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# Cows test negative for disease

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

**BURLEY** — Seven cows removed from the Moo Mountain Milk Inc. dairy near Burley have tested negative for mad cow disease, U.S. Department of Agriculture officials said Tuesday. Last week, the animals were taken to the USDA's facility in Washington state and destroyed, and their brain tissue was sampled and tested for signs of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE. The dairy had been

Animals from Burley dairy came from suspect herd in Canada

placed under quarantine until the animals were removed. The cows had been traced from the same herd as the cow in Washington state that tested positive for the disease in December. Eighty-one herd mates of the sick Washington cow were imported from Alberta, Canada, to Washington state, where they were sold to dairies. Mike Everett, deputy director of the Idaho Department of

Agriculture, said one of the seven cows destroyed by the USDA was one of "three or four" direct offspring of the cow that tested positive for the disease. "The cow (the USDA was) most interested in was a direct descendant of the positive cow," Everett said. "Every descendant of the positive cow has tested negative." The USDA's investigation continues, as officials keep searching for more "cattle-of-interest" that

entered the United States as part of the Canadian herd. More than 600 animals have been destroyed in the course of the investigation. Of those cattle, a total of 252 samples have been taken, and all samples have tested negative for BSE, according to a statement released Tuesday by the USDA. While the Moo Mountain Milk Inc. investigation has concluded, the USDA's investigation in Idaho is not finished, Everett said. The

government continues to trace all "cattle of interest" in the United States. As of Tuesday morning, there were no cows under investigation by the USDA located at Idaho dairies, Everett said. "We don't know if there are any more cows they're looking for in Idaho," Everett said. "We can't say that there aren't." Brent Stolar, a partner in the Moo Mountain Milk Inc. dairy, was pleased when he heard of the  
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## Indigent care gets a hearing

Lawmaker suggests trimming funds spent on illegal aliens

The Associated Press

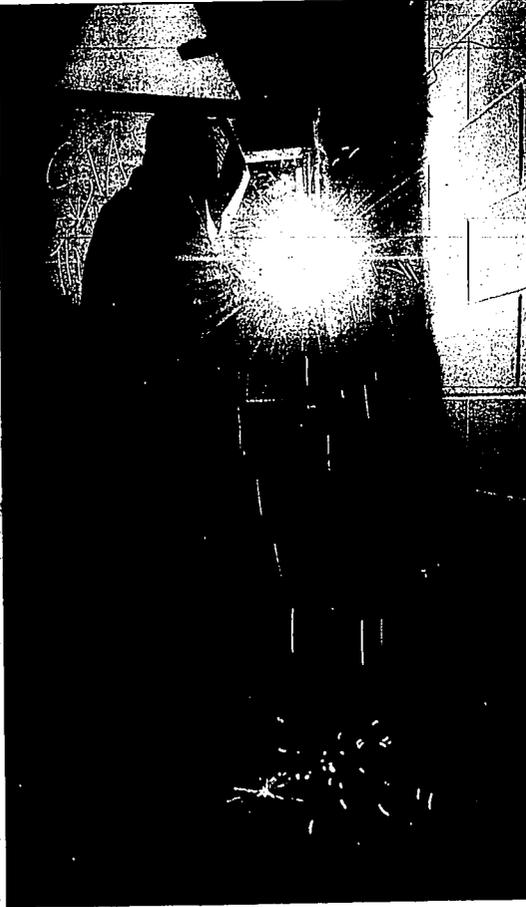
**BOISE** — The state and its 44 counties spent \$29 million last year to finance health care for people not poor enough to qualify for federally subsidized Medicaid, and at least some of the money helped illegal aliens. Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, suggested Tuesday with tight state budgets expected to continue for the next several years, Idaho should consider denying assistance to illegal aliens. "When we're allocating scarce resources, we ought to take care of our citizens first," Bedke said. But Blake Hall, the Idaho Falls attorney who administers the state fund that pays indigent health care bills over \$24,000 per case, told legislative budget writers that there is no way to determine the financial impact of denying coverage to illegal aliens. Under the indigent care program, counties cover the first \$10,000 in medical bills and the



Scott Bedke, R-Oakley



Idaho Legislature 2004  
Wolf issue gets testy - B1



Jerry Ash, a College of Southern Idaho student in the welding program, practices his craft Tuesday afternoon. Ash, from Mountain Home, lost his job during the downsizing at Micron Technology Inc. last year and is retraining to become a welder.

## Growth at CSI levels off

But technical programs see surge of new students

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Although the College of Southern Idaho's explosive growth may be leveling off, college officials were pleased with a modest increase in spring enrollment concentrated in technical programs.

The overall spring semester headcount — the total number of full- and part-time students — was 7,125, a 1.8 percent increase over enrollment numbers this time last year.

Fears another enrollment decline were dispelled Monday when there was a last-minute surge of dual-enrollment students coming in before the official count date, said Graydon Stanley, CSI's director of student information.

Technical programs, especially health science, trade and industry and information technology, saw a particularly strong 7.9 percent increase in enrollment. The technical program headcount was 1,254, compared with 1,162 last spring. John Peterson, one of the college's welding instructors, said that program is bursting at its seams with about 40 students — double what it had three years ago. Peterson said word of mouth and unemployment bring in new students. Stanley said students are becoming better

### CSI spring enrollment 'headcounts'

These numbers show the total number of full- and part-time students enrolled at the College of Southern Idaho for the spring semester for the past eight years.

Year	Number	Change from year before
2004	7,125	1.8%
2003	6,999	-0.04%
2002	7,027	14.0%
2001	6,050	2.2%
2000	5,915	10.8%
1999	5,275	6.5%
1998	4,932	3.3%
1997	4,769	N/A

## Clark, Edwards prevent Kerry sweep; Lieberman leaves race

The Associated Press

Democratic presidential front-runner John Kerry rolled up big victories and a pile of delegates in five states Tuesday night, while rivals John Edwards and Wesley Clark kept their candidacies alive with singular triumphs in a dramatic cross-country contest.

Edwards easily won his native South Carolina and Clark, a retired Army general from Arkansas, eked out victory in neighboring Oklahoma. Howard Dean earned no wins and perhaps no delegates, his candidacy in nearby Joe Lieberman was shut out, too, and dropped out of the race. "It's a huge night," Kerry told The Associated Press, even as rivals denied him a coveted sweep. Racking up victories in Missouri, Arizona, North Dakota, Please see DEMOCRATS, Page A3



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., greets supporters Tuesday on the campus of Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C.

## White House says it also received deadly poison

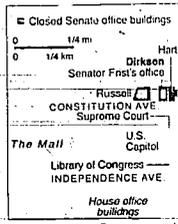
Suspicious letter in Connecticut held wood ash

The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** — Three Senate office buildings were sealed, all unopened congressional mail was quarantined, and more than 5,000 staffers were locked out of their Capitol Hill offices Tuesday after a suspicious powder found in a mail room was confirmed as the toxin ricin.

Ricin was also found in a letter sent to the White House in November, law enforcement sources confirmed Tuesday, but the incident was never made public and the Secret Service delayed sharing the information with the FBI and other federal officials.

U.S. Capitol Police said Senate buildings would remain closed at least another four to five days, as investigators began searching



SOURCE: Associated Press AP

Tuesday night for clues to the substance found in a suite of offices used by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn, in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, two blocks from the Capitol.

Among lawmakers and staff members there was a sense that despite the expensive and complex safeguards put in place after the anthrax scare of 2001,

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

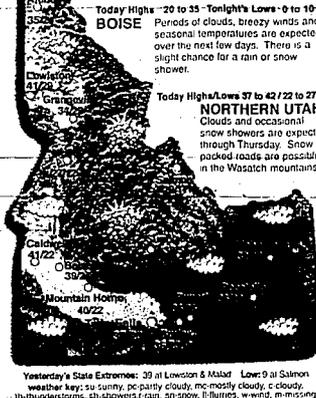
Today: Cloudy skies, brisk winds and near normal temperatures. Highs in the middle to upper 30s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy and calm with breezy lows in the lower to middle 20s. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the lower to middle 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Brisk winds and abundant clouds. Highs in the middle 30s. Tonight: Mostly cloudy and breezy. Lows in the lower to middle 20s. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies and occasional brisk winds. Highs in the middle 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy skies, brisk winds and occasional snow showers are expected today. Most of the accumulating snow will take place in the mountains.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table listing weather conditions and temperatures for various Idaho cities like Boise, Burley, and Idaho Falls.

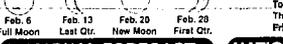
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Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset data for Twin Falls.

U.V. INDEX

U.V. Index and Moonrise and Moonset data for Twin Falls.

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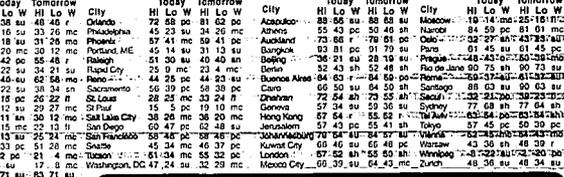
WORLD FORECAST

Table of weather forecasts for various international cities including London, Tokyo, and Sydney.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table of weather forecasts for regional cities like Boise, Burley, and Idaho Falls.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table of weather forecasts for Canadian cities like Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver.

Advertisement for Sun Valley, featuring a map and contact information for Sun Valley Ski Area.

Advertisement for Sun Valley Ski Area, including 'Join Today!' and 'Feel The Sun' slogans.

Ricin

Continued from A1. Congress remains vicariously. "Indeed, this is ricin." Frist announced at an afternoon news conference with Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., Capitol Police Chief Clarence Gainer and other Capitol officials. "This is an assault on the Senate side of the United States Capitol. We are in a world where things like ricin, that we never had to think about, do we have to think about."

Care

Continued from A1. state picks up the rest. To qualify as indigent, people must prove they cannot pay their medical bills in three years. And even if they qualify, the state and counties try to recover at least some reimbursement from many. The state expects to take in \$1.8 million in reimbursements this year and the counties about the same amount, Hill said.

Bush will name panel to probe WMD report

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The White House, challenged on the credibility of its Iraq intelligence investigation, pledged Tuesday that the inquiry will be independent and given "full access to the information they need to do their job." President Bush plans to formally open the probe as early as Tuesday, three senior administration officials said.

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# Front-runner again, Kerry looks to avoid falter earlier in campaign

By Jim VandeHei and Cecil Connolly  
The Washington Post

Sen. John F. Kerry excelled as a scrappy underdog in low-cost and tough-talking combat veteran since then. Now comes the hard part. Democratic officials say closing the deal on a front-running campaign for his party's presidential nomination, while avoiding the errors of his past.



Democratic presidential hopeful U.S. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., makes a point during a rally Tuesday in Spokane.

Coming off last night's victories, Kerry is planning on presenting himself in the days ahead as the undisputed leader, according to his advisers, fighting it out in every state instead of cherry-picking like his rivals. Some advisers envision a quick-kill strategy with former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean going down in Wisconsin on Feb. 17 and Sen. John Edwards, the Democratic candidate they fear most, dropping out soon after. The macho image of Kerry as a combat hero willing to stand up to President Bush will continue to dominate ads—and speeches, though advisers anticipate the election to turn on domestic concerns such as that of cherry-picking. Democrats and even some Republicans said Kerry has shown he's capable of neutralizing the GOP's historical edge on national defense and focusing the fight on the economy, health insurance and a people-friendly powerful message that Al Gore ran and lost in 2000.

Kerry will try to rally the party by ringing up endorsements and reaching out to skeptical Democrats, including Dean supporters. His campaign is also looking to capitalize financially, start-

ing with two fundraisers on Thursday in New York City.

Still, Kerry isn't in the clear yet and some Democrats still worry he could re-emerge as his own worst enemy. As the front-runner last year before the Dean boom — Kerry stumbled badly enough to give party donors pause and prompt some Democratic insiders to essentially write off his candidacy. The knock on Kerry back then was he failed to connect with voters and often muddled his campaign message with long-winded and sometimes confusing explanations of his position on the Iraq war and other issues. And he

presided uncertainly over a fact-filled campaign. Several Democrats close to Kerry said their one of their chief concerns remains his tendency to reinforce through his words and appearance unflattering stereotypes of liberalism, elitism and detachment, though all of them pointed to steady improvement in recent months. "The old John Kerry can not return to the scene," said Donna Brazile, Gore's campaign manager in 2000. "If he returns, he will face a very difficult summer."

After changing his campaign style, often appearing looser and less scripted at events, Kerry has been riding a wave of positive views about his electability to the top of national polls. He also benefited greatly from the decision of every rival except Dean to run an upbeat, often attack-free, campaign, partly surrogates said. This allowed Kerry to run a markedly positive and "laser-focused" campaign over the past few weeks.

# White House, Democrats spar over Bush's military service during '70s

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House struck back Tuesday at Democratic critics questioning President Bush's record of military service at the height of the Vietnam war, saying the election "represents the worst of election-year politics."

"It is outrageous and baseless," presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said in response to suggestions that Bush shirked his military duties when he was in the Texas Air National Guard in 1972. Military service has emerged as an issue in the campaign for the White House. Sen. John Kerry, the front-runner in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, and retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark are decorated veterans and remind campaign audiences of their service.

National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe said Bush was "AWOL" during the Vietnam conflict, while former Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., has criticized Bush's service in the Texas Air National Guard. Clark has criticized Bush for his remark challenging enemy forces to "bring 'em on" earlier in postwar Iraq.

## President draws 'bring 'em on' remark

Bush was a pilot in the Texas guard during Vietnam but never flew in battle. "Only someone who hasn't seen war firsthand would ever say anything as fatuous as 'bring 'em on,'" Clark said earlier in the campaign.

Bush spent most of his time in the Guard based near Houston, but in May 1972 he received a three-month assignment in Alabama so he could work on a political campaign.

While serving as political director of the Senate campaign of Winton "Red" Blount, a family friend, he was ordered to report for duty at the 187th Tactical Recon Unit in Montgomery, Ala. The 187th did not fly F-102s, so Bush did not go to the base as a pilot. After missing a required physical exam and being out of the cockpit so long, he lost his

flight credentials in Alabama. Retired Gen. William Turnipseed, a commander at the base, said during the 2000 campaign he never saw Bush appear for anything he remembers meeting Turnipseed and performing drills at the base.

Bush's campaign staff searched for records that would show he was actually there, but concluded none of those records survived.

The Republican National Committee on Tuesday released excerpts of an interview in which Sen. John McCain, a Navy pilot who was held as a POW in Vietnam for more than five years, defended Bush. McCain was Bush's chief rival for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination.

McCain was Bush's chief rival for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination. He joked during that campaign that as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam, he slept more soundly knowing that Bush was defending the shores of Texas from invasion.

## Democrats

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New Mexico and Delaware, Kerry suggested that his rivals were regional candidates. "I compliment John Edwards, but I think you have to run a national campaign, and I think that's what we've shown tonight," — the four-term Massachusetts senator said. "You can't cherry-pick the presidency." With Dick Foy and New Hampshire already in his pocket, Kerry boasts a record of 7-2 in primary season contests, the undisputed front-runner who had a chance to win two major rivals away but barely failed.

An AP analysis showed Kerry winning 65 pledged delegates, Edwards 43, Clark five and Al Sharpton one, with 155 yet to be allocated. Kerry's wins in Missouri and Arizona are the state's biggest prizes, with 129 delegates — nearly half of the 269 at stake.

Tuesday's results pushed Kerry close to 200 delegates out of 2,162 needed for the nomination, including the superdelegates of lawmakers and party traditionalists. Dean trailed by nearly 70, Edwards by nearly 100.

Democrats award delegates based on a candidates' showing in congressional districts, giving Kerry's rivals a chance to grab a few delegates even in contests they lost.

"In nearly every region of the nation, the most diverse group of Democrats yet to cast votes this primary season said they had a singular priority: Defeat President Bush this fall.

"I don't care who wins" the Democratic primary, said Judy Donovan of Tucson. "I'd get my dog to run. I'm not kidding. I would get a Rottweiler in there. Anybody but Bush."

In state after state, exit polls showed Kerry dominated among voters who want a candidate with experience or who could beat Bush.

Edwards had said he must win South Carolina, and he did by dominating among voters who said they most value a candidate who cares about people like them.

"It's very easy to lay out the map to get us to the nomination," Edwards told the AP, drawing a line from Michigan on Saturday to Virginia and Tennessee next Tuesday.

To the roar of his supporters, Edwards declared, "The politics of lifting people up beats the politics of tearing people down."

As the voters were being counted in Oklahoma, Clark mused about the future of his candidacy. "This could be over," he told reporters. Hours later, he had won Oklahoma and finished second in Arizona and New Mexico — enough to fight another day.

Edwards narrowly lost to Clark in Oklahoma, missing a chance to show his presidential mettle outside the South and emerge as Kerry's chief rival.

Dean saved his money for a last stand in Wisconsin on Feb. 17, a long-shot strategy that some of his own advisers questioned.

"We're going to have a tough night," Dean told supporters as he promised to keep "going and going and going and going — just like the Energizer bunny."

Said Steve Murphy, who ran Rep. Dick Gephardt's campaign: "Howard Dean is done." The list of ex-candidates grows: Florida Sen. Bob Graham dropped out first, then Carter M. Crosby, Braun, Gephardt and Lieberman.

"Today the voters have rendered their verdict and I accept it," Lieberman said.

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NATION/WORLD

N. Korea OKs talks, but obstacles remain

TOKYO — A fresh round of six-nation talks aimed at resolving North Korea's nuclear weapons program is likely to start with the two key players — Washington and Pyongyang — in positions "dovetailing" for a swift solution to the crisis, officials close to the negotiations said Tuesday.

After weeks of intensive diplomatic efforts, China officially announced a North Korean announcement earlier in the day that it would return to Beijing for a new round of six-way talks starting Feb. 25. The first round, held last August between North Korea and United States, China, Russia, Japan and South Korea, ended with virtually no progress.

In the weeks and months since, China especially had sought to lay the groundwork for a speedy resolution by narrowing the gap between the Bush administration, which is seeking the complete and verifiable dismantling of Pyongyang's nuclear program, and the North Koreans, who have offered to merely freeze their program in exchange for a list of demands including economic aid and oil shipments.

Attempts to narrow those differences have met with little success, according to diplomats from three of the nations involved in the talks. Now, the parties appear to be shooting for a lower bar of simply advancing the dialogue.

In crisis talks, Iran's leader opposes hold on elections

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's supreme leader opposed postponing Feb. 20 elections, effectively siding with hard-liners in a crisis that has paralyzed the nation's political system, a prominent lawmaker told The Associated Press Tuesday.

Avatollah Ali Khamenei told the country's reformist president, Mohammad Khatami, during crisis talks Tuesday that parliamentary elections must be held as scheduled, lawmaker Rajabali Mabrouri said.

The meeting between Khamenei, who has the final say on all state matters, and the embattled president was seen as a last chance to ease Iran's most political crisis in years.

How, or even whether, elections could proceed Feb. 20, remained uncertain amid boycott calls over the hard-line Guardian Council's disqualification of thousands of reformists who had applied to run for office. Those disqualified included 80 sitting lawmakers, and efforts to reinstate all candidates thus far have failed.

Bird flu death toll rises as WHO tries to dampen fears

BIANGKOK, Thailand — Health and food experts from around the world opened an emergency meeting Tuesday on Asia's bird flu outbreak as the death toll rose to 13 and U.N. officials sought to dampen fears of the virus striking large numbers of people.

A 7-year-old boy became the fourth person to die from the disease in Thailand. The World Health Organization confirmed that an 18-year-old Vietnamese man who died on Monday was a victim of the virus. He had already been included in the country's death toll, which stands at nine.

Asia's bird flu crisis topped the agenda at a three-day emergency meeting that began in Rome on Tuesday at the headquarters of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.

Report: Asian terrorist organization regroups

BALI, Indonesia — Damaged but still dangerous, an al-Qaida-linked Southeast Asian terror network is regrouping with the help of porous borders, rising fanaticism and new recruits, officials told The Associated Press ahead of an anti-terror conference here.

Further underground by a police crackdown, dependent on coffers and broken into isolated cells willing to lash out on their

World in brief

North Korea agrees to multilateral talks

Jan. 10, 2003 — North Korea says it will withdraw from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Feb. 6 — Nuclear facilities are reactivated.

April 23 — U.S. and North Korean envoys begin talks in Beijing.

April 24 — North Korea says it has nuclear weapons and may test, export or use them depending on U.S. actions.

May 12 — North Korea withdraws from a 1992 agreement with South Korea to keep the Korean peninsula free of nuclear weapons.

May 22 — International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) says the world community will not be blackmailed through nuclear intimidation.

July 9 — North Korea claims its intention to build a nuclear force is as a deterrent and also to help rebuild its economy.

July 9 — South Korea says the North has used and reprocessing spent nuclear fuel rods at Yongbyon.

Aug. 27-29 — Multilateral talks on North Korea's nuclear weapons program end without much progress.

Feb. 3, 2004 — North Korea agrees to resume the six-nation talks starting Feb. 25 in China.

SOURCES: IAEA, Associated Press, AP

own, Jemaah Islamiyah is becoming less predictable, officials said.

Cabinet ministers and other officials from 33 nations — including U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft — meet today and Tuesday to discuss expanding the anti-terror fight beyond the two-way agreements that have hurt but failed to defeat Jemaah Islamiyah.

Gaza settlers take Sharon's removal plans to the public

NEVE DEKALIM, Gaza Strip — A day after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Jewish settlements in Gaza would have to be removed, the settlers threw open their heavily armed checkpoints Tuesday to show they are just ordinary suburban folk who want peace — but will never leave this land.

Many say they do not believe Sharon is sincere, but just in case, they launched a full-scale counter-attack with cooking, glossy brochures, and media-savvy English speakers.

"We will stay here for another 2,000 years," said Avner Shimoni, mayor of the Gush Katif group of settlements in Gaza.

In recent months, Israelis have increasingly begun to see the 21 Gaza settlements as a boondoggle.

The settlements, home to about 7,500 Israelis, have enraged Gaza's Palestinians. Israel controls about one-third of the narrow coastal strip while more than 1.3 million Palestinians share the rest.

Governments OK deals for Baku-Ceyhan pipeline

BAKU, Azerbaijan — Government officials Tuesday signed financing agreements for a \$3.6 billion pipeline to transport Caspian Sea oil to Western markets.

The 1,106-mile pipeline is to extend from Baku, across Georgia and to the Turkish port of Ceyhan, where the oil can be loaded onto tankers for Western markets. The project is seen as key for the United States and other Western markets to reduce their dependence on Middle Eastern oil.

The pipeline consortium, headed by BP oil company, came up with \$1 billion of its funding, while the remainder of the cost comes from export-import banks and credits from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Finance Corporation.

Azerbaijan's state oil company, along with Statoil, Eni, Total, Unocal and ConocoPhillip are also involved in the project.

— compiled from wire reports

U.S. deaths rise since Saddam's capture

On average, more than one soldier a day dies in Iraq, bringing total to 528 since last spring

WASHINGTON (AP) — American soldiers are dying at a rate of more than one a day in Iraq, despite some commanders' recent claims to have taken the back of the insurgency.

The toll in January was 45 — five more than in December — despite hopes that deposed President Saddam Hussein's capture would stop the killings from roadside bombs and other attacks.

The number of deaths in January will rise to 47 when the Pentagon changes the status of two soldiers who are missing and believed to have died in the Tigris River on Jan. 25. That would make the second highest monthly total since last April when daily combat from the U.S.-led invasion was under way.

All told, 528 U.S. troops have

died in the war, including three so far this month. The worst month was November, when 82 died. In October, there were 43, September had 30, August 35.

Of 39 deaths in January that the Army attributed to hostile action, 23 involved attacks with homemade bombs, which the military calls "improvised explosive devices," and which have been the insurgents' weapon of choice, according to a review of Pentagon casualty reports.

The Army has put great emphasis on defeating the threat from homemade bombs, often detonated along roadways by Army convoys. Usually a remotely transmitted signal sets them off.

Most of the attackers are thought to be remnants of the Baath Party that ruled Iraq under

Saddam for more than three decades, although some may be foreign terrorists.

When U.S. troops captured Saddam near his hometown of Tikrit on Dec. 13, some thought that would take the pinch out of the resistance. By early January, U.S. commanders were publicly emphasizing that the number of attacks on U.S. troops had declined, as had hostile deaths.

Maj. Gen. Charles H. Swannack Jr., commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, told reporters on Jan. 6 that "we've turned the corner" in the counterinsurgency effort in his area of responsibility, the western part of Iraq, which includes a part of the "Sunni Triangle" west of Baghdad.

Two weeks later, Maj. Gen.

Raymond Odierno, commander of the 4th Infantry Division, said, "The former regime elements we've been combating have been brought to their knees." His troops operate in an area north of Baghdad that includes Tikrit, a focus of anti-U.S. violence.

But in fact, many of the fatal attacks against U.S. forces in January were in Swannack's and Odierno's areas. On Jan. 24, for example, three soldiers from Swannack's force were killed in an improvised explosive device attack in the town of Khadiyah, east of Ramadi, in the Sunni Triangle. Three days later, another such attack near the same town killed three more soldiers. Still another who was severely wounded in the same attack died in a hospital two days later.

U.N. chief claims support from U.S.

World body seeks to break impasse in Iraq election plan

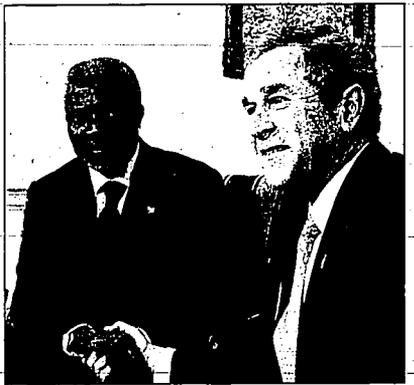
WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan claimed White House support Tuesday for whatever agreement the United Nations is able to produce for elections of a transitional Iraqi government, which would take power by June 30.

Annan said a U.N. team would go to Iraq soon to seek a consensus. "We are going to help them work out this problem and hopefully they will come to some consensus and agreement as to how to move forward," Annan said after meeting with President Bush in the Oval Office.

The Bush administration's election plans were thrown into turmoil when Iraq's most prominent Shiite leader — Ayatollah Ali al-Hussein al-Sistani, demanded provisional elections to choose a provisional assembly. The United States wants to stick with a handover plan agreed upon on Nov. 15, which calls for caucuses to choose the body.

The White House said it was open to some changes — but the June 30 deadline was firm. The administration is anxious to settle the problem as Bush heads into a presidential election campaign and faces a steadily rising U.S. death toll in Iraq.

Annan said the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority, headed by L. Paul Bremer, and the



President Bush meets with United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan Tuesday in the Oval Office.

Iraqi Governing Council had indicated they would accept the conclusions of the U.N. team. So we do have a chance to help break the impasse which exists at the moment and move forward."

He said all parties agree sovereignty should be handed over to Iraq as soon as possible. "The date of 30 June has been suggested, but there is some disagreement as to the mechanism for establishing the provisional government."

Annan said. The secretary-general declined to criticize the United States for going to war based on what now appears to be faulty intelligence that had asserted Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Bush is about to announce an investigation to look into the Iraq error and other intelligence failures. Annan said he would await the results of the U.N. investigation before commenting.

Energy bill falls victim to budget

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A far-reaching energy bill pending in Congress fell victim Tuesday to rising Republican concerns about the budget deficit, as the Senate's chief sponsor announced he was abandoning efforts to pass it in its present form.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., a key advocate of the bill, chairs the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, said it was "necessary, in light of current deficit numbers, to trim spending every way we can." He said he was ordering his staff to draw up a "leaner" version. It will have to pass muster with the White House and GOP fiscal conservatives, who have objected to the \$24 billion in tax breaks and \$7 billion in other incentives.

The legislation is the most comprehensive piece of energy legislation since 1992. It would provide benefits to oil and gas drillers, utilities, the coal industry, producers of wind power and, through subsidies, for corn-based ethanol fuel, farmers in the Upper Midwest.

An effort to bring it up for a vote last year was narrowly defeated by a bipartisan group of senators.

Pilgrims ponder militants, forgiveness

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Although the annual hajj is a time of easing past sins, some pilgrims are finding it hard to forgive Islamic militants — including suicide bombers — for blackening their religion's image even after they have publicly repented.

The pilgrimage comes as some militants and clerics in the Arab world have renounced their extremist stands in recent months. They embraced moderation in the wake of international and domestic pressure, especially since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in the United States.

While some pilgrims in this holy city said militants don't deserve forgiveness, many others maintained that forgiveness, like repentance, is crucial to eliminating extremism.

"We must not create an enmity with them," Saudi pilgrim Abdullah al-Ghamdi, 27, said of the militants. "We have to open a dialogue with them so that they are fully convinced."

Syrian merchant and first-time pilgrim Seif Eddin Shalabi dis-



A pilgrim throws pebbles at a pillar in a symbolic stoning of the devil Tuesday before going to the holy city of Mecca to complete his holy journey, in Mina, Saudi Arabia.

agreed. "By God, we can never forgive them for what they have done," Shalabi said Tuesday.

"They have caused strife

between Muslims themselves and between Muslims and the West. Also what about the numerous victims? Who's to be held accountable for that?"

Shalabi said militants have caused resistance to be confused with terrorism, "which has undermined our causes in Palestine and Iraq."

Shoeb Adaniou, from Nigeria, said terrorists cannot even be considered real Muslims.

"The whole Muslim community has repeatedly denounced them, so forgiveness is not even an issue here," he said, as waves of pilgrims poured into Mecca for the last rites of a pilgrimage marred by the trampling deaths of 251 people on Sunday.

Condemnations of extremism and terrorism have been central to speeches and sermons delivered at this year's hajj, where fears of a terror attack kept security high.

In a Saturday sermon on Mount Arafat, top Saudi cleric Abdel Aziz Al al-Shukri said terrorists have helped "the enemies of Islam" in attacking the religion.

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# Girl stands her ground against molester at trial

**DEAR ABBY**—Two years ago, my 8-year-old daughter and her friend were molested by a teenage boy from our church. My daughter came to me and told me about it. I immediately took her to the hospital and called the police. This began a year of talking to detectives, district attorneys and therapists. During all this time, we were urged by friends of the boy's parents—and other church-members not to press charges. We had to move twice to avoid conflict with all the people who thought he was innocent.

When the court date finally arrived, my daughter and her friend took the stand separately to tell their stories while the boy and his parents stared at them.

My daughter showed remarkable courage. When the public defender tried to twist her words, she stood firm. At one point, she told the public defender that she was a liar when he said something untrue. She actually made the judge laugh.

I will not tell you she wasn't



**DEAR  
ABBY  
Jeanne  
Phillips**

upset when she walked out of the courtroom. She went to her friend and gave her a big hug. Then her friend went in to testify. The boy was convicted.

I am sharing this story because our children are stronger than we give them credit for. Professionals have told me that the reason my daughter is OK now is because I let her stand up for herself and I believed in her.

I encourage parents and guardians of molested children to let the children stand up for themselves. Don't try to shelter them from the legal process. It is healing for them to assert their rights.

**—STANDING UP FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

**DEAR STANDING UP:** Thank you for the great letter. When you encouraged your daughter to fight back using the legal system, you empowered her and gave her closure. Too many innocent victims remain silent out of shame and fear—and by doing so, they carry wounds that can last a lifetime.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a 10-year-old daughter from a previous marriage. She thinks my husband is her last father. She even carries his real name. Her real dad was an abusive drug addict who had no contact with us.

Should I tell her the truth now? One day? Ever? I don't want him in her life, but I'm afraid that someday someone may slip and tell her, and then she will never forgive me.

Abby, this is so hard. I don't want to hurt my daughter, my husband or my other kids.

**—NEEDS HELP IN TEXAS**

**DEAR NEEDS:** Tell your daughter now that you were married once before. She will have

questions. Answer them honestly. The longer you put this off, the greater her shock will be. So do it now.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a single father of an 18-month-old and wondering why so many public places have no baby-changing stations available in areas, where men can use them.

I find it hard to shop or go out to eat because of this. I hope somebody can rectify this problem, or a lot of single dads will be looking for other places to spend their money.

**—SINGLE DAD IN NEW YORK**

**DEAR SINGLE DAD:** Over the past 10 years, I have noticed more and more fathers out with their babies and small children at shopping centers, restaurants, etc. Businesses that fail to recognize this culture change are shortsighted when they make it difficult for single dads or fathers who have their little ones for visitation. A word to the wise.

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- 14 Tootled who!
- 15 Elm and oak
- 16 Santa Maria's sister ship
- 17 Not fooled by
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- 19 Stratford's river
- 20 Fumes
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- 23 Inventors
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- 28 Sailor's shout
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- 53 Tempering
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- 62 Forest dancin'
- 63 Consumed
- 64 Not any
- 65 Small whitetail
- 66 In that place
- 67 Turned right

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- 3 Naiso
- 4 Also
- 5 Objections
- 6 Wading bird
- 6 Patron-car passenger
- 7 Dick Spratt's choice
- 8 Thoroughly examined
- 9 Winnie's opposite
- 10 Glueless
- 11 Metal bolt
- 12 Battery
- 13 Terminal
- 14 Kipling's milieu
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- 17 Cigarette or pill
- 18 Declarator
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- 27 Whole
- 28 Coping
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- 32 Shad delicacy
- 33 Black card
- 34 Snopoped
- 35 Bull on cargo
- 36 U.S. diplomat
- 37 Silas
- 38 Archibald or
- 39 Thurmond
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- 41 Shad delicacy
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- 43 Beatty or
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**Tuesday's Puzzle Solved**

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9. RITIE
10. NITRIL
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13. PLIAN
14. ONT
15. ADRI
16. UPFLY
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## On the bunny trail

*Winter leads hunters out to find wild rabbits.*  
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## Watch for some tension in friendships, Taurus

**IF FEBRUARY 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ...** you are enormously strong-willed and can be highly opinionated. You know what you are doing and what you like, what you don't like, and you're not one to follow convention—you like to make rules. You are capable and follow through on what you begin. Careful, methodical and detail-oriented enough, you impress others with your abilities. Learn to open your mind more and let others have some say, too.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** Mars has left Aries now, so you'll find yourself a little less strident. Don't let excessive worry about a money issue make you lose sleep; you'll have plenty of energy to overcome any financial obstacles.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** It's "home sweet home" by day's end. Friendships may be marked by unexpected tensions or restlessness. Don't pit yourself against friends or group associates now; these challenges will pass in a few days.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Watch out for an impulse to say too much at work today; be deliberate when you pick up the phone. Love could pop up in your work environment, so, if you are single, stay on the lookout.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Committed relationships continue to be as major a focus as they are for the whole. Issues of attention and preeminence may come up with others. Later in the day, your focus is on the financial realm.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You are able to powerfully access deep creativity and put it to good use now. You may also be planning a career or romantic coup. Times are intense, exciting and filled with new possibilities.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You probably have the urge to liberate a few days, but it's unlikely that the fun club you have going on, now will allow it. Restless

**HOROSCOPE**  
Jeraldine Saunders

impulses should be resisted as the planetary "movement" causing them will pass quickly.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** It's likely that you won't want to be too tied to groups this evening; it may all seem like too much work. Overall though, you are still enjoying helping others—at least for this week.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You are putting your heart into your work for a couple of days. It's a great time to mastermind plans for improvements in the daily grind. Relationships could feel too confining now, but the stars causing this pass quickly and should not impel you toward any big decisions.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Feelings are powerful today, and one possibility is that you could get angry over feeling overworked or underappreciated. Don't hold a grudge—that isn't your style anyway.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** This could be an excellent day to share with those at home what is deeply in your mind and heart. You could also successfully make some domestic plans today. Don't be afraid to reach out to others unreservedly.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Unresolved issues at home will definitely get stirred up for a couple of months. Try to avoid unproductive squabbling. If you use your energies to get lots done at home, things will be more peaceful.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** This is another day to work on business and career plans that may involve a friend. As Mars has now entered your sector of communications, watch out for a tendency toward arguments for the next couple of months.

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A. Women deal more personally with the people around them than men do, he said. With friends, neighbors, and particularly with children. They learn early what they can say and can't say. And get intensive practice.

Q. What's the body temperature of a hibernating bear?

A. 91 degrees F. Brave men found that out.

Researchers still contend whether trends to influence moods of women far more than of men. They say countless scientific papers on the subject suggest that conclusion.

Drought causes sinkholes. That's what I said. "How?" asks a client. Limestone caverns deep underground fill with enough water to equalize pressures on

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interior walls. When the water drains out, they collapse, and so does the earth above them.

It was Angie Dickinson who said, "I dress for women—I undress for men."

The 15th century belonged to the Italians. The 16th, to the Spaniards. The 17th, to the French. The 18th, to the British. The 19th, to the Germans. The 20th, to the Americans. Such are the debatable claims of one historian. Interesting. To whom will the 21st Century "belong"?

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## EDITORIAL

### Lower cleanup standard heightens risk at INEEL

Federal energy officials say nobody will want to live on land that currently makes up the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory - not even 100 years from now. That's smart.

What's not so clever is how the federal government is using that obvious conclusion to efficiently ignore Idahoans' concerns about contaminated soil above the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

As part of a recent public hearing tour, Magic Valley residents expressed their dissatisfaction with a quicker and cheaper cleanup proposed by the Energy Department. The plan includes lower cleanup standards for contaminated soils located at the eastern Idaho nuclear energy site.

The INEEL site includes numerous acres with buried waste and contaminated soil, resting directly above the Snake River Plain Aquifer. The aquifer provides drinking and irrigation water to 200,000 southern Idahoans.

Department officials know the aquifer is the key issue in INEEL's relationship with southern Idaho. But under the proposed changes in cleanup standards, that concern doesn't appear to weigh heavily with the government.

(By way of background, the contaminated soil at stake in this proposal is not related to the transuranic waste that was buried in pits at INEEL decades ago. That issue is being played out in the federal courts. This issue revolves around soil at INEEL contaminated by radioactive materials through accidents, leaks or releases.)

For years the cleanup proj-

ect has operated under a stated assumption that land at the site would be put to residential use in 100 years. That meant waste needed to be excavated 10 feet deep (standard depth for a home's basement).

Obviously, the site isn't going to become a condo courtyard in 2104. So the Energy

**Our view:** The Department of Energy needs to recognize local concerns about leaving contaminated waste in place at INEEL. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Department wants to use an industrial standard for soil excavation - instead of a residential standard. That means "digging" out 4 feet of soil, not 10 feet.

This change should reduce cleanup costs for the government. But what will it cost Idahoans who already live downstream from INEEL?

By taking a less aggressive approach to contaminated soil that is deeper in the ground, the government appears to be backing away from its commitment to remove waste that is a lingering threat to the aquifer.

It's worth noting that the department says it intends to pursue cleanup of existing groundwater contamination. And officials say that contaminated elements have not migrated beyond INEEL's boundaries. Furthermore, studies have not conclusively shown that contaminants are migrating toward the aquifer on other geologic material - something known as the "piggyback method."

But no one knows what kind of seismic shifts can occur 10, 20 or 50 years into the future. Changing the excavation standard to 4 feet from 10 feet would reduce the work of eliminating that risk. The truth is, buried waste remains a long-term threat to southern Idaho's main water source.

Idahoans can't afford to underestimate that risk, and neither should the federal government.

## Halftime was one big rip-off

All the world is in thrall to American popular culture. The Super Bowl halftime show beamed out across the nations of the world, and to all the ships at sea. The people of Iraq and Afghanistan tuned in, perhaps understanding for the first time the true meaning of their liberation.

And why not? The American tradition of popular music is the world's richest. Take a moment to consider this list: Louis Armstrong, Robert Johnson, Jelly Roll Morton, Billie Holiday, Otis Redding, Peggy Lee, Janis Joplin, Duke Ellington, Hank Williams, Latainda Williams.

CRISPIN SARTWELL

But something went wrong. When it came time to showcase our aesthetic riches to the world, all we managed to do was to turn aside momentarily from "Jacko's" pedophilic legal entanglements and dress up his sister in red lingerie and black vinyl armor, a sort of fascist armadillo. She bounded about mumbling incoherently.

Nelly came on and "said," over and over, "It's getting hot in here, so take off all your clothes." Then the genius of Justin Timberlake was applied to ripping off Janet's outfit in a "wardrobe malfunction."

The feculent ego known as P. Diddy emerged from backstage, saying, "In the definition of half man, half drugs." He was surrounded by strippers dressed as cheerleaders who proceeded to chant, "Hey Diddy, you're so fine / You're so fine you blow my mind / Hey Diddy! Diddy, we can assume, wrote that, which in this case means he inserted the word "Diddy" into a preexisting song.

MTV's halftime extravaganza



a mind-numbing assemblage of huge, meaningless special effects, talentless schlimps, simulated decadence, and extreme musical puerility - was a devastating indictment of American music and American culture. There was not a single moment of artistic meaning, or a moment free of bombastic titillation.

Were these folks trying to incite and justify the jihad? Then, of course, there were the much-anticipated advertisements. Perhaps the pressure to deliver something memorable in a 30-second ad that cost more than \$1.5 million has brought a whole industry into a moral and creative crisis.

Cedric the Entertainer got a bikini wax in the name of Bud Light. Bud also explored horse flatulence in detail (it was a

good preview of the halftime music). In a movie commercial, Van Helsing fought Dracula, the Wolfman and Frankenstein in 30 seconds, continuing the replacement of the profound human psychology of horror with the machine psychology of computer animation.

The reasonably compelling football game became nothing more than a frame for infinite witlessness. If you have money, bombastic spectacle is easier than art. One thing that has become clear about America: We have the cash to indulge in any and all possible forms of excess and corruption.

The spectacle of the Super Bowl was a display of infinite, pointless, undeserved wealth and what it does to people. But

beneath the elephantine emptiness of our culture there still lurks art, truth, power, vitality.

For next year's Super Bowl, how about this: cut down, scale back, think about beauty, dignity. Think about moving the people you're connecting with.

But I know I'd be talking to computer animations. I'd offer to book the great blues band Red Piazza & the Mighty Flyers, or the hip-hop poetry of Atmosphere, or country music treasure George Jones. They'd just stare at me blankly and recruit another S-and-M armadillo.

Crispin Sartwell's most recent book is "Extreme Virtue: Truth and Leadership in Five Great American Lives."

## Bring back the defunct Iraqi army

ANTHONY C. ZINNI

Before the start of the war in Iraq, I attended a conference on Middle East security at which I sat next to an Iraqi exile - a college professor - whose most significant advice for reconstructing post-war Iraq was to retain the regular army. The Iraqi army, he said, would be vital to subduing the chaos that we both agreed would ensue following a successful invasion.

I assured him that the United States intended for the Iraqi army to remain intact. As a former commander of Central Command, I had inherited a long-standing psychological operation plan designed to persuade the Iraqi regular army to cooperate with the United States rather than to fight when the time came.

But in the end, the United States disbanded the army anyway. Now the professor's prescient words haunt the ongoing occupation. The operation took place as planned in the 1990s, after the Persian Gulf War. When there were bombing campaigns in Iraq, we dropped leaflets and sent messages to Iraqi army units to tell them that they were not the enemy and that, as long as they didn't

engage our forces, they would be protected and kept intact. During those years, in interviews with regional media, including Al Jazeera, I routinely described to the regular army conscripts as victims of Saddam Hussein's evil ambitions. In fact, after the Desert Fox bombing campaign in 1998, the Iraqi regime angrily reacted to what it called U.S. efforts to foster a coup among the regular units - a result of our communications directed toward the army.

In 1999, a plan called Desert Crossing was developed to address the problems that would be faced post-Saddam, in the aftermath of military action or an internal collapse. The central aim of the plan was to quickly establish security to fill the power vacuum and prevent an insurgency or the rise of criminals and foreign terrorists. To meet this need, we added U.S. ground forces to our military plan and nonresistant Iraqi army units to the reconstruction plan.

I always believed that preserving the army would be critical to reconstruction. I had already been involved in rebuilding political, economic, social and security institutions in Africa, the Mideast and Asia, and I knew that if we could reshape existing structures rather than starting from scratch, we would have an advantage. The regular Iraqi army - not the Saddamist Republican Guard - offered this opportunity.

So I was surprised when the Iraqi army was disbanded after the invasion. This decision, along with the complete "de-Baathification" of the government, has proved a miscalculation.

It is not too late to recover. The regular Iraqi army should be recalled, its leadership screened and purged of Saddam loyalists and war criminals. These units can be the foundation for a new force that will bring trained, unemployed young men into a productive effort rather than leaving them angry in the streets.

In addition, de-Baathification should be re-examined to ensure we are not excluding capable people from participating in the reconstruction. A vet-

ting process and a credible reconciliation process could be put in place with the cooperation of the Iraqi Governing Council, some members of which are advocating these options. Restoring the civil service and civilian ministries to Iraqi control would give the moderate, secular Iraqi nationalist leadership, whose interests are congruent with our own, the means to offer ordinary Iraqis the public and humanitarian services now available largely through clerics.

Iraq will recover only if the Iraqis themselves are committed to and involved in the reconstruction. Our choice is clear: We can either start from scratch - a long and difficult task that will continue to alienate many and increase the cost in lives and money - or we can pursue the policy we long have in place, salvaging viable institutions and qualified people who can contribute to a new, democratic Iraq rather than working against it.

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## Boys cross the line in torturing a cat

I was furious after reading the article about the boys who killed a cat after their teacher instructed them to. No malice was determined after four boys hit a cat with a broomstick and then killed it by stepping on its

neck! What's happening in this world? It was reported the cat was a nuisance to this classroom. Let's just hope the next time another student bothers any of these boys, they don't turn up dead. Whatever happened to catch and release, not torture

## Shannon Hartgrave

and destroy? SHANNON HARTGRAVE  
Twin Falls

## Twin Falls needs to look at shuttle bus system

I have a vision for Twin Falls in its new century based on two facts: (1) Traffic on our streets is out

## of hand due to a trade and service census of 200,000 hitting this town of 36,000 residents...

(2) Twin Falls now has two major trade and service centers four miles apart - "the north end" and "the south end."

It is time for Twin Falls to establish a shuttle bus system between the two centers to relieve traffic

## congestion by transporting out-of-town shoppers and visitors from their north-end parking areas to the downtown center and back.

By providing all-day tickets with multiple transfers for steps along the way, this shuttle bus system would be an added convenience for Twin Falls residents. For instance, I would park at the

## Lynwood at Fred Meyer and shuttle up and down from there.

If the merchants, businesses and public services at both ends of Twin Falls will work with the chamber of commerce and City Hall, they can pull this off. Everytown citizens advantage.

MARY I. INMAN  
Twin Falls

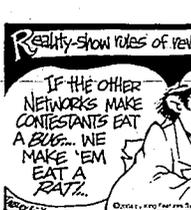
## Doonesbury



## By Garry Trudeau



## Mallard Fillmore



## By Bruce Tinsley



# Bush leadership goes AWOL on WMD

**M**ove over Hans Blix. David Kay has lobbied the mother of all bombshells at the White House: Intelligence agencies got it all wrong in Iraq. There never were any weapons of mass destruction, no program to speak of since 1996 when United Nations inspectors forced Saddam to destroy what he had tried to hide.

MYRIAM MARQUEZ

No chemical or biological weapons or nukes. Nada. Even that so-called mobile biological-weapons lab that Vice President Dick Cheney keeps mentioning is nothing but a dud with no military use.

This is the Big Oops that U.N. chief inspector Blix warned the world about when he sought more time for inspections. The same concern that many European leaders expressed when President Bush insisted the war on terror called for a change in U.S. strategy — pre-emptive war in Iraq. To defend America, we would have to turn into the aggressors.

Those of us who felt queasy about such a drastic turn were called un-American. Yet it is precisely because we want to protect America that we must keep raising our voices and seeking answers. Not to score political points, as many partisans want, but to spare the nation another attack. Period. Congressional Democrats barely



let Saddam's head roll down the street — the famous statue that fell in Baghdad, not the big rat caught in the hole — before clamoring for an investigation into the WMD mystery back in June. Now they're licking their political chops at the possibilities. Kay, the chief U.S. weapons inspector who's stepping down, told senators last week that an independent non-partisan group of intelligence and military experts should investigate why U.S. spy networks were so out of sync with Iraq's reality. It's the only way to gain public confidence.

That's the unfortunate part. The Bush White House is so consumed by political czar Carl Rove's machi-

nations in an election year, that they stonewall everything. The independent task force studying intelligence mishaps that led to The Reckoning of 9-11 can attest to that.

Yet Bush surely would look statesmanlike if he simply put the latest intelligence scandal before an independent commission and vowed to get to the truth. Some independent-minded Republicans, like Arizona Sen. John McCain, are smart to also call for a thorough review of how intelligence is being gathered in Libya and North Korea, part of Bush's "axis of evil."

I believe there is an axis of evil. I even believe it's still possible to find some evidence of WMD plots

in Iraq. But that's really not the issue, as much as Bush's national security adviser Condoleezza Rice wants to pretend it is.

America went to war against Iraq because Bush built a case and professed evidence, since shown to be false — from the African uranium allegations to the biological weapons lab — that dictator Saddam Hussein was heavy into WMD. Bush didn't say, as he does now, that Saddam's an evil dictator and that's reason enough to attack. He knew that wasn't good enough for most Americans.

Evidence now points to a lot of blurring by Saddam to try to stall U.N. inspectors simply in an attempt to look tough to the Arab world and his domestic enemies.

Don't be surprised to see CIA Director George Tenet, a Republican appointed by Bill Clinton who has had strained relations with Bush, become the fall guy when it may well be the other president's men — Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld — who pushed Bush into a quickie war with a poor exit strategy and a mounting death toll.

Bush said Friday that he would wait for the findings of the Iraq Survey Group, which Kay says has completed 85 percent of its investigative work, to get the answers. More stalling.

Our troops deserve better from the commander in chief.

Myriam Marquez is an editorial page columnist for the Orlando Sentinel.

## LETTERS

### ISAT can't be too much for some students

As I read yet another anti-teacher tirade, your hullabaloo, indeed, may I challenge your editorial board to take the ISAT test?

I am sure that you will all pass it with high marks, but maybe there is a remote possibility that for whatever reason one of you may not do so well. There are a lot of reasons why students do not test well. I had a student who took two of these accountability tests. One was a reading test and she scored in the 93rd percentile, wow! She took the second portion two weeks later and scored in the 39th percentile. In the

meantime, her parents had told her they were divorcing — JEAN-JACQUES BOILL, Healy

### New fair prices still too much for families

Let me get this straight, Fair Board: Two adults at \$4 apiece equals \$14. Three children at \$3 apiece equals \$9. Total would be \$23. But a family pass, which is the same amount of people, is \$25? You sure your deficit is \$11,000 or did I figure wrong? Who in their right mind would buy a family pass? ROBERT RIESE, Twin Falls



### Ring those bells

Bell choirs grow in number. Saturday in Religion

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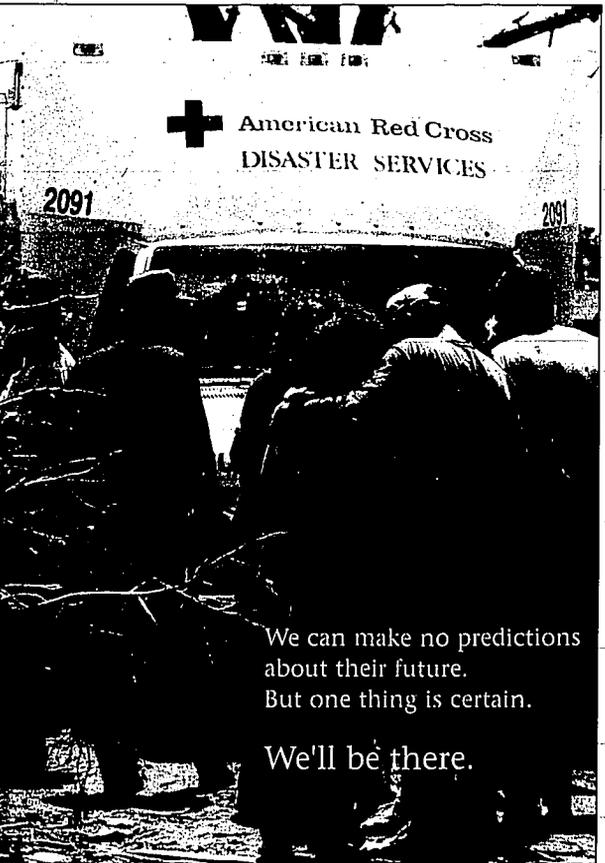
### Campaign must pay attention to labor needs

American economy grows stronger but 2.3 million jobs have disappeared since Bush took office, and 9 million folks seek work. The disconnect between economy and jobs began in the wholesale deregulation of federal laws intended to reign in excesses of capital and corporations, now under the guise of "free trade," gone un-American in pursuit of global profits. "Free trade" long meant production of goods sold abroad, from which process capital profited and labor earned wages. Nations, then, traded among themselves. Good! Now, "free trade" also means goodies produced abroad where cheap labor abounds.

Consequently, American economy improves but American jobs, for example, in textiles, steel and "high tech," go to southeast Asia, China and India. Thus Third World countries no longer just buy American products; they produce them at American workers' expense. Bad! American enterprise unable to access cheap labor abroad need not worry: President Bush proposes making cheap labor available to them by "legalizing" the hoards of aliens who, understandably, flow into our country taking jobs, "spinsters say," no self-respecting American would hold. There is little evidence for that assertion. Loss of jobs is made worse by recent huge tax cuts for the wealthy few based on the assumption that the money, while "grow-

ing the economy," will trickle down, creating jobs. Not so, and worse, some corporations avoid paying taxes by establishing headquarters in "off-shore" mailboxes. The process is as immoral as it is fattening for the multi-corporations. Our present secretive government, controlled by powerful special interests of capital and multi-corporations, works to trash our historical government "of the people, by the people and for the people," resulting in it perishing and slipping into history as a failed experiment because ordinary citizens were so fixated on verbalized political battles between televised "spinsters" of two major parties that the good folks could not think beyond their received knowledge and prejudices, which

degraded into uncompromisingly extreme positions of hate and predictable voting patterns. The question, then, is can America bring twin values of capital and corporations and labor back home and into equilibrium, or does Third-World serfdom loom on the horizon for American workers? Inequality of the outcome of the emerging multi-national labor-ism should be addressed and redressed in the coming election. It can be done, for the Patriot Act and Homeland Security has not yet deprived us of the freedom to think. GRANT UPTAIN Hagerman



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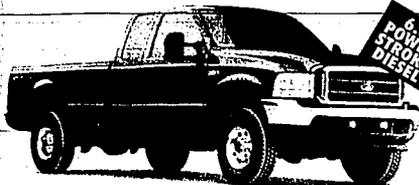


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Wednesday, February 4, 2004

Section B

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Sun Valley, Ketchum voters approve bonds

**SUN VALLEY** - A \$7.44 million proposal to upgrade a wastewater treatment facility that serves Ketchum and Sun Valley residents was approved overwhelmingly by voters Tuesday.

Residents of both cities approved separate bond issues, which was required because the wastewater treatment plant is co-owned by the city of Ketchum and the Sun Valley Water and Sewer District. The Ketchum residents voted 213 to 11 - or 95 percent to 5 percent - to approve their \$3.72 million revenue bond issue. The proposal will add \$2 a month to the sewer bill of the average resident, who now pays about \$13 a month.

Residents of Sun Valley residents voted "yes" on their \$3.72 million general obligation bond issue by a count of 183 to 14, or 93 percent to 7 percent. That will cost residents an additional \$23 per \$100,000 of assessed property value over the course of the 15-year bond issue.

Approximately 11.7 percent of registered Ketchum voters cast ballots, while an estimated 24 percent of voters in the Sun Valley Water and Sewer District went to the polls. Officials put the wastewater treatment plant upgrades on the ballot in hopes of getting a head start on meeting stricter standards, which will be imposed in 2006 when the Environmental Protection Agency issues a new permit.

### Considering a family pass? First, do the math

**FILER** - A family pass to the Twin Falls County Fair might still save you money this year, if your family includes teenagers.

The cost for family passes will rise from \$20 to \$25. That price includes admission for a family of five: two adults and three kids, regardless of age.

Adult single-entry admission will rise to \$7, a dollar more than last year. Children ages 5 to 12 will be charged a dollar Valley admission fee. So that means it will cost two parents with three children between the ages of 5 and 12 just \$23 if they pay for individual admission - less than the \$25 family pass.

However, children 13 and older pay adult fees for single-entry admission, so a family pass would result in savings if there are three teenagers in tow, Fair Manager John Pitt said.

The fair runs Sept. 1 through 6.

### Magic Valley airport board looks for new member

**TWIN FALLS** - The Joslin Field, Magic Valley Airport, Advisory Board is looking for a county board member to fill a position opening in April.

The position is for three-year term, and the representative must live in the city or county of Twin Falls.

The airport board holds lunch meetings the first Tuesday of each month at the airport to discuss issues and share ideas with the airport manager concerning the operation and development of the airport.

Applicants should send a letter of interest explaining their background and desire to serve on the airport board to the Magic Valley Regional Airport, P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, ID 83303. The application period ends Feb. 20, and interviews will be held from Feb. 23 through 27.

For more information, call Bill Carberry, airport manager, at 733-5215, Ext. 4.

Compiled from staff reports

### Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	101%	64%
Salmon Falls	112%	72%
Salmon	99%	62%
Oakley	111%	62%
Big Wood	93%	62%
Little Wood	102%	63%
Henry's Fork/Teton	117%	75%
Big Lost	90%	60%
Little Lost	90%	54%

\*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 35-year average.  
\*\*An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

# Exit exams look likely for teens

## Local lawmakers continue to question the wisdom of No Child Left Behind

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

**BOISE** - Ready or not, Idaho high school students are likely going to have exit exams.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and the state's most powerful business lobby, the Idaho Association of

Commerce and Industry, have purportedly convinced a majority of the House Education Committee to approve on Thursday a high school exit exam for 2006 graduates.

"They've been lobbying pretty hard," said Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, a House Education Committee member.



Doug Jones  
R-Filer

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If the committee approves the exam, most members concede it will go on to pass the House. Only one house of the Legislature has to approve the test that has been recommended by the Idaho State Board of Education.

The test, called the Idaho Standards Achievement Test, was voted down by a House education subcommittee last week 63-4. A majority of members on that subcommittee argued it has not been proven yet by an external test evaluator to be valid and reliable.

Though high school exiting exams have not been specifically required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, Idaho has chosen the ISAT as its way of meeting the assessment and accountability requirements of the federal mandate.

Though it appears ISAT is about to become a fact of life in Idaho public high schools, there are still more than a few who question the validity of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Jones told fellow members on Tuesday that if the state goes forward with the No Child Left Behind Act, it leaves itself open

for both litigation as well as some unfunded mandates.

Groups in other conservative states are taking a second look at the federal program, Jones pointed out. The Virginia House of Delegates recently voted down the program as did a Utah House education committee last week. Teachers throughout Alaska have made a formal announcement that they have no confidence in the federal program. And a handful of school districts in Vermont and Connecticut are turning down the federal money that comes with No Child Left Behind.

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# DUCK AND COVER



Ray Leavitt, of Jerome Wheel and Auto Service, recovers a vehicle that flipped over along Highway 93 north of Twin Falls Monday. Dozens of wrecks have occurred in the Magic Valley in recent days because of slick roads.

## Snowy weather causes troubles big and small

### U.S. Postal Service truck spills mail onto Interstate 84

By Rebecca Meany  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The lobby of Addison Collision Repair was brimming with people late Tuesday morning.

Wintery weather that stormed in during the weekend left many people slipping-sliding all over the roads.

"People are going too fast for the conditions," said co-owner Jared Povey. "We're seeing little fender benders, bumping fenders, poles, other cars. But nothing major."

By noon, they'd done six estimates, a busy day for the shop.

"There's not a lot of speed involved so mostly it's just two- or three-day jobs," he said.

But even a small job can bring

a headache to some car owners.

Shop co-owner Justin Simmons was on the phone talking with a customer who three months ago had a \$10,000 job done to his 2002 Chevy truck.

This weekend, the customer's troubles compounded.

"He slid into a pole and blew both airbags," Povey said.

Body repair to the truck might run the owner under \$3,000, but airbag replacement could double that sum.

Povey estimates the shop has seen a 15 to 20 percent increase in business the past few days. But the dark weeks of winter aren't the only time they see a spike in business.

"It stays kind of steady year-round for body shops," Povey said. "What slick roads don't bring us, teenagers do."

### Around the valley

**Other-locals** - in the Magic Valley saw their share of weather-related hauls.

A semi hauling mail from

Seattle to Dallas slid off Interstate 84 on Tuesday, causing the trailer to tip over and break open, according to a news release issued by Idaho State Police.

Mail spilled onto the median and into the fast lane of westbound traffic.

Staffers from the Burley and Malta post offices were called in to help retrieve the mail. No mail was lost because there was no wind, according to an ISP dispatcher.

Driver Erik Gonzales, 24, of Ft. Worth, Texas, was going eastbound just after 7 a.m. when he lost control of the truck approximately 45 miles east of Burley. He and passenger Joe White, 52, of Howe, Texas, were transported to Cassia Regional Memorial Hospital where they were treated and released.

Trooper John Gibbs is investigating the accident.

An accident occurred Monday night around 7:15 when a truck carrying hazardous materials rolled off the interstate six miles

west of Burley, according to a news release issued by Idaho State Police.

No materials leaked from their containers.

Joseph Labonte, 38, of San Jose, Calif., was driving westbound on an ice-covered I84, the release said. He lost control of the semi, veered off of the left side of the westbound lane and overcorrected to the right side, which caused the truck to tumble over.

Labonte suffered minor injuries.

ISP closed down westbound lanes of traffic for six hours. Officials turned vehicles around in the median and rerouted them back to the Burley exit, off-ramp 208, over to Paul and Idaho Highway 25, before funneling them back on I84 at the Kasota Road on-ramp.

Semis, too big to turn around on the median, had to sit in place for six hours. A few trucks took the opportunity to take a nap.

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## Talking about wolves

Some accuse office staffer of negotiating with tribe in secret

The Associated Press

**BOISE** - Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, and other Republicans on the House Natural Resources Committee feuded Tuesday over the state's wolf management plan and what committee members said was a "secret agreement" between the state and the Nez Perce Tribe.

Conservative members of the committee said they were "grilled" by Jim Caswell, the administrator of the Governor's Office of Species Conservation, accusing him of negotiating with the tribe behind closed doors.

The Nez Perce Tribe is contracted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to oversee gray wolf recovery in Idaho. The animal is listed as an endangered species and was reintroduced in Idaho in the mid-1990s. There are an estimated 370 animals in the state now, according to Department of Fish and Game estimates.

Earlier this month, Caswell's office released a memorandum of agreement, to be presented to the Nez Perce Tribe, outlining a collaborative process of future wolf management. The agreement would allow the state to begin sharing wolf management activities more quickly than it waited for the animal's removal from Endangered Species Act protection. It would also allow the tribes to remain involved after the wolves are delisted.

Committee members bristled at the idea, partly because they

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## Rupert plans to form centennial commission

By Brandon Flala  
Times-News writer

**RUPERT** - The city of Rupert celebrates its 100th birthday in 2005, and the City Council wants to make sure it's a great party.

The City Council discussed Tuesday forming a commission to organize a activities related to Rupert's centennial year.

The council will consider an ordinance to form the committee at its next meeting, which is set for Feb. 17. City Administrator Roger Bagley said.

The volunteer commission will be made up of eight to 12 people, although nobody has been selected yet, Bagley said. Once the council forms the committee, prospective members could be approved as early as March 2. Bagley said the committee will

plan a celebration, with possibilities including dances, artwork, and historical books or articles.

"I expect there will be a lot of interest," City Attorney Kelly Anthon said.

The committee could get city money as well as look for donations, Bagley said. No budget has been set, he said.

The city of Rupert was incorporated on April 12, 1906.

In other business, City Water Superintendent Dennis Androv told council members that some city employees were unhappy with the city's vacation policy.

For example, city employees who have worked less than five years accumulate 10 days of vacation per year, Bagley said. However, no vacation time can be taken during the first year, and

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**Corelia Lus Lucero Del Toro - Rupert**



Margaret (Leo) Gonzales of Rupert.

Corelia Lus Lucero Del Toro returned to her Father in Heaven on Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Corelia was born on Dec. 19, 1946, in La Madera, N.M., to Aron and Odilia Lucero. She married Angel Del Toro on May 21, 1977, in Elko, Nev. They made their home in Rupert, where they have since resided. They have four children, Steve Montoya of Boise, Gabriel (Arlene) Montoya, Rosa Del Toro, and Angelica (Fernando) Lopez all of Rupert.

Corelia also has six beautiful grandchildren whom she loved dearly and spent all of her free time with, Regina Willie, James and Mariah Montoya, Gabriel Jr. and Aaron Montoya and Alejandro Lopez. She had six brothers and sisters for whom she had special affection. They are Ray Lucero of California, Arruro (Viola) Lucero, Ruth (Bob) Trujillo, Lorenzo (Dora) Lucero all of Salt Lake City, Utah, and

her family and friends were all well-taken care of.

She enjoyed life and lived every day to the fullest. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, camping, cooking, and spending time with her children and grandchildren always making us laugh. Her sense of humor, smile, and love for life will never be forgotten. She was a wonderful wife and mother.

Corelia was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Henry Lucero. Corelia will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was an angel here on earth and now she has her wings. It is not good-bye, it is until we meet again.

Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at Rupert St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. with a rosary and funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at the church. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary & Rupert Chapel.

**Roger Clifford 'R.C.' Tracy - Buhl**



Year twice.

Roger Clifford "R.C." Tracy, 88, died Feb. 2, 2004, following a brief stay at MVRMC for kidney failure.

Roger was born in Remo, Ohio, but traveled west on the train in 1922 with his brother when he was seven to join their parents who had purchased the General Store/Post Office in Onyx, Calif. When his mother died later that year he moved to the bunkhouse on a cattle ranch and enjoyed life as a cowboy through high school. He served in the Army during World War II. He married his first wife, and the mother of his children, when he was 22. Dorothy preceded him in death in 1967.

R.C. was a quiet, friendly man who "hardly ever met a stranger." His interest in people and his affable nature made him a successful salesman for Hills Bros. Coffees, the Nevada territory for 25 years. When he retired from Hills Bros. in 1965 he worked as a Real Estate salesman until 1990, winning Nevada "Salesman of the

and the Rev. Ken Tracy and his wife, Carol of Buhl, Idaho. He will be greatly missed by his grandchildren, Rob Tracy and his wife, Stacy, Robin Tracy and her husband, Larry Marvin; Dr. Dan Gilbert and his wife, Dee; Eric Gilbert; and Susan Perry and her husband, Mike. Eight great-grandchildren and many friends mourn his passing. His ex-wife, Delma Tracy of Carson City and her family remember him fondly.

Roger joined St. John's Presbyterian Church in Reno in 1954. His membership was transferred to Malad, Idaho, in 2002, then to the First Presbyterian Church in Buhl in 2003. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at the Buhl church.

His ashes will be interred at St. John's Presbyterian Memorial Garden in Reno on Feb. 17, 2004. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the church or charity of your choice. Arrangements under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel.

**Betty Louise Shelby - Farmington, Utah**



Idaho areas. They lived the majority of their lives in southern and eastern Idaho, and the last 10 years in Farmington, Utah.

Betty Shelby passed away Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at the LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, from complications following surgery for brain cancer.

Betty Louise Nelson Shelby was born in Oakley, Idaho, on March 11, 1930, daughter of Clarence LeRoy Nelson and La Vera Evelyn Nelson. She was the seventh of eight children. She attended grade school, junior high and senior high school in Oakley. She was active in cheerleading. She was a drum major and enjoyed drama.

Her father died when she was 12 years old. She helped her mother milk cows and helped on their farm. Betty graduated from Oakley High School in 1948. She married Dale L. Shelby on Oct. 19, 1948, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. They had five children, Dian, Shelby of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Darla Hall (deceased) of Boise, Idaho, Mark (Jan) Shelby of Orem, Utah, and a daughter, Stanger of Helena, Mont., and Joe (Amber) Shelby, American Fork, Utah.

Betty and Dale Shelby operated supermarkets, car washes, owned and operated laundry and lived in the Twin Falls, Burley and Buhl,

her life. We love and honor her and appreciate her commitment to her family.

Betty is survived by her husband, Dale of Farmington, Utah; her sister, Bea Smith of Burley, Idaho; brother, Robert (Claudia) Nelson of Boise, Idaho; sister Carol (Ladell) Hlandy of Glenns Ferry, Idaho; four children; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, and four sisters.

A funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at the Farmington 20th Ward building, 1825 North Sunnyside, and Drive. Friends and family may call from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

A graveside service will be at 4 p.m. at the Oakley Cemetery, Oakley, Idaho. Arrangements under the direction of Lindquist's Kayville Mortuary, 400 North Main.

Email condolences to the family at [lm0@indquistmortuary.com](mailto:lm0@indquistmortuary.com). In lieu of flowers, donations would be accepted to Exchange Idaho LDS Temple Fund.

**Phyllis May Hall - Fairfield**



sons and left them many life-long friends.

Another member of the greatest generation has moved on. Phyllis May Hall died Feb. 1, 2004. She was born March 18, 1922, in Fairfield, Idaho, to Leland and Hazel Cluer. She grew up on a Camas County farm with her two sisters and two brothers.

Graduating from Camas County High School in 1940, she attended the University of Idaho where she met Ivan Hall from Oia. They were married on Sept. 1, 1942. Ivan posted to training sites in the United States then overseas, leaving Phyllis to mother their new son, Kirk. Like many women during World War II, she pitched in, serving as a teacher at the Manual School near Fairfield and helping Ivan's and her parents in Oia and Fairfield.

After the war the family returned to Moscow for Ivan to finish college. A second son, Scott, was born during that time in following graduation Phyllis and Ivan settled first in Washington State then in California during their working careers.

She and Ivan became accomplished square and circle dancers. While Ivan called at many dances, she was always available to dance with the single men. This joint passion took them to regional and national conven-

They both retired in 1974 and began the next step of their journey, traveling with a trailer, for most of the year and living in Mesa, Ariz., for the remainder. In 1999, they moved to Boise and quickly regained their Idaho roots.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her parents, Leland and Hazel Cluer, and her sister, Mary Jean Flansburg. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ivan; her sons and their wives, Kirk and Betty Hall of Boise, Scott and

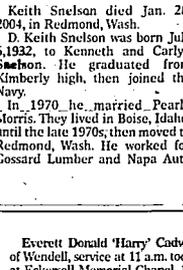
her family and friends were all well-taken care of.

She enjoyed life and lived every day to the fullest. She enjoyed crocheting, reading, camping, cooking, and spending time with her children and grandchildren always making us laugh. Her sense of humor, smile, and love for life will never be forgotten. She was a wonderful wife and mother.

Corelia was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Henry Lucero. Corelia will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was an angel here on earth and now she has her wings. It is not good-bye, it is until we meet again.

Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at Rupert St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. with a rosary and funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at the church. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary & Rupert Chapel.

**Keith Snelson - Redmond, Wash./Kimberly**



store. Keith was an avid sportsman. He loved bowling, horse shoes, fishing, pool and softball.

Keith Snelson was born July 6, 1934, to Kenneth and Carolyn Snelson. He graduated from Kimberly high, then joined the Navy.

In 1970 he married Pearl Morris. They lived in Boise, Idaho, until the late 1970s, then moved to Redmond, Wash. He worked for Gossard Lumber and Napa Auto

store. Keith was an avid sportsman. He loved bowling, horse shoes, fishing, pool and softball.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl; daughters, Ginny (Kevin) Powers of Butte, Mont., Debra (Mike) Herald of Shelton, Wash., Cathy Welby of Carlin, N.Y., Gayle Humby of Idaho and Danya (Chris) Woodbury of Redmond, Wash.; brother Jerry (Cheryl) Snelson of Boise, Idaho; Sister,

Deanna (Floyd) Finney of Kimberly, Idaho; brother, Bill (Lori) Caster of Ore.; and stepdaughter, Cecil Caster of Ore.

He was preceded in death by a son, Donald Keith Jr.; parents; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Ivan and Jane Worthington.

A memorial service was held in Redmond, Wash. on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004.

SERVICES

Everett Donald 'Harry' Cadwell of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. today at Eckersell Memorial Chapel, 101 W. Main St. in Rigby, Idaho. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. today at the funeral home.

at 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, also at St. Jerome's Catholic Church.

Billy Leroy Mort Sr. of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley 2nd, 4th, and 10th Ward

Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St., Burley. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Thursday, at the church.

Russell Glenn Draper of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave.; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church.

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DEATH NOTICES

**Virgie J. Stefanich**

HAILEY - Virgie J. Stefanich, 90, of Hailey, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at St. Benedict's Care Center in Jerome.

8 p.m. Thursday, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday, at the church.

At her request private family services were held. Cremation was under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

**Verla Banner Wrigley**  
BURLEY - Verla Banner Wrigley, 95, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Rockhaven Retirement Home in Oakley.

**Golden Russell Burch**

OAKLEY - Golden Russell Burch, 91, of Oakley, died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at the Oakley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 301 N. Center Ave., with Bishop Eric C. Beckle officiating. Burial will be in the Basin Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th Street, Burley, and from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., Saturday, at the church.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at the View First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 S. 500 E., Burley, with Bishop Craig Scott officiating. Burial will be in the View Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

**Gary A. Thurston**

RUPERT - Gary Arvin Thurston, 67, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at his home. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at the Rupert Third and Tenth Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 520 S. F Street, with Bishop Gary D. Mechem officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 p.m. to

**Rev. Mervyn C. 'Mike' Shay**  
FRUITLAND - The Rev. Mervyn C. "Mike" Shay, 82, of Fruitland, died Monday, February 2, 2004, peacefully in his sleep at his home in Fruitland.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church, Fruitland. Pastor Jim Anderson is officiating.

Viewing will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Payette. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer-Jensen Memory Chapel, Fruitland.

**Utah man refuses to let severe beating keep him from getting married as planned**

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) - Laura Moody had something black and blue for her wedding, but unfortunately it was her groom.

So, instead, Pitchford was wheeled into the hospital's 12-seat chapel for the makeshift ceremony while friends and family spilled out into the hospital's corridor.

The bride smiled brightly throughout the ceremony, even when she tried to push a ring onto his swollen finger. The ring stopped at the knuckle.

Pitchford says he was jumped early Sunday morning by six people outside a dance club at a resort

With swollen and blackened eyes and morphine shooting through his veins to dull the pain from spleen surgery and broken ribs, Chris Pitchford struggled Monday to say his vows through a feeding tube that had been placed down this throat.

Both he and Moody, 18, had vowed the wedding would go on, less than 48 hours after Pitchford, 23, said he was beaten outside a Nevada casino during his bachelor party.

"Today is our day," Pitchford said after the wedding, holding his bride's hand. "I wouldn't let anything get in the way."

The wedding was originally planned Monday afternoon at a relative's home, but his condition prevented him from leaving the hospital.

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# Alcohol violations drop under new policy

WASHINGTON — Underage drinking and other alcohol violations among Air Force Academy cadets have dropped dramatically since leaders introduced a strict new alcohol policy and aggressive training for new cadets.

In the 2000-01 academic year, there were 228 alcohol infractions at the academy, 188 involving underage drinking. Through six months of the current school year, there have been just 28 infractions and 19 underage drinking violations, according to academy records.

"We're seeing positive signs," Maj. Gen. John V. Rosa, superintendent of the academy, told the school's board of visitors Tuesday. "We're not there. We have a long way to go. This is a journey."

The new, tough alcohol policy was instituted as part of a sweeping reform in the wake of a string of 142 reported sexual assaults at the Colorado military academy in a 10-year span. An Air Force review found that 40 percent of cadet-on-cadet assaults involved a victim or assailant who had been drinking.

Cadets caught drinking face severe consequences. Cadet David Urton was the first cadet found

guilty under the new alcohol policy. Rosa recommended he be expelled and he has left the school until Roché decides the case.

And last December, Cadet Christina Fifer was threatened with expulsion after she admitted drinking a sip of whiskey, but refusing an order to turn in the cadet who provided her with the alcohol. Academy leaders opted not to expel Fifer.

"Putting in strict policies is tough. You're going to take heat from the parents, you're going to take heat from the press, but it's the only way I know to do business," Rosa said.

Rosa became superintendent of the academy as part of sweeping policy changes and a purge of academy leaders after the scope of the school's sexual assault problem was revealed. The Air Force ordered 40 changes to its "Academy For Change," and all but six are in place or being implemented.

"I believe we have a good beginning. I don't believe this is something we've solved," said Air Force Secretary James G. Roche.

Cadets caught drinking will take time to change, but he anticipates the academy's incoming freshman

class will be one of its most highly qualified in history, and the school has received more female applicants than ever before.

The scandal also has given a wake-up call to the Board of Visitors — which serves as the school's trustees. In the past, attendance was inconsistent and members acted as supporters of the school. On Tuesday, all but one member attended, and the panel asked probing questions and discussed specific disciplinary matters in a closed-door session.

Academy leaders reported that they are in the process of replacing its traditional cadet disciplinary system that included ridicule, marching and push-ups in favor of one that mirrors the rest of the Air Force which would include verbal counseling, letters of admonition and possibly formal reprimands or court-martial.

Later this month, a review will begin of the academy's athletic department, and in March the Defense Department inspector general will administer a follow-up to an earlier survey that found that one in five female cadets reported sexual harassment while attending the academy.

# Crews remove fire-damaged trees

BONNERS FERRY (AP) — Two helicopter crews are salvaging trees that were damaged in last summer's Myrtle Creek fire.

The U.S. Forest Service project — which removes the trees from the city watershed — is one of the first under the federal Healthy Forests Act, said Bonners Ferry District Ranger Mike Herrin.

"Every effort has been made to protect the municipal water supply for the city of Bonners Ferry, Herrin said.

About 547,000 board feet of the salvaged timber has been sold to Louisiana-Pacific as part of the Marna Cascade Timber Sale contract, said project leader Pat Behrens. The project is on a fast track so the money from the trees

can be used for protection of the city's water supply.

The Forest Service worked with city officials when designing the project, Herrin said.

All of the logging will be done with helicopters to prevent any ground damage caused by logging trucks. Forest Service Sales Administrator Mike Fynnack said.

Most of the trees to be cut will be under 14 inches in diameter, Behrens said, and larger trees will be logged "only where it would be hazardous for the helicopter or in places where we felt we had enough trees over 20 inches in diameter."

Though the Bonners Ferry Ranger District said efforts have been made to minimize environ-

mental impacts and protect the habitat of endangered lynx, caribou, grizzly bear and trout in the area, some community members were upset by the project.

"They didn't give much time to comment and no room to appeal," said Barry Rosenberg, director of the Kootenai Environmental Alliance. "The law is working heavily toward the discretion of the Forest Service."

Rosenberg said the Forest Service is looking at trees as lumber rather than at the whole ecosystem.

"No matter what happens it's the same prescription," he said. "It burns, cut it down. If it doesn't burn, cut it down before it burns."

# Weather forces more school closures around Magic Valley, Blaine County

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**JEROME** — Several school districts Tuesday closed for weather-related reasons after fluffy flakes blanketed the Magic Valley.

Jerome schools were closed after high winds created numerous snow drifts. Superintendent Jim Cobble said the district's curriculum audit continued in spite of the closure,

but some parts of it won't be as thorough as district officials had hoped.

Blaine County schools were open, except for Carey Public School.

Gooding and Wendell districts both had their second snow days of the school year due to a combination of wind and snow. Wendell Superintendent Larry Manly said

the district still has six extra days built into its calendar, so it isn't at the point of extending the school year.

Diatrich School was closed for the third time this year, but it still has two extra calendar days left, said Superintendent Peter Bolz.

Valley, Shoshone and Richfield schools also were closed.

# Financial chief will leave BSU

BOISE (AP) — Buster Neel, Boise State University vice president for finance and administration, is leaving the school this month to become a top finance official in Nevada higher education.

Neel is the second high-ranking administrator to announce he is leaving the university in the past two weeks. On Jan. 15, Barry Jones, provost and vice president for academic affairs, announced he would retire at the end of the school year.

Neel will leave Boise State on Feb. 13 to become vice chancellor for finance and administration for the Nevada university and community college system. He will begin his new job March 1.

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construction and manufacturing, said he plans to focus Correctional Industries production on niche markets.

The program provides employment and job skill training for prisoners at six institutions in Idaho. Oldham replaces Lynn McAuley, who retired in December after two years on the job.

**Police: Man taunted officer before he was killed**

BOISE — The armed man fatally shot by a police officer last week taunted the officer moments before gunfire erupted in a grocery store parking lot, spokeswoman Lynn Hightower says.

Robert Keith Underwood told Officer Jeff Duttin he had a gun and later said "shoot me" as he brandished his weapon in front of the WinCo store on the city's west side, Hightower said.

But the department's deputy chief of operations, Capt. Mike

Webb, said Underwood's .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun was not loaded or fired.

Underwood also may have been high on methamphetamine at the time of the shooting, police said. Toxicology test results are expected in the next two weeks.

"Friends and people who knew him said he was a heavy daily meth user," Hightower said.

**Nampa voters say no to extending urban renewal**

NAMPA — Preliminary results indicate voters rejected an Urban Renewal Agency extension plan here.

The unofficial tally provided by the Canyon County Elections Office shows 3,877 citizens cast ballots during Tuesday's advisory vote, and approximately 54 percent voted no.

"The majority have voted to advise the city council to look for another method of funding our critical infrastructure needs," said Mayor Tom Dale.

— compiled from wire reports

# LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

**SHOSHONE** — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Lincoln County included the following:

**Misdemeanor arraignments**

Brian K. Moore, 25, driving without privileges, sentencing March 17; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Mark D. Sainsbury, 39, inattentive/unsafe driving, motor carrier — department of law enforcement violations; pretrial conference Feb. 4; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Juan Lozano, 23, reckless driving amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$36.50 public defender fee; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

**Guilford**

Ambrix, 19, battery — domestic violence amended to disturbing the peace; \$63.50 court costs, \$25 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

missed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Leonard Lee-Morens, 31, possession of a controlled substance; obtaining a controlled substance by fraud, forgery, etc.; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Michael L. Beckham, no date of birth listed; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Richard G. Thesis, 57; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

**Juvenile misdemeanor arraignments**

Justin Jennings, 16; failure to purchase/inventor driver's license; failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Andrew Bruno Lopez, 17; failure to purchase/inventor driver's license; failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Michelle R. Jones, 22, driving without privileges, 180-day driver's license suspension; \$100 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one year unsupervised probation; 80 days in jail, 78 suspended; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Jorge Navarro Jr., 20, possession of a controlled substance; \$186.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 180-day probation fee, two years supervised probation; use of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; \$250 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

**Civil**

Statewide Collections vs. Bill Pederson and Brandy L. Pederson, spouse. Seeking \$1,583.37, attorney fees of \$440. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Discover Bank vs. Glenda L. Barutka. Seeking \$2,032.37 in interest; \$374.01 attorney fees untestified, more if contested; Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for purchases made or cash advances on a Discover credit card.

**Misdemeanor sentences**

Green Mar Gilgoff, 27; failure to stop at red light; \$175 fine, \$63.50 court costs, one year unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

L. Gonzalez, 23; under the influence of a controlled substance; \$220 fine, \$63.50 court costs, \$25 public defender fee; one year unsupervised probation; use of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; drug stamp tax violation; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Byron Ray Depew, 24; driving without privileges; \$78.50 court costs, one year unsupervised probation; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Wendy C. Powell, 28; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/inventor driver's license; \$68.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Joseph M. Turney, 24; driving under the influence, 120-day driver's license suspension; \$400 fine, \$78.50 court costs, \$210 probation fee; one year supervised probation; driving without privileges; amended to failure to purchase/inventor driver's license; \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Idaho Power Company vs. Casey L. Gill. Seeking \$5,166.85, attorney fees of \$500 untestified, more if contested. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for costs of repair and/or replacement of a power pole.

Wesley J. Pascale and Rebecca J. Pascale vs. Clearway Building Corporation. Seeking \$1,376.80. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for damages in a contract dispute.

Lawrence L. Calkins and Sandra L. Calkins, spouse vs. Nicholas James Taylor. Seeking \$46,250.22, plus interest; \$5,000 attorney fees untestified, more if contested. Plaintiff alleges that defendant failed to make payments on a mortgage.

Bonnieville Billing and Collections vs. Dusty Twitchell and Phyllis Twitchell. Seeking \$2,588.14, plus interest, attorney fees of \$400. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

**Misdemeanor dismissals**

Pedro Vilcapoma, 33; resisting or obstructing officers; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Nazario E. Lozano, 31; possession of a controlled substance; use of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Antonio G. Martinez, 28; possession of a controlled substance; use of possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

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# Exams

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saying it's just not worth the hassle to try to meet the mandates.

Though Idaho will get about \$157 million from the federal government to implement No Child Left Behind, Jones said it doesn't begin to pay for the situations in schools that don't meet the standards mandated in the program.

"They're putting more money in — no question about that," Jones said. "But it's not enough to pay for highly trained teachers as defined by the program, or for the transportation to other schools if a school can't make adequate yearly progress," or for tutoring for students having trouble making the standards."

In reality, the \$157 million is only 1 percent more than what the state got last year in federal money, Jones said. It comes to about 8 percent of the total public

school budget of around \$2 billion that includes local, state and federal dollars.

But vice-chairman of the House Education Committee, Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, disputes that there isn't enough money. By his accounting, the state should be getting about \$96 million to be used strictly for implementing No Child Left Behind.

In addition, he said there are other significant increases in federal funding to such things as Title I money for underprivileged children, training for highly qualified teachers and reading programs for children in primary grades.

Title I funding has been in Idaho schools since the 1970s, and the budget Idaho educators are told they will get next year is \$42.5 million, or \$15.2 million more than the 2001 level.

Jones noted that states stand to

lose all Title I funding if they opt out of No Child Left Behind.

But Lake pointed to a paragraph in No Child Left Behind that says if a reform is not funded by the federal government, then a state doesn't have to implement it.

"If they don't give us the money, then we're not required to do the work," Lake said.

This is not to say that Lake thinks No Child Left Behind is perfect.

"There's some things we need to address," Lake said. "But do we throw out the baby with the bathwater?"

Lake said the most important thing the Legislature will do this session is pass the ISAT.

"The reason is that it's going to determine the direction of education for the next generation," he said.

# Developing

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from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Burley Inn.

**Centennial plans**

Council members approved two requests from the group planning Burley's centennial, which will be celebrated in 2005.

The committee asked for \$5,000.

Of that, \$1,350 will pay for binders, folders and calendars for centennial committee members. Another \$1,000 is budgeted to pay for the design of a logo and to have the logo printed on promotional materials. Committee members want \$2,000 to pay for centennial T-shirts, which they will then sell to raise money. The remaining \$650 is for miscellaneous expenses.

ees all taking vacation during the same time, often around holidays.

The council decided to review the city's vacation policy and discuss it later.

Also, the council tabled a resolution authorizing the city administrator to sell or demolish the

The \$5,000 won't be directly issued to the centennial committee, Burley City Administrator Mark Mitton said. The committee members will submit paperwork to city officials who will present payment requests to the council.

Council members also approved a request to allow the centennial committee to proceed with a project to develop the park-in-front-of-City-Hall into Centennial Park. No firm plans for what will go in the park have been made, Burley Action Team member Casey Anderson said.

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# Wolves

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were unaware of the agreement and partly because they believed it compromises the state's postiling position with the tribe.

In the past, Republican Rep. Lenore Barrett of Challis suggested that there ought to be only one kind of wolf management — extermination. Barrett was incensed at Caswell's work, pointing to a legislative statement passed in 2001 that called for the unequivocal removal of wolf from the state.

She said Caswell's office was given authority to "talk or consult with the tribes and federal government." "That's not the same as making an agreement with them," she admonished.

Republican Rep. Lawrence Denney of Midvale, the House majority leader, tried to ease the tension.

"You're hearing the frustration of the committee," Denney said. "Nobody anticipated an expanded role for the tribes. And this was a secret until about a week ago."

Caswell denied the allegation. "This wasn't some 'hide-the-football' deal. It never hit me that it would cause this level of angst," he said.

Frustrated after 90 minutes of questions and answers, Barrett intended to ask the committee for a vote against the agreement.

But Barrett did not tell Stevenson, the committee chairman, about her plans.

Stevenson suspected something was amiss when he noticed Barrett having pages find fellow conservative members to bring them back to the hearing room for a vote. Before she was able to ask for the vote, Stevenson gavelled the meeting closed, infuriating Barrett so much that she threw a pencil across the room.

"You didn't allow me to have a say!" Barrett protested loudly.

"I won't allow you to make that kind of motion," Stevenson shot back. "I expect the courtesy of you telling me what the game plan was."

Caswell said after the meeting that the committee was "truly surprised" about the agreement with the tribes.

"That's my fault," he said. "But there's nothing in here that we haven't talked about before."

Caswell said he is not yet recommending a vote that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne sign the agreement.

Barrett said he intends to "walk people through the document and explain what our motivation is."

He told the committee that the document is available for minor tweaks. However, he told committee members it was not open to "wholesale changes."

Caswell said members of the committee have a misconception that the tribe would be out of the wolf management business after the species is delisted. Actually, he said, the tribe would undoubtedly be a part of the management plan for years to come — whether or not the state ultimately signed the agreement.

Caswell also pointed out that his office is attached to the governor's office and is not directly answerable to the Legislature.

# Commission

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during the second year employees can only take off 10 days, not 20, he said.

"That's one of the complaints," Bagley said.

Andrew said department managers also struggle with employ-

ees all taking vacation during the same time, often around holidays.

The council decided to review the city's vacation policy and discuss it later.

Also, the council tabled a resolution authorizing the city administrator to sell or demolish the

Howarth building, which is located on Scott Avenue near Kelly Bean.

The building's former owner gave it to the city, Bagley said.

Bagley said he is trying to find out how much money the building is worth.



Burt Stevenson not tell R-Rupert.



Lenore Barrett R-Challis.

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Thursday In The Times-News

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Alaska educators urge state to drop 'No Child Left Behind' law

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Alaska teachers want the state to ignore the demands of the federal No Child Left Behind law and consequently give up millions of dollars in funding. At their annual gathering in Anchorage over the weekend, educators voted to send their message to the state. The meeting of the National Education Association's Alaska chapter was closed to the public. But educators who were there say the vote, for some, was a philosophical opposition to the law. For others, it sprang from frustrations with the demanding law and what some teachers consider to be inadequate funding. "Basically it broadened the question, the whole notion, of whether going through the No Child Left Behind hoops was worth it for the state," Union President Rick Kramberg told the Anchorage Daily News. "The organization's opinion is they would rather not have the funding and not have to deal with the mandates."

-LEGISLATIVE LOG-

The Associated Press

Completes for Tuesday Introduced in House

- HB042 (Education) - Allows education employees to use a portion of accrued sick leave to supplement workers compensation to maintain a regular salary.
HB043 (Education) - Authorizes renewal of existing school bus transportation contracts on a year-to-year basis.
HB044 (Transportation and Defense) - Prohibits unauthorized use of electronic devices to advertise traffic signal control.
HB045 (Health and Welfare) - Clarifies fees for public social workers' licenses.
HB046 (State Affairs) - Continues the practice of connecting the waters of the Snake River to Lemhi Lake in Blackfoot.
HB047 (State Affairs) - Merges the Idaho Department of Commerce with the Idaho Department of Labor.
HB048 (State Affairs) - Limits the dollar volume of state checks cashed at the Treasury Office to \$2,000.

Introduced in Senate

- SB120 (State Affairs) - Codifies Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's executive order creating a Bureau of Homeland Security.
SB121 (State Affairs) - Provides relief from various civil liabilities to national guard members activated by federal authorities.
SB122 (State Affairs) - Provides a leave of absence from school to any student national guard member activated by federal authorities.

Completes for Monday Sent to Governor

- SB123 (Finance) - Makes an emergency \$1,200 appropriation to the National Guard for the current budget year.
SB124 (Finance) - Makes an emergency \$147,200 appropriation to the Agriculture Department for the current budget year.
SB125 (Finance) - Makes an emergency \$5,500 appropriation to the Board of Examiners for the current budget year.
SB126 (Finance) - Makes an emergency \$4 million appropriation for catastrophic health care for the poor during the current budget year.
HB050 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency appropriation totaling \$12 million to cover the costs of fire and pest control last summer.
HB051 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$16,100 to the Insurance Department for the current budget year.

Confirmed by Senate

Suzanne Budger-Schaefer, Boise, to the Hazardous Waste Facility Siting License Application Review Panel.

Introduced in House

- HB50 (State Affairs) - Requires a recall petition for a trustee of a school district to be canvassed in more than 10 days from the date of filing.
HB51 (State Affairs) - Refines concerning provisions account for full economic impact of public contract awards, including tax and revenue implications.
HB52 (State Affairs) - Allows contracting authorities to more easily verify compliance with the "no-merit" contract requirement.
HB53 (Revenue and Tax) - Specifies eligibility for tax exemption in rural domestic development projects.
HB54 (Revenue and Tax) - Requires proceeds from a tax foreclosure in excess of the actual tax and costs of collection be returned to the property owner.
HB55 (Revenue and Tax) - Permits the Blind Services Foundation to make tax-exempt purchases of equipment to be given to blind and visually impaired residents.

Introduced in Senate

- SB127 (Judiciary and Rules) - Creates the Idaho Law Enforcement and Firefighting Medal of Honor.
SB128 (Judiciary and Rules) - Creates a but not to be considered in the context of education of a custodial parent in child custody disputes.
SB129 (Judiciary and Rules) - Authorizes issuance of a subpoena to assist in recapturing parole violators.
SB130 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies cases that must be reviewed by the Sexual Offender Classification Board.
SB131 (State Affairs) - Allows counties to seek public approval for Sunday sales at state liquor stores or distributing stations.
SB132 (State Affairs) - Authorizes elections to be conducted for unopposed school board candidates if they are filed more than 40 days before the scheduled election date.

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Election worker Louise Hendrickson prepares ballots for counting at Multnomah County election headquarters Tuesday in Portland, Ore.

Oregon voters reject proposed tax increase

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Oregonians overwhelmingly rejected a proposed tax increase on Tuesday, setting the stage for another round of spending cuts for schools, courts and other programs already reeling from earlier slashes. With 49 percent of the vote counted, the \$800 million measure trailed 58 percent to 42 percent. "The margin of defeat is larger than expected," said Kevin Mannix, state GOP chairman and opponent of the tax package. "It's not just a defeat. It's a swift kick in the pants to business-astute politicians who have ignored the need for reform," he said. Gov. Ted Kulongoski has said he is "not included" to convene a special session of the Legislature to consider retooling spending cuts already designated for implementation should the measure fail. But he is under pressure from Republicans to do just that. "I will insist a special session be required should it go down," Mannix said earlier Tuesday night. The voting was conducted by mail over the past couple of weeks, with Tuesday the deadline for ballots to be turned in. In January of last year, Oregon voters rejected a \$310 million income tax increase. As a result, the school year was shortened, state troopers were laid off, and

Three face charge of gang rape

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - County-and-federal-prosecutors have charged three suspected gang members with sexual assault, child pornography and illegal weapons possession in the alleged gang rape of an unconscious 13-year-old girl. In 3rd District Court, Andres Sampedro, 21, and Virgilio Jeronimo Bautista, 25, are charged with rapes of a child. Javier Lugo Martinez, 22, and Sampedro are charged with sexual abuse of a child. In federal court, Sampedro, Jeronimo and Lugo face child pornography charges. Sampedro is also charged with illegal possession of a firearm - a sawed-off 20-gauge shotgun. Authorities began investigating the men after an employee at a one-hour photo shop in Magna discovered pictures of several men engaged in sexual acts with an apparently unconscious minor. The attackers were posing for the camera and flashing gang signs, authorities say. Lugo told authorities the girl "was out of it" while she was being assaulted and that one of the other men probably drugged her.

25th Anniversary Celebration! for Kirk & Stevia Webb. A no-host luncheon at the Branding Iron Restaurant in Wendell, on Sunday, February 8, 2004, 2 p.m. Call 320-3152 or 308-4621 for reservations.

Boise attorney draws opposition as Bush nominee to 9th Circuit

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A coalition of environmental, civil rights and American Indian groups are fighting the confirmation of William C. Myers III to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, claiming the Bush nominee has a record of weakening protections for tribal rights and the environment. More than 60 groups have signed and sent a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee to express their "strong opposition" to the confirmation of Myers, a former mining and cattle industry lobbyist who most recently served as the Interior Department's chief legal officer. The committee was scheduled to begin a confirmation hearing on Myers' appointment Wednesday. Environmental groups have opposed 10 of the Bush administration's 170 judicial nominees, including Myers, but the level of opposition to his nomination is unprecedented, said Buck Parker, executive director of Oakland-based Earthjustice. "He has the clearest anti-environmental record of any of the nominees to date," Parker said.

Lawyer lobbied for cattle, mining interests

"He has made a career as a lobbyist and lawyer trying to overturn environmentally protective laws and regulations." Bush administration officials said they stand behind the nominee. "He's a highly respected attorney who has extensive experience in the field of natural resources, public lands and environmental law," said White House spokeswoman Erin Healy. The San Francisco-based federal appeals court, which oversees nine states and two territories with more than 50 million people, decides a high number of environmental cases. Before joining the Interior Department in July 2001, Myers worked as a lobbyist for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Public Lands Council and several mining companies. He left that position in

October to return to the law firm Holland & Hart in Boise.

While Myers was solicitor at the Interior Department, environmental groups requested an investigation into his meetings with former lobbying clients and mining and grazing industry representatives. A recent department investigation, however, found that Myers didn't violate any government ethics rules.

In their letter, groups opposing Myers' nomination said he "devoted his career to advancing the interests of grazing and mining industries at the expense of the environment and rights of Native Americans and tribal governments."

Groups who sent the letter to the Senate include the Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council, Friends of the Earth, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and Alliance for Justice. "From the view of the environmental community, William Myers is someone we don't want to see adjudicating federal environmental laws," said David Bookbinder, Sierra Club's Washington legal director.

Clean-air group contends burning policy didn't help public health

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - A clean-air advocacy group says changes in field burning policies failed to protect public health in 2003. The smoke management plans did little to aid people affected by smoke, such as those with respiratory illnesses, Safe Air for Everyone said in a report released Monday. But State Agriculture Director Pat Takasugi has told lawmakers he believed the program was successful.

"I think the program was executed well, and the impact on non-burners was minimal," Takasugi said. "I think if you ask the people around the state, it was worth it to avoid having smokers in their backyards." The Idaho Legislature enacted a law last year requiring growers in the 10 northern counties to obtain permits and set fires only on official burn days. The state law also exempted farmers from any lawsuits if they burn legally. The farmers say they must burn the fields to shock the bluegrass into producing more seed for the next crop. Clean air advocates are fighting the farmers in court to halt their burning.

SAFE Director Pat Gora said last year's burn season problems started with the new public notification system. The department's Internet site was down nine days and portions of it did not work on others; she said, and the notices sent for broadcast or radio stations did not give enough information about which fields would be

burned and where the smoke plumes were expected to travel. "The Idaho Department of Agriculture received a \$30,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to improve communications, and it was a failure," she said. Gora also said that even with the department's new computer modeling system, the smoke often did not rise and disperse as predicted. "Some plumes came crashing down to the ground in neighborhoods," she said. Takasugi acknowledged that improvements were still needed, and he speculated that there would be fewer acres burned next season because growers are having problems securing insurance.

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NATION

# Super-sized photos bring rovers' views down to Earth

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Thirty pints of ink, 3,000 square feet of photographic paper — and counting.

That's what NASA has burned through printing otherworldly, super-sized pictures of Mars, that are sent to dozens of museums, many of which display them immediately. It's part of NASA's aggressive effort to promote interest in the Red Planet and the agency's stunning photos.

The martian landscapes appear just as big and colorful as those seen by NASA's twin rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, 130 million miles away.

The largest photograph NASA has printed so far is a monster panorama as long as a motorhome.

"Bigger is better," said engineer Meche McAuley, who works in the image processing lab at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Meanwhile, Opportunity rover took the first-ever microscopic photographs of the martian soil, which scientists believe could contain evidence that the now-dry planet once was a water world capable of sustaining life.

The pictures, released Tuesday, show a coin-sized patch of grainy



Kris Capraro rolls up a 3-D photograph of the rover Spirit's lander, which he printed Wednesday at the Image Processing Laboratory at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Spirit peppered with tiny pebbles, four instruments at the end of its robotic arm, are 6,000 miles apart on opposite sides of Mars, using their mechanical arms to examine the ground beneath their wheels.

Each rover carries nine cameras, from the panoramic to the microscopic. There are more — and better — cameras on Mars today than ever before.

"It was always our intent to build a set of cameras capable of revealing Mars just as if you were standing there," said Cornell University astronomer Steve Squires, the mission's main scientist. "But it's hard to find a display medium that does it justice."

An Imax movie is in the works. Until it's in theaters, there's engineer Kris Capraro. Working in a cramped room at JPL, Capraro steadily produces the largest photographs NASA has ever printed during an ongoing space mission.

To do so, he runs two oversized Hewlett-Packard Co. ink jet printers, costing about \$20,000 apiece. Each is loaded with rolls of paper 5 feet wide and 100 feet long. He's used six of the rolls so far — part of the price of feeding the enormous public appetite for new pictures from Mars.

"The public is who foots the bill, and what they're most interested in are the pictures," Capraro said.

# Researchers find oxygen on distant planet

The Baltimore Sun

A team of astronomers using the Hubble Space Telescope is reporting the first discovery of oxygen and carbon in the atmosphere of a planet circling another star.

Oxygen and carbon are two elements considered vital to the evolution of life as we know it. But scientists said the finding does not mean the planet supports life. Far from it.

"This is oxygen in a very harsh environment," said University of Arizona astronomer Gilda Balester, a member of the team.

The planet, tentatively named Osiris, is a "gas giant" nearly the size of Jupiter. It's orbiting just 4.3 million miles from its star — one-eighth the distance between our sun and its nearest planet, Mercury. So it's hot, an estimated 1,832 degrees Fahrenheit on the surface.

Worse, ultraviolet radiation streaming from the star appears to be ripping away the planet's mostly hydrogen atmosphere.

# Halliburton subsidiary faces another probe

WASHINGTON — A Halliburton Co. subsidiary — Kollogg Brown & Root — has agreed to pay the government for feeding U.S. troops in Kuwait until the two sides settle what the company says is an accounting dispute.

Pentagon auditors are raising the possibility of overcharging. The company had been charging the government for the projected number of meals instead of the actual number served, Pentagon auditors are questioning whether that amounted to overcharging since the projected number of meals was significantly higher than the number served.

Halliburton said, however, that the issue was how to improve meal planning, not how much was charged.

The Pentagon already has in progress a criminal inquiry into possible overcharging, involving another Halliburton contract: the company's deal to supply gasoline to Iraqi civilians. Last month Kollogg Brown & Root reimbursed the Pentagon \$6.3 million after disclosing that two employees had taken kickbacks from a Kuwaiti subcontractor in return for work providing services to U.S. troops in Iraq.

Houston-based Halliburton has complained repeatedly that criticism of its work in Iraq is politically motivated, in part because of its past ties with Vice President Dick Cheney, the company's chairman from 1995 to 2000.

## Administration rolls out ad campaign on Medicare law

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration launched a \$9.5 million television advertising campaign Tuesday to rebut criticism of the new Medicare law.

The ad is to run on network and cable television through March, clustered around soap operas, game shows and news programs. Its theme is "Same Medicare. More Benefits."

The administration is spending another \$3.1 million for a newspaper, radio and Internet effort in both English and Spanish.

The 30-second ad addresses some of the major criticism of the law, including assertions that it will force seniors out of traditional Medicare and into managed care plans and that savings will be paltry from drug discount cards and prescription drug insurance starting in 2006.

The administration said last week that the new law, signed by President Bush in December, would cost \$534 billion over 10 years, a third more than estimates made public before Congress narrowly approved the legislation.

## Bush orders new measures to protect food supply

WASHINGTON — President Bush is ordering three Cabinet departments and the Environmental Protection Agency to develop new measures to protect the nation's food supply from terrorist attack.

In an executive order released Tuesday by the White House, Bush told the departments of agriculture, health and human services, and homeland security, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency, to develop new methods to respond to potential calamitous agricultural terrorism.

## Nation in brief

### Report links prison error to death of defrocked priest

BOSTON — Defrocked pedophile priest John Geoghan never should have been moved to the dangerous-inmate unit where he was strangled and beaten to death by another prisoner last year, according to an investigative report released Tuesday.

A series of "overzealous and unwarranted" discipline reports by a handful of guards led to the frail, 68-year-old Geoghan being classified as one of the state's most dangerous prisoners, and landed him in a cell unit with murderer Joseph Druce, investigators found.

The investigation, conducted by a three-member commission appointed by Gov. Mitt Romney, found that failures in the inmate classification system, disciplinary procedures and internal investigative practices by the Department of Correction all contributed to the circumstances that led to Geoghan's slaying Aug. 23.

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Section C

# KEEP ON COOKIN'

## Hailey woman continues in mother's foot steps

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY** - This local cook grew up attending governor's balls and senate receptions. Jennifer Wilson's father, Norman Erbe, was governor of Iowa between 1961 and 1963, during the Kennedy years.

Her mother, a wonderful cook who was in her element as the governor's wife, hosted elegant teas, dinners and parties, Wilson recalled. She also taught her daughter the art of creating great food.

Wilson owns and operates Isabel's Needlepoint in Ketchum. She says she is fortunate to have a great staff at the store, which allows her the freedom to travel back and forth between her homes in San Francisco and Hailey.

Wilson loves to cook and takes cooking classes at every opportunity. She prefers to follow recipes and doesn't like to do much experimenting. However, she did create her own cranberry recipe.

She shared a story from her early years, as a young wife just learning to cook. "She married at age 21, she said,

and her husband was easygoing and willing to eat anything she made without complaining. She was trying gazpacho for the first time. The recipe called for four garlic cloves. At the time, Wilson didn't know what a garlic clove was, and thought it was the entire garlic head. She put four garlic heads into the soup. When she served the gazpacho, her husband tasted it and apologized. Said he just couldn't eat it.

Wilson didn't want to admit, right away, that there was anything wrong with the soup. So she stubbornly forced herself to eat a whole bowl full. All she could taste was the garlic.

"It was awful," she said.

Today, Wilson is a widow with a grown daughter and two granddaughters, who also live in Hailey.

### Know a chef?

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

Write to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0548. Or call 733-0931, Ext. 243. Or e-mail denise.turner@tn.net. Tell us a little about yourself, and include your name and phone number.



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Jennifer Wilson slices into one of Roberta McKehercher's delicious recipes during a staff meeting at Isabel's Needlepoint Inc., the shop Wilson owns in Ketchum. Roberta's Sherry Cake will be featured in a cookbook scheduled to be published by the Hailey Cultural Center next summer.

### Jennifer's recipes - C2

Mimi's Sour Cream Cake is simple, easy and doesn't even need frosting.



# Looking for Valentine's Day ideas? Make a heart cake for your sweetheart

Here's a sweet way to say 'I love you' on Valentine's Day, with a Strawberry Heart Cake.

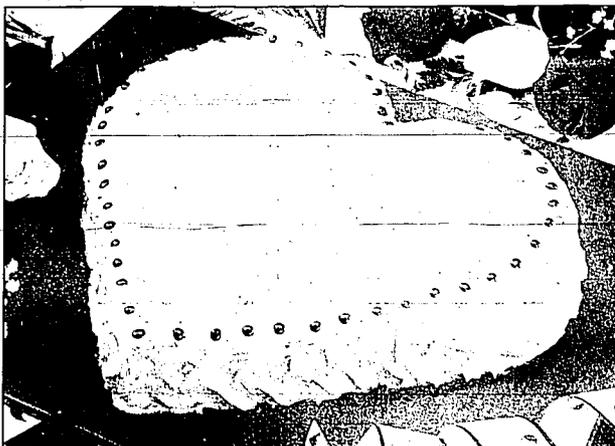


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### Taste of Home

Try Patricia Rutherford's heartfelt cake as a special treat this Valentine's Day.

The country cook, from Winchester, Ill., makes one every year for her granddaughter. The dessert is convenient, since it starts with a box mix.

### STRAWBERRY HEART CAKE

- 1 package (18 1/4 ounces) white cake mix
- 1 package (3 ounces) strawberry gelatin
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen sweetened strawberries, thawed
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 5 to 5 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- Red-hot candies (optional)

In a mixing bowl, combine cake mix, gelatin and flour.

Beat in oil and eggs. Drain strawberries, reserving 1/2 cup syrup for frosting. Add berries and water to batter.

Mix well. Divide batter between two wax paper-lined 8-inch baking pans - one square, one round.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes (square) and 35-40 minutes (round) or until cake tests done. Cool 10 minutes.

Remove from pans to wire racks to cool completely. In a small mixing bowl, combine butter and reserved syrup.

Gradually add sugar. Beat until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Place square cake diagonally on a 20-by-15-inch covered board. Cut round cake in half.

Frost cut sides. Place frosted sides against the top two sides of square cake, forming a heart.

Frost sides and top of cake. Decorate with red-hots.

FOOD & HOME

Leaves can have nine lives

When the snow melts enough to expose all those leaves you put on the flower beds, it's hard to imagine that they're still a good thing. The leaves do have a little something left in them, and they are worth saving.



GREEN THUMPPINIS  
Cathy Walworth

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

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

Left alone, the leaves will continue to decompose the rest of the winter. Every time they get wet, they'll drip nutrients into the soil below.

If they haven't completely disappeared next spring, turn the soil over then and work what's left of the leaves into the beds. Their cellular skeletons will still do good things for your soil. Think of the leaf cell skeletons as microscopic sponges.

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

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Make Irish potatoes in March

By Jim Coleman and Candace Hagan  
Philadelphia Daily News

I'm told the idea for Irish potato cakes started in the late 1800s during the Irish Potato Famine, a famine that devastated Ireland. There are many variations, with ingredients ranging from peanut butter to mashed potatoes. The cream cheese makes this candy easy to work with.

IRISH POTATOES

1/4 cup butter, softened

4 ounces cream cheese  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
16 ounces confectioner's sugar  
Pinch of salt  
9 ounces flaked coconut (about 2 1/2 cups)

In a large bowl or electric mixer, cream the butter and cream cheese together. Beat in the vanilla, sugar and salt. Stir in the coconut. Roll your hands into small potato shapes. Place the cinnamon in a shallow dish. Lightly roll the candy in the cinnamon. Place on a cookie sheet, cover and chill until firm, about an hour.

Jennifer's recipes

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MIMI'S SOUR CREAM CAKE

Mimi was Wilson's grandmother's name. "I thought you won't be frosting the cake, it won't last long," Wilson said. "I taught this recipe to my 6-year-old granddaughter this fall. It's simple and easy to master, since most of all the ingredients are just one."

1 teaspoon ground nutmeg  
1 cup flour  
In a bowl, quickly mix baking soda into the container of sour cream and let rest. Then add egg, sugar, vanilla and salt. Stir nutmeg into flour and add it to the bowl, mixing all the ingredients thoroughly.

Preheat the oven to 350, grease and flour a shallow cake pan. Forget the electric beaters, and use a wooden spoon.

Pour into prepared pan and bake for about 30 minutes, depending on how thin the batter is, which will depend on which size cake pan you use.

The cake is better when it's thin and rather crispy around the edges. When it cools, cut into 1-by-3-inch servings.

1 egg  
1 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 tablespoon grated orange zest  
1/2 cup golden raisins  
Rinse and sort the berries and pulse them in a Cuisinart just until every berry is cut.  
Combine the slightly beaten egg with the sugar, flour, orange zest and raisins.  
Stir into berries and pour into pie shell. Bake at 350 degrees until bubbly, about 45 minutes.

JENNIFER'S CRANBERRY PIE

"I've always enjoyed the tartness of cranberries and feel they aren't used as much as they should be," Wilson explained. "So when I couldn't find a recipe for cranberry pie, I created my own." Wilson is now looking for a cranberry jam recipe and hopes somebody may be willing to share. Send to jennifer@icloud.com.

Pre-bake a pie shell for about 20 minutes or so.  
2 bags fresh cranberries

ROBERTA'S SHERRY CAKE

Here's a sneak-peek from the Roberta McKereher cookbook scheduled to be published next summer, by the Hailey Cultural Center.

Combine:  
1 package yellow cake mix  
2 tablespoons flour  
1 package vanilla pudding mix  
3/4 cup cooking oil  
1 cup dry sherry  
5 eggs  
Bake in ungreased bundt pan at 350 degrees for one hour. Sprinkle with powdered sugar when cool.

Cookies depend on the quality of vanilla

By Sylvia Carter  
Newsday

This cookie is similar to the butter cookies known by their other names, Mexican wedding cakes.

Use the best vanilla you can. I favor the double-strength vanilla 1 order from Penzeys's (800-741-7787, www.penzeys.com); it goes for \$65 for 16 ounces right now, because of the hurricane in Madagascar, from

whence it comes.) It does not claim to be organic. The original recipe is from King Arthur, the flour folks, but if you want to glid the lily, coat the cookies in confectioner's sugar that has had a vanilla bean buried in it for several weeks.

14 cup sugar  
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, slightly softened  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
Confectioner's sugar  
Cream together flour, sugar, butter and salt with a pastry blender, 2 knives or clean fingers.  
Add the vanilla and mix with a fork until you have a cohesive dough.  
Cover dough and chill until firm, 3 or 4 hours or overnight.  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
Roll small pieces of dough

between the palms of your hands into little balls about 1/2 inch in diameter and place on an ungreased cookie sheet.  
Bake for about 12 minutes or until golden.  
Remove from oven, cool thoroughly and shake cookies gently in a bag of confectioner's sugar.  
(If you put the sugar in a bowl, and gently toss cookies in it. Note that the sugar won't stick if cookies are not totally cool.)  
Makes about 60.

Takeout rotisserie chicken makes great meal

By Cathy Thomas  
The Orange County Register

1 1/2 cups chopped onions, about 2 medium onions  
1 1/2 cups peeled baby carrots, cut into 1/4-inch-thick rounds  
2 tablespoons mild curry powder  
1 teaspoon minced garlic  
1/4 cup all-purpose flour  
2 (14.5-ounce) cans fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth, about 3 1/2 cups  
2 1/2 cups bite-size chunks rotisserie chicken with skin removed  
1 medium tart apple, such as Granny Smith, unpeeled, chopped  
1/2 cup raisins  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
For serving: Cooked rice

curry powder and garlic; cook 2 minutes, stirring frequently to prevent burning.  
Sprinkle flour over mixture and stir until flour just blends in. Mixture will not be smooth. Slowly add broth, stirring constantly.  
Raise heat to medium-high and bring to boil, stirring constantly. Lower heat to medium and simmer until sauce thickens slightly, 6-8 minutes, stirring frequently.  
Stir in chicken, apple, raisins and salt. Cover and turn heat to low. Simmer, stirring frequently, until mixture is hot and bubbly and has thickened slightly, about 10 minutes.  
Serve over rice. If desired, offer optional garnishes, such as chutney, chopped red or green onions, chopped cilantro, toasted slivered almonds or shredded coconut. Yield: 4 servings

gional for dipping  
3 medium green onions, thinly sliced, OR 2 tablespoons chopped red onion  
1 small tart apple, such as Granny Smith, unpeeled, finely chopped, about 1/2 cup  
1 1/2 teaspoons unseasoned rice vinegar  
1/2 cup chopped walnuts  
12 Boston lettuce-leaves, washed, dried  
Hoisin sauce, also called Peking sauce, is a thick, sweet-sour mixture of soybeans, garlic, chili and various spices. It's sold in Asian markets and supermarkets with large Asian specialty sections.

Under heat-lamp spotlights, the warm glow of their skin shimmering. Takeout rotisserie chickens can be downright delicious. "My love affair with rotisserie chicken began when I invited friends for a spur-of-the-moment dinner," says Carla Fitzgerald Williams, who wrote "Rotisserie Chickens to the Rescue."  
Williams' chicken curry takes about 25 minutes to cook, just about the time it takes to also prepare some rice and make a salad. Seasoned to appeal to adults and children alike, the dish can be ressed up for company by offering optional garnishes, such as chutney, chopped red or green onion, and toasted slivered almonds. Maybe some chopped cilantro or grated coconut.

Stir chicken, 1/2 cup hoisin sauce, onions, apple, rice vinegar and walnuts in medium bowl.  
Spoon about 1/4 cup chicken mixture in center of lettuce leaf, leaving 1-inch border on each side. Roll into cylinder. Repeat with remaining leaves.  
Serve, seam side down, with additional hoisin sauce for dipping, if desired. Yield: 12 pieces.

HURRY CURRY

Nonstick cooking spray  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil

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Black beans have tender texture

By Donna Pierce  
Chicago Tribune

My Gulf Coast grandmother preferred black beans to red beans for this delicious, satisfying meal. Not only did the black beans add Caribbean notes to the dish, they also were milder, my grandmother said.

beginning to brown, about 3 minutes. Add celery and onion; cook until softened, about 3 minutes. Add garlic; cook until softened, 1 minute.  
Stir in beans, beef broth, chicken broth, thyme, red pepper flakes, bay leaf, mace, salt and black pepper to taste.

Increase heat to medium-high heat just to a boil.  
Reduce heat to a simmer, cook until flavors come together, about 20 minutes.  
Stir in cilantro and green onions. Serve over rice. Try serving with French bread, grapes and cheese.

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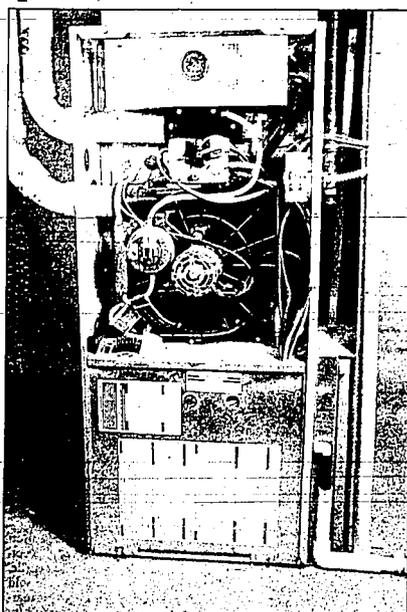
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STUE: A condensing furnace is the most efficient design available and installing one can lower your utility bills by 40 percent or more. The newest modulating-burner condensing furnaces will also greatly improve comfort. Most manufacturers offer lifetime heat exchanger warranties.

In addition to the burner design, improved comfort is a function of the type of blower motor and thermostat. Since the furnace blower and thermostat are also used for central air conditioning, they impact summertime comfort, actually to a greater extent than in the heating mode. A condensing furnace extracts extra heat from the exhaust gases before they exit the furnace. This requires an extra heat exchanger inside the furnace which condenses the water vapor in the hot exhaust gases back into water.

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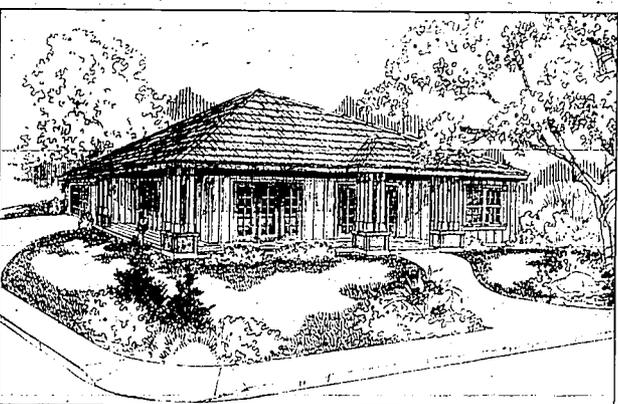
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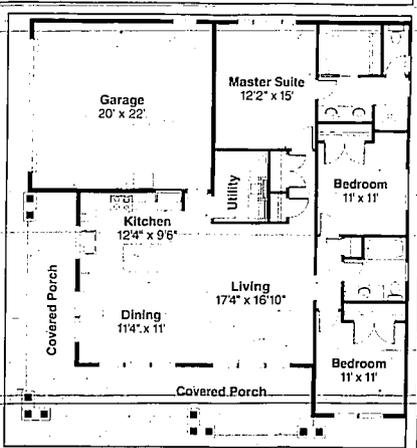
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The kitchen fills more than a quarter of this large, open gathering space. Nothing more than a work island with a raised eating bar separates the areas. Standing at the kitchen sink, one can keep an eye on the side porch.

An atrium or French door in

the dining room brings direct access to the covered porch. Two doors across the room open into the utility room and garage. The utility room is exceptionally large for a home this size - and well-outfitted with cupboards and an L-shaped counter.

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## Leave serious icicles for the professionals

By Mary Beth Breckenridge  
 Akron Beacon Journal

Chances are the sight of ice glazing tree branches and dripping off gutters makes you think you ought to be doing something about it. Resist the urge. Trying to remove ice from roofs and plants can cause bigger problems, experts say. You can damage shingles, break off branches and threaten your own safety.

Icicles are almost inevitable this time of year. However, they can be symptoms of ice dams, masses of ice that form along the eaves of roofs as melting snow collects and refreezes. That ice and the water it produces when it melts can work back up under the shingles and seep into the house.

Bob Hart, of Branch Roofing Inc. in Akron, Ohio, said his company has been deluged with phone calls about ice dams, including one from a woman whose roofer neglected to install a waterproof membrane under the shingles. Water was pouring into the woman's house.

Hart said the key is preventing ice buildup through proper attic insulation, which keeps warm air from rising to the roof and making the snow above melt faster; good ventilation, which lets warm air escape the attic cleanly, properly working gutters and downspouts, which carry away melting snow so it won't puddle and refreeze; and a layer between the roof deck and the shingles to keep water out of the house.

If you have a big ice buildup and you live in a one-story house, some roofers say you can use a roof rake to remove the top layer of snow while you're standing on the ground. Sprinkle on calcium chloride, a deicer that won't harm shingles. However, Hart recommends calling a professional.

He also doesn't recommend trying to knock off the icicles. The only exception, he said, is if they're so heavy that they threaten to bring down a gutter, and even then he'd be hesitant. Icicles and ice dams can weigh hundreds of pounds, enough to injure or kill someone standing by. You need to use a long stick, stay well away from the icicles and know where they're going to fall.

Ice can also weigh down the branches on your trees and shrubs and even make the plants bend over. If stopping shrubs and trees do not come back up, you can straighten them and tie them loosely with jute twine on a warm winter day or in early spring.

## Hearty chicken chili is healthy

By Linda Gassenheimer  
 The Miami Herald

Chili is always a crowd pleaser. This easy, one-pot version is perfect for two or can be multiplied to feed a household. If you wish, serve quick-cooking rice and a ready-to-

eat salad on the side. Serve hot pepper sauce on the side for those who want to raise the heat.

The chili keeps well and can be frozen. If you're not entertaining, make extra and save for another quick meal.

### SPICY MUSHROOM AND CHICKEN CHILI

- 3/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cups canned tomatoes with juice
- 1 medium jalapeno pepper, seeded and diced (about 1 tablespoon)
- 1 cup drained and rinsed, canned red kidney beans
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 medium garlic cloves, crushed

- 1/2 pound sliced mushrooms (any type; about 3 cups)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- Heat a large nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Add the chicken, tomatoes, jalapeno pepper, beans, corn, chili powder, cumin, garlic, mushrooms and 1/2 cup water.
- Bring to a simmer; reduce heat to medium-low. Simmer, uncovered, 15 minutes.
- Add salt and pepper to taste. Makes 2 servings.

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FOOD & HOME

Learn to deal with that winter asparagus

By Renee Schettler
The Washington Post

Though you knew down deep that real spring asparagus tastes incomparably better than what is sold in markets during the dead of winter, you went and plunked down \$4.99—or more—per pound for stalks as thick as tree trunks, thinking surely somewhere in the world it's spring right now. It's not.

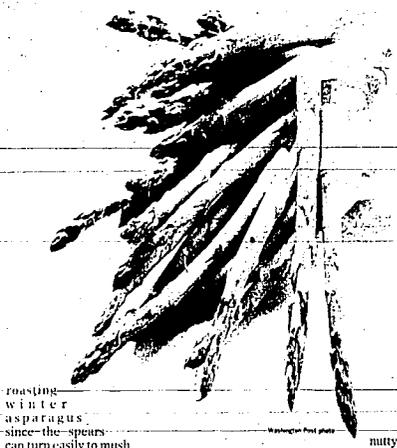
Winter asparagus lacks the texture and flavor of what is locally grown and in season. But there is a way to take advantage of even the limited assets of this winter creature?

HOW TO SELECT: You already chose the wrong season. That, and the stalks should be firm, not limp, and a brilliant shade of green. The tips should be compact and pointy, with no trace of mold, no seeds or stray tufts splaying sideways.

HOW TO STORE: Perch the stalks in a tall, narrow container in about an inch of water, much as one would flowers in a vase. Cover the tips loosely with plastic wrap. And don't expect them to last long.

HOW TO TRIM: Rather than trimming the stalks arbitrarily about where you think the spear goes from tough to tender, start the stalk to knock. Hold the spear with one end in each hand and gently bend until it snaps. The thin but tough outer layer may be peeled with a snivel vegetable peeler up to an inch from the tip.

HOW TO PREPARE: Forget about steaming, braising, poaching or any other delicate cooking method. And you can't rely on



Roasting winter asparagus since the spears can turn easily to mush.

Instead, slice each spear into about a dozen irregular slivers, toss them into a hot skillet and stir fry until crisp without, tender within. It's the perfect method for a bunch of uneven asparagus stalks since it allows you to make the pieces uniform.

In this recipe, the cooking fat determines the flavor. Bacon drippings are fantastic. Unsalted butter takes on a nutty flavor as it browns.

And if using a neutral oil, toss the asparagus with toasted sesame oil and sesame seeds once they're on the plate.

Or if using olive oil, try a squeeze of lemon and slivers of basil leaf. This side dish is fabulous alongside fried eggs. It's adapted from a soup recipe in "The Zuni Cafe Cookbook" by Judith Rodgers (W.W. Norton, 2002).

SAUTEED ASPARAGUS SLIVERS

- 4 servings
About 16 ounces asparagus, trimmed
Scant 1 tablespoon bacon drippings, butter or vegetable (preferably olive) oil
Salt and/or freshly cracked black pepper to taste
Using a sharp knife, cut each spear in half crosswise, then cut each half lengthwise into several slivers, slicing on an angle about 1/8 to 1/4 inch thick.
The slivers will be uneven; this is fine. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil.

Stuffed peppers require perfect rice

By Steve Petusevsky
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

I was brought up in the beautiful, fertile mountains of the Hudson Valley, two hours north of New York City, where each

season brings new weather and another color to the landscape. The changing seasons also bring new ingredients to the kitchen. One of my favorite dishes from the past is stuffed peppers. My mother's were the true ver-

sion that you might see on the cover of Good Housekeeping magazine. The key to great stuffed peppers is cooking the rice almost all the way before incorporating it into the stuffing.
In a small saucepan with a tight-fitting lid, bring water to a boil.
Add basmati rice, stir, cover and simmer 20 minutes until nearly tender. Transfer rice to a large mixing bowl.
Meanwhile, heat oil in a medium saute pan or skillet and saute onions, celery, garlic and oregano 3 minutes until tender. Add sauteed vegetables to rice.
Add parsley, soy beef, salt and pepper to rice and mix to combine.
Combine marinara sauce, diced tomatoes and basil leaves in a nonreactive medium bowl.
Spoon 1 cup of tomato sauce mixture on bottom of a 2 1/2-liter baking dish. Cut a 1/2-inch slice off top of each pepper. Remove

Cookbook features old-fashioned classics

Newsday

The late Ronald Johnson's book, "The American Table," is a treasure. You won't find better recipes for a skillet-reamed "potatoes, vegetables, cream, pickles, baked pumpkin, Parmesan and many other delights. This was Johnson's mother's alternative to cauliflower in cheese sauce.

SOUR CREAM PEAKED CAULIFLOWER

1 head cauliflower, trimmed

1 tablespoon white wine tarragon vinegar
5 tablespoons butter
Salt
1 cup sour cream
1 1/2 cups fresh bread crumbs
Preheat oven to 350. Steam the cauliflower in 1/2 inch water and the vinegar for 10 to 15 minutes. When a sharp knife will just penetrate the heart of it, remove and place upside down in a bowl.
Cut about 2 tablespoons of butter into bits. Sprinkle cauliflower generously with salt.
Dot cauliflower with bits of butter so it melts into the

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Make salsa and scones, but not together

By Linda Heral
The Miami Herald

This recipe came from Cafe Tu Tu Tango in 1991. Besides the obvious use as a dip for tortilla chips, I like it warm over plain rice or enchiladas.

TU TU TANGO BLACK BEAN SALSA

- 3 cups cooked black beans
1 cup frozen corn kernels, dehydrated
16 homatillos, diced
1 bunch green onions, trimmed and finely chopped
1 green bell pepper, seeded and finely chopped
1 red bell pepper, seeded and finely diced
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
Worcestershire and hot pepper sauce
Cumin, salt and pepper
Toss the beans with the corn, tomatoes, green onions and peppers. Add oil and vinegar and toss again. Season to taste with Worcestershire, hot pepper sauce, cumin, salt and pepper. Refrigerate at least 3 hours before serving. Makes about 6 cups, 12 servings.

I adore clotted cream, whether from Devon or Cornwall, and can imagine no better mid-morning or afternoon repast than fresh-baked scones with a liberal smear of the cream and raspberry jam.

In England, the traditional method of making the cream takes a day or more. Rich, unspiced milk is placed in shallow pans until the cream has risen, then heated gently until a semi-solid layer forms.

Various brands are available in the United States at specialty markets and through Web sites, such as britishdelights.com.

This wonderful scone recipe is in the Junior League of Boca Raton's cookbook, "Savor the Moment."

LEMON CREAM SCONES

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar (divided)
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup dried fruit such as cranberries, cherries, blueberries or chopped apricots
1 teaspoon plus 1 tablespoon freshly grated lemon zest (divided)
1 1/4 cups heavy cream

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
Mix the flour, 1/4 cup sugar, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Stir in the dried fruit and 1 teaspoon lemon zest.

Add the heavy cream and stir until just moistened. Knead gently on a lightly oiled surface. Roll into a 10-inch circle that's about 1/2-inch thick.

Cut into 12 wedges. Arrange the wedges 2 inches apart on a greased baking sheet. Brush with the melted butter.

Combine the 2 tablespoons sugar and 1 tablespoon lemon zest in a small bowl. Sprinkle over the scones. Bake at 425 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.

Cool slightly on a wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes 12 scones.

Learn to love your slow cooker

By Kathie Jenkins
Saint Paul Pioneer Press

For a Type A like me, slow cooking has always been up there with traffic jams, long-winded speeches and standing in line at Target. Now, I've become the Crock Pot Queen.

It started when I mentioned to a friend that I'd never used a slow cooker. A few days later, one was sitting on my chair at work.

I finally took the Crock Pot home and one Saturday decided to give it a shot. I decided on Italian pot roast, mainly because I had all the ingredients on hand.

When I got home, my house smelled wonderful and the meat was falling away from the bone. The more I got into it, the more I've started adapting some of my favorite ethnic recipes to the slow cooker.

I found this easy recipe on Chowhound.com. I like to use it to make burritos to bring for lunch.

CHILE COLORADO

- Makes 6 to 8 servings
1 onion, chopped
3 pounds chuck roast, trimmed and cubed
1 can (16 ounces) red chile sauce or red enchilada sauce (same thing)
1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
1 cup water
Brown meat. Add to slow cooker. Pour chile sauce and tomato sauce into pan used to brown meat. Deglaze pan, scraping up all bits of beef and meat juices. Add to slow cooker. Simmer on low for 8 hours. Serve with tortillas, rice and salad. Leftover can be made into tacos, burritos or rice bowls.

Impress your guests with this dish from "The Gourmet Slow Cooker." It's as good as anything served at a nice restaurant. Once it's cooked, all you have to do is cook a batch of instant polenta, which takes about 5 minutes.

ITALIAN POT ROAST

- Makes 4 to 6 servings
1 cinnamon stick, broken into pieces
4 whole cloves
3 allspice berries
6 black peppercorns
3 tablespoons olive oil
3 1/2 pounds beef pot roast, trimmed of excess fat
1 yellow onion, finely chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 celery stalks, sliced
2 carrots, peeled and sliced
1 cup dry red wine
1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
Salt
Chopped fresh parsley, for garnish

To prepare spice mixture: In mortar or coffee grinder, combine cinnamon, cloves, allspice and peppercorns. Grind to fine powder.

To prepare meat: Heat large saute pan over medium-high heat. Add oil. Add meat. Cook, turning roast, for 10 to 15 minutes or until browned on all sides. Using tongs, transfer to slow cooker.

To make sauce: Add onion to saute pan. Saute, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Add garlic, celery and carrots. Saute for 3 to 4 minutes or until lightly browned. Add spice mixture. Cook for 2 minutes.

Add red wine. Cook for 10 minutes or until reduced by one-third. Stir in crushed tomatoes and salt to taste.

To cook: Pour sauce over meat in slow cooker. Cover. Cook on low for 8 hours or until meat falls away from bone.

To serve: Transfer to warmed serving dish. Garnish with parsley. Serve immediately.

OVERNIGHT OATMEAL

- Makes 8 (1-cup) servings
8 cups water
2 cups steel-cut oats (see note)
1/3 cup dried cranberries
1/3 cup dried apricots, chopped
1/4 teaspoon salt or to taste
Combine water, oats, dried cranberries, dried apricots and salt in 5- or 6-quart slow cooker. Turn heat to low. Cover. Cook for 7 to 8 hours or until oats are tender and porridge is creamy.

NEW POTATO CURRY

- Makes 4 to 6 servings
2 tablespoons clarified butter or vegetable oil
1 pound (about 10) small new potatoes
2 onions, finely chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon curry powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cracked black pepper
1/2 cup water or vegetable or chicken stock
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro
To prepare potatoes: Dry on paper towels.

If larger than 1 inch in diameter, cut in half. Boil, heat butter or oil over medium-high heat. Add potatoes. Cook until just beginning to brown. Transfer to slow cooker.

To make sauce: Reduce heat to medium. Add onions. Cook, stirring, until softened. Add garlic, curry powder, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Add water or stock. Bring to a boil. Pour over potatoes.

To cook: Cover. Cook on low for 8 to 10 hours or on high for 4 to 5 hours, or until potatoes are tender.

To serve: Stir in lemon juice. Garnish with cilantro. Serve.

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# Explore the exotic origins of cocoa powder

By CoCa Sullivan  
Seattle Times

The nondescript tin of cocoa powder sitting on a grocery shelf may have begun its journey here from a tropical plantation in Venezuela or Brazil, or perhaps Trinidad.

Slender trees bear fruit that grows directly out of the gray-green trunks. In a down-the-rabbit-hole "landscape" that could have been imagined by the creative fancy of Lewis Carroll.

A cocoa fruit has a hard shell that is split open with a machete, revealing compartments packed with sacs. In each sac is a single

seed, or bean, surrounded by red, pink or white pulp.

Once the beans have been harvested, fermented and dried, they are classified according to size, brockered and sold to chocolate manufacturers.

Much like coffee beans, the region of origin — its soil and climate — will influence the flavor of cocoa beans, so the manufacturer may blend different beans to create a defining taste.

After the beans are roasted, making them brittle, they are crushed to winnow the hulls, or shells, from the broken fragments of beans, or nibs.

The nibs are crushed and

ground to a thick, grainy mass called liquor, made up of cocoa butter and solids.

About 75 to 85 percent of the butter is removed, and the remaining solids are pulverized into powder.

The two types of unsweetened cocoa powder, natural (nonalkalized) and Dutch-process (alkalized), differ both in taste and color.

Dutched cocoa is treated with an alkali that reduces acidity and darkens the color.

Natural cocoa powder will have nothing added; its ingredient label should simply read "cocoa" or "unsweetened cocoa powder."

The color of both the powder and the baked goods made from it will be lighter.

There are also differences in flavor and color between premium and less-expensive brands. You can try an easy taste-test at home.

Place a teaspoon of each kind of cocoa in separate cups with 1/8 teaspoon-sugar, then stir 1/4 cup warm milk into each cup, and taste. Close your eyes and concentrate.

Store cocoa in an airtight container away from aromatic spices and herbs. Its flavor will begin to fade after a year.

# Make purple potato salad

By Steve Petusevsky  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

I got a letter saying I owed the city \$50 because my security alarm went off due to a mechanical failure. I had paid to have the problem fixed, so I went to court. I'm 50 years old, and I've never been to court. The closest I've come is watching Perry Mason. But the cook in me likes to find inspiration in every situation, so I figured there must be one great recipe floating around the courtroom.

A foreign couple looked friendly so I struck up a conversation. The gentleman shared this recipe. It looks fabulous when prepared with little purple potatoes found in upscale produce markets, and it makes a great side dish. Enjoy it warm or chilled.

per, to taste

- 1 head leaf lettuce, cleaned well and torn into bite-size pieces
- 1/2 cup pitted black olives, chopped
- 3 hard-boiled eggs, peeled and chopped
- 1 small onion, cut into rings
- Place potatoes in a pot and cook with water. Bring to a boil and cook 25 minutes until tender.
- Drain; cool slightly and cut into 1-inch chunks. Place in a large mixing bowl. Heat oil in a large saute pan or skillet over medium heat.
- Add onions, peppers, chilies, cumin and turmeric. Saute 3 minutes until vegetables are tender. Add sauteed vegetables to potatoes. Add cream, cheese, salt and pepper. Mix well and smash potatoes a little while mixing.
- Arrange greens on a platter or 6 serving plates. Place warm potatoes over greens. Sprinkle with olives and eggs. Garnish with onion. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 463 calories, 46 percent calories from fat, 24 grams total fat, 146 milligrams cholesterol, 11 grams saturated fat, 17 grams protein, 47 grams carbohydrates, 6 grams total fibers, 583 milligrams sodium.

## COCOA FUDGE SAUCE

Makes 1 1/2 cups  
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder (natural or Dutch-process)  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup whipping cream  
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into bits  
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract  
Place cocoa and sugar in a

small, heavy saucepan. Stir in just enough cream to make a smooth, thick paste.

Then stir in the rest of the cream and add butter pieces. Stir over low heat until the butter is melted and the sauce is smooth and hot but not simmering. Taste, and add vanilla.

The fudge can also be adjusted with a little extra sugar, or toned

down in intensity with a little more butter or cream.

Serve the sauce over ice cream. Or, for frosting, cool until spreadable.

The sauce keeps in a covered container in the refrigerator for a week, or can be frozen for up to 3 months.

To reheat (and thaw), put sauce in a heatproof bowl set in a wide

skillet of barely simmering water, and stir occasionally until the sauce is the desired consistency.

Or microwave on medium (50 percent) power, using short bursts and stirring frequently. Do not allow the sauce to simmer or boil.

—From "Bittersweet: Recipes and Tales from a Life in Chocolate" by Alice Medrich

## PERUVIAN HOT POTATO SALAD

2 potatoes Peruvian purple potatoes (or any kind of potatoes) with peels  
Water  
2 tablespoons olive oil  
1 medium onion, chopped  
1 small red bell pepper, seeded and chopped  
2 small serrano chilies, seeded and minced  
1 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/4 teaspoon turmeric  
1/2 cup light cream  
1/2 pound queso blanco (white cheese) or feta cheese, crumbled  
Salt and fresh-ground black pep-

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# FRAN BIGELOW'S DEEP CHOCOLATE TORTE

Makes one 9-inch torte (about 8 servings)  
1 pound dark chocolate  
Butter and wax paper for pan  
6 eggs  
2 tablespoons Grand Marnier or other liqueur  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1 cup whipping cream  
2 teaspoons natural unsweetened cocoa powder  
Finely chop the chocolate. Place in a heatproof bowl or the top of a double boiler over barely simmering water and allow to melt completely.  
Remove bowl and set aside,

stirring occasionally, while preparing the rest of the torte. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter a 9-inch round cake pan or springform pan.  
Cut a 9-inch circle of wax paper and press over the bottom of the pan. Set aside.

Beat the eggs, liqueur and sugar in a large bowl of an electric mixer. Place over simmering water, stirring with a wooden spoon until warm but not hot.

Remove from heat and beat with a whisk attachment for 5 minutes. Remove bowl from machine and slowly stir in the

melted chocolate with a spatula.

Whip the cream to soft peaks and gently fold into the chocolate mixture. Carefully transfer batter to the prepared pan.

Bake on center oven rack 40 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the torte 2 to 4 inches from the side comes out clean.

The center should be just set; do not overbake. Transfer torte to a rack and let cool in the pan to room temperature. (The cake will fall in the center.)

Remove from the pan and peel off the liner. Dust with cocoa. (Serve alone or with whipped

cream. If necessary, you can refrigerate the torte for up to 1 day, covered with plastic wrap, but bring to room temperature before serving.)

NOTE: Use a good-quality chocolate, such as Callebaut (56 percent cacao) or Scharffen Berger (62 percent cacao). A natural cocoa powder has the most pure flavor and is best for this torte.

—From "The New Taste of Chocolate: A Cultural & Natural History of Cacao with Recipes" by Maricel E. Presilla

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# Recipe finder comes up with burnt-sugar cake

By Ellen Hawks  
The Baltimore Sun

Concerning a requested recipe, Jackie Lee Eng of Cooksville, Md., wrote, "I went to my grandmother's recipe box and indeed there it was in Grandma Leeper's handwriting. I do not know the origin of the recipe, but Grandma was born in Missouri in 1904 and moved to Washington state during the Great Depression of the 1920s."

stir rapidly until molasses-like syrup melts.

Add 3 tablespoons of cooled burnt-sugar mixture to batter. Fold in egg whites. Pour batter into two buttered and floured round layer-cake pans. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Cool on wire racks, turn out of pans and frost when cooled. Serves 12 to 16.

NOTE: Be careful when adding the water to the darkly caramelized sugar — it can "spit" hot sugar water and burn your arm.

**BURNT-SUGAR CAKE**  
1/2 cup shortening, softened  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
2 egg yolks  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 1/2 cups flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 cup milk or water  
3 tablespoons burnt sugar (see below)  
2 egg whites beaten stiff  
1/2 cup white sugar  
1/2 cup boiling water  
Cream shortening and sugar. Add yolks and vanilla. Beat until fluffy. Stir dry ingredients. Alternately add dry ingredients and milk to shortening mixture.

**Burnt Sugar:**  
"To make burnt sugar, melt 1/2 cup white sugar in heavy skillet over low heat until dark and smooth, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Add 1/2 cup boiling water. Return to heat and

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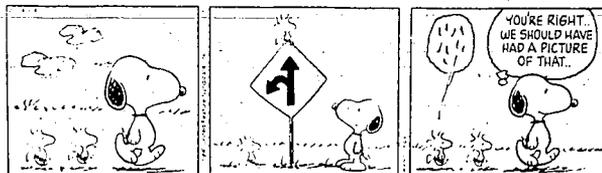
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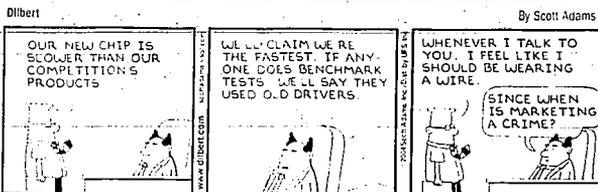
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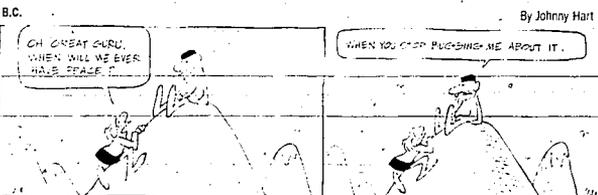
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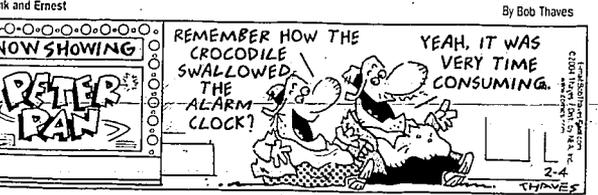
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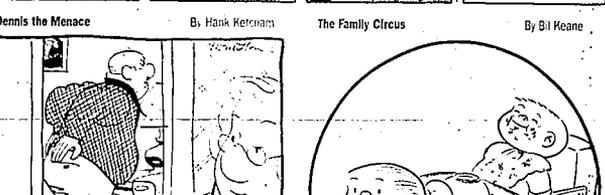
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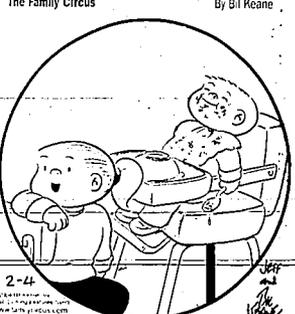


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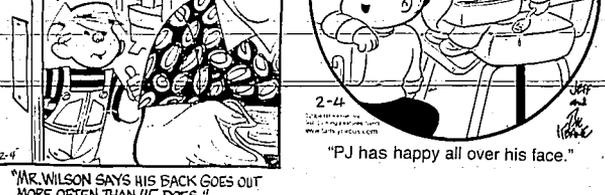
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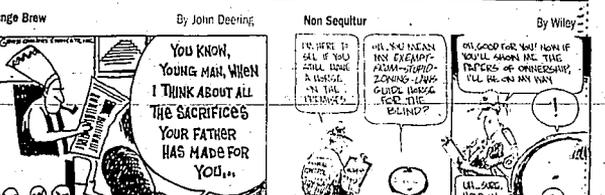
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# Shh, it's a secret

Certain ingredients make home-cooking even better

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Secret ingredients are causing a stir in kitchens across the country. Newly developed recipes using carbonated beverages and juices provide taste, texture and enhance flavor in American favorites.

**OVEN-BAKED CHICKEN WINGS WITH SWEET AND TANGY MUSTARD SAUCE**

8 servings.  
Chicken Wings: 16 (about 4 1/2 pounds) whole chicken wings  
1 2/3 cups Barq's Root Beer  
2 teaspoons salt  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper, freshly cracked  
Sauce: 5 cups Barq's Root Beer  
1/4 cup yellow mustard, prepared  
1 1/4 tablespoons hot pepper sauce  
1/2 teaspoon salt

Preheat oven to 500 F. Rinse chicken wings under cold water and pat dry. Trim wing tips and discard. Cut each wing into two pieces at main joint.

Place wings in bowl with root beer and marinate 30 minutes. Remove wings, drain and reserve marinade in a saucepan over medium-high heat and reduce to 1/2 cup, about 20 minutes.

In separate saucepan over medium-high heat, reduce root beer for sauce to 1 1/8 cups, about 30 minutes.

While marinade and root beer sauce are reducing, place wings in oven and bake until golden, about 15 minutes.

Remove and brush with reduced marinade. Flip wings over, brush with marinade and continue baking until wings are golden and glazed, about 15 minutes.

Remove smaller pieces and keep warm. Return larger pieces to oven and bake until cooked through, about 10 minutes.

Finish sauce by whisking mustard and hot pepper sauce into root beer sauce reduction. Salt to taste. Serve glazed wings with warm sauce.



Oven-Baked Chicken Wings With Sweet and Tangy Mustard Sauce are ready for dinner.

1 1/2 cups diced green bell pepper  
1 1/2 cups diced red bell pepper  
2 jalapenos, seeded, diced  
3 garlic cloves, chopped  
1 2/3 cups Diet Coke  
1/2 tablespoon salt  
1 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper

Nachos: 8 flour tortillas (8-inch diameter), cut to 6 wedges each  
Fat-free nonstick cooking spray  
Make topping by heating olive oil in Dutch oven, over medium heat and sauteing chicken until golden on all sides, about 10 minutes.

Add onion, peppers and garlic and cook until onions are translucent, about 10 minutes. Add diet soda and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low, cover and braise until chicken is very tender, about 1 hour.

Uncover, increase heat to medium and reduce liquid until almost fully absorbed, about 15 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper, remove from heat and cool slightly. Preheat oven to 350 F.

Place tortilla wedges on non-stick cookie sheets and spray with cooking spray.

Bake until nachos are crispy, and have light golden color, about 10-12 minutes.

Cool slightly. Serve nachos topped with braised chicken, onions and peppers.

**OVEN-BAKED NACHOS TOPPED WITH BRAISED CHICKEN, ONIONS AND PEPPERS**

8 servings.  
Topping: 3/4 tablespoon olive oil  
1 1/4 pounds boneless, skinless, chicken thigh meat, trimmed of all fat, cut to 1/4-inch cubes  
4 cups diced onion



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# Make Thai Chicken Curry in 15 minutes

By Renee Schettler  
The Washington Post

This recipe's precise proportion of coconut milk to chicken stock turns out a wonderfully soupy, sauce with a hint of coconut flavor. We substituted yellow curry powder for prepared green curry paste and found that the powder won't do you wrong with its bold flavor. But the paste is less one-dimensional and lends a wonderful, subtle heat that is slow to build.

**THAI CHICKEN CURRY**

Serves 2-4  
About 1 pound boneless, skin-

less chicken thigh or breast meat  
2 teaspoons peanut oil  
1/2 to 1 teaspoon green curry paste (or curry powder)

1 cup unsweetened coconut milk  
1/2 cup chicken stock or broth  
1 tablespoon fish sauce  
2 handfuls basil leaves, thinly sliced  
3 handfuls (about 4 ounces) spinach, thinly sliced

Pat the chicken dry. Cut it into 1-inch chunks. Place a wok or large skillet over medium heat. Add the oil and curry paste and cook, stirring constantly, for about 30 seconds.

Increase the heat to medium-

high, add the chicken and stir-fry until golden but not cooked through, 3 to 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to medium-low, add the coconut milk, stock and fish sauce, and bring to a gentle simmer. Do not boil.

Simmer gently until the chicken is cooked through, about 3 minutes. Add the basil and spinach and cook, stirring occasionally, for 1 minute. Taste and, if desired, add additional curry paste or adjust the proportion of coconut milk to chicken stock. Ladle into individual bowls. Serve immediately.

-Adapted from "Low Carb High Flavor Recipes Made Easy"

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Chocolate lovers will swoon over this Heavenly Chocolate Mousse.

Photo courtesy of Taste of Home

# Serve a mousse for Valentine's Day

### Taste of Home

Heavenly Chocolate Mousse was concocted by Christy Freeman, of Central Point, Ore. Her husband, Allen, rates it as "the best" of all special treats. The rich, creamy dessert has also been described as "heaven on a spoon."

### HEAVENLY CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

- 8 squares (1 ounce each) semi-sweet baking chocolate, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup water, divided
- 2 tablespoons butter (no substitute)
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 tablespoons sugar

1 1/4 cups whipping cream, whipped

In a microwave or double boiler, heat chocolate, 1/4 cup water and butter until the chocolate and butter are melted. Cool for 10 minutes. In a small heavy saucepan, whisk egg yolks, sugar and remaining water.

Cook and stir over low heat until mixture reaches 160 degrees, about 1-2 minutes. Remove from heat. Whisk in chocolate mixture.

Set saucepan in ice and stir until cooled, about 5-10 minutes. Fold in whipped cream. Spoon into dessert dishes.

Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight. Makes 6-8 servings.

# Bring the kettle-corn craze home to your kitchen

By Liz Atwood  
The Baltimore Sun

Kettle corn sounds like some folksy dish that ought to be served in a small Midwestern farm town. But these days you need to look no farther than the county fair, or, if you're not a stickler for authenticity, your grocery-store shelves, to find this treat that's a little salty and a little sweet.

Don't confuse it with caramel corn; kettle corn lacks the candy coating and has just a hint of sweetness. Jolly Time, Pop-Secret and Orville Redenbacher's offer microwaveable versions.

You can even make it yourself on the stove if you don't mind popcorn kernels flying out of the pot on the floor. Kettle-corn vendors travel to special events and many others sell kettle corn through the Internet.

### KETTLE CORN

- 1/4 cup oil (see note)
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn kernels
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- Salt to taste

Warm pot on the stove. Place oil and a couple of kernels of unpopped popcorn in the pot, and heat on high until the kernels pop.

Add remaining kernels and sugar, and stir until oil coats the kernels, sugar melts and corn begins to pop.

Cover with a lid that has a vent, and shake until the popping slows.

Remove from heat, empty into another container, removing kernels that might be scorched. Sprinkle with salt, and serve.

NOTE: Any cooking oil will work, provided it can retain the

proper temperature. The less saturated the fat in the oil (like corn or sunflower), the fewer calories. Do not use butter because it will burn. Makes 5 servings.

TIP: If your popcorn does not pop into fluffy, crunchy kernels, it may have lost some of its moisture. The Popcorn Board suggests that to rejuvenate popcorn, fill a 1-quart jar three-quarters full

with popcorn. Add one tablespoon of water. Cover and shake every five to 10 minutes until all the water is absorbed. In two to four days, it should be perfect for popping.

Per serving: 200 calories; 11.9 grams total fat; 0 milligrams cholesterol; 24.8 grams carbohydrate; 2.9 grams dietary fiber; 2.4 grams protein

—Adapted from allrecipes.com

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# Make some kiev tonight

By Jim Coleman  
and Candace Hagan  
Philadelphia Daily News

Chicken Kiev it was invented by a French chef named Nicolas Appert around the early 1800s. Chef Appert didn't become famous for Chicken Kiev; we remember him mainly for discovering the principles of canning and preserving food. When he died in 1841, his recipe was known as "Chicken Supreme." "Kiev" was a label given to the dish by some crazy NYC restaurateurs in the late 1800s to convince Russian immigrants that they indeed had dishes on their menus that every red-blooded Russian would love.

Back then the concoction was probably more often than not made with pheasant until chicken farming became big business in the 1900s. The funny thing about the name is that it was then adopted in Europe and Chicken Supreme forever became Chicken Kiev everywhere.

### CHICKEN "WHAT'S IN A NAME" KIEV

- 4 boneless chicken breast halves
  - 4 tablespoons softened butter
  - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
  - 1/2 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon
  - 1 tablespoon chopped, fresh chives
  - 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
  - 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 cup flour
  - 1 egg, beaten with 2 teaspoons water
  - 1/2 cup fine dry breadcrumbs
- Mix the butter with the parsley, tarragon, chives, lemon zest, salt and pepper. Divide the flavored butter into 4 portions and chill until firm. Flatten each chicken breast half to about 1/4-inch thickness by pounding between sheets of waxed paper or plastic wrap. Place a portion of the chilled butter mixture in the center of each flattened chicken breast half. Roll each to completely enclose the butter, and place in the freezer to allow to firm up for 15 to 20 minutes. Dust each roll with flour, and then dip in beaten egg and water. Roll in breadcrumbs and then place in a lightly greased baking dish. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.
- Uncover, and bake 15 minutes longer. Serves 4.

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

Bryant not only has been voted a starter, he has been asked to throw out the ceremonial first ball and chain.

— Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle who says Kobe Bryant has been selected for a dual role in the NBA All-Star Game at Staples Center Feb. 15.

### TRIVIA

**QUESTION:**  
North Carolina State defeated Maryland, 81-69, in men's basketball Sunday, ending a 14-game losing streak against the Terrapins in College Park, Md. Who were the coaches when the Wolfpack last defeated the Terrapins there, on Jan. 29, 1989?

...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High school wrestling**  
Idaho Falls at Minico, 4 p.m.  
Declo at Jerome, 5 p.m.  
**High school boys basketball**  
Jerome at Burley, 6 p.m.  
Wendell at Valley, 6 p.m.  
Idaho Falls at Minico, 6 p.m.  
**High school bowling**  
Fler at Gooding, 4 p.m.  
Declo at Wendell, 4 p.m.  
Minico at Kimberly, 4 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

**T.F.'s Martin will sign with ISU football**  
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls High sports standout Luc Martin confirmed Tuesday night that he will sign with Idaho State University to play football.  
The official announcement will be made by ISU head coach Larry Lewis at a press conference today in Pocatello.  
"It's pretty exciting," Martin said.  
Martin is expected to play quarterback. He passed for 1,800 yards and 20 touchdowns in this past fall, including three rushing touchdowns during the regular season. He threw only four interceptions with a completion percentage over 60.  
Other colleges the 6-foot-4, 215-pound high school senior considered included Boise State, Utah State, Eastern Washington, Minot State and Chadron State. All were interested in him as a quarterback, except the Aggies, who wanted him to play linebacker.  
Proximity and a full-ride scholarship helped convince Martin ISU was the place to play.  
"It's close to home and a good program," he said.

### Idaho coach, officials come to Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS — New University of Idaho Vandal head football coach Nick Holt, interim president Gary Michael and athletic director Rob Spear will be at the Turf Club at 6 p.m. Friday in Twin Falls to meet area boosters and show film of the this year's recruiting class.  
Holt was the linebackers coach at national champion Southern California before taking the position in Moscow.

### Candleridge group plans meeting Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Candleridge Ladies Golf Association is holding a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at the golf course to plan the 2004 season schedule.  
If you have any questions, call Coleen at 733-0908.

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

The late Jim Valvano coached North Carolina State and Bob Wade coached Maryland.

# PATRIOTS ON PARADE

## Super-Bowl champs, fans celebrate

The Associated Press

BOSTON — The New England Patriots held high their second Super Bowl trophy in three seasons before a raucous downtown crowd Tuesday, celebrating a championship that was as thrilling as the first one.

"We're baack!" Brady told a shoulder-to-shoulder crowd in City Hall Plaza, standing with team owner Robert Kraft, coach Bill Belichick and dozens of teammates amid a hail of red, white and blue confetti.

Brady and Kraft hoisted the twin Super Bowl trophies as they led a parade to City Hall before hundreds of thousands of fans.

Kraft and Belichick praised the players' "no-stars" work ethic that led to a season-ending streak of 15 straight wins and Sunday's 32-29 victory over the Carolina Panthers.

"For a team to accomplish their goals, everybody's got to give up a little of their individuality, and that's what these players did, and that's why they're champions," Belichick said.

In a repeat of the 2002 Super Bowl celebration, Kraft, Brady and Belichick did a victory dance for the crowd, egged on by All-Pro cornerback Ty Law.  
No starting quarterback has ever won two Super Bowls faster than the 26-year-old Brady, who said he's looking for more.

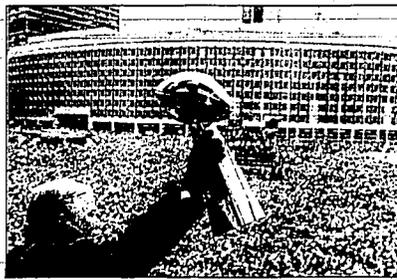
"One was nice, two's a lot nicer, but I need number three," said Brady, a two-time Super Bowl MVP.

Fans weren't shy about predicting more success Tuesday. Chris Cashen, a painter from Rockland, said he's already asked his boss for time off for next year's celebration.

"This team was a joke for so long," he said.

"(Now) we're frustrating the rest of the league. I think we'll see another parade next year. That's my plan."

Jason Scheinbart of Burlington,



New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft displays the Super Bowl XXXVIII trophy Tuesday during the team's victory celebration in Boston.

Vt. said the Patriots proved their last Super Bowl victory wasn't a fluke.

"Now every team in the world that wants to win the Super Bowl has to go through Foxboro, Massachusetts," he said.

Boston police estimated a total crowd of 1.5 million. Police made seven arrests, mostly for disorderly conduct. Eighty-seven people were injured but none seriously, Boston EMS Chief Richard Serino said.

# Declo overpowers Kimberly, 49-22

## Buhl, Gooding also post wins in first round of SCIC tournament

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

DECLO — The Declo Lady Hornets took advantages in size, speed, and skill into Tuesday night's Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference girls basketball tournament home opener against the Kimberly Lady Bulldogs and came out with a 49-22 win.

A combination of self-imposed turnovers and a pressing Declo defense kept Kimberly out of the game. It took nearly six minutes in the first quarter before Kimberly was able to even hoist its first shot attempt. By the end of the first quarter, Kurt Murdock's Lady Hornets had an early 10-4 lead.

"It was our goal to jump on them early, and we were able to force some turnovers and get some easy baskets," Murdock said.

The second quarter wasn't any more kind to the Lady Bulldogs, as they were outscored 15-5 to enter half-time down 25-9. While the Lady Hornets were tough on offense, Kimberly coach Darla Wadsworth knows her team made too many mistakes to be competitive.

"I don't know if it was their pressure that hurt us as much as our own play," Wadsworth said. "We missed so many wide-open passes."  
Despite their starters missing numerous lay-ups, Declo found an unlikely first-half scoring leader in junior varsity call-up Kayla Poulton. The 5-foot-8 wing streaked all of her team-high 10 points in the first half, thanks to timely steals and an aggressive streak on offense.

"We've been considering whether or not to bring her up all year," Murdock said. "She's come up and helped us, she's a very aggressive girl and she was huge tonight."

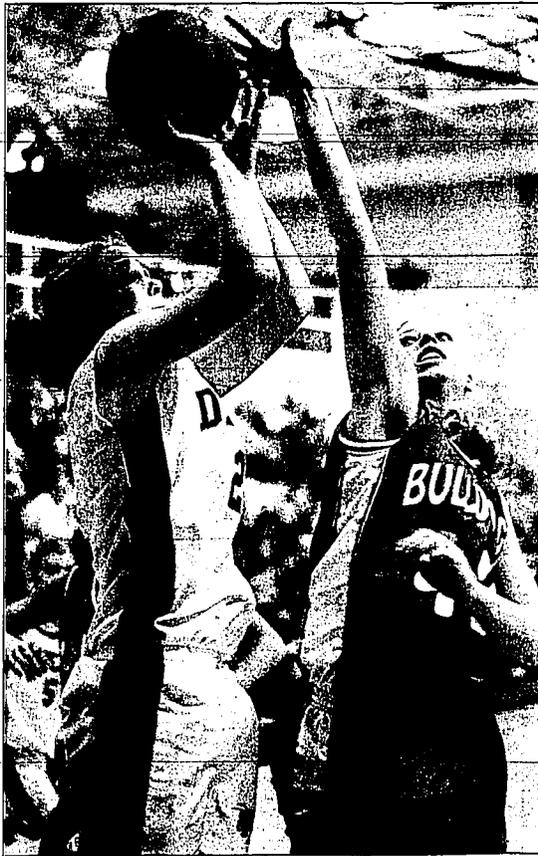
Senior post Ashley Peterson also scored 10 for Declo, while senior wing Melissa Webb added nine. Kimberly was led by senior post Ashley Carlton's six-point effort, while both Megan Stradley and Sarah Gunnell added four. Whitney Funk — the Lady Bulldogs' aggressive junior guard — was held to only three points in the contest.

While the loss stings, Wadsworth and the Lady Bulldogs know that last night's outcome is a speed bump in their season, not a road block.

"I told the kids in the locker room that it's O.K. to feel the way they're feeling about the game tonight," Wadsworth said. "But tomorrow it's chins-up and time to turn it around."

Kimberly will need to turn around quickly, as they face Buhl at home in consolation

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Declo's Kayla Poulton shoots over Kimberly's Sarah Gunnell in the Lady Hornets' 49-22 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament win Tuesday night. Poulton, a junior varsity call-up, scored 10 points to lead Declo.

# Texas Tech reprimands coach Knight

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Bob Knight was reprimanded, but not suspended, on Tuesday for his local public outburst at Texas Tech Chancellor David Smith.

Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said in a statement that "appropriate personnel action" was taken regarding Monday's verbal spat involving the coach at an upscale grocery store.

"I regret that the situation turned out the way it did," Knight said in a four-paragraph news release.

Knight was to coach the No. 19 Red Raiders against Baylor at home on Tuesday night. He spent much of the day meeting with school officials.

"I look forward to finishing this season in a strong fashion and I am glad the situation is behind me so that I can return to the business of coaching," Knight said.

This is the first time Tech has punished Knight in his three seasons at the school. He was hired in March 2001, six months after he was fired by Indiana for what then-school president Myles Brand called his "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

Myers, the only one of the three people most instrumental in hiring Knight, resigned weeks for the university, was with Knight on Monday when the spat occurred.

Myers is a former basketball coach who has been friends with Knight for roughly three decades.

"This is a misunderstanding and has now been rectified," Myers said in the statement. "The matter has been resolved in the best interest of the university."

Knight has no behavior clause in his contract.

His overall record at Tech is 61-26, making him 825-315 over 38 seasons. He has the most wins among active men's coaches and he's 54 from tying Dean Smith for the career lead.

Yet Knight's fiery temper has often overshadowed his on-court success.

## Sloan shrugs off prospects of 900th win

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Before the season started, Jerry Sloan needed just 25 victories to reach 900 in his coaching career.

Some expected the revamped Jazz to take a year or two to reach the mark, but it's early February and Utah is on the verge of putting Sloan among the NBA's elite.

Just don't ask him about it.

"I had nothing to do with it. Players are the ones who had a lot to do with it as far as the wins are concerned."

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The only remaining unbeaten

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# Can they do it? Saint Joe's has chance at unbeaten season

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — They've won 19 straight and face only two more winning teams before the Atlantic 10 tournament. And if Saint Joseph's can win out, they'd become the first team since UNLV in 1991 to go to the NCAA tournament undefeated.

Can they do it?

"I have no idea," Phil Martelli, coach of No. 3 Saint Joe's, said Tuesday. "But I'll tell you this, I think it's going to take a really good team to beat us."

The Hawks beat cross-town rival Villanova 74-67 Monday in a game they led by only four points down the stretch. They play La Salle —

another Philadelphia Big 5 rival — Saturday. They have eight regular-season games left.

Jack Ramsay, the coach of the 1994-95 Saint Joe's team that set the school's previous winning streak record at 16 games, said the kind of intensity Saint Joe's saw at Villanova is what the Hawks can expect the rest of the season.

But Ramsay said he thinks this team is the best the school's had since his 1965-66 squad, and he pegged the Hawks' chances to make it to the NCAA tournament undefeated at "good."

"I wouldn't say it's a lock by any means. Tough games remain," Ramsay, 78, said Tuesday. "All these teams are going to rise to the

challenge of being the team that knocked Saint Joe's off and kept them from having an undefeated season."

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Saint Joseph's James Nelson, left, passes the ball around Temple's Mardy Collins on Saturday in Philadelphia. Saint Joseph's has won 19 straight games.



AP Photo

SPORTS

Minico rallies past Pocatello on 3-pointer

The TimesNews

POCATELLO — Amanda Ottum hit a 3-pointer with 40 seconds left to put Minico ahead for good, completing a fourth-quarter rally by the Lady Spartans over Pocatello 25-23 Tuesday night in first-round action of the Class 5A regional basketball tournament.
“Our girls just decided they weren’t going to lose, period,” said coach Clint Straatman.
Minico advances to play against at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.
The game turned in Minico’s favor on the offensive glass. The Spartans dominated the boards and scored most of the team’s 16 points on put-backs. Amber Ward scored to lead the Spartans.

Box score for Minico vs Pocatello game, listing players and statistics.

Class 4A District IV and Century 59, Burley 43

POCATELLO — Burley (1-6) was unable to overcome a 3-point start, trailing at one point 22-3, before falling 59-43 at Century of Pocatello in the first round of the District IV and V girls regional basketball tournament.
Century (13-8) faces 20-0 Jerome at 7 p.m. Thursday while Burley will face Sparta to face the loser in a elimination game.
“It was a hard start,” said Bobcats coach Gordon Kerbs. “Everything that could have gone wrong did. Our defense was poor. That was about as bad as we could play!”
Kerbs took solace in the team’s refusal to quit in the second quarter, trailing 32-23 at the half.
“I thought the girls did a good job, an outstanding job, staying after it,” Kerbs said. “We had four to five plays play almost the entire game. We need to have more than four or five. But we can’t ask for any more. The kids played hard.”
Jessica Byington scored 14 points while Lindsey Abo added 10 points. Brittany Trommsdorff scored 25 for Century followed by 12 apiece from Paige Knudson and Sicily Jorgensen.

Box score for Century 59 vs Burley 43 game, listing players and statistics.

Class 2A Canyon Conference

Wendell 51, Glenns Ferry 44
GLENN’S FERRY — The Wendell girls basketball team put together a 15-4 fourth quarter to pull away from Glenns Ferry to a 51-44 road win in the first round of the Canyon Conference tournament.
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Sloan

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concerned,” Sloan said. “I think all that stuff is just a bunch of nonsense, really.”
Sloan isn’t just being modest. He genuinely doesn’t want any hoopla about the Jazz playing for his 900th coaching win while he hosts Chicago on Wednesday night.
While many players and coaches would acknowledge that they may look at such a milestone after retirement, Sloan won’t allow even that.
“I won’t mean anything to me when I retire,” Sloan said, “because I’ve never won a championship and if you play this game for any other reason, then I think you’re playing it for the wrong reason.”
Sloan is 499-544 in 19 seasons, putting him in eighth place on the all-time coaching wins list.
This season has been one of Sloan’s most impressive, even with the Jazz’s 24-24 record. It wasn’t supposed to be nearly that good, according to skeptics who thought the youthful and inexperienced Jazz would falter this season without John Stockton and Karl Malone.

Local sports

Conference matchup.

“We really stepped up in the fourth quarter at the line,” said Murtaugh coach Daren Garey. “They were coming after us and fouling us to get back in the game. But we stepped up and put the game away.”
Trent Cummins paced Murtaugh (7-8 overall, 6-5 conference) with 21 points. Teammate Bridger Ward added 19.
Oakley was led by Evan McBride with 12 points. Murtaugh hosts Raft River Thursday.

Hagerman 71, Lighthouse Christian 33

HAGERMAN — Timo Bethlehem scored 14 of his game-high 19 points in the second quarter as Hagerman routed a 71-33 Southside Conference win in.
“Tim kind of did it for us in the second quarter,” Hagerman coach Kevin Cato said. “I think he was able to break it open.”
Ben Stewart added 14 points for Hagerman. Shawn Andrus led 16 to lead Lighthouse Christian.
Hagerman (12-5 overall, 7-2 conference) travels to Hansen Thursday.

Boys basketball Community School 70, Bliss 21

KETCHUM — The Community School jumped out to a 21-point lead in the first quarter en route to a 70-21 Southside Conference victory over Bliss.
Bliss had just four players score, led by Sam Ray and Rhett Wood, each with six points.
The Community School (14-3 overall, 5-2 conference), was led by John Hayes with 16 points. Luke-McCann added five assists for the Cutthroats.
Bliss played without point guard Chase Erkins due to an injury. His absence was part of the reason why the Bears committed 18 turnovers.
“They didn’t have their full starting line up because of an injury,” said Community School coach Mike Wade. “He’s their point guard. They had a very poor shooting night. They couldn’t buy a basket and we had a good shooting night.”
The Community School travels to Richfield Friday.

Murtaugh 59, Oakley 55

OAKLEY — Murtaugh connected on 16-of-18 free throws attempts in the fourth quarter to tie a 59-55 win over Oakley in a Magic Valley Southside Conference matchup.
Murtaugh coach Daren Garey said his team was able to get back in the game by shooting free throws.
Oakley coach Evan McBride said his team was unable to contain Murtaugh’s shooting.

Gooding 48, Filer 41

GOODING — Gooding overcame a seven-point deficit after the first quarter to come away with a 48-41 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference district tournament win over Filer.
Brittanie Toone led a balanced scoring attack for Gooding (11-7 overall, 1-0 districts) with 10 points.
One of the keys for the Senators was their ability to get to the free throw line. Gooding made 15-of-31 free throw attempts while Filer was limited to 3-of-6 shooting at the line.
“That’s something that we stressed all year,” said Gooding coach Chris Comstock. “Our guards, we’re trying to get to the basket and attack to the key. And we were able to get the ball inside to our posts and they were able to either score or get fouled and go to the line.”
Filer’s Jennica Mecham scored 16 points to lead all scorers. Gooding plays the Declo Thursday in Wood River.

Wood River 66, Buhl 27

WOOD RIVER — The Wood River girls beat Buhl 66-27 in the first round of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament in Halley Tuesday.

Joe’s

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this year are No. 2 Stanford and Saint Joe’s. Of the two teams’ remaining schedules, the Hawks appear to have the easier road.
Saint Joe’s faces only two more teams in the regular season with winning records: Dayton (17-3) and Rhode Island (13-8), which it plays twice. Their five other opponents are a combined 32-57. The Hawks then could face another three teams in the Atlantic 10 tournament.
Stanford, meanwhile, faces No. 12 Arizona (14-4) on Saturday and Oregon (10-6) on Jan. 21.
Oregon lost at home to the Cardinal 83-80 Saturday. Stanford’s other seven opponents are a combined 61-65, and

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up to another three teams away from in the Pac 10 tourney.
Ramsay said Saint Joe’s success thus far guarantees them nothing in the NCAA tournament, which is “another ballgame entirely,” he said.
But behind the play of Jamcer Nelson and Delonte West, and with the recent emergence of outside shooter Pat Carroll, Martelli said he’s going to keep his team focused on winning.
“If and when a team beats us what’s going to happen is they’re going to roll around on the floor, and we’re going to have to stay and wait there to shake their heads,” he said.
“That’s what I’ve tried to burn into my players’ psyche. We don’t want that to happen.”

Hansen 55, Castleford 31

CASTLEFORD — The Hansen boys pulled away from the Castleford Wolves for a 55-31 Southside Conference win in Castleford Tuesday.
Steve McAhren scored 12 points to lead the Huskies. Matt Freestone added 11 in the win.
Robert Comer led all scorers with 14 points for Castleford.
“Castleford played pretty hard,” Wolves coach Tyler Gaston said. “They just didn’t make any shots.”
The Wolves (5-11, 4-7 Southside) host Magic Valley Christian Thursday.

Wrestling Minico 59, Century 7

RUPERT — Minico improved to 9-1 dual meets by surrendering just two matches in a 59-7 romp over Century.
“The kids wrestled pretty well for coming off a tough tournament like they did this weekend,” said Minico coach Brad Cooper, whose squad competed in the Red Halverson Tournament this past Friday and Saturday.
Minico travels to Kimberly tonight for a 4 p.m. matchup.

Buhl 43, Burley 39

BULL — Buhl won five out of the seven matches wrestled and survived four forfeits to edge out Burley, 43-39.
Dave Alves (125 pounds), Camron Sobotka (130), John Alves (140), R.C. Sisson (160) and Will Baggs (171) all earned match wins for Buhl.
Burley travels to Kimberly Thursday while Buhl next hits the mat Friday at the Weiser Tournament.

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Hardaway shot lifts Knicks over Pacers

NEW YORK (AP) — Two of Isiah Thomas’ acquisitions, Penny Hardaway and Stephon Marbury, made several big plays down the stretch Tuesday night to lead the New York Knicks past the Pacers 97-90, ending Indiana’s three-game winning streak.
Hardaway had 14 points, including a clinching jumper with 17.2 seconds remaining, and Marbury had 23 points and eight assists. Keith Van Horn outplayed Ron Artest at small forward and had 20 points, 12 rebounds, three assists and two blocked shots, and Kurt Thomas added 19 points and 12 rebounds.
Artest had 19 points for the Pacers, who were coached by Thomas the past three seasons.
New team president Larry Bird, and this was his former team’s first time playing in his presence since it was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs last spring.

Cavaliers 85, Pistons 82

AKRON, Ohio — Carlos Boozer helped make up for LeBron James’ poor shooting performance with 21 points and 15 rebounds, leading Cleveland over Detroit.
Hours after learning he was passed over for the All-Star game, Boozer scored 20 points in the sensational rookie, coming off a career-high 38-point game, was not among the Eastern Conference reserves announced Tuesday.
Zydrunas Ilgnauskas had 15 points and Jeff McInnis added 11 points for the Cavaliers, who have won seven of nine.
Chauncey Billups, who missed a 3-pointer just before the buzzer, had 19 points for the Pistons.
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Mavericks 107, Warriors 93

DALLAS — Michael Finley scored 23 points and reserve Antawn Jamson added 20 points and 12 rebounds, and Dubs beat Golden State for the 20th straight time.
Steve Nash had 17 points and eight assists for the Mavericks, who ended a two-game skid and have won 10 of 12.
Dallas’ Dirk Nowitzki, named as a reserve to Western Conference All-Star team earlier, finished with nine points, 12 under his season average. Antoine Walker and Josh Howard added 15 points each for the Mavericks.
Speedy Claxton and Jason Richardson had 20 points apiece — pace the Warriors — who beat the Mavericks on April 10, 1999.

Islanders cap comeback with Aucoin’s shot in OT

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Mariusz Czerkawski had a goal and two assists within 2:17 late in the third period and Adrian Aucoin capped New York’s incredible comeback by scoring 36 seconds into overtime in a 4-3 win.
The Islanders scored four goals in the final 3:51 to turn around a 3-1 deficit and win for the 19th time in 28 home games (19-8-1).
For the Canucks, it was their second straight loss to New York. Vancouver rallied from a 3-1 hole in the third period on Monday against the New York Rangers, only to give up a late goal in a 4-3 defeat that snuffed a five-game winning streak.
The Canucks were 1-90 when leading after two periods.

Bruins 5, Thrashers 4 OT

BOSTON — Brian Rolston scored on a rebound with 1:33 left Tuesday night to give the Boston Bruins a 5-4 win over the Atlanta Thrashers.
Rolston’s goal was Dan Frawley’s first goal since recovering from a car accident that killed teammate Dan Snyder.
Heatley, playing in only his fourth game this season, scored 1:51 into the first period to give Atlanta a 1-0 lead.
Joe Thornton scored a pair of goals for Boston, which has won four straight and is unbeaten in its last five. Glenn Murray added a goal and an assist.

Capitals 2, Lightning 1

WASHINGTON — Anson Carter scored his first goal for Washington, and Maxime Ouellet made 38 saves for his second NHL win.
Jeff Halpern also scored for the last-place Capitals, who broke a three-game home losing streak.
Although next-to-last in the Eastern Conference, Washington is 8-3 against Southeast Division opponents.
The Capitals snapped the Lightning’s six-game winning streak, which tied a franchise record, Tampa Bay last in regulation for just the second time in 15 games. Vincent Lecavalier scored the Lightning’s lone goal.

Devils 2, Senators 1

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SPORTS

LeBron misses cut for All-Star squad

SPORTS LETTER

NEW YORK (AP) — LeBron James missed the cut Tuesday in voting for All-Star reserves, finishing behind Eastern Conference...

Other All-Star reserves for the West are Dirk Nowitzki of Dallas, Peja Stojakovic and Brad Miller of Sacramento...

For the surprising Milwaukee Bucks, Pierce is the league's sixth-leading scorer (22.9) for Boston...

Minnesota's Flip Saunders will coach the West, and Rick Carlisle of the Pacers will coach the East...

T.F. wrestling program needs more support, coverage Dear Editor: Last Wednesday, Jan. 28, I was at the fourth-round wrestling meet...

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL WHAT'S ON TV

Table with columns for NBA, A-League, and various teams like Sacramento, LA Lakers, etc. with game times and scores.

NBA All-Star Rosters table listing players for Eastern and Western conferences.

College Basketball Scores table listing games between various colleges like Duke, Stanford, etc.

Hockey table listing NHL games and scores for teams like Philadelphia, New Jersey, etc.

Baseball table listing MLB games and scores for teams like Philadelphia, New York, etc.

Football table listing NFL games and scores for teams like Tampa Bay, New York, etc.

Area ski report

Beginner — In the 40th series 25 skiers of a new peak made ground...

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Women's JUCO Division I Fall Through Fall table listing scores for various colleges.

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CSI volleyball program

Parents Night Out The College of Southern Idaho volleyball program will host Parents Night Out...

Children in grades 1-6 are eligible with some exceptions considered. The cost is \$20 per child...

Defense attorney Hal Haddon said the law calls for hair, fibers and other "non-testimonial evidence" to be obtained during daylight hours...

University of Idaho men's hockey will play Idaho State, 75-59 Moscow — Dwayne Williams scored a gameworth 20 points and Lionel Davis recorded career highs in points and rebounds...

CSU women remain at No. 21 in poll — TWIN FALLS — For the third week in a row, the College of Southern Idaho's women's basketball team is ranked No. 21 in the country...

Marino quickly resigns as Dolphins' senior VP — MIAMI — Dan Marino resigned as senior vice president of the Miami Dolphins on Tuesday...

ISU rugby player dies from game injuries — BOISE — A member of the Idaho State Rugby Club died due to injuries sustained during a rugby match in Eugene, Ore.

Grant defense tries to get evidence thrown out — EAGLE, Colo. — Hammering at the work of police interrogators, defense attorneys urged a judge Tuesday to bar Kobe Bryant's secretly recorded police statement and physical evidence...

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## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Kraft pins profit hopes on new coffee venture

**CHICAGO** - After a year of slumping sales and product gaffes at Kraft Foods Inc., new chief executive Roger Dermedi is hoping a new coffee maker will be his first blockbuster product.

The new system, which brews cafe-quality coffee quickly with a special machine and coffee packets supplied by Northfield, Ill.-based Kraft, will be Dermedi's first attempt to create an entirely new line of business in the United States.

It also will be an early test of whether Dermedi can outmaneuver his competitors, including industry giants such as Nestle and Procter & Gamble which are targeting the same potentially profitable slice of the coffee market.

Dermedi will launch what he hopes will be the next big thing in coffee at the annual Consumer Analyst Group of New York conference on Feb. 18. He plans to tempt consumers with a relatively fast, cheap cup of java made using a low-pressure system designed to infuse the water with more coffee than an ordinary drip-style coffee maker.

Kraft insiders say the company - whose Magic Valley tie is its cheese plant in Rupert - plans to use its popular Maxwell House brand and also is considering adding its upscale Gevalia brand to the mix.

### Money tip: Know who owns your mutual fund

**NEW YORK** - After months of scandal in mutual funds, many investors are looking for ways to judge whether the people who oversee their funds are looking out for the investors or for themselves.

One way to check is to examine your fund's statement of additional information, or SAI.

This information, contained in the fund's official sales documentation, lists the fund's directors, their pay and how much of their own money they have invested in the funds they oversee.

You may be surprised to learn that many directors do not have money invested in the funds they are responsible for. This does not mean the director is incompetent or indifferent in his or her oversight of these funds. Many funds have excellent returns and are well managed by directors who have no assets in them. And other funds where directors have their own money at stake can perform terribly.

Nonetheless, the absence of any personal commitment to a fund from its directors can be a warning sign if other rumors circulate that the fund is poorly managed. In that case, it might be time to put your money elsewhere.

The SAI is not included in the fund's prospectus and is not sent out unless requested. Call your fund to request a free copy.

### Rationales for not saving are nonsense, author says

**NEW YORK** - There are many reasons Americans don't save adequately for their retirement, Walter Updegrave, in his forthcoming book "We're Not in Kansas Anymore: Strategies for Retiring Rich in a Totally Changed World," lists these rationales and then states why they're mostly nonsense.

I don't make enough money to save. Throughout history, there have been rich people who have spent everything they own and poor people who manage to save enormous amounts. Savings means discipline. Begin by putting aside small amounts each month. Your retirement is worth it.

I can get started later. The problem, says Updegrave, is that "later" never seems to arrive. Start today and make a habit of it.

Compounding interest helps those who start early.

I want to spend my money now and enjoy my life when I'm young, not later when I'm old and can't. Money does not mean happiness, notes Updegrave, and retiring is not just sitting around the house. It means travel, recreation and eating out - in short, fun.

My family has never saved. I'm genetically programmed to spend. Updegrave is sympathetic but says saving is a choice that anyone can make. The choice is yours.

Compiled from wire reports

## Bus firm finds new home

By John E. Swayze  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - It needs more space, so Western States Bus Service Inc. of Twin Falls plans to transfer all company activity to a new Curry location this month.

Operations manager Paul Treglow, after providing maintenance for a fleet of 56 buses and vehicle parking for 70 employees played a major part in the decision.

"We've outgrown our old facilities in Twin Falls and Filer, and this is an opportunity to better serve our customers," he said.

Situated on the north side of U.S. Highway 30, the four-acre site includes a 5,000-square-foot building on the boundary line between the Filer and Twin Falls school districts.

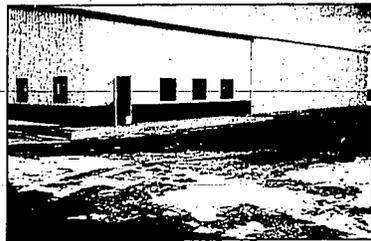
The company has held the building contract for Twin Falls students since 1994 and the contract for Filer since 1997.

Western States is leasing the land and building from Vaun Clements of Buil.

"I kind of caught wind of it (that they were looking) indirectly and brought it to them about six months ago," Clements said.

He declined to discuss details of the agreement but said the lease will remain in place for the length of Western States' current contract. District contracts come up for bid every five years.

"This is good for both of us, and we're hoping that they'll be the low bidder next time or the low bidder might consider our facility," he said.



Western States Bus Service Inc. will move to this 5,000-square-foot building in the Curry area this month.

## Call of the outdoors

After protest, Utah officials pay more attention to rec dollars, environment

Los Angeles Times

**SALT LAKE CITY** - The day Peter Metcalf decided to take on the governor of Utah, the lieutenant governor of Utah and, well, most of the population of Utah, he looked at his hands - hard and scared from years of climbing the right index finger missing above the joint - and wondered if they were up to poking powerful people in the chest as he plunged into the contentious argument over the future of the state's wild lands.

He works less than 15 miles from the Wasatch mountains, where a web of hiking trails and ski runs invites punting, exhilarated customers to buy outdoor toys.

It was these playgrounds that lured Metcalf's climbing-gear company, Black Diamond Equipment, to Salt Lake City from Southern California more than a decade ago. And since its arrival, Utah has become a hotbed of the burgeoning \$18 billion outdoor recreation market.

The Black Diamond office lies only 9 miles from the state capital, where in 2002 then-Gov. Mike Leavitt, now head of the Environmental Protection Agency, crafted a deal with the Bush administration to overturn a Clinton-era move that extended Utah's protected federal wilderness by almost 6 million acres. The rollback thrilled the state's powerful mining, oil and natural gas industries.

Metcalf was appalled. "I have serious concerns about the recent behind-the-scenes agreements that Gov. Mike Leavitt cut with Interior Secretary Gale Norton," he wrote in an op-ed article published in the Salt Lake Tribune last May.

Metcalf, 48, had been instrumental in bringing the twice-yearly Outdoor Retailer trade shows, Utah's largest conventions to Salt Lake City in 1996. The shows are sprawling extravaganzas that appear to hold all the outdoor gear in the world - Everest-base camps full of tents, boots and subzero-rated sleeping bags alongside climbing walls and kayak tanks - all revved by psyched salesman and women in polypropylene and

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Moab draws mountain bikers and their dollars to Utah. That bottom line brings environmentalists to the table, some activists say.

ASAGLETTO REPORTING FOR LOS ANGELES TIMES

## Avon posts 35 percent increase in fourth-quarter profits

The Times-News and  
combined wire reports

**NEW YORK** - Avon Products Inc.'s earnings rose 35 percent in the fourth quarter, fueled by a dramatic gain in beauty sales, continued strong performance in international operations and favorable foreign exchange rates.

The results, announced Tuesday, beat Wall Street expectations and Avon's shares rose on the news.

The world's largest direct seller of beauty products, with independent representatives in Magic Valley, earned \$263.3 million, or \$1.09 per share, in the three-month period ended Dec. 31. That compares with \$193 million, or 80 cents per share, in the year-ago period.

Revenues were \$6.88 billion, compared with \$6.23 billion in the year-ago period.

Earnings results from a couple of other companies with Magic Valley operations:

Quarterly Report

period. Excluding the impact of foreign exchange, sales increased 9 percent. Beauty sales advanced 18 percent on the strength of Anew Clinical Wrinkle and Line Corrector products and the global launch of the fragrance "Trescile," which drove mid-tier sales growth in fragrance.

Avon said it continues to expect earnings growth of 10 percent to 12 percent in 2004.

For the year, profits were \$664.8 million, or \$2.78 per share, compared with \$534.6 million, or \$2.22 per share in the year-ago period.

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### WestCoast Hospitality

Washington-based WestCoast Hospitality Corp. - owner of Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs in Twin Falls - on Tuesday reported fourth-quarter total revenue of just \$41.2 million, down from \$44.4 million a year earlier.

And a 33 percent bigger per-share loss.

WestCoast's loss per share was 20 cents in the fourth quarter, compared with the year-ago per-share loss of 15 cents.

For the full year, total revenue dropped to \$184.0 million from the \$194.2 million of 2002, and the loss per share totaled 10 cents, compared with diluted earnings per share of 41 cents in 2002.

The company said a number of repositioning initiatives affected year-over-year financial comparisons; those items accounted for a decline in income before taxes of \$7.3 million in 2003 compared with 2002.

### Land O'Lakes

Land O'Lakes Inc., a diversified dairy foods cooperative with operations in Gooding and Twin Falls, said it had strong earnings in 2003, made the old-fashioned way - as opposed to a year ago when a \$150 million legal settlement bolstered its bottom line.

Sales for the year reached \$6.3 billion, up from \$5.8 billion a year ago, partly from gains in market shares, from higher product prices, and from bringing an egg joint-venture business back on the co-op books.

The Minnesota-based co-op said its earnings for the past year reached \$83.5 million, mostly from continuing operations. A year ago it had earnings of \$98.9 million, including a large vitamin price fixing settlement from the vitamin manufacturing industry.

The co-op has been highly leveraged in the past few years as it bought the domestic operations of

## No fashion sense?

Delta's decision to revamp uniforms baffles analysts

Knight Ridder News Service

**ATLANTA** - What does a Delta Air Lines gate agent have in common with Sarah Jessica Parker and Pierce Brosnan?

Answer: They have the same fashion designer.

Three weeks after reporting a \$773 million annual loss, Delta said Tuesday it hired celebrity fashion designer Richard Tyler to create a new uniform for 30,000 customer service employees, including flight attendants, gate workers and ticket agents.

But some industry experts said they were baffled by the announcement's tone and its timing, given that the struggling airline has laid off thousands of workers and is asking pilots for a 30 percent pay cut.

In a release, Delta said the program "has been developed in response to employee and customer feedback requesting updated sophisticated uniforms."

It touted Tyler's "refined attention to detail" that makes him "unique among American designers and often compared to the fine European couturiers." It also noted that celebrities who have worn his designs include Catherine Zeta Jones, Stockard Channing and Patrick Stewart.

"So they're losing a billion dollars a year, they're asking for pay cuts, and they decide its time to hire a big-name fashion designer?" said Joe Brancatelli, a business news analyst and columnist known for his hard-nosed critiques of the industry. "Yeah, that's going to fix things."

For months, Delta executives have been warning employees - they must make sacrifices to stem the airline's losses, which have totaled nearly \$3 billion over the past three years. Pilots have been asked to give up 30 percent of their payroll, and more than 16,000 employees have been laid off since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

The Atlanta-based airline operates a hub at Salt Lake City, which is commercial air travelers' only nonstop destination from the Twin Falls airport.

Delta spokeswoman Peggy Estes would not disclose how much Tyler will be paid to create the new outfits, which will debut in 2006.

Purina Foods, making Land O'Lakes the nation's largest feed manufacturer. It did buy down debt during the past year, and it held another \$175 million bond sale in the equity markets to convert some short-term debt to lower cost long-term debt.

The dairy foods division, which accounts for nearly half of Land O'Lakes' business, had a big turnaround with earnings for the year of \$5.6 million, compared with a loss of \$32.1 million a year earlier when milk prices were lower and margins for value-added dairy products were squeezed.

The feed unit, which received the vitamin settlement a year ago, had 2003 earnings of \$46.4 million on sales of \$2.5 billion. The seed, agronomy and the poultry-egg units all had higher earnings for the year, while the swine unit reduced its loss on the year to \$9.8 million, from a loss of \$23.2 million a year earlier.

Utah

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Core-Tex. Utah officials estimate the outdoor industry pumps as much as \$1 billion a year into state coffers.

That leverage gave Metcalf an idea: "There are many, myself included, who believe it is time to consider pulling these (shows) out of Utah in protest of the message."

The threat worked. The governor's office scrambled to establish an environmental task force to appease Metcalf and his supporters.

Leavitt fast-walked the trade show last August to press the flesh. Convention organizers tentatively agreed to keep the show in Utah through this year.

Metcalf's campaign threw the conservation debate into an end-over-end tumble, and as the dust settled, mountain bikes and snowboards came out on a more equal footing with conventional oil drilling rigs.

This unlikely outcome as first cheered environmentalists. But now some are wondering whether concern for profit-by-extraction industrialists or outdoor industrialists is ever in nature's best interests.

Since the 1980s, debates over Utah's lands have become national battles, pitting the oil, natural gas and mineral resources behind the state's surface against the rugged mountains, red rock canyons and painted deserts above.

Extraction industries have always been central to the state's economy and, therefore, to its politics.

But while no one was looking, mining and oil dollars had fallen to \$1.2 billion by 2000; tourism receipts climbed to \$4.15 billion in 2001. Utah officials estimate that directly or indirectly tourism supports one in every nine jobs, and

visitors to the state have leaped more than 350 percent in the last 20 years. Tourism, undervalued in the president's decision from other countries, is a growing force in an economy where the service sector has largely supplanted manufacturing.

A good chunk of the cash tourists spend finds its way to small businesses in areas near Utah's national and state parks. Among the state's more than 23 million acres of government-managed lands are such action sports playgrounds as Moab, where mountain bikers career over surreal slick-rock formations at Arches National Park; Canyonlands National Park, where hikers explore slot canyons; the rivers of Dinosaur National Monument, rafting and kayaking draw to Zions National Park, where climbers can spend days scaling magnificent rock faces.

During the 1980s, national conservationists found their way to the slacks of these parks for wilderness protection, and the Bureau of Land Management eventually closed 3.2 million acres to both development and motorized vehicles.

But enthusiasm for federal protection doesn't run deep in Utah. Vetsin put when the feds designate areas off-limits to local development. "It's a cultural thing," said John Reddi, 33, summing up the attitude of the outdoor industry.

Reddi, whose family came to Utah in 1846, anti-federalism is endemic. "The people who settled Utah came here because we'd been pushed out of every other state. The feds are the government that came in and said, 'We're going to take this land, it couldn't be more offensive.'"

The battle over Utah's wild lands climaxed in 1996 when President Clinton, campaigning for re-election, created Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, a sprawling tract of twisted boulders, arches and slot

canyons covering 1.9 million acres in south-central Utah. Then Gov. Leavitt, a Republican, learned of the president's decision from The New York Times. Clinton's secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt, later extended temporary federal protection to almost 6 million more acres in Utah, establishing the largest hands-off territory in the nation outside Alaska and California. The decision drew howls of protest — and lawsuits from Utah's political leaders arguing that the U.S. government had overstepped its bounds.

Leavitt's payback for Grand Staircase-Escalante was the roll-back last summer of the wilderness zones the Clinton administration had established. In exchange for the state dropping its litigation, Norton agreed to withdraw protection from nearly 6 million acres. (About 3.2 million acres, including Grand Staircase-Escalante, remain protected.)

Leavitt also won the right to give provisions of the Secure 1866 law to disqualify even more of Utah from eligibility for wilderness protection.

But it was no longer business as usual in Utah. Metcalf and other outdoor executives played their wild card, threatening to take their money off the table. Nationally, the outdoor industry pulled in \$5.2 billion in equipment sales alone in 2001, according to the Outdoor Industry Association. That clout is felt in Utah as in other places.

Firms such as Black Diamond, with 2003 revenue of \$15 million, sell "wild places as the economic backbone of the outdoors industry," explained Frank Huemeyer, the association's president.

Metcalf's op-ed piece attacking the governor's deal was chased by reports that the Outdoor Retailer trade show might move to Denver or Reno, Nev. Hotel owners, restaurateurs and Salt Lake City officials pleaded with Leavitt to mend fences.

"These shows are enormously important to us," said Lana Buehler, manager of the 175-room Crystal Inn in Salt Lake City. She wrote a letter asking Leavitt to reconsider. "I don't feel strongly about the land, but the governor should do whatever is necessary to keep the shows here," she added.

Leavitt found himself in a startling new climate, as small-business owners lobbied for greater environmental sensitivity. He met with outdoor industry leaders, promised to protect more red rock canyons and laid the groundwork for a task force of government and outdoor industry leaders charged with identifying recreational sites that deserve protection.

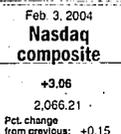
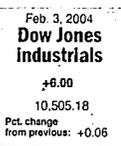
The economic concerns of the politically powerful small-business sector, Leavitt intimated, can eclipse ideological battles over the environment.

The outcome, believes Metcalf, demonstrates the influence outdoor recreation can assert if properly focused. "People are realizing we've been speaking the wrong language," he said. "We can't talk about philosophy or beauty. We have to talk about money. If these lands bring dollars to Utah? If so, we need to protect them."

The concept is already at work from Costa Rica to Patagonia, where a few leaders have concluded that some of the most pristine ridgets are worth more than timber and ore.

If Metcalf's strategy succeeds in Utah, it could give a boost to outdoor enthusiasts' clout everywhere.

"If this works, it will be heard around the world," said Bruce Hamilton, national conservation director at the Sierra Club. "The Utah situation is forcing other states to look over their shoulders and wonder if they need to get their environmental house in order for business reasons. Everyone's watching."



Stocks shake off news of ricin discovery

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks stalled for a second straight session Tuesday, this time because of a 0.1 percent dip in the discovery of the toxic powder ricin for the closure of all Senate buildings in the nation's Capitol.

With few buyers and sellers in the market, trading was volatile as the major indexes alternated between gains and losses, ending the day fractionally higher. The absence of broad-based selling led most traders to believe there had been only limited reaction to the ricin concerns.

"I don't think you can really attribute the choppiness to that," said Brian Williamson, an equity trader at the Boston Company Asset Management. "I think there aren't a lot of stories out there in general about the economy and stocks today."

down a little bit. The Dow Jones industrial average ended the day up 0.60, or 0.1 percent at 10,517.11. The broader gauges were also narrowly higher: The Nasdaq composite index gained 3.06, or 0.2 percent, to close at 2,066.21, after five days of declines. The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended up 0.77, or 0.1 percent, to close at 1,136.03.

The discovery of a suspicious, powdery white substance in a Capitol Hill office late Monday raised new concerns about terrorism on domestic soil and invoked memories of the anthrax attacks of 2001. The powder later tested positive for ricin.

The dollar was weaker against most other currencies Tuesday as fears about terrorism reverberated in global markets. Gold prices rose.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of New York Stock Exchange data including NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ indices, and a list of individual stocks with their prices and changes.

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Index funds regain favor, but choose index carefully

NEW YORK (AP) — With an economic recovery under way and stock indexes rising, index funds are again becoming an attractive option for investors who want to keep pace with the market but without the risk associated with actively managed funds.

"One reason that investors like index funds is that when you buy through an actively managed fund, you're making two bets: You're betting on the person covering the market as well as the notion of the market they're investing with," said Jeff Tjornehoj, a fund research analyst with Lipper Inc.

Most mutual funds choose an index to benchmark against when they set up their funds. However, index funds consist of all of the stocks in a given index, with no stock selection. While that may close out some gains managed funds can make, it also insulates investors against the risk of bad decisions.

Mutual funds tend to track their chosen benchmark fairly closely. The Vanguard 500 Index fund, which is based on the S&P 500, lost 12.0 percent of its value in 2001 and 22.2 percent in 2002, the depths of the bear market.

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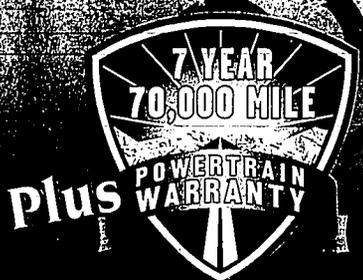
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