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Kerry cruises in primary win

Dean recovers bit of ground since Iowa to finish second, but leaves Kerry with clear margin

The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — John Kerry overpowered Howard Dean to win New Hampshire's primary Tuesday, a second-straight campaign victory for the newly minted Democratic presidential front-runner.

"I ask Democrats everywhere to join us so we can defeat George W. Bush and the economy of privilege," Kerry told supporters, cheered by his political revival. He promised to "reduce the poverty of millions rather than reducing the taxes of mil-

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lionaires."
Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina and retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark battled for third. Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, jogging to fifth place, rejected advice from some advisers to abandon his bid.
After trooping through coffee shops, country stores and living rooms of Iowa and New Hampshire, the candidates now move to the cold realities of a

national campaign — airport rallies and multimillion-dollar ad buys in seven states holding contests next Tuesday.

Kerry, who reshaped the race with his stunning win in Iowa's caucuses Jan. 19, pledged to carry his momentum to every state. He assumes the weighty mantle of front-runner, a title that drew scrutiny to Dean's record and every lapse.

With 95 percent of the precincts reporting, Kerry had 39 percent, Dean 26 percent, Clark 13 percent, Edwards 12 percent and Lieberman 9 percent.



Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., and his wife, Teresa, celebrate Tuesday in Manchester, N.H.

Bill proposes mail-in ballots



Bob Severe, of Severe Township in Burley, hand stamps a new fender for a saddle Tuesday. Severe's business is used as a polling place for elections, and he says it would be sad to trade the down-home atmosphere of a small-town precincts for the convenience of mail-in ballots.

Change would kill some small-town polling places

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — As far as Wynne Bessire is concerned, a change in the law that would allow her to mail her ballots instead of traveling 14 miles to Milner to vote is worth celebrating.
"Hallelujah," Bessire said. "If you don't have anything to do, that's wonderful. But if you have to get lunch on the table, that 28 miles is a lot."

Bessire lives near the South Hills in the Cassia County Parson's voting precinct. It had only 78 registered voters in the last general election. If a bill that Secretary of State Ben Ysursa introduced to the House State Affairs Committee on Tuesday passes the Legislature, Bessire's traveling days are over. She'll be allowed to mail her in her ballot in the November general election.
The legislation only applies to



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126 precincts out of Idaho's 990. And it would be optional. Counties would not have to phase out smaller polling places if they don't want to. It would make voting easier for people in Idaho's remote areas, Ysursa said. Voters would receive their ballots no sooner than 21 days before elections and no later than 14 days before. It would not apply to school-related elections, fire districts or highway districts.

But Oakley resident Bob Severe isn't so sure substituting mail-in ballots for rural neighbors coming together on voting day is a good thing. He votes in Oakley, where residents all come out to visit on election day and experience some good old-time patriotism at the Oakley City Hall or the senior center.
"You get to see a lot of people you haven't seen in a long time," Severe said. "The ladies bring in punch and all kinds of goodies, and everyone is welcome to indulge."

These days Severe has opened up his saddle shop in Burley for Unity precinct voters. But he said the country atmosphere he is used to in Oakley seems to be missing on voting day with Unity voters. He attributes that to the more hurried, less neighborly setting of a precinct that has three times more registered voters than the precincts in Oakley.

Ysursa acknowledged that some people will be against the legislation for that reason.

"Some who like the social gathering at some precincts will be opposed," he said. "But it is optional, and it will cut down substantially on the cost of elections."

Ysursa estimated a new voting machine can cost \$4,000. In addition, there are expenses such as paying an election judge and clerks, as well as transporting supplies and paying workers to do that. Counties will only have to pay for postage with mail-in ballots.

"It's a trend nationwide," Ysursa said. He noted that Oregon now has all of its voters mailing their ballots, and the state of Washington is up to 68 percent of its voters mailing ballots. Oregon has upped it voter turnout to about 80 percent as a result.

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Doc backs smoking measure

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — It's been 21 years since Twin Falls physician David McClusky started campaigning against smoking to the Idaho Legislature.

And now he's taking another run at it. On Tuesday McClusky announced he's backing legislation to reduce the public's exposure to second-hand cigarette smoke.

But even if the legislation does not pass the Idaho Legislature this session, McClusky said he's betting the city of Twin Falls will be considering more stringent ordinances of second-hand smoke than it currently has.

Rexburg legislator Sen. Brent

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Judge gets case of Eden shooting

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

BOISE — The fate of a lawsuit filed by the family of George Timothy Williams against Jerome County is in the hands of a judge, at least for now.

District Judge Mikel Williams — who is not related to the Williams — heard arguments from the attorney representing Tim Williams' family and attorneys representing Jerome County in a case that began nearly three years ago after a drug raid on Williams' house in Eden turned deadly.

The judge said that Patrick Brown, the Williams family attorney, must show that the sheriff's department was reckless, not just negligent, in its planning of the raid.

The judge could dismiss the suit based on lack of facts supporting the family's case, or he could allow it to proceed to a jury trial. It's possible he may not issue a decision for two weeks or more, according to his clerk's office.

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DEADLY SCENE



Smoke billows from the scene of a passing U.S. military convoy near Khaldiya, Iraq, as U.S. troops secure the area after a road-side bomb exploded next to a passing U.S. military convoy, killing three U.S. soldiers. Please see page A3

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and breezy with scattered rain and snow showers. Highs in the upper 30s.
Tonight: Breezy to windy at times with possible snow showers and flurries. Lows lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Cool, mostly cloudy to cloudy skies and breezy. Scattered rain and snow showers are again possible. Highs in the upper 40.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy, break with scattered rain and snow showers. Highs in the upper 30s.
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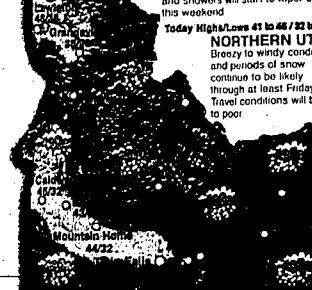
IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mountain snows will continue to be likely for the next several days with periods of snow in the valleys.

Today Highs - 23 to 31. Tonight's Lows - 7 to 22.
Daily rain and snow showers will continue to be possible through Thursday. On Friday, temperatures could be cold enough for just snow and showers will start to taper off this weekend.

Today Highs/Lows 41 to 60/22 to 37.
NORTHERN UT. Breezy to windy conditions and periods of snow will continue to be likely through at least Friday.

Total conditions will be fair to poor.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 49 at Lewiston. Low: 2 at Ketchum.
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Table listing regional forecasts for various Idaho cities including Boise, Burley, and Pocatello.

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Table listing national forecasts for various states including Arizona, California, and Texas.

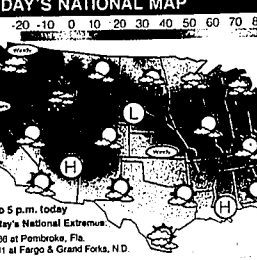
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Ex-weapons inspector says Saddam's talk was bluster

The Washington Post. WASHINGTON - U.S. weapons inspectors in Iraq found new evidence that Saddam Hussein's regime quietly destroyed some stockpiles of biological and chemical weapons in the mid-1990s, former chief inspector David Kay said Tuesday.
The discovery means that inspectors have not only failed to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq but have found exculpatory information - contemporaneous documents and confessions from interviews with Iraqis - demonstrating that Saddam Hussein did make efforts to disarm well before President Bush began making the case for war.
The fact that Iraq disarmed at

Smoking

Continued from A1. Hill has introduced the bill, which is up for a hearing on Feb. 9. Hill's son, who is in his 20s, has been diagnosed with lung cancer, and Hill believes it comes from the second-hand smoke that his son was exposed to in his work place.
" Tobacco is the single most important item as far as the economy of health care is concerned," McCluskey said. "As a doctor, I know the cause of an illness and the treatment, it is controlled medicine. I can't practice it. Then, it is also impractical if I don't fight tobacco."
McCluskey said 75 percent of the patients he treats have some sort of tobacco-related illness. He also said second-hand smoke is the leading cause of inner ear infections in children and the primary irritant in the bronchitis, asthma and pneumonia he treats in children.
In Idaho, annual health care expenditures directly caused by smoke were \$249 million last year, according to studies done by a powerful coalition of Idaho health-care providers and insurers. The group claims the state Medicaid program paid out \$65 million for smoking-related illnesses. It also estimated that last year the state lost \$271 million in work productivity as the result of tobacco.

New rover spies layered rocks

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - A NASA rover got its closest-ever look at bedrock on the surface of Mars on Tuesday, and scientists were eager to determine whether the layering could have been formed in water.
The Opportunity rover spied the fine-scaled layering just days after it landed in a small crater on the far side of the planet from its

Weather wreaks havoc on East Coast

The Associated Press. A storm carrying the threat of heavy snow for the Northeast coated a wide swath of the East Coast in ice Tuesday, stopping

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Tobacco toll in Idaho

- High School students who smoke: 19.1 percent
High school males who use smokes: tobacco: 14.3 percent
Kids who become new, regular smokers each year: 3,900
Percentage of work places that have smoke-free policies: 71.1 percent
Adults in Idaho who smoke: 22.3 percent
Adults who die each year from smoking: 1,500
Annual deaths in state from others' smoking: 160 to 280
Kids who have lost at least one parent to smoking-caused death: 1,200
Kids alive today who will die from smoking, given current smoking levels: 32,000

Suit

Continued from A1. Members of the Jerome County Sheriff's Department, including Sheriff Jim Weator and Under Sheriff Jocelyne Roberts, obtained a search warrant for illegal drugs in January 2001.
They were conducting the raid a gunfight broke out, leaving Williams and two sheriff's deputies dead.
Williams' family, his sister Chris Sterling and his mother Patricia Williams - filed a lawsuit against the county.
Attorneys presented oral arguments to the judge, summarizing 60 pages of written briefs each side had submitted earlier.
Williams' family maintains that the sheriff's department, under the auspices of the county, violated several of Williams' constitutional rights.
The sheriff's department, Brown said, obtained a search warrant by using information from an unreliable witness, Mary Ann Roberts, who coerced into talking, and the department did not brief officers about circumstances in Williams' life that might affect his reaction to a raid.
" Their contention is that they didn't do anything to set this up," Brown told the judge Tuesday.
" But they put them three feet from each other, dressed them up in SWAT gear, telling the officers Williams was mean - knowing he was afraid of (Taylor's ex-boyfriend). Of course that makes violence more likely."
The fact that the sheriff's chaplain, evidence clerk and ambulances were in attendance that day are further indications that the county was not out simply to serve a search warrant, Brown asserted.
Also, the search warrant was executed poorly, he argued. Deputies failed to " knock and announce" on the outside door, as mandated by Idaho law, Brown said. Their sudden entrance into Williams' home, knowing that Williams was fearful of Taylor's ex-boyfriend, provoked a reaction based on self-defense. With only a second to decide who was bursting into his house, Williams' natural impulse was to point a gun at the intruders. The officers, who Brown said were not easily identified as such, instead should have knocked on the outside garage door, through which all entrants must pass, Brown said.
Excessive force was employed by Under Sheriff Roberts after the initial exchange of shots, Brown said. Roberts stood over the incapacitated Williams, firing a final shot into the dying man. This information was based on statements gathered from Jerome County Sheriff's Deputy Rose Vaughn, whom Roberts asked to after the shooting, Brown said.
The collection of evidence by Jerome County, and its continued possession of it, Brown said, were further violations of Williams' rights.

Suit

Continued from A1. " By what right do they obtain the authority that they're supposed to hold evidence for the magistrate?" was Brown asked rhetorically.
" It was an outright seizure," Martin Hendrickson, representing Jerome County, argued that it was Williams who was responsible for the violence, provoking the shooting by pointing a gun at law enforcement.
" They didn't intend to provoke a gunfight," said attorney Kirt Taylor. " That's offensive. Two officers are dead."
Martin Hendrickson, another attorney arguing the county's case, said that their information was reliable and that it was not in talking Taylor, he said, had told the sheriff's department that she had seen large quantities of marijuana at Williams' house the day of the raid. Officials concluded that Williams might be trafficking, in drugs.
" Only a small amount of marijuana was found at the scene, however."
Attorneys said the case must be judged by what officers knew at the time, not in hindsight.
" We have to focus on what they knew before Hendrickson said, " What information did they possess?"
Hendrickson also stated that Taylor, from her position inside the house at the time of the raid, heard officers announce themselves, and that they acted in accordance with the law.
Attorneys also dispute the claim that Roberts stood over Williams and shot him, saying that she had retreated out of the house after the initial round of gunfire. Roberts has also denied the act.
The evidence held by the county, Hendrickson told the judge, was available to Williams' family, but they did not claim it.
" State law remedies exist," he said. " They could have availed themselves of the procedures but they failed to do so."
Also at issue is whether Chris Sterling has right to file claim on Williams' behalf. The county argued that as a sister she was not dependent on Williams and therefore not entitled to recompense for his death, should the county be found at fault.

CORRECTION

Kimberly rabies clinic is for dogs only

An item in Monday's newspaper mistakenly listed animals that are not eligible for rabies vaccinations at an upcoming clinic. The Feb. 7 rabies clinic hosted by veterinarians Jerry Jackson and David Clark at Kimberly City Hall will offer vaccinations for dogs only. Dog licenses expire Jan. 31, and dog owners are required to renew their tags.
The Times-News regrets the error.

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Bush defends war decision despite doubts about weapons

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Tuesday backed away from claims that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, but he said he has "great confidence" in U.S. intelligence agencies.

Breaking a four-day silence on the issue, Bush declined to answer directly when asked if he still believes that U.S. troops will find chemical, biological or nuclear weapons in Iraq. Instead, he defended his decision to go to war, saying that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was "a gathering threat to America and others."

After nearly nine months of searching, weapons inspectors David Kay said last week he's convinced Saddam didn't have stockpiles of unconventional weapons or any significant program to build them. Kay's findings undercut one of Bush's primary justifications for ordering the U.S. invasion.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Saddam Hussein is a gathering threat to America and others. That's what we know," Bush said when given a chance to stand by his previous warnings. "There is



President Bush At the White House Tuesday

no doubt in my mind that the world is a better place without Saddam Hussein."

Kay's conclusions have reignited the debate over the need for war and the value of U.S. intelligence. Some of Bush's supporters contend that he was the victim of bad intelligence.

Critics contend that he and his top war advisers deliberately distorted intelligence information to

build public support for war.

Democrats demanded an investigation. "We need to find out what went wrong," said Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. "We have committed lives, we've committed resources and we've made decisions based on the intelligence provided to us. We need to know how we can have greater confidence in the future."

Bush indicated he would withhold judgment until weapons inspectors complete their work in Iraq. Kay, who delivered his resignation with his conclusion on Friday, was replaced by Charles Duelfer, a former United Nations weapons inspector.

"First of all, I've got great confidence in our intelligence community," Bush said. "These are unbelievably hardworking, dedicated people who are doing a great job for America."

Bush offered his reaction to Kay's findings a day after Secretary of State Colin Powell acknowledged the possibility that administration officials were wrong.

Report: Most hijackers were on security list

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Nine of the Sept. 11 hijackers were identified as possible security risks by the government's passenger-profiling system before boarding their ill-fated flights, the commission investigating the attacks revealed Tuesday.

But, following the guidelines in place at the time, officials at three of the nation's airports merely searched their baggage for explosives rather than questioning or searching the men themselves.

Had the government required more intense screening for passengers identified by the computer-assisted passenger-screening program, officials might have found and confiscated the box cutters and utility knives used to hijack the four airliners, according to the preliminary report from the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States.

At least three of the 19 hijackers set off metal detectors at Washington Dulles International Airport but were allowed to proceed to their gates.

At a hearing Tuesday, the commission also found that the Federal Aviation Administration's Office of Civil Aviation Security considered the possibility of a suicide attack as far back as 1998 and mentioned it in a presentation to airlines in early 2001.

Tuesday's hearing showed an aviation security system tangled in bureaucracy and plagued by turf battles and a lack of communication among agencies.

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Bombings claim six soldiers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Six more U.S. soldiers died in Iraq Tuesday in separate bombings.

A bomb exploded Tuesday night near Iskandariyah, some 25 miles south of Baghdad, killing three U.S. soldiers and wounding three others, hours after a separate bombing west of the capital killed three U.S. paratroopers and wounded one, the military said. In addition, a driver and translator for Cable News Network died in a shooting south of Baghdad.

In Khaldiyyah, west of Baghdad, a roadside bomb exploded near an 82nd Airborne Division convoy.

Three paratroopers were killed and one was critically wounded, Kimmit told a news briefing in Baghdad. He said a rescue force that rushed to the scene came under small arms fire, but suffered no casualties.

Iraqi hospital staff said two Iraqi civilians — also were killed in the ambush — including one shot in the stomach as he stood in his office near hospital staff said.

Another Iraqi, Nasser Mohammed, who said he was standing about 500 yards from the site, claimed American soldiers fired randomly after the blasts. This could not be independently confirmed.

Tuesday's killings brought to 519 the number of Americans who have died since the Iraq war began. Most occurred after President Bush declared an end to active combat May 1.

The last serious attack in Khaldiyyah took place Saturday when a car bomb killed three U.S. soldiers and wounded six. Two American soldiers were killed in Fallujah the same day.

Elsewhere, U.S. troops killed three suspected members of a guerrilla cell during raids Tuesday in the central Iraqi town of Beiji, the Army said. And a suspected car bomb was discovered near coalition and Iraqi Governing Council offices.

In reversal, U.S. accepts U.N. help with elections

PARIS (AP) — In agreeing Tuesday to send an election team to Iraq, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan took the first major step to restore his organization's influence in the country.

The prominent U.N. role — helping resolve a dispute over the best way to transfer power to Iraqis — marks a significant reversal. Washington drew up its transition plan for Iraq last year without mentioning the United Nations; U.S. officials now see the world body as their best hope for a compromise.

Annan said he would agree to a coalition and Governing Council request, made in a Jan. 19 meeting, that he dispatch the team to see whether a direct vote for a transitional government is possible.

He also suggested that a multinational force could be deployed

but ruled out the idea of U.N. peacekeepers in Iraq. Annan withdrew all international staff in October after deadly suicide bombings of U.N. headquarters in Baghdad.

Annan said the team will go to Iraq once the U.S.-led coalition assures its safety. In Baghdad, coalition spokesman Dan Senor welcomed Annan's decision and said the coalition would take "all necessary measures" to provide the U.N. team's security.

The United States hopes U.N. intervention will break a deadlock with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, the powerful cleric who wants direct elections for a transitional legislature. The United States says there's not enough time before the legislature takes power. Some 30 and wants it elected by regional caucuses.

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Vice President Dick Cheney presents Pope John Paul II with a crystal dove during his private audience Tuesday at the Vatican.

Cheney exorts troops, gives pope peace symbol

VICENZA, Italy (AP) — Cheered by U.S. troops, Vice President Dick Cheney said Tuesday the nation's response to terrorist threats must be "to take the fight to the enemy."

Separately, in Rome, he exchanged messages of peace with Pope John Paul II, giving him a dove made of glass and being encouraged in return "to work at home and abroad for the growth of international cooperation."

That 15-minute meeting at the Vatican was quiet and sober. When Cheney spoke later to airborne troops of the Army Southern European Task Force, he strode onstage to the theme of the movie "Rocky."

"As President Bush made clear from the beginning, America is determined to confront the regimes that support terrorists and might supply them with ever-deadlier weapons," Cheney said.

"I'm proud to be with sky soldiers," Cheney told the troopers, mostly members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade. Since parachute

ing into northern Iraq last March, the brigade has suffered 93 casualties, including at least nine dead.

Cheney flew to Vicenza by helicopter from the nearby Aviano Air Base, where he told other troops that terrorists still hate America.

"In the face of this danger, we have only one option, and that's to take the fight to the enemy," Cheney said.

Cheney was on the final day of a five-day trip to Europe, where he attended the World Economic Forum, met with government leaders and delivered foreign policy addresses in Davos, Switzerland, and in Rome.

Pope John Paul was an ardent opponent of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, but the Vatican currently is seeking greater international involvement in rebuilding the country. Still, the pope has been urging renewed respect for international law, in keeping with the Vatican's irritation that the invasion was launched without the authorization of the U.N.

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NATION

Kerry, Dean learn lessons from Iowa

By John F. Harris and Cecil Conolly
The Washington Post

MANCHESTER, N.H. — John Kerry heard it when he went to Iowa and he has heard it when he went to New Hampshire. He heard it from voters and from longtime confidants, the criticism couched in respectful language but increasingly urgent as last fall came and went along with Kerry's one-for-one midable advantages in the Democratic presidential race. There was a problem with his campaign, and it was him.

For a lifetime high-achiever, he has been in his twenties, a successful prosecutor in his thirties, a U.S. senator in his forties — it wasn't the easiest thing to be told that as a presidential candidate, he was something of a clown. His message was muddled. His manner with voters was discursive, distracted, unpersuasive. Kerry said he welcomed the blunt reviews.

"All my life I've been capable of accepting criticism and advice," he recalled in an interview this week. "All of us can always try to improve as people, and I try to... I kicked in. I'm known as a good closer, and I brought my game up to what I have to do, and I know the campaign up to where it needed to be."

So he did, measured by the verdicts of Democrats in Iowa last week and in New Hampshire on Tuesday. Starting in mid-December, Kerry engineered one of the most dramatic turnarounds in modern political history. The hurtling trajectory of the past six weeks — Kerry's ascension, and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean's stumble and halting recovery Tuesday — is a reminder of the powerful momentum that presidential politics places on self-discipline and the penalties it imposes on impulsiveness.

Pakistan

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to be driven by certain undisclosed events in Pakistan and across the region, sources said. A source familiar with details of the plan said it is not a contingency plan for North Korea, something that sits on a shelf. This planning is like planning for Iraq. They want this plan to be executable, now."

The Defense Department declined to comment on the planned offensive or its details. Such an operation, almost certainly would demand the cooperation of Musharraf, who previously has allowed only a small number of U.S. Special Operations forces to work alongside Pakistani troops in the semi-autonomous tribal areas and in the northwest. Washington said last week, "We are told we're going into Pakistan with Musharraf's help."

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Polling

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If Idaho passes Yursa's legislation, he said it would be a good test to see if more precincts will go that way.

"It's sort of testing the waters," he said.

Rep. Scott Beuke, R-Oakley, frowned on the notion. Like Sen. Hays, he is reluctant to give up the gatherings in Oakley.

"People in small rural communities take their voting very seriously," Beuke said. "They know it's a privilege. They probably have the highest turnout of any place in the state."

Yursa agreed that generally speaking, rural precincts do have high voter turnout. The two Oakley precincts and the Parson's rates in the 2002 general election ran between 60 percent and 74 percent, compared with Uniy's 55

Dean crashed in Iowa by winning it. On one graceless Sunday three weeks ago, he told an impatient questioner at a town hall meeting that he had to get off. That evening, he breezed into a crucial debate with virtually no preparation time and gave a performance that matched his effort. His stump speech, crackling with one-liners and colorful denunciations of President Bush, began to fall flat with an electorate more interested in a substantive argument for Dean's candidacy.



Howard Dean

If Dean has given himself a second life with his respectable second-place showing here Tuesday, he has done so with some of the same methods that worked for Kerry. His aides say he began to listen to their critiques.

"He pushed himself to do things that don't come naturally — talking about his personal side and coaxing his retreative wife out onto the campaign trail. He both toned down and beefed up his speeches so they were not mere exhortations to the committed as he sought to persuade Democrats who were still shopping for the most impressive opponent to Bush.

All manner of outside factors — such as the apparent retreat of Iraq as a pre-emption issue for Democrats in the wake of Saddam Hussein's capture — have bifurcated the race in ways at least as consequential as the individual performance of Kerry and Dean. But the constellation of factors had a similar effect: They placed ever greater demands on the candidates to demonstrate seriousness. Democratic voters no longer hungered simply for a powerful voice against Bush; they wanted to be a part of a steady and substantial one, say a variety of strategists within the campaigns and close observers on outside.

Switzerland

Musharraf again rejected the need for U.S. forces to enter Pakistan to search for bin Laden.

"That is not a possibility at all," Musharraf said. "It's a very sensitive issue."

The U.S. military is operating under the belief that, despite his recent statements, Musharraf's thinking has changed, sources said. Musharraf said last week that bin Laden and his followers likely were hiding in the mountains along the Afghan border. He also said "we are reasonably sure that it is al-Qaida" who were behind the two attempts on his life.

An offensive into Pakistan to pursue al-Qaida would be in keeping with President Bush's vow to strike wherever and whenever the United States feels threatened and to pursue terrorist elements to the end.

"The best way to defend America is to stay on the offensive and find these killers, one by one," Bush said last week.

Musharraf's vulnerability is of deep concern to U.S. officials. If he were killed, Bush administration officials say, it is unlikely that any successor would be as willing to work toward U.S. goals to eliminate Islamic extremists.

The U.S. military plan is characterized within the Pentagon as "a big effort" in the next year. Military analysts had previously judged that a bold move against Islamic extremists and bin Laden, in particular, was more likely to happen in spring 2005.

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Oakley wouldn't be affected by Yursa's legislation, because the two precincts have more than 250 voters. But even if Oakley were under 250, Cassia County Clerk Barbara Mai said the county isn't thinking of switching to mail-in ballots right away. The state isn't requiring the purchase of new voting machines until 2006, so she won't worry about the county's four precincts that come in under 250 until then.

Bessire didn't argue that the legislation likely signals an end of an era when voters no longer come together to express their freedom to vote. She has even opened her own house for voters in school and highway district elections for the past two decades and said she "loved" doing it. But she said she's ready to bow to the future.

Libya ships missile, nuclear parts to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, following up a promise to end his pursuit of weapons of mass destruction, has shipped some 55,000 pounds of nuclear and missile components to the United States in a bid to break out of diplomatic isolation.

Bush administration officials indicated Gadhafi could expect some easing of economic pressure in return if he continued on a cooperative track. But one official told The Associated Press that

Libya had not proved it no longer supported terrorism.

As a result, the State Department is not ready to cancel Libya's designation as a terror sponsor said the official on condition of anonymity. Therefore, at least some economic sanctions will remain in place.

An American transport plane carrying the components arrived Tuesday at McGhee Tyson airport outside Knoxville, Tenn., with the equipment. It included stock to

enrich uranium, centrifuge parts and guidance sets for long-range missiles, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

The equipment probably will be evaluated at the Oak Ridge nuclear weapons plant in Tennessee, the major storehouse in the United States for highly enriched bomb-grade uranium.

The "most sensitive documentation" associated with Libya's nuclear program arrived by plane last week, McClellan said.

Also, the spokesman announced that Libya had begun destroying chemical munitions.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., called the shipment "a critical first step in securing nuclear materials and equipment to make sure they don't end up in the hands of terrorists."

Gadhafi's selection of a lifting of U.S. economic sanctions, promised last Dec. 19 to end development of nuclear and all other weapons of mass destruction.

Television talk show pioneer Paar dies at 85

JACK PAAR

Legendary late-night host dies

Late-night talk show pioneer Jack Paar, former host of "The Tonight Show," died Tuesday at 85. After stepping away from series television in 1965, he occasionally performed in television specials with the last one in 1987.



Paar died at his home in Greenwich, Conn., as a result of a long illness, said his son-in-law, Stephen Wells. Paar had suffered a stroke last year.

"The Tonight Show" became a talk show every-body talked about almost from Paar's first night as host in 1957. After a young comic named Johnny Carson became host in 1962, Paar had a hugely popular prime-time talk show for three more seasons, then abruptly retired in 1965.

"Jack invented the talk show format as we know it: the ability to sit down and make small talk, big I will miss him terribly," Merv Griffin said. "Not only was he a great friend, he was my beginning, just as he was everyone else's."

Carson said he was "very saddened" to hear of Paar's death. "He was a unique personality who brought a new dimension to late night television."

It was in July 1957 that Paar took over the flagging NBC late-night show, some months after Steve Allen left with his variety show.

"Like being chosen as a kamikaze pilot," Paar wrote in "I Kid You Not," a memoir. "But I felt sure that people would enjoy good, frank and amusing talk."

Paar had kept mostly out of the public eye since the mid-1960s, engaging in business ventures and indulging his passion for travel.

Off the air, as on, Paar never stopped doing the thing he did best: talk.

"The only time I'm nervous or scared is when I'm NOT talking," he told The Associated Press in 1997. "When I'm talking, I know that I do it well."

Judges decry law limiting discretion

LACUNA BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The chief judges of federal courts in the West objected Tuesday to a new law limiting their discretion in sentencing people convicted of crimes, saying Congress should have consulted them before acting.

The opposition was voiced during a two-day meeting of the 15 chief district judges of the U.S. 9th Circuit that concluded here Tuesday.

Judge John Coughenour of Seattle said the group had "several unanimous" in its disdain for the law, which compels judges to

strictly follow sentencing guidelines and orders that reports be sent to Congress on anyone who deviates from them.

The change, which was supported by Attorney General John Ashcroft, was part of an anti-crime bill signed by President Bush last year.

The Justice Department made no attempt to consult with judges, Coughenour said, and ignored a commission created by Congress to make sentencing recommendations.

Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist has also criticized the law.

Nomination surprises include actress, age 13

By Lorenza Munoz and Patrick Day
Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — This year's Oscar nominations are as noteworthy for their surprise inductions as for their omissions.

No one was more shocked than New Zealand actor Keisha Castle-Hughes, who at 13 is the youngest person ever nominated for best actress. Castle-Hughes, nominated for her performance in "The Whale Rider," was fast asleep in her Auckland home when her local time came rushing in at 3 a.m. last week to tell her the news.

But Castle-Hughes refused to get out of bed.

"I thought I was just dreaming," she said, noting that she is "not a morning person." By quarter to six, her mother put Alan Niurob and Nicole Perez, her Hollywood publicists, on the phone.

"I feel so overwhelmed — it's like I'm in a big whirlwind and I'm going to wake up and it's all going to be over," she said. "It's not every day that someone runs into your room and tells you are nominated for best actress."

Castle-Hughes was plucked from her school one day for a rehearsal of the movie and to her surprise was chosen to play the determined but young girl born into tragedy who doggedly sets out to prove to her stubborn grandfather that young girls can be leaders.

She rehearsed intensely for weeks with the film's director, Niki Caro, before filming. Castle-Hughes, who describes herself as a "gritty girl," even had to learn how to run like her character, who is a tomboy. And now that she's been nominated, she said she is determined to become an actor.

On the other side of the surprise factor, several Oscar veterans did not get nominations. Jack Nicholson, Russell Crowe, Tom Cruise, last year's best supporting actor Chris Cooper and last year's best actress winner Nicole Kidman all were denied even though the films they starred in received nominations in other categories.

Jennifer Connelly — who was touted on the covers of magazines as an Oscar shoo-in for her performance as a wounded soul in DreamWorks' "House of Sand and Fog" — did not get nominated.

Two actresses named by critics' groups as standouts this year — Hope Davis for "American Splendor" and Maria Bello for "The Cooler" — also were overlooked.

Perhaps the biggest blow came

76TH ANNUAL ACADEMY AWARDS

'The Lord' reigns

"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," led the Academy Awards race Tuesday with 11 nominations, including best picture and director.

Picture
"Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"
"Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World"
"Mystic River"
"Sobiescu"
"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"

Best Actress
Keisha Castle-Hughes, "Whale Rider"
Diane Kruger, "Samantha Morton, "In America"
Charize Theron, "Monster"
Nicole Kidman, "21 Grams"

Best Actor
Johnny Depp, "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl"
Ben Kingsley, "House of Sand and Fog"

Best Supporting Actress
Shohreh Aghashoei, "House of Sand and Fog"
Patricia Clarkson, "Pieces of April"
Marica Graw, "Harden, Mystic River"

Best Supporting Actor
Alec Baldwin, "The Cooler"
Djimon Hounsou, "In America"
Ben Robins, "Mystic River"
Benicio Del Toro, "21 Grams"
Ken Watanabe, "The Last Samurai"

Director
Sofia Coppola, "Lost in Translation"
Clint Eastwood, "Mystic River"
Peter Jackson, "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"
Fernando Meirelles, "City of God"

Best Adapted Screenplay
Peter Jackson, "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World"

Best Original Screenplay
for Miramax's "Cold Mountain," which was nominated in seven categories but not for best picture, adapted screenplay or director for Anthony Minghella, who won in 1997 for "The English Patient."

Best Music
John Williams, "The Bourne Supremacy"
John Williams, "The Bourne Supremacy"

Best Sound
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Best Visual Effects
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Best Production Design
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Husband becomes royal pain

DEAR ABBY: My husband hurt his back in 2000. Ever since, it has gotten worse. He takes enough pain pills and muscle relaxers to kill a horse.

Most of the time he is so out of it, I can't talk to him. When I try, he gets mad and says I don't understand. I do understand, because I have been here since he got hurt.

I don't know what to do. I don't want to leave him because I love him, but I can no longer live like this. Please help.

—CONFUSED IN TEXAS

DEAR CONFUSED: Talk to the doctor who has been prescribing these medications about the debilitating effect they are having on your husband. There comes a time when most people have to weigh themselves off habit-forming drugs — and it appears your husband is overdue. In fact, it may be time for the doctor to refer your husband to a pain specialist who can help him learn alternative methods for dealing with back pain. It's worth a try.

DEAR ABBY: This year my in-laws sent me a peek-a-boo nightgown with those pants on my birthday. I've met them only once, and I am shocked that they sent a gift like this to me. They have never sent me a birthday gift before (and I am not complaining). But I do not wear thigh underwear.

Obviously, I will thank them for thinking of me. But how? And how can I tactfully suggest that they not send me something like this in the future?

—SHOCKED IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR SHOCKED: Try this: "Dear Folks, thank you for remembering me on my birthday. I admit I didn't expect to be thought of in quite that way by my husband's parents! With love, your blushing daughter-in-law."

DEAR ABBY: My mom was running an errand at a local farmers' market and left my dad in the car. When she returned, four people were standing outside the car waiting for her. They had a flat tire. When he didn't respond, they waited for Mom, and then changed the tire for her.

What they didn't know was that my parents were on one of their first outings since Dad's colon cancer surgery a few weeks before. The prognosis wasn't good. My dad's Alzheimer's disease had also spiraled downward. Mom is now sole caregiver because most of their kids live far away.

That those strangers went out of their way to help her and perform an act of kindness meant more to her (and me) than they'll ever know.

I hope they read this and know how much their help meant. I also hope that others will see that a single act of kindness can be a precious gift that's never forgotten.

—GRATEFUL DAUGHTER IN ILLINOIS

DEAR GRATEFUL: You've said it very well. A good deed is like a pebble thrown into a pool of water. The ripples spread far beyond the point of impact. Thank you for the timely reminder.

Sides present case in Stewart trial

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart sold stock based on "a secret tip" that no one else had, then told an avalanche of lies to save her reputation and enormous fortune, prosecutors said Tuesday as they laid out their case against the homemaking queen.

Stewart's attorney insisted the case was based on "speculation, surmise and guesswork" and suggested the government's pursuit of the domestic style-setter was reminiscent of George Orwell's "Big Brother" novel in 1984.



Martha Stewart

The jury of eight women and four men listened to three hours of opening statements that outlined different portrayals of Stewart's sale of nearly 4,000 shares of biotechnology company InClone Systems on Dec. 27, 2001.

Stewart was almost motionless as the arguments unfolded in front of her, resting her chin on her hand and occasionally tapping an index finger against her lips. Stewart faces up to 30 years in prison on charges that include obstruction of justice and securities fraud, but would get a far lighter penalty if convicted.

Suicide bomber kills two in Afghan capital

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber killed a Canadian soldier and an Afghan civilian Tuesday in an attack on a convoy of the NATO-led security force patrolling Kabul. The Taliban claimed responsibility.

The bomber was the first foreign victim of a fresh wave of violence that has claimed more than 60 lives this month. The attack came a day after Afghanistan's president signed the country's first post-Taliban constitution into law.

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Mullah Hakim Lattifi, a Taliban spokesman who contacted The Associated Press by satellite telephone, said the attack was the start of a campaign of suicide bombings that "will be continued until the coalition forces leave our country."

Two years after the Taliban's ouster, remnants of the hard-line group, along with its al-Qaida allies and followers of Afghan warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatiyar have been launching regular attacks against U.S. or international forces, though suicide bombings are an unusual tactic in Afghanistan.

Asian bird disease spreads to bird in China

BEIJING — China confirmed bird flu Tuesday in at least one duck and said it was investigating "suspect" cases of other deadly poultry, in an announcement that opened a potentially fearsome new front in the fight against the virus — the world's most populous country. Bird flu has now appeared in 10 Asian nations.

China's announcement also created unease about the food supply for Chinese still shaken by last year's SARS outbreak. Chicken is No. 2 only to pork as a staple meat for China's 1.3 billion people. Japan immediately suspended chicken imports from China, its third-largest supplier of chicken meat and products.

The World Health Organization said Tuesday there was a good chance of keeping the disease from taking root in the human population.

3-year-old girl survives cuddled up to dead mom

GLOBE, Ariz. — A 3-year-old girl survived five days alone in a car after an accident that killed her mother, authorities said. Angel Emery was airlifted

Sunday to Maricopa Medical Center, where she was being treated for dehydration and severe frostbite on her feet. She was listed Tuesday in good condition.

"The only thing she could share with us is that she had been eating crackers and that's how she was able to survive these long days out in the elements," said Sgt. Frank Valenzuela, a spokesman for the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

Authorities said Angel's 44-year-old mother, Patricia Marie Emery-Wade, died in the wreck, which apparently happened the afternoon of Jan. 21 on U.S. 60 in the east-central part of the state.

A passer-by finally saw the smashed car Monday morning and alerted authorities, who found the girl inside, wrapped in a blanket and cuddled next to her dead mother. Authorities say they believe Angel got out of her car seat and got under the blanket.

Computer e-mail virus spreads quickly, insidiously

SAN JOSE, Calif. — An e-mail worm that looks like a normal error message but actually contains a malicious program started computer users around the world on Tuesday.

MessageLabs Inc., which scans e-mail for viruses, said one in every 12 messages contained the worm, called "Mydoom" or "Kwarg." Security experts describe it as the "biggest virus-like outbreak in months."

The worm began spreading rapidly Monday during business hours in the United States. By comparison, many previous outbreaks had started during Asian business hours, allowing antivirus vendors to develop defenses by the time U.S. companies opened up shop.

"Whenever a virus begins to start in the States, it usually becomes much bigger," said Vincent Gullotto, an antivirus researcher at Network Associates Inc. — compiled from wire reports

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Birthday today? You plow ahead, regardless

IF JANUARY 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY — you are way out front of every parade, and you can be a lone wolf at times. Impetuous, fiery and unceremonious with criticism, you forge ahead regardless of circumstances. Within yourself, you have all the energy and talent you need for any undertaking.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): You're able to dedicate yourself amazingly today. It's still not too late to seek out any work with likeminded and helpful people.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): The moon goes into your sign today; you should feel yourself calming down and feeling more stable. You're especially affable now, and communications can be quite powerful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may feel the need for some well-deserved rest. Money may start to trickle in through people near to you, but you should still wait another day to sign anything significant.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Committed Cancerians find that their significant relationship is on a steady upswing; make sure your beloved one knows the extent of your feelings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Career focus is strong and workplace friendships make time fly. Business associates appreciate the cheerfulness you approach your tasks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Though today may still seem a bit

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to pessimistic, that will lift by tomorrow. In the meantime, don't let the "so-and-so's" grind you down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Give it one more day before doing anything important. Sexual desires experience a peak later in the day or evening; don't miss this chance to be with your partner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Continue to wait out tough stars for almost everything, but don't let yourself become disillusioned as your mood will change soon.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep a low profile and avoid any important communications today. In addition, avoid beginning anything new.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll enjoy a more lighthearted day, but the time is still not right for new beginnings of any kind. By late in the week, stars improve enormously, so never fear.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hold off from any new starts for another day and don't take negativity seriously today — everyone's mood will improve soon.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Today is another day to postpone important things and new beginnings. Though you may be eager to communicate, wait out difficult stars.

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EDITORIAL

State Board fulfills its task supervising school policies

Contrary to what some Boise educators may be saying, the State Board of Education and the Idaho Department of Education are not destined for a head-on conflict in the courts over who controls public schools.

Virtual Academy, which had an impact on school district funding. These actions have ruffled the Department of Education and Howard, a Democrat with close ties to the education establishment.

State Sen. Gary Schroeder of Moscow, the liberal chairman of the Senate Education Committee, cautioned last week that the dispute could worsen.

Our view: Idaho has benefited from a more active State Board of Education. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The situation begs for guidance from the Legislature," he said. "If not, we'll have these agencies suing each other." But Schroeder, an obvious advocate for Howard, is crying wolf. State leaders and most Idahoans expect the State Board to play its role effectively. And it's doubtful that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne would allow the dispute to be hashed out in the courts.

The State Board has a valuable role in supervising the Department of Education, especially when testing performance, is questionable, or when funding costs grow out of proportion and without supervision from the department. That much was evident in this month's legislative report on the State Board's reorganization. The Office of Performance and Evaluations found repeated cases where the Department of Education was not auditing bus costs.

Keeping a strong State Board and an efficient Department of Education shouldn't be such a divisive task. Kempthorne, in a meeting with *The Times-News* editorial board last week, said Idaho education is changing due to federal mandates. In spite of those changes, the agencies can work together. Some liberal educators may be longing for the days when a toothless State Board kept its hands out of education policy. But those days are gone. And Idaho's education is better for it.

The big hitters step up to the plate

The Democratic candidates debates have been like baseball in May - slow, mostly dull contests at the start of an interminable season. Thursday night's debate in New Hampshire was different. Sure the Rumble in the Tundra featured the usual clichés packaged as one-minute pronouncements delivered in the by-now familiar styles of the remaining seven players. But in politics, like baseball, timing is everything. The Iowa caucuses put us past the All-Star break and into the pennant race. People are starting to really pay attention.

ZEV CHAFFETS

That's bad news for Howard Dean and Wesley Clark. Dean, of course, needed a big play in New Hampshire to get past his Iowa breakdown. He didn't get it. All he did was set up Al Sharpton's patronizing jibe: "If I had spent the money you did and got 18 percent, I'd still be in Iowa hooting and holding 'em." Sharpton was sticking a cruel needle into a busted Internet bubble. Dean may be a doctor, but he started his career on Wall Street, and it shows. Up close, he's nothing more than a cynical snit who raised a pot of money from teen-agers, pullable supplies and boomer malcontents. Clark was supposed to be the antidote to Dean. Instead, he is competing with him for the paranoid wing of the party. In the debate, he was given a chance to dissociate himself from his supporter Michael Moore's Vietnam-era desertion - and turned it down. Peter Jennings asked, with evident astonishment, if Clark actually believed the allegation. Clark replied that he hadn't bothered to check it out, but



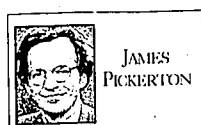
hey, Moore is a great American and everybody has the right of free speech. "A lot of people say it," Clark observed blandly - the same explanation Dean gave earlier this year for mentioning the "theory" that Bush knew in advance about Sept. 11. Clark also was chided for being a Democrat of convenience. In fact, he appears to be a bipartisan concoction, part Richard Nixon, with a touch of Alexander Haig, putting off John Kerry as a junior officer was just the sort of Haigian grandiosity you'd expect from a general who's spent his life judging people by their rank. Kerry may have been a short-term lieutenant, but he's been running for president all his

life, and it shows. During the debate, he kept his composure and adhered to the Hippocratic oath of electoral politics: "First, do no harm to yourself." That may not sound like much, but in this field, it could be enough. John Edwards also had a good debate in New Hampshire, despite the fact that he mangled the Defense of Marriage Act (not the night's worse blunder; Sharpton confused the Federal Reserve Board with the International Monetary Fund). Edwards is an attractive candidate, more animated than Kerry and much more telegenic. Still, when he was asked about his lack of presidential qualifications after only one term in the Senate, he squirmed. The fact is, he's too green to be top banana, especially in wartime. It

doesn't mean he can't get nominated, only that he's about as electable as Wendell Wilkie. Joe Lieberman and Dennis Kucinich formed the ideological bookends of the debate. Kucinich, who wants to pay reparations to Iraq, will probably get almost as many votes in New Hampshire as Lieberman, the only candidate who supports the war, tax cuts, motherhood and apple pie. At one point he even invoked the name of God. These views put Lieberman on the party fringe. That's why, absent a Bush breakdown, the Democrats - no matter who it is they nominate - aren't going all the way in the 2004 season. *Zev Chaffets is a columnist for The New York Daily News.*

Edwards and his Mayberry charm

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. - There's something about Southerners campaigning among Northerners that causes those Yankees just to melt. John Edwards, the surprise second-place finisher in Iowa, is sweet-talking the locals here in New Hampshire, too - and it seems to be working.



Part of the reason for Southern effectiveness, I think, is condescension: Northerners are inordinately impressed when a Southerner can finish a sentence without tobacco spittle running down his chin. Another reason is gratitude: Northerners, expecting to hear an accent such as that of Renee Zellweger in "Cold Mountain," are unduly happy when they can understand what a Southerner is saying.

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Amid all this cross-cultural cluelessness, a Southerner who can play the "Dixie card" gets extra credit for being "brave" enough to talk about race, or "thundered," "we have a moral responsibility to talk about race." The crowd cheered; nobody seemed to notice that Edwards never did, in fact, say anything about race - other than that he would

talk about it. To me, the senator is one part Andy of Mayberry, full of charming composure; one part evangelist, pitching himself instead of the Lord; and one part country-boy-cunning lawyer from a John Grisham novel. Of course, Edwards is a country-boy-cunning lawyer. He made millions collecting contingency fees. But he spins it differently. In his telling, he has always been "fighting" for regular folks: "I would go into court-rooms representing you, and people just like you, in battles against insurance companies and big corporations ... And I bet 'em." And what, exactly, is the connection between being a trial lawyer and being president? Well, that's obvious - both jobs require, at least as Edwards sees it, a high degree of what might politely be called blarney spittle. What else could one make of a man who says he should be in the White House "because I believe in you, and you deserve a president who actually believes in you?" Edwards is a millionaire contradiction - a millionaire populist. He's so smooth that Granite State's might not notice the illogic in his message, at least from a Democratic point of view. Twenty years ago, most middle-class families

were working, saving money," he said, in alleged contrast to today, when families are living "paycheck to paycheck." But held on a second here: 20 years ago was 1984, which was midway in the presidency of Ronald Reagan. Was the Gipper really responsible for a lost golden age? And if things were so great under Reagan, then what happened since? Wasn't Bill Clinton president for eight of the intervening 20 years? Those questions were on my mind at a brief Edwards' "press availability" after his speech. Nor was I alone in my curiosity, as another reporter asked the question before me. Edwards' answer was as evasive as a moonshiner at midnight. The senator said he didn't want to go back 20 years to the Reagan era, but rather, 30 years, to a time when "America was respected." In other words, he suddenly shifted his time reference, and also his policy pivot, from domestic to foreign.

But, it was another Republican, Richard Nixon, who was president in 1974; is "Tricky Dick" Edwards' ideal? And then - the candidate was gone, disappearing into his traveling bus. This combination of slow-talking and fast-shuffling succeeded in getting Southerners Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton into the White House - so why not Edwards? Indeed, even if he doesn't win here Tuesday, the North Carolinian seems certain to beat out Wesley Clark of Arkansas for the Vicepresidential pick - that is, to be the Southerner on the presidential ticket underneath a Yankee, such as, say, John Kerry. Many think that Edwards has had his eye on the second prize all along. He won't admit it, of course, but then what smart country lawyer ever tips his true hand - especially to a bunch of Yankees? *James Pinkerton is a New York columnist.*

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OPINION

LETTERS

Mad cow disease may have ties to dairy foods

Shouldn't we also be looking at dairy products as a source of infection for mad cow disease? Blood banks no longer accept human blood if the donor has had mad cow disease, recognizing that mad cow disease can be transmitted through the blood of infected humans with Cruitzfeld-Jacob disease.

A cow filters 10,000 quarters of blood through her udder each day and extracts white somatic cells to make her milk. Some call milk "white blood."

The protein particle responsible for mad cow disease (prion) can then be transmitted from cow to human.

Since the Holstein dairy cow from Washington has been detected, was her milk pooled to make the cheese or ice cream in my freezer?

The London Times reported a 24-year-old vegetarian has been diagnosed with Cruitzfeld-Jacob disease. So scientists fear that milk and cheese may be the source of infection.

As many as 76 million Americans get sick from food each year. Most cases are mild, but about 5,000 people die. This is a direct quote from Newsweek magazine dated Jan. 12, 2004, page 48. It is included in the article titled "Mad Cow: What's Safe Now." It has much interesting material which we may not learn otherwise.

XENIA WILLIAMS
Jerome

Know bids, both sides, in wolf debate

Dow Bond's letter to the editor (Jan. 24) reminded me of Ron Gillet's (Idaho Anti-wolf Coalition) claims that reintroduced Idaho wolves don't have the same DNA as the wolves that originally roamed Idaho, since no one has produced official reports on who took DNA from the original wolves, where and when. How many samples were taken, which parts of Idaho, and what are the credentials of this mythical person? I haven't seen the reports. Has

anyone out there seen even a paragraph, much less the original documents in full, nothing deleted, nothing changed?

Correct me if I'm wrong, but don't wolves roam back and forth across the Canadian line? Would that muddy DNA results? The anti-wolf coalition is painting a picture of thousands of vicious wolves decimating our wildlife all over the state. Is this realistic? How many breeding pair are there now, something like 27? What is the total number of wolves currently in Idaho? Even if the numbers were 300, there's something off kilter with the anti-wolf coalition's claims. Could this be a little dishonest? They do have a lot of support, like Sen. Skip Brandt, who advocated (in public) "accidentally" shooting wolves and ridding Idaho of wolves. I saw a bumper sticker that said "Kill the (expletive) wolves and the people who brought them in." Smacks of terrorism to me, which convinced me that there's something very wrong with the anti-coalition group and Skip Brandt's respect (?) for the law.

The letter to the editor by Bob Berentz (Jan. 24) was the first unemotional, realistic and truthful thing I've read about what we've done to Idaho wildlife in a long time. My suggestion to people like Dow Bond is to forget the lysosomal snobs and start educating themselves to facts on both sides. The best thing that could happen would be for the Nez Perce tribe and the anti-wolf coalition leaders to meet with factual information on what is really happening in our state, have it televised without bias (hat), and let the thinking public deal with facts.

JEANNE DREWREY
Twin Falls

Free trade agreements threaten U.S. economy

Totalitarian's goal of government is redistributing America!

American industry is threatened with extinction due to perverse government policies that penalize American producers and reward foreign competitors.

Our economy is being strangled by socialist taxes and regulations that make U.S. production increasingly uneconomical while free trade agreements flood our markets with cheap, slave labor-produced foreign goods and food.

American jobs are being outsourced to foreign countries. Thousands of high-tech foreign workers, who will work cheap, are allowed in America to replace U.S. workers.

Our basic resource industries including agriculture, suffering from regulatory overkill and foreign imports, are being targeted for total destruction under the proposed Central American Free Trade Agreement and Free Trade Area of the Americas agreements.

Does it make sense to import more than 45 percent of our food and more than 50 percent of our oil (with 23 percent of that coming from the volatile Persian Gulf) when we could produce most at home?

The FTAA will consolidate power and create, starting January 2005, a 34-country Western Hemisphere regional government. The FTAA will place America at the mercy of unselected socialist, anti-American bureaucrats making decisions that will destroy our independence and jobs.

America will become a Third World country unless Congress (1) abolishes socialist regulations; (2) controls our borders and immigration; (3) drastically reduces worker visas; (4) ends taxpayer subsidies to foreign competitors; (5) defeats CAFTA and FTAA agreements; and (6) gets out of the United Nations!

ADRIAN L. ARP
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Our Many Magic Valley Friends
From: Dave and Pat Cooper
Date: January 25, 2004

Cooper Norman has recently opened an office in Boise, located in the University Plaza Building, 960 Broadway Avenue, Suite 525. Pat and I are very excited to be leading this effort and everyone at Cooper Norman is committed to our success. This additional location will give our Firm three offices in the great State of Idaho, making it possible to provide our clients with even better service.

It is with some personal sadness that Pat and I write this letter. We have been part of the Magic Valley community for over 30 years and are sorry to leave our many friends. However, we are excited to move because we will be living closer to our two children and three incredibly lovely granddaughters. Pat and I feel truly blessed to have lived in a community where making friends is easy and doing business with friends is normal. Twin Falls, Idaho is "absolutely" a great place to live and raise a family. We adopted this community as our hometown and we will be back to see you from time to time. Rest assured that our Cooper Norman family remains committed to serving our friends and the many community activities we have participated in and supported throughout the years.

Cooper Norman is planning a party to celebrate the opening of our new Boise office, recent promotions in the Firm, and the many years Pat and I have lived in and loved the Magic Valley. The celebration will be on Thursday, January 29, 2004, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at our Twin Falls office. Please mark your calendars and come celebrate with all of us at Cooper Norman.

Thanks for your many blessings and friendship. Please visit us when you are in Boise.

With affection,
Dave and Pat Cooper

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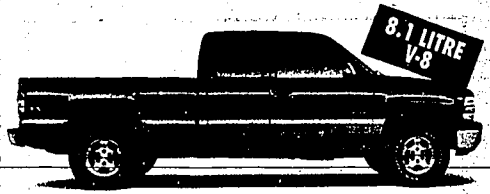
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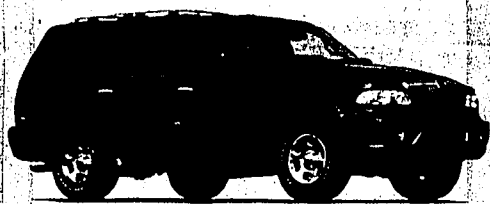
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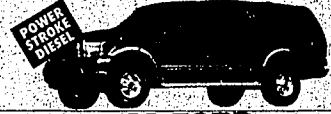
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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Police look for tips on window breakers

TWIN FALLS - Police are seeking the public's help in determining who is responsible for a rash of broken windows throughout the city over the past few days.

Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. Mike Covington said Tuesday that both car and business windows were broken by vandals during the previous two nights.

"It's a real priority that we get a location on these people and get them arrested," Covington said. "It's adding up in the thousands in repair bills."

"By Tuesday morning, the police department had received more than 30 broken window reports, according to records reviewed at police headquarters."

The windows were broken in both commercial and residential areas. Covington said the vandals are not staying in one place for very long.

"Typically, vandals of this sort use devices such as BB guns, wrist rockets or emergency window punches, Covington said.

Anyone with information on these incidents is encouraged to contact the Twin Falls Police Department at 735-7200.

CSI Foundation forms alumni association

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Foundation has created a new CSI Alumni Association.

Jolie Lickley, the association's specialist in charge of recruiting members, is asking fellow CSI graduates and certificate holders to consider joining.

"CSI has reached an age where our alumni can be a vital part of the institution," said Deb Wilson, who acts as an alumni liaison for the foundation. "This will be a good way for graduates and others who have completed CSI programs to give back, build their school loyalty and recognize their academic and professional roots."

Wilson said the CSI Foundation will induct the CSI Alumni Association for the first few years while it builds membership and takes care of its needs.

Eventually, it is expected that the association will generate scholarships, help with programs and provide a way for current students to find internships and job counseling.

Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wilcoy Dobbs, a 1978 CSI graduate, is one of the first members of the new association.

"I have earned degrees from four colleges and universities, but the school I hold nearest and dearest to my heart is the College of Southern Idaho," Dobbs said. "Other CSI graduates and certificate holders are urged to contact Lickley for more information at 732-6294 or a jlickley@csi.edu."

Jerome hosts open house for new police chief

JEROME - The city of Jerome invites the public to meet incoming Police Chief Dan Hall and the rest of the police department at an open house Friday.

The event will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Jerome City Council chambers at the corner of East Ave. A.

Refreshments will be provided. Compiled from staff reports.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake Basin	64%	67%
Balmon Falls	108%	84%
Salmon	83%	54%
Oakley	102%	61%
Big Wood	93%	58%
Little Wood	106%	60%
Henry's Fork/Teton	111%	66%
Big Lost	100%	60%
Little Lost	85%	48%

"A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average."
"An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in late March."

T.F. County prosecutor runs again

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In his job as county prosecutor, Grant Loeb sees a lot of the worst in the world - battered wives and abused children, young people headed down the wrong path to a life of drugs and crime.

Despite all that, he has decided to seek another tour of duty. Loeb on Tuesday announced his plans to run for another four-year term.

And although he often sees the darker side of people, every once in awhile Loeb and the people in his office get a chance to turn a life

around. "It's a rewarding job," Loeb said. "It's true that most people I see are in some kind of distress - either victims or offenders. It's the job of my office and the people in my office to help them and leave them better than they were before. Every once in awhile, someone comes back and says 'thank you.'"

Loeb has been prosecuting crimes in Twin Falls County for more than a decade. In 1997, the Twin Falls Republican Central Committee and county commissioners appointed Loeb the county prosecutor after G. Richard



Grant Loeb

Bevan resigned. Loeb was elected to the post in 1998 and again in 2000. His current salary is \$67,662. At the time he was appointed, Twin Falls County led the state in murders and child abuse. During his tenure, his office has sent more than 100 convicted murderers off to serve prison terms, including Alisha Ann Murphy, Vicki Arlene Jensen, Rolando

Garza, Orlando Gonzales-Leon, Tim Lawson, Eric Ferrier, Junior Delacruz, Clarence Delacruz, Christian Liebel, Antonio Garcia, Nicholas Garcia and Alfred Ortiz Jr. When Loeb was chief deputy prosecuting attorney, he and Bevan jointly tried the first degree murder case of Rudolfo "Rudy" Trevino. Loeb also prosecuted Jimmie Vurd Thomas for kidnaping. Thomas is now serving the maximum prison sentence of 40 years with no chance for parole.

Loeb is quick to share the credit for his office's successes in the courtroom.

"My office is made up of a lot of hard-working people who've done a good job helping the police and sheriff's departments fight crime and keep Twin Falls a safe place to live," Loeb said.

In announcing his candidacy, Loeb declared his commitment to fighting drugs in the Magic Valley.

"Because of the escalation of methamphetamine use, the Magic Valley has seen a huge increase in all types of crime," Loeb said in a news release. "This problem is at the core of our criminal problems in Twin Falls County and must be addressed through swift, effective

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Attorney: County snubs downtown

Commissioners will make first deposit on the former Anderson building today

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners will make their first deposit on the purchase of the old Anderson Lumber building today, but some critics still say it's the wrong move.

Although the purchase is being touted as a way to consolidate many of the county's services under one roof, one Historic Old Towne Business Improvement District official says he and his colleagues view this as a snub to downtown.

"In improving the downtown area, we're reliant on the county, the banking industry and the city," said Jeff Hepworth, a local attorney and a member of the improvement district's board. "They should be leading that movement and the county is one of the first to abandon downtown. That's a terrible example."

But renovating the old Anderson Lumber building off Eastland Drive for county offices would have many benefits for residents, said Twin Falls County Commission Chairman Gary Grindstaff.

People wouldn't have to circle the courthouse parking lot searching for a parking space. The elderly wouldn't have to navigate flights of stairs or endure a ride in a tiny elevator simply to pay their property taxes. And people with business with the planning and zoning department and at the assessor's office would find those services under one roof.

"Everything will be in one location for one-stop shopping," Grindstaff said.

County commissioners Friday signed an agreement with Utah-based Stock Building Supply West on a purchase of the old 11.5-acre Anderson Lumber building and property. Stock Building Supply West has agreed to shave \$1.8 million off the county's purchase of the \$5 million property, and commissioners expect the final cost will be between \$3.1 million and \$3.2 million. Commissioners today will make a non-refundable earnest money deposit of \$5,000 to extend the closing date on the property until March 28, Grindstaff said.

The deal is contingent on the county's ability to find financing. The county is sending out a request for proposals to find a bank that will give it the best deal. The county had been talking with Wells Fargo Bank on a 10-year, \$3.2 million lease-purchase agreement, with an interest rate of 4.93 percent. The county's payments would begin in June, with the county paying \$120,000 every six months - or \$240,000 a year. The 10th and the 16th payments would be balloon payments of \$1 million each, commissioners have said. But Wells Fargo county to pay off the lease as soon as possible, so the county is looking to other local banks that have expressed an interest in the project, Grindstaff said.

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Lillian Ling, left, motor vehicles supervisor at the Twin Falls County office, and Ashley Smith, the county motor vehicle deputy, review a recreational fee for a customer's motor home Tuesday. Many county services could be moving to the former Anderson building on Eastland Drive, a move in which the county would be abandoning downtown, some critics say.



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M.V. residents don't buy DOE cleanup proposal

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley residents who live downstream from contaminated groundwater at Idaho's nuclear laboratory want to know the risk to the water - not to residential dwellings that may occur 100 years from now at the site.

"I think you guys need to bite the bullet and clean it up, and if not, I will fight you until my last dying breath."

- Chuck Geske, Buhl City Council member

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Howard pushes for more school money

The Associated Press

BOISE - Idaho's state schools superintendent pressed lawmakers Tuesday for \$40 million in extra education funding, new money that would pay for teacher raises and tutoring programs.

But Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert reminded Marilyn Howard of the state's money problems and urged her to try to keep discretionary education funds at the same level as this year - just under \$25,000 per classroom.

Howard's proposed \$903 million budget, offered to legislative budget writers, calls for a 1 percent increase in district payrolls, new money to help tutor students who fall the state achievement test and cash to compensate veteran teachers for mentoring new ones.

The money would help keep top teachers and pay for up-to-date educational materials. "Our schools need to look at the whole child," Howard told the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

She said schools must offer more programs and experience - "music and art, a chance to think about the future and take the appropriate classes, lessons in good nutrition, a chance to take



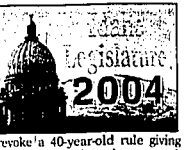
Sen. Dean Cameron

part in sports or drama, competitions that measure constitutional knowledge, debate skills or a great chess game."

But Howard said the budgets of recent years have forced many districts to discard those kinds of extras. She said Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's spending plan for the 2004-05 school year does not make up any ground, claiming it furthers the State Board of Education's campaign to wrest public school control from the person voters elected as the state superintendent.

"I know you've all read the news reports about the 7-to-1 votes - and I guess you know who that one is - and the rumors of a rupture between the two," Howard told lawmakers. "Those rumors are true."

She said the board's attack on her control of federal programs for public schools was surprising, as the board said it had no intention of taking over administration of these programs when it convinced lawmakers last year to



revoke a 40-year-old rule giving the superintendent that responsibility.

There has been duplication of effort and the possible loss of programs and services to school districts as a result of the power struggle during the past six months, she said.

Cameron said Howard's comments were opposed to those made Monday by state board President Blake Hall, who rejected suggestions that there was a rift between the board and Howard. "Hall said 'the board' was only doing the Legislature's bidding when it adopted the board-backed measure placing public schools solely under board control. Hall and others met privately with legislative leaders earlier this month to make sure lawmakers would continue to back up the board's newly extended power."

Kempthorne supported that. Please see SCHOOLS, Page B3

Construction value plummets, while permit numbers rise

By Brandon Flata
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Construction values plummeted in Cassia County last year despite an increase in the number of building permits issued.

Experts say the drop of nearly \$2.3 billion in total construction value in 2003 compared with 2002 isn't entirely the result of the region's poor economy.

Cassia County Building Inspector Dan Barker said the number of permits issued was about the same, but several large projects, such as a new dairy, boosted construction values in 2002.

However, even if 2002 was influenced by some big projects, last year's total still lagged nearly \$1.7 billion behind 2001.

Recent layoffs in the area contributed to the drop, said Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist.

Cassia area lost about 1,500 jobs in the past couple years, he said.

"The drivers of construction have been down," Rogers said.

Typically, job losses reverberate throughout the economy, creating additional job losses in the service sector, he said.

"In a bad economy people might renege but you need new homes," Rogers said.

Despite the job losses, the region's economy has proven surprisingly resilient, he said.

"The economy has been pretty slow, but I think things have bottomed out," Rogers said. "There is a recovery starting."

Rogers also said the increased number of building permits issued is encouraging because construction is the employment depends more on the number of projects than the projects' total value.

"It's the number of jobs, not the values that dictate employment," he said. Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray said the different types of construction is another good sign. During 2003, there was an

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Dora Louise Davis Faux 'Fauxie' - Buhl

Dora Louise Davis Faux (Fauxie), 102, of Buhl passed away at her home, surrounded by her family on Saturday morning, Jan. 24, 2004, from causes related to age.



She was born Sept. 9, 1901, at Trout Creek, Ariz., to Peter B. and Nellie Rose Poage Davis; she was the fourth of eight children. At 11 months of age, her family left Arizona to seek a better life, traveling to Idaho and settling in the Three Creek area, where her family farmed and ranched for many years. Dora attended school through the seventh-grade at the House Creek School.

She met and married John Clinton (Clint) Faux on Jan. 7, 1918, at the Twin Falls Court House. Following their marriage, they made their home in the Castleford area where Clint farmed. They spent two years in Arizona. Upon returning to Buhl, Clint worked at Gibbs Cigar Store.

Margaret, and an infant grandson, Peter John Faux.

She is survived by her three children; Howard (Mary) Faux of Sandpoint; Nelma Howard and Nelda Reynolds of Buhl; 13 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren and many, many people, young and old, who are her family, related not by blood, but by heart.

During the depression years, Dora and Clint farmed for his stepfather and mother in the Deep Creek area, west of Buhl. In 1940 they returned to town where Clint, once again, worked at Gibbs and eventually they married the business in 1948.

Although Fauxie had been unable to leave her house without assistance since the surgery, she touched many lives with her remarkably keen mind, her sharp memory and quick wit. Many homes are blessed with her handiwork. She loved to give pillowslips with the hand-crochet lace that she made. She was a longtime member of the Buhl First Christian Church.

During the depression years, Dora and Clint farmed for his stepfather and mother in the Deep Creek area, west of Buhl. In 1940 they returned to town where Clint, once again, worked at Gibbs and eventually they married the business in 1948. During those years Dora was Clint's helpmate and raised their three children; Howard, Nelma and Nelda.

Dora was preceded in death by her husband; mother and father; three brothers, Drew, Lyman and Howard; four sisters, Elma, Johnston, Mae Mallinson, Celesta Baker, an infant sister,

A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at the First Christian Church, Broadway and Poplar, Buhl. A viewing for friends and family will be on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. 9th, Buhl. Interment will follow service at the West End Cemetery, Buhl.

Donna Marlene Anderson - Twin Falls

Donna Marlene Anderson, 70, of Twin Falls passed away Thursday, Jan. 23, 2004, in Las Vegas, Nev. She was visiting relatives in Pahump, Nev., with her son, when she suffered a heart attack.



Marlene was born to William E. Spraker and Donna Lydia Christensen on May 5, 1933, in American Falls, Idaho. Her mother died when she was 3 years old, and her grandparents, Henry and Ethel Christensen, in Aberdeen, Idaho, raised Marlene. She worked many years as a grocery checker with her last 23 years at Buttry's. She loved people and her customers. She was grateful for her many friends and the essential part they played in her life.

Marlene's children and grandchildren loved being a visiting teacher.

She is survived by her daughter, Wanda Anderson Mackach of Twin Falls and her son, Kenneth (Cheryl) Anderson of Idaho Falls; seven grandchildren, Travis, Holly, Heather and Tina Moachack, Jeff (Brooke), Ryan (Janacek), and Sara Anderson; one great-grandchild, Hailee and one brother, Lee (Louise) Spraker of Green River, Wyo.

Her mother and father preceded her in death. At Marlene's request, no funeral service will be held. Local arrangements were under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Edward D. Coltrin - Burley

Edward D. Coltrin, 73, of Burley, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at his home.



He was born on April 16, 1930, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise. He was the son of David B. Coltrin and Edna M. Kennedy. He lived with his grandparents, Harvey and Betsy Coltrin, from the time he was 5 years old until he was 11. He lived at Silmitie, Idaho, until moving to Burley, Idaho. He graduated from Burley High School with the class of 1948. He attended Idaho State College at Pocatello for two years and began working as a heavy equipment mechanic.

Enola Arline Hoyt, two stepisters, Wilma Manning Hildebrand, and Doris Manning Hess; and five stepbrothers, Don Manning, Dean Manning, Cloyd Manning, Gale Manning, and Jay Manning.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was a high priest for many years. He filled a two-year mission to Tennessee and Kentucky. He served for five and one-half years in the United States Army and received an honorable discharge in 1958, as a Sergeant First Class. He was a veteran of the Korean War.

He worked in the heavy equipment field nearly all of his life. For 10 years he worked for Western Equipment Company and for 17 years for NC Machinery Company,

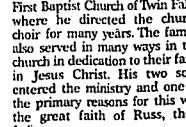
retiring in 1993. He loved Cat yellow machinery and worked in several departments in the NC Machinery Company. One of the highlights was going to Alaska, where he worked with the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, who was on a contract for Oil Amusements. He worked on a large number of heavy equipment machines.

After the pipeline was built, he was transferred to Seattle, where he managed the Oil Analysis Lab and worked in the Human Resources Department. In 1993, he retired and moved to Burley. He worked in the Boise, Idaho, Temple until his health did not allow him to drive. He loved the Lord and his family and served where he could.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at the Star First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 100 South 200 West, Burley. Officiating will be Bart Beck, first counselor of the star first ward bishopric. Burial will be in Pella Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Friday, at the church.

Russell George Bennett - Phoenix, Ariz./Twin Falls

Russell George Bennett was born in Iowa Falls, Iowa, on July 13, 1916, and he went to high school there and on Jan. 27, 2004.



Russ was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Avonelle; and his son, the Rev. Russell Edmund Bennett.

He will be missed by his family, which includes his wife of 63 years, Avis Hutson Bennett. Also, he is survived by his son, Rev. Larry Bennett; his two daughters-in-law, Joy Bennett and Michael Bennett; his five grandchildren, Kip Bennett (Katie), Challe Bennett Parkins (James), Deana Bennett Marti Bennett, and Kyle Bennett (Donna). He is also survived by five great-grandchildren ranging from the age of 2 to 9.

Music was a very important part of Russ' life. Not only was he a choir director at his local church, he also loved barbershop quartet singing, and often was a member of both a local quartet and the barbershop chorus. Moving to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1980, he joined the Phoenixians chorus and participated in the chorus which won the world championship during this time. After many years of singing in churches and in other community organizations, he tried to retire, but because of his beautiful voice and willingness to sing he joined the church choirs with

one or the other of his two sons. Just two days before his final heart attack he was singing in the choir at Stardust Bible Church directed by his son, Larry. Russ was truly gifted in this area and was so willing to help out when needed.

Russ was always a loving person, willing to give his all to his family. He will be missed by his family and others who came to love him. In the last years of his life he was looking forward to being with Jesus and to be reunited with his youngest son in the heavenly choir.

A memorial service for Russell G. Bennett will be at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004 at the Stardust Bible Church, 14313 West R. H. Johnson Blvd., Sun City West, Ariz., 85375. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, gifts be sent to a special Music Memorial Fund at the Stardust Bible Church in his name.

Melvin Ordean Ward - Rigby

Melvin Ordean Ward, 88, of Rigby, Idaho, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at his home in Rigby.



Melvin was born May 9, 1915, in Bloomington, Idaho, the son of Abram Ward and Polly Prescott Ward. He attended schools in Jefferson County and graduated from Rigby High School.

He married Wretta Squires on Dec. 1, 1938, in Logan, Utah, at the Logans' LDS Temple. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served as scout master, counselor in the elders quorum, counselor in the Sunday school, young men's MIA president and high priest; group leader. He served in the Rigby East Stake genealogical extraction program for three and one-half years and in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple for nine years.

He worked in home construction as a carpenter for many years, and sold real estate in Jefferson

County. For 60 years he farmed in Jefferson County and was an accomplished horseman. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Wretta Ward of Rigby, Idaho; three sons, William Harold Ward of Utah,

Bruce (LuAnn) Ward of Portland, Ore.; and Brent Douglas (Jodi) Ward of Jerome, Idaho. Lucile (Bob) Molen of Dallas, Texas; Shirley Young of Rigby, Idaho; and Carma (Milton) Casper of St. George, Utah. Eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, two brothers and two grandsons.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, in the Lorenzo Ward Chapel with Bishop Richard Nelson officiating. The family will meet with friends from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at Eckersell Memorial Chapel and from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at the Lorenzo Ward Chapel. Burial will be in the Annis Little Butte Cemetery under the direction of Eckersell Funeral Home.

Earle Quigley - Bountiful, Utah

Earle Quigley, age 97, passed away Jan. 26, 2004, from natural causes at Rocky Mountain Care Center in Bountiful, Utah.

He was formerly of Buhl, Idaho. His wife, Thelma Gough Quigley, who passed away in February of 1999, at age 92, preceded him in death. They had been married for 73 years.

Earle was the eighth child of 11 born to Alma Miller and Elizabeth Ann Quigley. He was born at Blackfoot, Idaho, March 27, 1906. He grew up near Sterling, Idaho, where he met his sweetheart, Thelma, the daughter of John and Melinda Gough. She was the fifth child of nine. They were married Oct. 4, 1925.

His early years were spent working in the mines at Jarbridge, Nev. They later moved to Buhl to raise their family during the great 1932 depression where he became a cattleman and livestock dealer. He was known throughout Nevada and Idaho for his honesty in dealing with his fellow man.

Earle was the first cattlemen to lead directly into trucks at the ranches rather than herd them to the rail yard and load them on the trains. He was also known for his great wit and sense of humor. Survivors are, Wade and Eileen Quigley of Buhl; Mickey and Jerry Quigley of Salt Lake; and Joyce Quigley Goodman of Bountiful. He has a large posterity, which includes 21 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and 56 great-great-grandchildren. He also has one sister, Edna Griggs in Boise, Idaho; and many nieces and nephews.

Earle was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He held the office of high priest. He and his wife, Thelma, had their marriage solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple in 1940.

Earle held many positions in the church. He was the bishop of the Buhl first ward for nearly 11 years from 1949 to 1960. He has served as high councilman mis-

sionary, scoutmaster and was a teacher of many priesthood quorums and auxiliaries. He and his good wife, Thelma, served a mission to the Sioux Indians of South Dakota from 1959 to 1970. He later served a stake mission at the age of 91.

He and wife, Thelma, were temple workers in both the Logan and Boise temples. Earle was an avid church-goer and temple attendee right-up-through-2003. He was a faithful home teacher for 60 years. He has been living with his daughter, Joyce Goodman in Bountiful for the last five years.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, in the LDS Third Ward Chapel located at 1001 Fair St. with Bishop Wade Quigley, his son, officiating. Friends may call from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday at Farmer Funeral Home and from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. before the service at the church.

Burial will be at the Buhl cemetery immediately following.

Elk rancher refuses to permit state inspection

REXBURG (AP) - The eastern Idaho elk rancher who convinced the Legislature to erase \$750,000 in potential fines has again locked horns with state regulators.

Rex Rammell is fighting the inspection of his herd as part of the Agriculture Department's campaign to keep chronic wasting disease out of Idaho. State law requires annual inspections for the disease, which is the mad-cow equivalent for elk and deer.

"These animals are tested more than any other group of animals in the state," said Rammell, who is also a veterinarian. "They're trying to control us in the name of disease prevention."

But other elk ranchers have a different view. "We never worked with a government agency that's been more cooperative," said Danny Summers, who owns a smaller number of elk in Rexburg.

Last year's inspection, Rammell said, required him to destroy a bull because its antler and a chunk of its skull were torn off when it was run through a chute.

State officials said the situation could have been avoided if Rammell had attached large orange tags to his animals so their numbers would be visible from a distance.

Deputy Agriculture Director Mike Everett said if Rammell "doesn't agree with the state law, he can go through the necessary process to have his changed."

That is what Rammell says he will do. Two years ago, Rammell was facing more than \$750,000 in fines rucked up over a 17-month confrontation with state regulators.

The conflict involved his compliance with regulations to maintain fences to keep the elk separate from wild game, and to provide holding facilities for inspections on his 1,000-acre ranch about 35 miles east of Rexburg.

He called it an unreasonable government overstep and won approval of legislation to cap any fine for continuing violations at \$5,000, rather than \$5,000 for each day the violation persisted. Rammell managed to recruit legislative majorities despite warnings from Republican Sen. Lard Noh, the senior member of the Legislature and the highly respected chairman of the Resources and Environment Committee.

SERVICES

Eric Tate Schoefer of Furley, service at 2 p.m. today at the View First and Second Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 South 500 East, Burley.

Burial will be in View Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. today, at the church.

Charles Villines "Bubbles" of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. Thursday

at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Rose Louise Kyle Fry of Webbers Falls, Okla., memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

John Francis Chittock of Burley, memorial service on Saturday in Monument, Ore., at the home of Don Capon.

DEATH NOTICES

Ruby Jae Woods

TWIN FALLS - Ruby Jae Woods, 91, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Bridgeview Estates. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary.

Walter G. Nickel

FILER - Walter G. Nickel, 71, of Filer, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004. Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary.

Marvin E. Pierson

GOODING - Marvin E. Pierson, 75, of Gooding, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at his residence in Gooding. Arrangements will be made by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Milton Jay Gordon

BURLEY - Milton Jay Gordon, 87, of Burley, died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Utah Valley Regional Medical Center in Provo, Utah. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

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Democrats push for national animal ID system

Crapo says program shouldn't be 'overly cumbersome and intrusive'

The Times-News and The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats unhappy with the time it took to trace America's one known case of mad cow disease pressed Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman on Tuesday to hurry and produce a plan to identify individually each of America's 96 million cattle.

But U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, said the government should approach establishing a nationwide ID system for animals with "a great deal of caution" and should ensure that the eventual program "not be overly cumbersome and intrusive to U.S. cattle operations."

The discovery of the disease last month in a Holstein cow slaughtered in Washington state created a worldwide food scare that sent cattle prices plummeting and prompted more than 40 nations to

ban imports of U.S. beef. Experts say eating beef containing the risk-prone protein that carries the disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, can lead to a similar, rare but fatal condition in humans, variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Veneman said the Agriculture Department is trying to develop a "verifiable system of national animal identification." An international committee of experts reviewing the government's handling of the case is looking at animal identification among other issues and is to start preparing a report in a couple of weeks, she said.

Critics say mandatory identification would have eased the search for animals that might have eaten the same feed as the infected Holstein. Federal officials say feed containing the misshapen protein is the most likely cause of infection.

"After five weeks of intensive investigation, we have located only 28 of the 81 cows that entered the United States from Canada with the infected cow," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa. "If we had an animal ID system, USDA could have located those cattle in a matter of

hours, or at the longest, days." The Washington state Holstein and 80 other cows came from a herd in Alberta, Canada, that was shipped to the United States in 2001. The Agriculture Department says it has identified 14 of the 25 cattle most likely to have eaten the same feed.

The Moo Mountain Milk Inc. dairy near Burley received three of the 80 cows, and two of them are reported to still be alive. The USDA hasn't said whether the Burley cows were among the 25 most likely to have eaten the same feed.

Current tracing methods based on ear tags are inadequate, said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., because America's one known mad cow had only an ear tag for identification.

"The BSE discovery has demonstrated the need for a national animal identification system," he said.

Veneman acknowledged that tracing the infected Holstein by an ear tag caused delays in her department's investigation. The animal's tag was destroyed in the testing process, which left officials with only a number from the tag, she said.

When officials visited the Mabton, Wash., farm where the Holstein was reared, they found similar numbers on ear tags of other cattle. Information from those tags led investigators to the Holstein's birth farm in Canada, she said.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., suggested that cattle producers return to the tried-and-true Western method of cattle identification: "We brand all our cattle," he said.

Veneman also told the committee the United States is exploring with other countries how to avoid shutting down trade entirely when only one cow has BSE. The United States banned imports from Canada in May, after Canada announced its own case of mad cow disease, but announced in August that it would allow cuts with a very low risk of containing the mad cow protein.

Meanwhile, Democrats introduced legislation Tuesday to put into law new regulations and procedures aimed, but last month by the Senate, including a national animal ID system.

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said a law would increase consumer confidence and help reopen the trade in beef around the world.

Another woman faces counterfeit charges

The Times-News

RUPERT — A seventh person has been charged in connection with a counterfeit money operation recently busted in Minidoka County.

Patra Jean Gibson, who commonly uses Patty as her first name, is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit forgery, one count of conspiracy to make, pass or publish fictitious bills and one count of conspiracy to possess counterfeit apparatus. Gibson lives in Ascopia.

Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Jason Walker has asked the judge to apply the persistent violator enhancement allowed by state law against Gibson because of previous felony convictions.

According to the court complaint, Gibson conspired with Woody Ashby, Steven Easton, Kathy Easton, Trevor Paoli, Tammy Paoli and Wally Schultz to make

fake money in October, November and December.

They made fake bills in the denominations of ones, fives, 10s, 20s, 50s and 100s. The money was used to buy methamphetamine and to buy items at area businesses, the court affidavit states.

According to the court affidavit, Gibson owned the computer scanner which was used to make the money.

Gibson also used some of the counterfeit bills to buy methamphetamine, the affidavit alleges. When Trevor Paoli tried to buy methamphetamine from Gibson, Gibson said she needed "real, real cash," because the drug suppliers knew the money was fake, according to the affidavit.

All seven defendants are awaiting their preliminary hearings in Magistrate Court in Minidoka County, Deputy Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Nicole Cannon said Tuesday.

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Renovations on the property are expected to cost about \$700,000 and would be taken out of county reserves.

Hepworth said he understands the county's need for space and its desire to consolidate services. However, he and other members of the board say the county offices should stay downtown, where there are a number of good available buildings the county could get at a bargain, Hepworth said.

"Personally, I'm not in support of the idea of moving out of town," Hepworth said. "It's the wrong direction. I certainly understand the county's need to consolidate, but the choice of location is inappropriate. Eastland is already a bad traffic area."

Hepworth knows a little about renovations. He recently renovated the old Gem Paper building, which now houses his office in the law firm of Robertson, Hepworth,

Slette, Weinst and Carver, as well as five other businesses. Hepworth said he paid \$150,000 for the 19,000-square-foot building located in the old warehouse district and after renovations, the total cost was less than \$100 per square foot, and that includes a new elevator and plenty of parking.

"Our clients live where we are now," Hepworth said.

The Anderson Lumber building's annual tax bill is about \$55,000, which would come off the tax rolls when the county buys the property. But the county hopes to save money by consolidating a number of county services under one roof and selling eight of its remote office locations, which would bring in about \$1.5 million, money that would be used to pay down the term of the lease on the Anderson Lumber building.

County commissioners have said consolidating services would save a considerable amount of money on

utility bills, and the sale of the remote properties to private-sector buyers "would produce about \$36,000 a year in property taxes."

The properties would have to be appraised and then sold in a public auction, Grindstaff said.

But Hepworth questions how easily those buildings would sell. He said some people aren't exactly standing in line to buy downtown properties. And that's one reason it's so important to see government agencies help lead in the effort to keep downtown alive.

"The money could be spent in the downtown area and you could buy a building for half the cost," Hepworth said. "We just know we could get them adequate space in the downtown area. It's more than what they need."

Grindstaff said the county is not abandoning the downtown area. While the offices of the commissioners, assessor, planning and zoning department, driver's license

and plates, coroner and veterans affairs would move to the Eastland Drive location, the county court house would still house several offices that need close access to the courts.

"We're still going to have a lot of services," Grindstaff said. "We're still going to be a big presence downtown."

Grindstaff agreed that Hepworth and others have come up with some good ideas, "but this building just fits us so well," he said.

Hepworth isn't the only person who has approached county commissioners with an alternative to the Anderson Lumber building. Several people have called county commissioners, including one person suggesting a combination county/city building, Grindstaff said. He said he heard some very good ideas, but he'd wished people would have approached the commissioners earlier.

Locals join panel to help boost minority student scores

The Times-News

BOISE — Four people with Magic Valley connections were formally approved Tuesday with nine others as members of a State Board of Education committee to help minority students improve their academic performance.

Members include Delia Valdez, principal of Mountain View Elementary School in Burley; Don Pena, formerly of the Mini-Cassia area and director of education, employment and training for the Idaho Migration Council; Ted and Josie Garcia, owners of Angola's Authentic Mexican Food in Burley; and Irene Chavolla, the migrant coordinator for the state Department of Education, who grew up in Jerome.

The committee is charged with finding ways to eliminate the achievement gaps between minority students and others, a requirement in the federal No Child Left Behind mandate. The committee will also search for new approaches to help students learn English, work to increase teacher training to help minority students and find ways to share best practices.

According to spring Idaho Standards Achievement Test scores from 2003, just 35 percent of minority eighth-grade students were judged proficient in reading, while only 18 percent passed in math. Of minority 10th-grade students, only 25 percent passed the reading test, and 32 percent in math.

Magic Valley In brief

Three waive preliminary hearings in drug case

BURLEY — Three people charged with a variety of drug offenses stemming from a sting operation earlier this month have waived their preliminary hearings and been bound over to 5th District Court in Cassia County.

Kingston West, 35, of Burley, waived his Jan. 23 preliminary hearing on a charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Dixie Hale Parker, 31, of Twin Falls, also waived her Jan. 23 preliminary on a charge of possession of drugs with intent to deliver.

Jason Bowlin, 27, of Burley, waived his Jan. 23 preliminary on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

A preliminary hearing for Eloy Naranjo Jr., 43, of Burley, was rescheduled for Feb. 20. He's charged with delivery of a controlled substance.

No preliminary hearing has yet been scheduled for Barry Domin, 38, of Burley.

He is charged with delivery of a controlled substance. There's no date yet for Dullian Cantrell's preliminary either. He is charged with drug possession.

— compiled from staff reports

Permits

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\$5.5 million in home construction, \$1 million in manufactured homes, and \$16 million in commercial, and the Cassia County annual construction report.

Barker said the area needs more jobs, but county construction shows a strong underlying economy.

"I don't see it as the economy," he said. "Cassia County plods along year after year with about the same amount of growth. I think it's healthy."

Although construction value was down in the region, it was just the opposite in Twin Falls County, Rogers said. "Twin Falls was red-hot in 2003, it didn't just break the record, it shattered it," he said.

"There was a record num-

ber of new housing starts during 2003 in Twin Falls, helping create jobs, Rogers said.

"There is now a shortage of workers in some areas," he said.

Significant projects in Cassia County last year included construction of four buildings totaling \$943,200 for Northwest Pipeline Corp., which needed the buildings for a gas pipeline near Murtaugh, Barker said. The work included a \$633,700 compressor building, a \$91,500 valve skid building, a \$98,800 valve skid building and a \$119,200 control building.

McMurray said significant public projects last year included the construction of two fire stations.

Cassia County construction totals

These figures represent year-end construction totals. Fees are the building permit fees collected by the county, permits are the number of building permits issued and values represents the total value of construction, including residential and commercial.

Year	Permits	Values
2001	554,135	150
2002	553,737	147
2003	559,630	156

Source: Cassia County annual construction report

Schools

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action, Howard said, adding that her attorneys had found nothing illegal about the board's actions.

Although Kempthorne said his education support package reflected a 2 percent increase over this year's allocation, the \$884.9 million in general tax money, when combined with reduced revenue from the state endowment and other sources, is just \$4.2 million higher than this year's support — an increase of less than one-half of a percentage point.

Democratic Rep. Ken Robison of Boise said it will take \$16 million more in state support just to cover the anticipated increase of

4,000 students next year on top of this year's 3,500 additional students.

"It appears to me the governor's request is a reduction in funds for the classroom," Robison said.

Howard expressed concern about the governor's failure to include \$5 million for school districts to provide additional help to Idaho Standards Achievement Test. That test has been made mandatory for graduation, beginning in 2008, over Howard's objections.

Based on preliminary information from the first three times the test has been administered, she

estimated 40,000 students in fourth grade through high school will need extra help to eventually pass.

"What do we tell a parent whose son or daughter may not graduate because of this exam? 'Gee, you had six tries,'" she said.

The state board agreed, again over Howard's objection, to divert \$3.2 million in federal money to a computer program that school districts could provide students to help them catch up in areas where they are lagging.

"I have a different view of the way to teach struggling students, and it's not that," she told the House-Senate panel.

Cleanup

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ignores the threat to the aquifer," said Christopher Hornel, a member of the nuclear watchdog group the Snake River Alliance.

Hornel said he lives near an area where the aquifer seeps from the Snake River Canyon wall as it makes its way to the Snake River.

INEEL's soil standard today is based on the premise that the site in 100 years would be closed and turned back over for public use, said Bill Leake, division director of INEEL's environmental programs. The proposal would be to lower that standard by cleaning up soils to only a 4-foot depth rather than a 10-foot depth as the site's long-term mission has become nuclear research and development.

"If we spent the money, it still would not be available for residential use," Leake said.

"But a number of the roughly 30 people who attended the meeting at the College of Southern Idaho expressed confusion over why the risk was being assessed based on residential use, since it is unlikely anyone will be living at the contaminated site for several hundred years. They wanted to know what risk reducing the level of soil cleanup would pose to the aquifer."

"It just seems like every time

we get to an agreement you guys want to make another agreement," said Chuck Geska, a member of the Buhl City Council and former member of the Citizens Advisory Board to the INEEL.

"I think you guys need to bite the bullet and clean it up, and if not, I will fight it until my last dying breath," Geska said.

The Energy Department's proposals should be presented in a clear format to the public, he said. He recounted the nuclear waste incinerator that was stopped from becoming a reality at INEEL when people downwind in Wyoming found out that what it would do.

The Energy Department has been calling it an advanced-mixed waste treatment facility.

The public didn't let up on INEEL officials for the entire two-hour meeting. Why the contamination just can't be cleaned up seemed to be the driving force behind the questions.

"We can put machines on Mars, but we can't clean up Pit 9," said Del Kozel of Eden.

Pit 9 is a test radioactive retrieval project at INEEL that has cost millions of dollars and still has no clear outcome.

"You really are ignoring the risk to the aquifer," said Twin Falls podiatrist Dr. Peter Rickards.

For more information

Find the draft proposal to reduce soil cleanup levels at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory online at <http://cleanup.inel.gov/ed-study/060403.pdf>. Or to request a copy of the document, call Alan Jiles at 208-526-7524.

A second public meeting translated into Spanish will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the College of Southern Idaho in room 256 of the Taylor Building.

Public comments will be taken on the proposal until March 1. Comments can be submitted online or sent to Jiles at P.O. Box 1626, MS 1214, Idaho Falls, 83415-1214.

The Energy Department, in its proposal, states that it intends to pursue cleanup of existing groundwater contamination in the aquifer. Officials say contaminated groundwater has not migrated beyond INEEL's boundaries.

But the aquifer has proven unpredictable in some cases.

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Loeb's

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prosecution and treatment for drug offenders."

However, Loeb's does see room for alternative sentencing for drug users who haven't yet resorted to more serious criminal behavior. Loeb's has worked in cooperation with the 5th District Court and the Juvenile Court to implement and utilize Drug Court to help provide early treatment of drug offenders before they become hardened criminals. When it comes to alternative sentencing, Drug Court has been particularly successful, Loeb's said.

"You take a person who is a user, a victim of the drug culture, give them an intensive, very hands-on approach and say, 'We're going to work with you as long as you work with us,'" Loeb's said. "They can have their conviction erased and have a chance to be productive again. It's the ultimate in alternative sentencing."

Another major concern for Loeb's is the ever-rising juvenile crime rate.

"Juvenile offenders can't be allowed to victimize the citizens of our community with impunity," Loeb's said. "I am committed to the vigorous and fair enforcement of

the Juvenile Corrections Act. Together with law enforcement, we are taking the thrill and profit out of juvenile crime."

Loeb's also plans to continue aggressive prosecution of domestic batterers.

"Twin Falls County leads the state of Idaho in aggressively addressing the dangers of domestic violence," Loeb's said. "I am committed to continuing and strengthening our efforts to fight this dangerous and destructive problem."

Loeb's was raised in Pocatello, where he graduated from Pocatello High School in 1979. He graduated from Idaho State University in 1983 and headed to Washington, D.C., to work as a legislative assistant for U.S. Sen. Steve Symms.

In 1987, President Reagan appointed Loeb's assistant to the assistant secretary of defense where he worked while attending classes in the evening at George Washington University Law School. He graduated from law school in 1991 and came to work in Twin Falls as a deputy prosecutor in 1993.

Local businessman Mel Quale will serve as Loeb's campaign man-

Up for election

The Twin Falls County prosecutor's office isn't the only county office that will be on this year's ballot. Here's what else is open:

- The county commission District 3 seat, now held by Commissioner Bill Brockman, is up for a two-year term.
- The county commission District 2 seat, now held by Commissioner Tom Miksel, is up for a four-year term.
- The county clerk seat, to which Clerk Kristina Glascock was appointed in July after former County Clerk Bob Fort resigned, is up for a four-year term.
- The county sheriff's office, now held by Sheriff Wally Toussie, is up for a four-year term.

The candidates filing period is March 6-9. The primary election is May 25, and the general election is Nov. 2.

ager, and Orriette Sinclair will be his campaign treasurer.

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IDAHO/WEST

Suit challenges heli-skiing in Washington

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - The U.S. Forest Service failed to take increasing winter recreation impacts into account when it approved expanded backcountry snowmobiling and helicopter skiing in the Methow Valley, conservation groups alleged Tuesday.

Five groups sued the agency in U.S. District Court in Portland, Ore., on Friday, asking the Forest Service to look for approving special-use permits in July 2002 that expanded areas where heli-skiing and snowmobiling are allowed in the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forests.



Environmental groups sued Friday in federal court in Portland alleging expanded backcountry snowmobiling and heli-skiing, such as seen here, will harm wildlife and destroy the solitude in the Methow Valley in north-central Washington.

The permits nearly double the number of helicopter trips allowed, and nearly triple the number of clients snowmobilers can take into the backcountry.

"We are concerned wildlife are being harmed, solitude is lost and water quality is degraded by these activities," said Susan Crumpton, a member of the plaintiff group Methow Forest Watch.

"The Forest Service unfairly chose to ignore those impacts to allow expanded helicopter and snowmobile use," Mike Peterson of the Lands Council said Tuesday. "There's already a lot of stress on animals. You can't keep expanding into new areas and having those impacts on wildlife."

Janiter Zbyszewski, resource assistant for the Methow Valley Ranger District, said district officials had not seen the lawsuit, so had no comment.

North Cascade Heli-Skiing is the only helicopter operation in the Methow. Calls to the Winthrop-based company went unanswered Tuesday.

Zbyszewski said only one of three snowmobile outfitters-guys issued the special-use permits is operating this winter.

The plaintiffs contend the Forest Service has not done sufficient recreation planning and management to address increased impacts in mountain areas to winter wildlife, rousland areas, wetlands, alpine meadows and other forest resources.

Nampa defies minister, says monument will stay

NAMPA (AP) - Nampa officials say they have no intention to remove the Ten Commandments monument from City Hall grounds, despite a Kansas pastor claim its presence gives him the right to set up an anti-gay display.

This weekend, the Rev. Fred Phelps sent a letter to Mayor Tom Dale and the City Council saying he has the legal right to publicly display his own anti-gay message because the city has allowed the Ten Commandments on public property.

Dale said Monday the city is in no hurry to address the request Phelps voiced because it would not affect the city's position on the Ten Commandments monument either way.

Dale said Nampa officials will fight to keep the monument in place.

"Our initial response is we have no timetable because we have no intention of removing it," Dale said.

Phelps also indicated on Monday that Caldwell, which also has a Ten Commandments monument at City Hall, could be targeted later.

"We want to get them up all over the nation," Phelps said.

The Caldwell mayor's office has not yet received Phelps' request. But he has confronted Boise and other cities across the state and nation with his request.

Phelps' followers will return to Idaho on April 6 to argue their case in front of the Boise City Council. The Westboro Baptist Church members last appeared in Boise on Dec. 14 protesting near the Ten Commandments monument in Julia Davis Park. Phelps says he has a legal right to display his own monument condemning Matthew Shepard, a Laramie, Wyo., gay man who was murdered in 1998.

The City Council has not discussed the situation, according to members Lynda Clark and Stephen Kren. Kren said the earliest opportunity could come at a council meeting next week.

"As far as my opinion, its staying," Kren said.

He cited a 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that a city displaying a Ten Commandments monument must also display monuments espousing other beliefs.

After Boise council members received a similar request, they voted to remove the Ten Commandments monument from Julia Davis Park rather than permit Phelps' monument.

Idaho leads nation in income growth during summer of '03

BOISE (AP) - Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's forecast for moderate economic growth during the coming year was reinforced Tuesday by new federal figures showing Idaho led the nation last summer in personal income growth.

The Commerce Department report underscored the administration's contention that the state economy began recovering mid-way through 2003 and has been building on that start. It also explained that monthly tax collections exceeded conservative projections during the summer and fall.

relatively high-paying manufacturing sector showed earnings growth for the July-September period of five to 10 times the national rate. Professional and business services were five times higher, trade and transportation three times higher and information and financial services twice as high.

Earnings growth trailed the national averages only in education and leisure services.

Surprisingly, the surge in income came as the state's non-farm employment sagged. July, August and September recorded the lowest total employment of any months in 2003.

Key lawmakers have expressed concern that Kempthorne's outlook is too optimistic.

The government reported that personal income rose 2.2 percent from spring to summer last year. That was twice the growth rate nationally and was driven almost entirely by higher wages.

Earnings were substantially greater than the national average almost across the board. The

It was the third quarter in the last four that Idaho's personal income growth rate has doubled the national average. The spring quarter was the only comparatively weak one for the state in the past year.

But even then, wages and business income rose modestly, keep the state's national ranking at 24th.

Bush's budget includes \$105M to ease Klamath water worries

GRANITS PASS, Ore. (AP) - The president's budget for 2005 includes \$105 million for balancing fish against farms in the Klamath Basin, an increase of 21 percent the Bush administration announced Tuesday.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton, speaking from Washington, said the Klamath Basin was a model for administration efforts to solve water crises around the West by working collaboratively to meet

the needs of agriculture, Indian tribes, the Endangered Species Act and others.

New projects include \$4.6 million toward buying the Barnes Ranch to increase water storage and restore wetlands on Upper Klamath Lake, which doubles as an irrigation reservoir and habitat for endangered suckers.

There is also \$2.1 million to complete removal of an irrigation dam on the Chiloquin River to

restore 70 miles of sucker spawning habitat and \$12 million to help farmers use less irrigation water and protect fish and wildlife habitat.

The administration focused attention on the Klamath Basin after a drought in 2001 forced the shut-off of irrigation to most of the 1,400 farms on the Klamath Reclamation Project, which straddles the Oregon-California border. The shut-off was designed to ful-

fill Endangered Species Act demands for suckers in Upper Klamath Lake and coho salmon in the Klamath River.

"It's very encouraging," said Dan Keppen, executive director of the Klamath Water Users Association, which represents Klamath Project farmers.

Steve Pedery of WaterWatch, an environmental group, said they were "cautiously optimistic" about the spending package.

Boise forest seeks ban on off-road use

BOISE (AP) - All off-road and off-trail motorized travel in the Boise National Forest would be banned under a proposal released Tuesday.

Forest officials said the changes were necessary to combat increased cross-country travel. Their proposal does not affect winter snowmobile use.

Off-road driving on motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles and 4-wheel drive trucks is already discouraged by officials, but it is still legal on nearly 524,000 acres of the 2.6 million-acre national forest.

If the proposal is approved, those vehicles would only be allowed on designated roads and trails.

Off-road recreationists would still be allowed to drive on established roads and trails wider than the vehicle, officials said, at least until a plan is created approving specific routes. No motorized travel would be allowed on undisturbed ground.

The current off-road travel rules were developed in the late 1980s when off-road use was low, officials said.

Forest officials have already held meetings with interested groups to explain the proposal.

Idaho hero might get award while in chains

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A man who fought an assailant as he tried to shoot a police detective could attend his appreciation ceremony wearing jail chains.

Jeff Jenks, 23, is scheduled to receive an award next month from the Idaho Falls Police Department for bravery. But Jenks was arrested Friday on charges he stole checks from his father, said Chief Deputy Paul Wilde of the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office.

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A Valentine's staple: Wine and candlelight does it every time

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY - Matching wine and food is not difficult, insists Neil Glancey, the winemaker at Carmela Winery in Glens Ferry who helps organize wine-tasting dinners in Carmela's wine cellar four times a year.

At these dinners, many different wines are perfectly matched to a wide variety of food. In order to make good matches, the staff spends the better part of the preceding week taste-testing.

The old practice of drinking red wine with red meat and white wine with fish and chicken is not always best, Glancey said. Instead, think robust wine with robust food and light wine with light food.

"If you're serving steak, roast or anything with a rich, creamy sauce you need a heavy-bodied wine like a Chardonnay or a Merlot to cut through the fat and clean your palate so you are ready for the next taste sensation," he said. "With a light food, you want the light wine to compliment, not overpower it."

A Sauvignon, or Riesling would go well with salad, fish or cheese, Glancey said. And a nice medium-bodied red wine, Pinot Noir, is a good in-between choice.

Often, it is difficult to match wines with highly spiced dishes, but Cabernet Franc helps bring out the spicy flavors of Thai dishes. So that would be good to try with other spicy foods.

Glancey has tended the vineyards and wine cellars at Carmela since 2001. Before that, he made wine in Florida. When he started working at Carmela, the winery was producing 3,700 barrels of wine a year. Now it is making close to 10,000 - in 20 varieties.

"What tastes good to one person doesn't necessarily taste good to someone else," Glancey explained, adding that he thinks of the wine as his children and has no one favorite. "Each is special in its own way."

Carmela is the largest Idaho-owned and Idaho-grown winery in the state, Glancey said. Red wines are aged three years in American Oak barrels, while white wines are aged two years. The extra aging makes the red wines full-bodied and the white wines lighter.

White wine should be consumed within three years of the creation date. Red wines like Merlots and Cabernets improve with age and should be consumed within five to 25 years of creation. Beyond 25 years, all wines get risky. The flavors can level off or deteriorate.

Wine should be stored at a temperature between 50 and 60 degrees, and the temperature should be kept constant. If you do not have a wine cellar, store your wine in a closet in the middle of your house where the temperature will stay relatively constant. Do not store wine in your kitchen because of the temperature fluctuations there, Glancey said.

Read labels on wine bottles for suggestions about matching the wine with food. The staff at stores like Rudy's or Albertson's or at a wine shop help consumers understand what wines to serve with what dishes. In some restaurants, wine suggestions are offered on the menu.

If you use a good wine in a sauce and serve the same wine with that dish, it tends to help bring out the flavor of the wine in the dish, as well as the flavor of the wine in the glass, Glancey said.

For on-line help in matching food and wine, visit www.wineoverspage.com/food-wine.



CORY MEYER/The Times-News

Good food and wine and the matching of the two can be an important part of a romantic Valentine's Day dinner. At Carmela, Vineyards in Glens Ferry, the 2002 Pinot Noir and the Seafood Linguini in a Carmela Chardonnay wine sauce are a good match.

A VALENTINE'S DAY RECIPE SEAFOOD LINGUINE

- 12 ounces dried linguini
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1/4 pound salmon fillet, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3/4 pound halibut fillet, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 pound clams
- 1/2 pound shrimp
- 1 1/2 cups Carmela Chardonnay wine
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1 red bell pepper
- 4 ounces mushrooms, sliced
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- Pinch of dried red pepper flakes
- 1/4 cup butter
- Salt and black pepper
- Parmesan cheese, optional
- Cook linguini with 1 tablespoon

- oil until just tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Drain well.
- Set aside. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a saucepan. Add the salmon and halibut and cook over medium heat for about 5 minutes.
- Add clams, shrimp, wine, onion, bell pepper, mushrooms, garlic and pepper flakes.
- Cover the pan and continue cooking until the clams are open and the shrimp is cooked all through, about 3 to 5 minutes.
- Add the butter. Salt and pepper to taste.
- Spoon the fish, vegetables and sauce over the linguini. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and serve immediately.

Pillsbury Bake-Off celebrates finalists' stories

Pillsbury

Maria Baldwin, of Mesa, Ariz., won a set of GE Profile kitchen appliances in last year's Pillsbury Bake-Off for her spicy Asian Lettuce Wraps. Misty Walman, of Lyons, Ind., won \$2,000 for her Seafood Appetizers.

To inspire potential entrants for the 41st Pillsbury Bake-Off, their stories and other are featured in a new magazine, Real People, Everyday Recipes - now on sale at supermarkets and discount store checkouts. Deadline for Bake-Off entries is March 10. For an entry form, visit www.pillsbury.com/bakeoff or send your Entry Form Request, P. O. Box 7200, Melville, N. Y. 11775-7200.

This year's grand prize is \$1 million.

- SPICY ASIAN LETTUCE WRAPS**
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1 (1 pound 5 ounces) package Green Giant® Create a Meal® frozen stir-fry lo mein starter
- 2 tablespoons minced chili-garlic sauce
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce



These Seafood Appetizers are among the recipes featured in a new magazine.

- 3 tablespoons oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- 2 tablespoons water
- 8 large leaves Bibb lettuce
- 1 1/2 cups grated carrots
- 1/3 cup chopped peanuts
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green onions
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro, if desired
- To flatten each chicken breast half,

place boned side up between two pieces of plastic wrap or wax paper. Working from center, gently pound chicken with flat side of meat mallet or rolling pin until about 1/4-inch thick. Remove wax paper. Place frozen starter in small microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on HIGH for 15-30 seconds or until thawed. Add chili-garlic sauce and soy sauce. Mix well. In medium bowl, combine chicken, 1/4 cup soy sauce mixture and 2 tablespoons of the oil. Heat 12-inch nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add chicken mixture. Cook 5-6 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink in center, turning occasionally. Remove chicken from skillet; cut into 1-inch pieces. Cover to keep warm. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in same skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add 3 tablespoons soy sauce mixture and frozen noodles and vegetables from meal starter. Cook 6-8 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender, stirring frequently. To remaining soy sauce mixture in small bowl, add sugar, peanut butter and water. Mix well. Arrange lettuce on part of large serving platter. Spoon carrots onto platter next to lettuce. Arrange cooked vegetables and noodles on platter. Place chicken over vegetables and peanuts, onions and cilantro. To serve, spread peanut sauce in center of each lettuce leaf. Top with chicken and vegetable mixture, and carrots. Wrap lettuce around filling. Serves 8.

SEAFOOD APPETIZERS

- 2 cups frozen cooked cocktail or salad shrimp
- 1 (8 ounces) can Pillsbury Refrigerated Crescent Dinner Rolls
- 1 cup flaked imitation crabmeat (surimi), cut into small pieces
- 1 teaspoon seafood seasoning blend
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 6 ounces (1 1/2 cups) shredded Mexican cheese blend
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes
- Heat oven to 375. Thaw shrimp as directed on package. Drain well. Press between paper towels to remove excess liquid. Cut shrimp into small pieces.
- Unroll dough onto ungreased cookie sheet. Press to form 12-by-8-inch rectangle. Firmly press perforations to seal.
- Top dough with shrimp and all remaining ingredients in order listed. Bake at 375 for 15-20 minutes or until crust is golden brown. Cut into squares. Serves 24.



Spicy Asian Lettuce Wraps won an Arizona woman a set of kitchen appliances in the Pillsbury Bake-Off.

FOOD & HOME

Win a rosy vacation

How about a Mexican vacation? Think unspoiled beaches, turquoise waters, tropical jungles and Mayan ruins. Add 15 new award-winning rose bushes for the yard to enjoy after you get back.

All-America Rose Selections is going all out to celebrate its anniversary number 65 with a sweepstakes. First prize is an all-expense paid vacation for two to Riviera Maya, Mexico, courtesy of Apple Vacations. Plus 15 bare root AARS-winning roses (five each of this year's three winners).

Beginning Feb. 1, you can enter the sweepstakes by completing an entry on the AARS Web site, www.aars.org, or send in a 3-by-5 card by mail. Include your name, street address and daytime telephone number, as well as your birth date and e-mail address. Mail it all in a long number 10 envelope to Prunize Your Love A Rose Garden Sweepstakes, P.O. Box 11493, South Bend, Ind. 46644-0943. Entries must be postmarked by Feb. 28, one entry per person, no matter the method of entry.

If you enter via e-mail, hang around the AARS site a while and check out all the handy rose tips. At www.aars.org, you'll find past years' AARS winners with photos, helpful growing advice and links to other garden-related sites.

Those AARS-winning roses we mentioned include five Honey Perfumes, a bright yellow apricot floribunda. You'll also get five Day Breakers, another yellow floribunda, as well as five Memorial Days, a pink hybrid tea. All have performed beautifully in trials all over the country.

The drawing will be held on March 9. Four first prizes will be awarded: Nine bare root roses plus a \$200 restaurant gift certifi-



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

cate. There will be 65 second-prize winners, who will win a bare root rose.

Rosarians everywhere complained that modern roses lost their scent along the way and they miss it terribly. Apparently, rose growers listened and worked to correct the deficiency. All three new introductions are fragrant.

Day Breaker was grown by Edmund's Roses, a fine Wilsonville, Ore., rose grower. It will add a sharp tea fragrance to the garden. Its long-lasting clusters of flower stick around for a long bloom period.

Honey Perfume is being introduced by Jackson and Perkins of Medford, Ore. She boasts large, open clusters with dark green, glossy foliage. Honey Perfume lives up to her name with a spicy scent. And she's disease-resistant, too.

Memorial Day, introduced by Weeks Wholesale Rose Growers of Upland, Calif., is clear pink accented with a lavender wash. Her blooms get as big as 5 inches across and have a classic strong damask rose fragrance. She is highly resistant to disease, too.

So promise your love a rose garden. Enter the contest and you might give him/her a little something more, as well.

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

Peaceful paths of Chinese garden nurture the senses

By Suzanne Marta
The Dallas Morning News

PORTLAND, Ore. — It's easy to feel transported when you step inside Portland's Classical Chinese Garden. The tall walls help you drown out the urban buzzing, allowing you to refocus and discover as you meander along the wandering garden paths.

Chinese characters welcoming visitors at the entrance read "Jan Su Yuan" — or Portland Suzhou Garden — reflecting the "sister" relationship between the two cities and the place where the garden's style was born. But they also read "Garden of Awakening Orchids."

This is a garden that awakens the senses, although quietly. Unlike an English garden, whose vibrantly colored blooms brighten even a cloud-covered day, this Chinese garden leads you softly through textures, the sweet fragrance of the season's blooms and the music of the wind on the leaves and rocks.

Daniel Leard of Sacramento, Calif., stood for several minutes outside the "Reflections in Clear Ripples" building, studying the architecture and garden view across the koi (goldfish) pond. "It

just has a calming feel, even with all the other people inside," he said.

That sense of calm is no accident. The garden is designed to slow you down. Paths wander, rather than walk you through in straight lines. Everything — from intricate "leak" windows and porous rock sculptures to the natural shapes of the plants — is designed to restrict your view, so that each area unfolds gradually before your eyes.

"The garden makes you slow down and take a different perspective," says executive director Gloria Lee.

The fluttering light reflecting off the koi pond or a soft wind carrying the aroma of a jasmine blossom is enough to turn your attention somewhere unexpected. On a windy day, you might catch the gentle whistling song made by the "Music in Stone" rock from Lake Tai, outside Suzhou.

The garden was built for year-round visitation — there's always something in bloom and something aromatic. Most of the garden can be enjoyed from covered walkways or buildings, making it a good stop during all kinds of weather.

Even a visit during a rainstorm

has its rewards. Instead of gutters, buildings have spade-shaped "drip tiles" designed to create a beautiful curtain of raindrops. Banana plants, with their broad green leaves, have been planted strategically to capture the thwacking sounds of the pregnant drops.

A team of artisans spent several weeks laying out the mosaic designs in the garden's courtyards. If it's warm enough, take off your shoes: The pebble designs give tired feet a soothing pressure-point massage.

Oregonians Dave and Kim Mahar spent several minutes studying one design depicting plum blossoms scattered on cracked ice. "It's much more ornate than I was expecting," Kim Mahar said. "It's random and meticulous at the same time."

A wide pond fills the center of the garden, with bridges and walkways between the buildings. The pond is populated with bright orange koi, pink and white water lilies and, in some seasons, lotus flowers. The murky water is deliberate, meant to represent the idea that answers to the big questions of life are not clear.

"We have a lot of people who bring their laptops and just sit here," Lee says.

Classical Chinese gardens were part of private residences, usually belonging to scholars or high-ranking government officials, and many were destroyed during China's Cultural Revolution. Fewer than 100 of the gardens are thought to still exist.

Unlike its better-known Japanese counterpart, a "classical" Chinese garden is more free-flowing and relaxed. It feels comfortable, like a back yard, if you can only keep from thinking about all of the upkeep.

"This is about man and nature working in harmony," Lee says. "Japanese gardens are more about man residing in nature, and they're more formal."

The Portland garden's materials — including about 500 tons of rock — were shipped from Suzhou. Artisans spent nearly 10 months building everything from the intricate mosaic rock courtyards to the elegant wood frames for the windows and each building will tempt any craftsman. It incorporates several different grains, including ginkgo, camphor and Chinese fir.

For more information, call (503) 228-8131 or visit www.portlandchinesegarden.org.

Make fish in minutes

Knight Rider News Service

Tomatoes, olives and garlic are staples for zesty Mediterranean cooking. This tomato-based sauce takes only minutes to make and goes well with fish, chicken or beef. I have used swordfish, but any meaty type of fish — tuna, halibut, grouper — can be used.

NEAPOLITAN SWORDFISH

- 1 cup canned diced tomatoes
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed (divided use)
- 5 pitted black olives
- 1 tablespoon fresh oregano or 1 teaspoon dried
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 3/4 pound swordfish (about 3/4-inch thick)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

For sauce, place tomatoes and 2 cloves crushed garlic in small saucepan and simmer 5 minutes. Add olives and oregano and continue to cook 5 minutes.

Add sugar and pepper to taste. For fish, heat olive oil in a small nonstick skillet and add remaining clove crushed garlic.

Saute for several seconds and add swordfish. Brown for 2 minutes on each side. Salt and pepper cooked sides.

Lower heat and continue to cook 2 minutes or until fish is cooked. It will look opaque inside, not translucent.

Remove from pan, divide into 2 equal portions and spoon sauce over top.

Serve over linguine. Makes 2 servings.

Linguine and Green Pepper Garnish:

- 1 linguine and Green Pepper
- 1/4 pound fresh linguine

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/4 cup reserved boiling liquid
- 1 medium-size green pepper
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Bring a large pot with 3 quarts water to a boil.

Add linguine and cook 2 minutes if using fresh or 9 minutes if using dried. Remove 1/4 cup water from pot and drain linguine. Mix olive oil into reserved water.

Pour over linguine and toss. Add salt and pepper to taste. Place on individual plates.

Wash and slice green pepper. Arrange on plates around linguine. Place fish and sauce over pasta.

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Seeing bread through a new lens

By Carolyn Jung
San Jose Mercury News

Flour and water: so very simple, so very complex. In the fuzzy-soft, white-gloved hands of baker, filmmaker and children's book writer George Levenson, these ingredients together form the most wondrous stuff on earth.

To the Santa Cruz, Calif., resident, this is more than just the basic recipe for bread; it is the fundamental formula for nourishing our lives, our history and our souls.

Watch Levenson's newest children's film, "Bread Comes to Life," and you will be a believer. The 22-minute film, narrated in verse by Lily Tomlin with music by George Winston, uses

live-action footage, time-lapse photography and animation to show the sowing, threshing, milling, mixing, kneading, shaping, rising, baking and breaking of bread.

"Bread Comes to Life" is being released on video nationwide. To order the \$29.95 video, which includes activities for children, call (800) 827-0949. A companion children's book will be published in the fall by Berkeley's Triquet Press.

Levenson offers advice to novice bread makers: With whole-wheat breads, don't add too much flour too fast. Because the bran absorbs water more slowly, you need to let the dough sit for 10-15 minutes before adding more flour.

If the dough isn't loose and supple before going into the oven, it'll end up leaden when baked.

Bread dough, as the saying goes, should feel like a baby's bottom. If you've forgotten what that feels like, just touch the lobe of your ear. To judge whether a loaf is fully baked, tap the bottom of it. It should sound like a drum.

And whatever you do, don't throw out stale bread.

Use it to make croutons, bread pudding, a strata or French toast. Or toast it, smear it with peanut butter or jam and cream cheese, cut it up into little squares, then toss it into a bowl with milk or yogurt for a homemade cereal.

WHOLE WHEAT LOAF

- 1 1/2 cups lukewarm water
- 1/4 cup honey
- Packet active dry yeast
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 3 1/2 cups whole-wheat bread flour, divided use (see Note)
- Extra oil for greasing bowl

Combine ingredients, one at a time, in a large bowl, stirring them together in the order presented, then finally adding the flour one cup at a time.

Set a cup aside until the mix is ready to knead. Mix everything with a spoon or with your hands until it begins to form a lump. Then lightly dust tabletop with some of remaining flour, turn mound out of the bowl and let it rest for 10 minutes so the flour can better absorb the water.

Dust hands with a little of the extra flour and begin kneading: Gently push the dough away from

you so that it flattens out. Give it a quarter turn and fold it in half toward you.

Just push, turn, fold. Repeat as many as 100 times, dusting your hands and the table to prevent dough from sticking.

You want the dough to stay moist and soft, so add just enough flour during the kneading to keep the dough from sticking to the tabletop.

When the kneading is done, the dough will be soft and tender like the lobe of your ear.

Pour a little oil into the mixing bowl and roll kneaded dough inside bowl so that it is coated with oil.

Cover bowl with a dishcloth or plastic wrap and let the dough double in size in a corner of the kitchen where there are no drafts.

After about an hour, punch it

down in the bowl to release the carbon dioxide made by the yeast.

Turn it back onto the tabletop and knead it 25 to 50 times to develop the gluten more and press out the excess carbon dioxide. Shape it into a ball and place it in a greased 8.5-by-4.5-inch bread loaf pan.

Cover it with a cloth and let it rise until it's about a half-inch over the brim. While loaf is rising, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake 45 to 60 minutes.

To know if it's done, remove bread from pan and tap the bottom. It should have a clear, hollow sound. Set bread on a wire rack to cool.

NOTE: This bread also can be made with only white flour, or a combination of white and whole-wheat flours.

APPLE CINNAMON RING

Serves 8
For dough:

- 1 cup water
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 packet active dry yeast
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil, plus additional for mixing bowl
- 1 1/4 teaspoons salt
- 2 1/4 cups white bread flour or all-purpose flour

For filling:
1 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons brown sugar
2 medium apples, peeled, cored, sliced
1/4 cup raisins

1 to 3 cup walnut or pecan pieces
1 egg
Combine dough ingredients, one at a time, in a large bowl, stirring them together in the order presented, then finally adding the flour one cup at a time, keeping half a cup aside until the mix is ready to knead.

Mix everything with a spoon or with your hands until it begins to form a lump. Then lightly dust tabletop with some of remaining flour, turn mound out of the bowl, and let it rest for 10 minutes.

Dust hands with a little of the extra flour and begin kneading: Gently push the dough away from you so that it flattens out, give it a quarter-turn, and fold it in half toward you.

Just push, turn, fold. Repeat as many as 100 times, dusting your hands and the table to prevent dough from sticking.

Add just enough flour during the kneading to keep the dough from sticking to the tabletop. When the kneading is done, the dough will be soft and tender like the lobe of your ear.

Pour a little oil into the mixing bowl and roll kneaded dough inside bowl to coat with oil.

Cover bowl with dishcloth or plastic wrap, and let it double in size in a corner of the kitchen where there are no drafts. After about an hour, punch it down in the bowl.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. On a well-floured table top, roll out the dough into a rectangle about 6 by 12 inches.

Once it is rolled out, be sure there is enough flour under the dough so that it moves freely on

the table top.
Mix cinnamon and brown sugar and spread evenly on the flattened dough.

Spread apple slices and raisins evenly over dough - leaving a half inch of space along the top and bottom of the 12-inch-long edge.

Sprinkle nuts on the dough, reserving 8 nut pieces. Roll dough along the 12-inch edge into an oblong log, jelly-roll style. Bring the two ends of the log together to form a circle, and pinch the dough to join the ends.

Slide or carefully lift the circle onto a cookie sheet or pizza pan, and let rest for half an hour.

Make eight 2-inch slits along the top, only deep enough to cut through the top layer of dough.

Place one of the remaining nut pieces in each slit. Beat the egg and brush it on top of the round. Bake 45-60 minutes, until it turns rustic brown.

Serve immediately to others to prevent eating it all yourself. This ring keeps well and makes a delicious breakfast bread or a simple dessert.

Woman searches for wedding recipe

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

QUESTION: My mother made a wonderful frosted egg salad loaf for my wedding shower in 1952. Now my own daughter is getting married and I'd love to make the same dish. I don't recall how it was made, but it looked almost like a cake.

ANSWER: I think the confection you remember is a "classic" recipe from Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese, which I found in my 1977 edition of "The Kraft Cookbook 75 Years of Good Food Ideas" (The Benjamin Co.).

FROSTED SANDWICH LOAF

- Egg Salad Filling:
 - 6 hard-boiled eggs, finely chopped
 - 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - Dash of pepper
 - Mayonnaise (about 1/8 cup)
- 1/4 cup milk
- 2 cups finely chopped ham
- 1/4 cup finely chopped sweet pickle
- Mayonnaise (about 1/8 cup)
- For Assembly:
 - 3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped water-cress
 - Dash of salt and pepper
 - 1 unliced sandwich loaf, 16 inches long

Softened butter or margarine
1/4 cup milk
Combine eggs, mustard, seasonings and enough mayonnaise to moisten; mix lightly.

Combine ham, pickle and enough mayonnaise to moisten; mix lightly. Combine 1/2 package cream cheese with the watercress, salt and pepper; mix until well blended.

Trim crust from bread; cut into four lengthwise slices. Spread bread slices with butter or margarine. Spread one bread slice with egg salad, a second slice with cream cheese mixture and a third slice with ham salad.

Stack layers and cover with fourth bread slice. Combine remaining cream cheese and milk, mixing until well blended.

Frost sandwich loaf. Chill thoroughly. Makes 12 servings.
Variations: Thinly sliced tomato or cucumber or cheese slices may be substituted for either of the salad fillings.

Decorate the loaf with colorful garnishes such as sliced ripe or stuffed olives, radish roses, carrot curls or watercress.

I was dubious about cooking lobster in a microwave, and had visions of a higher-tech version of the famous lobster scene in "Annie Hall." But happily, the lobster I used was not frisky.

Those who favor this method say the lobster is much less likely to be tough, and I agree. You should use a sturdy microwave-safe container - I used a Corning casserole with a domed glass lid. You can also buy a container made specifically for microwaving lobster at low mainlobster.com.

I found this recipe and technique at the website therecipebox.com.

Cooking times vary according to the weight of your microwave. Be careful when removing the cover from the container to turn the lobsters, as there will be lots of steam.

MICROWAVE LOBSTER

- 2 live lobsters, about 1 1/2 pounds each
- 2 bay leaves
- 3 slices of unpeeled lemon
- Hot melted butter

Arrange lobster in a microwave-safe container at least 8 inches by 1 inch deep.

Pour the boiling water over the lobster. Add the bay leaves and lemon slices. Cover and microwave on high for 5 minutes, turning lobster twice.

Microwave second lobster in the same water on high for 5 minutes, turning lobster twice. Halve lobsters lengthwise.

Remove and throw away stomachs and veins. Serve with hot melted butter. Makes 2 servings.

This recipe was originally published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and it came from Nello

Dixon, pastry chef with North Star Market Cooking School and Pines Tavern Restaurant.

The salines seem like an odd ingredient, but in this recipe they work perfectly to make a crust that is not too cloying.

To prevent cracks in the cheese cake, beat the cream cheese and sugar together really well until smooth. Then you want to turn down the mixer to low speed.

The cracks are often caused by overmixing the cream cheese, and then air bubbles form.

They pop while the cake bakes and make the cracks.

HOT FUDGE CHEESECAKE

- 1 cup finely crushed saltine crackers
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 6 1-ounce squares semisweet chocolate
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 large eggs
- Hot fudge sauce, optional
- Fresh mint sprigs, for garnish, optional

Combine crackers, walnuts, butter and sugar, stirring well. Press firmly into bottom and 2 1/2 inches up sides of a lightly greased 7-inch springform pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes; cool on wire rack.

Reduce temperature to 300 degrees. Combine chocolate and 1/4 cup butter in a heavy saucepan. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring often, until smooth. Cool.

Beat cream cheese at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Add 1/4 cup sugar, beating well.

Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition. Thoroughly stir in chocolate mixture; pour into prepared crust.

Bake at 300 degrees for 50 minutes to 1 hour or until almost set. Turn oven off and let cheesecake stand in closed oven 30 minutes.

Remove to wire rack to cool. Chill. Remove sides of pan; serve with warmed hot fudge sauce, if desired, and garnish with mint.

Food tip: Careful with canned beans

The Washington Post

To rinse canned beans thoroughly but without damaging them, place the unopened can in the sink upside down and use a can opener to punch three or four holes into the bottom of the can. Turn the can over and open the top. Then hold the can under cool running water until it runs clear from the can.

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- 2 carrots
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Blend or juice all ingredients.

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- 4 Brussels sprouts
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Pork makes a great alternative

Family Features

Ever think about your refrigerator and pantry as your mealtime solution center? When planning a meal, people first consider what meat they have in the fridge, followed by what they have available in the pantry. A recent USDA study revealed that 60 percent of consumers have pork on hand as an alternative to beef or chicken. For additional quick fix meal ideas, visit DinnerMatters.com. For more pork preparation ideas, go to otherwhite.com.

STUFFED PORK CHOPS WITH LOADED MASHED POTATOES

- 1 package Pork Helper Oven Favorites breaded pork chops and mashed potatoes
- 2 cups hot water
- 2 1/2 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (2 ounces)
- 1/8 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
- 1/2 medium green onions, sliced (1/2 cup)
- 1 package sliced mushrooms (8 ounces)
- 4 boneless pork chops (about 1 to 1 1/4 pounds)
- 1 cup hot water
- Heat oven to 400 F. Stir dry Potatoes and Seasoning, 2 cups hot water, the milk and melted margarine in 1 1/2-quart ungreased casserole until well blended. Stir in sour cream, cheese, red pepper, green onions

and mushrooms. Grease 13-by-9-inch pan.

Cut 3-inch pocket in each pork chop, cutting lengthwise. Place pork chops in pan.

Sprinkle a fourth (about 2 tablespoons) of the bread crumb Topping on pork chops; press firmly. Turn pork chops over and sprinkle with remaining Topping. Spoon about 2 tablespoons potato mixture into each pocket. Secure pockets with toothpicks.

Place both pan of pork chops and casserole of potatoes in oven. Bake uncovered 27 to 33 minutes until pork chops are no longer pink in center or until thermometer reads 160 F.

Gradually stir 1 cup hot water into Gravy Mix, using wire whisk or fork, until blended.

Serve with potatoes and pork chops. 4 servings.

PORK CHOPS AND STUFFING

- 4 boneless pork chops (about 1 to 1 1/4 pounds)
- 4 slices process Swiss cheese
- 1 package Pork Helper pork chops and stuffing
- 1 jar (4.5 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
- 1 1/2 cups hot water
- 1/2 cup hot water
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
- Heat oven to 375 F. Place pork chops in ungreased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Cover with cheese slices. Sprinkle with Stuffing and mushrooms.
- Stir together 1 1/2 cups hot water and the Seasoning; pour over stuffing.
- Stir 1/2 cup hot water and the

Gravy Mix with wire whisk until smooth; pour over mixture in dish.

Drizzle with melted margarine. Cover and bake 20 minutes.

Uncover and bake 15 to 20 minutes longer or until top is golden brown and juice of pork is no longer pink when centers of thickest pieces are cut or until thermometer reads 160 F. 4 servings.

PEPPERED PORK TENDERLOIN

- 1 pork tenderloin (about 1 pound)
- 2 teaspoons lemon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne) or pepper blend seasoning
- Heat oven to 425 F. Rub entire surface of tenderloin with both peppers. Place in ungreased shallow 11-by-7-inch roasting pan.
- Roast uncovered 15 to 20 minutes until top is golden brown and juice of pork is no longer pink when centers of thickest pieces are cut or until thermometer reads 160 F.
- Let stand 5 minutes. 4 servings.

ASIAN-STYLE PORK AND VEGETABLES

- 1 tablespoon sesame oil or vegetable oil
- 1 pound boneless pork chops, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 medium onion (such as Walla Walla or Spanish), sliced



- 2 1/4 cups hot water
- 1 package Pork Helper pork fried rice
- 1 bag (1 pound) frozen stir-fry vegetables
- 2 tablespoons peanut butter
- 1/4 cup cashews or peanuts, broken, if desired
- Heat oil in 10-inch skillet over high heat. Cook pork and onion in oil 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally, until pork turns white and onions begin to soften.
- Stir in hot water, uncooked Rice and Seasoning. Heat to boiling, stirring occasionally.
- Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 10 minutes. While mixture is cooking, run cold water over vegetables to thaw.
- Stir vegetables and peanut butter into rice mixture; cook 3 to 5 minutes longer or until hot. Sprinkle with cashews. 6 servings.



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Top, Peppercorn Pork Tenderloin is quick and delicious. Above, from left: Stuffed Pork Chops With Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Asian-Style Pork and Vegetables and Pork Chops and Stuffing Bake are ready for dinner.

Winterize your chicken salad

The Washington Post

That summery notion of salad just doesn't work come winter. What does work are these peppery greens wilted beneath a lemon-laced chicken breast and a warm potato salad cloaked with a creamy dressing.

LEMONY CHICKEN AND POTATO SALAD

- 4 servings
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
- 4 thyme sprigs, preferably lemon thyme (optional)
- About 1 pound new or fingerling potatoes
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup sour cream or plain yogurt
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice

Sea salt and freshly ground white or black pepper to taste

A couple of handfuls of arugula leaves, watercress or spinach (optional)

Pat the chicken dry. Place the chicken between 2 sheets of wax paper or plastic wrap and, using your hand, skillet or a rolling pin, gently flatten it to an even thickness of about 1/2 inch.

Place the chicken on a plate; drizzle with oil, lemon zest and, if desired, thyme and turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 15 minutes and up to 8 hours. Place the potatoes in a large saucepan and add cold water to cover.

Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to medium and simmer until tender when tested with a skewer or fork, about 12 minutes. Drain and set aside until cool enough to handle.

In a large bowl, combine the

mayonnaise, sour cream, lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste.

Peel and cut the potatoes in half lengthwise, add to the bowl and stir gently to coat.

Set aside. Place a grill pan or skillet over medium-high heat. Transfer the chicken to the pan, discarding the marinade.

Cook, turning once, just until cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Transfer the chicken to a cutting board and thinly slice the chicken.

If desired, divide the greens among the plates. Fan the chicken slices on each plate and top with the warm potato mixture.

Per serving: 535 calories, 25 gm protein, 20 gm carbohydrates, 39 gm fat, 81 mg cholesterol, 8 gm saturated fat, 375 mg sodium, 3 gm dietary fiber

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Curry brings strong flavor to food

By Jane Snow Akron Beacon Journal

Curry is hot, in more ways than one: It is the new blackened redfish, the new lobster taco and the new Chilean sea bass with ponzu sauce. It's hip and it's here.

The age-old jar of yellow curry powder has been joined by packets and bottles of Thai and Indian curry pastes in green, red and yellow hues.

Brands such as Taste of Thai, Thai Kitchen and Patak's have made curry seasonings as available as ketchup.

The national dish of India. The mixture of vegetables and usually meat or seafood in sauce is a cross between a stir-fry and a stew.

The complex sauce is infused with skillfully blended herbs and spices that can range from merely

flavorful to tongue-tingling hot. Curries made with coconut milk are popular in Thailand and southern India. In northern India, yogurt is stirred into the sauce.

The red curries of Thailand are made with red chilies, lemon grass, ginger, kaffir lime peel, coriander seeds and curmin, while the red vindaloo curry of India may include poppy seeds, cinnamon, star anise and cloves.

QUICK THAI CHICKEN CURRY

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 2 teaspoons curry powder or garam masala (an Indian spice blend)
- 1/5 cup thick, plain yogurt
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 1/4 teaspoon green curry paste
- 1 cup coconut milk
- Place chicken in a bowl. With clean or gloved hands, rub chicken with garam masala and then yogurt.

Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes or up to 4 hours. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Remove chicken from yogurt mixture, allowing some to cling to meat.

Brown chicken on one side; turn, cover and reduce heat to medium. Continue cooking for about 7 to 10 minutes, until just cooked through.

To test, cut into the thickest part of chicken with a sharp knife. Remove chicken from pan. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Add curry paste and stir-fry for 1 minute. Stir in coconut milk.

Bring to a boil and continue boiling for 1 minute. Return chicken to pan and simmer 1 minute longer.

Makes 4 servings. NOTE: Chill coconut milk and pour off the clear liquid.

Surprise your sweetie for Valentine's

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Kathleen Taugher of East Troy, Wis., fills these pastries with a luscious pudding and cream mixture, along with sliced fresh strawberries. Taste of Home magazine featured her holiday recipe.

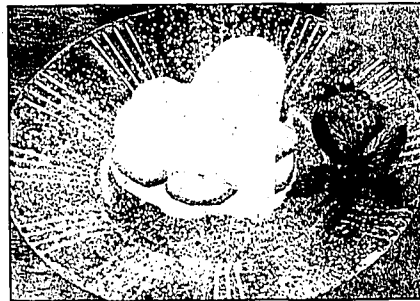


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VALENTINE NAPOLEONS

- 1 package (17 1/4 ounces) frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 cup cold milk
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 1/4 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- Additional confectioners' sugar
- On a lightly floured surface, roll out each pastry sheet to 1/8-inch thickness.
- Using a 3 1/2-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter, cut out 12 hearts.
- Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 400 degrees for 8-11 minutes or until golden brown.
- Remove to wire racks to cool.
- In a bowl, whisk milk and pud-

ding mix for 2 minutes. In a mixing bowl, beat cream until it begins to thicken.

Beat in confectioners' sugar until soft peaks form. Fold into pudding. Split puff pastry hearts in half.

Place bottom halves on serving plates. Spoon 1/4 cup filling over each; top with strawberries and pastry tops.

Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Serve immediately. Yield: 12 servings.

YELLOW CURRY CHICKEN AND SWEET POTATOES

- 1 can (14 ounces) coconut milk
- 2 tablespoons Thai yellow curry base
- 1 tablespoon Thai fish sauce (available at Asian stores and some supermarkets)
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- 1 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 pound boneless, skinless

chicken breasts, cubed

1 bunch green onions, white part only, cut into 1/4-inch pieces (reserve greens)

In a large skillet, bring 1/2 cup coconut milk to a boil. Add yellow curry base and simmer until curry base is dissolved and fragrant. Add remaining coconut milk, fish sauce, brown sugar and

sweet potatoes. Stir well and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Add chicken and green onion pieces. Stir, coating everything well.

Cover and simmer 15 minutes or cook over low heat for 3 to 4 minutes, until liquid is reduced by a third.

Add watermelon cubes and cook over low heat for 3 to 4 minutes, gently turning to coat with spices.

Sprinkle with sugar to taste. Makes 2 to 4 servings.

—From "The Great Curries of India" by Camellia Panjabi

WATERMELON CURRY

- 1/4 of a large watermelon
- 1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
- Pinch of turmeric powder
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander powder
- 1 teaspoon pressed garlic salt
- 2 tablespoons oil
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 2 to 3 teaspoons lime or lemon juice
- Sugar to taste

Cut watermelon into slices and remove seeds. Cut the flesh into 1 1/2-inch cubes.

Measure out 1 cup of the cubes and puree. Add the paprika, turmeric, coriander and garlic to the puree.

Season to taste with salt. Heat the oil in a large, deep skillet and add the cumin seeds.

Toast, shaking or stirring, for 20 seconds. Add lemon juice and

pureed watermelon mixture. Lower heat and simmer for 5 minutes, until liquid is reduced by a third.

Add watermelon cubes and cook over low heat for 3 to 4 minutes, gently turning to coat with spices.

Sprinkle with sugar to taste. Makes 2 to 4 servings.

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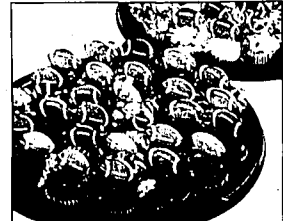
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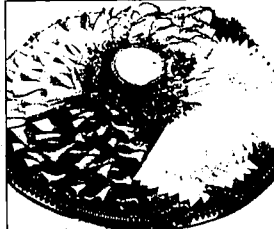
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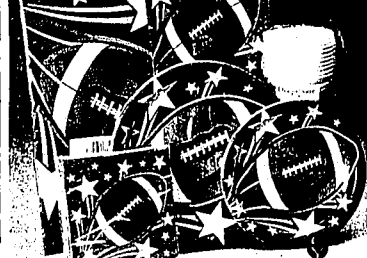
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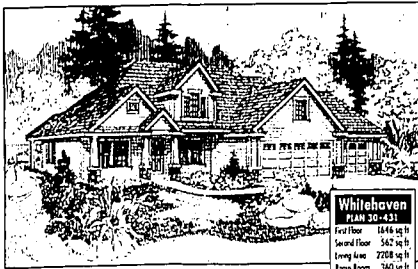
Whitehaven has Craftsman flavor

Tapered porch columns atop stone veneer bases give a Craftsman flavor to the Whitehaven. It's easy to imagine an old-fashioned wooden swing on this wide front porch - friends and family sipping lemonade while basking away a summer afternoon. But inside, this mid-size plan is plenty of up-to-date, and provides plenty of room for a growing family to spread out. The three-car garage, with its overhead humpis room, adds still more space.

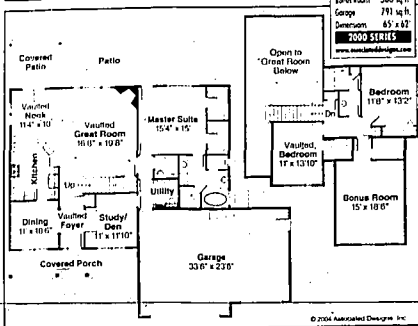
Sidelights brighten the two-story foyer. Double doors on the right open into a den, office or study. This room is also closely linked to the utility room, garage, powder room and master suite. In fact, the entire ground floor is well designed for ease of movement from room to room.

The dining room connects to the kitchen, which in turn is open to the vaulted nook and great room. Glass fills much of the great room's rear wall, and more light washes in through the nook's side windows. People and plants can't help but thrive in this sunny space. When temperatures rise, partially covered patio. This space can be screened. And when days turn cooler and dark, colorful flames in the great room's corner fireplace help boost sagging spirits.

Luxury amenities in the master suite include two-roomy walk-in closets and a private bathroom with dual sinks, a deep soaking tub, cultured marble shower, and private toilet. The sleeping area also offers direct access to the patio. Upstairs, the front bedroom boasts a vaulted ceiling and walk-in closet. The rear bedroom is slightly larger.



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James Dullea

—JACKS, though you are referring to circular paneled houses. The exterior of these houses is actually made of many flat panels connected together. These houses are attractive with large windows, high sloped ceilings, angled rooms and decks surrounding the entire exterior.

Circular paneled houses are energy efficient because of their shape. A round exterior minimizes surface area to lose or gain heat. Winds naturally flow smoothly around the house with less air leakage. Each room has two or more exterior panel walls with windows for natural cross-ventilation.

Several designs allow for the roof to be supported by only the exterior walls. Other designs use a strong steel center post to support the roof. Both designs allow for complete interior layout flexibility and an open floor plan. This is ideal for passive solar heating

and natural cooling. The high sloped ceilings are one of the most attractive and efficient attributes of these houses. This gives a large open feeling to even a budget-size home. The center peak can be designed with vents to naturally exhaust hot air during summer. It can also be enlarged into a mini-room or loft totally surrounded by windows for a magnificent private view outdoors.

House designs range from ones with more than 20 4-foot-wide wall panels to ones with only eight wide panels for an octagonal shape. The ones that use the 4-foot panels appear to be nearly a smooth circle.

In between these two extremes are ones that use 8-foot panels. The number of stories and panels used determines the size and square footage of the floor plan. These houses are delivered to your building site ready for assembly. The wall, floor and roof

panels are basically complete, depending on the specific house manufacturer. The sizes of standard floor plans range from about 700-square-foot bungalows to three-story 4,000-square-foot elegant mansions.

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By Lori Sears
The Baltimore Sun

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advice on creating one's own French-decorated home. Phillips divulges decorating secrets and facts, such as how the French never place two same-size objects side-by-side and that canopied beds were created to protect occupants from bird droppings. Phillips also offers sources for finding fine French furnishings, antiques and wares here in the United States. The book is available at Amazon.com.

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I've gotten into and cleaned and shoveled out long-forgotten corners and closets with no unsolicited advice or protests. Hubby has been out of town on business. However, at mealtime I'm cooking way too much food. It wouldn't be so bad if it were summer, because I could grab a sandwich or salad and be happy.

But in winter, I find something substantial: Soup, stew, a hunk of meat, noodles and sauce, potatoes and gravy.

I've dug out a cookbook with menus and recipes for one or two. Maybe I can make something tasty and in the right proportions so I don't have to feed most of my meals to the dog two days later. Either that or hubby better hurry and get home so I can quit wasting the extra food.

These recipes are for one. If you want them for two, double the proportions.



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

- 1 small clove garlic
- Dash basil
- Dash oregano
- Dash pepper
- Dash salt
- 1 beaten egg
- 1/4-cup ricotta or cream-style cottage cheese
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped celery
- 1/2 ounce shredded mozzarella cheese

Cook lasagna noodles according to package directions. Halve crosswise. Set aside. In small skillet, cook sausage and onion till meat is browned and onion is tender; drain off fat.

Combine tomato sauce, chopped tomato, garlic, basil, oregano, pepper and salt. Add to meat and mix well. Set aside.

In a small mixing bowl combine the egg, ricotta or cottage cheese, grated Parmesan and celery.

Place half of the noodles in a greased loaf pan. Spread half of the sausage mixture on the noodles, then the egg/cheese mix-

PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH PORK STEAKS

- 1 pork shoulder steak (about 1/2 pound)
- 4 ounces sauerkraut
- 1/4 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1/4 cup applesauce
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion

Salt and pepper to taste

Brown steak on both sides in small skillet over low to medium heat. (Pork is fat enough that you do not need to add extra shortening for browning.)

Remove from skillet; drain excess fat. Drain sauerkraut, reserving a tablespoon of the liquid.

Combine the sauerkraut, liquid and caraway seeds in the skillet. Place steak on top of the sauerkraut mixture.

Sprinkle with dash of salt and

pepper. Cover and simmer about 30 minutes or till pork steak is tender.

Combine the applesauce and onion and spoon on top of the steak. Cover and cook another 5 minutes.

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WILD RICE WITH MUSHROOMS

- 1/8 cup wild rice
- 1/6 cup cold water
- 1/3 teaspoon instant chicken bouillon granules
- 1/2 slice bacon, cut up
- 1/8 cup thinly sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1 teaspoon sliced green onions
- Dash dried thyme
- Salt and pepper
- Snipped fresh parsley

In a small saucepan, combine the rice, water and bouillon. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat. Cover and simmer 40 to 50 minutes, or till rice is tender. Meanwhile in a saucepan, cook the bacon till partially cooked.

Add mushrooms, green onions and thyme. Continue cooking till bacon is crisp and mushrooms are tender.

Drain off fat. Add vegetables to cooked rice; toss gently. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with parsley.

SPANISH HAMBURGER SOUP

- 1/8 pound ground beef
- 4 ounces tomato sauce
- 1 baby carrot, sliced
- 1 ounce mushroom stems and pieces
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon sliced pimento-stuffed olives
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- Dash dry red wine
- Parmesan cheese, optional
- Salt and pepper, to taste

In small saucepan, cook the beef till browned; drain fat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Add tomato sauce, carrot, mushrooms, onion, olives and sugar. Stir in water and wine. Cover. Simmer 30 to 35 minutes, or till carrot is tender, stirring occasionally.

Sprinkle with a little grated Parmesan cheese, if desired.

HEALTHY ITALIAN SAUSAGE LASAGNA

- 1 1/2 ounces lasagna noodles (2 or 3 noodles)
- 1/4 pound bulk Italian sausage
- 4 ounces tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1 small tomato, peeled and chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cook lasagna noodles in boiling water for 8 to 10 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water. Toss with a little olive oil to prevent sticking.

In a large skillet, brown the sausage over medium heat. Add the onion and tomato. Cook until the onion is soft and the tomato has broken down. Drain the excess fat.

Spread the tomato sauce in a 9x13 inch baking dish. Layer the noodles, sausage mixture, and tomato sauce. Repeat the layers. Top with the remaining noodles and tomato sauce. Bake for 30 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

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Skier adds one more TV show

Picabo Street highlights Sun Valley ski resort

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HALLIE - Picabo Street may have hung up her racing skis. But she's still hanging - albeit this time, racing off at the mouth.

Chances are you've seen the bubbly gal from Traumph, Idaho, if you've done any channel surfing lately.

She's spotlighting Sun Valley as North America's top ski resort on a show for the Fine Living Network. She's served as commentator for the King of the Mountain Pro-Am Series. And she's even had a recent gig on ESPN.

Not to mention her commercials for Chapstick, Giro helmets, Bolle eyewear, the Food Network and Park City Mountain Resort.

Now Street is hosting "Picabo's SnowZone" on the Outdoor Living Network.

The first program aired in the Sun Valley area at 7 p.m. last Thursday. The weekly shows continue at the same time through March 25.

The program has expanded Street's own definition of "snow zone" which, for her, used to be relegated to Downhill, Super G and slalom races on skis.

Thursday's fast-paced program, for instance, featured footage of snowmobiles bobbing over bumps and rises in a Snocross race in Menomonee, Wis., a segment on top skiers' superstitions and footage of a boardercross event.

Future programs will feature footage of big air snowboarding, biathlon, luge, freestyle skiing and curling championships in North Dakota.

"I am really enjoying talking about something besides skiing," Street said. "I hope everyone likes it, too."

In addition to her broadcast work, Street has been speaking around the country on behalf of causes relating to child abuse. She also is working the car racing circuit, cultivating relationships among the race car drivers.

Off the race car circuit, she's been asked to back up a new lining of women's apparel. In the meantime, she'll be keeping her folks' remote control busy for the next couple months.

Giving an apology

Indians pitcher asks forgiveness for role in gay porn video

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Indians minor leaguer Kazuhiro Tadano is asking for forgiveness for what he called a one-time mistake - his appearance in a gay porn video in which he engaged in a homosexual act.

Tadano took part in the video three years ago when he was a college student. Sitting in the Cleveland clubhouse Tuesday, the pitcher said he hoped to put his actions in the past.

"All of us have made mistakes in our lives," Tadano said, reading a statement in English.

"Hopefully, you learn from them and move on."

Shunned by Japanese baseball teams, the 23-year-old Tadano signed with the Indians last March. They think he can make their club this spring.

Tadano gave few details about the video, which he made after his sophomore year at Rikkyo University.

"I did participate in a video and I regret it very much," he said. "I Please see **PLAYER**, Page D2

Pulling away

Shoshone dribbles over Richfield 47-36

By Dustin Lapray
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - Tony Pereira scored, passed, rebounded and stole the ball without heed as he led his Shoshone Indians over Richfield 47-36 at home Tuesday.

Pereira scored 26 points and drained four buckets from long distance. Pereira's 10 rebounds and eight steals nearly gave the six-foot senior a triple-double for the game.

"He's always been that way," Shoshone coach Larry Messick said. "He's our leading scorer and rebounder."

The Indians (7-9) never trailed in the important Magic Valley Northside Conference rematch. The Tigers (5-11) beat Shoshone by 24 points Dec. 17.

"You've got to hand it to Shoshone for stepping up and playing well," Richfield coach Garr Ward said.

Richfield closed the lead to two points early in the fourth quarter on a bucket from Victor Vasquez, his only points of the game.

Vasquez scored 25 against Shoshone in the first game.

"We kind of chased him around and kept a hand in his face the whole night," Messick said.

Kyle Bingham guarded Vasquez most of the night. Bingham only scored two points in the Shoshone win, but he and Pereira worked the give-and-go repeatedly for scores.

Shoshone blew the game back open, finishing the game on a 12-3 run.

"Our biggest problem was taking care of the basketball," Messick said. "That's kind of our Achilles heel right now, but I thought we did a good job of playing through the turnovers."

Charlie Amy scored all of his 16 points either in the paint or on the line to lead the Tigers in scoring. The big center crashed the boards and put back up tough shots with bodies draped all over him.

In the end it came down to clutch shooting.

"Shoshone just executed better," Ward said. "They came up with the big shots and we didn't. We got the shots we wanted and we got plenty of steals, but we didn't convert those into points."

Ward isn't worried about his boys.

"They're very upbeat," Ward said. "They'll be ready to go at 5:30 in the morning for Please see **SHOSHONE**, Page D2

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

66 I'll still clean stalls, without a doubt. It's in my blood.

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- Carolina Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme about raising his racehorses despite his newfound notoriety.

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Which former Georgia quarterback and Pro Football Hall of Famer is credited with prompting the use of the term "scrambling?"

ANSWER below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school girls basketball Northside Conference Tournament
- High school boys basketball Century at Jerome, 6 p.m. Burley at Minico, 6 p.m.
- High school wrestling Kimberly/Gooding at Oakley, 5:30 p.m. Pocatello/Filer at Twin Falls, 6 p.m. Declo at Buhl, 6 p.m. Gooding/Kimberly/Raft River at Oakley
- High school bowling Kimberly at Jerome, 4 p.m. Declo at Gooding, 4:30 p.m. Burley at Minico, 4 p.m. Filer at Twin Falls, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI women remain No. 21 in poll

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Golden Eagles are ranked No. 21 for the second consecutive week in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll, released Tuesday.

CSI (18-4 overall, 14-2 Scenic West Athletic Conference) won a pair of games over North Idaho College this past weekend, 69-58 and 66-38. The Eagles, who have won five straight games, received 40 points from the eight-person panel.

No. 1 Trinity Valley Community College, Texas (20-0) remained in the top spot for the fourth straight week, receiving all of the eight possible first-place votes for 200 points.

The College of Eastern Utah (17-4), the only other SWAC team to receive votes, remains unranked.

T.F. Rapids tryouts continue this Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Tryouts for the Twin Falls Rapids competitive soccer club will be held at two locations this Saturday.

On Saturday, tryouts will be held at the Bull soccer complex from 10-11 a.m. and at Ascension Field in Twin Falls from 2-3 p.m.

No previous soccer experience required. If weather prevents tryouts, coaches will still be on hand to register athletes. For more information, call Vince Gibson at 735-0176; men's coach Sasha Pavlovic, 733-9411 or club president Mark Goodman, 733-1699.

T.F. rec. dept. plans wrestling program

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and the Twin Falls school district are sponsoring a youth wrestling program for grades K-6 Tuesday and Thursdays from 4-5 p.m. starting Feb. 10 and continuing through March 16.

Twin Falls High School coach Salid Dabestani and Bruin wrestlers will lead the program. The fee is \$18 for those who live inside the city limits and \$21 for outside. A Bruins wrestling T-shirt is included with the fee.

The deadline to register is Feb. 5. Call 735-2265 for more information. Register at the recreation office at 136 Maxwell Ave.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Fran Tarkenton.



ASHLEY BARTON/The Times-News

Tourney time!

1A girls basketball conference tournament starts today

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Forget the season records, the blowouts and the heart-attack wins. For area Class 1A girls basketball teams, today's start of conference tournament play marks the start of the games that define a season.

Only four out of 14 teams in the Magic Valley and Northside conferences will be playing after the conference tournaments. The only question is who will advance and who will be sent home early?

Northside Conference

CAREY - Northside Conference Tournament play starts at 6 p.m. tonight when the Carey Lady Panthers take on the Camas County Lady Musers.

White Musher sophomore guard Beth McLam has played well all season. Carey was able to win both regular-season games. Sophomore wing Jessica Royal averaged 10.5 points this season for Carey, including 12 and 18-point performances against the Lady Musers.

Tonight's second game pits third-ranked Richfield's Lady Tigers versus the Community School. The Lady Tigers' freshman trio of Cassie Wood, Amber Ward, and Angela Kent could be a handful for any team in the tournament. The Community School - winless in conference play - will face a tall order against Richfield tonight.

Waiting in the wings are top-seeded Shoshone and second-place Dietrich. The 17-3 Lady Indians are an early favorite to take the tournament, but coach Tim Chapman isn't looking past anyone at this point of the season.

"Everyone is 0-0 now," Chapman said.

Games

Northside Tournament at Carey High School Wednesday Carey vs. Camas County, 6 p.m. Richfield vs. Community School, 7:30 p.m.

Magic Valley Conference Tournament at Murtaugh High School Thursday Murtaugh vs. Raft River, 4:30 p.m. Hansen vs. Magic Valley Christian, 6 p.m. Hegerman vs. Castleton, 7:30 p.m.

Lady Luck may be on Shoshone's side since the Lady Indians already won a coin toss over Dietrich for the top seed in the tournament. While the Lady Indians statistically have the easiest route to the championship game, a possible second-round game against Carey won't be a cakewalk.

"We're pretty fortunate that we won the coin toss," Chapman said. "But I don't know if it's a big advantage or not. Carey will have home-court advantage."

Although she missed four games with a strained knee, sophomore post Katie Strunk averaged 11.5 points and seven rebounds per game. Strunk and senior Sarah Hubsmit are the rudder that steers Shoshone's ship.

"When they're going well, it seems like our whole team is going well," Chapman said.

Dietrich rounds out the bracket, led by the trio of senior Ayleen Sorensen, junior Jutiek Weber, and sophomore Caitlin Dil. The Lady Blue Devils are the other early favorite to reach the championship game, but coach Gene Shaw knows his teams' road won't be easy.

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Junior forward Jessica Thorpe of Hansen goes up for a shot against a Magic Valley Christian defender in a recent game. Hansen enters Thursday's Magic Valley Conference Tournament as the No. 2 seed.

Caught in the fray

Super Bowl media frenzy catches Idaho-born players, too

By Tom Sorensen
The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer

HOUSTON - The Carolina Panthers walk along the side of Reliant Stadium field to their assigned positions at podiums and in the bleachers. The players who aren't assigned seats, the less famous players, are free to mingle.

Up the stairs, crowded at the front of several aisles and restrained by security guards, are the media. About 2,000 of us stand there. In a few minutes, somebody will flash a signal and we will rush down the stairs and spend exactly one hour with the team.

Finally, the guards let us go. Thus begins the running of the bull.

Carolina rookie tackle Jordan Gross, who does not have an assigned seat, finds an opening along a fence between the platforms on which teammates Brenston Buckner and Todd Steussie sit.

The Fruitland native had a superb season, but there is little interest in his story. One or two reporters stop by to ask serious adult questions about being the eighth player selected in the draft, about making the Super Bowl his first season and about being influenced by veteran linemen around him. Gross praises his teammates and insists he has much to learn.

About 10 yards from Gross, tackle Matt Willig, who is 6-foot-8 and weighs 315 pounds, picks up a little reporter and holds him in the air.

The reporter hands Willig his microphone and asks Willig to hoist him, so Willig does. But here along the fence, all is quiet. And 30 of the 60 minutes allotted to the Panthers already have passed.

Have you been asked anything weird yet? "I'll take care of that," says a reporter from Sports Radio 810. "Jordan, would you rather be a bird or a fish?"

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Hundreds of representatives of the media interview the New England Patriots during media day Tuesday, at Reliant Stadium in Houston.

SPORTS

Australian Open: Schnyder advances

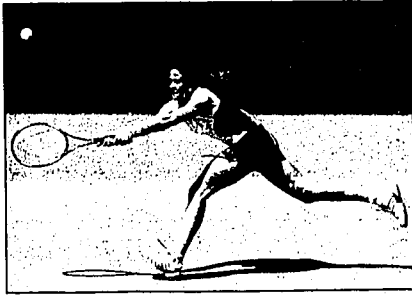
Player moves to first Grand Slam semifinal

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)—Switzerland's Patty Schnyder advanced to her first Grand Slam semifinal Wednesday, beating Lisa Raymond 7-6 (2), 6-3 in the Australian Open.

over Venus Williams, is 0.5 in her career against Schnyder. The 30-year-old American had 44 unforced errors and only 24 winners.

Wimbledon champion Roger Federer and French Open champ Juan Carlos Ferrero will compete for the No. 1 ranking. Federer, seeded second, faced Davidal Nalbandian on Wednesday in the quarterfinals, and Ferrero played Hicham Arazi.

On the women's side, No. 32 Fabiola Zuluaga of Colombia had the easier case. No. 4 Amelie Mauresmo, the 1999 Australian Open runner-up, forfeited to Zuluaga because of an injured back muscle.



Patty Schnyder of Switzerland stretches to reach for a backhand return during her quarterfinal match against Lisa Raymond of the United States at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, Wednesday. Schnyder won in straight sets 7-6, 6-3.

USTA plans local spring mixed league tennis

TWIN FALLS — The United States Tennis Association is forming a spring mixed league tennis program for the combined ratings of 5.5, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 players.

Pitino hopes to return by weekend

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville coach Rick Pitino might rejoin his team by this weekend after treatment Tuesday for a mild closed condition that has caused him pain for months.

Knights of Columbus plans hoop shoot

BUHL — All boys and girls ages 10-14 can compete at the local Free Throw Championship from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Buhl Middle School.

Pacers' Artest has sprained thumb

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest is day to day due to a sprained thumb that is not damaged as badly as originally thought.

Celtics coach O'Brien quits after half season

WALTHAM, Mass. — Jim O'Brien quit as coach of the Boston Celtics on Tuesday, after half a season under new boss Danny Ainge.

Transactions: Baseball

USA BASEBALL — Announced the resignation of Steve Colborn, director of baseball, to become an assistant coach for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Football: National Football League

CHICAGO — The U.S. Football League agreed to a restructuring plan Tuesday, spurring it from being stripped of its powers as the sport's national governing body.

Major League Soccer

CHICAGO — Major League Soccer announced Tuesday that it will purchase the United Soccer Coaches Association.

SCORES AND STATS

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Basketball: N.C. State at North Carolina, ESPN, 5 p.m. Kings at Rockets, ESPN, 7 p.m.

Golf: PGA Tour of Australasia, Johnnie Walker Classic, first round, TCC, 11 p.m.

Hockey: Flyers at Panthers, ESPN2, 5 p.m.

Tennis: Australian Open, men's quarterfinal, ESPN, noon. Australian Open, women's semifinals, ESPN2, 7:30 p.m.

Area ski report

Begin Basin — In its 67th night of operation, the 4.5 mile, 100% open lift operated 57-64 on 4/23, 4/27, 4/31, 5/5, 5/9, 5/13, 5/17, 5/21, 5/25, 5/29, 6/2, 6/6, 6/10, 6/14, 6/18, 6/22, 6/26, 6/30, 7/4, 7/8, 7/12, 7/16, 7/20, 7/24, 7/28, 8/1, 8/5, 8/9, 8/13, 8/17, 8/21, 8/25, 8/29, 9/2, 9/6, 9/10, 9/14, 9/18, 9/22, 9/26, 9/30, 10/4, 10/8, 10/12, 10/16, 10/20, 10/24, 10/28, 11/1, 11/5, 11/9, 11/13, 11/17, 11/21, 11/25, 11/29, 12/3, 12/7, 12/11, 12/15, 12/19, 12/23, 12/27, 12/31, 1/4, 1/8, 1/12, 1/16, 1/20, 1/24, 1/28, 2/1, 2/5, 2/9, 2/13, 2/17, 2/21, 2/25, 2/29, 3/5, 3/9, 3/13, 3/17, 3/21, 3/25, 3/29, 4/2, 4/6, 4/10, 4/14, 4/18, 4/22, 4/26, 4/30, 5/4, 5/8, 5/12, 5/16, 5/20, 5/24, 5/28, 6/1, 6/5, 6/9, 6/13, 6/17, 6/21, 6/25, 6/29, 7/3, 7/7, 7/11, 7/15, 7/19, 7/23, 7/27, 7/31, 8/4, 8/8, 8/12, 8/16, 8/20, 8/24, 8/28, 9/1, 9/5, 9/9, 9/13, 9/17, 9/21, 9/25, 9/29, 10/3, 10/7, 10/11, 10/15, 10/19, 10/23, 10/27, 10/31, 11/4, 11/8, 11/12, 11/16, 11/20, 11/24, 11/28, 12/2, 12/6, 12/10, 12/14, 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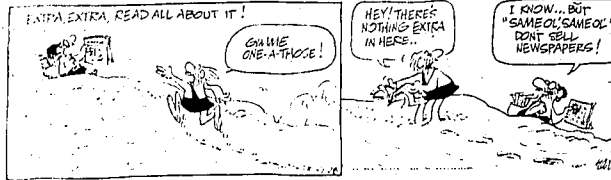
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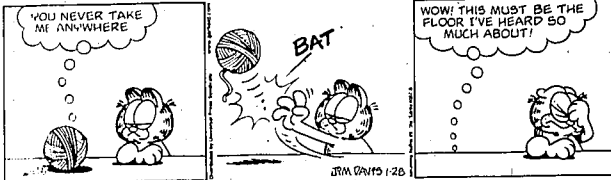
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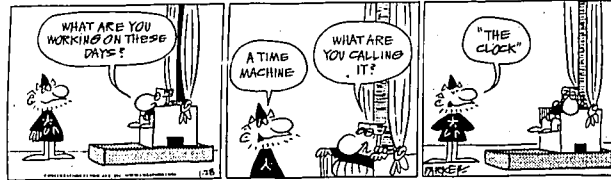
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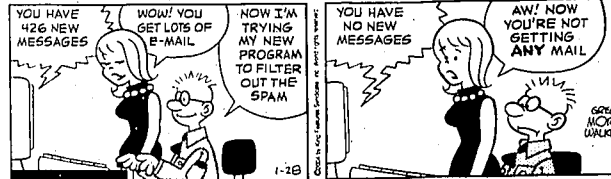
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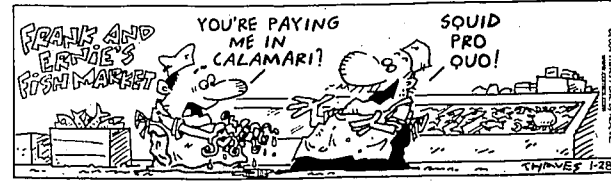
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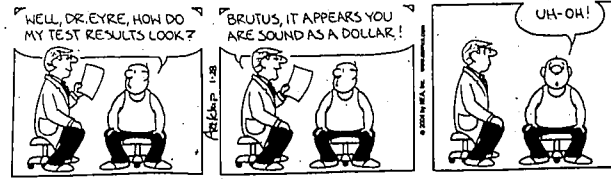
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The Bom Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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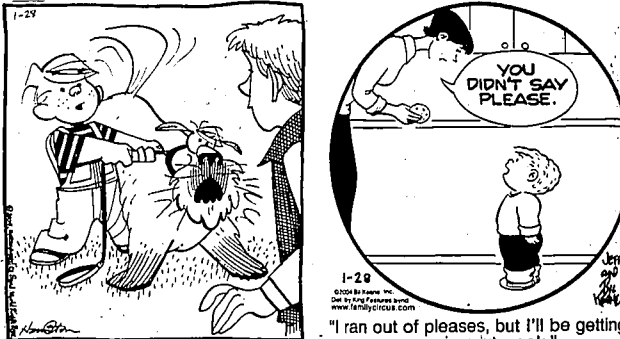


Donna the Manace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



"His bark is worse than his bite, but his breath is worse than his bark."

Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zita

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Luann

By Greg Evans

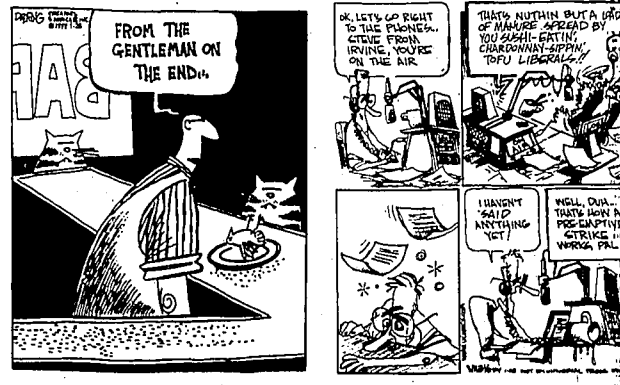


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

M.V. medical group plans meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Medical Assistants group will meet at 6 p.m. today at the Tomaso's Italian Grill restaurant in Twin Falls. The topic of the meeting is inhaled medications, delivery devices and techniques. Drew Simmons of Asthma & Allergy of Idaho will speak.

Lending center holds ribbon cutting today

TWIN FALLS - Residential Lending Center will celebrate its recent opening with a ribbon cutting and open house today. The event is set for 4:30 p.m. at the business, 202 Falls Ave., Suite 3, in Twin Falls. The company, a mortgage bank, will serve refreshments at today's open house.

Money tip: Keep credit-card perks

NEW YORK - Millions of Americans do their monthly shopping in bulk at warehouse stores, such as Sam's Club and Costco, where food items tend to be sized L, XL and XXL. This also means a lot of cash can change hands.

The average transaction at Costco is \$100. At Sam's Club, it's \$60.

One drawback to shopping at these stores is that consumers are limited to what kind of credit card they can use. To keep down the costs they pay to credit-card companies, Costco only accepts American Express. Sam's Clubs will accept other cards but not American Express.

For consumers who run up credit-card benefits - free airline miles, for example - by charging large transactions, this can mean a substantial loss of perks.

There is, however, a strategy that allows the consumer to shop freely at either store and secure their credit-card benefits.

As The Wall Street Journal reported recently, both Sam's Clubs and Costco sell gift cards online. Simply go to Costco.com or walmart.com (Sam's Club is a division of Wal-Mart) and buy a gift card in a large amount. The sites will accept most major credit cards for the purchase. That way, you can shop at warehouse stores and enjoy your credit-card bonuses too.

Americans' automobile loan burdens grow

NEW YORK - The latest statistics reveal that U.S. consumers are taking on more and more debt to pay for cars.

The number of new-car buyers who took loans of five years or more rose to 40 percent last year from 24 percent in 2002. A third of all buyers now take loans for six years. Meanwhile, the size of down payments has consistently fallen in recent years.

That would not necessarily be a problem if so many Americans didn't grow dissatisfied with their cars before their loan term runs out, wrote Lawrence Ulrich in Money magazine.

Eager for the latest model, many consumers trade in their old car and leave the lot with a shiny new automobile. Yet the old car's worth is often less than the amount still owed on it - \$3,700 on average. Dealers tack the old debt onto the new car loan, deepening the consumer's financial hole.

Consumer confidence rose to new high

NEW YORK - A closely watched gauge of consumer sentiment rose in January, with Americans' increasing confidence in the economy tempered only by doubts about jobs, an industry group reported Tuesday.

The Conference Board said its consumer confidence index rose to 96.8, the highest level since mid-2002, following a dip in December to a revised reading of 91.7.

The rise in the index, while sizable, was smaller than the expectations of analysts, who had forecast a reading of 99.0. The index was last this high in July 2002 when it reached 97.4.

Analysts called the January rise in the confidence measure encouraging, showing consumers see substantial evidence of economic improvement.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Restructuring: Kraft cuts 6,000 jobs, will close 20 plants

The Times-News and The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Kraft Foods Inc. said Tuesday it will eliminate 6,000 jobs, or 6 percent of its work force, and close 20 plants worldwide over the next three years as part of a restructuring that follows more than a year of disappointing sales and earnings for the biggest U.S. food company.



Roger Deromedi

A company spokeswoman said it's too soon to know whether the cuts will affect Kraft's cheese plant in Rupert. "Today's announcement has no immediate effect on the Rupert plant," Nancy Daigler said late Tuesday.

Three plants to be closed initially include ones in Canton, New York; Farmdale, Ohio; and central Europe, the company said without elaborating. Kraft didn't specify the European location because employees hadn't yet been notified because of the time difference, Daigler said.

Up to 17 more Kraft plants could close worldwide, but Daigler said the company hasn't yet decided on them, and she couldn't specify which plants they might be.

About 1,300 salaried positions in North America will be eliminated in the first quarter, with the remaining cuts occurring by 2007, Kraft said.

The moves were disclosed in Kraft's fourth-quarter earnings release Tuesday afternoon. Net income of \$689 million represented a 7 percent drop from a year earlier - the company's latest earnings disappointment.

The reductions have been expected since began the Northfield, Ill.-based company shook up its top management last month and announced other changes after several quarters of sluggish sales, particularly for cookies and pizza.

Chief executive Roger Deromedi, who was given sole control of the company last month when co-CEO Betsy Holden was removed from that post and put in charge of global marketing, had signaled his intent to take Kraft in a different direction to try to snap out of the slump in sales and new products.

On Jan. 8, he reorganized Kraft's business units and said it would be taking a more global focus in a strategy aimed at making it more nimble. That move entailed shifting some units to new locations and giving top executives new roles. The job cuts associated with the shakeup were not disclosed until Tuesday.

"While Kraft's fourth quarter results were in line with our expectations, we clearly are not satisfied with our performance in the 'last year' for the full year," Deromedi said.

"The corrective actions we began in late 2003 are showing progress, and the stronger steps we are announcing today will get us back on track for sustainable growth."

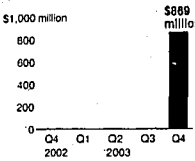
The company anticipates that the restructuring will result in pre-tax charges of as much as \$1.2 billion over the next three years and generate an estimated \$400 million in annual savings by 2006.

Kraft has about 50,000 employees in the United States and slightly more than 100,000 worldwide.

Kraft's profit drops

Kraft Foods Inc. reported disappointing fourth-quarter profits Tuesday and said it would eliminate 6 percent of its work force over the next three years.

Net Income



SOURCE: The company AP

McDonald's plans more upgrades

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - McDonald's Corp. is on a modest winning streak again after the unprecedented net loss that interrupted a nearly four-decade stretch of nonstop profits a year ago.

Investors are loving it - the company's shares, near an 18-month high, rose another 17 cents to \$25.45 in trading Tuesday in response to its fourth consecutive solid quarterly profit.

Share prices have doubled since last March. But even with its comeback strategy ahead of schedule, analysts and McDonald's executives alike said the fast-food giant has some work left to do - particularly with service - before it can declare its turnaround complete.

"We have made some progress in delivering fast, accurate and friendly service, but not as much as we would have liked," CEO Jim Cantalupo said on a conference call with analysts Tuesday. "That's why executing great service will be the top priority in 2004."

The McDonald's restaurants in Magic Valley are franchisee-owned. A year removed from its worst financial quarter ever, one that prompted a change in leadership, McDonald's reported a \$125.7 million profit in the fourth quarter and pledged to remodel 1,500 to 1,800 of its 13,000-plus U.S. restaurants in order to improve operations further.

New products are anticipated, too. Company officials wouldn't give specifics but did suggest the likelihood of more chicken items on the U.S. menu in 2004. Many international restaurants will have their hours extended, with some staying open around the clock, after such it move boosted U.S. sales last year.

McDonald's, entering his second year, knows progress could be harder to come by this year as

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Under investigation

LIVE			CATTLE		
APR	JUN	AUG	OCT	DEC	FEB
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7440	7090				
7495	7112	7315	7612	7740	784
7405	7070	7270	7550	7690	779



Top, the tote board for live cattle futures stands idle after the close of trading Tuesday at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in Chicago. Above, a clerk talks on the phone next to the live cattle trading pit after the close of trading Tuesday at the exchange.

Commission probes cattle future trading prior to mad cow

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Market regulators are investigating whether commodities traders profited last month from advance knowledge of the first U.S. case of mad cow disease.

The Commodity Futures Exchange Commission said Tuesday that it is looking into cattle futures trading data on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange as far back as Dec. 9 - the day the diseased Canadian Holstein was slaughtered in Washington State and two weeks before the Agriculture Department confirmed it as the country's first case of mad cow.

Investigators are targeting investors who made bets the cattle prices would decline prior to the Dec. 23 announcement by Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman.

The CFTC's enforcement division is looking into "an unusual situation that resulted in volatility in the market," Alan Sobba, a spokesman for the Washington-based agency said.

"We will do a thorough and complete job," Sobba said. He added that the CFTC routinely looks into irregular trading patterns and would put no timetable on the investigation, the existence of which was first reported Tuesday by The Wall Street Journal.

Officials at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange are "cooperating fully" with the investigation, spokesman John Holden said.

Investigators are interviewing potential witnesses, and gathering paper and phone records.

At a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing on Tuesday, Veneman was questioned about whether the department waited too long before announcing that the diseased Holstein contracted the disease in Canada and thereby fueled market uncertainty and volatility.

Veneman said her agency informed the public as quickly as it could - initially that a Holstein in Washington state had mad cow, and later that it was born in Canada and apparently became infected there.

Prior to the announcement of the diagnosis on Dec. 23, the front month cattle futures contract settled for the day at 90.675 cents per pound on the CME.

Within a week, the price had fallen below 74 cents per pound, potentially yielding huge profits for investors who took short positions, betting the price would fall.

Concerned about trading in cattle futures the moment it found out about the first case of mad cow, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association urged the CFTC on Dec. 23 "to closely monitor the markets for any signs of illegal activity," according to a statement released Tuesday by the trade group.

Officials at the CME and CFTC said investigators would likely try to determine whether information about the infected cow had been leaked, and by whom, before Dec. 23.

However, they noted that insider trading is more narrowly defined by the CFTC than the Securities and Exchange Commission, and that potential violations would vary if traders had advance knowledge, depending on when they received the information and from whom. The source of any information leak could also be charged.

Getting reimburse

If a company makes a mistake should it compensate employee?

If a company makes a mistake that costs an employee money, should it reimburse the worker? The employee thinks so.

Q I am a salaried employee of a large public accounting firm. In order to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission and internal company independence rules, I am prohibited from investing in several companies. I must inform in my employer of my personal investing to ensure I have no rule violations. I recently received an order to dispose of one of my previously allowed holdings. As I was unaware of any changes in status of this company, I questioned the order. I received a second disposal notice and sold the stock at a loss.



ON THE JOB Kenneth Bredemeler

After continued questioning over a week and a half, it turns out that the disposal order was erroneous. The loss meantime, I was reimbursed nearly 20 percent. I was quite upset and asked to be refunded \$950 to repurchase the stock at its higher price. I was told that the firm's policy was not to reimburse employees in this situation. Are there any avenues I can pursue to recover the loss?

A Declan C. Leonard, an Arlington, Va., attorney who at various times has represented both companies and workers, said this employee is probably out of luck.

"He's got an at-will employment situation, and I don't see any problem that the company could do some conditions on his stock ownership," Leonard said.

"On a fairness basis," Leonard said, "the company should step up and make up for the employee's loss, but I'm not aware of any legal compulsion to do so. Unfortunately, errors are made."

"The employer clearly needs to implement better oversight of this investment policy," Leonard said.

At the same time, he said the employee ought to realize that if the stock had dropped in value after he was erroneously ordered to sell it, he would not have been expected to share his windfall with the company.

MONEY

Stocks pull back following day of gains

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors intent on preserving profits looked past positive earnings reports Tuesday and sent stocks sharply lower. Technology stocks saw step declines on a disappointing outlook from chip maker Novellus Systems Inc.

After the previous session's rally, when the Dow Jones industrial average reached its highest level in 31 months, not even solid results from five blue chip companies could stop the declines. A consumer confidence reading that missed expectations and jitters about the Federal Reserve's expected statement on interest rates Wednesday contributed to the decline.

Still, with results from most companies heating Wall Street's forecasts, most traders and analysts remained optimistic about the long term.

"We're still in a good environment, we're still in an upward trend," said Todd Leamy, managing director of equity trading at SG Cowen Securities. "I like to see a dip, actually, it's healthy. You don't want to see the market going in a straight line up."

The Dow closed down 92.59, or 0.9 percent, at 10,609.92.

locking in gains Tuesday, others were keeping a close eye on the Fed meeting. With a weak jobs picture and low inflation, most economists believe policy makers will keep interest rates at their current low levels.

Separately, the Conference Board reported Tuesday that its consumer confidence index rose in January to its highest level since mid-2002. The rebounded to 96.8 following a dip in December to a revised reading of 91.7. Still, it missed the 99.0 reading forecast by analysts.

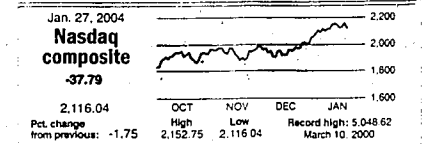
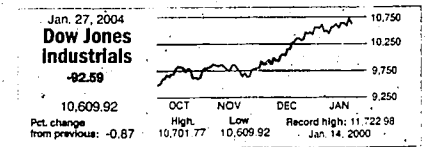
The economic data, along with an avalanche of earnings results from 130 companies in the S&P 500, is a lot for investors and financial professionals to digest, said Bill Meade, managing director for RBC Capital Markets. That can translate to volatility in the marketplace.

"The number of people that are actually looking at writing buy or sell tickets tends to be somewhat unpredictable and sporadic... Things get a little crazy during reporting season," Meade said. "But it's evident to me that one day does not a trend make."

On the Dow, chemical company DuPont closed down 50 cents to \$42.58 despite beating analyst expectations and issuing an upbeat outlook for the year.

Caterpillar Inc. closed down \$3.01 at \$82, despite beating estimates with rising volume and prices in its machinery and engines segments and raising its price forecast.

SBC Communications Inc. shed 74 cents to close at \$25.95 after reporting a drop in profits on falling revenue and rising pen-



alties. Results from the nation's second-largest local phone provider matched expectations.

Among the Dow's gainers, Merck & Co. closed up 16 cents at \$47.36 after reporting lower profits and sales for the fourth quarter, partly due to restructuring costs and a new U.S. wholesaler distribution program. Merck's results and outlook for the year matched analyst expectations.

And McDonald's Corp. closed up 17 cents at \$25.45 after posting a modest profit for the fourth quarter, in line with expectations. The fast food retailer, in the midst of a restructuring, posted strong sales and operating results late Monday, showing no ill effects from the discovery of a case of mad cow disease in the United States.

Other advanced included Xerox Corp., which rose \$1.20, or 8.6 percent, to close at \$15.15, after strong sales of new prod-

ucts and cost cutting helped the copier and printer company beat expectations.

On the Nasdaq, Novellus Systems closed down \$5.85, or 14.5 percent, at \$34.40, after reporting profits that beat its own estimates and Wall Street's expectations, but a weaker outlook for the year.

Decliners outnumbered advancers about 4 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume was moderate, with 2.18 billion shares traded, compared to 1.91 billion shares on Monday.

The Russell 2000 index, which tracks smaller company stocks, was down 6.33, or 1 percent, at 595.17.

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average finished 0.4 percent lower Tuesday. In afternoon trading in Europe, France's CAC 40 closed up 0.6 percent, Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.3 percent and Germany's DAX index finished 0.1 percent higher.

Mortgage leaders pledge minority ownership

WASHINGTON (AP) - The nation's largest mortgage lender pledged Tuesday to help 55 percent of all minorities become homeowners over the next ten years, up from the current level of 49 percent.

Officials at Fannie Mae unveiled a plan to help 6 million first-time home buyers - including 1.8 million minority families - by homes by 2014. To be successful, the company will have to provide financing for more than 250,000 additional first-time buyers each year.

"Underserved families are the core of our business," said Fannie Mae Chairman Franklin D. Raines. The company made over \$240 billion dollars in loans to minority families in 2003. The loans were part of an industrywide record total of \$1.3 trillion in funded mortgages.

Over the next 10 years, Fannie Mae will work with mortgage bankers to privately raise \$2 trillion to help 18 million minority and underserved first-time buyers. Although most of the money will be used to fund loans, some will be used to automate portions of the mortgage application process, reducing applicants' costs by as much as \$500.

The program also commits Fannie Mae to financing 20,000 homes for physically disabled buyers over 10 years and funding more loans for manufactured housing, including mobile homes.

"One in three homes in Texas is manufactured housing," said Rep. Ruben Hinojosa, D-Texas.

President Bush has set a goal of 55 percent minority homeownership, up from the current 49 percent. In June 2002, Bush unveiled his "Blueprint for the American Dream" initiative, aimed at closing the ownership gap between minorities and whites.

About 68 percent of Americans own their homes, but the Census Bureau reports that ownership among blacks and Hispanics is about 48 percent. Nearly 54 percent of Asian-Americans own their homes, compared to 75 percent of whites.

"Franklin Delano Roosevelt's goal of homeownership for everybody has virtually been realized," said Del. John Holmes, R-Texas, the District of Columbia's nonvoting representative to Congress.

Norom said other ways to close the gap are increasing the pool of affordable housing and helping customers victimized by predatory lending practices. He also has agreed to strengthen counseling and education programs geared toward minority and underserved buyers. That could help renters who avoid applying for loans due to financial hardships.

"A lot of people who've had bad credit in the past don't know they've got good credit now," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md.

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CHICAGO (AP) - WHEAT

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DECEMBER EINSTEINS



Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls announced its December Einsteins. They are, from left, top row: Ok Hall, Megan Marovich, Elizabeth Laidig, Ok Hall, Megan and Jonathan Schrodter; second row: Andy Brelund, Edna Huckle, Alisa Nanthong, Dustin Brannon, Connie Morales and Elizabeth Hadlock; third row: Jett Campbell, Jessica Moreno, Vikki Pritz, Bhaylaxie Brannon, Loralei Brzesce, Aurora Scherer, Klara Garitty and Christine Schmeljengli; bottom row: Emily Bell, Madison Bell and Yiber Heterl.

Sisters want to stay together in new home

Amber, age 13
"I like math, history, science, English and my favorite subject would have to be PE because I'm an energetic person. I like all sports!
"I'm friendly and fun. I can sometimes be annoying, too.
"We want to stay together as a family. The foster home I live with is like the family I hope will adopt us. I want a Dad who comes home and says "Hi" and wakes us up in the morning for school. I want a family that loves us and cares for us and treats us as their own.
"It doesn't matter to me if there's more kids. I'm one of those who will get very jealous if I'm not the oldest. It just won't work out for me."
Amber has a comfortable relationship with her foster mom, who describes her as assertive and forward - a girl who likes to "run the show" but who can be very loving and affectionate, too.
Favorite sports for this tomboy include track, basketball and baseball.
Amber is learning to relinquish the parenting of her sisters to her foster mom and to learn how to be a kid herself. Her foster mom, Amber tends to become nervous or "hyper," as she calls it. She is participating in individual counseling to help her work through grief and loss and to prepare her for adoption.
Shannon, age 11
Shannon is a quiet young lady who is learning to be more

Wednesday's Child



Shannon, Amber and Sabrina

assertive and to "stick up" for herself around her sisters and friends. Swimming is just one of the many things she enjoys doing with her sisters.
Comfortable indoors or outside, Shannon enjoys watching scary movies and hanging out with her friends. She is also learning to roller skate.
Shannon needs parents who will access medical and educational resources to help manage attention difficulties at school. Her current medication helps her stay on task and feel more present in social situations.
She needs a family that will continue to work in her many areas of strength to build confidence and a sense that she can accomplish anything she sets her mind to.

Sabrina, age 10
Sabrina is an affectionate little girl who likes to laugh and joke and sing and dance. Playing with dolls and playing dress-up are some favorite pastimes. She frequently makes cards for her foster mother "just because." Sabrina is so happy for affection she can be clingy at times. Making and keeping friends seems to be no problem for this terrific child.
Sabrina is participating in individual counseling to help her work on feelings of frustration. Her foster mom reports that she is making good progress. Sabrina also needs strong role models to help her gain appropriate social skills.

Family Needs
The sisters will do well in a family that is able to provide nurturing, structure and consistency, while showing these young ladies that there is a whole world out there to experience in positive ways. All three girls emphatically state that they want to have "a mom and a dad" and would like to be the only children in the family or at least the youngest children. Folks with strong parenting skills, the ability to "pick your battles" and strong support systems are a must.
Amber, Shannon, and Sabrina are available for adoption through the State of Oregon. For contact information, call the Idaho Care Line, 1-800-926-2588 or 2-1-1 Care Line.

Cancer group holds Relay For Life Kickoff Rally today

HEYBURN - The 2004 Relay For Life Rally Kickoff Rally will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in the Heyburn Elementary School cafeteria, 1431 17th St., Heyburn.
The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is a community fund-raiser. Anyone who is interested in forming a team, joining a team or becoming a corporate sponsor is invited to attend.
The 2004 Mini-Cassia Relay for Life 18-hour event is planned for June 11-12 at the Rupp Square. The teams form in January and start their fund-raising efforts, and businesses are contacted for corporate sponsorships. During the June event there is a survivor ceremony, luncheon, community entertainment, cancer education, Kids Kamp activities and up-all-night activities.
The funds raised go for cancer research, patient education, preventative education awareness and the Mini-Cassia Cancer Resource room located at Parke View Care Center, 2403 Parke Ave., Burley. It is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
For more information, call Gail Gallegos at 678-2291 or Michelle Campbell at 677-4042. For team recruitment, call Shauna Kraus at 677-3073.

Filer Rose Society discusses garden plans, events

FILER - The Filer Rose Society will hold its first meeting of 2004, at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Twin Falls County Fair Office in Filer.
Garden plans and events for the coming season will be discussed. New members are invited. For more information, call Barbara Urie at 326-5536 or Shari Hart at 326-4087.
Kimberly Library program continues literature series
"Kimberly" - The Kimberly-Hansen "Let's Talk About It" reading program will continue its series, "Tough Paradise: The Literature of Idaho and the Intermountain West," by Carol Ryrie, a national account of events in Moscow, Idaho, at the turn of the century, will be discussed Feb. 12. A non-fiction work of a third-generation Idaho sheep ranching

famly, "Sheep May Safely Graze" by Louis Atterberg, will be discussed Feb. 26.

The books will be discussed at 7:30 p.m. at the Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison W. Books are available for check-out at the Hansen or Kimberly libraries.
For more information, call the Kimberly Public Library at 423-4122 or Hansen Community Library at 423-4122.

Veterans of the Vietnam War Inc. announces meeting

BURLEY - Veterans of the Vietnam War Inc. Idaho Post #1 will meet at 7:30 p.m. the third Thursday of every month at the VFW Hall, 554 Highland Ave.
For more information, call Larry Cottom at 436-5373.

Store offers 'Winter Soup Warm Up' class Feb. 3

TWIN FALLS - "Winter Soup Warm-up" with Scott Wamsley will be taught on Feb. 3 from 6-7 p.m. at the VFW Hall, 554 Highland Ave. W. Twin Falls.
Wamsley, a chef in the Sun Valley Lodge, will teach participants to make several seasonal soups, including roasted tomato and apple soup, arrisago and sweet cream quennelles, butternut squash potage with smoky ham baked under puff pastry, shellfish soup with a lobster avocado salad and French onion soup gratinee.
The cost is \$35.
For more information, call Rudy's at 733-5477.

Red Cross Bloodmobile will stop in Gooding Feb. 6

GOODING - The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Gooding from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 6 at the War Memorial Hall.
Blood donors will be required to provide identification.
For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Carolyn DeWitt at 934-5409.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

GOODING - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club Jan. 23 winners were:
North/south: first, Rley Burton and May Thompson; second, Ruby Grims and Sam Smunthey; third, Louise Smith and Jodie Faulkner;

and fourth, Adelaide Gerard and Bev Clark.

East/west: first, Beverly and Lonnie Burns; second, Lucy Gustafson and Mary Steele; third, Lorna Bard and Sue Borden; and fourth, Helen and Joe Stastney.
Bridge lessons for beginners will begin on Thursday in Twin Falls.
For more information, call May Thompson at 735-8308 or 934-8371.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center holds dance Sunday

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at 536 Shoshone St. W. in Twin Falls. Music will be provided by Melody Martell. The cost is \$4. For more information, call 734-5084.

Buhl Arts Council offers class in understanding herbs

BUHL - Debbie Cortle will lead a series of classes on understanding herbs from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4-25 at the Eighth Street Center, 200 8th Ave. N. in Buhl.
Participants will learn about 10 essential herbs in their own home and how to make homemade salves and ointments. The cost is \$100 for pre-registered students for the four classes or \$125 at door.
For more information, call Kelly at the Buhl Arts Council at 543-2888.

Students pursuing teaching degree can get scholarship

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia Retired Educators Association is accepting applications for a scholarship award to a student who will be going into at least their junior year in an accredited Idaho college or university and have a declared major in education with plans to teach in Idaho. First preference will be given to relatives of retired teachers.
Donations to the scholarship fund are welcome and can be made in honor or in memory of a special teacher, neighbor, relative or other person. Acknowledgment of gifts will be sent.
Complete applications are due by April 1. For applications or to donate to the fund call scholarship chairman, Ia Rose at 878-5885 or Virgil Fenton at 436-6426.

CLUB CALENDAR

Civic
Rotary Clubs
Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Thursdays at WestCoast in Twin Falls, call 736-8470.
Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center, call Dorothy at 878-7821.
Buhl - 12:25 p.m. Thursdays at The Grand, 644-0428.
Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Hotel.
Halley - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County, 788-0897 or 788-2114.
Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Price's Cafe, 1225 E. Main, 324-7000 or 324-4511.
Betchum/Sun Valley - Noon on Tuesday at Lincoln and Vista restaurants, Bob Stone at 726-4100.
Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks.
Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center, call 866-2883.
Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club in Twin Falls, 735-4029 or 734-6249.
Men's Clubs
Burley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., call 878-7215.
Burley Stage - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Hiram Murau conference room, 444 E. 5th N. Alfredo Road, John Ellensberger, 678-6038.
Gooding - 8 p.m. on second and fourth Mondays at the Lincoln Hotel, 324-4021.
Halley - 7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at Wells Bank.
Rupert - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at Junior Civic Library, 234-7914 or 324-4021.
Kimberly - 7 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 423-5586.
Rupert - 8 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at Waspadale, call Brad Cotnam at 678-8903.
Rupert Stage - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at United Methodist Church, 605 H St., 436-9826.
Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Junior Civic Library, 234-7914 or 324-4021.
Twin Falls Noon - Meets first and third Thursdays at Lions Hng Restaurant.
Kiwanis Clubs
Buhl - Noon Wednesdays at the Grand Stand Sports Grill, call 543-2330 or 543-6776.
Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., 436-1228 or 436-3720.
Filer - Noon Tuesdays at the Filer Methodist Church, 326-4230 or 326-4021.
Rupert - Noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks, 436-1214.
Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center, 212 2nd Ave. E., call 324-4162.
Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Turf Club for lunch, 735-4276 or 734-4244.

Support Groups
Hearts of a Feather, Single Senior Women's Pkcs Support Group, 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Twin Falls Senior Center.
Moore to Touch International - Christian moms meet weekly to pray for children and their schools. Call 423-4248.
FORCE (Fathers on Rights for Custody Equality) - First Friday at Van Memorial Hall in Burley. Call 735-3373.
Magical Valley Down Syndrome Family Connection (support group) - Call 734-1919.
Cumbler Anonymous - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Fellowship Hall in Twin Falls, call 733-8311.
Magical Valley Parents of Multiples Club (parents of twins or triplets) - First Thursday at our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. S. in Twin Falls, call for third Thursday meeting, call Sheryln at 732-8484 or Tara at 733-7922 for location.
MOMS Club of Magical Valley - 10 a.m. first Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Street in Twin Falls, call Kris Collins at 733-4318.
Hagerman Valley Cancer support - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at New Beginnings Church, call Ralph at 280-2517.
Fellowship of Christian Parents - 7 a.m. first Tuesday in Fireplace Home at Mindkino Memorial Hospital in Rupert, call Shirley King at 436-2108 or May Peterson at 436-6180.
Magical Valley Home Educators - For information call 734-1293 or 423-6216.
Wight
Chapter 309 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 475 Columbia Ave. W. receive in Twin Falls, call 737-4331.
Chapter 48 - 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Jerome Public Library, 324-7426 or 324-7222.

Other
Reformers Unanimous, addition abstinence pledge sign, 5 p.m. Fridays at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 315 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls, call Keith at 398-8433.
Albino's support group - 10:30 a.m. third Wednesday at SunBrite Cafe, 604 Filer Ave. N. in Twin Falls, call Steve or Dawn at 734-3411.
Military Veterans of Foreign Wars
Buhl - Post 3604, Thurston Innce Post, 7 p.m. third Tuesday at Lincoln Courts, 735-5023.
Buhl - Post 3043 and auxiliary, 8 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at Veterans Memorial Hall, 366-2710.
Duo - Post 2072, 2nd. Audrey Miller Post, 8 p.m. third Tuesday at Duo Electric Building, 928-0123.
Glenns Ferry - Post 3646, Glenns Ferry Post, 7 p.m. third Thursday at Veterans Memorial Hall, 366-2710.
Gooding - Post 3078, Topsons Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday at Gooding War Memorial Hall, 354-5965.
Halley - Post 4128, Big Wood River Post, Buhl, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays, 433-9002.
Kimberly - Post 10328, Kimberly Post, 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at senior citizens center, 423-4443.
Lewiston - Post 3678, Hatlow Hoopes at 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at Rupert Child Development Center, 436-6964.
Shoshone - Post 3901, Little Wood River Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Shoshone members home, 896-2725.
Twin Falls - Post 2136, Henry Lytle Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Twin Falls DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., call Dale Morton 938-5347.
Wendell - Post 2074, Thousand Springs Post, 7 p.m. first Wednesday at American Legion Hall in Wendell, call quarter master at 324-4016.
American Legion
Burley - Post 17, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday at 1804 Main St., call Dale Morton 938-5347.
Fairfield - Post 17, Elmer Miller Post, 8 p.m. first Wednesday, and third Wednesday postlunch with Auxilliary at Legion Hall, Glenns Behunin at 436-9736.
Gooding - Post 30, Perry Lynn, 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Jerry Wamsley Hall, call Paul Koontz at 434-8687.
Jerome - Post 68, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Legion Hall, North Lincoln Street and Seventh Avenue East, call P. Viunard at 324-2622.
Kimberly/Halley - Post 76, 7 p.m. first Tuesday at Triveler's Oasis, call Ed Hudson at 423-4021.
Post - Post 77, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday at post home Wilber C. Gilmer, corner of Wayne and South West streets, call Otto at 436-5372. Auxiliary meets at 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday at post home, call Fred Peterson 436-8254.
Twin Falls - Post 7, 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Post Home, 447 Seamount St., call Jerry Wendell Post Home, call Wets at 734-4959.
Twin Falls Auxiliary Unit 7 - 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Post Home, call Jim Cronson at 536-5647. Podlock at 7 p.m.

Debtors Anonymous
100 S. 541 E., call Selby at 324-2377.
Post - Post 8 p.m. first and third Mondays.
Depot Buhl Group - at noon in Jerome, Monday and Tuesday at the Jerome Senior Center, call Barbara Urie at 326-5536 or Shari Hart at 326-4087.
AA/AA/Alateen family groups
to help families and friends of alcoholics. For teaching information, call 1-866-592-3198.
Debtors Anonymous
Call 732-0702.
For more information, call 733-6088.
Narcotics Anonymous
For information, call 1-866-738-6224 toll free.
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12-step and substance abuse support groups
Bike Book Study - 6:30 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church, 510 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls, call Dorothy at 543-7950.
For complete listing see page 7-30 p.m. Thursdays, Twin Falls Reform Church, 1631 Greenville in Twin Falls, call 734-1921.
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LDS Subst Abuse Recovery Services - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at LDS Employment Center, 700 Main Street in Twin Falls; call 733-1985.
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NOTICE OF HEARING AND OF AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL BLDG GRANT PLAN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

SUBJECT: Proposed use of Federal Health and Human Services Block Grant; Availability of Plan for Public Review.

ACTION: The purpose of this hearing is to receive comment on the proposed use of funds during Federal Fiscal Year 2005. The Federal Health and Human Services Block Grant being reviewed will be the: Community Services Block Grant.

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 60-109 Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will conduct a public hearing on the proposed use of funds during Federal Fiscal Year 2005. The hearing will be held on Monday, February 2, 2004 at 10:15 a.m. in Room 328 of the State Capitol Building, 550 West State Street, Boise, Idaho. The hearing site will be accessible to the physically disabled. Interpreters for persons with hearing impairments and braille or taped information for persons with visual impairments can be provided. For arrangements, contact Luann Dattman at (208) 334-5609.

AVAILABILITY OF PLANS: Plans for this block grant are available for public review at: The Department of Health and Welfare Central Office located in the Pate Conararas Building, 9th Floor, 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: Anyone may submit written comments regarding the proposed use of these funds. The deadline for written comment is February 17, 2004. Forms for this purpose may be obtained at the Health and Welfare Central Office, 9th Floor, Boise, Idaho, or call (208) 334-5609. Oral and/or written comment can be presented at the above-noted public hearing. For more information, contact Luann Dattman at (208) 334-5609, Department of Health and Welfare, 450 West State Street - 9th Floor, Boise, Idaho 83720.

DATED this 15th day of January, 2004.

David Butler, Deputy Director
Division of Management Services
Department of Health and Welfare
450 West State Street, 9th Floor
Boise, Idaho 83720-5450

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BURL RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SEEKS BIDS ON SURPLUS PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Burl Rural Fire Protection District will accept sealed bids on a 1.46 acre tract of land located across from the tract of land located on Flavel Road across from Barbary Hot Springs. Interested parties may pick up a legal description and map to the property at the Burl Fire Department, 201 N. Broadway, Burl, Idaho or by calling 543-5664.

Sealed bids will be accepted via US Postal Service at P.O. Box 505, Burl, ID 83316 until close of business on February 10, 2004. Bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Surplus Property Bids". Bids must be received on or before February 10, 2004 to be eligible. Minimum Bid is \$10,500.00. Bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m. on February 11, 2004 at the regular meeting of the Burl Rural Fire Protection District at 201 N. Broadway, Burl, Idaho. The successful bidder will be notified and full payment must be received by the Burl Rural Fire Protection District within 20 business days of the award notification.

Michael Huffing, Secretary
Burl Rural Fire Protection District

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NOTICE OF RE-ZONE HEARING

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of February, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. in the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners will hold a re-zone hearing based on the application of Michael Huffing, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners to approve an application to re-zone the property located at 1000 N. Broadway, Twin Falls, Idaho, to R-100 zoning. The City of Burl brought by the City of Burl

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on property consisting of eight hundred (800) acres located in Sections 6 and 7, Township 10 South, Range 15 East, Boise Meridian, Buhl, Idaho, and Boise 12, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, Boise Meridian, Buhl, Idaho. The intended use is to establish a wild head protection on the property. A complete description of this request is on file with the Twin Falls County Commissioners Office and available upon request. Any and all persons may apply for their consent, projects, or agreements on the subject being considered. Written materials and comment must be submitted prior to the public hearing and can be mailed to: Twin Falls County Commissioners Office, P. O. Box 126, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0126.

The hearing will be held in the Twin Falls County Commissioners Office, 25 S. Shoshone Street, North, Fourth Floor, Twin Falls, Idaho, on Thursday, January 22nd day of January, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. by Gary Grindstad, Chairman.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
T.S. No. 20030483-1606
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On 02/02/04 at 11:00 am (recognized local time), at the following location in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho: At the entrance to Twin Falls Title & Escrow, 905 Shoshone Street, North, Twin Falls, ID 83301. First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee on behalf of Law Offices of Steven J. McIntire, Inc. will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 10, executed by Cedarholm Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof recorded in Book 8 of Plats, Page 46, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 810 8th Street West, Flir, Idaho 83328, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made with covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the above plat executed by Larry L. Orsland and Lynette D. Orsland, husband and wife, as grantors to Twin Falls Title & Escrow Company, as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of GMA-C Mortgage Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 12/29/1997, as recorded in Instrument No. 19970215-

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Trans IV INVITATION TO SELL
SELL 1991 GMC 20 Passenger Bus
Trans IV would like to sell a GMC 1991 20 passenger transit bus. Sealed bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday February 4th 2004 in the office of the Vice President of Finance at the College of Southern Idaho in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Fair Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho and then delivered to the above address on or before the above listed date and time to be accepted. The outside of the bid package should clearly indicate "SEALED BID ENCLOSED". For details or to inspect the bus, contact Lynn Baird at Trans IV telephone 208-736-2133. The College of Southern Idaho reserves the right to

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NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING
Pursuant to Title 54, Chapter 25, Idaho Code, the Idaho State Racing Commission will meet on Friday, January 30, 2004 in the Oak Room at the Canyon Springs Hotel located at 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd, North in Twin Falls, Idaho. The Commission will begin the open meeting at 1:00 P.M.

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AGENDA
1. Approval of 6/17/03 meeting minutes.
2. 2004 Live Race Dates and Special Notices.
3. Chairman's Report
4. Commissioner's Report
5. Executive Director's Report
Any other appropriate business to come before the Commission will begin the EXECUTIVE SESSION IF CALLED
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Multiplication is a variation, Division is a bad, The Rule of Three doth puzzle me, And Practice drives me mad."

- NORTH 0128-A
954
653 3
10 7
9 3

- WEST
A Q 7 6 2
9 8 7 4
7 3
9

- EAST
A 10
10 8
9 5 3 2
A Q 10 8

- SOUTH
K J 3
K J 2
A J 6
K 4 3 2

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: West

The bidding: South West North East Pass Pass Pass Pass 1 NT All pass

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: 9 5 4 10 8 9 5 3 2 A Q 10 8

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Bridge is a game in which the expert draws inferences not only from those things that have happened, but also from those that have not.

One of the starting points of reasoning is that when both opponents decline to open the bidding, neither of them holds as many as 12 high-card points.

Consider the play here in one no-trump. Here you win the spade jack and play the heart jack. East wins the ace, and a spade comes back through your king. West catches four spades and switches to the club seven. You put up dummy's nine, and East covers with the 10, allowing you to score your king.

Now you cash your hearts, but West turns up with four hearts as well as five spades. Since that means he was dealt only four minor-suit cards, surely East is the heavy favorite to hold the diamond queen? Well, no. When it comes to locating the high cards, you know East has the heart ace and, apparently, the ace and queen of clubs. The play in the suit thus far. That comes to 10 HCP, so there is no room for the diamond queen too, or he would surely have opened the bidding with a 5-4 pattern in third seat. So you should play West for the diamond queen. Lead up to the diamond ace and play up to the diamond king to make your seventh trick and the contract.

It's not high-powered mathematics, but it's simple and logical if you think about it the right way.

ANSWER: Pass. While you should strive to keep the auction open here, your weak hand and sterile distribution suggest that one spade may be your best resting place. Who knows? If you contract to two diamonds or one no-trump, partner may not yet be done.

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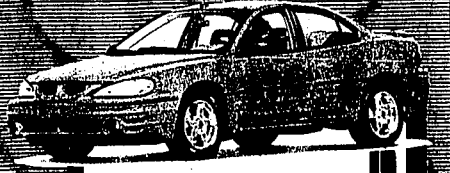
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Stock # G164. 60 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



2001 FORD TAURUS
RETAIL \$10768
SAVE \$2780
\$7988
\$49 DOWN \$139 MO.
Stock #2757. 60 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



1997 FORD F350 4x4 PICKUP
RETAIL \$11243
SAVE \$2255
\$8988
\$49 DOWN \$159 MO.
Stock # G236. 60 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



2003 CHEVY CAVALIER
RETAIL \$11387
SAVE \$2399
\$8988
\$49 DOWN \$159 MO.
Stock #1617. 60 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



1996 FORD F350 CREW CAB 4x4
RETAIL \$12334
SAVE \$2346
\$9988
\$49 DOWN \$159 MO.
Stock # G151. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



1997 GMC 1500 4x4 PICKUP
RETAIL \$12376
SAVE \$2388
\$9988
\$49 DOWN \$159 MO.
Stock # F999. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



2000 CHEVY TRACKER 4x4
RETAIL \$12477
SAVE \$2489
\$9988
\$49 DOWN \$159 MO.
Stock # B354. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC




2000 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX
RETAIL \$12654
SAVE \$2666
\$9988
\$49 DOWN \$159 MO.
Stock # 4725. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



1999 GMC 3500 4x4 PICKUP
RETAIL \$14332
SAVE \$2344
\$11988
\$49 DOWN \$199 MO.
Stock # G278. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



2002 CHEVY TRACKER 4x4
RETAIL \$14325
SAVE \$2337
\$11988
\$49 DOWN \$199 MO.
Stock # G155. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



1999 DODGE 1500 EXT. CAB 4x4
RETAIL \$14367
SAVE \$2379
\$11988
\$49 DOWN \$199 MO.
Stock # F273. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



2001 FORD F150 4x4 PICKUP
RETAIL \$14576
SAVE \$2588
\$11988
\$49 DOWN \$199 MO.
Stock # E757. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



2000 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN
RETAIL \$14563
SAVE \$2575
\$11988
\$49 DOWN \$199 MO.
Stock # F215. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



2001 DODGE STRATUS
RETAIL \$14536
SAVE \$2548
\$11988
\$49 DOWN \$199 MO.
Stock # F347. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



2000 OLDS SILHOUETTE
RETAIL \$14776
SAVE \$2788
\$11988
\$49 DOWN \$199 MO.
Stock # E281. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



1999 DODGE DURANGO 4x4
RETAIL \$15467
SAVE \$2479
\$12988
\$49 DOWN \$209 MO.
Stock # G282. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC



1997 CHEVY 3500 CREW CAB 4x4
RETAIL \$15322
SAVE \$2242
\$12988
\$49 DOWN \$209 MO.
Stock # G106. 66 months at 2.9% APR. OAC

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