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Kempthorne, others visit Iraq

Surprise trip comes as deadly explosions claim at least 75 Iraqis

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne led a delegation of governors into Iraq on Tuesday on the first of two days to bolster American troop morale and talk with Iraqi citizens about democracy and the role of local government. Earlier in the day, about 30 miles south of Baghdad, an explosion from a truck bomb tore through a crowd of Iraqis lined up outside a police station hoping for jobs, killing more than 50 and wounding scores. Many angry Iraqis blamed the United States for the blast. The attack was followed early today by an explosion at an army recruiting center in Baghdad that killed

In Baghdad with the governor - A5

between 20 and 25 Iraqis, a coalition spokesman said. To minimize the possibility of just such attacks for governors' trip, plans were kept secret until Kempthorne and the five other governors landed in Baghdad Tuesday afternoon. But Kempthorne said the turbulent atmosphere of the country was obvious from the start. Because of reports of suspicious activity, Kempthorne said the arrival news conference planned by the governors was canceled and a number of

travel routes during the first day had to be changed.

The discovery of a bomb along the route to the Baghdad airport at the end of the day forced a change in that itinerary, he said.

In interviews with The Associated Press from both Baghdad and Amman, Jordan, where the governor spent Tuesday night, Kempthorne said the attacks are evidence the opposition is getting desperate.

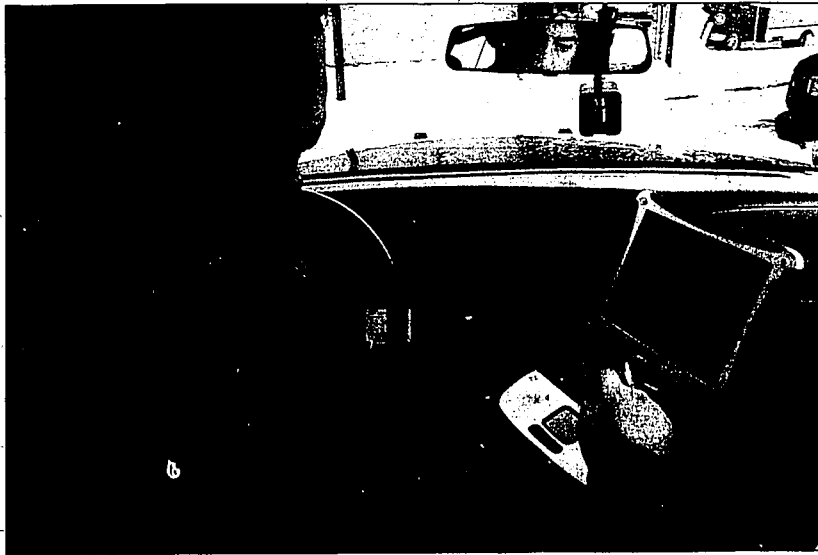
"I feel safe, but I know we're under very tough conditions," the governor said. "The security is absolutely tight. But when we do make a stop, it's in an area where we have the element of

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U.S. troops set up security Tuesday in Iskandariyah at the site of a truck bomb explosion.

RAPID RESPONSE



Brad Vickhammer, a Twin Falls police officer, uses a new mobile data terminal system during a traffic stop Monday.

T.F. police roll out in-car computers

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

Devices allow quick, confidential access to records

TWIN FALLS — Amid afternoon traffic this week, a little red sedan slipped into a left-turn lane on Addison Avenue. Officer Brad Vickhammer noticed a broken tail light and expired license plate tags. He maneuvered his patrol car behind the sedan, turned on his lights and made the stop. As Vickhammer pulled over, he turned to the mobile data terminal at his side and typed

the license plate number into the keyboard. In a few seconds, the traffic infraction history of the driver popped up. Before getting out of his car to address the driver, he knew her name, how many tickets she had and that there were no warrants out for her arrest. Thanks to the newly acquired technology, some communication between police and dispatchers in the city of Twin Falls

— and among officers on patrol — will be rerouted to wireless data terminals, in-car computers that can send and receive information without using radio. Because there are eight to 10 officers on patrol at one time, radio frequencies can become clogged — and dispatchers can get overloaded with calls. "If there's a lot of talk on the airwaves, you can get the information faster on the terminal

because the dispatcher is typing it in before she makes the call," Vickhammer said. When an arrestable offense comes up on the screen, officers call into dispatch to double-check before making the arrest, he added. Even offenses committed nationwide will show up because the system is tied into the National Crime Information Center, a computerized index of criminal records, fugitives, Please see POLICE, Page A2

Engineer: Odor study progresses

By Julie Pence Times-News writer

BOISE — Though dairymen and their neighbors won't get any odor standards this legislative session, they can expect to deal with numerical standards next session, lawmakers were told Tuesday.

Ron Sheffield, an agricultural engineer for the University of Idaho, told both the House and the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committees his plan is to have three seasons of data collected for review by a special ag odor subcommittee by June 2004. In the early winter of 2003, Sheffield employed a team of "sniffers" who used specialized equipment to measure the intensity, duration and offensiveness of cow operations. The team has been traveling around all of southern Idaho, sampling the odors from 15 miles west of the Wyoming border to six miles east of the Oregon border, Sheffield said. So far, they have worked on 32 dairies, but Sheffield wants to add 10 feedlots to the study, too.

The data he gathers will be used for establishing a baseline for lawmakers to vote on. Sheffield's original plan was to have presented the proposed standards to the 2004 Legislature. But he put the study on hold through the spring because a Filer resident tried repeatedly to get the information he was gathering, and in Idaho, ongoing scientific studies in universities are not protected.

Mail-in ballot bill moves forward - B1

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White House releases president's Guard records, but questions remain

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The White House Tuesday released summaries of President Bush's Texas Air National Guard service records and pay documents, which the president's spokesman said demonstrate that Bush fulfilled his Vietnam-era military obligations in the early 70s. The documents indicate that Bush performed Guard service in the fall of 1972 and in early 1973, and show that he was paid for work during the period that Democrats have alleged Bush shirked his service. "When you serve, you are paid for that service," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. "These documents outline the days on which he was paid. That means he served. And these documents also show he met his



requirements. And it's just really a shame that people are continuing to bring this up. ... These documents clearly show that the president fulfilled his duties."

White House press secretary Scott McClellan shows copies of President Bush's military records during the daily press briefing Tuesday at the White House. The documents, which include payroll sheets never before made public and summaries prepared Please see BUSH, Page A2

Bush will back marriage amendment, aides say

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush plans to endorse a constitutional amendment that would define marriage as the union of a man and a woman following a Massachusetts court decision requiring legal recognition of gay marriages in that state, key advisers said Tuesday. Bush plans to endorse language introduced by Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo., that backers contend would ban gay marriage but not prevent state legislatures from allowing the kind of civil unions and same-sex partnership arrangements that exist in Vermont and California. Bush has moved incrementally over seven months toward

embracing a gay marriage ban, and the advisers said he will clarify his position with a public statement shortly. "We'd like to see Congress take it up, and the president will be supportive," a top Republican official said. "We would like to see both chambers act sooner rather than later." Bush's move could put cultural issues at the forefront of an election year that had been dominated by economic and national-security issues. The White House strategy, designed to minimize alienation of moderate voters, calls for emphasizing that Bush is for traditional marriage, not against gay Please see MARRIAGE, Page A2

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny and breezy winds. Highs in the lower 40s.
Tonight: Clear, calm and cold. Lows in the upper single digits.
Tomorrow: Partly and occasionally cool with little wind. Highs near 40. Lows near 30.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Breezy with periods of sunshine. Highs near 30.
Tonight: Clear, calm and cold. Lows in the upper single digits.
Tomorrow: Partly and occasionally cool with little wind. Highs near 30. Lows near 20.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

Yesterday's Weather

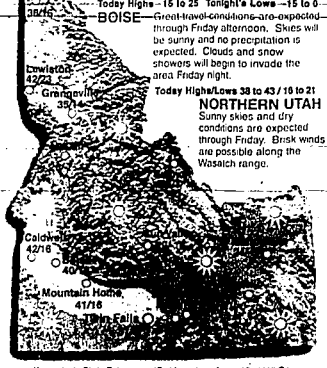
Table with 2 columns: City, Hi/Low. Lists weather for Boise, Burley, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Malad City, Molta, Pocatello, Rexburg, Teton, and Stanley.

TEMPERATURE - TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Sunny and dry weather is expected through Friday afternoon. Temperatures will be very cold in the valleys at night.



MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Feb. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for today, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Boise, Bonanza Ferry, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Eugene, Graceland, Grace, Idaho Falls, Kalispell, Jerome, Lewiston, Malad City, Melba, Mountain Home, Missoula, Pocatello, Portland, Rupert, Rexburg, Richardson, Rohnson, Salmon, Shoshone, St. Albans, St. Anthony, St. Paul, Teton, Twin Falls, Yellowstone.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

WORLD FORECAST

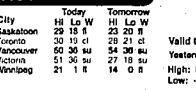
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CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, Vancouver, Winnipeg.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Police

Continued from A1. stolen properties, missing people and other data. If a criminal is apprehended, an officer can stay in his car and write an affidavit rather than get back to the office.

The price tag

Not all cars will be outfitted with their own computers. The CF18 Panasonic Toughbook laptops, which run on Windows XP software, are detachable and can be set up in any car that is in use.

Bush

Continued from A1. by the Defense Financing Accounting Service, show that Bush was paid for drills in October and November 1972 and in January and April 1973. That spans a time - from May 1972 to May 1973 - when Bush was assigned to Guard units in Alabama and Houston and which has been the focus of Democratic critics.

Marriage

Continued from A1. The documents released Tuesday were Bush's annual summaries of the points he earned. The typed documents are in contrast to other documents in Bush's personnel file, which offer handwritten, detailed pages of his 1971 service in earlier years.

Odor

Continued from A1. led by the open records law. Eventually the Idaho Privacy Act's Anonymous hired a private law firm to protect the data until the time Sheffield makes it public.

Other projects

Sheffield told committee members he hopes to have a mobile anaerobic digester ready for operation by next month. The purpose of the digester is to take it to various dairies and help dairymen determine how to build one that would best suit their systems.

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Ex-officials testify about CIA leak

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal grand jury investigating the leak of an undercover CIA officer's identity has heard testimony from at least four "current" former White House communications aides, people familiar with the probe said Tuesday.

Press secretary Scott McClellan and Adam Levine, who formerly worked in the press office, testified before the panel last Friday. A deputy in McClellan's office, Claire Buchan, said she appeared before the panel on Jan. 30.

Mary Matalin, a Republican consultant who headed Vice President Dick Cheney's communications office until December, confirmed that she testified on Jan. 21.

A number of other current or former officials have been interviewed by the FBI, including President Bush's top political adviser Karl Rove, communications chief Dan Bartlett; former spokesman Ari Fleischer; Cheney chief of staff Lewis "Scooter" Libby; and Cheney spokeswoman Cathie Martin, said two sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Like the others, McClellan would not describe his testimony, telling reporters repeatedly that only the investigators could release details.

Investigators want to know who leaked the name of CIA officer Valerie Plame to a columnist Robert Novak, which Novak disclosed in an article published July 14. Questions have been raised about whether the leak was timed to discredit assertions by Plame's husband, former Ambassador Joseph G. Wilson, that the Bush administration had exaggerated Iraq's nuclear capabilities to build a case for war.

Wilson now is working as a foreign policy adviser to Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry and has made several campaign appearances for the Massachusetts senator.

Whoever leaked the name could be charged with a felony under the Intelligence Identities Protection Act, which makes it a crime to reveal, knowingly and intentionally, the name of a covert operative.

HE'S THEIR MAN



Supporters cheer as the results of the Tennessee primary are flashed on television screens at a party for Democratic presidential hopeful U.S. Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., Tuesday at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Kerry captures two more primaries; Clark ends hunt

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Kerry vanquished his Dixie-bred rivals in Virginia and Tennessee on Tuesday, all but unstoppable in his march toward the Democratic nomination with a Southern sweep that extended his dominance to every region of the country.

"Americans are voting for change — East and West, North and now in the South," Kerry declared to the roar of supporters in Fairfax Va., chanting, "Kerry! Kerry!"

John Edwards, Wesley Clark and Howard Dean clung quixotically to the hope that Kerry would stumble on his own or by scandal, but party leaders began pressing for the nomination fight to end.

The fourth-term Massachusetts senator pocketed half the vote in Virginia — with Edwards of North Carolina a poor second and Clark

of Arkansas a far-distant third. Kerry crushed Edwards and Clark in Tennessee.

With two third-place finishes, Clark dropped out of the race.

Dean, the fallen frontrunner, finished in single digits in Virginia and Tennessee, the latter the home state of political benefactor Al Gore. Dean had already retreated to Wisconsin, site of a Feb. 17 primary.

Edwards tells voters at every stop that he is the only candidate who could beat Texas-reared President Bush in his own backyard, the South, yet he lost to a Massachusetts Brahmin in Dixie. The freshman senator will remain in the race, aides said, pointing his troubled campaign to Wisconsin and March 2, when 10 delegates-rich states hold elections.

Judge overturns Yellowstone Park snowmobile ban, citing businesses

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A federal district judge issued a temporary restraining order Tuesday setting aside a pending ban on snowmobiling in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks.

U.S. District Judge Clarence Brimmer ruled that without the order companies that rely on snowmobiling in the parks would suffer irreparable harm due to loss of business.

He also ordered the National Park Service to develop temporary rules for the remainder of the 2004 season that would be fair to snowmobile owners and users, businesses and the environmental community, including use of cleaner, quieter snowmobiles.

Gov. Dave Freudenthal welcomed the news. "The people that are suffering under the move toward banning snowmobiles are

the small-business owners in and around the parks," he said in a statement.

Michael Scott, executive director of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition, a conservation group, called the ruling "terribly unfortunate."

Steven Bosak, spokesman for the National Parks Conservation Association, a non-profit group that works to protect the parks and is an intervener in the case, said Brimmer's decision was "a step backward" for Yellowstone.

David McCray, a snowmobile-business operator in West Yellowstone, Mont., said his concern now is the potential confusion the ruling may cause, particularly approaching the President's Day holiday weekend.

"To once again change the rules for this year — if there's any advantage for West Yellowstone businesses, it's going to be negligible," he said.

Brimmer's ruling seems to conflict with a Dec. 16 order by U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan in Washington, D.C., but Brimmer said otherwise in his own order.

Sullivan reinstated a 2001 Clinton-era phase-out of snowmobiles the day before the 2003-04 season was to start. A complete ban would be imposed by next winter. The opinion disrupted plans by rangers, tourists and businesses that rely on the motorized sleds.

Sullivan's ruling allows only mass-transit snowcoaches in the parks by next winter.

Report: Famed diet doc Atkins was obese

NEW YORK (AP) — The debate over Dr. Robert Atkins' popular high-fat, low-carb diet flared posthumously Tuesday when it was learned that Atkins himself was a bloated 258 pounds at his death.

A city medical examiner's report filed after Atkins' 2003 death from a fall showed the 6-foot doctor was at a weight normally considered obese. A physicians group that is highly critical of the diet released details of the report, claiming the Atkins diet led to weight and heart troubles for its 72-year-old creator.

Atkins' allies immediately disputed that.

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Sept. 11 panel won't push for documents

WASHINGTON — The independent commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks yesterday backed away from a threatened legal showdown with the White House, agreeing to accept a 17-page summary of presidential briefing documents it had sought.

The deal will not allow the full 10-member commission to read the original documents, or have access to notes on the documents taken by some of the commission's own members. The summary — provided to commission members during a closed-door meeting yesterday — covered several dozen original intelligence documents and was first vetted by the White House, officials said.

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Officials whisk Kempthorne through Baghdad

By Gregory Hahn
The Idaho Statesman

BAGHDAD — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and five other governors were whisked through the streets of Baghdad Tuesday in a two-day visit kept secret until the first day was halfway over.

The governors met Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the commander of the coalition forces in Iraq, and met with him and other top officials in the Coalition Provisional Authority's headquarters, once Saddam Hussein's grand Republican Palace. They met Iraqi business owners in a growing retail center in downtown Baghdad, and they toured a factory on the outskirts of town that made ice cream and the plastic containers and Styrofoam coolers it goes in.

Kempthorne, the chairman of the National Governor's Association, led the delegation that included New York Gov. George Pataki, Minnesota

Gov. Tim Pawlenty, Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski, Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle and Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco.

The trip has been in the works since before Christmas, but the country was only just deemed safe enough to risk bringing more than one-fifth of the nation's governors to meet—the troops, learn about Iraq's struggling new economy, and, eventually, meet with emerging leaders in what the United States hopes will be on its way to a democracy by June 30.

That's what the United States hopes to hand the government to the Iraqi people.

But at the moment, the businessmen who met the governors Tuesday just want the lights to stay on all day long.

"The main problem is the electricity," factory chief Walid Hussain said, as the governors, a few reporters and swarms of armed soldiers converged on his

Styrofoam plant.

Down the alley at the Al Snaik plastics factory, Mohammed Jubair agreed, saying that for them, at least, the power was better before Saddam was deposed.

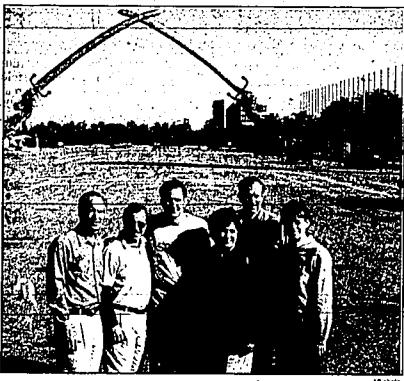
But at least in these open-market friendly sections of Iraq, Kempthorne and the other American governors were treated warmly. The motorcade, which traveled with several Humvees and helicopters, attracted a crowd in the Karth District, where the governors visited Saad Yakoob's fabric store and one of the city's burgeoning electronics outlets.

Through an interpreter, Yakoob said he understood that American sons had been sacrificed along with Iraqi sons for the people here, but he said the goals still hadn't been met. He did say, though, that he appreciated the new freedoms of speech the Americans brought to Iraq.

He can complain about his government just like my citizens can complain about us," Pataki joked. But there seems to be a timid optimism coming from a few of the Iraqis the governors have talked to so far. Yakoob mixed a metaphor when talking to the governors (the visit was perhaps up to him, too), but perhaps he sums up the feeling.

"We didn't used to see the green light at the end of the tunnel," he said. "Now we do." The governors have yet to meet local leaders, but they sat down with Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, the top American in the country.

And so far, the trip has been fast, hectic and surreal. The flight in (no visiting dignitaries sleep "in-country" was on a C-130, built for moving troops and cargo, and the drop into Baghdad International Airport (called BIAP, or "buy-opp" by the troops) was fast and steep. Kempthorne sat up front with the crew for the drop.



Govs. Dirk Kempthorne, Ted Kulongoski, Tim Pawlenty, Kathleen Blanco, George Pataki and Linda Lingle pose at the Parade Ground during their visit to Baghdad Tuesday.

France moves to ban Islamic head scarf

PARIS — France took a decisive step Tuesday toward banning Islamic head scarves in public schools, with lawmakers overwhelmingly backing the government's drive to preserve French secular traditions from Muslim fundamentalism.

The ban on religious attire in classrooms, which also includes Jewish skullcaps and large Christian crosses, was approved 494-36 despite protests and criticism from around the world. The measure goes early next month to the Senate, where there is little opposition.

The ban was expected to take effect in September. Applying the law could be the real test: Critics say it's too vague and will inflame anti-French feelings among the nation's large Muslim minority.

French leaders hope the law will quell debate over head scarves that has divided France since 1989, when two young girls were expelled from their school in Creil outside Paris for wearing the head coverings. Scores more have been expelled since then.

World in brief

Scientists warned government about Khan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Nuclear scientists warned the Pakistani government before the country's first public bomb test in 1998 that they suspected the father of its nuclear program shared technology with other countries, a government official told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

After President Gen. Pervez Musharraf took power in a bloodless coup in 1999, scientists repeated their concerns about Abdul Qadeer Khan amid suspicions over his personal wealth, including many properties around the capital, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The comments come as Musharraf confirmed that he suspected for at least three years that Khan was transferring atomic technology to other nations, such as Libya, Iran and North Korea and removed him as a head of a weapons lab because of those suspicions, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

Missing Russian candidate returns to Moscow

MOSCOW — In a bizarre twist to Russia's presidential campaign, a candidate who disappeared last week resurfaced Tuesday in Ukraine and returned home, saying he was surprised by the fuss and may even drop out of the race. Ivan Rybkin, a critic of President Vladimir Putin, had been missing since late Thursday. He was last seen when he was dropped off outside his Moscow home, according to his wife and campaign staffers. But his staff reported Tuesday evening that he had turned up in Ukraine, and Rybkin told the radio station Echo of Moscow, "I haven't disappeared anywhere."

Rybkin returned by plane late Tuesday to Moscow, where he offered little further explanation. Instead, he dropped vague hints indicating that his absence was not an action of his own will.

Rybkin was a national security chief under former President Boris Yeltsin, the ex-speaker of Russia's lower parliament, a participant in failed negotiations with Chechnya's rebel leadership in 2002.

— compiled from wire reports

Aristide supporters erect barricades in Haiti

CAP-HAITIEN, Haiti — Armed loyalists of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide set up blazing barricades Tuesday, vowing to attack rebels leading a bloody uprising that has spread to at least 11 towns and cost 42 lives. Brandishing pistols, bands of drunken youths manned barricades and threw rocks at passing cars in the northern port city of Cap-Haitien. They said they were protecting the half-million residents of Haiti's second-largest city, a former Aristide stronghold where support has dwindled as poverty increases.

Roadblocks have prevented food deliveries to tens of thousands of hungry Haitians, the U.N. World Food Program warned from Geneva, and fuel tankers also were blocked. Some gas stations have run out of fuel.

The uprising began Thursday in Haiti's fourth-largest city, Gonives, presenting a dangerous turning point in Haiti's three-year political crisis. A similar revolt in 1985 also started in Gonives and led to the downfall of the 29-year Duvalier family dictatorship.

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EDITORIAL

Public deserved a role in hiring school chief

The Twin Falls School District has enjoyed a smooth leadership transition under interim superintendent Wiley Dobbs this year. And as the old line goes, you don't want to change horses midstream.

That's just one reason why the Twin Falls School Board decided Monday night to make Dobbs the permanent superintendent for the district. Monday's decision followed a Jan. 28 executive session by the School Board, where it completed Dobbs' evaluation and moved to give him a three-year contract.

after Terrell Donicht announced his departure. The board interviewed Dobbs and then appointed him interim superintendent, saying other qualified candidates would be hard to find on short notice.

Now the board has evaluated Dobbs and has given him the thumbs-up to stay on the job. The timing of the decision, midway through the school year, was something of a surprise for community members.

Our view: Twin Falls community members deserved the chance to offer feedback on naming the new school superintendent. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

A community-minded leader with deep roots in Twin Falls, Dobbs is a qualified fit for the job. In addition to the work he has done this year, he has served in numerous positions for the district and is well-liked by fellow educators, community members and business leaders. For years, he has been considered the heir apparent for the superintendent job.

But that frame of mind also creates a problem. Do the expectations of those on the inside of district operations always match those on the outside?

The superintendent position in Twin Falls School District has a broad impact on the entire community. It would have been preferable for the School Board to give the community some lead time about its decision to make Dobbs the permanent boss.

Dobbs was named interim superintendent in June, days

proactive way. His public relations skills are noteworthy, and he has helped accomplish needed tasks on the block schedule and movement on exit exams.

But somewhere in the decision process, the School Board should have encouraged public input on the hiring and on Dobbs' evaluation. Public participation in key decisions helps public agencies make better decisions, and it adds legitimacy to their choices.

Leaving the public out of the Dobbs decision sets a troubling precedent. Years from now, will the next superintendent hiring also be a limited search, done in a matter of days, and without public participation?

School Board members have stated their satisfaction with Dobbs and his work in the district. Maybe next time, they'll remember that the community deserves a chance to do the same.

When restraint is no virtue

I imagine we had known in summer 2001 that al-Qaeda was planning a strike on American soil that would claim the lives of thousands of innocents. Imagine that our pleas for cooperation to the Taliban, the government harboring Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, were rebuffed.

Without certain knowledge, but knowing nonetheless that a massive attack was likely — and that the likely date was in September — would the president have been justified in launching a strike at the Taliban until they cry "mercy" and hand over al-Qaeda?

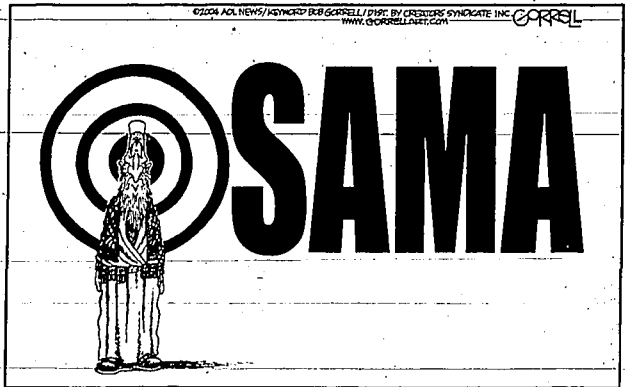
JOEL MOWBRAY

What would the reaction among peaceniks have been had we taken on Mullah Omar and his merry band of thugs before al-Qaeda had the chance to hijack four planes and murder 3,000 Americans? Probably not that much different than they're reacting to the war in Iraq.

Think about it: Had the Taliban and al-Qaeda been eliminated on, say, Aug. 1, 2001, then the 9/11 tragedy would not have happened. Not only would we have crippled the terrorist network operationally, but at least one of those leaders captured alive surely would have spilled the beans on the pending strike.

Before Sept. 11, 2001, any attack on the Taliban would have been, by definition, pre-emptive — something that the left main-ains, even after Sept. 11, is impermissible. So even if we had known before Sept. 11 the depths of al-Qaeda's evil and the extent of its operational capability, the critics sniping at President Bush's decision to take out Saddam would not have favored any strike in Afghanistan until after 3,000 Americans had perished.

With perfect hindsight, peaceniks would mispick the analogy above. Saddam was contained, they argue. He had no



weapons of mass destruction, they add. Though they made these arguments before the war, there is no way they could have known that. Peaceniks' pre-war contentions, in fact, were nothing more than guesses wrapped in wishful thinking.

All available intelligence before the Iraq war pointed to Saddam having a WMD arsenal, and history showed that he had a disturbing willingness to use WMD. And as his increasingly delusional novels made clear — including one he wrote literally as the world was readying for war — Saddam was drifting further and further from any connection to reality.

Despite all this evidence, the president never labeled Saddam an "imminent" threat. His argument, in fact, was that the world needed to act before the danger posed by Saddam became "imminent."

Yet every war critic — and, of course, the New York Times — has pretended as if "imminent" was the only word Bush actually used. On this count, one particularly

grievous example of journalistic malpractice at the Times deserves special attention. In an article titled, "Leaders Sought a Threat. Spies Got the Blame," the normally responsible Patrick Tyler summarized Bush's case for war using the word "imminent" six times — six times more than the president ever did.

But just as the Times piece tries to do, the left is attempting to rewrite history. The intelligence regarding Saddam may not have greatly evolved since the mid-1990s, but then again, neither had the words chosen to describe the threat.

Saddam "will use those weapons of mass destruction again, as he has 10 times since 1983." That quote comes not from Bush or Donald Rumsfeld, but from Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, back in 1998.

How about this one: Saddam presents a "particularly grievous threat because he is so consistently prone to evolve in time." Again, not from a Bushie, but from a Clinton adviser, Sandy Berger, back in 1998.

Kerry, in 2003 no less.

If anything, former inspector David Kay's recent comments that no WMD will be found in Iraq vindicate Bush. Kay directly refutes any assertion that Bush manipulated intelligence or ever asked anyone to lie or doctor reports. What Kay also found, though the media didn't bother to cover it, was clear evidence that Saddam had duped U.N. weapons inspectors on the eve of war.

If the peacenik left finds restraint so commendable and Bush's pre-emption doctrine so offensive, here's a good question: Where are the cheerleaders praising Clinton for showing "restraint" after Khobar Towers, the East African Embassy bombings, and the attack on the USS Cole when he refused to respond to the gathering threat posed by radical Islam?

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LETTERS

Make a commitment to the job, not the union

In response to Brent Rambough's letter with reference to the right-to-work law, stating how proud he was to be union:

I wonder: When you go to the grocery store, do you buy the expensive groceries? Do you buy \$200 shoes or the \$10 ones? Do you buy the \$50 work pants or the ones made in China or Mexico? What about restaurants? Do you eat hamburgers and fries or do you eat T-bone steaks and baked potatoes? What 100 percent union-built American car or pickup do you drive?

I wonder: Do you give your employer 110 percent or are you the average union employee, who only gives 50 percent, while making sure that you use 100 percent of your medical, eye and dental insurance, sick leave and vacation time?

I agree that we probably wouldn't have the standard of living that we enjoy today if it weren't for the union. But stop the featherbedding! Start giving 110 percent and just maybe all those corporations that have moved their operations to China, Taiwan, Mexico, Brazil, the Philippines, etc., will come home, back to the good old USA, and then all of us right-to-work people, plus all of you 110 percent union people, will have good-paying jobs.

Maybe you wouldn't go on strike and close a 10-year job down when half-way through if all they needed was the expertise of a right-to-work person for five minutes so the job could continue.

Mr. Rambough, you would close the job down, wouldn't you? They would probably kick you out of the union if you didn't.

So I suggest that you check your own front yard before you slam somebody else's back yard. Maybe we could all get along together.

GROVER WILSON

Twin Falls

Senior driving class was filled with good lessons

We recently participated in the "55 Alive" class. It was sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and Wells Fargo Bank. The class was geared to point out the many hazards facing all drivers and how to adjust to them.

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The class instructor, Charlie Siegel, did an excellent job while making it enjoyable and a great learning experience.

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CARL AND ANNETTE SKABRONSKI

Twin Falls

Render aid to U.S. citizens before illegals

I read with great interest an article in the *South Idaho Press*, "Could barring illegals from county health care save dollars?" I think every American knows

it can; the only problem is the American Civil Liberties Union is going to step in and say it's a violation of their civil rights. But many Americans believe illegals shouldn't have any rights. They sneak over here and get into all the programs that were set up for Americans. They shouldn't come first, our old folks and our children should come first, and if anything is left, then we can help.

I'm not a Republican, but Rep. Scott Bealke of Oakley will sure get my vote. It's refreshing to hear a bureaucrat step in and say what needs to be said. I'm tired of them always being politically correct.

JOHN O'DELL

Rupert

Progress continues in rebuilding Iraq

We are getting so many negative comments against our president, about Iraq and no mass destruction weapons that I would like to point out a different view.

First, Saddam had a war of genocide going on before this. He was trying to kill off one entire race of people. We have saved the lives of those who were not slaughtered. We have all seen the mass graves that were uncovered that held hundreds and hundreds of bodies of men, women and children gunned down like animals. This is mass destruction, even though it was done with machine guns.

Now here are some facts you may want to trace before you get too hard on our president. All 22 universities and 43 technical institutes are now open, as well as most elementary and sec-

ondary schools.

All 240 hospitals and 1,200 clinics are not open for treating patients.

Twenty-two million of Iraq's children have been vaccinated for children's diseases.

Iraq has a single unified currency for the first time in more than 15 years.

Uday and Quesay are dead and no longer feeding innocent Iraqis to zoo lions, raping the young daughters of local leaders and torturing their country's soccer players for losing games.

Children are no longer imprisoned when their parents disagree with the government.

Today in Iraq, there are chambers of commerce, businesses, schools and professional organizations are electing their leaders all over the country.

A nation that had no public input in its own government now has legislative, judicial or executive and representative form of self-government.

They have self-government for the first time in recent history. They have satellite television without censorship. First time ever.

They now have an army that is helping our service people try to cast terrorists and police, trained by the good old USA.

All this and, best of all, people are free to meet and worship God and lift up the name of Jesus. So how about getting off our president's back and supporting him and our country — for a change.

WILLIAM SPAIN

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LETTER

Don't buy pets just to abandon them

I am so angry at people who get pets for their children on Christmas or anytime and then decide after two or three months down the road they don't want this pet or can't take care of this pet or the child is not old enough to take on this responsibility. So the adult takes this pet out and dumps this pet on others.

On Monday, Feb. 2, somebody had the irresponsibility to dump a kitten out of their vehicle at the corner of U.S. Highway 30 and Justice Grade north of Hagerman. Now I am talking about a stormy day, strong, cold east winds and below freezing temperatures.

This poor kitten is eating bird food because it is so scared to get close to anybody that can help or get close enough to show any kind of loving attention.

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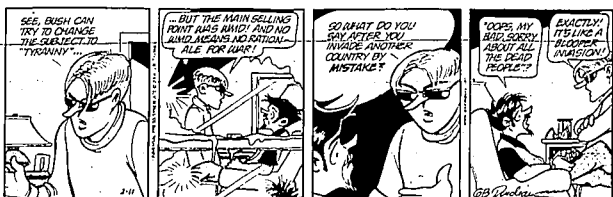
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Summer time is one thing, but winter is out of the question. Whoever is responsible for this stupidity should be left outside in the same kind of weather and see how you respond. But not where there's people, but someplace where they can't relate to their own kind.

Learn to be kind to the little people.

BEULAH M. SMITH
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Time for frank discussion on deficits

The most revealing factoid about the Bush administration's budget is this: After scouring the entire \$2.4 trillion of federal spending, the White House found 65 programs that it deemed so unneeded or ineffective that they should be eliminated. How much do these programs cost? About \$4.9 billion. Although that's a lot of money, it's only 0.2 percent of federal spending — two-tenths of 1 percent. This qualifies as an aggressive assault on government spending?



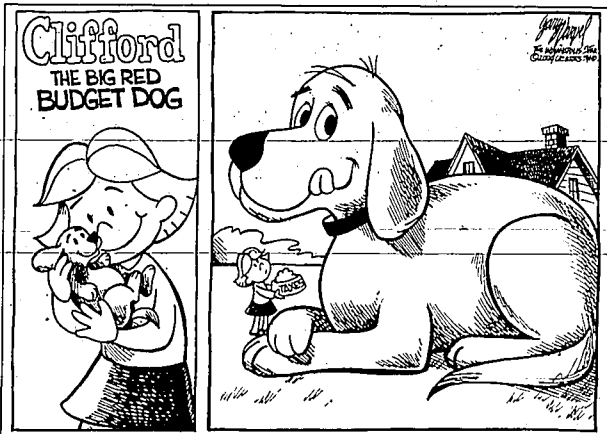
ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

There's the budget problem in a nutshell: government programs are virtually immortal. Because nothing can ever be revoked, the budget becomes a perpetual motion machine for higher spending. New programs for new needs get piled atop old programs. Since 2001, homeland security spending is up 115 percent to \$28 billion. And more programs get more because their numbers (doubling by 2030) and health costs keep rising.

Federal spending has remained fairly constant as a share of national income — staying roughly between 18 percent and 22 percent of gross domestic product — only because the military budget has slowly declined. In 2003, it was 19 percent of federal spending, down from 62 percent in 1955. But this source of easy money is vanishing.

It will be correctly said that Bush's budget is "irresponsible." But the irresponsibility does not lie in today's deficits (projected at \$521 billion in 2004 and \$364 billion in 2005). Actually, those deficits are defensible pie pills for a weak economy. The responsibility lies in the administration's unwillingness to look beyond the business cycle and present a balanced budget — ever. It won't say: Here's a desirable level of spending; the public benefits justify the tax.

Democrats commit the same sin. They're gleefully denouncing Bush's tax cuts as creating reckless deficits. This is not exactly true. For fiscal 2004, the Congressional Budget Office has estimated the causes of the swing from a once-predicted surplus to today's deficit as follows: 40 per-



cent, a weaker economy and "technical recastments" of spending and taxes; 30 percent, higher spending (mostly for defense and homeland security); and 30 percent, tax cuts.

Budget talk is nine parts political theater, one part candor. The dishonesty is pervasive, bipartisan. Democrats, no less than Bush, won't say precisely how they'll balance the budget. No one examines old programs to see whether they serve the public interest — or simply the interests of beneficiaries. Even people who constantly preach budgetary rectitude typically won't advocate anything unpopular.

To cure rampant hypocrisy, here's a modest proposal. Let Congress create a commission charged with balancing the budget in four years and keeping it balanced for 30 years — allowing exceptions for economic downturns. Yes, commissions are usually futile. But the idea here would be to show the public what needs to occur, and get big names of both parties to confront the nasty details. Former Democratic

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and former Republican House speaker Newt Gingrich would be good choices as co-chairmen.

The commission would have to cut spending and raise taxes significantly. Here's its mandate (I've included some illustrative spending cuts and tax increases):

- Cut domestic discretionary spending by 10 percent, mainly by eliminating the least important programs. This spending category, costing \$475 billion in 2004, covers everything from homeland security to national parks. Possible elimination: community development block grants, mass transit construction and Amtrak.
- Cut defense — \$433 billion in 2004 — by \$25 billion by shutting unneeded bases and ending questionable weapons programs. Possibilities: cancel one of two new fighters (the F/A-22 or the Joint strike fighter), the Marines' M22 transport plane and the Army's Comanche helicopter.
- Cut nonrevenue entitlements — \$314 billion — by \$30 billion. Possibilities: end farm subsi-

dies and reduce subsidized college loans for wealthier families.

- Trim the costs of the baby-boom's retirement by 25 percent. Possibilities: raise Social Security's eligibility age gradually to 70 by 2027; make Medicare's eligibility age the same as Social Security's; increase Medicare premiums.

- Raise taxes to cover remaining deficits. Possibilities: increase taxes on energy or dividends and capital gains (profits on stocks and real estate).

This sobering exercise would strip both parties of self-serving budgetary slogans. Republicans would have to admit that, even after big spending cuts, a balanced budget requires higher taxes. Democrats would have to concede that, without deep spending cuts, future tax increases would be huge — a third or more. The budget debate should focus on government's proper role and competence. Who deserves help and why? What programs work? What taxes would least hurt economic growth? (It's not just deficits that may be harmful.) If people in Washington were serious, they'd leap to make these questions the center of debate. But of course, they aren't serious. Budget talk isn't about the budget. It's about scoring political points.

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much more complex than the simple life of a soldier deployed.

In the eyes of the Iraqis, we have done some good here and we have done some bad. War is not pretty, and we have had to use a lot of force to achieve the stability that exists today. That means cordoning and searching entire neighborhoods in an attempt to catch some specific bad guys, and then not catching them. That means directing artillery and mortar fire near Iraqi villages to prevent their use as enemy rocket launch sites.

At the same time, we have used money to do good and to prove to the Iraqi people that we really do care about their future. That means spending thousands of dollars to repair dilapidated schools. And that means spending millions of dol-

lars to restore basic services such as water and electricity to entire Iraqi cities.

Overall I think the good things have outweighed the bad. I believe that the true measure of our success or failure is not yet evident, that it will become obvious only after Iraq leaves with a mix of emotions that includes not only happiness, regret, sadness and anxiety but pride that the war is won and Iraq is free and independent.

This war is going to end soon for me and my unit. Some day this war is going to end for America's soldiers. My hope is that when the last American soldier leaves Iraq they leave with a mix of emotions that includes not only happiness, regret, sadness and anxiety but pride that the war is won and Iraq is free and independent.

Robert M. Cornejo is a major in the Army.

True measure of success in Iraq is not yet evident

"Some day this war is going to end." That's my favorite line from the movie "Apocalypse Now." I never really understood the line until I actually went to war a couple of times — Panama in 1989 and the Persian Gulf War in 1990 and 1991. Now, after having been to war a couple of more times — Afghanistan in 2003 and Iraq in 2003 and 2004 — I appreciate those words.

Robert Duval says them with a mix of emotions that I believe can be understood only by someone who has been to war.

For my unit in Iraq, the 173d Airborne Brigade, the war is going to end soon. After almost a year in Kirkuk, we are returning home to Vicenza, Italy. I feel a mix of emotions about going home.

I am happy to leave the danger of the war. A war in which we are at risk of being killed by roadside bombs every time we depart the gate of our base. A war in which we are at risk of being killed by incoming rockets and mortar rounds fired randomly at us. A war in which we are at risk of being plucked from the sky by rocket-propelled grenades and surface-to-air missiles fired at our helicopters.

I am regretful to leave the unfinished business of the war.

ROBERT M. CORNEJO

A war in which I believe I could have done so much more, given additional time and greater personal energy. A war in which I made mistakes and didn't have time to correct them. A war in which I lived day to day and often lost track of my long-term goals.

I am sad to leave the camaraderie of the war. A war in which I served with the finest officers and soldiers of my 18 years of Army service. A war in which I laughed a lot with friends about mundane things that are funny only to soldiers: the weather, food, mail. A war in which I felt truly proud to be a part of something bigger than me with people more honorable than me.

Most of all, I am anxious to leave the unpredictability of the war. Anxious about returning to a life with my wife and daughter, because I am not really sure how that life will be. Anxious about returning to garrison Army work because I am not really sure how to do it anymore. Anxious about life in the army and at home because it is so

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Murder suspect waives extradition

TWIN FALLS - A Filer man charged in connection with the death of a Twin Falls woman waived extradition Tuesday, meaning he'll likely be transported from California to Twin Falls sometime within the next 14 days to stand trial for second-degree murder.

Jody Randall Okley Carr, 31, is charged in connection with the murder of Sheri Brookshier, 21, of Twin Falls. Her body was found in a field south of Filer Thursday.

Meanwhile, the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department released a photograph of Carr Tuesday. He was still being held Tuesday in San Bernardino County, Calif., on \$1 million bond. Carr was arrested in Yucca, Calif., on unspecified warrants.

The official cause of Brookshier's death has not yet been determined. Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebis said Tuesday the results of an autopsy being performed in Boise are pending.

An affidavit filed in 5th District Court in Twin Falls says that during questioning last week by authorities admitted he had an affair with Brookshier with his white Ford Bronco.

T.F. felon gets 40 months for possessing a gun

BOISE - A Twin Falls man convicted of a felony was handed down a new sentence for possessing a firearm that he purchased at a pawn shop.

Robert Luis Silva, 48, was sentenced to just over three years and three months in federal prison.

Silva had been convicted of possession of marijuana for sale in Arizona, said Aaron Lucio, assistant U.S. attorney in Boise.

Because of that conviction, he is not allowed to possess firearms.

Sentencing in federal court is governed by guidelines that take into consideration a defendant's prior convictions.

Lucio declined to reveal what, if any, other convictions Silva has.

The 40 months Silva received was toward the lower end of the sentencing guidelines, Lucio added.

There is no federal prison in Idaho, so convicts are sent to other states to serve their terms.

Wrecked car display stirs interest in community

JEROME - The 1970 haulage smashed cars making the rounds in Jerome County has struck a chord in the community, said Sheriff Jim Weaver.

Jerome County is getting requests for the display, which officials hope will serve as a deterrent to stop sign-related fatalities.

Ten such accidents in the past two years served as a call to action for Weaver, who last month kicked off a stop sign awareness campaign. The centerpiece of the campaign is the display of wrecked cars bearing the message in big red letters: "Stop Means Stop!"

The display has made an appearance at the airport, the Jerome Chamber of Commerce and its current location, Kwik Service.

"We're moving it all over the place," Weaver said. "We want to get it in most locations."

The Catholic Church and high schools have requested its presence, as have groups in Wendell and Twin Falls.

"It's really catching on," Weaver said. "Everybody wants it. We've got a tremendous outpouring of support."

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels table with columns for Watershed, % of Avg, and % season peak

A comparison of basin snowpack, on the left, with a 20-year average, on the right. An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in April.

Buhl, county tangle over court fees

Several cities spar with commissioners over unexpended costs

By Sandra Wisecaver Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Mayor - Barbara Giesen may end up in front of a city council next month.

If the city of Buhl and Twin Falls County commissioners fail to reach an agreement on how Buhl will comply with a court order to pay approximately

\$8,000 more for court services, the issue will end up in court before a 5th Judicial District judge.

Buhl's annual payment for court services has been \$2,260, according to a 1995 agreement with the county. In August, Buhl received a court order raising the annual assessment to \$10,780 - a 400 percent increase.

A second court order, issued Feb. 4, requires Mayor Gietzen, accompanied by a City Council member or city attorney, to appear in court if an agreement on the amount and formula for payment of the annual fee cannot

be negotiated by March 5. County commissioners would present their case at the hearing set for 1 p.m. on March 12.

The cities of Twin Falls, Kimberly, Filer and Hansen are under the same court order.

Gietzen is requesting a negotiating meeting with the county commissioners as soon as possible.

The first court order, issued July 31, was received by the city in August, after the city's annual budget had been established and advertised for public hearing.

The court order states that by May 15 of each year the county

will negotiate the city on what amount will be for the next fiscal year. Since the notification of the increase did not come until August, the Buhl City Council has proposed paying the \$2,260 amount in the budget. The difference of \$8,520 would be spread out over a three-year period, and the city would also budget the full \$10,780 each year, starting with next year's budget.

The assessment for this year is due Oct. 1, the first day of the next fiscal year and could be part of next year's budget. A total of \$23,500 would have to be budgeted to cover the payments for this

year and next year.

Establishing the increased assessment of \$10,780 in one year's budget is just too much, Gietzen said.

The city of Kimberly also is refusing to accept the new assessment. Buhl attorney Bill Nungester said.

Kimberly attorney Bill Hollifield has "been writing letters and sending a copy to me," Nungester said. "They won't pay it. They think it's double taxation. Kimberly has said if they try to collect, they will sue the county."

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Digging up 'hot' garbage

Contractors complete first portion of Pit 9 test project

By Jennifer Sandmann Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They're doing it: Demonstrating that buried radioactive waste at Idaho's nuclear laboratory can be dug.

Contractors at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory near Idaho Falls finished over the weekend digging up the first portion of a test-retrieval project at Pit 9.

"We found what we expected to find - plastic bags, drums in various states of corrosion, just the garbage we expected. There hasn't been any surprises," said Stacey Francis, an INEEL spokeswoman.

Pit 9 is a one-acre pit in an 88-acre landfill where Cold War-era nuclear weapons production waste was buried in unlined pits and trenches until 1970, when Buhl fish farmer Bob Erkins sounded the alarm.

The waste is contaminated with plutonium and other radioactive and hazardous substances. It sits in unlined pits and trenches about 580 feet above the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer. The aquifer supplies water to some 200,000 southern Idaho residents and drains into the Snake River from Kimberly to King Hill.

A backhoe at Pit 9 dug about 16 feet down to clean out the debris in the first portion of the test plot, Francis said. Soil samples were taken below the dig area and will be tested for contaminants to evaluate whether waste has migrated below the landfill.

The soil tests will screen for radioactive and chemical contaminants, said Kathleen Trever, director of the Idaho program that monitors INEL activities for the state.

"We're seeing a range of waste types, from protective clothing to worker gloves to some of the solidified sludges that came out of the weapons processes," Trever said.

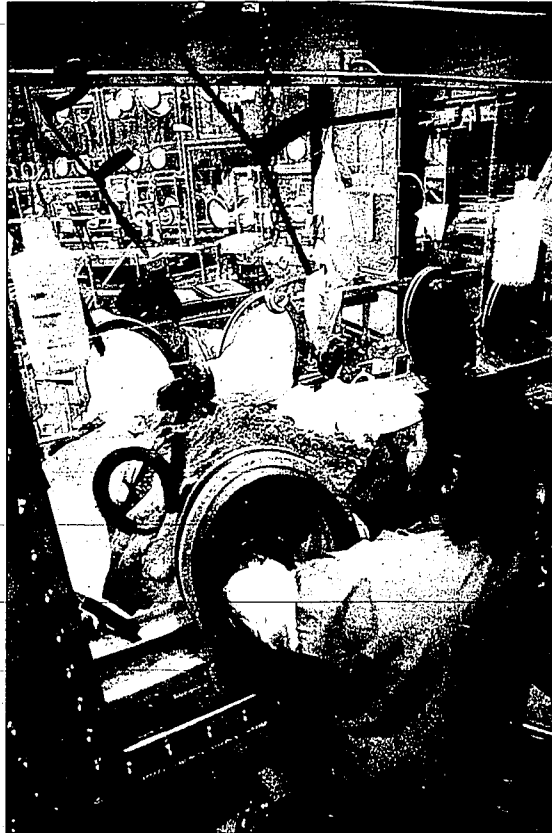
Crews even unearthed a lab paper from the late 1960s that was still readable, Trever said. It may offer a clue about the location of a particular waste shipment.

Over the years officials have been using shipment records to determine what was buried in the landfill and where.

Enough debris to fill about 290 barrels has been removed so far from Pit 9, Trever said. That adds up to about 50 cubic yards of waste - about half of what scientists expect to extract from the test retrieval plot.

The metal barrels that were buried in Pit 9 have decayed and no longer are intact, but

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Buried waste dug up from Pit 9 is manually sorted in an enclosed 'glovebox' system. The glovebox itself is in an enclosed building built over Pit 9.

Veterans ask for use of county building

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They said they would like to get away from the stigma that all veterans do is sit around the bar and compare old war wounds.

Members of Twin Falls Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2136 say a veterans' memorial hall would go far to improve the veteran image and show everyone what veterans are really doing - helping other veterans and their families, providing ceremonial services at veterans' funerals, sharing their stories in classrooms, helping young people pay for college and keeping American flags flying, to name a few.

"There are veterans who have stories that need to be told, but we need to have a place where they can gather," said Post Commander Bob Jackson, a veteran of the Vietnam War and Desert Storm.

Jackson and other local veterans said they know the perfect meeting place: the county building on the corner of Third Street West and Fourth Avenue North, the building that now houses the

Calling all veterans

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2136 in Twin Falls is looking for new members to help carry on the veteran tradition. Veterans interested in joining the post can call Post Commander Bob Jackson at 733-6042 or 731-2531.

Department of Motor Vehicles, the county coroner and a small space for Veterans Administrator Cheryl Ringenberg.

Those offices would move to the old Anderson Lumber building on Eastland Drive if the county completes its planned purchase of the property.

So veterans Tuesday asked county commissioners to consider their idea.

"They deserve it," Commission Chairman Gary Grinstead said. "They've earned the right to have a nice hall by being veterans and going through all they've gone through. You want to do what you can for them, but it has to be fiscally feasible."

Grinstead was appraised in years because county-owned properties are tax-exempt and there was no reason to pour additional

county resources into assessing those properties. County Assessor Gary Bowden said.

The 213 men and women who belong to VFW Post 2136 have been holding their meetings at the Disabled American Veterans Hall on the corner of Shoup and Harrison.

The old building is slowly falling apart and is laden with asbestos and possibly lead from paint, Jackson said.

Jackson said the county building could be used by all veterans groups. He estimated there are about 6,500 veterans in Twin Falls County.

And members of the old guard from World War II and Korea, who now hold many of the offices, are in the twilight of their golden years or have already passed on.

The post needs new members to keep the tradition going. Older veterans are especially reaching out to Vietnam veterans, who didn't get the warm reception that veterans of other wars received when they came home.

"A lot of them - just drew back in their shells when they came back," said George Kinslow, a veter-

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Lawmakers approve mail-in ballot measure

The Times-News

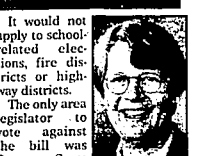
BOISE - The Idaho House overwhelmingly approved a measure Tuesday that would allow people in voting precincts with fewer than 250 voters to mail in their ballots in primary and general elections.

The legislation only applies to 125 precincts out of Idaho's 990.

And it would be optional. Counties would not have to phase out smaller polling places if they don't want to.

The legislation, sponsored by Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, was approved by the State

Senate. Ben Yursua, who made voting easier for people in Idaho's remote areas. Voters would receive their ballots no sooner than 24 days before elections and no later than 14 days before.



Four years ago, Rep. Wendy Jacquet, D-Ketchum, sponsored similar legislation that failed in a 43-32 vote in the House. Yursua's bill is now headed to the Senate.

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Donna Kathleen Whitney Lloyd

On Dec. 22, 1946, Donna was born to Edward "Ted" and Ruth Whitney in Twin Falls, Idaho, and passed away on Feb. 3, 2004, after a courageous battle against cancer.

She attended school in Twin Falls and graduated from Idaho Falls High School in 1965. She went to Browning, Mont., where she worked for Great Northern Railroad.

After moving back to Idaho Falls she met and married Michael Lloyd on Aug. 8, 1969.

Her next job was with the Bonneville County Sheriff's Department as a dispatcher, secretary and deputy sheriff.

After seven years she returned home to Twin Falls, to be near her aging parents, and worked at Universal Frozen Foods before later joining the Twin Falls County Sheriff's



Department as dispatcher and TAC officer.

She loved the outdoors, going fishing, working in her garden and preserving the fruits of her

labor and making beautiful crocheted afghans.

She is survived by her husband; son, Daniel; stepson, Marty Mock (Jane), of Idaho Falls; sisters, Betty Hafla, of Idaho Falls and Sharon Wilson (Tom); of Eagle; Idaho; brother, Dale Whitney (Pat), of Boise, Idaho; mother-in-law, Bernice Lloyd, of Idaho Falls; three grandchildren; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Association, P.O. Box 146, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0146, or your favorite charity.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. today, Feb. 11, 2004, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Sheri Ranae Johnson-Brookshier - Twin Falls

Sheri Ranae Johnson-Brookshier, went to the loving arms of her grandpa, Jim Johnson, on Jan. 31, 2004.

Sheri was born in Pacatello, Idaho, on Feb. 3, 1972. She became the second miracle to join the family of her adoptive parents, Dr. Pam (Jack) Holloway and Harold (Vanda) Johnson. She attended Twin Falls High School and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1990. She went on to attend the College of Southern Idaho where she received certification as a nursing assistant and also graduated from the Emergency Medical Technician Program.



also survived by her half sister, Bobbette Plevtywounds of Fort Hall, Idaho; her grandmother, Fern Johnson; and her grandparents, Lloyd and Marjorie Johnson, all of Twin Falls, Idaho. Bobbette and Sheri just recently discovered each other and were beginning to form close family bonds.

In addition, her stepbrother, Scott (Melissa) Robinson; stepbrother Kevin Holloway; and her two stepisters, Shelly and Shannon and her special angel, Travis, also survive her, as well as many uncles, aunts and cousins.

Finally, her two beautiful babies, Alexis Dawn and Tyson Fay, who are the treasure and legacy that Sheri has given her family so that we may go on, survive her.

A funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at the Rock Creek Community Church, 131 Grandview Drive, with Pastor Dale Wenger officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. The family invites all who knew the light that was her Sheri to come and remember a life that was

stolen from her husband, her babies and all of us way to soon.

Sheri was a loving and caring mother to a daughter whose laughter could light the room, a sister who could bring both frustration and joy, a granddaughter who helped care for her elderly grandmother with love and patience, and a young wife whose loving arms are sorely missed by her husband, Jim.

The family would also like to express their eternal gratitude to the Twin Falls Police Department and their affiliated agencies; the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department personnel and members of the Twin Falls County Search and Rescue for volunteering their selfless hours of time, effort and dedication.

The Surgical Technology students at the College of Southern Idaho have set up a memorial fund for Sheri. For more information, please contact program coordinator Janet Milligan or any Surgical Technology student.

"Native American Prayer" I give you this one thought I am with you still, I do not sleep I am a thousand winds that blow I am the diamond glims on snow I am the sunlight on ripened grain I am the gentle autumn rain When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift, circling rush Of quiet birds in flight I am the soft stars that shine at night Do not think of me as gone, I am with you still, in each new dawn.

Avis Onita Lovass Wasko - Kimberly

Avis Onita Lovass Wasko, 73, of Kimberly, died peacefully at home on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, after suffering from emphysema for the past 12 years.

Avis was born March 7, 1930, in Woodsville, Wis., to Gunder I. and Olga (Hanson) Lovass. The family moved to Idaho in 1937. She graduated from Nampan High School in 1947. Avis married Theodore Gregory Wasko Sr. on Nov. 9, 1957, in Nampa, Idaho.

Avis was a beloved homemaker and mother. She was devoted to her faith and prominent in the KC wives and I.C.W. Her other interests included hunting, camping, fishing, traveling, bowling and family history.

She was a talented seamstress who enjoyed plastic canvas and needle craft. Avis was also a den member going to her son's baseball games.

She was an avid bowler, serving as an officer and national delegate and secretary for the Twin



Falls Women's Bowling League for many years.

Surviving Avis is her loving husband of 46 years, Ted Wasko Sr.; sons, Ted (Alyce) Wasko Jr., Tony (Shannon) Wasko, all of Kimberly; daughters, Debbie (Milt) Wasko Cochrane, of

Blackfoot, Idaho, and Susan (Steve) Wasko Spafford, of Meridian, Idaho; 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Also surviving is her brother, Harry Lovass.

Her parents and three siblings preceded her in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at St. Edward's the Confessor Catholic Church in Twin Falls with Father Koelsch officiating.

Interment will follow at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. A Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, and friends may call from 5-7 p.m. on today, Feb. 11, 2004, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that all memorials be sent to St. Edward's Catholic School in Twin Falls, Idaho.

John Wendall Terry - Paul

John Wendall Terry, a 82-year-old former "Paul" resident, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, in Logan, Utah.

John was born on Oct. 10, 1921, in Ririe, Idaho, the son of John Harold and Lizzie Viola West Terry. John graduated from high school and attended college at BYU.

John left Ririe in 1939 and moved to Lost River. In 1954 he moved to Paul, Idaho.

There he resided for many years. He then moved to Redmond, Ore., and, in 2002, he moved to Logan, Utah where he resided until his death.

He married Ella Jean Parkinson on August 8, 1956. She passed away in 1984. He married Lucille Farris on June 6, 1986. John farmed in Lost River and in Paul. When he moved to Oregon, he operated a care center for the elderly.



He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served a mission in the central states. He was a teacher, a high priest group leader and a counselor in the bishopric.

John loved to travel, especially to Hawaii, play games, watch sports and work together with his wife.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille Farris; his children, Marla Prestridge, of Heyburn, Idaho; and Brett (Mary) Terry, of Sugar City, Idaho; his grandchild-

ren, Jared Prestridge, Camille Prestridge, Brianna Terry and Skyler Terry; brothers, Charles Cecil (Donna) Terry, a Burley, Idaho; and Harold Wilmer (Laurie) Terry, of Alma, Idaho; sisters, Doris (Gael) Elmer, of Ogden, Utah; and Jean (John) Barnes, of Rexburg, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ella Jean, a daughter, Joana Gay Terry; his parents, John Harold and Lizzie Viola Terry; and sisters, Elizabeth (Beth) Fisher and Ruth Olsen.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main, with Bishop Kurt Johnson officiating.

Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the service on Friday.

SERVICES

Simon Macias Campos of Filer, Celebration of Life at 11 a.m. today at the Community Bible Church in Filer. (Farmer Funeral Chapel, Burli).

C. H. Boss (Bud) of Wendell, memorial service at 2 p.m. on Monday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Ronald Lee Morris of Malta, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley. Friends may call from 10:10-10:45 a.m. at Payne Mortuary before the funeral.

Ross M. Randle of Idaho Falls, service at 1 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary. Interment will follow in Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service Friday at White Mortuary.

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Merl C. Hartwell - Twin Falls

Merl C. Hartwell, 94, of Twin Falls, passed away Feb. 10, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was born on Jan. 26, 1920, in Turretton, Idaho, the son of William and Maria Hartwell.

During his life Merl served in the Army Air Corps as well as working as an accountant in Idaho Falls. After seeing an opportunity in California, Merl and his wife, Ruby, moved to California to own and operate a retail sales business.

His wife was later stricken with cancer and passed away. Upon his retirement he sold his business and moved to Twin Falls

to be closer to his nieces. He built a home in Twin Falls which occupied his time and became his focus while here.

Merl is survived by his nieces, Helen Hollifield and Hazel McIntyre, in addition to several nieces and nephews in the Idaho Falls area. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at the Fielding Memorial Park Cemetery in Idaho Falls. Service and arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

(Arlene) Newcomb of Bartley, Neb.; and Ross (Mae) Newcomb of Rupert; 1 sister Ruby (Bill) Hutcherson of Greeley, Colo., and one son-in-law, Jerry Temple of Rupert.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Christy Temple.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at the Rupert United Methodist Church with Pastor Keith Wise officiating.

The family will greet friends one hour before the service on Saturday at the church. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorials be made to the United Methodist Church Home For or to Mindoka, Hoie Health and Hospice.

The family would also like to thank Mindoka Home Health and Hospice for all the care they gave to Bill and his family. Services are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

William 'Bill' Newcomb - Rupert

William "Bill" Newcomb, an 81-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Feb. 9, 2004, at his home in Rupert.

Bill was born Feb. 1, 1923, in Cambridge, Neb., the son of Edward and Grace Baker Newcomb. He attended schools in Cambridge and graduated from Cambridge High School. Bill served in the United States Air Force from 1942 to 1945.

He married Virginia Danfield March 25, 1951, in Cambridge, Neb. In 1955 they moved to Rupert where they had a homestead and farmed until he retired in 1985.

Bill was a member of the Rupert United Methodist Church and a member of the Rupert Elks. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and farming. He loved working hard and being home with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia, of Rupert; three sons, Rocky (Coyen) Newcomb of Payson, Ariz.; The Newcomb of Seattle, Wash.; Ross Gene (Lori)



Newcomb of Rupert; seven grandchildren, Taja (Dann) Baldwin, Mike Newcomb, Matt Newcomb, Lacey Temple, Colter Blu Temple, Ashley Newcomb and McKenzy Newcomb; two great-grandchildren, Brandon and Kaylee Baldwin; three brothers, Winton (Maxine) Newcomb of Cambridge, Neb.; Bob

Girl dies after being dragged for miles by car

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) — A girl died after her coat got caught in a car door and she was dragged for about three miles on rural roads.

The girl, thought to be 7 years old, was dropped off by a relative at a rural bus stop before 8 a.m. MST Tuesday. While waiting for a bus, Iron County Deputy Sheriff Michael Crouch said another relative drove up to a nearby mailbox.

The girl went to that car and asked for a ride to school as she climbed into the back seat.

However, Crouch said the relative told the girl she didn't have time to drive five miles into town, and the girl got out of the vehicle.

"She apparently became caught and tangled," Crouch said. "The relative was not aware this had happened and drove off with the little girl alone for help."

The driver went about three miles before Crouch said a witness stopped them. The driver then put the girl in the back seat and drove to a nearby phone for help.

The girl was pronounced dead at the scene, he said.

Crouch said he is not aware if officials are considering charges against the driver, but noted the department is early in the investigation.

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Utah man receives life without parole

LOGAN, Utah (AP)—Cody Lynn Nielsen has been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the abduction, sexual abuse and murder of a 15-year-old girl.

The sentence was handed down Monday by 1st District Judge Clint Judkins but had been determined by the same jury that convicted Nielsen last month in the slaying and dismemberment of Trisha Autry.

Judkins also imposed consecutive sentences of one to 15 years for kidnapping and two terms of up to five years for desertion of a body and ordered Nielsen to pay \$11,000 in fines and \$42,000 in restitution to Autry's family.

Prosecutors had vowed to ask for the consecutive sentences even if the jury opted to execute Nielsen. "It goes to how high and to what extent we hold human life," Deputy Cache County Attorney Tony Baird said after Monday's hearing where he requested the consecutive sentences.

"The practicality isn't there, but symbolically it's a statement," he said. "You commit this type of act against humanity, the message is you'll suffer the maximum penalty."

Nielsen, 31, already was serving a prison sentence for theft and unlawful sexual activity with a minor.

Autry disappeared on June 24, 2000. Prosecutors said he kidnapped her and sexually abused her, then beat her to death, dis-

membered her body and burned and buried the pieces. Nielsen claimed the girl died accidentally.

The girl was missing for nearly a year before a small amount of her remains were unearthed in May 2001 at a coyote research facility in Millville.

Nielsen had worked at the facility as a maintenance man at the time of the slaying.

The restitution includes the \$25,000 Autry's family paid for a private investigator when she disappeared, \$7,000 for the memorial service the Autry family had last fall and the \$5,000 anticipated cost of a funeral.

Trisha Autry's remains, chiefly a jawbone and small charred bone fragments representing about 10 percent of her body weight, still are being held as evidence in anticipation of an appeal, Baird said.

He said the county attorney's office and defense counsel have been trying to reach some kind of agreement to release the remains, but there's no decision yet.

Baird said the restitution "likely will never be paid unless one of Nielsen's family members steps up. But it's important to have it there, at the very least as part of the record."



Cody Lynn Nielsen

Murderer's parents say jury should have saved prayers for church

LOGAN, Utah (AP)—The parents of convicted murderer Cody Lynn Nielsen say they were upset jurors prayed during deliberations last month before convicting their son of killing 15-year-old Trisha Autry.

"This case was about politics and religion all the way through," Nielsen's mother, Bonnie Nielsen said. "They should have done their praying in church. This wasn't a church meeting."

Last week, Nielsen trial juror Milton D. Scott said jurors voluntarily said three group prayers before finding Nielsen guilty of capital aggravated murder and sentencing him to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Nielsen's parents, Bonnie and Lynn Nielsen, and his sister, Mindy, told The Herald Journal they were glad he didn't receive the death penalty.

His family made their comments after Monday's sentencing hearing where 1st District Judge Clint S. Judkins imposed the jury's verdict of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Bonnie Nielsen said her son's sentence was appropriate.

DEATH NOTICES

Darrell W. Parker

CASTLEFORD—Darrell W. Parker, 87, of Castleford, died Feb. 8, 2004, in Twin Falls.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave., in Buhl.

R. Douglas Neville

TWIN FALLS—R. Douglas Neville, 79, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, Calif.

A prayer vigil with Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Fr. John Koelsch reciting at noon.

Eliza Cordelia Nye Shaw

BURLEY—Eliza Cordelia Nye Shaw, 98-year-old Burley resident, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Park Ave., Burley, with Bishop Brian Barlow officiating.

Burial will be in the Valley View Cemetery in Malta. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and from 10:15-4 a.m. before the funeral on Monday at the church.

Gilbert Humberger

TWIN FALLS—Gilbert Humberger, 60, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004, at his home.

Arrangements will be made by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

OBITUARIES

Edna McGown - Twin Falls

A grand lady, loving and caring mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend left us on Feb. 6, 2004.

Edna McGown was born on Nov. 19, 1906, in Stanley, Idaho to "Eller" Martin and Leslie Niece. She had many fond memories of life in the Stanley Basin and Sawtooth Valley. On Nov. 27, 1924, she married A.W. "Tuff" McGown of Challis and together they built a life in Challis, always prospecting for "their" gold mine in the sky. Custer became their home in summer and Challis in the winter. In 1951 Edna and Tuff established the Custer Museum in memory of their son, Art.

The museum was later sold to the U.S. Forest Service and it continues to operate bringing pleasure to many people each summer.

Edna turned the first shovel of the Logan construction of the Challis Interpretive Center, the co-authored two books of

the Salmon River and Yankee Fork country and authored an additional two books. In 1999 she received the "Esto Perpetua" award from the Idaho State Historical Society for her significant contributions to Idaho history.

Mrs. McGown was preceded in death by her husband, Tuff McGown; a son, Art McGown; a daughter, Adelaide Walters; and one brother, Rupert Niece.

Edna is survived by her daughter, Edna Mae (George) Wicks, of Twin Falls; her granddaughter, Lori (John) Head and her two children, Lacey and Alex Head, all of Pocatello, Idaho; and many good friends.

"Until we meet again, thanks Mom for all these years of love and joy. We love you Mom and will miss you so much."

Service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at the American Legion Hall in Challis, Idaho, with Fred Cogburn officiating. Interment will follow in the Challis Cemetery.

The family suggests memorials in Edna's name to the Challis Interpretive Center. Contributions may be mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83403; or left with funeral chapel staff at the service.



Edna McGown

Pit

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plastic bags that contain waste still are in good shape, Trever said. Still, not all of the waste in the pit is contained in bags.

"We're going to look at the whole thing and get the cities involved well before budget time," he said. "We want to show them the actual costs, what we are trying to do and try to work it out with them."

The estimated annual cost of operating the court system is \$1.4 million. The court gets 10 percent of the dollars from paid fines.

"We're trying to be fair about it and they're saying they don't have to pay anything," Grindstaff said. "It's a good deal for the cities. They use our whole system and don't pay anything."

"Buhl was willing to pay. Their proposal was acceptable. We will work with them. Filer has also said they would pay."

Getzien hopes negotiations will mean representatives from all the cities meeting at the same time with the commissioners.

"I think it's important that everyone sit at the same table," said. "I think a meeting with all the cities would be better than separate meetings with each city."

Buhl is being asked to pay 5

Gooding motorists may renew registration online

GOODING—Gooding County motorists can now renew their vehicle registrations online at <http://dmvonline.idaho.gov>, Gooding County Assessor Patty Bauscher said Tuesday.

Gooding County is the second county in Idaho to offer the innovative online service.

"It is our goal to make it as easy as possible to renew vehicle registration," Bauscher said. "We've excited to offer Gooding County residents this new option. Renewing vehicle registrations via the Web will be faster and more convenient for many people."

To renew online, users must log in securely by entering their plate number and a four-digit PIN printed on the reminder postcard they receive from the Idaho Transportation Department.

Passenger cars and trucks registered in Gooding County with the standard red, white and blue

Idaho plates or any of the 33 specialty plates are renewable via the Web. Recreation vehicles, trailers and street-legal motorcycles will be eligible for online renewal in December.

Motorists pay the renewal fees using Visa, MasterCard or Discover through the state's secure payment portal. The disabled veteran plate is exempt from renewal fees and special charges.

Since no tax dollars were used to develop and maintain the service, a \$1 convenience fee and a nominal credit card surcharge paid by users cover the costs.

For more information, call 934-5668.

Fire academy runs this weekend in Paul

PAUL—The annual Southern Idaho Fire Academy runs this weekend in Paul, offering training to firefighters, emergency

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medical personnel and police officers from around Idaho, Utah and Nevada.

The academy is sponsored by the Southern Idaho Firefighter's Association and the emergency services training division of the Idaho Department of Vocational Education. The school is held at West-Minico Middle School.

This year marks the 10th consecutive year the school has been held. Organizers expect 420 participants between Friday and Sunday. Jerry Morton said. Thirteen class topics are planned, including extrication, flashover survival, basic firefighting skills, units on self-contained breathing apparatus, electrical safety and hazardous materials training.

—compiled from staff reports

Other City Council business included:

- **State park money**—The city has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation for the proposed skate park. The park fund has \$88,210 in cash and commitments. Additional grants through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation will be sought to reach the goal of \$140,000.

- **Deed to state**—Council members gave the mayor authority to sign an agreement transferring property back to the state for a right hand turn lane at the new Valley County Store, east of Buhl on Highway 30. The state will be responsible for the maintenance of the lane.

- **In writer**—Council members requested Gene Graham of Diamond Towing submit a written proposal to lease a portion of the city's impound yard located at the former National Guard Army building on Deep Creek Road. Graham wants secure storage for vehicles he tows in the Buhl area until they are claimed by the owner or towed to his Twin Falls facility. Graham intends to have no more than five cars at the site at any one time.

- **Councilman Regie Finney** said he would prefer to see a proposal on a per-car basis versus a monthly rental agreement, to allow the city to keep track of how many cars are at the impound yard.

percent of the total court costs under the new formula. The county would pay 23 percent; the city of Twin Falls, 57 percent; Kimberly, 7 percent; and Filer, 5 percent.

Buhl receives an average of \$20,323 back from the county each year as the city's portion of fines levied against defendants. Even with the new \$10,780 assessment, Buhl annually should net a little more than \$9,000 from the

county. But the city also pays the county prosecutor \$12,000 annually to prosecute Buhl cases.

"We have to have someone to prosecute our cases," Getzien said Monday. "It just worked out cheaper to hire the county prosecutor to do that."

Court costs and prosecutor fees will total \$22,780, meaning the city will lose \$2,457 annually for prosecuting offenders.

Crossroads

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Crossroads was a cattle ranch," Crouch said. "We felt Crossroads Point conveyed the idea of land development better."

The workshop also was held to help Crossroads identify problems it will need to solve in order to receive the various required permits from the county before construction of the subdivision can proceed, said Art Brown, Jerome County's planning and zoning administrator.

Scott Bybee, an engineer with the city of Jerome, said the city planned to extend water and sewer service along the interstate to Crossroads.

"The city hopes the site will be built to city standards since the

residents of Crossroads Point will sign annexation agreements with the city.

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Doug Suter reminded landscape architects of the need for space to put snow after it is removed from the roadways.

Brown suggested Crossroads Point would also need storm drains and water runoff catch basins installed.

Brown said developers might want to recycle the collected runoff water for landscaping irrigation.

"We live in a desert. Plants need to be desert friendly," Brown said. "Landscape doesn't necessarily have to be green to look

as part of the agreement, the department said it would postpone a decision on what to do with the rest of the landfill until it had evaluated Pit 9 results.

"This was just to demonstrate that the bulk waste could be dug up," she said.

Once the test retrieval project is finished, INEEL will evaluate what to do with the entire Pit 9 and the rest of the landfill, she said.

The glovebox excavator is a test project in a controlled environment so that officials can develop a large-scale operation, Trever said.

"I think this is the beginning in terms of evaluating what the materials in the pits are going to look like, and will be useful when we plan future retrievals," she said.

INEEL had to begin digging the waste by January to meet the terms of an agreement reached with the state in 2002 over missed project deadlines. The U.S. Department of Energy at the time had been talking about somehow stabilizing the waste and leaving it in the ground. But

some rock overtoppings would blend with the area and look good."

Devin Rigby, an engineer with the Idaho Transportation Department office in Shoshone, discussed the need to avoid visual restrictions and obstacles at the access roads along Highway 83.

He suggested the logical place for a stop light would be at the entrance to Petro II and the main entrance to Crossroads Point.

He said a traffic study would have to be conducted before the subdivision entrances could be developed.

Brown said when all the paperwork is completed and all the questions are answered he will be happy to issue the needed permits.

Veterans

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They asked commissioners if there was a way the county could help with utility costs.

Commissioner Bill Brockman liked the veterans' plan, but said the county can't donate money if it doesn't have.

He said the county could look

into what kind of grants might be available.

"We can sure talk it over," Brockman said.

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Probe finds Utah/Interior deal illegal

Power to approve the decision lies with Congress, investigators say; issue likely will land in court

WASHINGTON (AP) — A deal between Utah and the Bush administration aimed at settling longstanding disputes over the ownership of federal roads violates federal law, according to a review by congressional lawyers released Tuesday.



Mike Leavitt
then-Utah
governor



Gale Norton
Interior Secretary

Interior Secretary Gale Norton and then-Gov. Mike Leavitt signed an agreement last year seeking to resolve longstanding disputes over whether roads that snake across Utah are owned by the state or federal government.

It would have implemented an Interior plan to "disclaim" ownership of the disputed routes, and served as a model for settling similar disagreements over thousands of miles of roads across the West.

But the General Accounting Office, which is Congress' investigative agency, said in a legal

first road claim under the Leavitt-Norton agreement.

"We intend to continue moving forward with implementation of that agreement, which protects national parks, wildlife refuges, wilderness and wilderness study areas," said Interior Department spokesman Mark Pfeifle.

While GAO's legal opinion has no binding authority, it charts arguments that are almost certain to be litigated in court.

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., who requested the GAO review, said it shows the Interior Department has overstepped its bounds in giving away federal lands.

"The Utah agreement was touted by the administration as a model. Now that it's been deemed invalid, I hope that Secretary Norton abandons her effort to

bypass Congress on this issue," Bingaman said.

Pfeifle said the department strongly disagrees with the GAO's determination that the Utah deal is illegal, but said Interior is pleased that its other arguments were validated.

The highway dispute stems from a Civil War-era mining law meant to encourage settlement of the West. The law - Revised Statute 2477 - granted states and counties rights of way across federal lands. When the law was repealed in 1976, Congress allowed states and counties continued use of the traditional highways.

However, there continue to be disagreements over whether thousands of miles of wandering dirt paths that crisscross the West qualify as roads.

Auditor tells council he likes the looks of Hansen

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - From a financial standpoint, the City was sitting fairly well, Auditor Michael Burr told the City Council this week.

Improvements in computer programming had made it possible for City Clerk Linda Morrill to provide all the information needed for the annual audit. As cities are getting less state funding, they need to depend more on their property taxes, Burr told the council Monday.

In other business, the proposed South Hills Estates subdivision was discussed with developer Jay Ward. The project has been approved by the City Council and as soon as the necessary permits are received by Morrill, construction can begin. The first phase of the project will contain nine lots and construction will start on the southern side of the property along Highway 30. The completed development will contain lots for 40 homes.

Keven Schreeve of Keller Associates, an engineering firm, told the City Council a well study for the city would cost \$27,300. Mayor George Uric said he felt it would be "better to spend the money on drilling a well and taking a chance on whether it was productive, rather than conducting a study."

In the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting before City Council, the request of Jim Bartholome for a special-use permit for a storage-unit complex was denied. Bartholome wanted to place the units on property he owns along Rock Creek Road, which is zoned commercial.

Other business conducted by the Hansen City Council included:

- **Appointments** - Mayor George Uric's appointments for department heads were announced. They included Kevin McClain, building permits; Mary Dana, police; Tom Kennedy, maintenance and streets; Laura Nelson, recreation; Bill Hoffeloff, city attorney; Michael Burr, auditor; Bill Baker, building inspector; Burt Duncan, fire chief; Tonya Cole, animal control; Doug Gee, maintenance; and Ugo with oversee the fire department. City Council members, plus Mark Stanger, Bryan Harris and Mike Weiner will serve as the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- **Recreation report** - The recreation report revealed the need for a pitching machine and a batting cage at the Rolling Hills Park and someone to serve as a soccer director. There were several children interested in a soccer program last summer. However, no one was available as director.

Lawmaker wants illegal immigrants licensed

BOISE (AP) - Rep. Elmer Martinez believes that because of Idaho drivers travel to and from work each day without drivers' licenses or insurance.

They are Idaho's undocumented workers, and Martinez said they drive illegally because state law prohibits licensing nonresidents.

"They drive because they have to. That's the problem," the Pocatello Democrat said.

Martinez proposes amending state law to allow undocumented

residents to obtain drivers' licenses and automobile insurance.

"(Changing the law) would send the message that we value the contributions these people provide in making our economy stronger," he said.

Martinez estimated Idaho has 15,000 to 30,000 undocumented workers.

Although federal law prohibits hiring undocumented workers, Idaho's agricultural economy would crumble without them,

Martinez said.

He said Idaho's undocumented workers support the state's economy and pay sales tax and, in some cases, income tax, and they should be able to do the things that any working-class person in Idaho wants to do for his family."

Martinez said the existing law puts all drivers at risk because these drivers have no training. His legislation focuses on offering access to insurance and ensuring all drivers know the rules of the

road, he said.

A spokeswoman for the Idaho Community Action Network, the state's lobby for low-income residents, said 10 other states passed similar legislation. One of those, Tennessee, collected \$550,000 in revenue from changing its license law in 2001.

"By forcing them to live in the shadows, we're not facing the reality that they are the backbone of our agricultural economy," Martinez said.

Utah House votes to scrap No Child mandate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Republican-dominated House voted Tuesday to make Utah the first state to scrap No Child Left Behind education mandates that would cost more than the federal government is willing to pay.

Republicans dropped a threat to abandon the Bush administration program altogether because they would have cost the state half of its annual federal education funding, or nearly \$107 million. Instead, state representatives voted 64-8 to comply with only

those mandates "where there is adequate federal funding."

It was the strongest position yet taken by lawmakers in 11 states who have questioned, questioned or nonbinding resolutions challenging the 2002 education act, which has states facing deadlines to make huge leaps in student testing performance and teacher credentials.

The Utah bill still requires state Senate approval and the governor's signature.

Teachers face a requirement to have a college major for every

core subject they cover. Rural Utah schools say they're lucky to attract any teachers at all, let alone ones with multiple degrees.

The act requires virtually all students in every school to test at their grade level for reading, writing and arithmetic. Schools that don't measure up for two years in a row would have to provide more teachers or let students to better-performing schools.

Critics, including the National Conference of State Legislatures, say the standards are so high few schools will be able to comply, and

that the federal government isn't providing nearly enough money for the effort.

It wasn't clear which - if any - of the 45 No Child provisions are fully funded, and the U.S. Education Department has warned Utah that picking and choosing mandates could affect funds for other education programs.

Utah isn't unanimous on opting out. The state school board voted against the idea Friday, and urban school districts don't want to give up any money.

Utah lawmaker advances parental rights measures

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Sen. Parley Helwell, an Orm Republican, who is running for governor, on Tuesday brought to a Senate committee eight of his nine bills that would curtail the Board of Education's questioning of parents in child neglect and abuse cases.

The committee, which formed a quorum late and lost it again before all the bills could be considered, took up four and

advanced three with requests that Helwell make a few wording changes.

Helwell withdrew what he called his most important bill after members of the Senate Judiciary Committee questioned every aspect of its proposals to change the responsibilities and authorities of the Division of Child and Family Services ombudsman. Helwell said he would completely rewrite SBS4 before bring-

ing it back to the committee, probably next week.

The bill would have given new powers to the ombudsman, whom the governor would appoint. Currently, the executive director of the state Department of Health and Human Services makes the appointment.

But the four senators who showed up for the hearing had questions about the ombudsman's reach, which would include sub-

poena power and access to sealed documents. They also wanted clearer indications of who the ombudsman reports to and stricter job qualification requirements.

Committee chairman Sen. Greg Bell, R-Fruit Heights, said he wanted the bill to pinpoint whose interests the ombudsman was supposed to represent. "We just don't want to go off in one direction or another," he said.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Completes for Tuesday Sent to governor

HB20 (Appropriations) - Makes an emergency \$400,000 appropriation to the Department of Corrections for the current budget year.

HB21 (Zoning) - Amends the zoning code to allow for a conditional use permit for a mobile home park.

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Right-Bill requires unlicensed medical examination regarding contract of litigation

HB101 (Judiciary and Rules) - Adds Health Care, preschool and day care centers to minimum contracting rules for drug contracts.

HB102 (Judiciary and Rules) - Amends the Idaho Supreme Court to designate the petition to file an elected or appointed administrator to make any sales.

HB103 (Judiciary and Rules) - Extends the time to file legal documents with county clerks for the cost of publishing court generated legal notices and written materials.

HB104 (Judiciary and Rules) - Extends to split counties the right to retain liquor license privileges in the event of a split in property ownership.

HB105 (State Affairs) - Establishes that the Idaho Health Facilities Authority has the power to make mortgage loans and other financial products.

HB106 (State Affairs) - Shields elected or appointed officials from civil lawsuits when acting in an official capacity.

HB107 (State Affairs) - Asks Congress and the President to allow Idaho residents and government entities to legally buy lower cost prescription drugs from Canada.

Completes for Monday Sent to governor

SB129 (Health and Welfare) - Appropriates \$1.2 million to the Department of Education for personnel and supplies with private grants of federal dollars.

Introduced in House

HB104 (State Affairs) - Removes price deregulated telephone companies from antitrust exemptions.

HB105 (State Affairs) - Extends campaign finance reporting requirements to city-wide elections.

HB106 (Health and Welfare) - Establishes maximum staffing levels for assisted living facilities.

HB107 (Health and Welfare) - Reinstates legislation set to expire that food stamps and self assistance will be available to fetuses if they comply with probation and parole restrictions.

HB108 (Health and Welfare) - Allows electronic signatures in documentation systems in assisted living residences.

HB109 (State Affairs) - Makes optional technical corrections and clarifications throughout Idaho code.

HB110 (State Affairs) - Ties salaries of Public Health, Industrial and State Tax Commissioners to that of classified state employees.

HB111 (Education) - Requires boards of trustees of community college districts to complete a financial health check annually.

HB112 (Education) - Allows students to self-medicate inhaled doses of asthma medication.

HB113 (State Affairs) - Expresses support and encouragement for the Palaska Project, a fundraising education and remembrance project.

HB114 (Revenue and Taxation) - Constitutional amendment to require two-thirds vote of the Legislature to increase taxes or fill exemptions or exclusions.

Introduced in Senate

SB128 (Health and Welfare) - Defines "licensed nurse" under Health Care Program and specifies standards for practice for dental hygiene.

SB129 (Health and Welfare) - Sets qualifications for volunteer's license in dentistry, and sets minimums.

SB130 (Health and Welfare) - Clarifies when medical assistance may be recovered of survivors of children.

SB131 (Health and Welfare) - Authorizes state and local government to be reimbursed up to \$500 for direct medical care of individuals.

SB132 (Health and Welfare) - Allows dentists to work under indirect or general supervision of a dentist.

SB133 (Health and Welfare) - Sets membership and appointing authority for regional mental health advisory boards.

SB134 (Health and Welfare) - Sets new rules and procedures that must be met before women may obtain an abortion.

SB135 (Resources and Environment) - Gives the Director of Water Resources discretion in approving in-stream diversion changes that do not affect water rights.

SB136 (Resources and Environment) - Prohibits the Director of Water Resources from issuing a governmental permit if it finds it will unreasonably decrease ground waters.

Legislative action complete

SR119 (Agriculture) - Approves rules regarding a license fee on weighing and measuring instruments.

SR120 (Agriculture) - Rejects pending rules of the Department of Health and Welfare regarding how to calculate income concerning eligibility for Medicaid for families and children.

Introduced in House

HB115 (Resources and Conservation) - Amends that a water right is not subject to forfeiture for nonuse if it is being used as approved by the Director of Water Resources.

HB116 (Resources and Conservation) - Amends the rules regarding water rights for enforcement into rights of way necessary for delivery of water by irrigation.

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SB105 (State Affairs) - Urges Congress to support the operation of Mountain Home Air Force Base and expand it.

SB106 (State Affairs) - Reinstates those making independent campaign expenditures over \$10,000 during the final 15 days of a campaign to identify the recipient of the money, the amount of the expense and the date it was done in more than 48 hours after the expenditure is made.

SB107 (Local Government and Taxation) - Authorizes county commissions to operate wild waste disposal system by exchange or nonexclusive means.

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Bison will get brucellosis shots

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) - Some calves and yearling bison that test negative for exposure to brucellosis will be vaccinated against the contagious disease for the first time this winter, a wildlife biologist in Yellowstone National Park said Monday.

"It's a step in trying to get to a disease-free population eventually," said Rick Wallen.

But no more than 125 buffalo will get the vaccine in the pilot project, he said.

There is disagreement about the effectiveness of the vaccine, known as RB 51.

It will be given to certain animals that enter the National Park Service's bison trap northwest of Gardiner, if they go there this winter.

Any animals that test positive for exposure to the disease will be shipped to slaughter, Wallen said.

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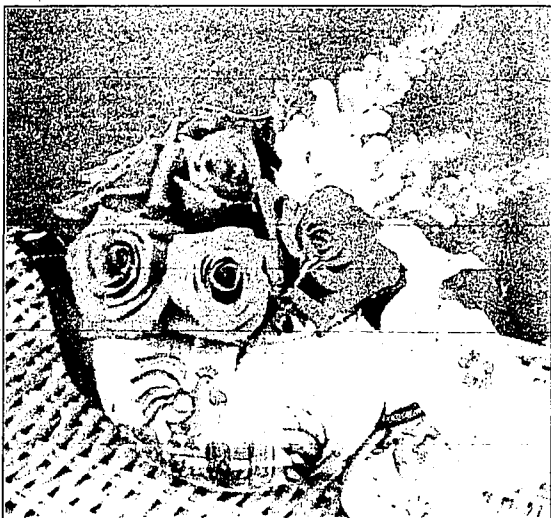
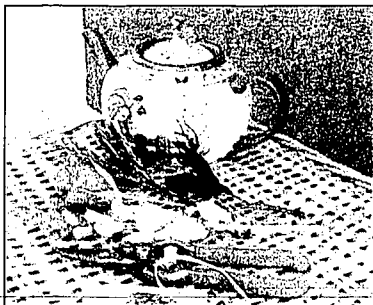


Photo courtesy of the Flower Promotion Organization

This tussy mussy bouquet, shown above, starts with the right materials, continues with instructional steps and ends in a modified teapot that speaks the language of flowers.



Mean what you give

Here are two more tussy musses, with their flower meanings, from the Flower Promotion Organization

For a Friend

- White, blue or yellow iris ("Faith, hope, wisdom and valor; my compliments, eloquence")
- White alstroemeria ("Devotion, 'friendship'")
- Mint leaves ("warmth of feeling")

For a lover

- Pink miniature carnations ("I'll never forget you")
- White daisy chrysanthemums (chrysanthemums in general mean "cheerfulness; you're a wonderful friend; white chrysanthemums mean 'truth'")
- Rosemary sprigs ("remembrance, commitment, fidelity")



Photo courtesy of the Flower Promotion Organization

Say what you feel with flowers

By Cathy Walworth
Time-News correspondent

So Cupid has smacked you right upside the head and you are smitten. How do you tell the object of your desire how you feel?

You could pen a poem. Sing a song. Line out a limerick, if you dare.

For the tongue-tied, perhaps a page from the past is the best way to go. Lovers in the Victorian Age used flowers to say what they couldn't.

As a result, many flowers have retained meanings. You probably already know that red roses mean something along the lines of "passionate love." Those who would woo in Victorian times simply gathered the appropriate flowers, like the pieces of a puzzle, to say what was in their hearts.

You can, too, with a tussy mussy. Tussy musses were popular small bouquets in the Victorian Age. Using "flower language," shy lovers and friends sent messages with a few blooms. Today, it's a good way to share your feelings without spending a lot.

"This bouquet doesn't take a lot of talent, time or a lot of money," said Jill Slater, from the Flower Promotion Organization. And flowers aren't just for girls. "We're finding that men like being on the receiving end. They like bold, primary colors, while women prefer pastels with lavender, pink and peach at the top of the list."

Let's begin at the beginning. We need something to hold the flowers. The rule of thumb here: If it can hold water, it can hold flowers. Since the flowers we're using today are all small, we chose a teapot. An antique teacup would be adorable, too.

"Then the teacup is a treasured keepsake," Slater said. "Try a coffee mug for a man. He'll think of you every time he takes a sip."

And, we want the flowers to last more than a day or two.

"The main thing is to make sure they last a long time, and to make that happen, condition them. Cut the ends, put them in water with the flower preservative that you get with a bunch of flowers. Follow the directions on the packet. Let them sit in the water for a good hour or so. Then start working with the flowers," Slater said.

If you don't have that packet of preservative, make your own with two tablespoons of sugar in a gallon of water and a dash of bleach.

These are flowers you choose yourself. Look for bunches of fresh flowers at the grocery store or single stems at a florist's shop. Florists are happy to let you browse their coolers.

"We do that all the time. They'll go back to the cooler and pick out what they like," said Nona Mock, owner of Fox Floral in Twin Falls. Because Valentine's Day is on a Saturday, she said neither she nor her crew will have much time to let you choose, but you are still welcome. "Gentlemen ask for specific flowers all the time."

Aud, consider that flowers in a florist's cooler are probably four to five days fresher than those you pick up at the grocery store.

Kim Meyers, saleswoman for DWF Wholesale Florists in Boise, said that flowers

go through a distributor before they get to a store. Florists get their flowers directly from the flower farms.

For today's arrangement, we'll use a combination of red roses (meaning "I love you") and white snapdragons (which can mean "gracious lady").

For filler, we can use evergreens. Pine means "hope"; fir means "time."

See how this starts to look like a word puzzle? Now, you are ready to assemble your valentine.

- Fill the teapot half full of the treated water.
- Cut the roses, snapdragons and greenery to about twice the height of the teapot. Remove all the leaves that will be below the water line.

- Gather the flowers and greenery in your hand to make the tussy mussy. The first flower will be the center. Arrange all the other materials in a circle around that. The tops of the roses should be at the same height. Add three snapdragons as a group to the bouquet. Let their heads rise slightly above the roses and greenery.
- Put a rubber band around all the stems. Re-

cut the stems so that the heads of the flowers rest just over the lip of the teapot.

That's all there is to it. What if the bouquet is for a man?

"For the gals who want to send something to a man, they want something masculine and unusual. Say a red rose with different types of fo-fo. Maybe a little piece of burlap for ribbon or raffia instead of a bow," suggested Mock.

While roses are the most popular flower in the country for Valentine's Day, there are lots more flowers out there that don't cost as much and

can be more appropriate. "White or Star Gazers lilies are nice - they're white with a deep burgundy throat and very fragrant," said Meyers. Antherium, with their heart-shaped leaves, are popular for Valentine's Day, too, she said.

"Men like interesting flowers, such as gerbera daisies, blue iris and tropical flowers in bold colors," Slater said.

Those are all good choices, according to "The Language of Flowers," by Christie Harten - found at www.thegardener.com/intermet/ask. Lilies, in general, mean "purity." White lilies mean "virginity, purity, majesty, or it's heavenly to be with you."

Daisies tell your love of you (or maybe their "innocence, loyal love, purity, faith, cheer or simplicity."

Bird of Paradise, a large, boldly colored tropical flower says, "magnificence."

"I like to use many of the fragrant herbs. They're available in grocery stores, especially mint and rosemary," Slater said. "You can pick evergreens out of your own yard, an inexpensive, personal touch. Mint, by the way, sends a "warmth of feeling," while rosemary is as sweet as it smells: remembrance, commitment and fidelity.

Those are pretty good things to get for Valentine's Day.

Collecting colors

It's no wonder that flowers in shades of red, pink and white have been perennial favorites to say sweet things. Beware the yellow flowers. If someone gives you a yellow rose, for example, it's "bye-bye." Yellow roses mean "friendship." Probably not quite what you had in mind. Yellow carnations harshly tell your recipient, "You have disappointed me; rejection and disdain." But then, striped carnations aren't much nicer, since they send a flat, "no."

Yellow chrysanthemums mean "slighted love." Tell him or her of your jealousy with a yellow hyacinth.

Margolids denote grief, cruelty and jealousy. It doesn't get much worse than an orange lily with its one clear message: hatred. Unless you throw in some dark crimson roses, which represent mourning, and black or dead roses, which - you guessed it - mean "death."

On the other hand, you can hardly go wrong with a tellover poinsettia from Christmas. Poinsettias send a message that says, "Be of good cheer." They're still red, and you're recycling. Those are all good things. Happy Valentine's Day.

Learn how to choose art - and how to showcase it

By Denise Drake
Knight Ridder News Service

COLUMBUS, Ga. - Jennifer Campbell just liked how the painting looked. It was nothing more than a couple of pears, painted in green, blue and yellow hues, but it caught her eye. "I've ended up decorating my whole kitchen around that one piece of art," she says.

"Artwork shouldn't be hidden in a corner. Paintings and other original art reflect your personality and should be carefully displayed. The process begins with choosing the right pieces.

Original art can make a bold statement. While it's more expensive than prints, a handmade painting shows an artist's one-of-a-kind inspiration and creativity. Browsing through art galleries and art shows is a good way to meet artists, discover their sense of style and learn about your own likes and dislikes. "Don't buy something because it matches your sofa," says Geri Davis, a Columbus, Ga., artist. "Buy it because

How to hang art

- Put small pictures in corners or narrow spaces, and large pictures in bigger spaces.
- Art shouldn't be wider than the furniture it's hanging over.
- Use track-lighting or a spotlight.
- One large painting can create a focal point.
- Art hanging horizontally makes a room larger and more casual.
- Art hanging vertically makes a room taller and more formal.
- The bottom frame should be 4-8 inches above furniture.
- Put art at eye level.

How to choose art

- Symmetrical lines calm the eye.
- Asymmetrical lines convey drama.
- A touch of red tempts the eye to search for more red in the room.
- Landscape art gives small spaces distance and depth.
- Blues and greens have a calming effect.
- Red is dramatic.
- Yellow is happy and cheerful.
- Purple is elegant.
- Orange makes you hungry.
- Brown, black and gray are sophisticated.

-Joseph House Gallery, Columbus, Ga.

you can't live without it." If you enjoy an artist's work but don't see a piece that you're crazy about, he or she may work within your budget to create something specifically for you, Campbell says. Often people hang a painting near a

window so natural light will illuminate it. But sunlight can create a glare, making it difficult to see the image. It can also damage the paint. You can light a painting with either a spotlight or track lighting, which makes a dramatic

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A piece of artwork hung in a bathroom can be a focal point for color and pattern in the rest of the space.

Photo courtesy of Target

FOOD & HOME

Make Valentine's Day dinner plans

By Linda Cleere
The Miami Herald

At the Bon Appetit-Gourmet Web site, epicurious.com, this Valentine's Day recipe is one of the 15 most requested. Bon Appetit credits it to the Redstone American Grill in Minnetonka, Minn.

The recipe specifies Maytag blue cheese, an artisan product

you'll find in specialty markets. You can use another blue cheese, but Maytag has a distinctive, spicy-sharp flavor.

Also calls for panko, Japanese-style bread crumbs available at Asian markets and some supermarkets.

You may substitute unseasoned, homemade bread crumbs. Watch the steaks carefully under the broiler; the crust burns easily.

BLUE-CHEESE-CRUSTED STEAKS WITH RED WINE SAUCE

- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) chilled butter
- 3 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 large shallot, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 3/4 cup low-salt beef broth
- 1/2 cup dry red wine
- 1/2 cup coarsely crumbled Maytag blue cheese (about 2 ounces)
- 1/4 cup panko (Japanese bread crumbs)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 4 (1-inch-thick) filet mignon steaks (1.5 to 2 pounds total)

small bowl to coat cheese evenly with panko.

(Sauce and cheese mixture can be made 1 day ahead. Cover separately and refrigerate.)

Heat broiler. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a large, heavy skillet over medium-high heat.

Season steaks with salt and pepper. Cook in skillet to desired doneness, about 5 minutes per side for medium-rare.

Four steaks to rimmed baking sheet; reserve skillet. Press cheese mixture onto top of steaks.

Broil until cheese browns, about 2 minutes. Transfer steaks to plates.

Pour sauce into reserved skillet. Bring to a boil, scraping up browned bits.

Boil 2 minutes. Whisk in remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon sauce around steaks and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

Keep your heart healthy for Valentine's

The symbol of Valentine's Day - the heart - is something you should take seriously if you care about your sweetie.

This can be done in two ways. First, you can make sure that your words and actions are a balm to his or her heart.

Even reminding your dear husband to shovel the driveway can be done in a loving tone and with



VALLEY COOKING
Rebecca Tateoka

polite phrasing. But also, remember that, over

time, what we eat can make a difference in how well our hearts work.

Several decades of those yummy boxes of chocolates can wreak havoc on the old ticker.

Here are a few ideas for keeping your sweetheart's heart in great shape.

After a meal like this, indulging in a little piece of

chocolate won't feel so terrible.

And this Valentine's Day, remember that if you say things just right, Mr. Right will wrap those big muscles he got from shoveling the driveway around you!

Rebecca Tateoka welcomes comments on recipes. You may e-mail her at famlife@pmt.org

LEAN ROAST

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2/3 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/3 cup water
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley

- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano
- 2 bay leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 to 5 pounds London broil
- Place half of the first eight

ingredients into a 6-quart crock pot. Place the London broil on top of the ingredients. Top with remaining half of the ingredients. Cook on high for 4 hours, then low for 4 hours or until meat comes

apart easily. Remove from crock pot; cut on cutting board into thin strips. If desired, reserve some liquid for dipping.

-Adapted from "The South Beach Diet"

COLORFUL VEGETABLE SALAD

- 1 medium head cauliflower, broken into florets
- 1 medium bunch broccoli, cut into florets
- 3 large tomatoes, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped

- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 1 medium carrot, shredded
- Dressing: 3/4 cup canola oil 3 tablespoons lemon juice 1 teaspoon salt

- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- In a large salad bowl, combine the cauliflower, broccoli, tomatoes, onion, celery and carrot.
- In a jar with a tight-fitting lid,

combine the dressing ingredients; shake well.

Pour over vegetables and toss to coat. Serve immediately.

-From Taste of Home, February/March 2002

DEE'S HEALTH BREAD

- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 2 tablespoons active dry yeast
- 3 1/2 cups warm water
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/4 cup flax seed
- 1/4 cup cracked wheat

- 1/4 cup sunflower seeds
- 4 teaspoons salt
- 7 cups whole wheat flour
- 4 cups bread flour

after each addition. Add the flax, cracked wheat and sunflower seeds; stir well.

Let stand for 20 minutes, until mixture is very light. Stir in salt and the rest of the flour until dough pulls away from the sides of the bowl.

Knead 10 to 15 minutes, until dough is smooth and elastic. Put into a greased bowl and cover; let

rise in the oven with light on until doubled, about 1 hour. Punch down and shape into 6 round balls.

Cover and let rest for 20 minutes. Form into loaves and let rise, covered, in oven until doubled.

Bake at 375 degrees F (190 degrees C) 25-35 minutes. -From www.allrecipes.com

Use turkey as an alternative in chicken dishes

By Kristin Eddy
Chicago Tribune

Veal or chicken may be more traditional in this classic Italian recipe, but lean turkey does fine here.

TURKEY MARSALA

- Yield: 4 servings
- 1 1/2 pounds turkey cutlets or scaloppine, cut into 4 pieces
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper

- 2 tablespoons each: olive oil, unsalted butter
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup marsala, sherry or Madeira
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Cook turkey in batches, turning once, until golden brown and cooked through, about 3 minutes. Remove from pan.

Place on oven-proof platter in oven to keep warm. Add butter to pan; cook mushrooms until slightly softened, about 5 minutes.

Stir in chicken broth and marsala; turn heat to high and cook until liquid is reduced by half, about 12 minutes.

Stir in lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper. Return turkey to

pan; coat with mushrooms and sauce.

Serve with green beans on which you've sprinkled some minced lemon zest, from the yellow part of the fruit.

Add some Italian butter cookies.

Nutrition information per serving: 320 calories, 38 percent of calories from fat, 13.5 g fat, 4.6 g saturated fat, 82 mg cholesterol, 5 g carbohydrates, 44 g protein, 540 mg sodium, 0.5 g fiber

BLUEBERRY DELIGHT

The recipe is "one of our family's favorites," wrote Judy Peacock, of Eastman, Ga. Jean Schramski, of Homestead, Fla., makes her crust with graham crackers. Fred Schlegel, of Harmony, N.J., sent a version that adds sliced bananas before the blueberry.

- CRUST: 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, melted
- 1 1/2 cups chopped nuts
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 cups self-rising flour

- FILLING: 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 (12-ounce carton) frozen

whipped topping such as Cool Whip, thawed, or 1 box Dream Whip prepared according to package directions

(21-ounce) can blueberry pie filling

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix the crust ingredients well with a fork and pat into a 9-by-13-inch pan. Bake 20 minutes.

Cool on wire rack. (Or use 2 pie pans or 2 pre-made crumb crusts that are lined with the chopped nuts; reduce baking time to 12 minutes.)

To make the filling, beat the cream cheese with the sugar and vanilla. Fold in the whipped topping. Spread mixture over cooled crust.

Top with blueberry pie filling. Chill thoroughly (about 4 hours) or freeze before serving.

CRESCENT THREE-CHEESE CALZONE

This recipe is from the 1986 Pillsbury Bake-Off. Next time I'd use fresh sliced mushrooms or a premium jar of pasta sauce, or skip the sauce altogether and slip sliced vegetables in the ricotta.

- 2 eggs
- 1 (15-ounce) container ricotta cheese
- 2 ounces (1/2 cup) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 (8-ounce) cans refrigerated crescent rolls

- SAUCE: 2 (8-ounce) cans tomato sauce with mushrooms
- 2 to 4 tablespoons red wine

(optional)

1/4 teaspoon dried basil

1/4 teaspoon dried oregano

Heat oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl, beat eggs lightly. Stir in cheeses, salt, basil, oregano, pepper and garlic.

Separate dough into rectangles. Press or roll out each to 7-by-5-inch rectangle.

Spoon scant 1/3 cup cheese mixture onto half of each rectangle to within 1 inch of edges. Fold dough in half over filling, firmly pinch edges to seal.

Place on ungreased cookie sheet. With sharp knife, cut 3 slits in top of each filled rectangle. Bake at 375 degrees for 14 to 17 minutes.

In small saucepan, combine all sauce ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes to blend flavors.

Serve calzones topped with sauce. Makes 8 servings.

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Art

Inspired from C1 compression. The larger the painting, the more dramatic the effect. However, the painting should fit the space.

One of the biggest mistakes people make is misjudging scale. "Don't hang a small painting on a large wall," Campbell says. When set against a large background, smaller pictures get swallowed up. Keep them in a tight corner or narrow space, she says.

If you're hanging a painting behind a sofa, be sure it fits the horizontal length. "Take it to the edge of the sofa," Davis says. And if the piece isn't long enough, think about hanging several vertical paintings side by side. Keep in mind that there should be at least

4-12 inches in between paintings. Pictures placed above a mantle or table should have 4-8 inches of space between the frame and furniture.

"That way if you put down a piece of pottery or vase of flowers, it won't interfere with the art," Campbell says. Instead, it will just complement the piece.

Once the painting is in place, you can play with other ways to enhance it, Davis says. The easiest method? Color.

Drawing colors from the piece and incorporating them into throw rugs, chairs, accent pillows, window treatments and even wall paint is a sure-fire way to magnify a painting.

FOOD & HOME

Celebrate Valentine's Day with lobster

Red Lobster

These dishes, from Red Lobster, are part of the restaurant's Valentine's Day menu, which kicked off Monday.

LOBSTER BISQUE

Serves 4
 6 cups water
 2 cups dry white wine
 2 cups fish stock
 2 each (1 1/4 to 1 1/2 pounds) live lobster
 1/2 cup melted butter, salted
 1 cup onions, finely diced
 1/2 cup carrots, finely diced
 1/2 cup celery, finely diced
 1 teaspoon garlic, minced
 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 1/4 cup cognac or brandy
 1 1/2 cups tomatoes, seeded and diced (fresh or canned)
 1 teaspoon paprika
 1/2 teaspoon thyme
 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
 1 cup heavy cream
 Place the water, wine and fish stock into a wide, deep pot or Dutch oven and bring to a boil on high heat. Place lobsters, topside down, in broth. Reduce heat to medium and cook, covered, about 6 minutes. With a pair of tongs, turn lobsters and cook, covered, another 6 minutes.
 Remove lobsters from broth and put to the side. When they are cool enough to handle, begin removing meat from shell, dicing pieces into 1/2-inch cubes. Store meat in refrigerator until later. Place shells back into broth, reduce heat to a simmer and cook, uncovered, 20 minutes.
 Strain broth through a sieve into a container and store in refrigerator until later. Discard shells. Put put back on the stove under medium heat. Pour in the melted butter. Once butter is heated up, add onions, carrots, celery and garlic. Sauté 3-4 minutes. Add cognac and cook until alcohol has evaporated. Mix in the flour, stirring with a heavy gauge spatula or spoon until the mixture is blond in color and has a buttery aroma. Mix the diced tomatoes, paprika, thyme and ground pepper with the cold broth from the fridge. Then pour the broth slowly into the butter and vegetable mixture. Cook, uncovered, 30 minutes under medium low heat, stirring frequently so not to burn. Remove bisque from heat.
 Blend small amounts of bisque in blender and then puree. Puree all of the bisque and pour pureed bisque back into pot with remaining amount. Add chopped lobster meat and heavy cream.
 Heat and serve. If soup is too thick, thin by adding milk or water prior to serving.

LOBSTER AND ASPARAGUS PENNE PASTA

Serves 4
 6 ounces lobster meat, cut in 1/2- to 3/4-inch chunks
 6 ounces 12-count shrimp, raw and peeled (about 50)
 1 pound penne pasta, cooked

4 ounces asparagus, standard/medium and blanched (approximately 24 spears)
 15 ounces DiGiorno Four-Cheese Alfredo Sauce
 2 tablespoons Land O' Lakes Roasted Garlic Butter Spread
 Fresh grated Parmesan cheese
 Wash asparagus thoroughly and cut off tough woody ends. Cut asparagus into 1-inch pieces. Place asparagus into boiling salted water for two minutes.
 Drain and chill in ice water to stop cooking and to help retain its color. Drain again. Cook penne pasta according to directions on the box. Drain and chill in ice water to stop the cooking process.
 Drain again. In a hot saute pan, melt the 2 tablespoons of roasted garlic butter. Add lobster meat and shrimp, cooking until the shrimp is opaque.
 Add asparagus, pasta and Alfredo sauce, cooking until everything is heated through. Split between four bowls and garnish with fresh grated Parmesan cheese.
TIP: Always put a pinch of salt in your water when boiling pasta. It adds flavor to any dish you're creating.
 Beverage Suggestion: Kendall Jackson chardonnay.



Lobster and Asparagus Penne Pasta is filled with lobster, shrimp and asparagus tossed with pasta in a garlic Alfredo sauce.

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FOOD & HOME

Fried oysters will convince a critic

By Jim Coleman and Candace Hagan
Philadelphia Daily News

QUESTION: I need some Valentine's Day help. I love oysters and want to make them for my boyfriend. My problem is that he says he doesn't like them.

ANSWER: I guess I should stay away from making any assumptions about what you are hoping those oysters will do for your boyfriend after Valentine's dinner. You must know, of course, that oysters are supposed to be an aphrodisiac. But it's probably safe to say that no food is a real aphrodisiac or those drug companies wouldn't have needed to

come up with that little blue pill. Just to set the record straight, it was the Romans who started the rumors about oysters. There are early Roman writings describing how women developed "wanton ways" after ingesting wine and eating giant oysters. "I'm sure the wine didn't have anything to do with it."

An oyster connoisseur will claim that cooking an oyster is a criminal act, and that they must be eaten raw on the half shell. Oysters Rockefeller is probably the most famous cooked oyster dish, but it's also difficult to prepare.

So that all leaves us with the way you should always prepare a food item for a guy who says he

doesn't like it: fry it, baby. He doesn't like chocolate? Fry 'em. Turns up his nose at calamari? Fry, fry, fry. Won't eat shoe leather? Fry it! (Well, save that last recommendation for an ex-boyfriend.)

Fry those oysters and serve them up with some tartar sauce, and he'll have downed a half dozen of them before he remembers he was supposed to say he doesn't like them.

The recipe I'm sharing can be served as an appetizer, with a salad as a first course, or with some down home cole slaw and fried potatoes as an entree. For dessert try some chocolate. The Aztecs started the same kind of hunky panky rumor about that stuff.

DAWN'S SPECIAL FRIED OYSTERS

- Raw oysters
 - 2 eggs, beaten
 - 2 cups cornmeal
 - 1 teaspoon sugar
 - 2 teaspoons salt
 - 1 teaspoon paprika
 - 2 tablespoons flour
- Put the beaten eggs in a bowl large enough to hold the oysters. Drain oysters and soak them in the beaten eggs. In another bowl, mix the cornmeal, sugar, salt,

- pepper, and flour.
- Dip the oysters in the cornmeal mixture and fry in deep shortening until golden brown. Drain on paper towels.
- Tartar Sauce:
 - 2 tablespoons very finely chopped cornichons
 - 2 tablespoons drained capers, finely chopped
 - 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
 - 1/2 teaspoon paprika

- 1/2 cup very finely minced parsley
 - 1/2 cup creme fraiche or heavy cream, well chilled
- Combine the cornichons, capers, mustard, paprika, and parsley.
- In a medium bowl, whip the creme fraiche or cream until stiff. Fold the cornichon mixture into the cream and chill to blend the flavors at least half an hour.

Haute chocolate: A sip of sophistication

By Aleta Watson
San Jose Mercury News

For too long, we Americans have settled for watery instant cocoa in our persistent quest for quick and easy hot chocolate. But times are changing.

Top pastry chefs are taking a page from Parisian cafes and transforming the humble cup of winter comfort into a luxurious dessert for sophisticated chocoholics.

Nancy Silverton, pastry chef and co-owner of Los Angeles' Campanile restaurant, aims her

hot chocolate at grown-ups. "To be honest, it's not a kids' hot chocolate because it's way too chocolatey, it's not sweet enough and it's way too thick," says Silverton, who patterned her recipe on the chocolate en tasse she was served in Paris at Angelina's, the roccoco tea shop near the Louvre renowned for its hot chocolate. "When the French serve hot chocolate, it's always a very small amount; it's always special and it's always perfect."

Don't serve your connoisseurs' chocolate in the same big mugs you'd use for the kids' cocoa. Flavors this big are best savored in small servings.

WORLD'S BEST HOT CHOCOLATE

- Serves 5
 - 3 cups whole milk
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 3/4 teaspoon cardamom
 - 1 cinnamon stick
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
- In large, heavy saucepan, combine milk, cream, sugar, cocoa, cardamom and cinnamon stick. Bring to boil over medium-high

- heat.
 - Reduce heat to low and simmer about 30 minutes, until slightly thickened.
 - Stir in chocolate and cook a few more minutes until melted and incorporated. Stir in vanilla.
 - Serve hot or refrigerate and reheat when ready to use. If it's too thick or chocolatey for your taste, thin with milk.
- Adapted from "Pastries from the La Brea Bakery," by Nancy Silverton

PIERRE HERME'S HOT CHOCOLATE

I've enjoyed Parisian pastry chef Pierre Herme's hot chocolate made in the 17th-century style—with water as the only liquid.

Most renditions benefit from a trip through the blender to give them a foamy lift. Chocolate this rich can stand on its own. Still, a dollop of whipped cream or a drop of cognac can lift it to a more elegant plane.

- Serves 2
 - 2 cups water
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 4 1/4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, melted
 - 1/4 cup Dutch-processed cocoa powder
- Bring water and sugar to boil in medium saucepan, stirring until

sugar dissolves.

Add chocolate and cocoa and, stirring with whisk, heat until one bubble pops on surface.

Remove saucepan from heat and whip about a minute with immersion blender or in regular blender. Serve immediately or pour into a container to cool.

NOTE: Can be made up to two days ahead and refrigerated, tightly covered.

To reheat, pour into medium saucepan over low heat and cook, whisking gently, just until first bubble pops. Remove from heat, whip for a minute and serve.

—From "Chocolate Desserts by Pierre Herme," by Dorie Greenspan

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FOOD & HOME

Valentine's Day warrants special dessert

By Patricia Mack
The Record (Bongon County, N.J.)

Elizabeth Alston has a sweet idea for Valentine's Day: fix your "lover" a special dessert — tiramisu shaped in the form of a heart.

"It's something special, something very nice that anyone can do to make the holiday special," says Alston. The recipe is from "Celebrate!" This is a new cookbook in a series based on recipes developed at Woman's Day magazine, where Alston worked for 16 years.

Tiramisu translates from the Italian as "pick me up." The original was created in the 1960s at El Toulia restaurant in Treviso, Italy, and has become a classic.

To create six tiramisus will take about 2 hours and 30 minutes, Alston says, which includes the 2-

hour setting time. The first three steps can be done the day before or up to 2 hours before they are to be served. They can be assembled up to an hour ahead of time.

Use good ingredients in this recipe; because it is so simple, every element will have a strong presence.

INDIVIDUAL TIRAMISU

- 1/2 Julian-style red ladyfingers
- 1/4 cup brewed cold espresso
- 1/4 cup Kahlua
- 1 (8-ounce) tub of mascarpone cheese
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup heavy (whipping) cream

- 3 tablespoons finely chopped semi-sweet chocolate
- Tiny candy hearts and mint sprigs
- Place ladyfingers on a rimmed baking sheet or tray. Mix espresso and Kahlua and brush on both sides of ladyfingers to moisten. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight. Stir mascarpone,

sugar, milk, and vanilla in a medium bowl until blended. Beat cream in a large bowl with mixer on high speed until soft peaks form when beaters are lifted. Fold into cheese mixture. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours. Up to 1 hour before serving: Cut ladyfingers in half diagonally. Place a top half on each dessert

plate. Flip bottom half over and place next to top half to form a heart. Spoon cheese mixture into decorating bag. Pipe on hearts, sprinkle each with 1 1/2 teaspoons chopped chocolate, then top with another ladyfinger. Pipe on remaining mascarpone mixture. Decorate with candy hearts and mint. Refrigerate. Servings: 6.

Sweetened pork chops make an impression

The Miami Herald

This sauce is so simple that it has become a tried and true standby for me — and it's always a hit.

You can use any type of pork chop.

For variety, you can try flavored olive oils in the vegetables.

VERMONT PORK CHOPS

- 2 tablespoons maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- Vegetable oil spray
- 2 6-ounce boneless, butterflied pork chops
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Mix maple syrup, brown sugar and mustard together and set aside.

Remove fat from pork. Heat a small nonstick skillet on medium-high heat. Spray with vegetable oil spray.

...Brown pork 2 minutes, turn and salt and pepper the cooked side. Brown second side 2 minutes.

Lower heat to medium, cover with a lid and cook 2 minutes or until the pork is cooked through. A meat thermometer should read 160 degrees. Remove to a cutting board and cut into 2-inch slices.

Add sauce to skillet and heat 1 minute, scraping up any brown bits in the skillet.

Serve pork with sauce spooned on top.

Makes 2 servings. Serve with Sautéed Potatoes and Brussels Sprouts.

Sautéed Potatoes and Brussels Sprouts

- Sprouts
- 3/4 pound Brussel sprouts
- 3/4 pound yellow potatoes
- 1 cup fat-free, low-salt chicken broth
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Trim about 1/4-inch off the base of the Brussel sprouts and remove any bruised outer leaves. Cut them in half.

Wash potatoes, do not peel. Slice and add to a large nonstick skillet with the Brussel sprouts.

Add the chicken broth, cover with a lid and simmer over medium-high heat 10 minutes.

*Remove cover and add olive oil, salt and pepper to taste. Toss well.

Makes 2 servings.

Spice up soup with a side

The Washington Post

Sometimes plain soup, no matter how lovely, wants just a little something. Here that something is a rather unlikely but complementary avocado salsa.

BLACK BEAN SOUP WITH AVOCADO SALSA

- 4 servings
- For the soup:
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 cup freshly chopped onion
 - 1 carrot, finely chopped
 - 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander (may substitute more cumin)
 - 2 cups vegetable stock
 - 1/2 cup orange juice
 - 15-ounce can black beans, drained and rinsed
 - Salt to taste (optional)
 - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
 - Ground chipotle chili pepper or red hot pepper sauce to taste (optional)
 - Tortilla chips for serving (optional)
- For the salsa:
 - 2 tablespoons lime juice
 - 1 ripe avocado or mango, peeled and diced
 - 2 tablespoons finely chopped red onion

2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh cilantro

Finely chopped jalapeno or serrano chili pepper to taste

Pinch brown sugar (optional)

For the soup: In a large pot or saucepan over medium heat, heat the oil. Add the onion, carrot and garlic and cook, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are softened, about 7 minutes. Add the cumin and coriander and cook, stirring constantly, for 30 to 60 seconds. Add the stock, orange juice, beans and salt, black pepper, ground chipotle pepper and/or hot pepper sauce to taste, increase the heat to medium-high and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Remove from the heat; set aside to cool for 10 minutes. Transfer the soup to a blender and puree until smooth. Taste and adjust the seasoning accordingly.

For the salsa: In a bowl, combine the salsa ingredients. (If using mango, you may want to add a pinch of brown sugar.) Set aside at room temperature. To serve, top each serving of soup with a mound of the salsa and serve with spoons or tortilla chips. —Adapted from "A Beautiful Bowl of Soup: The Best Vegetarian Recipes" by Paulette Mitchell

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Look around for Valentine's Day ideas

Chicago Tribune

Cable's Food Network is devoting lots of February airtime to Valentine's Day. The network's stars — including Emeril Lagasse and Jamie Oliver, have turned their attention to all things chocolate. An all-day marathon will air when else? — Feb. 14.

The January-February issues of many food magazines offer some

coverage for Valentine's Day, too. Gourmet has the words "Chocolate Heaven" emblazoned on its February cover, as well as a shot of chocolate espresso pois de creme. Tempting recipes continue inside, including chocolate fallen soufflé cake. The February issue of Martha Stewart Living weighs in with a dinner menu for the romantically inclined, and yummy brownie and recipes for everyone else.

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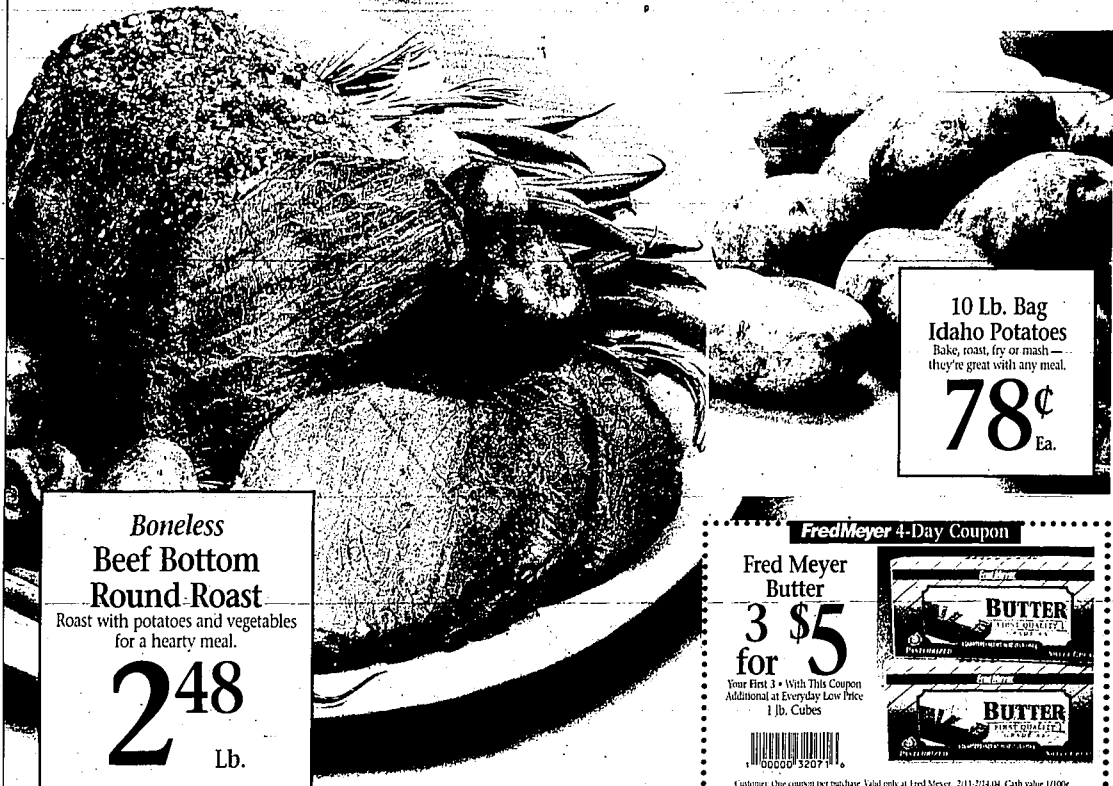
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SPORTSQUOTE

The only thing I am upset about is that the French judge only gave me a 5.6.

—Champion snowboarder Tora Dæhles, after she fell 25 feet off a ramp while performing a stunt for David Letterman's show.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school girls basketball

IA District IV Playoffs, Murtaugh
Rafit River vs. Richfield, 4:30 p.m., state play-in
Oakley vs. Dietrich, 6 p.m., third seed
Shoshone vs. Hansen, 7:30 p.m., first seed

High school boys basketball

Twin Falls at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Burley at Hillcrest, 6 p.m.
Skyline at Minico, 6 p.m.

High school wrestling

Buhl/Oakley at Wood River, 5 p.m.
Valley/Gooding at Glens Ferry, 5:30 p.m.
Minico/Burley/Hillcrest at Bonneville, 4 p.m.
Kimberly at Declo, 6 p.m.

High school bowling

Boys district teams, Snake River Bowl, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Buhl kids sign up for wrestling Thursday

BUHL — The Buhl kindergarten through grade 6 wrestling sign-ups are Thursday at 6 p.m. at the high school. The cost is \$10 per wrestler.

The kids practice Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m.; starting Feb. 16. Call 543-8292 for more information.

Kimberly, Declo squads will grapple tonight

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly at Declo wrestling dual meet scheduled for Tuesday will be held at 6 tonight so the athletes can travel to the 3A Sawtooth Conference girls basketball championship held Tuesday.

TF Rapids look to fill rosters for soccer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids competitive soccer teams are looking to add players to the 13-and-under and 11-and-under boys soccer teams for the upcoming season.

For 13-year-olds, their birthday must be prior to August 1990 and for the 11 and under, before August 1992.

For more information, call coach Sasha Pavlovic at 733-9411 or Mark Goodman at 733-1699.

Annual fly-fishing derby registration looms

TWIN FALLS — The Fourth Annual Fly-fishing Derby will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Clear-Lakes County Club.

The entry fee is \$25 and include an all-you-can-eat breakfast at 8 a.m., a fishing pass and a ticket for door prizes. The grand prize is a 9-foot Loomis GLS fly rod custom made by Tim Crist. Other prizes include golf and fishing passes.

Register by calling 543-4849 before Sunday. The field is limited to the first 100 anglers.

Kimberly club wrestlers meet Friday at 5 p.m.

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Pit Bulls freestyle Greco-Roman Club will have a meeting Friday at 5 p.m. in the old high school gymnasium for signups. Call Dustin Kenney at 423-4767 for more information.

Compiled from staff reports

Jerome advances to state

Clark, Hope lead team in victory over Century

By John Derr Times-News writer

JEROME — The last time these teams played, two of Jerome's big weapons — Whitney Clark and Elisa Hope — had a quiet night while others stepped up to lead the Tigers to victory Tuesday, they made up for it.

With Clark knocking them down from beyond the arc and Hope dominating the middle, Jerome captured its third straight Great Basin Conference championship — and third straight trip to state — with a 64-57 victory over Century.

"It is our last home game and we wanted the trophy. We just went for it," said Hope, who finished with a team-high 19 points. "At state we need to stay strong and play as a team."

The Tigers — looking to improve on last year's second place finish — open up play Thursday at 3 p.m. at Mountain View High School in Meridian. The Diamondbacks have one more shot to get to the tournament. They will play Saturday in a play-in game against either Blackfoot or Bonneville for a berth.

Jerome would jump out big in the first half, then weather repeated Diamondback rallies.

Century scored the first four points off jumpers by Cicly Jorgenson and Britany Tremayne. The Tigers got a three-pointer from Whitney Clark and two buckets from Mallory Meservy to regain the lead.

Clark, who was held to jump six points last week, passed that total in the first period alone as she tallied eight, and Jerome led by 10 after one.

"My teammates set great screens and I was able to get open," said Clark, who chipped in 14 points. "We have so much heart and are so close, we don't get rattled."

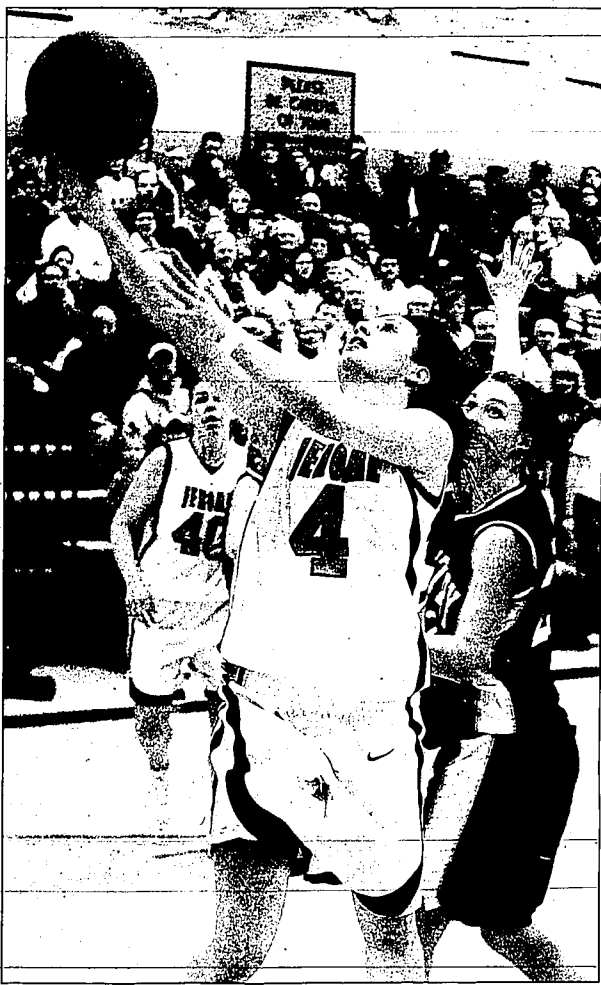
The lead grew to 16 as everything was going right for Jerome as Clark added another three-pointer.

Century was not about to give up. The Diamondbacks went on a 16-4 run with Paige Kaudson knocking down a three-pointer and the lead was down to four points.

Jorgenson, who finished with a game-high 23 points, did the most damage, scoring five points while Tremayne chipped in four.

Jerome led 33-25 at the break and the Tigers started the second half with a 9-2 run.

Tremayne, who finished with 15, Please see JEROME, Page D2



Jerome High School guard Mallory Meservy, 4, reaches for the basket while Century High School defender Britany Tremayne watches during the first quarter of their Great Basin Conference tournament game in Jerome Tuesday. Jerome won the game, 64-57.

Injured Hasek vows to return next year

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Dominik Hasek's season is over because of a groin injury. He's determined not to let it end his career, he said before Tuesday's announcement. He was 8-3-2 for the Central Division-leading Red Wings.

Hasek said he doesn't regret coming back.

"No, I never made a mistake," he said. "Unfortunately my groin

wasn't strong enough." One of the NHL's all-time great goaltenders, Hasek won two MVP awards and six Vezina Trophies given to the league's top goalie, during a nine-year stint in Buffalo. He also led the Czech Republic to a gold medal in the 1998 Nagano Olympics.

He joined the Red Wings before the 2001-02 season, winning his first Stanley Cup that season.

Hasek skated with his teammates Tuesday, then made his surprising announcement.

"It's very sad, but that's the way it is," he said. "I hoped for two months it would get better every

day. But it didn't get better, it got even worse last week."

Rich Winter, Hasek's agent, said the goaltender's desire "to win another championship will have him back on the ice next season."

"He came back to Detroit to win a Stanley Cup and I think he wants to come back again to be a part of another run for the Cup," Winter said. "This was not the storybook ending we were all hoping for Dom, in the final chapter of his career."

Red Wings general manager Ken Holland said Hasek wants an extended period of time to give his groin a chance to heal. "I think in the summertime he's



Dominik Hasek

going to decide whether he wants to officially retire."

Holland said from a meeting of GMs in Henderson, Nev.

The Red Wings are left with the same goalies — Curtis Joseph and Manny Legace — they had last year. Detroit had one of the best records in the league last season, but lost to Anaheim in the first round of the playoffs.

VAN 'BUSTED TO PIECES'

Highway accident kills Texas athletes

The Associated Press

PARIS, Texas — A tractor-trailer slammed into a van carrying Navarro College basketball players, killing two and injuring all seven other people in the van.

Justice of the Peace Ernie Sparks said the van was "busted to pieces" in the Monday night accident, which happened as the van was making a U-turn.

"The ones who were in there, I don't know how they survived, but they crawled out," Sparks said. "All the windows were gone. It was lying on its side with the top side up."

The players were returning in two vans to Corsicana from Paris, where they had played Paris



Navarro College students Sarah Hamandaz, left, of Dal Rio, Texas, and Randa Blondon of Crawford, Texas, liten during a prayer vigil Tuesday.

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For some pros, sports are out of control

By Julia Silverman Associated Press writer

EUGENE, Ore. — Players, coaches and boosters were thrilled with Oregon's new \$3.2 million football locker room, complete with plasma screens, TVs, video games and a bronze plaque honoring Nike chairman and rabid fan Phil Knight.

But professors were less than enthralled: For them, it was the latest sign college spending on sports was out of control.

Their calls for more faculty influence on sports spending have helped spark a nationwide movement already endorsed by faculty senates at schools such as Duke, Michigan, Stanford, Texas, Alabama, Michigan, Mississippi, Arkansas, Iowa and Oklahoma State.

"From a professor's point of view, athletics is a sideshow that has taken on a life of its own and is becoming a dangerous and counter-productive to education," said James Earl, a professor of medieval literature at Oregon and co-chair of the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics.

The coalition's roots date to 2000, when Earl and other Oregon professors were infuriated by the university's plans for a multimillion-dollar expansion of its football stadium, even as academic budgets were being cut. Their movement spread and now includes faculty leaders from other universities with big Division I sports programs.

Its members are now asking faculty senates at other Division I schools to vote on a resolution that calls for more restraint on spending on sports and a brake on "creeping collegiate commercialism." The resolution also asks that professors be given more influence over spending decisions at their universities and with the NCAA.

The faculty senate at Oregon votes on it on Wednesday.

It is unclear how much effect the coalition will have. At Texas, for example, the faculty council approved the intent of the reforms in January, but former council chairman Michael Grunrod told the student newspaper, "What we will be doing with this is still very unclear."

And the proposal is sure to encounter skepticism from high-craps.

"I'm glad that the faculty take a genuine interest in institutional issues," said Dan Williams, vice president of administration at Oregon. "But their primary area of expertise is academic affairs. I have a problem when the faculty take on responsibility for administrative matters."

Athletes, too, said they were skeptical about a greater role for the faculty.

"I completely oppose the idea of faculty members being included in the process of deciding where spending should be done," said Jared Siegel, a football player and business major at Oregon. "It is inappropriate. They don't have any sort of authority."

Others, though, said the faculty's words about sports spending run amok deserve to be heeded. "It kind of sends a mixed mes-

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Player progresses after freak accident

The Associated Press

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at the University of Arizona. Kay remained in serious condition Tuesday at University Medical Center, where he has been hospitalized since Friday's game.

Stanford officials assured Kay's parents that his admission will remain open for a few years and his scholarship honored, regardless of his ability to play. "It's very generous," said Fred Kay, Joe's father.

Rabe said her 6-foot-6-inch son, a straight-A student and an accomplished saxophonist, had no health issues before Friday night's mishap. Some 200 of an estimated 1,000 people charged exuberantly

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SPORTS

Wood River wins Sawtooth title

HAILEY - The Wood River girls put the finishing touches on their Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference season with a 52-30 win over Declo in the conference championship game...

The Wolverines get the No. 1 seed from the SCIC going into the state tournament at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise next Thursday.

"We came out with great intensity," Wood River coach Brent Canduff said. "We rebounded well and we shot our free throws."

Nathalie Green led the Wolverines with 20 points. Emily Smith and Jessica King added 18 and 11 points respectively for Wood River.

Gooding 44, Buhl 33

HAILEY - Gooding's Britanie Toone hit a halfcourt shot at the end of the third quarter to stymie a Buhl rally and help the Senators eliminate the Lady Indians 44-33 in a loser-out game Tuesday at the 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament at Wood River High School.

"We're still alive," said Senators coach Chris Comstock. Gooding (15-8) plays Tuesday's championship game loser for Thursday for the district's second seed at 7 p.m. at Wood River High School.

Toone, who scored a game-high 15 points, hit the big shot after Buhl had cut a Gooding 12-point lead down to five late in the third quarter.

"It was big," Comstock said. "They'd been making a lead five and were winning a run."

Dani Kippes scored 10 to lead Buhl while Senators forward Teri Lehr scored 11 and frontline teammate Alfonso Turner eight while helping contain Buhl's forwards on defense.

Skyline 50, Twin Falls 42

IDAHO FALLS - The Twin Falls Lady Bruins fell to Skyline 50-42 in the 4A Region Four-Five championship game in Idaho Falls Tuesday.

Twin Falls took a 40-32 lead with an Amanda Hovey basket over five minutes to play. Skyline cut outscoring the Lady Bruins 18-2 to end the game.

"We didn't take care of the ball at the end and missed a lot of shots down the stretch," Twin Falls coach Joe D. Shepard said.

"The only thing Grizzlies hit 15 free throws in the fourth quarter. Twin Falls went 0-for-11 from the stripe in the game."

"They got the momentum going," Shepard said. "They played a good pressure defense and caused the turnovers."

Twin Falls plays for second place at home Thursday against Highland. The Bruins have beat the Rams the last two times the teams have met.

"We still have a lot of chances," Shepard said. "If we play well, we can get the job done Thursday."

Local sports

Highland 39, Minico 27

POCATELLO - The Highland Lady Rams added to their Twin Falls in the 5A Region Four-Five Six tournament with a 39-27 win over Minico Tuesday.

The loss ends the Lady Spartans season. "Back-to-back games kind of hurt us," Minico coach Clint Stratman said. "We looked tired and they scored early."

Conry Perry and Taitum Dixey each scored 12 for the Lady Rams in the win.

"We had a lot of good looks we just missed a lot of shots that we needed to make," Stratman said. Amber Warth led Minico with eight points.

"Down the stretch we did some good things," Stratman said. "My girls fought hard, came together and played as a team. It was kind of nice."

Minico loses three seniors and returns 10 players for next season.

Boys basketball

Hagerman 69, M.V. Christian 67, 20T

HAGERMAN - Hagerman used a late rebounding shot at the end of regulation as the Pirates eventually topped Magic Valley Christian, 69-67 in a double-overtime Magic Valley Conference tilt.

Tim Silver hit a 3-pointer as time expired in regulation to tie the game at 50-50. Teammate Timo Bethlehem then duplicated the feat in the first overtime to send the game into the second extra session. There, the Pirates made just two field goals but connected on six of their eight free throw attempts to seal the win.

"I think when we were fouled, we knocked down our free throws," Hagerman coach Kevin Cato said. "Tensions are high, and I think our ability to make pressure free throws when it counted was the difference."

Quinn Smith led Hagerman (13-6 overall, 8-3 conference) with 22 points. Nick Probst, Cody Griffith and James Jarvis each scored 17 for M.V. Christian.

Hagerman travels to Murtaugh Thursday.

Shoshone 51, Bliss 33

BLISS - Shoshone jumped out to a 14-point lead in the first quarter on the way to a 51-33 Northside Conference win over Bliss.

Zony Percin scored 15 points to pace Shoshone while teammates Josh Zech and Greg Struggs each added eight.

Chase Erkins and Sam Bray each had 10 points to lead Bliss (1-17 overall, 0-14 conference). Bliss will play a first-round Northside Conference tournament game on Thursday.

Kimberly 45, Declo 40

DECLO - The Kimberly boys avenged a Jan. 13 loss to the Declo Rams with a 45-40 win in Declo Tuesday. The win sets a potential tie between the two squads head-

ing into the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference Tournament next week.

"This really fueled the rivalry," Declo coach Dennis Smyer said. The Bulldogs outscored the Hornets 18-5 in the fourth quarter to take the win.

Kimberly juniors Darin Muser and Kendall Nield each scored 12 points in the contest. The duo combined for 15 points in the deciding fourth quarter.

The Bulldogs were down 35-27 going into the fourth. Spencer Stoker led all scorers with 13 points for Declo. Bret Wardle added 12 for the Hornets in the loss.

The Bulldogs (8-6, 7-1 SCIC) host Wood River Thursday then travel to Flater Friday to finish their season.

Hansen 62, Lighthouse Christian 41

HANSEN - The Hansen boys outscored Lighthouse Christian 44-8 in the second and third quarters on their way to a 62-41 win in the Lions in Hansen Tuesday.

Matt Freestone led the Huskies with 14 points. Shawn Adams led all scorers with 28 points for the Lions.

Hansen (11-6, 9-4) begins Magic Valley Conference tournament play Saturday in Murtaugh.

Raft River 62, Oakley 41

MALTA - Raft River held Oakley to two points in the first quarter en route to a 62-41 Southside Conference win.

C.J. Tucker scored 20 points to lead Raft River (17-0 overall, 13-0 conference). Evan McBride scored 16 for Oakley.

Raft River will receive a first-round conference tournament bye on Saturday and will next play on Monday.

Camas County 45, Richfield 36

FAIRFIELD - Steve Vouch scored 17 while Kyle Menck added 12 to lead Camas County to 45-36 win over Richfield Tuesday in Northside Conference play.

Camas County (5-7, 7-) next plays Thursday in the district play.

Castelford 45, Murtaugh 32

CASTLEFORD - Wes Rodgers scored 14 points while Drew Tverly scored 10 and pulled down 13 rebounds to lead Castelford past Murtaugh 45-32 Tuesday night in Magic Valley Conference play.

Bridger Ward scored 21 for Murtaugh in the loss. Castelford (16-2, 5-8) plays Thursday at Oakley.

Wendell 83, Glenns Ferry 43

GLENN'S FERRY - Wendell improved to 19-0 on the year with a 83-43 road win over Canyon Conference rival Glenns Ferry Tuesday night behind 23 points from Cody Hoverton, including five 3-pointers.

Kael Pope added 21 inside while Tyrel Davis chipped in 16. The Pilots were paced by Jeff Hernandez and Scott Black with 10 points apiece.

Glenns Ferry (8-11) hosts the Twin Falls junior varsity Saturday. The Pilots travel to Valley Monday to open season play.

Wood River 66, Valley 60 0T

HAZELTON - Jason Hoffman scored 19 and Jeremy Selcho 16 to lead Wood River past Valley 66-60 in a non-conference boys basketball play.

Michael Grant scored 33 for Valley (13-6), which plays Friday at Malad.

Wrestling

Wendell 42, Raft River/Oakley 39

WENDELL - Wendell edged the Raft River-Oakley combined wrestling team 42-39 Friday in a makeup dual meet Tuesday.

Wendell met competitors at Flater again Wednesday.

Jerome

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Jerome coach Michelle Skyles said the quick start was important against a good Century Terriers.

Stroke

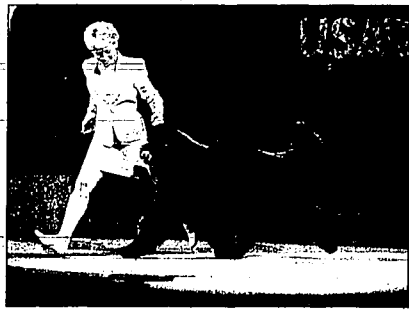
Continued from D1. "After a breakfast of pancakes, oatmeal and juice Tuesday," it was just pathetic... He looked and I said 'More?' and he said, 'Yes, please, more.'"

Key can answer questions, speak in short sentences and is responsive, but much of his speech remains garbled and unintelligible, the parents said.

Key said his son understands that he's had a stroke and knows what his deficits are but may not understand the long-term consequences.

"I think he thinks it's like a broken leg or something, maybe worse, and that he'll be cured and he'll be back," Kay said. "And we hope that's true. But I don't know that he understands the full consequences."

Doctors have indicated they're hopeful a person so young will have substantial recovery but that they don't know, Kay said.



Josh, a Newfoundlander, runs with handler Michelle Ostermiller while winning Best in Show Tuesday at the Westminster Dog Show at Madison Square Garden.

Josh laps up title at Westminster show

NEW YORK (AP) - America's top dog is a big, slobbering, barking dog named Josh.

A shiny, black Newfoundland lived up to its advance billing and won best in show at Westminster, cheered on by a crowd that welcomed its approval when he was picked Tuesday night.

Usually at this show, little dogs win and jump into the champion's silver bowl. This time, the prize went to a dog more likely to drink right out of it.

At 155 pounds, Josh tied for the biggest dog ever to win at Westminster. The other one was the only other Newfoundland to win, back in 1984.

Josh beat out several other popular show dogs, including a Norfolk terrier named Coco, a Pekinese called Les, and a standard poodle named Miki, in winning his 46th career best in show title.

"He showed his heart out," said handler Michelle Ostermiller, as petite as Josh was gigantic.

And the 4-year champion, officially called Dardyleady's All Rise

Pouchouco from Flemington, N.J., celebrated by barking his head off. His woofs echoed around Madison Square Garden, drawing laughs from the crowd of almost 15,000.

"That's his signature," co-owner Peggy Helmig said. "Josh retired two months ago, but came back for this final show. There was one major factor in his favor: Best in show judge Burton Yamada was the same judge who picked him to win the working group last year."

"He showed extremely well tonight," Yamada said. "To win, Josh beat out the other 2,623 entries in America's most prestigious dog show. The two-day competition featured 162 breeds and varieties, and drew dogs from every state except Alaska and Hawaii."

Terriers had won 43 of the previous 96 titles at this event. But Josh '04 had the goods to win at Westminster. People called out his name after the victory and any fan who wanted to pet him got a lick.

Century coach Courtney Smith was proud of her team's effort. "They fought hard, we just had a couple of lapses on defense and you can't do that against Jerome," said Smith. "We were down 16 and they kept playing. I am proud of them."

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Jerome coach Michelle Skyles said the quick start was important against a good Century Terriers.

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Crash

Continued from D1. Junior College earlier in the evening.

The first van had made a U-turn on U.S. 271 just inside city limits and the second was turning to follow when it was struck broadside, police spokesman Todd Varner said.

Varner said investigators had not yet been able to interview everyone involved, but a preliminary investigation showed that the vehicles had missed a turn on the two-lane highway and the second driver, a graduate assistant coach, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when he made the turn.

Varner identified the dead as players Pa Sarz, 21, of the African nation of Gambia, and Jason Rashard Trier, 18, of Giddings.

Hospital spokesman Derald Bulls said one person was in critical condition, four were in serious condition and two were in fair condition. The critically injured student, who was flown to Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas, was identified as Chris Gonzalez, a freshman from Chicago.

At the campus in Corsicana, some 60 miles south of Dallas, students gathered early Tuesday to pray and get updates about the crash.

"They're a good group of guys; that's why it's so shocking something like this would happen," said Sasha Ybarra, an 18-year-old freshman. "They were good students, good people, guys from all over - Tennessee, Africa, New Orleans."

Declo girls 12, Wendell 1

WENDELL - The Declo girls bowling team cruised to a 12-1 win over Wendell Tuesday. The Hornets and Trojans met in action during district play Friday at Twin Falls Bowldrome.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Utah Jazz hold off Trail Blazers, 86-81

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Carlos Arroyo scored 14 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter and the Utah Jazz held off Portland 86-81 Tuesday night in the Trail Blazers' first game since trading forward Rasheed Wallace.

Andre Kirilenko added 20 points and eight rebounds for the Jazz, who won their second straight after a four-game losing streak. The loss, which snapped Portland's three-game winning streak, came noticeably without Wallace, who was traded Monday night with reserve Wesley Person to the Atlanta Hawks for forward Sharief Abdur-Rahim, center Theo Ratliff and guard Dan Dickau.

Wallace was the team's second-leading scorer behind Zach Randolph, as well as one of Portland's better defenders. With the new players yet to arrive, the Blazers trailed by as many as 10 points in the fourth quarter before Portland made the second of two consecutive jumpers to pull Portland within 68-66.

Kirilenko's 3-pointer made it 71-66, but Darius Miles hit a jumper and Damon Stoudamire added a 3-pointer to tie it at 71. Arroyo put Utah ahead with a layup, and the Blazers tied it again on Miles' basket with 2:19 to go.

Arroyo again answered for Utah with a layup and a free throw to keep the Blazers at bay. The Blazers were never able to take the lead.

Thursday lasagna fund-raiser planned

GOODING — There will be a wonderful benefit dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Gooding High School multi-use room prior to the boys basketball game.

76ers replace Ayers with assistant Ford

PHILADELPHIA — Randy Ayers was fired by the struggling Philadelphia 76ers during his first season as their coach, and assistant Chris Ford was promoted to replace him Tuesday.

Top Miami football recruit surrenders to officials

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Top Miami recruit Willie Williams surrendered Tuesday after more criminal charges were added to a record of 10 arrests the university didn't know about when it signed him.

Wrist injury puts Wizards' Hughes out to six weeks

WASHINGTON — Wizards scoring leader Larry Hughes has a broken left wrist and will miss four to six weeks.

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Fight schedule
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Feb. 14
Alfonso Garcia vs. Jose Luis Gomez
Feb. 15
Alfonso Garcia vs. Jose Luis Gomez

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BASKETBALL

Table with columns for NBA, Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and Pacific Division. Lists teams and their records.

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Table listing TV events for Auto Racing, Basketball, and Hockey, including times and channels.

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts

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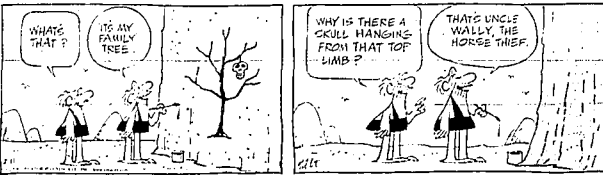
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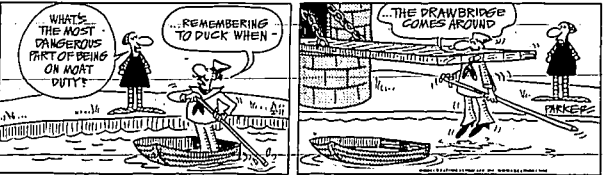
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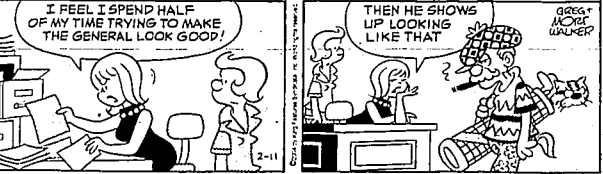
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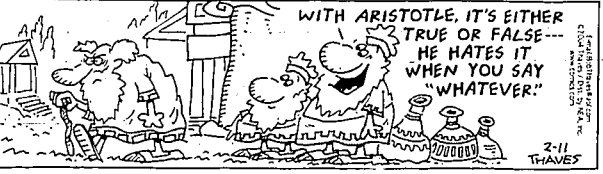
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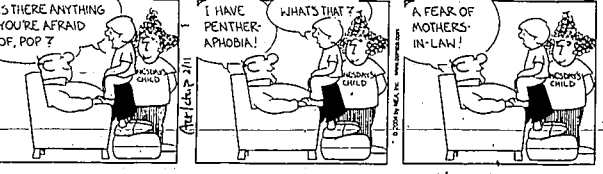
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The Bom Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



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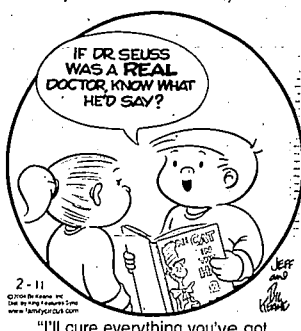


Dennis the Menace

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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



"But, Dad... you said you would never buy anything from door-to-door sellers again!"

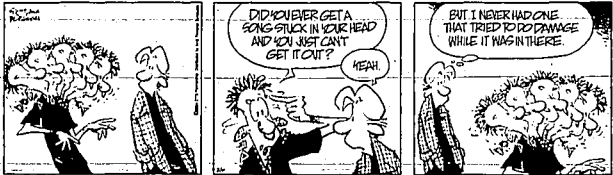
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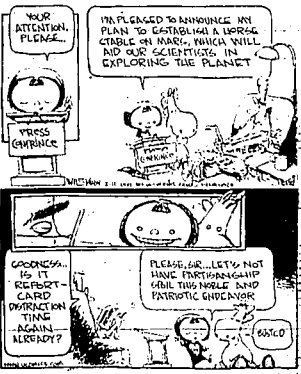


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

SkyWest Airlines

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

January 2004: 2,778
That's a 17 percent increase from the 2,393 SkyWest boardings in January 2003. (The totals don't include charter flights.)

That follows a year in which annual boardings grew just 3 percent from full-year 2002 boardings.

Source: Darlene Johnson, airport executive assistant

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

House clears way for merger of departments

BOISE — A House State Affairs Committee on Tuesday approved legislation that would merge the state departments of Labor and Commerce.

The legislation was presented by David Lehman of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's office as a "super-charged economy and workforce development" department.

But some committee members were perturbed that Kempthorne's office and top Labor Department officials were not prepared with a proposed organizational chart to show the committee its plan.

Rep. Richard Wills of Mountain Home initially joined Rep. Jim Clark of Hayden in questioning the lack of a concrete plan.

"It seems like we've got the cart before the horse," Wills said, adding that the Legislature was not being given a chance to look at potential cost savings by reduction of duplicate services.

Madsen reminded the panel that he only took the reins of the department in November — not enough time to allow for a complete shakeout.

After testimony, however, Wills joined the rest of the committee to approve the merger by an 18-1 vote.

The Labor Department provides job search and training opportunities, along with periodic reporting and reviews of job statistics. Commerce encourages business development in Idaho and provides statistical figures with an eye toward attracting new businesses or expanding existing companies.

Realtors plan meeting for Friday at 1 p.m.

TWIN FALLS — The south-central Idaho chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors plans a meeting this week for members and anyone interested in joining the chapter.

It's set for noon to 1 p.m. Friday at Montana Steak House in Twin Falls. The discussion topic is negotiation skills.

Microsoft warns of problems with Windows

WASHINGTON — Microsoft Corp. warned customers Tuesday about unusually serious security problems with its Windows software that could let hackers quietly break into their computers to steal files, delete data or eavesdrop on sensitive information.

Microsoft, which learned about the flaws more than six months ago from researchers, said the only protective solution was to apply a repairing patch it offered on its Web site. A Microsoft security executive, Stephen Toulouse, said the flawed software was "an extremely deep and pervasive technology in Windows," and urged customers to apply the patch immediately.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Speaker supports outsourcing

Trend of sending jobs overseas lowers prices for Americans, says professor

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Outsourcing manufacturing jobs to overseas workers and economic globalization — seen by many as threats to U.S. manufacturing workers — benefit America as a whole, according to a Pennsylvania economist.

Ed Seifried, professor of business and economics at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., spoke at an economic outlook breakfast hosted by First Federal Savings Bank in Twin Falls on Tuesday.

Seifried offered his predictions for the

American economy in 2004 and told a crowd of about 200 First Federal commercial customers to embrace technological change. "The manufacturing sector of the American work force has been steadily declining for about a decade, Seifried said, while the service sector continues to grow.

After plunging into a recession in early 2001, the U.S. economy has been making a slow comeback. However, the job market has been "unusually stagnant," with higher unemployment now than when the recession ended in November 2001, Seifried said.

The majority of the jobs lost were in manufacturing — jobs once done by workers in Detroit for \$20 to \$25 per hour are now done by workers in China for about 68 cents per hour. This shift in production to overseas facilities reduces price inflation of goods sold in the United States, Seifried said.

"If you believe in capitalism and free markets, you must love this efficiency," Seifried said. Manufacturing workers "will lose jobs, but they'll get new ones. Meanwhile, prices of goods drop for everyone. It's sad when a factory in Idaho closes, but the nation benefits."

No longer a Blockbuster night?

Viacom will shed stake in video giant

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Viacom Inc., the media conglomerate that owns MTV and CBS, is getting rid of its controlling stake in the Blockbuster video rental chain and taking a \$1.3 billion charge to reflect the declining value of the business. The charge put Viacom well into the red for its latest fiscal quarter.

The Blockbuster chain includes stores in Jerome, Twin Falls and Hailey.

Ironically, the reason Viacom originally bought Blockbuster 10 years ago was for the large amounts of money it made, which Viacom needed at the time to finance its bid for Paramount in a heated takeover battle against rival suitor QVC.

Today, Blockbuster still makes money, but its revenues are declining and investors are worried about its prospects given that giant retailers like Wal-Mart Stores Inc. are flooding the market with cheap DVDs for sale. The video rental business is also facing challenges from emerging technologies like video-on-demand, personal recording devices like TiVo, and even the DVD rent-by-mail service offered by Netflix Inc.

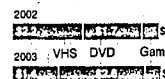
Viacom has been considering what to do with its 81 percent stake in Blockbuster for some time, and apparently its efforts to find a buyer have failed. Now Viacom says it plans to divest the stake using a tax-free split-off transaction, under which Viacom shareholders would have the option of exchanging some of their stock for shares in Blockbuster.

In making its announcement about Blockbuster Tuesday, which coincided with its fourth-quarter earnings report, Viacom noted that the decision was not yet final, and it did not disclose details of the proposed transaction. Leaving the door open to potential bidders, the company said it would "continue to con-

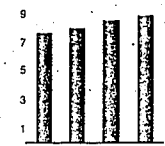
Bye-bye Blockbuster

Viacom Inc. plans to shed its controlling stake in the video rental chain Blockbuster.

Rental revenues, in billions



Total stores, in thousands



SOURCE: Blockbuster AP

sider other alternatives." In the earnings report, Viacom gave the latest indication of Blockbuster's struggles, reporting that same-store revenues fell 7 percent in the fourth quarter due to overall softness in the movie rental industry.

Sumner Redstone, Viacom's chairman and chief executive, told investors in a conference call that while the company continued to believe in Blockbuster's long-term prospects, "the business is evolving and moving away from our core areas of focus."

The retail nature of Blockbuster's business was always an anomaly within the Viacom media conglomerate, which is made up predominantly of advertising-driven business like TV and radio.

The announcement marked the second time that Viacom has said it would split off Blockbuster. Viacom floated shares in



A shopper looks at DVD movies at a Blockbuster store in Palo Alto, Calif. Viacom Inc. announced Tuesday that it plans to shed its controlling stake in Blockbuster, the video rental chain. Blockbuster's business has been under pressure from cheap sales of DVDs through major retailers as well as emerging video technologies like video on demand and personal video recorders.

Blockbuster in 1999 and said it would divest the rest later, but the company later changed course, deciding to hold on to the business for the cash it generated. Despite several marked turnarounds in its business — includ-

Billions in refunds go unclaimed

The Times-News and The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly 2 million students, retirees and other taxpayers nationwide stand to lose \$2.5 billion in refunds if they don't act quickly to claim the money. Among them are 6,900 individual Idahoans with a total of \$67.49 million at stake.

The Internal Revenue Service said this week that anyone who should have gotten a refund for taxes paid in 2000, but didn't file a return must file and claim the money by April 15.

"Don't wait until it's too late," said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson. "We want all taxpayers to get the refund they're due to file the returns before the law stipulates that the money goes to the U.S. Treasury. I'm sure they'll gladly take it," he said.

Individuals owed a refund have three years to claim it. This year's tax is due by April 15, but taxpayers have until June 15 to file returns to get a refund.

Students, retirees and anyone who worked part-time or for only part of the year are among those most likely to be owed money. These individuals typically did not have enough income to be required to file a return, but they may have overlooked the taxes withheld from their paychecks or payments for self-employment taxes. Since they didn't file a return, they never got the refund due them.

In 2000, the IRS did not require individuals with income less than \$7,200 and married couples with income less than \$12,950 to file a return.

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Company sues Qwest

Dutch pension fund alleges fraudulent accounting practices

The Associated Press

DENVER — One of the largest pension funds in the Netherlands filed a federal lawsuit this week claiming it lost more than \$100 million because of fraudulent accounting at Qwest Communications.

The Dutch fund, Stichting Pensioenfonds ABF, purchased more than 5.6 million shares of Qwest common stock between July 2000 and March 2002, the same period Qwest allegedly inflated its revenue by almost \$2.9 billion, according to a 300-page lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Denver.

Stichting represents 2.2 million government and education employees, such as police officers, firefighters and teachers.

The fund purchased Qwest stock based on public statements by Qwest executives that would lead reasonable investors to misjudge stock value, the suit says. Company executives concealed fraudulent accounting and vehemently denied accounting problems even after a litigation into its accounting was launched, the suit says.

Qwest spokesman Tyler Gronbach said the company had not been sued and could not comment.

In Magic Valley, Qwest is the major provider of local-phone service. The Securities and Exchange Commission began investigating Qwest in 2002 for alleged inflating revenue through fraudulent transactions with other telecom

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Brick BY brick

Workers tear down Burley landmark

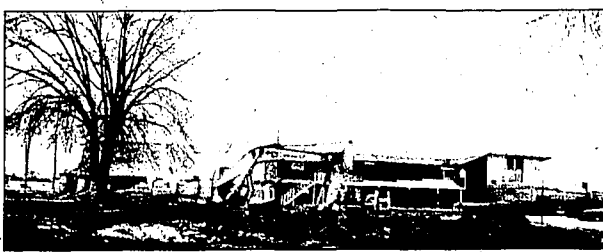
By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — The former Y-Dell Bowl, a landmark in Burley, is slated to be torn down by Twin Falls Crane Services this week, weather permitting.

The Y-Dell's history goes back to 1937, when owner Mary Holland's grandfather, J.M. "Dell" Holland, ran it as a ballroom that featured popular entertainers such as Count Basie, Jim Reeves, the Mills Brothers, Duke Ellington, the Dosses and the Four Tops.

The Y-Dell closed as a bowling alley in 2000 but was used as an event center for about two years. It has since been gutted and the floors and lumber salvaged.

When he closed the Y-Dell, Mary Holland opened the Snake River



The Creekside Inn was torn down last week and the Y-Dell Bowl, in background, is being demolished this week. Tearing down the buildings, which have been landmarks in Burley for years, makes way for new developments, but owners of both properties have not decided yet what to replace them with.

Bowl in north Burley with Wally Studer, who closed the Rupert Bowl.

"You can only fix a 70-year-old building so long," Holland said, "it's time to get on to new and better things."

The 12,000-square-foot wood-frame building was leaning and had numerous construction problems, he said.

"It's update the building would cost more than building something new," Holland said.

The property is next to the former Creekside Inn, which was torn down last week. The Creekside and the Y-Dell locations are kitty-corner to the Burley Golf Course, and Holland said they would be a choice location

for a new business.

"You have good frontage on East Main," he said.

He doesn't have anything specific in mind but is considering options. Once the building is gone the value of the land will increase, said Holland, who is also the Cassia County tax assessor.

Twin Falls Crane Services last week tore down the Creekside Inn, built in 1957 near the intersection of Main Street and Idaho Highway 81. The abandoned inn had been the scene of reports of vandalism and transients over the past few years.

In September 2003 a transient, Patrick Haveler who had been living next to the inn in a van, shot and

killed himself when approached by city officials about cleaning up junk he had collected at the inn, law enforcement officials said.

City officials had spoken with Haveler and the property owner about cleaning up the property for a long time, Burley City Administrator Mark Milton said.

Now that the inn is gone, property owner Chanh Luong said he does not know yet what he will do with the property. Within a couple of years Luong might build a shopping center with apartments in the back, he said.

But Luong, who owns a restaurant in Ketchum, said he has to save money before he can do anything with the Creekside property

MONEY

Official: Northwest states should cooperate to boost local economies

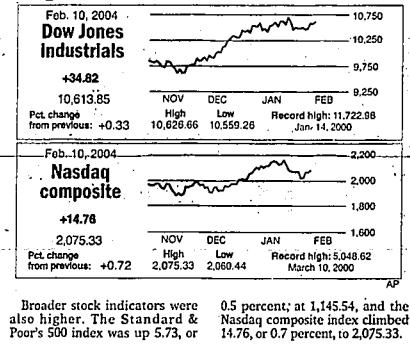
RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) - Economic development doesn't stop at the borders of cities, counties and states, and areas of the Northwest hoping to boost their economies should work together...

West Virginia and Iowa. Those attending the forum included officials charged with improving their local economies in Washington, Oregon and Idaho...

Commerce, Trade and Economic Development, agreed that economic development has no relationship to political or geographic boundaries...

Stocks rise as market waits for feds

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rode solid fundamentals and strong earnings to modest gains Tuesday in light trading prior to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's congressional testimony...



Stewart altered log, assistant testifies

NEW YORK (AP) - With an investigation looming, Martha Stewart said days before her assistant's computer and altered a record of a message left by her stockbroker about InClone Systems stock, the assistant testified Tuesday...

Armstrong testified Stewart saw the message about a month later on Jan. 21, 2002, and replaced it with the words: "Peter Bacanovic is in clone."

Stewart did not recall any of the details of Bacanovic's message later on the day of his arrest, and to Helene Glotzer, a Securities and Exchange Commission lawyer...

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ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) - OPEC decided Tuesday to cut its excess production of crude immediately and lower output quotas by 1 million barrels a day effective April 1 - a surprise move that could mean prices for gasoline and oil will remain high.

THE Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries expects the combined cuts would reduce overall production by about 10 percent, or 2.5 million barrels a day.

FOSSIL FUELS

NEW YORK (AP)—Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Tuesday...

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Chicago cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange... Cheddar cheese prices...

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Chicago (AP) - USDA - Major potato markets FOB shipping point Monday, Feb. 9...

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POCAHONTO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Livestock Report for Tuesday...

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Refund

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Individuals who have defaulted on their federal tax return...

Dependents, a category that includes minor children, were not required to file a return that they earned \$4,000 or less...

A refund for taxes paid in 2000 will be held at the IRS if the taxpayer did not file a return for 2001 and 2002...

There is no penalty for filing a late return to claim a refund.

Eric Hayes, senior tax analyst at TaxBrain.com, said a refund check is not the only reason to file a return.

The IRS compares the reported wage information with the Social Security Administration, which gives taxpayers the opportunity to correct any errors...

Individuals with children who earned less than \$3,000 in 2001 also have qualified for the credit.

Qwest

Continued from E1... Stichting's lawsuit names 26 former and current Qwest executives...

Also named are Arthur Anderson LLP, which worked as Qwest's independent auditor from 1999 through 2001...

The lawsuit accuses the companies and individuals of fraud, conspiracy, and violation of securities exchange law.

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gogo Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 12/29/1997, recorded 1/23/1997, as Instrument No. 19970215-52, of Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above Grantors are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust and Note dated 12/29/1997. The monthly installment for principal, interest and impounds (if applicable) of \$69.46, due per month for the months of 8/1/2003 through 12/17/2003, and all subsequent installments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$32,239.31, plus accrued interest at the rate of 8% per annum from 07/01/2003. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accrued late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Date: DEC 17 2003 First American Title Insurance Company By: Luis Corda, Asst. Sec. ASAP#72353

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LOST Calico dark, 6 month old, blue eyes, on Pole Lind Rd by T.F. Fitness Center, before Saturday. Call 208-734-1220.

LOST Cell phone in a case. Reward offered. Please call 208-734-3755.

LOST Christmas lamina, on Jan. 31, no collar. She got out of the house and we haven't seen her since. Please call with any information 208-212-2031.

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LOST English Bulldog, black and white, has discoloration of the right eye caused by surgery. Lost on Hanson Ave. in Burley. \$500 reward offered. 208-878-3003.

LOST FESTOOL saw with vacuum, commercial type near Creek Rd in Buhl. Reward 733-3147.

LOST Lab yellow, male, 9 yr. old, bad right front leg, red collar with tags. \$100 REWARD for safe return. 731-2176 or 888-2176.

LOST Rag Mutt Australia Sheltie, male, brown & white speckled, dark brown ear, 8 months old. Hazelton/Greenwood area. Call 208-829-1183.

LOST Snow pants, Columbia, navy blue, size-12/14. Lost on ski bus to Pomerville on Feb. 8 and Reward. Call 733-3869.

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Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

Accuracy and strategy and precision must be your goals for a little longer still...

John Maynard Keynes

On today's deal, South's three-trump opening suggested she had a long minor suit with no interest in being higher...

When the deal came up at the table, declarer received the logical club lead from West and was delighted by the sight of dummy...

Nothing too exciting there, you may say. That is true, up to a point, but consider what might have happened had declarer been less on the ball...

NORTH AK 7 10 9 5 2 7 6 AK 8 6 4

WEST 9 5 4 4 A J 7 10 10 5 3

SOUTH 4 6 3 10 10 9 8 4 3 2 A A

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: West

The bidding: South West North East 3NT All pass

Opening lead: Club jack

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: AK 10 9 8 4 3 Q 7 2

South West North East 1 3 Dbl.

ANSWER: Respond one through four, not one heart. On this auction, although bidding one heart does not promise five...

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at b.wolff@idnet.net

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