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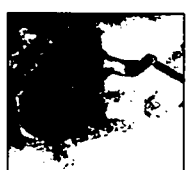


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House backs additional cuts

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

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — The House began a march toward a showdown with the governor on Tuesday when members voted 39-30 to move forward with a 2 percent across-the-board cut in the current budget. Essentially, the measure is an expansion of the governor's 3.5 percent holdback in place for all state agencies since August.

The plan that originated in the Joint Finance Appropriations



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

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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 \$39 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 trims \$18 million from public schools and \$4.1 million from higher education, and those cuts would have to be

absorbed over a four-month period.

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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GETTING READY



In this handout photo from the U.S. Marine Corps, Czech nuclear, biological and chemical defense specialists from the U.S.-led Combined Joint Task Force wear protective suits during training Sunday at Kuwait's Mubarak Airbase. Based in Kuwait, the task force is a forward-deployed nuclear, biological and chemical defense force consisting of service members from all branches 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 military occupying force for a postwar Iraq could total several hundred thousand soldiers.

Iraq is "a piece of geography that's fairly significant," Gen. Eric K. Shinseki 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 committee

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Godfrey Meynell, age 68, is so passionate about stopping the war he has moved into a power plant in Baghdad as a member of the Human Shield group.

Anti-war activists enter harm's way

Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — He is white haired and slightly bowlegged, but with crystalline blue eyes and a maddly face that bears the glowing look of a man who feels that in the autumn of his life — he is exactly where he ought to be.

Godfrey Meynell, M.B.E., former British colonial officer in Aden, former high sheriff of Derby, former Home Office civil servant, former independent Green candidate for parliament, a self-described loyalist of church

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Busts of area shops were part of larger operation

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

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 spokeswoman 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

Munoz of Burley and Lena Ann Johnson and Daniel 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.

Munoz, 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 aimed at denting the commercial sale of such paraphernalia as water pipes. Munoz runs La Cinders Smoke Shop at 2311 Overland Ave. in Burley; Johnson owns the Enchantress at 622 N. Main Ave. in Twin Falls; and Nogara owns Dead On Arrival at 445 Second Ave. S. in Twin Falls. Federal prosecutors say those businesses were among those found to be selling drug paraphernalia, according to grand jury indictments.

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Officials remove paraphernalia seized from the store '20 After 4' on North Main Street Monday in Pocatello.



Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee listens to Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, vice-chairman of the National Governors Association, prior to 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, which talks a good game, has not fulfilled its obligations to you" on education, Frist acknowledged.

He also said that Congress could revise this year's appropriation of \$3.5 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 protect citizens.

On health care, governors favor having the federal government include a prescription drug benefit for seniors under Medicare that would pay for costs now carried 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 didn't rule out taking small steps now. If broad changes are not imposed, in 25 years Medicare "falls and it falls dramatically."

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, a Democrat, said she was encouraged by Frist's comments. "They recognize what we have come and put on the table," she said.

Senate criticizes FBI for handling of anti-terror act

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI has done a poor job with an anti-terrorism law that permits unprecedented levels of domestic surveillance, the Senate Judiciary Committee said Tuesday.

"The lack of professionalism in applying the law has been scandalous," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who wrote the committee report with Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. "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 were guilty of excessive 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 terrorism.

The report focused on the case of Zacarias Moussawi, the only person accused in the United States of conspiring with the Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers. It details how FBI headquarters thwarted efforts by agents in Minneapolis to obtain a FISA warrant to search Moussawi's laptop computer and belongings before the attack.

"September 11 might well have been prevented," Specter said. "What are they doing now to pre-

vent another 9/11?"

Grassley said closed Senate hearings on the Moussawi 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 spy on foreign agents. It was expanded after the Sept. 11 attacks by the USA Patriot Act, giving law enforcement greater powers to secretly investigate terrorist 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 without support for U.S. efforts to end 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 North Koreans, a move they feel would create instability — and perhaps millions of hungry refugees — on their borders.

South Korea's new president, Roh Moo-hyun, said in his inaugural address Tuesday that he would demand 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 on its aggressive policy toward Iraq, Powell's visit showed that Washington is having a hard time convincing Asian nations that the United States is justified in refusing to negotiate with Pyongyang until North Korea ends its nuclear program.

Even the North Koreans thumbed their noses at Powell, launching 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 area in the Sea of Japan.

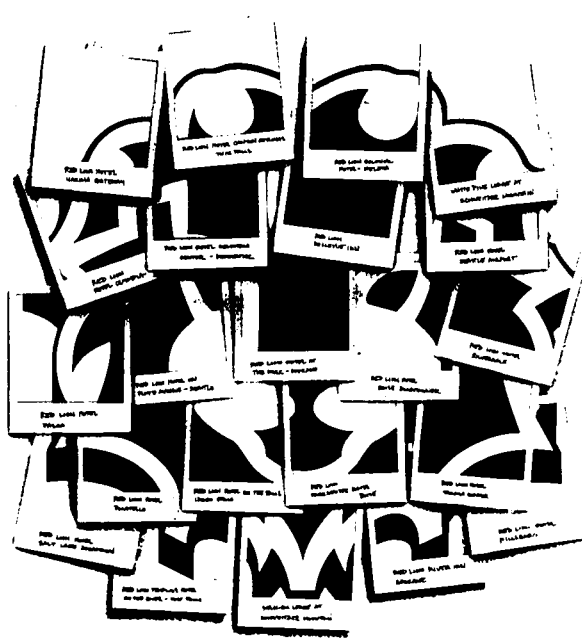
North Korea also accused Washington of sending spy planes over it as a preparation for war. U.S. spy planes make regular patrols just south of the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea, although they are not supposed to stray over the border.

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.

North Korea launches missile

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



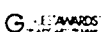
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it or to let it become law without his signature.

But it might not make it to the governor's desk. Scheduled for today, the vote in the Senate is predicted to be close.

Brian Whitlock, Kempthorne's chief of staff, downplayed the bill's success in the House after watching the floor debate.

"It's a trial balloon that didn't get very far off the ground. Thirty people demonstrated 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. 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-Declo, said he's siding with Noh.

"It would be a step backward," Darrington said. "We've worked hard to put reforms in place with smaller classes, high-tech schools and improved curriculum."

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 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 make a vote 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 wrap-up 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 leaves lawmakers little choice. In light of a loss of 1,700 jobs statewide just since the beginning of the year and spiraling deflation, Newcomb predicted if lawmakers don't agree for more bold cuts that next year they could be facing an even higher tax increase than Kempthorne suggested.

"There's nothing to say that we're not going to come back to an even worse economy next year than we have today," he said.

"There is nothing in this economy that shows we are hitting bottom."

He said lawmakers can make the surgical cuts in the 2004 budget.

How they voted

Here is the roll call vote by the House of Representatives for House Bill 293, which imposes a 2 percent budget cut in the current fiscal year:

Republicans for: Barracough, Barrett, Bauer, Bedke, Bell, Black, Block, Bolt, Bradford, Collins, Crow, Deal, Demsey, Elsworth, Eskridge, Field (18), Field (23), Gagne, Garrett, Harwood, Kulczyk, Lake, Langford, McGeechlin, McKague, Moyle, Nielsen, Raybould, Ring, Roberts, Rydalski, Sall, Schaefer, Skippen, Stevenson, Timman, Willis, Wood, Newcomb.

Republicans against: Campbell, Cannon, Clark, Eberje, Edmondson, Jensen, Meyer, Miller, Ridinger, Shirley, Smith (24), Smylie, Snodgrass, Trail.

Democrats for: None.

Democrats against: Anderson, Bob, Bietler, Cuddy, Douglas, Henbest, Jaquet, Langhorst, Martinez, Mitchell, Naccarato, Ringo, Robinson, Saylor, Shepherd, Smith (30).

House Minority Leader Wendy Judd led all the Democrats in a vote against the cuts. Of the 14 Republicans who voted against the measure, three were from Magic Valley: Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone; Rep. Leon Smith, R-Shoshone; and Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer.

"I'm all for a budget cut, but not one this large," Smith said. "I think there's room for compromise."

Rep. Delores Crow, R-Nampa,

chairs the House Revenue and Taxation 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 just what Smith intends to do. Smith's plan would increase taxes substantially on all "sin" 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 balance. 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 quarterly income taxes. The plan to accelerate quarterly payments would bring in a one-time windfall of \$40 million, Stennett said.

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Cuts

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January and July.

"February to May is pretty dry," Wade said.

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

Schools and reserves

These figures show that some sixth-graded Magic Valley districts have money that they could use to absorb a proposed 2 percent budget cut in the current fiscal year, while others do not.

District	Total FY 2002 general expenditures	Unallocated fund balance	As a percent of expenditures
Blaine County	\$26,872,290	\$0	0
Cassia County	\$1,285,625	\$0	0
Cassia County	\$25,170,657	\$0	0
Glenns Ferry	\$3,296,384	\$0	0
Gooding	\$6,412,857	\$332,454	5.2
Wendell	\$5,373,480	\$332,450	6.2
Hagerman	\$2,291,270	\$620,203	27.1
Bliss	\$1,254,643	\$0	0
Jerome	\$14,605,427	\$747,729	5.1
Valley	\$3,957,106	\$254,052	7.2
Shoshone	\$3,016,999	\$0	0
Dietrich	\$1,238,513	\$230,000	18.6
Richfield	\$1,414,831	\$0	0
Mindokla County	\$22,178,501	\$203,631	0.9
Twin Falls	\$31,401,338	\$523,585	1.7
Buhl	\$6,930,764	\$1,167,280	16.8
Filer	\$6,750,637	\$440,302	6.5
Valley	\$5,149,024	\$401,355	6.5
Hansen	\$2,439,628	\$0	0
Three Creek	\$89,704	\$32,859	36.4
Castelford	\$2,311,715	\$24,262	1
Martinsburg	\$1,718,898	\$228,000	13.3

Source: Idaho School Boards Association

The last payment, set to arrive in May, often takes care of summer school programs, Chesley said.

Hill added the May payment often is what helps districts buy books and supplies for the next school year because the next state payment doesn't arrive until mid-August.

Under the House-approved plan, districts unable to absorb a

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 tax 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 Buhl district can afford the holdback this time, but it will be the last time, he said.

Hill wasn't sure how much 2 percent amounts to in specific dollars for the Buhl district. In the Hansen School District, a 2 percent cut would be about \$48,000, said Superintendent Dennis Coulter. He agreed with Hill that while Hansen could withstand the cuts, the district can't do it for much longer.

"We are OK," Coulter said. "We can withstand that (2 percent cut), but I don't know how many years we can withstand." Schools have already made cuts — from holdbacks and cutbacks last year, Chesley pointed out. In Cassia County schools that was a \$495,000 cut from last year's original appropriation. A 2 percent cut this year would mean \$400,000 less for Cassia schools. Such cutbacks penalize dis-

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 hired nine years ago, one goal was to improve the financial condition of the district. When the 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.

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

Chesley has even more concerns if more cuts were to follow, such as an 8 percent cut the Joint Finance Appropriations 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 would have to go to the board and community to determine what to cut.

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

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French Chef Bernard Loiseau cooks in his kitchen in this March 1991 file photo. Loiseau died Monday.

Top chef's death shocks France

PARIS (AP) — Like many a great artist, Bernard Loiseau was a fragile and sometimes tortured soul, a perfectionist tending to one of France's greatest passions: food.

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.

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.

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 France-2 television.

"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 kitchen.

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.

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 "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 "ridiculous" plant 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 consulate — smashed storefront and apartment windows and left the buildings' facades in shambles. Shattered glass covered streets and steel gates were twisted by the force of the blasts.

The blasts slightly injured four people, including a night watchman. Security was bolstered 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.

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

Crunch time has arrived in the 2003 Idaho Legislature's high-pressure game of "balance the budget." But the biggest player is still sitting on the sidelines.

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

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

News of Micron Technology Inc.'s 1,100-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.

Those gloomy prospects led the House to cut \$60 million from the current budget on Tuesday. That measure would order state agencies, public schools and higher education to cut \$39.4 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 cutbacks that hit southeastern Idaho and the Mini-Cassia area in the past year. State government cannot stay insulated from the private sector's pain.

The bad news should have a sobering effect on Kempthorne and any legislators leaning toward a 1.5-cent 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 will bring the hoped-for rev-

enue or discourage consumers from spending.

But Kempthorne has yet to propose anything formally. His press aide says he's waiting for "the right time" to send his proposals to the Legislature.

While he waits, legislators are trimming state government, which is the right course under the circumstances.

We've covered these points before, but here again are our suggestions:

- **Cut-funding for reserve accounts and construction.** This isn't the time to build the state's reserves or to undertake long-term construction.

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.

- **Increase cigarette, beer 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 earners would create instant savings, and more importantly, save state worker jobs. This idea isn't revolutionary. Polatch Corp. did it recently to avert layoffs. State government can do the same.

- **Require school districts to use reserves.** Some districts are sitting on million-dollar reserve accounts. The state should require that districts use that money before hitting 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.

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

Our view: Recent layoffs at Micron intensify the need for Idaho's state government to cut costs.

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

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 created 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 percent over 1990 levels. Yet state general-fund spending is up 50 percent. The total amount spent by state governments topped \$1

BRIAN M. RIEDL

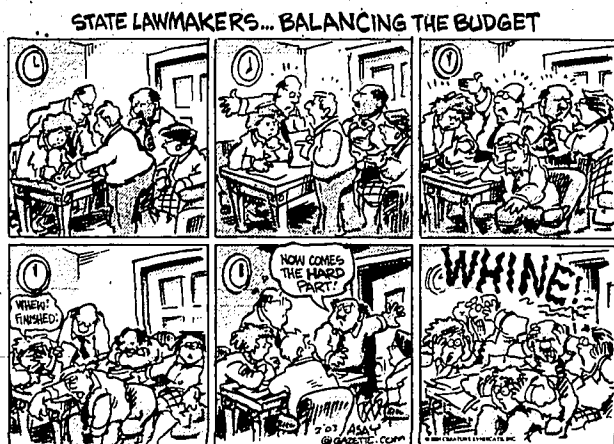
trillion for the first time ever in 2000 and has continued to rise. Sounds like a good opportunity for these states to rein in the runaway spending that's plunged their budgets into the red.

Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., apparently disagrees. He proposes a \$40 billion federal bailout of the states. But the same taxpayers who fund state budgets also fund federal budgets, this would hardly help. Like a family responding to unaffordable MasterCard debt by running up Visa instead, a federal bailout would run up families' federal tax bill in order to reduce their state tax bill. You've solved nothing.

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 29 percent since 1990, but state spending has grown even faster. Had state lawmakers exercised as much restraint as the federal government, they could have balanced their 2003 budgets and had enough money left to cut taxes by \$525 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 on their new revenue — and then some. California exemplifies this



mindset. Blessed with a 28 percent increase in tax revenues between 1999 and 2003, Golden State lawmakers responded by hiking spending by 36 percent — turning a \$10 billion budget surplus into a deficit. And they still haven't learned. When Gov. Gray Davis announced a \$35 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, Michigan and Colorado generally resisted adding extravagant programs over the past decade. As a result, their deficits 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 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 should remove the "unfunded mandates" that require them to spend some of 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 unfunded mandate — Medicaid — isn't voluntary. 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 substance-abuse 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.

Spending restraint never comes easily. It demands leadership and discipline. And it's not achieved by shifting the cost of government from one level to another. Indeed, bailouts can only exacerbate the real problem: that too many politicians spend every dollar they're entrusted with — and then ask for more.

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Campaign finance bill backfires on Dems

When President Bush signed the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform 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 advised his signature to the bill in the privacy of his office, and made it law, without fuss.

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

While I was disappointed at the time that the president hadn't vetoed the measure, I understood the politics of the situation. Thanks largely to uncritical press coverage, McCain-Feingold was very popular, and Bush might well have seen his veto overridden — a needless embarrassment. There's a perception that money is decisively influential in politics, and that such influence must be bad. Accordingly, any measure that severely limits the ability of Big



PHILIP TERZIAN

Oil or Special Interests to bankroll politicians (mostly Republican) or support legislation (mostly conservative) must be good.

Another misperception is the nature of political money. McCain-Feingold bans soft money — that is, unlimited, largely unregulated contributions to party committees from unions, corporations and rich donors — but 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 gronies at Common Cause may believe that the system is breaking in soft money for Republicans from malicious corporations, but almost exactly opposite is true. It is the Democrats 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 cash from small numbers of contributors. The Republicans, by contrast, have perfected the art of soliciting modest contributions (\$25-\$200) from a voluminous corps of supporters.

So, from a practical Republican standpoint, President Bush knew what he was doing when he signed McCain-Feingold. 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 contributions 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 wider every 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 now been abolished. 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 hand — and no foes in his party — with Democratic candidates accepting federal subsidies would be limited to \$44 million during primaries and before the party convention.

Of course, President Bush is scarcely assured of re-election — much can happen between now and November 2004 — but McCain-Feingold makes the task of defeating him especially hard. This is, in a sense, cosmic justice: Having used the issue of money as a weapon with which to beat Bush and the Republicans, the Democrats must surely now regret their success.

There is hope, however. The Supreme Court might well strike down McCain-Feingold for its unconstitutional restrictions on free speech, in which case the Democrats could begin to recoup their losses. Then again, the court might prove exquisitely precise. Nullifying the speech limitations in McCain-Feingold, while retaining its labyrinthine financial regulations. Either way, Dems was screwed to sign it into law, and Democrats should henceforth be more careful what they wish for.

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OPINION

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 aloft by freedom and independence. For those reasons, it is a threat to the United Nations, and it must be brought down. One-world government cannot succeed without complete and absolute mastery over all nations.

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

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 divining rod and a white feather.

Using CNN, arguably the world's foremost propaganda machine, the United Nations has spread an infestation of anti-Bush hatred throughout the world to undermine our relationship with allies. Secretary Kofi'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 pals, wealthy wannabes and members of Congress.

LETTERS

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 terrorism. He must be put out of business. Now, not tomorrow.
JACK LINTELMANN
Buhl

Support for globalization 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 border situation is a sham of what it should be, thousands of illegals cross our border each month and this administration wants no less than full Social Security benefits for them. After this will be the driver's license, no doubt. They need 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. These 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. This sends shivers down my back.

Globalization, 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 ago.

I am not crazy, but if one-world government comes about, I will hate it. And sure hope it won't come about.
BRIAN MITCHELL
Jerome

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!

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-

ation of a centralized grand database.

Last year, police-state, world-government advocates won three major victories 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 Iraq, which is an important step toward transforming the United Nations into an effective world government.

Please ask our senators and congressmen to stop funding the TIA, 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.

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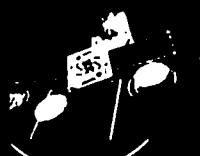
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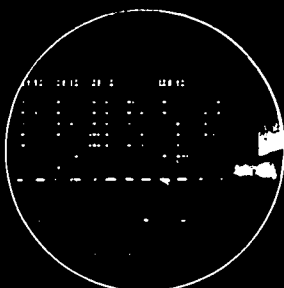
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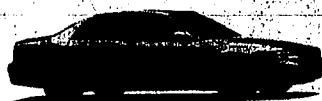
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Environmental author will speak in T.F. today

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 Committee.

Jensen is the author of several well-known environmental books, including "Listening to the Land," "Conversations about Nature, Culture and Eros," 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.

Jensen is quoted on his Web site saying that we are members of the most destructive culture ever to exist. His presentations focus on what he says should be sane and effective responses to our outrageous destructive behavior.

Admission is free. Jensen's Twin Falls appearance is being paid for entirely by the CSI Student Senate. Jensen's Web site is www.derrickjensen.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 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

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.

The ordinance allows for 10 animal units for every 1-acre of 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 performance 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 performances 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-up dance scheduled for today to Anderson Camp. It will start at 7:30 p.m. with no pre-rounds. There will be finger foods.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% of 1998
Upper Snake River	85%	98%
Salmon Falls	81%	48%
Salmon	82%	48%
Oakley	83%	44%
Big Wood	86%	70%
Little Wood	101%	78%
Henrys Fork/Teton	82%	63%
Big Lost	94%	70%
Little Lost	85%	56%

As of Feb. 25

*Department of State emergency, no snowpack data available for some watersheds.

Budget plan would return spending to 2000

The Associated Press

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 operating levels.

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



House might set up show-down with Governor - A1

Republican leaders directed their majority on the House Senate committee to begin voting on budgets that cut 8 percent



Rep. Dean Cameron

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

The committee will vote first on general government budgets - the Legislature, elected state officials and the Department of Administration and Tax Commission. The target would save 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 \$1 million more from the department that collects the tax revenue lawmakers need.

Cameron said Republican leaders would reassess the situation after that, but if there is no

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

Public schools and the colleges also 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 said.

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'Sprinkler rates' spark confusion in Jerome

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

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 for treatment. It is based on the average of the most recent four winter months. The residential 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.

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 go back into the sewer system, the city adjusts 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.

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Scott Hall smoothes down the edge of a billboard at East Five Points in Twin Falls Tuesday. Despite the chilly forecast, the sunshine made it warm enough for Hall to shed his coat. Sunny skies should return today, but clouds will be back in the skies by Thursday, according to the National Weather Service.

Buhl scraps middle school study

Officials decide time is right for new high school

By Mary Lou Potts

Times-News correspondent

BUHL - The School Board this week elected to move forward with getting a new high school built and scrapped 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-finding report, the board rescinded the motion it had made Feb. 18 to consider the study.

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

The board had been set to pursue a bond issue to build a new high school, but some residents said 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 Popplewell, middle school art instructor

die-school renovation far could cost.

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 school.

After seeking additional opinions, the board concluded that

the community says the time is 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 athletic schedules, 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.

"Even though the economy is down in many places, our area seems to be moving ahead," 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

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Changes to Gooding County CAFO regs garner no interest

By Micky Walker

Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Proposed revisions to the current Gooding County confined animal feeding ordinance gathered little interest at a public hearing this week.

No one spoke in favor of or against the changes Monday and the county commissioners received no written comments.

Commissioners will make a decision on the proposed changes at a future meeting after their findings of fact are submitted.

The public hearing came after the county's planning and zoning commission made its recommendation to amend the ordinance on manure storage and composting, and do away with a proposal to require special use permits for any new CAFOs south of 2800 South Road.

Planning and zoning members thought there was a need for a written definition on what constitutes composting, said zoning administrator Judy Daubner. They also thought specific vet-

backs should be outlined for compost storage that would protect surrounding residents, property lines, wells and public rights of way.

Commercial composting will still require a special-use permit, and no composting will be allowed in areas other than the agricultural zone.

"The commission thought that selecting certain areas of the county for special handling might bring unwanted litigation our way," Daubner said regarding the proposal to require special use permits on new and expanding CAFOs south of 2800 South Road.

County commissioners had wanted this amendment due to the saturation in the area south of Wendell. It was seen as another way for the county and CAFO operators to mitigate CAFO waste.

Members of the planning board want to view each CAFO, new or existing, regardless of its location in the county, on an individual basis, Daubner said.

Rupert sees problem, seeks viable solution

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The dissolved oxygen reading at the Rupert sewer plant 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.

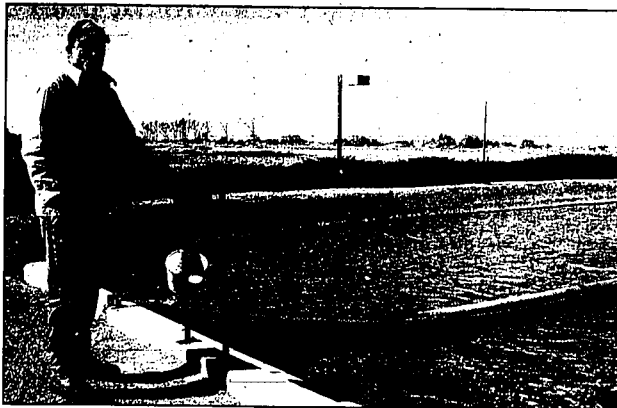
Rupert city officials have scheduled a public meeting about sewer plant odors for 7 tonight at City Hall. The meeting is designed to help people understand where the odors come from and how the problems will be fixed.

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.

Very simply the plan says the current treatment facilities can't handle the load.

Residential and commercial flows will continue as the population increases, the report reads, and in recent years industrial 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 oxygen readings correlate with increased odors. Readings are taken three times daily.

in a day. "Original design criteria for the facility suggest that at a biochemical oxygen demand loading of 13,000 pounds per day, aeration basins are overloaded by approximately 216 percent," the report states.

Until a new facility can be built or upgrades started on the current facility, DEQ officials hope to reduce infiltration and inflow and work with industry to pre-treat sewage.

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 management 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 continue to document odor complaints.

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Burley drug suspect faces new theft charge

By Shelley Ridenour
TF Times-News writer

BURLEY — A Burley man who faces drug trafficking and possession charges was back in jail Tuesday 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' Tuesday arraignment. Late Tuesday afternoon, Higgins was still in the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center.

According to the criminal complaint filed Friday in 5th District Magistrate Court in Cassia County, Higgins, 48, had a Browning .12-gauge shotgun, a Stevens 16-gauge shotgun and a .22-caliber semiautomatic Stevens rifle in his house when officers arrested him Feb. 13 on the drug charges.

The guns belong to Higgins' girlfriend, Shasta Moncur, according to the complaint. Moncur's address is listed in the court documents as the same address where Higgins lives.

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

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.

According to the court affidavit, officers found a plastic bag containing methamphetamine on the back of a toilet lid in Higgins' house during the search. Higgins was arrested for possession of a 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 capability 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

The Times-News and The Associated Press

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 residence.

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 Coroner 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 in 1963 as assistant treasurer, 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.

This chart shows state government spending for the 2002 fiscal year, the original appropriations 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	\$227,495,000	\$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	\$1,278,205,400	\$1,283,957,400	\$1,300,636,200	\$1,174,104,135
Health and human services	\$364,620,900	\$378,174,700	\$398,026,900	\$351,290,699
Public safety	\$186,123,000	\$188,871,000	\$191,735,800	\$176,444,380
Natural resources	\$43,287,800	\$39,118,500	\$39,578,900	\$36,337,811
Economic development	\$28,248,000	\$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	\$1,978,837,000	\$1,947,895,400	\$2,025,875,800	\$1,828,000,000

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warned.

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

"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

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 raising taxes.

The governor's budget bureau 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 mandates. It ignores contracts. It ignores agreements with other states. It ignores state law."

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

education."

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

"We have no illusions about what will happen to some of these budgets, so there is a sense of frustration," Cameron said. "But we need to do our job as 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 lawmakers 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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Utility Clerk Kathie Maas further explained the utility statement.

At the top of the city utility bill, he said, is the "previous" heading refers to the date and the meter reading of the previous month. The "present" heading reflects the current

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 for the sewer charge for the month."

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

every customer regardless of consumption). These rates are explained 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."

The roof has been patched to the limit, a new roof is needed. Poppewell said that Monday it was so cold, with the wind blowing through the windows, that the students 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.

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 Poppewell, middle school art instructor.

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

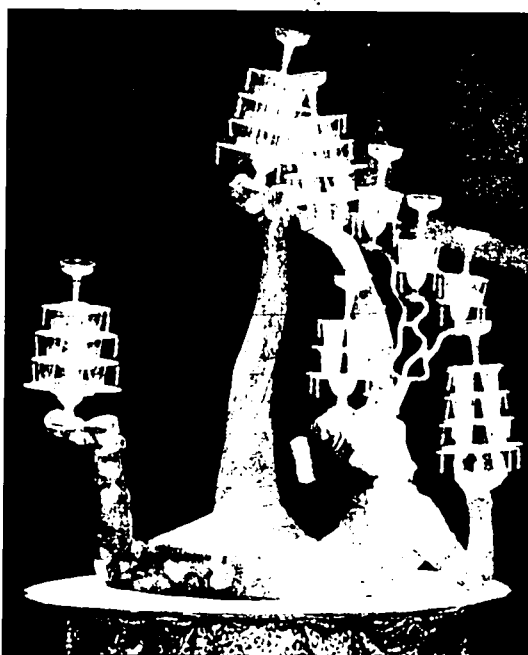
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the amount voters will be asked to approve in May. On Monday, district officials start interviewing architects who will help determine the cost of meeting the district's needs.

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

BALANCING ACT



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

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 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 Mark Shurtleff has previously said. His office drafted the legislation.

Tuesday's 68-4 vote sends 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 County and remembers that when she was in junior high and high school, friends 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 16 or 17, they are guilty of a third-degree felony if 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-year-old if the person is more than four 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 underage polygamist marriages.

Parents can be charged with a third-degree felony if they allow a minor to enter into a marriage prohibited by law. Another law makes it a third-degree felony for anyone who performs a marriage of a minor that is prohibited by law.

Third-degree felonies are punishable by zero to five years in prison.

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

Potato co-op plans two meetings

The Times-News

BURLEY — The Southern Idaho Potato Cooperative has scheduled two meetings this week for contract potato growers who grow for Idaho's processing companies.

One meeting is at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the Burley Inn. The second meeting is also at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Shilo Inn Suites in Nampa.

Contract negotiations for the 2003 crop will be discussed. According to a press release from the cooperative, the french fry demand for the current market year is expected to be soft, "which means a decrease in the amount of Idaho potatoes required for french processing."

Coop officials urge growers to "take a hard look at their options for developed, contract potato acreage" in light of the absence of fry contract settlements in the Pacific Northwest and the fact that planting time is rapidly approaching.

Supreme Court sides with Texas death row inmate

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court 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 supporters.

The 8-1 ruling is a rare example of the conservative-leaning court agreeing that a death row inmate may have been treated unfairly at trial.

Thomas Miller-El claims Dallas County prosecutors had a long history of excluding blacks from juries on the theory they were more likely to side with a black defendant.

"Irrespective of whether the evidence could prove sufficient to support a charge of systematic exclusion of African-Americans, it reveals that the culture of the district attorney's office in the past was suffused with bias against African-Americans in jury selection," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote.

Kennedy was joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices John Paul Stevens, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia, David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer. Justice Clarence Thomas, the court's only black member, dissented. He said Miller-El did not prove black jurors were excluded because of their race.

Nation in brief

The grand jury is expected to convene today, law enforcement officials said on condition of 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 band has said it received approval to use the special effects but the club's owners have denied giving permission.

Professor jailed in terrorism probe calls himself a victim

TAMPA, Fla. - A jailed university professor accused of helping run a Midwest terrorist group says he is a victim of post-Sept. 11 hysteria who has been "crucified" for his support of Palestinian 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 Palestinian 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 job-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

CHICAGO - Mayor Richard M. Daley swamped 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 McKelley - and a black businesswoman Patricia McAfee in a nonpartisan election expected to set a record low for voter turnout.

Georgia senator lashes out at proposed hillbilly reality show

WASHINGTON - A proposed hillbilly 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 acceptable target of bigotry.

Miller lashed out at CBS executives in a Senate speech Tuesday for their plans to air "The Real Beverly Hillsbills," which would chronicle a rural, lower-middle-class family that moves into a luxurious Beverly Hills mansion. The program is modeled after the hit 1960s sitcom.

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

On Tuesday, CBS spokesman Chris Ender also stressed the network wasn't trying to offend anyone and said it's not clear when - or even if - the proposed show, which did offend Miller, will air.

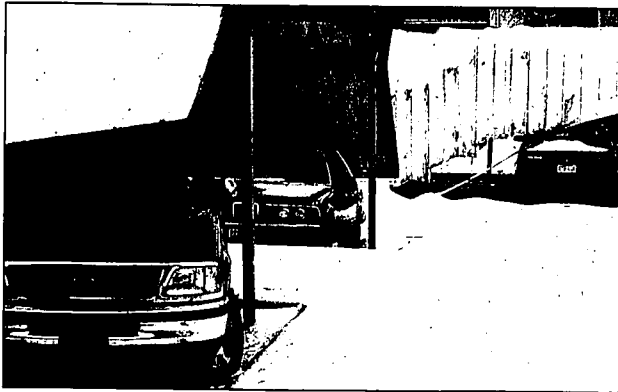
Tourist fails to death from hot air balloon in California

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

The victim, 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 County sheriff's Lt. Jean Davidson said.

The victim fell and landed in an asphalt parking lot - compiled from wire reports.

FREE PARKING



Carports at an apartment complex in Mesquite, Texas, collapsed Tuesday under the weight of ice, trapping and damaging several cars. Sleet and freezing rain turned north and central Texas into a blanket of white, forcing a shutdown of area 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 system, has fallen silent after traveling billions of miles from Earth on a mission that has lasted nearly 31 years, NASA said 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 previous signals were very faint. The Deep Space Network heard nothing 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 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-CIO President John Sweeney. He said unions increase productivity, economic 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 used new methods in compiling this year's data, and adjusted the 2001 statistics according to the revised system to show the real 0.2 percent drop.

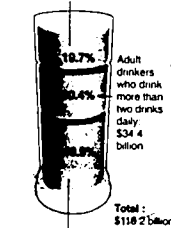
Previous years were not reassessed.

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

Young drinkers

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

Amount spent on alcohol Underage drinkers: \$22.5 billion



SOURCE: National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse

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 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 it is not in the alcohol industry's financial interest to voluntarily enact strategies to reduce underage or adult excessive drinking," the researchers said.

AIDS vaccine failure deals blow to fight against disease

SAN FRANCISCO - The failure of an experimental AIDS vaccine in its first major test has shattered hopes of developing a shield against infection in the near future 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 protect well on the small number of blacks who participated. Scientists said more study is needed to draw any conclusions.

The drug's developer, Vaxgen Inc., said that overall there was no meaningful difference in protection between the 3,330 volunteers who received the genetically engineered vaccine and the 16,794 volunteers who received a placebo. All participants were at high risk of contracting the disease through sex. Officials had been willing to give the drug approval even if it worked in just one in three people.

Prosecutors subpoena band to testify in nightclub case

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Members of the rock group Great White have been subpoenaed by prosecutors and said Tuesday they will appear before a grand jury investigating whether criminal charges should be filed in the nightclub inferno that killed 97 people.

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Sandwiches make lunch fun, easy

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



VALLEY
COOKING
Dixie Thomas
Reale

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

Here are a few sandwiches for you to try:

TUNA STACKS

3 tablespoons mustard
8 slices rye bread
1 (7 ounce) can tuna
1/4 cup mayonnaise
salt and pepper to taste
1 medium cucumber, sliced
1 medium tomato, sliced
lettuce leaves
4 slices rye bread, toasted

Combine tuna and mayonnaise in bowl. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Spread the mustard on 4 slices of toasted bread. Spread tuna mixture on one layer of the toasted bread. Place a slice of toasted bread on top of it and place tomato on that layer. Add another layer of toasted bread then cucumber and lettuce. Top with last layer of toasted bread. Fasten with toothpicks and cut into quarters.

RIVERAS

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
12 (1/2 inch thick) slices of French bread
12 slices chicken or turkey luncheon meat
12 slices ham luncheon meat
3 eggs
1/4 cup milk
1/4 cup mayonnaise

1 can (8 ounces) cranberry sauce
Spread half the butter or margarine on bread; make into 6 sandwiches with chicken or turkey and ham, dividing evenly.
Beat eggs slightly with milk in a pie plate; dip sandwiches into mixture, turning to coat both sides. Brown slowly in remaining butter or margarine in a large skillet, turning once.
Blend mayonnaise with cranberry sauce in a small dish. Serve sandwiches hot with dressing.

STEAK SANDWICHES

1 flank steak (about 2 pounds)
salt and pepper to taste
12 to 16 hoagie buns, split
Make shallow diagonal cuts 1 inch apart on one side of the steak (to keep it from curling). Place scored side down on broiler rack. Broil 3 minutes, turn and broil another 3 or 4 minutes till done.
Season with salt and pepper.
Cut meat on the diagonal into thin slices. Fold each slice in half and place into hot bun.

ALL-AMERICAN CLUB

12 slices white or wheat bread, toasted
8 slices ripe tomato
12 slices (about 1/2 pound) bacon, crissly cooked
4 slices ham luncheon meat
4 slices turkey luncheon meat
4 slices Swiss cheese
mayonnaise or butter
Arrange 4 slices toasted bread in a row and spread with mayonnaise or butter. Top each with lettuce, 2 slices tomato, 3 strips bacon, and one slice turkey meat. Add a second slice of toast, then ham and cheese. Spread mayonnaise on last slice of toast and place on the stack. Secure with toothpicks and slice into quarters.

Dixie Thomas Reale is a Times-News correspondent. She can be reached at 324-3670.

Tales from the Sea

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

Before 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 shellfish. And she is currently celebrating her 50th anniversary!

The Mermaid is proud of her skinless, boneless 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 lets you assemble one of America's favorite lunchtime treats at home, at school or at work. The Mermaid is fresh catch - crab, shrimp, oysters and clams - has already been cleaned and processed for you to star in luscious seafood casseroles, dips and spreads.

To celebrate her fifty years, The Mermaid is sharing some of her favorite seafood recipes. Add two new salmon to your recipe collection - South-of-the-Border Shrimp Salsa 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 twisty pasta shapes and mellow mozzarella - and Easy Salmon Cakes with fresh-tasting chopped 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

1/4 cup finely chopped red pepper
1/4 cup finely chopped green onion
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 bread crumbs, divided
3 tablespoons butter

In small mixing bowl, combine chopped red pepper, green onion, mayonnaise, lemon juice, seasoned salt and cayenne pepper. Adjust seasonings to personal preference. Stir in egg, salmon and 4 tablespoons bread crumbs. Form mixture into 6 to 8 balls. Roll salmon balls in remaining bread crumbs; flatten into cakes about 1/2 inch thick. Fry salmon cakes in melted butter over medium heat for 3 to 4 min-

utes per side.
Makes 4 servings.
* Use approximately 2 six-ounce cans, drained, instead of 1 pouch if desired.

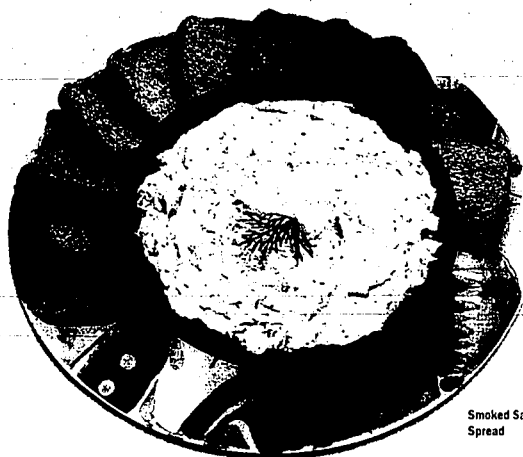
SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER SHRIMP SALSA

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 chopped
1/2 cup chopped red onion
1 small jalapeno pepper, minced, to 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 bowl, combine all ingredients. Cover; chill one hour. If desired, drain before serving. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes 5 cups.

CARIBBEAN SALSA OF THE SEA

1 can (1 pound 4 ounces) pineapple tidbits, 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 diced, peeled mango
1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1/3 cup seasoned rice vinegar
1 tablespoon granulated sugar



Smoked Salmon Spread



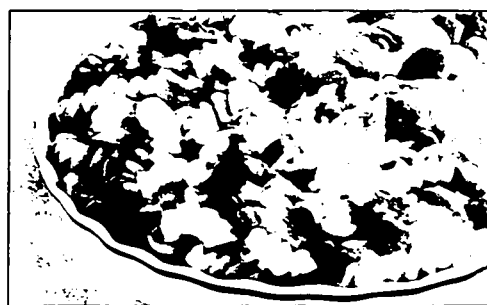
Easy Salmon Cakes

1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
Tortilla chips
In large bowl, combine pineapple, shrimp, apple, mango and cilantro. In small bowl, whisk together vinegar, sugar and red pepper flakes. Pour vine-

gar mixture over fruit, tossing well to coat. Cover; chill one hour. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes 4-12 cups.

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

Recipe see SEA Page C2



Tuna Twist Casserole

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

Los Angeles Times

In her darkest days, Elena Santaballa painstakingly planned her binges. She surreptitiously purchased her stash. She hid the evidence. Even when trying to resist the temptation to use, she almost always succumbed. Finally, three years ago, the Culver City, Calif., woman acknowledged that she was hooked on sugar.

"It's like being an alcoholic," says the 37-year-old entertainment executive, who was extremely overweight when she joined a 12-step treatment program. "There is always the danger I'll go back to it if I don't have some sort of support program. I still struggle with wanting to use sugar as a drug."

The concept of sugar addiction has been popularized in books - and joked about - for decades. But most health experts have long maintained that overuse of sugar doesn't meet

Sweeter tastes

The amount of sugar each person consumes in the United States has increased steadily over the years.

Year	Consumption
1970	112.5
1980	122.5
1990	127.5
1999	137.5

- Source: United States Department of Agriculture

the criteria of addiction, typically described as an intense desire for a substance use that it disrupts normal lives, great difficulty stopping use of the substance and a severe physiological response upon withdrawal. People who are addicted, they add, lose control over their

Recipe see SUGAR Page C8

Tim Hennessey, dressed as "Kissy," is part of the Hershey Kisses crew that stopped at an elementary school in Springfield, Ill., during a recent cross-country promotional tour. Per capita sugar consumption in America has increased 37 percent in 30 years.



FOOD & HOME

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.

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 daylilies at all. But the visit was not wasted.

I like daylilies because they grow into ever-increasing mounds of healthy, strap-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.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

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

But until they've grown into tidy, weed-free clumps, the garden is not a bed of roses, to mix our metaphors. New, fairly skinny daylilies are not beefy enough to keep grass out of their beds. Pulling the grass is next to impossible because it seems to wrap itself around the base of the daylily plants. Spraying is not an option.

A person could swipe the grass

carefully with a sponge loaded 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 wipe 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

garden to stave off unwanted grass.

Tip of the Week: Have you tapped your spruce trees today? Spruce aphids are probably at work on your spruce tree right now. By the time you notice the damage, it'll be too late to do anything about it. By late March and into April, they've sucked the needles dry and the insect populations have dropped. Hold 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 re-spray 10 days later.

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

A new world of garden plants emerge from Africa

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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 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 their 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 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.

Schneider says a South African weed called creeping Charlie there is becoming a popular, trailing container plant here—called sutera for the genus, or Hanco 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 Peter 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

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) light cream cheese
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 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
- 3 to 4 drops natural hickory liquid smoke

Crackers or French bread rounds

Beat cream 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 six-ounce cans, drained, instead of 1 pouch if desired.

TUNA TWIST CASSEROLE

- 8 ounces uncooked corkscrew pasta
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegeta-



From left, South-of-the-Border Shrimp, Salsa and Caribbean Salsa of the Sea.

bles, thawed

- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1 can (10.75 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 pouch (7.1 ounces) Chicken of the Sea Solid White Albacore or Chunk Light Tuna*

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 servings.

*Use approximately 1 twelve-ounce can, drained, instead of 1 pouch if desired.

PLANTS NEED PROTECTION

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Charming Cedar View is compact, versatile

The Cedar View is a charming and delightfully unusual small home. For starters, you can't help but notice the intriguing interplay of textures and shapes.

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Satiny half-round windows nestle under triangular gables on three sides.

Two sets of French doors open onto a covered porch and deck that face the street and wrap around to span most of the left side. Another foursome of French doors accesses this side as well, for a grand total of eight French doors!

All eight open into the bright, airy two-story great room, bathing this space in natural light.

And more light spills down through the two large half-rounds high on the walls. A masonry fireplace adds warmth and color when needed.

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

It's a long galley kitchen with a built-in desk in the sunny nook. Standing at the kitchen sink, you face into the great room.

Laundry appliances are close at hand, hidden behind pocket doors at the rear. Just inside the back door, a bench fits into an alcove.

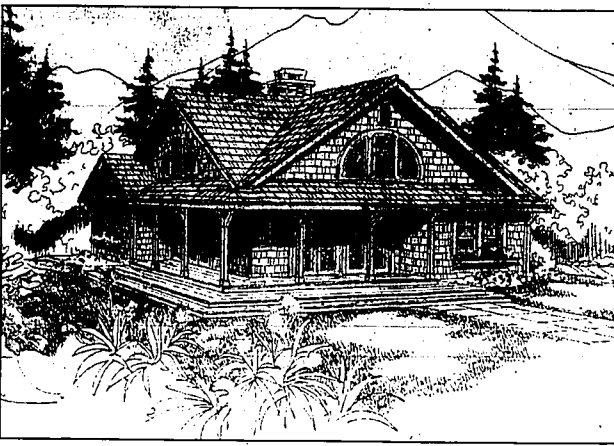
Boat storage is below and coat hooks are above. A coat closet hides under the stairway leading to the loft and upper bathroom.

Two bedrooms, or a studio and a bedroom, are on the ground floor. The larger room is vaulted and has a pass-through closet that leads directly to the bathroom.

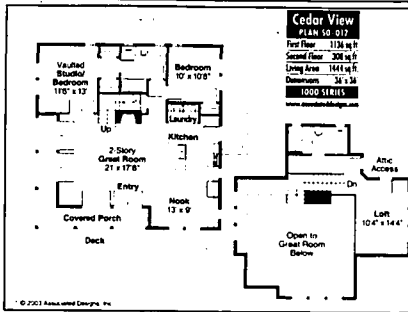
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Letting in some fresh air may be a healthy idea

DEAR JIM: We made our house more airtight and efficient, but the air does not seem fresh or healthy indoors. Will installing an efficient window fresh air ventilator help much or do we need a whole-house model?



SENSIBLE HOME
Jim Duiley

JOYCE B. DEAR JOYCE: One drawback of making a house more energy efficient is the indoor air quality may suffer if you do not also make provisions for fresh air ventilation. An airtight home can result in a "stale air" feeling.

The efficient fresh air ventilation window units you mentioned are effective. I use one in my office in my home. Larger ducted whole-house models are more effective, but with my furnace blower set on continuous air circulation, my window unit eliminates the staleness throughout my home.

These systems are called heat recovery ventilators (HRV). There is a heat exchanger built into the unit. As stale heated air is exhausted outdoors, it passes through the heat exchanger. There, it transfers much of its heat energy (up to 80 percent on some models) to the incoming cool fresh air.

During the summer, the outgoing cooled stale air pre-cools the incoming hot outdoor air. All the HRV models have effective air filters to remove particles and allergens before the fresh air enters your home. Window models resemble a small window air conditioner, only they weigh less. You can easily install one yourself. They have multiple speeds and are quiet on the low setting to work well for bedrooms. The best ones use an efficient direct current (DC) type motor that consumes only about 100 watts.

The whole-house HRV models are usually mounted somewhere in the utility room, attic or basement near the furnace. These can be connected to your existing furnace duct system, but it is best to install its own ducting.

The stale air inlets are often located in the kitchen and bathrooms and the fresh air outlets can be in a bedroom, living room or hallway. A variation on an HRV is an ERV (energy recovery ventilator). An ERV also transfers the moisture between the outgoing stale air and the incoming fresh air along with the heat.

This keeps the indoor air from becoming overly humid during the summer and they are more popular in hot, humid areas. When selecting a HRV/ERV unit, consider the controls. These will impact its effectiveness, convenience and your family's comfort. Multiple speeds are a plus. This allows you to select a high speed for quick ventilation or a quiet slower speed for sleeping or continuous use. The unit can have a simple timer or a more sophisticated control that measures the humidity or other pollutants in the indoor air to switch it on and off.

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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 coral, red adds size 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.

"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 it."

Segal used red paint to cover the floor in a child's bedroom, and on the bedroom walls in her own house. She has covered an ottoman in red leopard print and disguised plan cardboard boxes under red velvet.

"There's nothing prettier than red in small spaces," says Carolyn Wilson, principal of Design in a Day in Chevy Chase, Md. She likes red with a pale yellow ceiling and high-gloss white trim in a tiny entry hall or foyer. Her favorite shades include Ruby Red (No. AC121R) and Tomatillo (No. AC115N), both

Design tips

Other splashings of red you could add in a heartbeat:

- Give old kitchen chairs a lift with a true, energetic red, like Benjamin Moore Vermilion (No. 2002-10).
- Add fresh red binding to a worn sisal rug.
- Use red pleater tape on white wooden blinds.
- Toss a single red leather pillow on a white sofa in an all-white room.
- Line up five silver piggy cups filled with red flowers on the mantel.
- A pair of lacquered red tables

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

- Dress a chandelier with bright red shades.
- Cover the back of a bookcase in red flannel.
- Pick a red cashmere throw with chocolate trim.
- Put a shiny red glaze on the outside of a claw foot 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.

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-tinted 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 rooms. "It's associated with passion, but it's also really warm and comforting to live with," he says. "There's nothing with comforting."

Designer Pamela Gaylin Ryder

in Washington prefers her reds in neutral territory, like a basement home office with white floor-to-ceiling bookcases and sisal carpeting. "Carpet the stairs leading down to the room with a snappy cottagey red rug," she says.

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

Washington designer Stan Kelly suggests Chinese red porcelain for texture; tiny red mosaic tiles for shower walls in a black bathroom; and red silk throw pillows with celery, peach and off-white fringe to give oomph to a pale green room. But be aware that a little red goes a long, long way, he says. "We love red Oriental rugs, but one is enough red for one room."

In a project she's working on right now, Bethesda, Md., interior designer Camille Saum has proposed red for virtually every room of the house: a paprika pile rug for the den, garnet chenille on the dining room chairs, a persimmon floral for the kitchen/family room windows, and a red flange border with crystal beads for the greenish-gold silk music room draperies.

"We pulled the whole house together with red," she says. "When we get to the bedrooms, red will follow like the cat's paw on the Little Engine That Could."

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Some tips when buying tulips

Knight Ridder Newspapers

When buying potted tulips — or hyacinths, daffodils, or any other spring bulb — choose plants with buds that are formed but not fully open.

- Some other tips:
 - Water enough to keep soil moist, but not soggy.
 - For cut flowers, buy tulips when buds are still closed but showing a little color.
 - Recut the stems on an angle with a clean, sharp knife to maximize water uptake, then arrange them in a vase of cool water.

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

• Do not put cut tulips in the same container with daffodils, as narcissus exude a slimy substance that shortens the life of other flowers.

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FOOD & HOME

Girl Scout cookies are not the same

Bakers tweak recipes

Knight Ridder News Service

One Girl Scout's Do-si-do might be another girl's Peanut Butter Sandwich. If you're used to eating Samosas 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 bakers. The recipes are slightly different, too, according to Hewitt.

"The chocolate in the Caramel Delite is milk," she said. "The Samoa is dark." Both Samosas and Caramel Delites include chocolate bases with coconut, caramel and crunchy cookie centers topped with chocolate stripes. Hewitt said she prefers the Samosas. Maybe it's the elves. Little Brownie Bakers is a subsidiary of the Keebler Company. Other cookies from this group are Do-si-dos (peanut butter-filled sandwich cookies), Tagalongs (chocolate-covered peanut butter cookies), Trefoils (shortbread



Brooke Duckworth, 4, front, helps her big sister, Courtney, 9, pull a sled loaded with Girl Scout cookies in Woodbridge, Va., as their mother follows.

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 "friendship"), and Ole Oles (reduced fat cookies with vanilla, coconut and pecans covered in powdered sugar).

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

The chocolate wafer dipped in minty chocolate 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 goes by Do-si-do or Peanut Butter Sandwich. The bakers aren't required to call 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

1/8 cup butter, melted
1 quart each of chocolate and vanilla ice cream
3 ounces chocolate syrup
6 ounces Samoa cookies, coarsely chopped
2 bananas, thinly sliced
2 ounces crumbled Ole Ole cookies

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

Mix cookies 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 refrigerate 30 minutes. Soften half of vanilla ice cream and spread evenly across bottom of pie crust. Top pie 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, alternating 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 chocolate with no toppings.

Cut into eight pieces. Garnish with whipped cream, Maraschino cherry and chopped Ole Ole 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
1 jar of Skippy peanut butter
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.

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 teaches girls some really valuable life skills, money management and planning."

You're never too old for mudpie cookies

The Seattle Times

Think back to your childhood. What may come to mind is the delight of splashing through mud puddles, 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 batch 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 hazelnuts 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
1/3 cup plus 1/2 cup chopped hazelnuts, divided
Filling
1 cup all-purpose flour
6 tablespoons cocoa powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
3 large eggs
2 teaspoons Frangelico (hazelnut liqueur) or 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 cup dried cherries, coarsely chopped (see note)
Filling
6 tablespoons unsalted butter
6 tablespoons sifted cocoa powder
2 cups sifted powdered sugar
6 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk
1 tablespoon light corn syrup
2 teaspoons Frangelico liqueur or 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Lightly coat a 10-12 or 11-inch glass or ceramic pie

plate with cooking spray and set aside.

2. Put the hazelnuts in a skillet 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 and 1/2 cup for the icing; set both aside.

3. In the large bowl of an electric mixer fitted with beaters or paddle attachment, cream the butter and sugar until light in color, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, at 30-second intervals. On low speed, add Frangelico or vanilla, then the dry ingredients, mixing only until blended.

4. Stir 1/3 cup hazelnuts and the dried fruit into the batter. Scoop into the pie plate and smooth the top with the back of a spoon. Bake 25 minutes. The center of the pie will be a little shiny and a toothpick inserted in the center should still be slightly moist. Set on a rack.

5. To prepare the icing: Melt the butter over low heat in a heavy 2-quart saucepan. Remove from the heat and blend in the cocoa powder, powdered sugar, condensed milk and corn syrup. Mix as much as possible. Then place back over low heat and stir constantly until the icing becomes shiny and thin enough to spread. Remove from the heat and stir in the Frangelico and 25 cup hazelnuts. Spread over the warm pie while the icing is still warm to. Sprinkle the remaining 25 cup hazelnuts around the edge. Serve slightly warm or at room temperature. The pie can be served with vanilla ice cream or slightly sweetened whipped cream.

Data per 1 of 16 servings: Calories 404; Protein 4.52g; Fat 22.63g; Carbohydrates 48.97g; Sodium 62.99mg; Saturated fat 11.67g; Monounsaturated fat 8.40g; Polyunsaturated fat 1.17g; Cholesterol 87.76mg.

Adapted from "Great Pies & Tarts" by Carole Walter.

CHOCOLATE MUDPIE COOKIES

Makes about 1 dozen
1 cup pecans or walnuts
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 pound semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped (or use chocolate chips), divided
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
1/2 cup granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla 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 simmering water, combine half of the chopped chocolate or chips with the butter. Stir

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

4. In the bowl of an electric mixer, combine the sugar and eggs; beat at high speed until thick and pale yellow, about 5 minutes. Lower speed to medium. Add the chocolate mixture and vanilla, blending well. On low speed, add the flour mixture and beat just until incorporated. 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.

5. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. Using a 1/4-cup ice cream scoop or 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 a 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 the sheet on a wire rack for 10 to 15 minutes. Using a wide spatula, transfer the cookies to a wire rack and cool completely.

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 jings bodily fills 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 pino, tom yam kai or sopa de gallina? 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. Thais, Vietnamese, Chinese, Mexicans, Filipinos, Salvadorans, Indonesians and many others 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, claret or carrot, 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 turmeric transform the broth. Cilantro, mint and basil add new herbal flavors.

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.

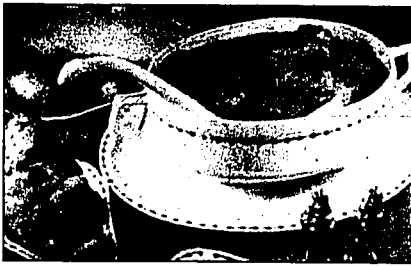
Our first bowl is an elite version of chicken vegetable soup from the Grill on the Alley in Beverly Hills. The full, mellow aroma of the Grill's broth is enticing, but the noodles make you feel soothed and nourished. The chicken is juicy. The vegetables, nudged up by shallots and leeks, are painstakingly cut into fine shreds. Bits of macaroni add substance. It's real comfort food, but the noodles make who lunch at the Grill jam 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 on the starchily white tablecloth and wonder if the waiter is miffed because you haven't ordered anything else.

Nevertheless, this aristocratic bowl of soup is just \$5.75. Our dinner stop is Nate 'n' Al's, a few blocks away. This restaurant and deli also draws a power crowd. The man at the next table is on his cell phone chatting in film jargon. The good-looking blond guy across the room shows off his biceps with a black T-shirt and wears 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 matzo balls. There's no meat in the soup, just broth, dominated by two huge matzo balls so fluffy and light it's a wonder they don't float out of the bowl. You can't find more soothing food than this.

And you can't help but feel good in a place where the waitresses check on you as if they were Mom. They look comforting in their old-fashioned uniforms, white socks and sneakers. I tell my waitress I have a cold and ask if the soup will help. "I hope so," she replies. "I hope you feel better soon."



Belgian chicken soup contains chicken, celery, carrots, leeks, onion, parsley and two egg yolks.

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 chili paste with soy 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 stalk lemon grass, cut into 2-inch pieces
2 tablespoons fish sauce
3 tablespoons lime juice
1 tablespoon minced cilantro
1/2 cup whole peeled straw mushrooms

1 tablespoon chili paste with soy bean oil ("nam prik pao")
Combine the chicken, water, lime leaves and lemon grass in a saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat then reduce the heat to low and simmer until the chicken is cooked through, about 10 minutes.
Add the fish sauce, lime juice, cilantro, mushrooms and chili paste. Stir to combine and serve. Makes 2 servings. Each serving: 193 calories; 87 milligrams sodium; 72 milligrams cholesterol; 3 grams fat; 1 c., m saturated fat; 11 grams carbohydrates; 29 grams protein; 0.34 gram fiber.

Active Work Time: 10 minutes; **total preparation time:** 20 minutes.
This recipe is from La Cabanita in Glendale, Calif. The restaurant uses Mexican red rice in the soup, made by cooking rice in chicken broth and a puree of fresh tomatoes, tomato paste, chopped garlic and onions.

CALDO DE POLLO
1 1/2 gallons water
1 1/2 (12- to 4-pound) chicken, cut into 8 pieces
1 onion, unpeeled and cut in half
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
2 carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch slices
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 1-inch pieces
1/4 pound green beans, cut into 1-inch pieces
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
3 cups cooked rice
1 teaspoon salt
1 avocado, thinly sliced
2 limes, cut into wedges, for garnish

Chopped onions, for garnish:
Combine the water, chicken, onion and garlic in a stockpot. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for 1 1/2 hours, skimming the top occasionally.
Bring a large saucepan of water 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 simmer until the vegetables are almost done, about 15 minutes. Add the

with a golden slice of corn on the cob, cilantro and sliced avocado.

zucchini and continue to cook until the vegetables are very tender, about 10 minutes. Drain the vegetables and set aside.

Remove the chicken pieces from the broth and shred into bite-sized pieces, discarding the skin and bones.

Strain the broth into a clean saucepan. Boil over high heat until reduced to 10 cups, about 20 minutes. Add the chicken, vegetables, cilantro, rice and salt.

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 alongside.
Makes 8 servings. Each serving: 335 calories; 328 milligrams sodium; 71 milligrams cholesterol; 11 grams fat; 3 grams saturated fat; 26 grams carbohydrates; 31 grams protein; 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 thighs)
Salt, pepper
1 teaspoon butter, melted
2 cups raw elbow macaroni
2 tablespoons minced shallots
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 quarts water
2 bay 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 green beans (2-inch long thin strips)
1 cup sliced leeks (2-inch long thin strips)
1 cup sliced zucchini (2-inch long thin strips)
1/4 cup diced tomatoes
Salt
Hot pepper sauce
Parsley sprigs, for garnish

Heat the oven to 325 degrees. Place the chicken in a 9-inch square baking pan and season the chicken to taste with salt and pepper. Brush with the melted butter. Bake until cooked through, 45 minutes. Refrigerate the chicken 30 minutes, then remove the skin and bones, and shred into 1-inch pieces.
Cook the macaroni in boiling water until al dente, 8 to 10 minutes. Drain and set aside.

Cook the shallots in the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat until the shallots start sizzling, 5 minutes. Add the water, bay leaves and chicken bouillon and bring to a boil, boil for 5 minutes.
Add the onion, celery, carrots and green beans and cook 3 minutes over medium-high heat. Add the leeks and zucchini and cook another 3 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add the chicken and return to a boil. Cook 3 minutes at medium heat then add the tomatoes. Season with salt and hot sauce to taste. Remove the bay leaves.

To serve, place the cooked noodles on the bottom of each of 8 soup bowls and add 1 cup of soup over the top of each. Garnish with parsley sprigs 4 servings.

Along with green beans, carrots, tomatoes, potato, zucchini and

chayote, the bowl contains a 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 tomatoes.

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 black 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 as "Historic Filipinotown." This area approaching downtown still includes a few Filipino restaurants.

Nanay Gloria is set up for takeout. Dishes in the steam table include chicken tinola (tinolang manok in Tagalog), which is ginger-flavored broth with chicken chunks, spinach and chayote. The original is made with green papaya and chile pepper leaves, but even some cookbooks published in Manila authorize the substitutions. What stands out about Nanay Gloria's soup is its richness. Stored overnight in the refrigerator, the broth partially gels. A big serving is \$4.

Dinner on Day 2 takes us to El Zuzal, a small Salvadoran chain restaurant in Koreatown. It's a cheerful place with yellow-print tablecloths, golden walls and artificial yellow tulips on the tables.

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 ranch," the woman behind the counter explains.

This is rustic food, big chunks of zucchini, potato and onion as well as green beans, celery strips, bell pepper, tomato and a few hump leeks that I'm told are native to the area. You uncover chicken gizzards and perhaps a piece of bone, but no meat. 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 rice beside a salad 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 as they are patted into shape in the kitchen.

On Day 3, lunch is at one of the most authentic Thai restaurants in the city, Sunshine Thai in North Hollywood. Here, the chilies and other dishes are made from scratch.

Tom yam kai is the chicken version of hot and sour shrimp soup from sam-gong. The heat comes from small dried Thai chilies, the sourness from lime juice.

The key seasonings are lemon grass, galangal, kaffir lime leaves and fish sauce. Cilantro, straw mushrooms and chicken boil about in the broth, which is colored orange with nam prik pao, a chile shrimp paste made at the restaurant.
The soup arrives in a chumney pot, just as it would in Thailand. Flames briefly flare up the chumney as the hot chilies are ignited. It's \$4.70 for a large serving, \$3.95 for a small one.

Grape expectations: Lessons in wine etiquette

Chicago Tribune

For centuries, nothing was easier to comprehend and follow than the etiquette of wine. At home, the wine came from the nearest producer, a relative if you were lucky. You and your companions drank it from goblets or cups, whatever was available, and 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'ts, 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.

Happy, 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 (Stills) 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 or at home.

In restaurants:

• There has been considerable discussion recently about B.Y.O.B. (bring your 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 a right. Those who wish to bring their own wine to a restaurant are advised to call ahead and ask if there is a bring-your-own policy and whether there will be a corkage fee. Expect to pay corkage, or leave a large tip, if a restaurant that sells wine allows you to bring a special bottle for a special occasion. In some cases, the corkage asked is so large as to discourage the practice. Take the hint: If the wine you bring is available on the restaurant's wine list, put yours away and order theirs.
• A bottle of wine will yield six 4-ounce pours. When trying to cal-

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 too 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 pay or the price range you prefer. You are being wise, not rude, if you ask 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 in the mid-50s help show their best qualities.

• Expect bottles of wine to be opened only after they have reached the table and to be shown to the host before opening. Once open, a small portion should be poured for the host's approval. Sniff and sip. Take your time. In most cases the wine will be pleasing or, at least, inoffensive. 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 faster's portion. However, if glasses are empty and there's no water available, don't spoil the rhythm of the meal. Pour some yourself.

• One intimidating "rule" that has become as flexible as overcooked pasta is the dictum "red with meat, white with fish." Complex seasonings and sauces, novel combinations of ingredients and personal taste as well as a broader selection of wines all contribute to a situation where the host need not compromise on rose. If the waiter 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 separate tip for the wine waiter has declined in this casual era. It's perfectly proper to leave a single tip in the expectation that the management has a system for distributing this income. On the other hand, should a server make a special effort to attend to 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

Knight Ridder News Service

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

They're bad home habits, dumb things we do without a second thought. Unlike elbows on the table, though, these bad habits have the potential of harming more than just our images. They could jeopardize our homes, our possessions and even our lives.

With the help of a few professionals who have to deal regularly with the consequences of our collective boneheadedness, we've compiled a list of some of the worst home habits. Some are things you may do even though you know better. A few are habits you might not have realized were potential problems.

It isn't meant to be a complete list — heaven knows our shortcomings aren't that limited — but rather a way of encouraging you to focus on making a few changes for the better.

As Mom would say, it's for your own good.

Check appliances

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 can overflow. Dryer lint can catch 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 Rudy Germeister won't even go to bed with the dishwasher running. "It may be hours before you wake up, there's a leak," said Germeister, who owns Advanced Appliance Service Co. in Akron, Ohio's Chapel Hill area.

While it's not an alternative to vigilance, he recommended reducing the risk of problems wherever you can. Inspect the washing machine's water supply hoses periodically, and replace them when there's any sign of deterioration, particularly distortion around the coupling. You might even replace the rubber hoses with braided stainless steel hoses, which are built to withstand higher pressure. The cost may be two to three times higher, "but it's worth it," he said.

Some repairmen even recommend turning off the water supply to the washing machine when you're not using it, but he thinks that's a little extreme. Nevertheless, you should do that whenever you leave the house for a vacation or other extended time.

Germeister also recommended cleaning the lint filter after every dryer load and dismantling and vacuuming out the dryer vent once a year. If you notice an odor as the machine is drying, lower than usual, stop using the dryer and call in a service person. You probably need to have



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

L. Al Bragg sees it all the time: clean pans left on burners, pot holders hanging above stove tops, cooking implements and even napkins 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 problem, he said, is that heating elements can get so hot accidentally, perhaps because of an electrical problem or because a control was turned on by a child or an unknowing visitor. That can cause the items on the stove or in the oven to melt or ignite. If you're lucky, you might come away with just a ruined pan. If you're not, you might come away without a house.

The common rule, Bragg said, is never put anything that can burn within 3 feet of something that could cause it to burn. Don't hang your pot holders near the range, where one could fall off the hook and onto the stove top. Move your plastic spice jars off the shelf over the stove to avoid having one topple onto a heating element. When you're taking a pan off the heat, move it somewhere other than another burner. You never know when you might accidentally turn the wrong knob.

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

Neglecting gutters

Nobody likes cleaning the gutters. It's messy, slimy, nasty work. But you have to see what's behind the gutters. "If you have a clogged gutter, you're not only getting water into your house, but you're also getting debris into your house," said Bragg.

Do you know the majority of damp basements? They are because people don't clean out their gutters," asked Norma Starks, a State Farm insurance agent in Coeur d'Alene Township, Ohio. Water spills over the edge of clogged gutters, seeps into the ground at the foundation and often makes its way into the

basement, where it can promote mild 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. Starks said. It's cheaper than fixing a 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 television set and the VCR. So you dig out an extension cord, run it from the DVD to an outlet several feet away and settle in for a night of movie watching.

Bad idea. Extension cords aren't meant for permanent use, but Canton, Ohio, home inspector Ezra Malenec said he sees them used that way all the time. Often, he said, the wiring is too thin to handle the electrical demand, and the cord can overheat. Or the cord is snaked under furniture and hidden under rugs, where

the wire covering eventually gets rubbed raw and the wires short out.

If you must use an extension cord, read the label to make sure it's the proper gauge for the job, Malenec 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 clips.

If the need for the cord is long-term, though, Malenec 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.

Likewise, you shouldn't rely regularly on adapters that allow more than one appliance to be plugged into a single receptacle or that allow three-prong plugs to be used in ungrounded outlets, Bragg said. (And if you do use the latter, be certain to attach the adapter's pigtail wire to the screw on the outlet plate.) If you need to use those adapters a lot, you need to update your wiring.

Warning up the car

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 (www.coheadquarters.com/CO1.htm). 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

Knight Ridder News Service

A relaxing soak, an elegant dinner party or a romantic rendezvous could easily go up in smoke — if you forget about the candles burning on your bathtub, bedside 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 4 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 lavishing their mantels, boudoirs, bathtubs, backyards and dining 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

If you can't resist baking in the golden glow of candles, follow these safety rules from local and national experts:

- Follow the directions on the candle label.
- Burn candles only in well-ventilated rooms, but keep them away from drafts and air vents.
- Don't cluster lighted candles too closely. They should be at least three inches apart.
- Use the correct type of candleholder, and place it on a sturdy, stable and heat-resistant surface.
- Place candles where children and pets can't get to them.
- As a general rule, stop burning a pillar candle when 2 inches of wax remain. Stop burning a container candle when half an inch remains. Follow the label directions if they differ from these.
- Never move a container candle, including votives, while the wax is liquid.
- Do not continue to burn a smoky or flickery candle. Let it cool, trim the wick and relight. If it still smokes or flickers, return it to place of purchase.
- Buy wicks without lead, which can emit toxic fumes when burned. Ninety percent of candles made in the United States — and all candles made by members of the National Candle Association — do not have lead wicks. Some imports may contain it, however. Wicks that contain zinc or tin are nontoxic.
- Keep lighted candles in sight; never leave them unattended.
- Move candles away from flammable items, such as curtains and blinds, before lighting.
- Trim the wick to 1/4 inch each time you light.
- Keep matches, wick trimmings and other debris out of the way.
- Don't burn candles with flammable adornments — such as dried flowers or pine twigs — in or on the wax. Use those only as decorations.
- When using candles during a power outage, do not use them when searching through an enclosed space or when checking pilot lights. If possible, don't carry lighted candles around at all.

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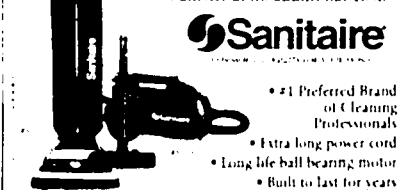
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Why settle for anything else? Portable privies become posh

Facilities boast simulated hardwood floors, fresh flowers

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 stereo playing New Age music, gold-plated faucets, 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 chandeliers.

"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.

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 Clarita, Calif., which helped pioneer the portable restroom industry in the 1950s, says luxury latrines now account for a third of its business. "We've had 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 porties came about a decade ago, says Bill Carroll, executive director of the 63-member Portable Sanitation Association

International, a trade group headquartered in Minnesota.

The initial purpose was to make the units more appealing to women. "A guy's normally in any old bush 'Will do,'" Gump says. "But women use restrooms differently." Or not at all.

Industry officials began noticing that women were departing outdoor events early — and taking the entire family with them — to avoid dealing with the notoriously squelchy plastic water closets.

The first upgrades involved adding solar-powered lights, sinks and running water. Companies also introduced waste-treatment chemicals scented like bubble gum, lemon, peppermint and "mountain breeze."

From there, things escalated. Today, Gump maintains a fleet of 60 trailer-sized 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-tiled 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 outfitted with cork floors (so golfers can use it without removing their cleats), beveled glass

mirrors, thermostat-controlled climate system and hand-painted porcelain sinks.

And that's the cheap model. Kohler also offers drivable cabanas (built onto a motorized bus chassis) with such options as saunas, skylights, showers and couches. Prices can climb as high as \$250,000.

Knopow says, noting that the company plans to sell the fancier units to rock stars and athletes for private use, whereas the \$85,000 eco-models are for large groups.

"If you're at a wedding or other luxurious event where everyone's dressed up, your bathroom should match the tone," he says.

But that can backfire. "I've heard about weddings where the guests talked more about the luxury restrooms than the bride," says Phil Dunne of Advanced Containment Systems Inc., a VIP toilet manufacturer in Houston.

Such praise is welcome news for the portable sanitation industry, 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 bathrooms.

In modern times, the first porta-privies were reportedly

built for shipyard workers in Long Beach, Calif., during 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" graffiti remover derived from U.S.-grown soybeans and corn), the number of portable toilets has swelled to 1.4 million worldwide, according to the Portable Sanitation Association.

Construction companies are the biggest clients. But special events are growing in importance. Organizers of the Winter Olympics 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 — 7,500 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 toilets required jumps 40 percent).

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 the No. 2 business" and "We're your solution to human pollution."

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 log market, Gump employees have been invited — with their restrooms — to movie premieres, a presidential library dedication and celebrity soirees.

"I've been to Mel Gibson's house and I personally saw him go into one of our suites," says Gump's daughter, Nantny, who runs the company's special events division.

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In the PEA, DOE evaluated various options for interim centralized storage and interim consolidated storage at six DOE locations and two commercial sites, as well as a No Action 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 Act. Therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary, and DOE is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

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Artists create eye-catching mosaic tile house

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Along Palms Boulevard in Venice, 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 bow-tied fence there.

Nothing, however, is quite as eye-catching as the house of Cheri Pann and Gonzalo 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 creation 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, miniature tea sets and smashed-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 Twenty Two.

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 stucco exterior unacceptably bland.

What attracted Pann, 62, was the enormous wall, where she soon set about erecting a studio the size of a small barn. At its skylighted peak, the sun-splashed 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.

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

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 couple of drab bathrooms with tile. One room led to another — and another.

Pann grew up in East Los Angeles. As a youngster, she drew and colored everything in sight. Her mother envisioned her as a performer and sent her to piano, dance and acting lessons. But at 18, Pann went to a Van Gogh retrospective and there, standing before one of his paintings, she proclaimed herself an artist.

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

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.

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

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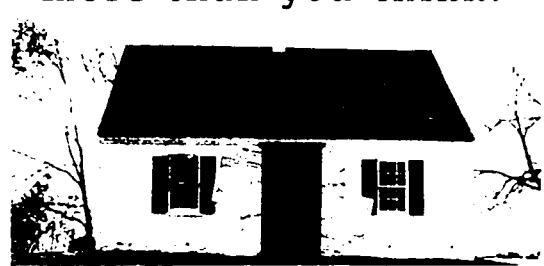
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It's still winter; here's how to protect your plants

Newport News Daily Press

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.

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.

Even ice isn't always bad. 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 desiccate - or dry out - evergreens, causing discoloration or burned foliage 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

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. Leave 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 camellias 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 plant's 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 shed full of old blankets, towels, and rugs that he uses to cover up the most tender species during winter. He also uses the covers to protect 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

• Deeply water evergreens on warm winter days, especially when there is no snow or rainfall. Keep your hose handy and thawed in a garage or shed.

• Mulch - It keeps the ground warmer - because many plants will have stems that can tolerate the cold but roots are less cold tolerant so it can be root damage, not top damage, that kills a plant.

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

weight of ice and snow can break even large, strong branches, especially if wind further taxes the plant's physical strength. Another cause of breakage is improper removal of ice and snow. Frozen, laden limbs are very brittle and snap easily if bent the wrong way.

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

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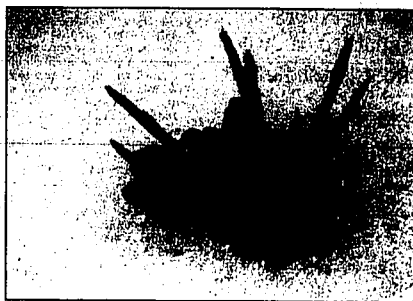
raise the temperature a few degrees," he says.

"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 dead wood.



A crocus peaks through the snow in Raleigh, N.C., last week following an overnight ice and sleet storm.

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 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 Columbia University will soon launch a study focusing on sugar dependency in bulimics - people who binge (usually on rich, sweet food) and then purge.

"There are people who have pathological, clinical eating disorders who say they are addicted to chocolate and other sweets. And you know what? They may be," says research nutritionist Adam Drewnowski, director of the Center for Public Health Nutrition at the University of Washington. "I think it's plausible."

So does Kathleen DesMaisons. Many of the people she counsels fit at least some of that description. DesMaisons, who calls herself a "recovering sugar addict," is a leading proponent of the theory of sugar addiction and the author of "The Sugar Addict's Total Recovery Program." DesMaisons was managing a treatment center for alcoholics when she began to see similarities between alcoholism and compulsive overeating.

"When you're addicted to sugar, you need more to feel better," says DesMaisons, 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 withdrawal, which is craving. You get antsy, irritable and cranky. To dismiss the experience of thousands and thousands of people who say they feel this way is pretty silly."

The average American adult consumes about 158 pounds of refined sugar a year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a figure that has increased 25 percent in the last three decades as the popularity of high-sugar-content convenience foods grew. Most people simply like sweets. But for others, the desire for sugar becomes extreme, similar to those hooked on cocaine, alcohol or other chemicals, says DesMaisons.

"They lie about how much they use," DesMaisons says. "They hide evidence, like candy wrappers. They'll go out at 11 p.m. to buy a pint of ice cream."

Terri Walker says her feelings of worthlessness and depression made her realize she had a problem.

"I would say, I'm not going to eat it," and the next thing I knew I would talk myself out of it," says Walker, 35, a warehouse clerk in Barstow, Calif., who was about 20 pounds overweight and, she says, suffered from fatigue, low energy and poor self-esteem. "Then I would kick myself because I had no willpower. I had feelings of shame and failure. A lot of the addictive behaviors that people would attribute to other types of addiction: hiding things, hoarding, being overly upset when someone ate your goods - I've done all that."

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A look at area high school wrestlers heading to this week's state tournament.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

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

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—Bernie Lincrome
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

JEROME—Dan Walters, a 1996 graduate of Jerome High School and the fourth all-time career passing 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 player-coach 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 competitive again and it’s true 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) and the NAA Raiders, who are located in Ashland, Ore. Walters played for SOU from 1997-2001.

Northside announces all-conference team

SHOSHONE—The Northside Conference has announced its All-Conference girls basketball team for 2002-03.

First-team members are Shoshone teammates junior Sarah Hubsch and freshman Katie Strunk, senior Tarayssa Parker of Dietrich, senior Pauli Ochi of The Community School and senior Ginger Bingham of Carey.

Three Dietrich players lead the second team in seniors Sheena Bingham and Bryoni Southwick and junior Ayleen Sorensen. Senior Shannon Meyer of Richfield and senior Jesse Molyneux round out the second team.

Honorable mentions include sophomore Meghan Sorensen of Shoshone, Bliss senior Sundis Brendire and junior Malorie Kast, Richfield senior Candace Farnworth and junior Michelle Schmidt, senior Erika Connelly of The Community School, seniors Brandi Gill and Britni McLam and freshman Beth McLam of Camas County, and senior Nicki McAfee of Carey.

Coaches of the year are Tim Chapman of Shoshone, who finished third at the state tournament on Saturday and Ryan Waterfield of The Community School.

Pomerelle resort slates 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 \$5 entry fee, and all competitors under the age of 18 will be required to submit a release waiver signed 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.

Compiled from staff reports

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 snatched their third victory against the Twin Falls Bruins boys basketball team, winning 54-52 in overtime in a

Region Four-Five-Six loser-out 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 group 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 the 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 Please see BRUINS, Page D2

Hornets dominate Kimberly

Filer survives upset-minded Indians in OT

By John Derr
Times-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 for a force overtime, then held Buhi 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 Lloyd 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 Glenn led a Walnut push in the first quarter. The senior 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 Bulldogs stayed close with Chance Askew scoring a pair inside and Darin Musser 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 Aaron Osborne grabbed the rebound and let it fly from the free-throw line. The ball found the net, reminiscent of Declo’s Mike Christensen’s shot that won the state title in 1998 against Kimberly.

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Declo’s Chris Jenkins goes up for a shot late in the Hornets’ 78-53 win over Kimberly Tuesday evening at the College of Southern Idaho. The win gave Declo the 3A District Four championship and an automatic berth to the 3A state tournament next week at Meridian High School. Kimberly takes on Filer for the district’s second and final berth to state tonight at 7 p.m.

Big week has CSI at CEU, UVSC

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

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 position to host the Region 18 Tournament starting next Wednesday if CSI can win at the 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 lose Saturday at home to Snow College. And that’s unlikely since the Rebels hold a 64-game home winning streak. More likely, CSI needs Salt Lake Community College to lose either of its final two games to Community College of Southern Nevada or Eastern Utah.

But CSI head coach Guy Beach said his team can only take care of its own business. “We’ve played well the last two on the road and our last seven games,” he said. “All we can do is win out.”

CSI handled the Golden Eagles 93-79 on Jan. 4 despite being outshot 44 percent to 41 percent but CSI dominated the glass 57-40. Yakhouba Dawara had 22 points and Sam Ibrahim added 20 points and 17 rebounds.

Thursday’s scenario has one similarity between this year’s game and last year’s road loss at Eastern Utah. Then, CSI was riding an 11-game winning streak. This year, it’s a seven-game run.

But Eastern Utah is riding a couple of streaks of its own, namely losing three of its last five at home and five of its last seven games.

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

“It’ll be a big game for them, like everybody else, when we go down there and they’re playing for seeding for the tournament,” Beach said. “They’re in, but I

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PAY FOR PLAY? Big 12 coaches split on athlete payments

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Giving college athletes a small percentage of the millions of dollars they generate is a “pipe dream,” Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson says.

Baylor coach Dave Bliss calls the whole idea “a Pandora’s Box.”

But judging from an informal survey, most Big 12 basketball coaches would like to see players in revenue-producing sports get a stipend, if not a monthly salary.

“I think it’s unrealistic to think these 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 basis, if at all,” Patton said. “I’ve 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 to school.”

The biggest argument against



Kevin Sampson

paying players has always been the value of the education and other benefits they derive as scholarship athletes. In the Big 12, the value of a full athletic scholarship ranges from about \$23,000 a year for out-of-state students at Baylor, Colorado and Missouri to roughly \$8,300 at Oklahoma, Kansas State and Oklahoma State, according to the conference.

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

“I still am one of the ‘old school’ guys who feel the education and the opportunity to learn life skills is what really enhances their college experience,” Bliss said.

But that doesn’t mean it won’t happen tomorrow. The way college athletics has gone, he added. “College athletics has a

guilt complex because of all the money involved with football and basketball.”

The issue has heated up in the Big 12 because there is a bill working its way through the Nebraska legislature that would mandate payments for football players.

Gov. Mike Johanns has said he would sign the bill into law, which would not take effect unless three other Big 12 states adopt the same measure. Former Nebraska Gov. Kay Orr vetoed similar legislation in 1998.

Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson worried if the Nebraska law makes it more pressure “for basketball players to play from Title IX.”

Title IX, the federal law requiring equal treatment for male and female athletes, would certainly be a complicating factor if schools attempted to pay football and men’s basketball players but not female athletes. Sampson said he would join those who demand all athletes get paid.

“If coaches make that university is going to write a check for a stipend for a student athlete with out writing a check for every

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Utes shrug off BYU, creep closer to gaining top seed

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY—Utah is making a case for earning the No. 1 seed in the Mountain West Conference tournament.

Utah’s 10th-ranked team won a game Tuesday night in the first round of the conference tournament, beating the 11th-ranked Utah State Aggies 71-64.

“But I think we’re going to be a little bit better than we were last year,” coach Larry Kratz said. “We’re going to be a little bit better than we were last year.”

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Utah center Tim Frost left dunks over Brigham Young forward Jake Shoff during the second half Monday in Salt Lake City. Utah won 71-64.

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SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

College Baseball

Tuesday's Major League Results

Atlanta	5, Tampa Bay 1
Chicago	4, St. Louis 1
Cleveland	6, N.Y. Yankees 1
Florida	1, N.Y. Yankees 1
Los Angeles	1, N.Y. Yankees 1
Minnesota	1, N.Y. Yankees 1
San Diego	1, N.Y. Yankees 1
Seattle	1, N.Y. Yankees 1
St. Louis	1, N.Y. Yankees 1
Tampa Bay	1, N.Y. Yankees 1
Washington	1, N.Y. Yankees 1

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

Eastern Conference

Atlanta	27, 1
Boston	27, 1
Brooklyn	27, 1
Charlotte	27, 1
Chicago	27, 1
Cleveland	27, 1
Dallas	27, 1
Denver	27, 1
Detroit	27, 1
Golden State	27, 1
Indiana	27, 1
Los Angeles	27, 1
Memphis	27, 1
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Orlando	27, 1
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Pittsburgh	27, 1
Portland	27, 1
Sacramento	27, 1
San Antonio	27, 1
Seattle	27, 1
Utah	27, 1
Washington	27, 1
Wizards	27, 1

IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Golf**
 - PGA, Accenture Match Play Championship, first round, ESPN, noon
- Basketball**
 - College, Duke at Georgia Tech, ESPN, 5 p.m.
- NBA, Jazz at Timberwolves, ESPN, 7 p.m.**
- College, W. Kentucky at LaLafayette, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.**

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-scoring streak snapped at seven games.

Lightning 2, Mighty Ducks 0

TAMPA, Fla. — Dave Andreychuk scored his 609th goal and moved into 12th place on the NHL career list, and Niklas Khabibulin made 24 saves for his 31st career shutout as the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 2-0 Tuesday night.

Wild 3, Senators 0

OTTAWA — Dwayne Roloson stopped 28 shots to earn his second shutout in three starts and lead the Minnesota over Ottawa.

Richard Park, Lubomir Sekerac, and Marian Gaborik provided goals for Minnesota.

Predators 5, Blue Jackets 0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tomas Vokoun made 19 saves for his second shutout this season and five Nashville players against Columbus.

Stars 5, Bruins 1

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.

Flyers 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.

NCAA denies BYU lineman extra year of eligibility

PROVO, Utah — The NCAA denied a sixth year of eligibility for Brigham Young offensive lineman Ben Archibald, who missed last season with a broken collarbone.

Archibald received a letter Tuesday from the NCAA upholding an earlier decision that Archibald should not receive another year because he voluntarily used a redshirt season in 1999.

"We were hopeful the NCAA would overturn its earlier decision," Archibald said. "But looking at the circumstances, we knew this was the way it could turn out."

The 6-foot-5, 315-pound lineman plans to lure an agent and work out for NFL scouts next month.

Archibald sustained a collarbone fracture in his final and final in his leg during a pre-season practice in August.

Jackson to miss first game as NBA head coach

LOS ANGELES — Phil Jackson was to miss his first game as an NBA head coach Tuesday night, recuperating from having a kidney stone removed while his Los Angeles Lakers played the Clippers.

Team spokesman John Black said assistant Jim Cleamons would serve as acting head coach against the Clippers.

Black also said he was uncertain when the 72-year-old Lakers would return to the arena on Thursday night and travel to Seattle on Friday night before taking four days off.

The one-hour procedure on Monday by Dr. Lawrence Paley at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Inglewood, where Jackson was discharged from the hospital Tuesday night.

Jackson has coached 1,249 regular season and playoff games in 13 NBA seasons — nine with the Chicago Bulls and the last four with the Lakers. Six of his teams in Chicago and all three of his previous Los Angeles teams won championships, giving him a total of nine and a tie for the top spot in NBA history with former Boston coach Red Auerbach.

Bechler's widow plans to sue supplement maker

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The widow of Steve Bechler, a former major league pitcher, is planning to sue the manufacturer of a dietary supplement the Baltimore Orioles pitcher was believed to be taking before his death.

Bechler, 23, died Feb. 17 from heart failure after collapsing during a workout at training camp. In his preliminary autopsy report, Broward County chief

Report: Redskins offered Smoot for No. 2 draft pick

Washington — Redskins owner Daniel Snyder tried to make another big-season splash — this time offering up one of his team's top offensive starters for a chance to ascend to the top of the draft.

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Area ski report

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Biggio adjusts to life in center field

MISSISSIMEE, Fla. (AP) — Craig Biggio 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 second 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 successful."

Biggio, 36, says he's still getting used to his new environment.

"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

PEORIA, Ariz. — Shin Soo Choo was disappointed as he left the Seattle Mariners' spring training complex Tuesday.

The young South Korean outfielder 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.

"I'm very disappointed because it was my team, my hometown team," Choo 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 coach John Moses Saturday at spring training in Peoria, Ariz. Choo, a South Korean outfielder who was clocked at 95 mph, but he's been converted to outfield.

have an opportunity this season to climb the Mariners' farm system.

"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 done that most 20-year-olds don't have."

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 hitting.

During two seasons in the farm system, he's hit no worse than .302.

Offerman agrees to minor league contract from Expos

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, Kansas City, Boston and Seattle.

He hit .232 with five homers and 31 RBIs for the Red Sox and Mariners last year.

His Offerman is added to Montreal's major league roster.

he would get a \$350,000, one-year contract.

Matsui returns to Yankees after undergoing rot canal

TAMPA, Fla. — Japanese slugger Hideki Matsui worked out with the New York Yankees, one day after having a rot 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.



New York Yankees manager Joe Torre, left, watches batting practice with coach Don Zimmer during morning workouts Tuesday at Legends Field in Tampa, Fla.

Yankees skipper Torre leads run to Hall of Fame

By Ben Walker
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Until recently, Joe Torre thought he was too active to be considered for Cooperstown.

Come Wednesday, though, the New York Yankees' manager might be able to add yet another line to his resume — Hall of Famer.

"It was brought up to me the other day and I had no due 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 haven'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.

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.

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 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."

He's certainly would be an honor because most of the people that are doing the evaluation are your peers."

That's because of the Veterans Committee's new way of doing 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 statistics.

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.

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row, there's not a better feeling. They're a tough team."

Utah committed 20 turnovers, but made up for it at the free-throw line, where the Utes were 23-for-25 and sealed the win by making their last eight attempts.

Travis Hansen and Rafael Araujo both scored 13 to lead BYU. Mark Bigelow finished with 12 points for the Cougars (18-7-3), who couldn't get closer than three points after falling behind by 13 early in the second half.

"We put ourselves in position to win, but we've got to knock down those shots in the second half," BYU coach Steve Cleveland said.

The game heated up quickly after halftime when Jacobson went down hard in the lane after getting fouled. When Jacobson got up, he quickly started walking toward the Cougars. Hansen

MLB Hall of Fame

What: The Class of 2003 for the baseball Hall of Fame will be announced Wednesday at noon MST.

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 Hall writers and broadcasters, and 25 members from the former Veterans Committee whose terms had not expired.

"I certainly gives other people a voice in the process," Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Palmer said Tuesday. "I think it's probably a little fairer this way. I think it's a terrific idea."

Palmer said he spent a couple of 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 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 ballot. Charlie O. Finley, Dick Williams, Walter O'Malley and Doug Harvey were among the 15 former managers, executives and umpires.

Response was strong: The Hall got ballots from 81 voters. As always, it will take 75 percent for a candidate to be selected — 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. With a first baseman's time Gold Glove third baseman had both legs amputated because of diabetes.

"I want it at this time because of what I've been through, to be honest with you, health-wise," the former Chicago Cubs star said.

Hodges, who died in 1972, will get consideration because of his achievements as a player and manager.

Hodges was an eight-time All-Star who hit 370 home runs, mostly as a first baseman for the Brooklyn Dodgers. He also guided the 1969 New York Mets to the franchise's first title.

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 free throw and Utah led by 10.

The Utes extended the lead to 13, but the Cougars never let it get too far out of hand.

BYU's Kevin Woodberry made a 3-pointer to start a 92-run game that got BYU to 51-47 midway through the half and the Cougars kept within range until the end.

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 6-for-6 from the line Monday.

"Guys just played clutch basketball at the end," Johnsen said.

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," Hoffman said Tuesday after deciding to have surgery. "The ball will be in my court. I'll do the things in rehab that I need to do to get on the field and pitch. Hopefully, we'll write a better ending, the way I want it done."

In 10 major league seasons, the San Diego Padres right-hander never has been on the disabled list.

"To lose his ability to close games, which is basically automatic, is going to be tough," first baseman Ryan Klesko said. "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 Los Angeles by Anaheim Angels medical director Dr. Lewis Yocum.

"It's a blow when you lose your closer, especially when your clo-



Trevor Hoffman
Opts for shoulder surgery

ser is one of the best of all time," Bochy said.

The 35-year-old Hoffman ranks fifth with 352 career saves. He's never gone on the disabled list in 10 major league seasons, 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

sometime after the All-Star break.

"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 to repair a tear in his rotator cuff and fraying of cartilage in the shoulder. Yocum said that procedure, as well as a repair of Hoffman's rotator cuff tear in 1995.

An MRI last week revealed no additional damage to the rotator cuff but showed arthritic degeneration of the clavicle. Doctors will shave the edge of the clavicle — the collarbone — to reduce irritation and give tendons more room.

"It's not a 25-year-old shoulder 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 64 games last year, converting 48 of 41 save opportunities.

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 earlier MRI.

"It became apparent that structurally we weren't coming around the corner with the AC," Hoffman said. "The cuff was getting stronger, getting where we needed to get but we're still being held back by the AC joint."

One candidate to replace Hoffman is former Cleveland Indians pitcher Jared 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 return.

"If this procedure is able to relieve some of the discomfort, then he'll be back," Towers said. "Hoffy's not a guy 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 \$32 million, four-year contract. The Padres hold a \$10 million option for 2004 with a \$2 million buyout if they decline the option.

Reigning queen of tennis hesitates at playing men

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Serena Williams isn't going to take on the best men in her sport regardless of how Annika Sorenstam does against the men, hitting stars of the PGA tour.

"I wish I could play," the world's best female tennis player said Tuesday before doing a quick backflip.

"No I don't," she went on. "I mean, with tennis it's like Lennox Lewis against Laila Ali, but for golf maybe it's different."

Sorenstam announced earlier this month that she will play in the 14th annual May.

The 21-year-old Williams wasn't around when Billy Jean King beat Bobby Riggs in the "Battle of the Sexes" on Sept. 20, 1973. But Williams is aware that Riggs was never close to the top men's tennis.

"I don't want to play Lennox Lewis against Laila Ali," Williams said. "She'd have no chance

against Lennox Lewis, and I'd have no chance against Andre Agassi. It's just different bodies and different types. I think it would be impossible."

Williams made her comments during a rain delay at the State Farm Women's Tennis Classic.

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"I expect for someone to beat me," she said. "I don't think it's

in a lot of time."

Not surprisingly, a player quizzed on the subject came down solidly in favor of the paymen.

"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 kids who struggle so much financially 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."

Pay

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student athlete," Sampson said. "Just because her sport doesn't make money, that doesn't mean she should be excluded."

Older coaches remember fondly the \$15 stipend they received as college players. The NCAA outlawed the stipend — called

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



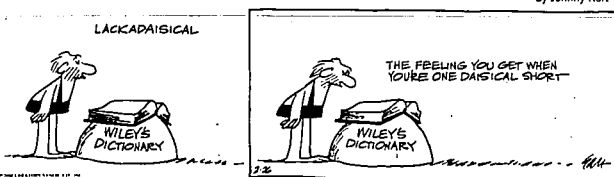
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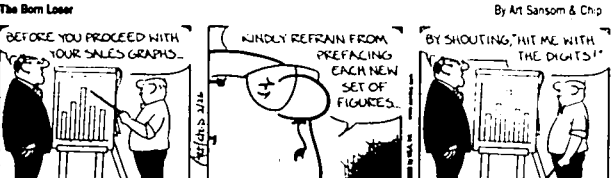
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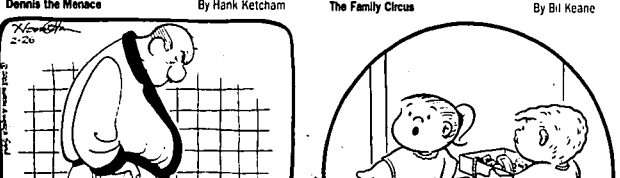


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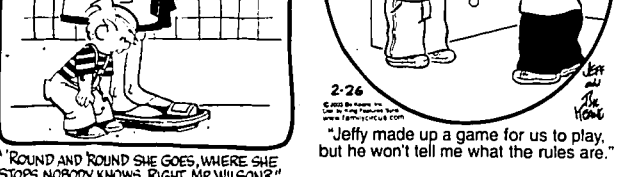
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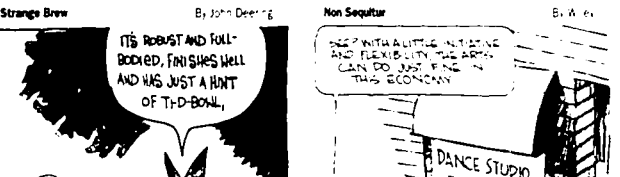
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MORNING BREAK

It's a power-play day for Taurus; Virgo could be lucky in money

IF FEBRUARY 26TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you have natural executive ability, are effective in bringing order out of chaos. You are passionate in beliefs and romantic areas. You are not everyone's "cup of tea," but definitely create an impact; many call you "unforgettable." Capricorn, Cancer natives play special roles in your life, could have these letters in names: H, Q, Z. This year features changes in domestic affairs, marital status. September most memorable! Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Lunar accent on your Tenth House emphasizes career, standing in community and civic involvement. Choose associates with care; not all have honorable intentions. 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

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Sydney Omarr and
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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 compromise; 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. 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 concern real estate transactions, including signing a lease. It could be a blessing in disguise. Best to delay decision; avoid forcing issues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Read, write, teach and learn. You exude sex appeal; a flirtation may prove more than you can handle. A recent "romantic dream" could come true. Expect the unexpected. Virgo involved.

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;

emerge from the shadows! You look and feel good; refuse to be taken for granted. Leo is in picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are effective working behind scenes. You are trusted with confidential information; keep secrets sacred. Also, visit or

phone one who is ill, in the do dreams express love. PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You have your way today. Don't ask for more than you can handle. One who "speaks another language" enters your life; it could be the start of something big. Aries represented.

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Most kids age 4 to 8 need booster seats

Child Passenger Safety
Awareness

Proper Child Safety Seat Use Chart

Buckle Everyone, Children
Age 12 and Under in Back!

Source: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childpass/

	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.
Seat Position	Rear-facing only.	Forward-facing.	Forward-facing.
Always Make Sure:	Children to one year and at least 20 lbs. in rear-facing seats.	Harness straps should be at or above shoulders.	Belt positioning booster seats must be used with both lap and shoulder belt. Make sure the lap belt fits low and tight across the lap/upper thigh area and the shoulder belt fits snug crossing the chest and shoulder to avoid abdominal injuries.
	Harness straps at or below shoulder level.	Most seats require top slot for forward-facing.	
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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 hold meeting Thursday

GOODING - 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 Hotel Bed and Breakfast, 112 Main St. in Gooding.

Founders' 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.

Parent support group meets at Gooding hospital

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.

Children should not be brought to the meeting. The group is sponsored by the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health.

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 12-30 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 is also seeking a volunteer candidate 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

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 862-3824. If no answer, leave a message.

Scouts will serve pancake 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 Twin Falls.

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 a.m. Saturday in the main office of the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer. The seminar will include a newspaper columnist, Cathy Walworth will conduct a seminar on prevention and control of diseases and insects on roses.

Anyone interested in roses 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 performs in Burley, T.F.

BURLEY - As a preview of this year's Gene Harris Jazz Festival Vocal 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, 1 Bobcat Blvd. The event is free to the public.

The band will perform at 12:30 p.m. Friday at O'Leary Junior High School, 2350 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls. The concert 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 Acres 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 jazz artists.

For more information, call Brad Peters at (808) 426-3099 or visit www.geneharris.org.

DAR will watch slide show on China Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at noon Saturday at the home of Susan Bench in Twin Falls. Maureen Williams will present 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 Homer, president of First Federal Savings Bank in Twin Falls; Shauna Sutterfield, committee member for the 2003 Relay for Life; Lori Hatt, bank Relay for Life team captain; and Bob Giles, 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-raising event. The bank team and others in the Magic Valley are starting to collect donations for the 2003 event, which raises money to fight cancer. For more information about Relay for Life, call Giles at 734-5518, Kathy Kent at 825-5717 or Mary Baker at 326-6461. The event will take place May 16-17.

Photo courtesy of First Federal Savings Bank

Ricky deserves happiness in new family

"Dear Family, I would like to live in a home with a mom and a dad. I would like my new mom to be a good cook, like to do lots of activities, help me with my school work, and maybe cut my hair. I would like my new dad to be at home a lot, like to play video games with me and take me to play paintball and like animals. I would like to be an only child but it would be fine if they had other children. I would like it if they have pets. I would like a family that likes to do a lot of stuff away from home. I would also like my new family not to be too strict."

Sincerely, Ricky"

As Ricky works in the sixth grade this year, he is enthusiastic about school. A special program is helping him catch up on reading and math. He's well motivated

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 sports and sampling other outdoor pursuits.

Needs: Ricky is a likable, sensitive youth whose behavior is closely linked to his feelings about himself. He is getting healthier and happier every day. His caseworker says 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. Ricky is available for adoption

Wednesday's Child



Ricardo Age 12

tion through the State of Oregon. For contact information, call the Idaho CareLine, 1-800-926-2588.

CLUB CALENDAR

Rotary Clubs

Blue Lake - 7 a.m. Tuesday at Westmont in Blue Lake. Call 334-7551.
Burley - Noon Tuesday at Burley Inn Convention Center and Room 2040.
Boise - 12:45 p.m. Thursday at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Boise.
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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Staying grounded

Passenger boardings for SkyWest Airlines — a Delta Connection carrier — at the Twin Falls airport:

January 2003: 2,383

That's an unwelcome 29 percent decrease from the 3,377 SkyWest boardings in January 2002. And it starts the year off in much more negative 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 airlines, slowly creeping up in price 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 Delta's pricing analysts in Atlanta, making a case for fares more comparable with the Boise market's.

"For some reason, we've been very high. The Delta prices have been higher than usual out of here, and I think that's reflected in the [board 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 KEJZ-FM, KJLX-AM and KJLX-FM.

Each of the company's key divisions posted sizable revenue gains.

San Antonio-based Clear Channel reported profits of \$184 million, or 30 cents per share, in the final three months of 2002 in contrast to a loss of \$36 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 for the most recent quarter.

Revenue rose 19 percent to \$2.2 billion from \$1.9 billion a year earlier.

For the full year, Clear Channel said it earned \$725 million, or \$1.18 per share, compared with a loss of \$114 million, or \$1.93 per share, in 2001. That loss was attributed to the company's accounting rules changes.

Revenue for the full year was \$8.4 billion, up about 6 percent from \$7.9 billion a year ago.

H&R Block reports surge in third-quarter earnings

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — H&R Block Inc. said a "solid" start to the tax season and a continuing boom in mortgage business produced record fiscal third-quarter earnings.

Kansas City-based Block — which has offices in Magic Valley — said it earned \$12.1 million, or 7 cents a share, in the three months that ended Jan. 31. A year ago, Block earned \$296 million, or 16 cents a share.

A large part of the profit came from selling mortgage-related assets. These sales added 44 cents of the 71 cents per share that Block earned during the three months.

Block also said its strong third quarter lifted its annual expectations for profits in its fiscal year, which ends April 30.

The company said it now expects earnings per share to be in the range of \$1.10 to \$1.25. Block previously estimated fiscal year earnings at between \$2.90 and \$3.10 per share.

Compiled from wire reports

Former Qwest execs face fraud charges

The Associated Press

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.

Qwest provides local-phone service to much of Magic Valley. Attorney General John

Ashcroft announced the indictment handed up by a federal grand jury in Denver. New Securities and Exchange Commission chairman William Donaldson, standing next to Ashcroft, 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

accused 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

instead counted all of the revenue immediately, in violation of SEC rules, the government said. The Justice Department also said that Qwest knowingly filed false documents to hide its actions.

"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 falsify financial

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Home Depot profit slips



This is a frame shot from a new television ad to be released by The Home Depot. Facing slumping sales, the company is launching a new marketing campaign.

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 may be flat this year. The latest earnings results still beat Wall Street expectations.

The largest U.S. home-improvement retailer chain — which has a store in Twin Falls — also announced it will no longer

give quarterly earnings guidance so it can focus on its long-term outlook. It will give guidance only on an annual basis.

It earned \$666 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 billion for the same period a year ago.

In deciding not to give quarterly guidance, Home Depot joins a handful of other large companies, including Coca-Cola and Gillette.

The companies say such estimates draw attention away from efforts to build a successful business 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 \$1.29 a share, for the previous year.

Revenue for the year was \$58.25 billion, compared to \$53.55 billion for the previous year.

The chain, which has 1,500 stores, plans to add 200 locations this year and 40,000 employees. It currently has 277,000 employees.

Trend watchers see increasing caution

Knight Ridder News Service

Consumer confidence is lowest since 1993 — E3

Economic slumps, talk of war, corporate and religious scandals, and terrorism have retail trend forecasters predicting 2003 as the "year of long security."

"Until the economy gets through this soft spot, retailers will need to use their ingenuity to attract shoppers to their stores," said Rosalind Wells, chief economist for the National Retail Federation.

The Washington-based group said it still felt compelled to seek out the best deal for their money.

The federation forecasts an increase of just 5.6 percent this year in sales of general merchandise, apparel, furniture and other home furnishings, electronics and appliances, sporting and hobby goods, and music.

Though consumers are holding their wallets a little tighter, 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 Gatsby era.

Trend expert Faith Popcorn predicts that "primal passions" will be in vogue, with food, family, love and sunny drying what's hot. Priorities will be re-evaluated so people can spend more time with their families. Instead of living to work, people once again will be working to live. Popcorn also sees a four-day workweek movement, called Family Fridays.

As more Americans spend

time with their families, grocery may want to beef up their ready-to-eat meal sections. A new study of 21,300 heads of households by ACNielsen found that more than 62 percent of those ages 18 to 34 said 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 Qwest bid for deregulation

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

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 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 landline telephone customers it has in the seven cities, Qwest Idaho Vice President Jim Schmitt said there are over 200,000 cell phone customers served by more than six other companies, the AP reported.

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 the commission shall cease regulating basic local exchange rates when the incumbent telephone corporation, in this case, Qwest — would 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

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- By fax: Or send a fax to 334-3762.
- In person: Written comments can be presented at a Twin Falls workshop at 3 p.m. March 6 in the Old Room of the Red Lion Hotel. Call 334-3762 for more information. WestCoast Twin Falls Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Planning is key to making most of college visit

Spring break is supposed to be a time of year for kids to kick back and maybe even get a suntan. But for many high school juniors, 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 college campuses for open houses or preview days.

Having recently made a four-day, three-city, three-campus sweep with my own high schooler, I can tell you the typical whirlwind get-acquainted visit goes something like this: Meet with an admissions counselor, take a walking tour, peek at dorm rooms, sit in on a class or 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 dealer's showroom — 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 senior 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 trip 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 hours 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 visiting campuses. To order the booklet, go to www.woodburnpress.com or call 1-888-285-1502. 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 school.
- Attend a group information session that many schools offer parents and students.
- Talk to someone in the department your son or daughter is considering as a major, such as touring the campus, note the cleanliness, atmosphere and size of the school.
- Check any labs 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 union and, if possible, eat a meal or two on campus.
- Chat with some students and ask what

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KIMBERLY 7 miles S. 306 acres can split, beautiful view of hills, new valley pivots '99, full TFCC. \$2300 an acre. 423-5555

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KIMBERLY GREAT 5 acre building site on Addition E & 360 E. Part of a farm, enhancing open space with view. Irrigated water, sprinkler pipe. \$57,500. Plus 3 acres right on the corner. \$35,000. Some deed restrictions. Ray Sabala at Irwin Realty 539-3321.

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TWIN FALLS \$30,000. Great location for building site, some trees already on property and paved public road. Call Kathy Partridge@737-3920 or 420-0064. MLS#105624 PC#140

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TWIN FALLS \$845,000 This 5 acre parcel has a great oil location on the East side of town. City service available and road frontage. For more details visit TheHessTeam.com or call Walt Hess 737-3939 or Tam Gooding 737-3940. MLS#105447 PC#212

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BOISE RIVER South Fork, over Flock Summit, cabin on 2+ acres, \$145,000 over may carry, discount for cash. 481-2122

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MAGIC VALLEY AREA New company looking for or lease houses. Any price. Any condition. Call 532-0734 or 312-4335

TWIN FALLS EINE/NW area. Chemically sensitive person looking to buy a 2-3 bdrm. home. No basement, not older than 30 yrs. Please call me BEFORE you paint, lay carpet/water, or remodel. \$60-\$80,000. Desperate for a house. Or will rent, must be elect. pet free home, same requirement as above. \$300-3900

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JEROME 2 bedroom bath, washer, dryer, hood, large yard, pet ok, corner of O and R. \$500 month. Call 208-703-0900

JEROME Lease to own through 2 bdrm Full bath Rental. \$450/mo. \$500-deposit. 324-2154

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South overcalled a natural two no-trump over East's weak-two opening, and North, with length and strength, raised straight to three no-trump rather than look for an alternative strain. As it turned out, North-South guessed well in the bidding to avoid their 4-4 spade fit, which would have run into ruffs. West also did well to lead his partner's suit, after which there would have been no problems for South, and did well not to lead a low club, after which declarer would have been in complete control.

Consider South's problem on the club-king lead. Normally, with A-J-10 of the suit led, you would win the opening lead — and look what happens here. You win the ace of clubs and knock out one of East's aces. He continues clubs and West ducks. When you knock out the second ace, East returns another club, and West takes three winners in the suit.

It works out much better for declarer to duck the opening lead, playing East for both missing aces — very likely on the ace as before. East continues clubs, but when he gets the lead with his second ace, he does not have a club to play.

NORTH		03-20-A
♠	K 4 3 2	
♥	A 7	
♦	K Q J 4	
♣	5 2	
WEST		
♠	10 9 8	
♥	6	
♦	10 9 8 3	
♣	K Q 8 7	
EAST		
♠	A J	
♥	10 9 5 3 2	
♦	A 7	
♣	6 4 3	
SOUTH		
♠	K Q 7 5	
♥	A Q 4	
♦	6 5 2	
♣	A J 10	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: Club king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:		03-20-B
♠	10 9 8	
♥	6	
♦	10 9 8 3	
♣	K Q 8 7	
South		
♠	10 9 8 3	
♥	6	
♦	10 9 8 3	
♣	K Q 8 7	

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. Your partner's auction shows 19-20 HCP with hearts stopped, and you have a source of tricks to suggest that he will have a decent play for nine tricks.

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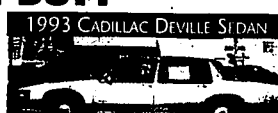
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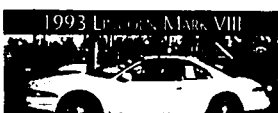
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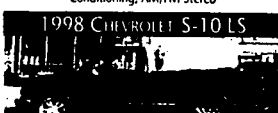
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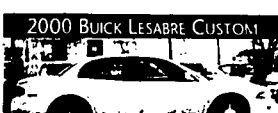
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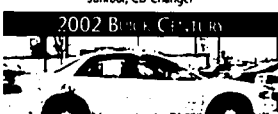
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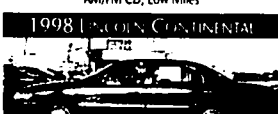
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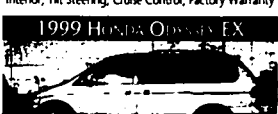
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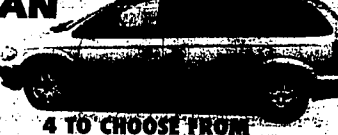
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2001 FORD ESCORT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • AM/FM Cassette RETAIL PRICE \$8553 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2885 \$6988 OR \$0 DOWN \$139 MO. Stock #6647. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	1993 FORD F-250 4x4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM • Camper Shell RETAIL PRICE \$8888 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2888 \$6988 OR \$0 DOWN \$139 MO. Stock #8846. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	1993 FORD WINDSTAR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • Rear Air • CD • Power Windows, Locks • Keyless Entry RETAIL PRICE \$10733 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2745 \$7988 OR \$0 DOWN \$159 MO. Stock #7733. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	2001 FORD FOCUS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • Power Windows, Locks • Cruise • AM/FM RETAIL PRICE \$11834 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2348 \$8988 OR \$0 DOWN \$179 MO. Stock #1095. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	2000 CHEVY VENTURE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • AM/FM CD • Cruise Control • 7 Passenger RETAIL PRICE \$11453 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2485 \$8988 OR \$0 DOWN \$179 MO. Stock #9725. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.
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2001 TOYOTA COROLLA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • AM/FM CD RETAIL PRICE \$12174 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2188 \$9988 OR \$0 DOWN \$199 MO. Stock #4611. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	1997 FORD EXPLORER 4x4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • Cruise Control • Power Windows & Locks • AM/FM Cassette RETAIL PRICE \$12133 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2145 \$9988 OR \$0 DOWN \$199 MO. Stock #7741. 60 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	2000 FORD F-150 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning • AM/FM • Cruise RETAIL PRICE \$18143 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2155 \$10988 OR \$0 DOWN \$189 MO. Stock #1563. 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	1999 GMC SAFARI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • AM/FM CD • Power Windows, Locks • Cruise • 7 Passenger RETAIL PRICE \$13848 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2880 \$10988 OR \$0 DOWN \$189 MO. Stock #6431. 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	2000 FORD RANGER 4x4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Speed Transmission • AM/FM • Air Conditioning • Tow Package RETAIL PRICE \$18108 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2178 \$10988 OR \$0 DOWN \$189 MO. Stock #9836. 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.
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1999 ISUZU TROOPER 4x4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • AM/FM Cassette • Cruise Control RETAIL PRICE \$14582 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2584 \$11988 OR \$0 DOWN \$199 MO. Stock #6611. 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	2000 GMC 1500 4x4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • Cruise Control • Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM CD RETAIL PRICE \$15618 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2831 \$12988 OR \$0 DOWN \$219 MO. Stock #7741. 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	1998 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4x4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-Speed Transmission • Air Conditioning • Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM CD Cassette • Cruise RETAIL PRICE \$16244 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2268 \$12988 OR \$0 DOWN \$219 MO. Stock #6638. 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	1998 DODGE DURANGO 4x4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • AM/FM • Power Windows, Locks • Cruise Control • Loaded RETAIL PRICE \$18888 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$2808 \$13988 OR \$0 DOWN \$229 MO. Stock #6474. 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.	1998 CHEVY TAHOE 4x4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automatic Transmission • Air Conditioning • Power Windows, Locks • AM/FM CD • Cruise RETAIL PRICE \$18144 LATHAM DISCOUNT \$3158 \$15988 OR \$0 DOWN \$269 MO. Stock #9874. 72 months at 5.50% APR. OAC.
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