuity to attract shoppers to their stores," said Rosalind Wells, their economist for the National Retail. Federation in

stores," said Rosalind Wells, thef economist for the National Retail Federation in Washington "Consumers will still feel compelled to seek out the best deal for their money."

Consumer confidence is lowest since 1993 - E3

The federation forecasts an increase of just 56 percent this year in sales of general merchandise, apparel, furniture and other home furnishings, electronics and appliances, spering and hobby goods, and music.

Though consumers are holding their wallets a little lighter, forecasters say, shoppers will open them for items that remind them of safer or more prosperous

times, from the comfort foods of their childhoods to the glittery gold cars and clothes of the . Gardy era Trend expert Faith Popcorn predicts that "primal passions" will be in vogue, with food, farm-by, love and vanity driving what's hot. Priorities will be reordered so people can spend more time with their farmlies. Instead of liv-ing to works, people once again one oran amines instead of hy-ing to work, people once again will be working to live. Popcorn also sees a four-day workweek movement, called Family Fridays.

time with their families, grocers may want to beef up their ready-to-eat meal sections. A new study of 21,500 heads of households by ACNielsen found that more than 62 percent of those ages 18 to 34 and they were too tired at the end of the day to spend much time or effort preparing meals. Younger and more affluent consumers are even more likely to be time-pressed.

Mark Winslow, deli director for Cosentino's Food Stores in Kansas City, Mo, said anything classified under a convenience.

#### Workshop will address Owest bid for deregulation

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - State regula-

TWIN FALLS - State regulators on Tuesday announced a March 6 Twin Falls event for locals to |learn about Qwest Communications International Inc.'s petition for price deregulation of its basic customer service in this and six other Idaho cities. Qwest is the predominant provider of local-phone service to much of Magic Valley. Idaho Public Utilities commission staffers will conduct March workshops in Twin Falls, Pocatello and Boise to answer questions about Qwest's bid to deregulate pricing in seven southern Idaho urban areas: Twin Falls, Boise, Meridian, Nampa, Caldwell, Pocatello and Idaho Falls.

Those seven exchanges

Idaho Falls.

Those seven exchanges account for about two-thirds of Qwest's total residential and business lines in the area. But the adjacent rural areas - the remaining one-third of total lines - would not be affected if Qwest's petition were granted. Qwest in December told The Associated Press its request is necessary in light of intensified cell phone competition in those cities. For the nearly 300.000

cell phone competition in those cities. For the nearly 300,001 and-line telephone customers it has in the seven cities, Qwest ladab Vice President Jim Schmit said there are over 200,000 cell phone customers served by more than six other companies, the AP reported.

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The PUC sets Qwest's basic service price, but cell phone rates are not regulated.

If the commission were to grant Qwest's petition, the telecommunications company would be free to increase or decrease basic service rates without the commission's OK, the PUC said.

The commission said Qwest maintains that wireless services in the seven cities are "functionally equivalent and competitively priced" with its own local exchange service.

"The Idaho Telecommunications Act Says

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Telecommunications Act says
the commission shall case regulating basic local exchange rates
when the incumbent telephone
corporation – in this case, Qwest
can show that effective competition exists for local calling," a
PUC statement said.
The March workshops are to
let the public informally ask
questions of PUC staffers.
They're also a chance for folks to

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#### Have your say

• By e-mail: Written comments on this case can be e-mailed from the learn Public Houses Commission's West but at when public state of us. Click on "Comments and Questions" and provide Case No. QMETO-225.
• By mail: Comments can also be mailed to the commission of P.O. Box 83720, Bose. 10.83720.

By fax: Or send a fax to 334

# Planning is key to making most of college visit

Spring break is supposed to be a time of sear for kids to kick back and maybe even set a suntain But for many high school jumors, these upcoming days off promise to be busy.

Trying to kick start the college search process, many teens and their parents will be making spring break visits to folder campiones for open houses or preview days.

days. Having recently made a four day, three-city, three-campus sweep with my own high schooler, I can tell you the typical whilehold great acquainted visit goes something like this Meet with an admissions counselor, take a walking tour, peek at dorm resims, sit in on a class of two, talk to students and teachers, eat in the student union, and maybe even have a little fun by watching part of a college baseball game or an intramural activity. All in half a day!



Kids and BUSINESS Steve Rosen

By the time you head for home, you hope your totally exhausted son or daughter will have a pretty good idea of what the school has to offer and whether it remains on their list of school choices. The whole touring process during the junior year is a lot like visiting a car deal-er's shownoom – except you're kicking the tires of a school. Keep in mind that this is just the starting point and that it's really up to the admissions representatives to try to sell you. More intense investigations

will come in your child's serior year, after admissions letters have gone out.

Sure, you can learn a lot about a school by using the Web (as I explained in a recent column), but sooner or later a road tipp or two may be in order.

So, how do you and your high schooler make the most of your campus visit? Like anything else, it starts with preparation. That means calling the admissions office about three weeks in advance to schedule appointments and tours and jotting down a list of questions to ask while on campus. I recently read a publication from Woodburn Press called "An Instruction Booklet for the Parents of College Bound Students." Author Linda O'Brien offers helpful, straightforward advice on visuing campuses. To order the booklet, go to swew wexdburnpress come or call 1.882.85-1502. The booklet costs \$2.25 plus ship-

ping and handling.

Here are some tips from the booklet, along with my own observations:

• When touring the campus, note the cleanliness, atmosphere and size of the

Attend a group information session that many schools offer parents and stu

that many schools offer parents and stu-dents.

• Talk to someone in the department your son or daughter is considering as a major, such as education or business. Check any labor or computer facilities. Ask what kinds of jobs their graduates get and whether there is an active job placement and summer internship program.

• Visit a dorm and the student usion and, if possible, eat a meal or two on cam-pus.

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# Stocks rise despite day of bad news

NEW YORK (AP) – Wall Street shrugged off a discouraging consumer confidence report Tuesday and sent stocks modestly higher as investors placed bets after several days of declines.

But trading was choppy as fears about war and the economy still dominated trading. The Dow Jones industrials fell as much as: 138 points to a fresh four-month

on before staging a late-day rally on bargain hunding.

Analysts downplayed the comeback.

"I'd be hard-pressed to say we're in a brave new world," said Bryan Piskorowski, market comentator at Prußential Securities.
"The market the last few days has been underloved and oversold, so we were due for a bounce."

"With fine dining down the tubes, for a while at least, a lot of these fancy restaurants are opening secondary operations that are less formal and more into comfort food at much lower prices," said Art Siemering, editor in chief of The Food Channel Trendwire, a food-focused advertising and marketing newsletter. "So I think we will

The Dow rose 51.26, or 0.7 per-cent, to close at 7,905.50, having declined 159 points Monday, its biggest one-day loss in nearly a month. Earlier in the day, blue-chip stocks dropped to 7,719.64, the lowest level since Oct. 10, when they finished at 7,533.95. The broader market also fin-ished higher. The Nasdaq com-posite index gained 6.60, or 0.5

percent, to 1,328.98. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.99, or 0.7 percent, to 838.57. The. New York-based Conference Board's said its Consumer Confidence Index plummeted to 640 in February from a revised 78.8 in January. The reading fell far below analysts' estimate. of 77.0, and is the lowest since the index hit 60.5 in October 1993.

## Caution

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label is doing well at the company's 20 area Price Chopper, Sun
Fresh and Apple Market stores.

"People don't want to spend
time cooking or, in our case,
reheating," Winslow said.

"Fast casual" restaurants will
continue to grow as consumers seek

"Fast casual" restaurants will continue to grow as consumers seek more value for their money, accord-ing to restaurant consultants.

see a boom in places that identi-fy themselves as American bistros."

If themselves as American successful restaurants so will need to be innovative, putting more obscure ethnic dishes from Korea, Peru and other countries on their menus or attracting single diners by offering "tables for one" with reading materials to keep them entertained.

"Everybody is out to find a point of difference because the market is so crowded," Siemering said. He also forecasts a "fast-food boomerang." While America continues to export its Pizza Huts and KFCs, such operations as Central America's Pollo Campero are opening locations in the United States.

## Workshop

Continued from E2 turn in their written comments, which the commission will use in its decision making. They workshops, however, are not formal hearings, and commis-sioners might not be present.

Qwest's predecessor - U S West - filed a similar petition in the late 1990s for price deregula-tion of Burley-area basic tele-phone service. U S West wanted deregulation to compete with Rupert-based Project Mutual

Telephone.

The EUC in 2000 rejected that application, saying U S West was seeing some competition for customers from the Project Mutual co-operative, but not enough to meet legislative guidelines for

effective competition throughout the calling area.

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#### Rosen

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colleges they considered and what factored into their final choice.

• Ask about intramural sports, Greek life and whether the com-

Greek life and whether the com-munity offers social and cultural outlets for students, such as plays, concerts and sporting events. Is public transportation available and reliable if your kid is not

going to have a car at school?

If you are interested in financial assistance, make an appointment with a financial aid officer and take an unofficial grade transcript with you.

If your student has a private meeting with an admissions officer, make sure the official receives a copy of your kid's resume. Once you return home,

your high schooler should write a thank-you note.

• Pick up a campus newspaper to get a sense of what has the student body buzzing.

• Start a filling system for each school, keeping notes on contacts made and copies of correspondence.

Regardless of how many col-leges your son or daughter is seri-

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ous about, it is important that your student take some owner-ship in the selection process. After all, your teen is the one who will be spending the next four or five years on the campus.

With a question or column idea, call Steve Rosen of The Kansus City Star at (816) 234-4879 or send an e-mail to srosen@kestar.com.

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#### Consumer confidence falls to lowest level since 1993

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumer confidence plunged in February to its lowest level in nearly 10 years, dragged down by the prospect of war with Iraq.

The Consumer Confidence Index fell almost 15 points to 64.0 - its lowest reading since October 1993 - from 78.8 in January, the Conference Board reported Itseasy. Analysts were predicting a reading of 77.0 - its lowest reading since October 1993 - from 78.8 in January, the Conference Board reported Itseasy. Analysts were predicting a reading of 77.0 - its lowest promise war with Iraq, and John Hanced Consumers pending stock of the consumer spending secons for crowthirds of U.S. economics check consumer spending secons for crowthirds of U.S. economics check on the consumer spending secons for consumer spending secons for consumer spending secons for consumer spending secons for consumer spending secons is depending, said economist Oscar Conso, "The gloom is deepening," said economist Oscar Conso, "The gloom is deepening," said economist Oscar Conso, "India of U.S. economist of the second in Second Conso, and the second in Second Instituted Conso, and the second in Second Instituted Conso, and the second in Second Instituted

pressing down heavily on consumers."

Still, Americans continued their home-buying frenry last month as the housing market remained one of the few bright spots in the economy.

Sales of previously owned homes surged in January to their best month ever, at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.09 million, the National Association of Realtors said Tuesday. That represented a strong 3 percent increase from December and defied analyst's expectations that home sales would dip slightly to a rate of 5.00 million.

"It's mortigage rates," said David Lereah, the association's chief economist. He stild low mortagage rates continue to be "the fuel for the housing engine."

The average, fixed-rate 30-year

#### Consumer confidence

Here is a look at the Consumer Confidence Index from a survey of 5,000 U.S. households. Seasonelly adjusted, 1985-100



SOURCE: The Conference Board

mortgage dropped to 5.92 per-cent in January - the lowest level since the early 1960s. The aver-age in December was 6.05 per-cent.

since the early 1960s. The average in December was 6.05 percent.

Low mortgage rates pushed sales of both new and existing homes to record levels last year. And, last week, the government reported that construction of new homes and apartments posted a 16-year high in January. Economists say potential home buyers see houses as an attractive investment compared with the turbulent stock market.

The national median home price in January was \$160,400, up 6.7 percent from the same month a year ago.

With the United States moving closer to war, the Consumer Confidence Index was down for the third straight month in February, as those surveyed expressed more worries about the job outlook and their incomes.

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## High tech firm will cut 70 jobs in Nampa

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# Reorganization dividing INEEL will be complete by next week

ARCO - By the end of the week the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory will have completed a reorganization that will divide a reorganization that will divide the site's work into two proams. The Idaho Cleanup Initiative

The Idano Cleanup Intuative will be given the responsibility completing the site's Accelerated Cleanup Plan, and the laboratory will focus on research and development.
"It will be a smaller lab, but it will be a stronger lab," said Idaho National Engineering Laboratory spokesman Iohn

Laboratory spokesman John Walsh.
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In July, U.S. Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham announced that the Idaho facility would be the lead laboratory for nuclear research. With the new mission, oversight and funding of the lab was shifted from the Office of Environmental Management to the Office of Nuclear Energy. The Idaho Cleanup Initiative will continue to receive its funding from the Office of Environmental Management.

Idaho/West in brief

#### Poli: Public says tobacco funds OK for drug program

POIL: PUBLIC SHYS LUDBLEU funds OK for drug program
BOISE — The American Association of Retired Persons has "released a poil that finds most Idaho residents support the state offering a low-income prescription drug assistance program for those in need.

The group of 147,000 Idaho members supports an increase in the state's tobacco tax to pay for it. Association President Janice Stover said Tuesday there is legislation to that effect this year, although the organization realizes it could take several years to accomplish its goal. "We can't guarantee we'll have a program in 2003, but we would at least like to get our foot in the door," she told a group of seniors in the Statehouse.

Lawmakers are considering whether to more than double the tax on cigarettes to 62 cents a pack. The association would like at least some of that money to offset prescription costs.

The survey of Idaho residents

18 years of age and older found 58 percent would back such a drug program and 93 percent would favor it even if they were not eligible. Two in five Idaho mokers would back an increased tax for that use.

A majority would strongly support increases of state taxes on a clgarette pack by as much as 75 cents.

## Orthodontist pleads

Orthodontist pleads guilty to touching patient
NAMPA - A Nampa orthodonist has been fined and sentenced to community service after pleading guilty to battery.
Christian Claude Cusimano was accused of inappropriately touching a 19-year-old patient.
Cusimano was arrested last summer and charged with one count of sexual exploitation by a medical-care provider. The charge was changed to battery as part of a plea bargain. Cusimano was accused of inappropriately touching the patient while she was in his office. Cusimano could not be reached for comment Monday afternoon.
Canyon County Prosecutor Dave Young said Cusimano, who

#### Federal estimates of available timber fall short for mill

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ELK CITY - Local residents want to know why the federal government does not offer enough timber to keep mills in business when immense tracts of dead and dying trees could burn up in wildfires.

A Monday public meeting considered how much timber the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management can supply each year. About 150 people attended the panel discussion on fire risk, timber supply and the future of the town.

Fighting low timber prices, a dwindling supply of raw logs and dough transportation costs, John Bennett of Bennett Forest Industries has said his Elk City mill needs 35 million board feet of federal timber per year to of federal timber per year to

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"We can't do that on an annual basis," he warned.
Bennett said he should know within two months if he will close, the sawmill in Elk City and the planer mill in Grangeyille and move both to the Lewiston Valley transportation hub.

#### Two more condors from Boise will be released

BOISE - Two California condors hatched in Idaho will be released next week from an aviary near the Grand Canyon. The Peregrine Fund announced. The release of two of North America's largest birds on the Vermilion Cliffs will increase the population of free-flying California condors in Arizona to 35.

Both birds are males and were hatched at The Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise. Depending on conditions, a third condor may be released. "Observing more than 30 of the free-flying condors at once is spectacular," said Bill Burnham, Peregrine president. "These additional young condors are very important and will enhance

condor viewing opportunities in Arizona and Utah." A total of eight condors arrived at the release site on Jan. 18. The other young birds will be held in the aviary until they are ready for release.

## Junk food may be taken out

Junk food may be taken out of school vending machines SALT LAKE CITY - Children are getting fatter and having access to candy in the elementary schools isn't helping, state Rep. Pat Jones said Tuesday in. favor of her bill banning the worst kinds of junk food from elementary school vending machines.

The Utah House agreed, passing the bill 49-21. It now goes to the Senate.

The bill would keep out hard candy, gum and soft drinks from the machines. It would apply to vending machines in elementary schools, and exempts those in eachers lounges, Jones said.

Rep. Chad Bennion, R'Alurray, said the bill takes away local control from districts, and said parents can tell districts if they're concerned about vending items.

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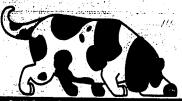






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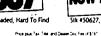






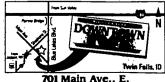


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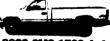


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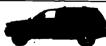


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