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Determined to survive



Rose Swan, 62, left, greets friend Joan Novella in Swan's room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Tuesday. Swan was lost in the Owyhee Desert for three days until members of search and rescue units from Twin Falls County and Owyhee County found her Sunday.

T.F. woman spends 2.5 days in snowy desert

By Karlin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — After spending about two and a half days walking on snow-covered dirt roads in the Owyhee Desert, Rose Swan was spent.

Sunday morning, after sleepless night in the open, she tried to stand up and found she couldn't walk anymore. She made her peace with God and lay down in the snow, she said.

"It really got me thinking about life," she said. "We all

“
He's a little dog
with attitude.
”

— Rose Swan

have a chance on Earth to redeem ourselves.”

Shortly after, rescue crews from Twin Falls and Owyhee

counties found her. She was hungry, thirsty and shaking when rescuers put her in a sleeping bag and airlifted her to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

When she leaves the hospital today, she'll walk even with the sprained ankle she got from covering about eight miles on foot looking for help when her car got stuck Thursday.

Swan, 62, of Twin Falls spent a week with her mother in Boise and stopped at a friend's house in Buhl on her way home Thurs-

day. She was there about an hour when it started snowing in the early evening. She decided to head for another friend's house in Filer and went three or four miles on U.S. Highway 30 before she realized the bearings were wrong. She didn't have any place to turn around, so she kept going and made a wrong turn somewhere south of Hagerman, putting her on a dirt road in the Owyhee Desert.

"I just took the wrong road," Swan said.

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Off-road confab draws a crowd

Agencies consider new regulations as vehicle use grows

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fairness and uniform enforcement were some of the concerns raised Tuesday about a state proposal to adopt mandatory safety regulations for all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles and snowmobiles.

Nearly 100 people attended the meeting at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Inn, and they had many questions.

An explosion in use of off-highway vehicles, particularly ATVs, has prompted state and federal land agencies to propose uniform regulations to promote safety and enjoyment of public lands. The Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, which regulates off-road vehicle use in Idaho, is leading the effort.

"I agree that these rules and regulations are needed," said Jerry Krieh, an ATV rider, an ATV rider and member of the Snake River Trail Riders in the Minidoka area.

But the regulations also need to be enforced uniformly across county borders, Krieh said. He said in his experience, existing regulations are not.

Uniformity is one of the key issues involved, particularly when talking about enforcing regulations on state and federal lands, said Garth Taylor with the Parks Department. State regulations used also by federal agencies will make enforcement more manageable, as authorities won't need to learn two sets of rules.

"It's much easier for all peace officers to enforce state laws," Taylor said.

The proposal includes uniform sign postings on trails and designated routes. Existing route postings are unclear, said Troy Elmore with the Parks Department.

The proposal does not include determining areas that would or would not be open to motorized use, Elmore said. Closure areas still would be left up to individual land agencies and would follow their procedures, he said.

Some riders voiced concern that motorized vehicles are being singled out from other uses.

"Why not require falllights on horses or require mountain bikes, asked Stan Mai of Filer. The point, he said, is that all users should be held to the same standards. Mountain bikes can be dangerous on the trail, too, he said.

"What's the use? Why not everybody?" he said.

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Panel will study Idaho rape bill

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — A bill in the Idaho Legislature to update the state's rape laws to fit today's teens and their sexual behavior will not be moving forward this session.

But a task force will study the issue over the summer.

The issue came forward at a Tuesday hearing in the House Judiciary and Rules Committee.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, agreed that a 30-page bill she is working on needs improvement.

Other lawmakers should consider it.

The idea is to change the law so that young men who are having consensual intercourse with 16- and 17-year-old girls wouldn't necessarily be guilty of rape. If someone turned them in. But those young men could not be more than three years older than their consenting girlfriends.

The issue has nothing to do with forced sex, Jaquet said. Nor does it have anything to do with the morality of having premarital sex, she said.

Three people from Twin Falls County testified at the hearing. One was the mother of 21-year-old Dylan Lynn, who was arrested for having sex with his then-15-year-old girlfriend in 2002 when he was 19. Dabi Rice, Lynn's mother, said her daughter but has intentions to marry that girl but is now serving time for nothing more than having sex with his long-standing girlfriend.

And Audrey Von Linder, grandmother to 22-year-old Toby LaPray, gave a similar

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DON'T FENCE THEM IN

Seniors like Idaho, five other Western states for retirement

The Associated Press

BOISE — Betty Luginbill had been stationed all over the country as a minister for the United Methodist Church — from Maryland to Oregon and Alaska to Arizona.

Her children and grandchildren were spread out as well, with two boys in Maryland, a daughter in Arizona and her youngest son in Idaho.

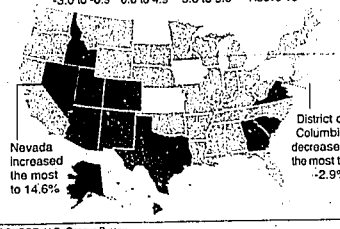
Luginbill could have picked anywhere, but when it came time to decide on a place to retire 15 years ago, she came to Boise, where she was a local pastor for five years before retiring a decade ago.

"There's everything here that anybody would want," said the widow, who will admit to nothing more than being over 65.

Retirees attracted to wide open land

Cheap land and housing in places like Colorado, Idaho, Utah and New Mexico are increasingly attractive to Americans 65 and older.

Percentage change of population over age 65, 2000 to 2003



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau
"There's always so much going on. I like the weather. I like the opportunities." Luginbill, who now lives in a local retirement community, is one of a growing number of senior citizens throughout Idaho.
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A LONG-TIME AGO



This composite photo by the Hubble Space Telescope, released Tuesday by NASA, is the deepest-ever view of the universe, looking back to the edge of the Big Bang. For more, please see page A2.

St. Bens hires contractor for new hospital

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

JEROME — St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, a subsidiary of Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, is one step closer to breaking ground on its new 19-bed hospital at Crossroads Point.

St. Bens' board of directors has selected locally owned Starr Corp. as the general contractor and construction manager for its \$17 million hospital project which will be licensed for 25 beds.

"We still have a ways to go, but wanted to get them on our team early," said Mike Cooper, the not-for-profit hospital's president and chief executive officer.

Cooper said the hospital considered eight construction firms. Five responded to a request for proposals, and the hospital

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST
 Today: Mostly sunny and relatively dry. Highs near 55.
 Tonight: Mostly clear and calm. Lows near 30.
 Tomorrow: Partly sunny and mostly dry. Highs near 58.

SURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST
 Today: Mostly sunny and mostly dry. Highs in the 50s.
 Tonight: Mostly clear with a light breeze. Lows in the 20s.
 Tomorrow: Another sunny and pleasant day. Highs in the 50s.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Moody sunny and relatively dry	Mostly clear and calm	Partly sunny and mostly dry	Pleasant with patchy clouds	No big weather changes yet	Another nice day
High 55	Low 30	58 / 32	57 / 32	55 / 30	56 / 32

IDAHO'S FORECAST
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 The next few days will be mostly sunny to partly cloudy, dry and pleasant. An incoming weather system will bring cooler temperatures and a chance of rain and snow on Friday.

BOISE
 Mostly sunny, warm and dry through Thursday. A few degrees cooler Friday with increasing clouds. But comfortable and mostly dry this weekend.

Temperature **Precipitation** **Humidity** **Barometric Pressure** **Sunrise and Sunset**

Yesterday's Low: 29 Month to Date: 4.7% Yesterday's Low: 97% Yesterday's Low: 30.4 Today's Sunrise: 6:54 AM Today's Sunset: 6:50 PM

Record High: 81 in 1907 Record Low: -20 in 1933 Today's Forecast Low: 31% Saturday's Sunrise: 6:52 AM Saturday's Sunset: 6:53 PM

NORTHERN UTAH
 Cold and dry through Thursday. Trending a bit cooler Friday through Sunday with more clouds expected. Precipitation is unlikely.

Utah State Estimates: 03 at Moab, Low: 12 at Hah City & Doremy, weather key: sunny to partly cloudy, mostly clear, cloudy, mostly cloudy, overcast, snow, rain, sleet, wind, wind-mixed, wind-mixed.

MOON PHASES
 Last: Mar 13 New: Mar 20 First: Mar 28 Full: April 5

MOONRISE AND MOONSET
 Today: 4:15 AM / 7:23 PM Tomorrow: 4:16 AM / 7:23 AM

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Winnipeg	41-50	30-40	Regina	41-50	30-40
Saskatoon	41-50	30-40	Victoria	55-61	41-50
Halifax	41-50	30-40	St. John's	41-50	30-40

Jerome

USA NATIONAL MAP
 Fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary, Occluded
 Valid to 5 p.m. today
 High: 90 at Gila Bend, Ariz.
 Low: -2 at West Yellowstone, Wyo.

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interviewed three of them.

The hospital hopes to break ground on the project in late July or early August, Cooper said. If everything goes as planned, the new hospital would open its doors in the spring of 2006.

"Start Corporation is proud to have been selected as the contractor for this exciting project," Start President Glenn Arrington said in a St. Ben's news release.

Crossroads Field owner Arlan Crouch donated some 30 square acres on the northwest corner of Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93 to St. Ben's on which to build and expand. Future plans at the site include the addition of a long-term care center, outpatient center, medical complex, hospital officials have said.

The city of Jerome is in the final application process for a \$2.7 million grant from the federal Economic Development Administration to extend the city's sewer line to the Crossroads area.

"I have no idea when this grant could materialize," Jerome City Administrator Travis Bothweiler said. "It could take a month, or it could take a year. Our goal is that once the grant is awarded, to start the process."

The city is also waiting to hear whether it will be awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Idaho

Department of Commerce. The grant is contingent on approval from state legislators.

Cooper said the hospital has other options if the grant doesn't come through.

"We have other alternatives for waste to be disposed of at that site," Cooper said, though he didn't go into detail.

St. Ben's is also waiting on the outcome of its application for a \$17 million guaranteed construction loan from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to pay for the project.

"We're considering a number of options," Cooper said. "HUB is only one of them."

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls has criticized St. Ben's for seeking federal dollars to pay for the project, especially when it has much deeper pockets behind it. Although St. Ben's officials have said the hospital must raise its own money for the new facility, St. Ben's is managed by Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, which is part of Trinity Health, the third largest Catholic health system in the United States — a health care network that brings in \$5 billion in revenue a year.

Magic Valley Regional CEO John Kee has also criticized the hospital, saying it is designating a "critical access" hospital when it moves to a site that is actually closer to Twin

Off-road

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Agencies working on the proposal include the state departments of Parks and Recreation, Fish and Game, and Lands through an agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

In addition to public meetings, focus group sessions will be held with land managers, law enforcement personnel, off-road vehicle users, and conservation groups. They will be followed by a random public survey of Idaho households.

The state proposals include:

- Mandatory safety courses for operators unless an off-road vehicle is used only on private farms or for snow removal.
- Minimum age restrictions that would require operator education courses for teens and children before they could operate an off-road vehicle.
- A mandatory helmet law for all operators and passengers; for riders under 18 only; or no mandatory helmet laws.
- Lights required on off-road vehicles traveling from dusk to dawn.
- Sound limitations for motorcycles and ATVs only, which could include maintaining the existing

Hubble offers view of the early universe

WASHINGTON — Using the Hubble Space Telescope, researchers have taken the deepest snapshot of the visible universe, peering far back in time to galaxies that formed just a few hundred million years after the Big Bang.

Steven Beckwith, director of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, said Tuesday the new image takes astronomers "within a stone's throw of the beginning of the universe."

Over four months, scientists used the Hubble's Advanced Camera for Surveys to take a cumulative, million-second exposure of a small slice of night sky in the constellation Fornax.

The image has about 10,000 galaxies, including some that may be among the first to emerge from the so-called dark ages shortly after the Big Bang when the expanding cosmos was a cold, opaque place.

The image shows objects as they appeared when the universe was less than 5 percent of its current estimated age of 13.7 billion years, Beckwith said at a briefing.

Searching for objects in the Ultra Deep Field, as the new image is called, is like trying to

find the light of a firefly on the moon, he said. The image can show some objects as they existed about 700 million years after the Big Bang, according to Massimo Stiavelli, the project leader.

Astronomers use telescopes such as the Hubble as time machines, looking deep into space for faint objects whose light has been traveling for billions of years before it reaches Earth. The light we see reveals objects as they appeared far back in time.

According to the Big-Bang theory, the universe was born explosively in an instant, after which the fireball rapidly expanded and cooled.

Haiti takes step toward stability

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's U.S.-backed advisory council picked a former foreign minister as the new prime minister on Tuesday, a step toward forming a transitional government in this troubled nation.

Gerard Latortue's appointment came as U.S. Marines said they would help Haitian police disarm the gangster population. Recent killings in recent days have left at least 300 dead.

Sex

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story. She said LaPray had had consensual sex with his long-time girlfriend, and because of that, he has been forced to endure therapy with hardened child molesters and cannot even get work release because he is classified as a felon. In addition, he cannot go on. In addition, there would be children under the age of 18, including the mall or the park, she said.

"Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb's related quite a different story when *The Times-News* contacted him in a phone interview.

"These guys were by no means innocent," Loeb's said. He said they are a menace to society who are better kept off the streets.

Both young men are guilty of numerous probation violations of a serious nature not necessarily related to rape, Loeb's said.

Loeb's also said it is not OK by any stretch of the imagination for a 19-year-old man to be having sex with a 15-year-old girl.

As for whether Idaho's rape laws should be changed, Loeb's said they are fine as they stand. And as for boys who are slightly older than their 16- or 17-year-old girlfriends being convicted of rape, Loeb's said the juvenile justice system deals with those kinds of cases all the time.

"They are very common," he said. But as to how those young people are dealt with, every

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CLARIFICATION

Man's point: Fair wouldn't really be free

A statement made by Scott Martin about the proposed Twin Falls County Fair levy in Tuesday's newspaper needs clarification.

Martin said he supports the county fair and believes it's a worthwhile event. However, he did ask, "Is the fair a necessity?"

A family can't afford to attend the county fair, they can choose not to go. If you pass the levy and they can't afford the taxes, they can't afford to pay their taxes.

In other words, although people would get free admission to the fair, the fair wouldn't really be free because they would be paying for it with their property taxes, Martin said.

Lawmakers grill CIA chief on Iraq intel

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — CIA Director George Tenet said Tuesday that he did not believe the Bush administration had misrepresented intelligence to justify going to war in Iraq but said he had spoken privately to senior officials when he believed they publicly misrepresented facts they had been given.

In a sometimes contentious hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Tenet defended the administration against charges by Democratic senators that President Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and other officials had exaggerated intelligence reports when they characterized the threat posed by Saddam Hussein's weapons arsenal.

Asked by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., whether he believed the administration had misrepresented the prewar intelligence on Iraq, Tenet answered: "No sir, I don't."

Kennedy followed up by asking Tenet whether he ever told the president or vice president "that they were oversteering the case?"

"If there are areas where I thought someone said something they shouldn't have said to them about it," the CIA director



CIA Director George Tenet ponders a question Tuesday in Capitol Hill.

could not tell the panel that the director had "no obligation to correct it (inaccurate statements) or didn't even try."

The CIA director shot back: "I'm not going to sit here and tell you what my intention was" was the president or vice president. "When I believed someone was misconstruing intelligence, I stood up and said something about it. I don't stand up in public and do it. I do my job the way I did it in Iraq for his four years as director in the Clinton administration."

"Sometimes," Tenet continued, language used by policymakers in public "doesn't completely match up with intelligence community language. But, he said, "I lived up to my responsibility."

The tense give-and-take was the latest public step in an intense political and policy debate over pre-war Iraq intelligence. Two congressional committees and a White House commission are investigating why the CIA and other intelligence agencies were not more forthcoming in their assessment that Iraq possessed stocks of weapons of mass destruction. No such weapons have been found.

Briefing did not include CIA

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — A special intelligence unit at the Pentagon privately briefed senior officials at the White House on alleged ties between Iraq and al-Qaida without the knowledge of CIA Director George J. Tenet, according to new information presented at a Senate hearing Tuesday.

The disclosure suggests that the controversial Pentagon unit may have played a greater role than previously understood in shaping the administration's views on Iraq's alleged ties to the terrorist network behind the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, and bypassed usual channels to make a case that conflicted with the conclusions of CIA analysts.

Testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Tenet said he was unaware until recently that the Pentagon unit had presented its findings to the offices of Vice President Dick Cheney and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice. It is not clear whether Cheney or Rice were present for the briefing.

Noted '85 hijacker of ship dies in U.S. custody in Iraq

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Abdul Abbas, the Palestinian mastermind of the 1985 hijacking of the Achille Lauro passenger ship in which an American tourist was killed, has died in U.S. custody in Iraq, Palestinian and U.S. officials said Tuesday. He was 55.

Abbas' small Palestine Liberation Front commandeer the Italian cruise ship, demanded the release of 50 Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails and threw an elderly wheelchair-bound Jewish American tourist, Izour-Kinghoffer, overboard after shooting him.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said that Abbas died Monday, "apparently ... of natural causes." He said there would be an autopsy.

Whitman declined to answer further questions, including whether Abbas still was being interrogated in the period before his death.

Abbas, whose given name was Mohammed Abbas, was captured in southern Baghdad by U.S. forces in a raid in April, and lived the last 11 months of his life in American custody.

When Abbas was captured last spring, the Palestinian Authority demanded his release, saying "the United States had pledged not to prosecute him as part of a blanket agreement not to press charges against Palestinians who acted against Israel before interim peace accords were signed in the 1990s."

President agrees to open-ended questioning from Sept. 11 panel

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush backed off Tuesday from one of the major limitations he had set for cooperating in the independent commission looking into the terrorist attacks of 2001 and will now submit to open-ended questioning instead of setting a one-hour limit.

The reversal came 36 hours after his opponent, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., seized on the restriction. In remarks that accused Bush of "stonewalling and resisting the investigation into what happened and why we had the greatest security failure in the history of our country."

The new flexibility, which White House press secretary Scott McClellan acknowledged under questioning at two briefings, came at a time when Bush is arguing that Kerry tried to un-

dermine the intelligence services during his 19 years in the Senate.

McClellan said the White House still considers a single hour to be "reasonable," but he pledged that Bush "is going to answer all the questions that they want to raise."

Asked if Bush was responding to Kerry's charges, McClellan said: "I don't think Kerry is someone who lets the facts get in the way of his campaign."

The time limit for submitting to questioning had become a highly symbolic issue as Bush embarked on his campaign. Democrats have complained that the president is seeking to capitalize on the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, including authorizing an "ad" that uses a glimpse of a freighter's remains being recovered from ground zero of the World Trade Center,

while withholding assistance from investigators.

Kerry, who had mocked Bush's trip to a Texas rodeo, said in a statement that it was "good to see that the president has finally found time in his schedule to spend more than an hour with the 9/11 commission to investigate the greatest in our nation's history."

The commission has repeatedly clashed with the White House, which initially opposed the panel's formation and weathered a series of subpoenaed intelligence briefings. The administration eventually agreed to give a small group of commission representatives access to some documents, known as the President's Daily Brief, but being recovered from ground zero of the World Trade Center,

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"For years, my kids kept telling me to get a hearing aid. My hearing aids stopped that irritation in my family."

Tenny, age 56, has been wearing her hearing aid for a high-frequency hearing loss for nearly a year. "My hearing loss was embarrassing," she explains. "But now I hear everything. I no longer have to ask people to repeat themselves." Like many people who have had others tell them about their hearing problems or who have recognized their hearing difficulties on their own, Tenny started with an inexpensive hearing enhancer. She then moved on to the more advanced hearing aid technology. "I'll wear them the rest of my life," she proclaims, "and upgrade to more advanced hearing aid technology as I need to."

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Halliburton reports \$85M profit from work in Iraq

The Washington Post

Halliburton Co., under fire for alleged overcharges on its government contracts in Iraq, reported this week that it made an \$85 million profit on \$3.6 billion in revenue from Iraq work last year.

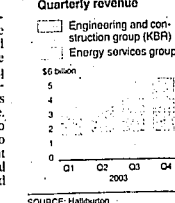
In its annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Texas-based oil services company said the rapid increase in its work in Iraq had forced it to take steps to improve internal controls on its billions of dollars of work there. It said it sent a task force to Kuwait at the end of the year to help manage and document the contracts until additional resources could be hired and trained.

Pentagon auditors are investigating whether KBR, a Halliburton subsidiary, overpaid a Kuwaiti supplier to import gasoline into Iraq under a contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As a result, the Defense Energy Support Center, which already supplies fuel for the military, said it would take over the task.

Monday, the support agency announced that it had awarded seven contracts worth more than \$300 million to six Turkish companies and one American firm to provide diesel, cooking

Postwar prospects

Revenue from Halliburton Co.'s engineering and construction group — known as KBR — has soared due to government service projects in the Middle East.



Halliburton, which also has been accused of overbilling for troop meals never served, said in its SEC filing that it would withhold an additional \$141 million in billing for the meals. The company already has credited the U.S. Army \$36 million for questionable billing of meals.

Ex-weapons chief criticizes runup to war

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Former U.N. chief weapons inspector Hans Blix on Tuesday likened the runup to the war in Iraq to a witch hunt, and argued that the subsequent failure to find weapons of mass destruction would dent the public's faith in the U.S. and British governments.

"The governments were like the witch hunters of past centuries. They were so convinced that there were witches in Iraq that every black cat became proof of it," Blix said in Barcelona where he was honored by the United Nations Association of Spain.

"The tendency was to view any evidence in a more serious light than was the reality. It's clear that the Sept. 11 attack on the United States drove the analysis," he added.

The White House dismissed the criticism.

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NATION

Report: U.S. obesity becomes an epidemic

WASHINGTON - Americans are sitting around and eating themselves to death, with obesity closing in on tobacco as the nation's No. 1 underlying preventable killer.

The government is offering constructive, even lighthearted, advice to fight what it calls an epidemic of expanding waistlines.

"We're just too darn fat, ladies and gentlemen, and we're going to do something about it," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said Tuesday at a news conference.

Nation in brief

A growing problem The number of deaths in the United States due to poor diet and physical inactivity rose between 1990 and 2000.

Actual causes of death, by percentage of total deaths vs 1990

Tobacco use 16.3% Poor diet and physical inactivity 14.0% Alcohol consumption 5.0%

Microbial agents 7.4% Toxic agents 5.0% Sexual behavior 3.0%

Drug use 1.5% Less than one percent

Other causes of death 38.8%

Source: Journal of the American Medical Association

lives of 12,000 adolescents. Those who make a public pledge to delay sex also wind up having fewer sex partners and get married earlier, the research shows.

One of the problems, researchers found, is that virginity "pledgers" are less likely to use condoms.

"It's difficult to simultaneously prepare for sex and say you're not going to have sex," said Peter Bearman, chairman of Columbia University's sociology department.

He authored the study with Hannah Bruckner of Yale University. "The message is really simple: Just say no may work in the short term but doesn't work in the long term."

Ganshot kills man during Masonic initiation rite PATIHOQUE, N.Y. - A man was shot in the face and killed during a Masonic initiation ceremony by a fellow member who mistakenly pulled out a real pistol instead of a blank gun, police said Tuesday.

The 76-year-old man who fired the shot was charged with manslaughter. William James, 47, was killed Monday night at the Southside Masonic Lodge.

Suffolk County Detective Lt. Jack Fitzpatrick said the man under arrest, Albert Eid, was "stunned and distraught."

The initiation rite was aimed at scaring the new member.

Dad makes under-age kids designated drivers BAKERSFIELD, Calif. - A man who allegedly had a few too many drinks decided he shouldn't drive drunk so he handed his car keys to his female companions - all too young to drive, police said.

Lionel Cerda told officers that he had been nodding off, so he first let a 14-year-old drive. But when police pulled the car over after midnight on Saturday, they found Cerda in the back seat with empty bottles at his feet, the 14-year-old in the back with an open car on the wheel, and a 10-year-old at the wheel.

Polls: Tuesday's voters were older, liberal

WASHINGTON (AP) - Voters in four primaries Tuesday were older and more liberal than those from earlier Southern contests, and were eager to see U.S. troops brought home from Iraq, according to exit polls.

With little doubt that John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee would carry the day, voters who went to the polls were particularly dedicated and had the free time to make the trip.

The exit polls of voters were conducted in Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas for The Associated Press and the TV networks by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International.

On average, almost half of voters said they were angry with President Bush, though the feeling was higher in states like Florida, where Bush's brother, Jeb, is governor, and in Texas, the president's home



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., greets patrons at a sandwich shop Tuesday in West Tampa, Fla.

"I hope Kerry beats Bush, and I hope he beats him well," said Clarence Patterson of North Miami. "I don't think Bush is being frank with the country. He hasn't been frank regarding the weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The economy is bad. Soldiers are still dying."

In Florida, one-fourth of those going to the polls were less than confident that voters in their state will be accurately counted this year. Problems with Florida's elections in 2000 led to the presidential election being settled by the U.S. Supreme Court in favor of Bush. Anger at Gov. Bush was almost as high, four in 10 were angry, as the anger at President Bush.

In Texas, Democrats have been angry about GOP's re-drawing of congressional district boundaries. Anger at the Republican governor of Texas, Rick Perry, was almost as high - about four in 10 - as the number who said they were angry at President Bush.

By comparison, only two in 10 in Mississippi said they were angry at Republican Gov. Haley Barbour.

Dems plan vigorous campaign to defeat Bush

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Led by veterans of past presidential and congressional campaigns, a coalition of Democratic Party interest groups, armed with millions of dollars in soft money, are rapidly constructing an unprecedented political operation designed to supplement the activities of Sen. John Kerry's campaign in the effort to defeat President Bush.

The newest visible sign of the coalition's activities will be seen beginning Wednesday, when a \$5 million advertising campaign begins in 17 battleground states. But behind the scenes

the Democratic operatives are moving to set up coordinated national and state-by-state operations that amount to the equivalent of a full presidential campaign, minus the candidate.

The Democratic groups have created five different organizations to oversee the various facets of the campaign, including voter identification and turnout; communications, polling, research and rapid response; fundraising and the coordination of the political operations of more than two dozen progressive organizations.

This parallel Democratic

challenge, grows out of changes in campaign finance laws. Those changes prohibit the national party committees from raising and spending soft money - large, unregulated contributions - on behalf of their presidential candidates.

The Democrats have taken the expertise they developed in past campaigns and applied it to the new, separate operation. By law, coalition members cannot coordinate with the Kerry campaign.

"Our sense was we needed to have a message up on the air that tells the truth about the Bush record and defends the

Democratic position on the issues," said Ellen Malcolm, president of Emily's List and a driving force behind the coordinated effort.

Most of these new organizations have been established as so-called "527s," short-hand for the provision in tax law that covers their activities. The 527s are controversial because they accept soft money from corporations and unions, which critics say represents an evasion of the ban on large, unregulated contributions in the new campaign finance law known as the McCain-Financial act, and because they operate under less stringent disclosure regulations.

New ads taking on Bush draws criticism from GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush is accused of "eroding the American dream" in the first television ad by a liberal-leaning interest group partly funded by million-dollar philanthropist George Soros.

The Media Fund, in its initial ad buy, will air \$5 million worth of commercials in 17 battleground states over two weeks starting Wednesday.

"President Bush. Remember the American dream?" the 30-second ad says. "It's about hope, not fear. It's about more jobs at home, not tax breaks for shipping jobs overseas. It's about giving our children their chance, not our debt. It's about providing health care for people, not just profits. It's about fighting for the middle class, not special interests."

"Another bitter message from yet another shallow partisan group," said Terry Holt, a Bush-Cheney campaign spokesman. He said the ad was a blatant attack on Bush.

Bush's campaign argues that the Media Fund, headed by former Clinton administration adviser Harold Ickes, is trying to influence the presidential election and should have to register with the FEC as a political committee. The Media Fund, which expects to raise millions of dollars to run ads this election year, says it is legal to spend soft money on anti-Bush ads as long as they stop short of calling for his election or defeat.

James Jordan, of Media Fund, questioned whether the Bush campaign would also take issue with Citizens United, a conservative group headed by former Republican congressional aide David Bossie. The group is running an ad that soft money paid for and calls presumptive Democratic nominee John Kerry a "rich, liberal elitist from Massa-

chusetts who claims he's a man of the people."

"The rank dishonesty of the Republican position is certainly highlighted by their refusal to condemn the identical activities of Republican groups," Jordan said.

Advertisement for DeMarcos clothing store. Text: "Searching for that perfect outfit? DeMarcos has a large selection by...". Lists items like Tribal, Tommy Bahama, Brighton Accessories, etc. Includes phone number 784-5268.

Advertisement for John Allen Muhammad. Text: "John Allen Muhammad". Includes a small photo of the man.

He told the judge he plans to appeal and urges: "Don't make a fool of the Constitution of the United States of America."

Doos: Ashcroft does well after gallbladder surgery WASHINGTON - Surgeons successfully removed the gallbladder of Attorney General John Ashcroft on Tuesday to prevent a recurrence of the gallstone pancreatitis that landed the Cabinet officer in a hospital intensive care unit.

"Everything went as planned. He did very well," said Dr. Bruce Abell, who performed the procedure at George Washington University Hospital.

Abell said Ashcroft was listed in guarded condition after the procedure and would likely remain hospitalized for observation for four to five days.

The procedure, which lasted about two hours, was performed laparoscopically, which averted the need for conventional surgery and a larger incision. In this procedure, a fiberoptic instrument is inserted through small incisions in the abdomen and general anesthesia is used.

Study: Abstinence pledge doesn't cut STDs PHILADELPHIA - Teens who make a one-time pledge to remain virgins until marriage catch sexually transmitted diseases about as often as those who don't pledge abstinence, according to a study of the sex

Large advertisement for Motorcraft Batteries. Text: "We think so." "THE WORKS \$34.95 OR LESS". "Keyless Entry Keypad \$149.95 OR LESS". Includes a photo of a battery and a person working on a car.

Advertisement for Magic Valley travel agency. Text: "The adventure starts here! magicvalley.com". Includes a map of Idaho and a photo of a person in a hat.

Advertisement for Magic Valley travel agency. Text: "Travel destinations in Magic Valley, Idaho, America and the World! You can even submit your favorite travel destination or vacation. Log on to magicvalley.com". Includes phone number 208-735-3326.

Advertisement for Ford Genuine Parts & Service. Text: "Genuine Motorcraft Batteries GET THE BATTERY ENGINEERED SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUR VEHICLE. Tested Tough PLUS \$59.95. Tested Tough MAX \$79.95". Includes a photo of a battery and a Ford logo.

Survive

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Down the road, her way was blocked by a big tumbledweed-type bush that was still rooted to the ground. She couldn't get around it and found that her 1991 Plymouth Acclaim couldn't back up or go forward in the mud and snow. She didn't have a shovel.

Setting out

But Swan wasn't alone. She had her dachshund, Junior, with her, and she kept him in her shirt to keep them both warm.

"It's a little dog with a big attitude," Swan said. "He thinks he's King Tut of the neighborhood."

Swan got Junior four years ago after her husband died.

The two spent the first night in her car, wrapped in a quilt. Her mother gave her. Swan turned on the engine occasionally to keep them warm. She started out with a full tank of gas and used up half a tank trying to back the car out and keeping warm.

"The area is so remote that Swan decided she had to go find help for both herself and her dog the next morning.

"Junior, you know we're lost and we gotta get help," Swan said she told him at the time.

Swan had extra clothing in her car because she had done laundry, so she put on two pairs of pants, two pairs of socks and three shirts before leaving the car.

She took a bottle of Tylenol 8 Hour, a can of Spam, some tissues, her asthma inhaler and Junior, then started walking in the direction she was heading.

Search

Swan's mother called Swan's house and several friends Thursday night, as Swan had promised to call when she got home. She was reported missing Thursday night.

On Friday, a friend of Swan's took her spare key and looked around her house, but found no sign of her.

Swan said her mother's persistence paid off in her rescue.

Swan had planned to visit her friend, Carol Ballard, in Filer Thursday night, so Ballard was shocked to hear she was missing.

"I was sick. I just couldn't figure out what happened," Ballard said. "I cried and cried."

Searchers found Swan's car Saturday afternoon, and staff from Owyhee County even sent a plane looking for her.

Journey

The snow was between 2 and 3 feet deep, so Swan followed some four-wheel-drive tracks deeper into the Owyhee Desert. Sometime Friday she tripped on a gopher hole and fell. She crawled on her hands and knees until she found a rock that she could use to pull herself up.

She fell two more times in the course of her trip, and each time she had to crawl until she found a way to pull herself back up. She took Tylenol when her legs had spasms from the walking.

The only landmark she found was a cinder-block water tank shed. She tried the door and it was open, so she sat on the floor and ate the Spam Friday evening. Junior wouldn't come at first, so she had to feed it to him. She took off her shoes to dry them out. They ate snow to get water. Junior didn't like that either, but it kept him more hydrated than Swan, who was dehydrated by the end of her ordeal.

They spent the night in the shed, and the next day she kept walking. Swan spent Saturday night out in the open, so she wasn't able to sleep.

Rescue

Unable to stand up, Swan was found about 9 a.m. Sunday by searchers on four-wheelers from the Twin Falls and Owyhee county sheriff's departments. She was dehydrated and had hypothermia, bruised knees and a sprained ankle.

"I want to thank all the people and the rescue team," Swan said.

Swan said her rescuers estimated that she walked eight miles from her car. Most people in similar situations are found dead.

The first thing Swan wanted when she was safe was water to drink. She can't remember what the first thing she ate was.

"It's funny how you take things for granted," Swan said. Her sister has been taking care of Junior.

Living

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Census Bureau estimates to be released Wednesday show Idaho ranking fifth nationally in the growth of its over-65 population from April 2000 through last summer. The senior set increased by 6.7 percent, a rate exceeded only by Nevada, Alaska, Arizona and Utah.

By comparison, the state's total population grew 5.6 percent to more than 1.36 million, a slower pace but still ahead of all but six other states.

And senior citizens now account for more than 11 percent of that population.

"The good news is most peo-

ple moving to Idaho are healthy," said Lois Bauer, head of the state Office on Aging. "We're looking at more seniors than we were 10 years ago, who are capable of living a full, active life for quite some time."

Anne Rogers, a 65-year-old semiretired business woman, is one of them. She moved from California to Boise in about 1978 with her late husband after his parents returned to the Payette area to retire.

"The atmosphere here is we're young seniors and the cost of living is better here," she said. "The state is still small enough to know people, be involved and have an effect."

But at the same time, both Bauer and Clyde Dailey, director

of the state chapter of the AARP, said the less vibrant segment of the state's senior population is growing rapidly as baby boomers age. Already a third of Idaho's 155,000 seniors are living in low-income households, a quarter of them at or below the federal poverty line, he said.

"So the potential for the burden on the social service system is significant," Dailey said. "It's scary in a way."

In a rural state like Idaho, access to services and health care become major issues for the elderly, he said, and states that fail to plan ahead will face severe problems in another decade.

Dailey complimented Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on using his

chairmanship of the National Governors' Association to promote long-term health care, citing it as one of the key issues both state and federal governments must deal with.

Dailey called for making long-term care insurance available to people through their jobs just like traditional health insurance. But his top priority, he said, is to convince families to consider legal, health and other issues that must be faced by aging parents before they become crises.

"The most important thing is that we create a culture where families have conversations about the future," Dailey said. "The sooner we start planning as a society, the better off we'll be."

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There's no 'right to be heard'

LETTERS

In the interests of full disclosure, I am not a listener of "The Howard Stern Show" and I did not hear first-hand what he said that led Clear Channel Communications to drop his show from six of its more than 1,200 markets. And to further clarify, Clear Channel also distributes "The Rush Limbaugh Show."

After it happened, people were stunned when I came to Stern's defense. The uninformed thought that I, as a conservative, must believe that the government should be in the business of silencing smut and regulating morality. But that was a week ago and the story has stretched. Now the buzz is that Stern was not dropped by Clear Channel for violating its decency standards. No, Clear Channel dropped Howard because he had been critical of President Bush. And, as the tale goes, since Clear Channel is reputedly close to Bush, the president called Clear Channel and told it to get rid of Stern.

So are we now going to popularize loony conspiracy theories from the left-wing fringe to defend Howard Stern?

RUSH LIMBAUGH

All that's missing here is that Stern discovered that Bush had an ancient relative who used to live on Mars and worked for Halliburton there before it destroyed that planet and arrived here on Earth to destroy Iraq by procuring oil for Dick Cheney's portfolio.

Let me try to restore some reason to this mess. First, Howard Stern was not censored by Clear Channel. He was fired. It happens all the time in radio for whatever reason civil management desires. Just ask me; I was once fired for using the word "therefore" too many times (management said it confused the audience).

Secondly, the First Amendment does not guarantee anyone the right to be heard. You can shout all you want but no one has to listen to you.

And a third point: If Clear Channel is firing people for criticizing the administration, then I am next. In fact, I should have been fired two years ago. I have been so critical of the administration's domestic agenda

that some of my own listeners have been threatening to abandon me if I don't stop. And I haven't.

From letting Ted Kennedy write the most bloated education bill in history, to the reduction of an necessary farm bill, to the new Medicare entitlement, I have watched in disbelief as "compassionate conservatism" came to mean "mainstream liberalism."

But what should really concern us is the McCain-Feingold law, which specifies who can criticize a candidate on TV in the days before an election. It prohibits union and corporate funding of advertisements that mention candidates for federal office within 60 days of a general election and 30 days of a primary. The fact the Supreme Court found it constitutional is horrifying.

If you are concerned that Howard Stern has been censored by President Bush? Stern is not the problem. He is "Romper Room" compared with what we can watch in prime time every night on TV. The difference is that the garbage on TV wins Emrys.

The real hypocrisy here is saying we need to regulate radio but we can't have standards about what appears on TV if it arrives in your home via cable or satellite.

And let's not mention the cultural depravity of much of the music aired on radio today. Artistic expression must be "understood and encouraged." It's the same thing as saying "The Passion of the Christ" is dangerous and anti-Semitic, but a crucifix in a jar of urine is art that we must endeavor to appreciate and not judge prematurely.

If music radio stations can play garbage, if TV can show us filth and museums can exhibit depravity, then broadcasters should have the right to choose what not to air as well, as in the case of Howard Stern. Besides, there are any number of stations free to air his show in markets where it was canceled.

Whatever is happening, it isn't censorship and it isn't George W. Bush. Some may call it reasonable, I call it the free market.

Rush Limbaugh is a nationally syndicated radio talk show host.

Marriage debate comes down to observing law

In my opinion, recent happenings across the country have started a very disturbing trend. Questions have arisen that must be answered. Such as, what is the purpose of laws if they will not be enforced? When will a stand be made for the morality of our country?

As a Christian, I believe certain practices must be stopped. It intrigues me to realize that when someone makes a stand for good, our government jumps to squash it. Case in point, a judge in Alabama would not remove a monument that contained the Ten Commandments lost his job for his beliefs. But when laws are outright broken, nothing happens. I refer to the gay marriages that are occurring. These individuals and groups should be held accountable for the laws that have been broken. Arrests should be made, jobs lost and fines set.

I may not be up to code on all the laws or issues, but I do believe that the state of Idaho should make a stand and set a higher standard. Everyone in general knows the difference between right and wrong, and I would hope that our government officials know the differences.

Let us stop worrying about whose toes we step on or what

votes we may lose. Let us set a higher precedent by following the higher laws of God. In letting all of these simple things slide by, the floodgates are slowly opening and eventually we will be flooded by all acts of indecency. Where and when will it stop? All it takes for evil to prevail is for good men and women to stand by and do nothing.

DENA JAROLMIK
Burley

Generosity continues for city's animal shelter

After reading about the city's Animal Shelter, Keith of Superior Door Co. called and said he would "donate" the overhead door for this project.

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RUSSELL
Twin Falls

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Concerns shown for child were appreciated

On the morning of March 3 while loading students onto my bus, one young girl had the unfortunate accident of falling down and hurting herself while running to the bus. Although we hear about how people will run a bus's stop sign and try to overcome a bus so as not to drive behind it, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who stopped and offered assistance.

To the gentleman walking his dog at that time who offered his coat to the lady that was a nurse and stopped to check this child's head injury, to everyone who was stuck behind the bus and got out of their cars to offer help; to the police officer who arrived on the scene and the emergency personnel, and each and every one of you, I cannot say thank you enough.

It is nice to see that there are some generous people willing to stop and help in an emergency when a school bus is involved.

DOREEN FENNEWALD
Twin Falls

(Doreen's note: Doreen Fennewald drives the "Eagle" bus for the Twin Falls School District.)

Politicians need to quit bothering with marriage

It's not OK to be gay but it is OK. From the perspective of leading politicians everywhere, it is but it's not. You can be gay, involved in a civil union and reap the economic benefits everyone does. You just can't be gay and married.

This should not be an issue for the government but rather a personal choice through the church. As the government is already in the marriage licensing business, just license them and move on to something more important.

The gays will continue vehemently protesting or not dependent upon the outcome. Fuel the fire and it will continue as is. Stop fueling, and let the fire stop.

My heterosexuality is not being challenged because a gay person gets married. It seems, however, some politicians may be less stable with their own sexuality unless they stop the gays from marrying. It sounds as if they do that they're proving their own sexuality. Their sexuality is none of my business. Further, I don't care, and sexual preference does not have to be flaunted by anyone with confidence.

What is my business is politicians making prudent use of our time. I demand they re-focus and pay attention to economic issues, which are many.

The easiest way for a politician to evade responsibility to hard-core issues is to find a social issue and divide the public. Once divided, the public is led to believe in the heat of discussion they are invested in the most important issue. No time invested for the economics of society leaving it out of our control to task for a few in a private pool in D.C.

DAVE LOEYNER
Twin Falls

Defense of Internment amounts to bigotry

I find it truly amazing that

there are people who can defend racism and bigotry under a justification of some higher good!

According to Kent Hale, it is "absurd" to think that stripping, second- and third-generation Japanese-Americans of their homes and property and forcing them into internment camps was not a result of racial prejudices. Mr. Hale, just how would you define racism? I can only see the way Americans were treated as one of the darkest days in our history, right up there with the treatment of Native Americans and slavery.

I am a white male, and I fought against the Iraqis in the first Gulf War. And I hope all terrorists, Arab or not, are brought to justice or killed. However, after Sept. 11, if anyone wanted to intern Arab-Americans in

this country for no other reason than their race or origin, I would have been the first to stand up and protect their constitutional rights. I wonder if Mr. Hale thinks we should have interned them?

I guess when he stated, "Self-preservation takes priority over causing a racial indignity," he meant white self-preservation!

JEFF GREATHOUSE
Twin Falls

Turn down the music volume on local streets

Oh the sounds of summer. Birds singing, children playing, lawns being mowed and those cars with their windows down that have the stereo booming where you can't hear yourself think.

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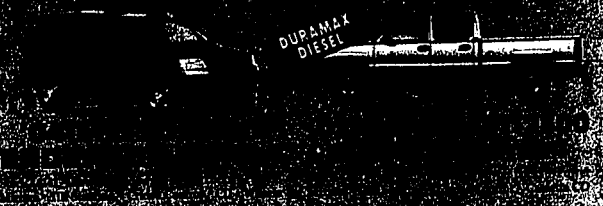


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Attorneys scrap over classified information in terrorism case

BOISE (AP) - Somewhere among 9,000 recorded phone calls and 20,000 e-mails is the heart of the government's case against a University of Idaho graduate student accused of aiding terrorism.

As Sami Omar Al-Hussayen's April 13 trial date nears, attorneys on both sides are struggling with the vast amount of classified information - the prosecution to review and organize it, the defense to simply see it.



Sami Omar Al-Hussayen

concealed support to terrorists and the terrorist organization Hamas. He has also pleaded innocent to seven counts of visa fraud and four counts of making false statements to obtain a visa to study computer science at Idaho.

At a hearing Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge asked the prosecutors to push the federal government to declassify the information and told the defense to continue trying to get a translator cleared to view classified information.

Lodge also told both sides that the lengthy case was hindering the speedy rights of other cases he presides over, and warned them to do everything they can to bring Al-Hussayen's case to a jury as soon as possible.

Al-Hussayen, 34, has pleaded innocent to the charges that allege he conspired, provided and

doing what essentially would be a blanket declassification," said David Delich, an attorney for the criminal division of the Justice Department.

But the government still needs to determine if a blanket declassification can be done without compromising the safety of other investigations within other agencies, he said.

The answer could come in the next few weeks, Delich said. "We'll take it in declassified form whenever we can get it," said Nevin. He said the prosecutors could have pushed for declassification six months ago, when the defense first asked.

"I take a lot of exception to the suggestion that the dilemma is somehow caused by the government not declassifying the information," Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Lindquist said.

He said the matter was brought up in court last year, and the judge ordered defense attorneys to get a translator with the proper security clearance to view the documents. But Nevin said he has been trying to get security clearance for his translator for months.

Ranch family protects Henry's Fork land

ST. ANTHONY (AP) - Three brothers have agreed to keep more than 2,000 acres of ranchland along the Henry's Fork of the Snake River free of development.

Lynn, Ron and Terry Wilcox completed the easement agreement with the Teton Regional

Land Trust to protect the family's 2,037-acre ranch just upstream from the Chester Dam. The brothers also worked with the Bureau of Land Management to protect the property.

The ranch, a nearly mile-long stretch bordering the Henry's Fork, is home to several seasonal ponds used by waterfowl and provides habitat for wintering elk and other wildlife. "Each of us grew up being able to hunt and fish just about anywhere. We had access all along the waterways, but over the years we've seen it developed and changed," Lynn Wilcox said.

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Caltech student faces SUV vandalism charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A California Institute of Technology graduate student was arrested Tuesday in connection with last summer's vandalism of 125 sport utility vehicles and fires set at a San Gabriel Valley auto dealership in apparent support of the Earth Liberation Front, the FBI said.

William Cottrell, 23, of Pasadena, was arrested for investigation of arson and vandalism. He was ordered held without bail during a court appearance. If convicted, he faces a maximum of 20 years in federal prison for each act.

Defense attorney Stephen Alexander said "the charges are unfounded" and that his client believes he will be vindicated.

Cottrell, a graduate student in the physics department at Caltech, allegedly used an alias when he contacted the Los Angeles Times by e-mail and informed the newspaper he was involved in the SUV firebombings, the FBI said in an affidavit.

In messages sent to the newspaper, Cottrell also confirmed that he was affiliated with the Earth Liberation Front, a radical group of environmentalists that has claimed responsibility for other acts of arson and vandalism, the affidavit said.

In one e-mail, Cottrell using the name Tony Marsden, allegedly wrote "I was amongst those responsible for the SUV attacks... The FBI hasn't seemed to pick up on any of them (clues), which makes this whole ordeal rather boring for us, the

true culprits," according to the affidavit.

Cottrell offered specific details of the attacks to the newspaper to prove his involvement, the FBI said.

Cottrell was interviewed by authorities in January and denied being an ELF member or contacting the Times, the affidavit said.

Authorities searched Caltech classrooms and were able to track the e-mails to Cottrell, according to an affidavit. They also seized six computers from the campus.

The August spree hit car dealerships in West Covina, Duarte and Arcadia, as well as at least four privately owned vehicles in Monrovia. The communities are all just east of Pasadena, where Caltech is located and Cottrell was arrested at a residence. The fire set at the West Covina dealership destroyed or damaged 72 vehicles, mostly SUVs, and a parts warehouse.

"Those who set fires, like those at the Hummer dealership in West Covina, are misguided zealots," FBI Assistant Director Richard Garcia said in a statement. "The FBI respects, encourages and protects people who peacefully exercise their right to free speech."

"However, when extremists resort to arson attacks, which inevitably will lead to a loss of life, they have gone too far and the FBI will investigate aggressively and relentlessly to bring those who set such fires to justice."

Avalanche victim was Idaho man

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - The snowmobiler killed in an avalanche last weekend in the Idaho Panhandle has been identified as an Idaho man.

The U.S. Forest Service said Wade Curtis, 44, of Adol, was riding with a second snowmobiler on the west side of Jeru Peak near Pack River Park on Saturday when the avalanche occurred.

Forest Service spokesman Lee Taylor said Curtis was apparently headed up a slope when he was hit by the snow.

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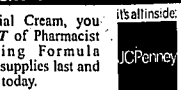
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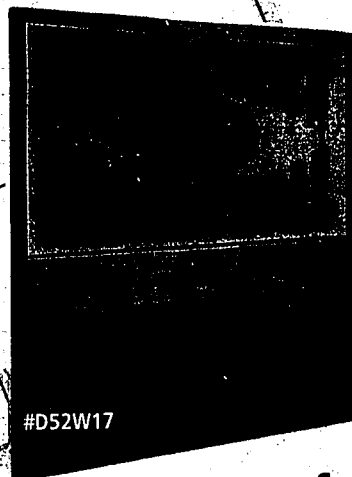
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Landmark Serb war crimes trial opens

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro (AP) - A landmark war crimes trial opened Tuesday in Belgrade for six Serbs accused in the massacre of 192 Croat prisoners in the Croatian city of Vukovar during the Balkan wars.

The case is a crucial test of Serbia's ability to find justice for atrocities committed during the breakup of Yugoslavia under the rule of former Serb strongman Slobodan Milosevic - himself on trial for war crimes at the U.N. tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

"This is a historic moment for our judiciary," said Bruno Vekarić, a spokesman for the prosecution at the Special Court in Belgrade, recently established in conjunction with the U.N. tribunal.

The proceedings "will show the ability of our courts to handle war crimes cases, which is important for further transfers of cases from The Hague," Vekarić added.

At the time of the massacre, the suspects were members of a Milosevic-backed paramilitary group of ethnic Serb Croats fighting the 1991 Croatian declaration of independence in Slavonia, Croatia, in mid-November 1991, the Serb side gained control of Vukovar.

After that victory, according to the indictment, Serbs took the Croat prisoners of war from a Vukovar hospital on the evening of Nov. 20, 1991, and bused them to a nearby pig farm.

Then, the six defendants allegedly lined up the victims before freshly dug pits and moved them down with machine guns. The next morning, bulldozers were used to cover the pits with soil. Examination after years revealed the remains.

At the trial's opening Tuesday,



A Serbian Renewal Movement supporter holds melting candles in Belgrade's Republic square Tuesday during a rally marking the 13th anniversary of the massive protests of more than 100,000 people in 1991, against then-president Slobodan Milosevic. Two people died as police and the army crushed the protests, enabling Milosevic to stay in power and later engage in war campaigns in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo.

the names of the 192 victims were read aloud along with charges against the suspects. Chief defendant Miroslav Vujovic, a Vukovar native who allegedly commanded the Serb paramilitaries, professed his innocence.

"The indictment is a complete fabrication," he said, adding that he only had "a second-hand knowledge" of the killings at the Ovcar pig farm by hearing about it from others.

Syrian protest organizer vows fight for democracy

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) - A human rights activist who was detained in a rare protest in this tightly controlled country, promised Tuesday to continue campaigning for democracy in Syria.

Akhram Naisse, who leads the Committees for the Defense of Democratic Liberties and Human Rights in Syria, said Monday his sit-in was a success even though police quickly detained all the demonstrators.

"As activists, we were able to send a clear message to the Syrian street, and to international public opinion, that we are getting behind our demands and program," Naisse said. "We embarrassed the Syrian authorities which, unfortunately, showed they are unable and unwilling to meet our demands."

Political activity is severely restricted in Syria, a country that

has long been criticized for its human rights record, and protests without arrests are almost unknown.

President Bashar Assad has taken modest steps to loosen the totalitarian system created by his late father, Hafez Assad, but still brooks little dissent.

Police officers tore up the protesters' paper banner, which said "Freedom for Prisoners of Opinion and Conscience." Onlookers, were dispersed and Naisse and his colleagues were detained for about five hours. A U.S. diplomat and three journalists were also detained.

Naisse told AP, "I think the authorities realized it was foolish of them to arrest us, and would have been even more foolish to keep us under arrest. There would have been an extremely high political price to pay if they did."

Indonesia court reduces sentence of Muslim cleric

The Washington Post

JAKARTA, Indonesia - The Indonesian Supreme Court has reduced the jail sentence for Abubakar Baasyir, a Muslim cleric named by security officials as the leader of a Southeast Asian terrorist network, allowing him to go free by early next month, a court official said Tuesday.

The judges slashed in half the three-year prison sentence imposed by a lower court but did not provide an explanation for their ruling.

Baasyir was first detained in October 2002 after the bombing of two nightclubs on Bali, which killed 202 people, mostly foreign tourists. The attack was blamed by Indonesian investigators on Jemaah Islamiah, a radical-Muslim-underground

linked to al Qaeda, and several of its members have since admitted the group was involved.

But Baasyir, 65, the founder of a religious boarding school in central Java attended by some several leading militants, has repeatedly denied allegations by Indonesian and Western officials that he is the spiritual head of Jemaah Islamiah or that the group even exists.

When he was brought to trial before a Jakarta court last year, judges rejected the main accusation against him - that he was the emir, or commander, of the terrorist network - on the grounds that prosecutors had failed to prove their case.

Instead, Baasyir was convicted of a lesser treason charge for involvement with Jemaah Islamiah and on unrelated immigration and forgery offenses.

Russia's Putin streamlines Cabinet ahead of election

MOSCOW (AP) - President Vladimir Putin put the finishing touches Tuesday on a surprise pre-election Cabinet reshuffle, replacing his conservative foreign minister and keeping prominent economic liberals as well as most other key figures.

He also whittled down the bloated top layer of government by combining some ministries' portfolios and reducing the

number of deputy premiers to

The announcement completes a process that began two weeks ago when Putin dismissed Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov and his Cabinet. The timing was seen as an effort to underline Putin's firm hand ahead of Sunday's presidential ballot - and to inject some excitement into an election campaign dulled by expecta-

tions that he will win in a landslide.

The most significant Cabinet change announced Tuesday was replacing Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov with Sergey Lavrov, Moscow's longtime U.N. ambassador.

Ivanov, a holdover from Boris Yeltsin's presidency, had been criticized in some quarters for his comparatively hard-line

stance on the West and for offering excessive support to Saddam Hussein and other leaders who were considered international pariahs.

Lavrov's appointment "is a confirmation of the pro-Western attitudes of Putin and of his intention to continue this course," said analyst Andrei Korotnev of the Eurasia Foundation.

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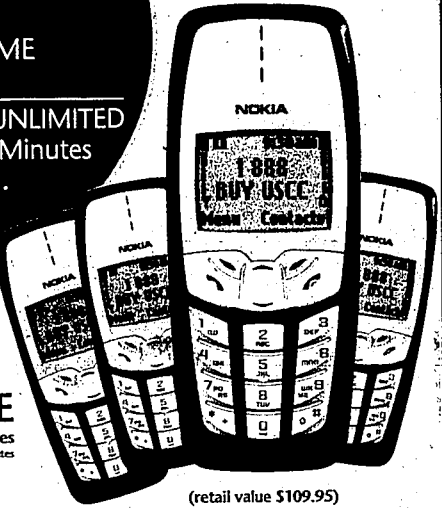
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Section C

St. Pat's Beef Pot Pie is a tasty – and simple – version of the savory meat pies so beloved in Irish cookery. Starting with tender, quick-cooking beef chuck top blade steak, frozen vegetables and refrigerated pie crust, this delicious pie can be on the table in under an hour.

If corned beef is your choice, try this lively rendition accented with pickling spice and simmered in dark beer. Apple-Onion Saute makes a colorful, contemporary side-dish option for the Spicy Corned Beef Brisket. (And don't forget to make those Reubens from the leftovers!)

Corned Beef Brisket Basics

A few simple tips can ensure that your corned beef brisket will be cooked to perfection – tender, moist and flavorful.

- Use the correct size roasting pan (without the rack). Place the brisket flat in the pan.

- Add seasoning and a small amount of liquid as suggested in the recipe.

- Cover the pan tightly with

aluminum foil.

- Cook in a preheated 350°F oven, without opening the oven or lifting the foil, for the minimum cooking time suggested in the recipe. At that time, check the beef. When the beef is done (fork-tender), a fork can be easily inserted in to the meat without resistance.

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Classic Reuben Sandwich



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St. Pat's Beef Pot Pie



Classic Reuben Sandwich

Layer thinly carved leftover corned beef brisket on a slice of marbled rye bread. Top with drained sauerkraut, a drizzle of Thousand Island dressing and sliced Swiss cheese. Top with second bread slice and grill in heated nonstick skillet over medium heat until golden brown on both sides and cheese is melted.

A taste of the Irish

No blarney! Everybody wants to be a little bit Irish on St. Patrick's Day, so celebrate with some Irish food favorites.

LONG-SIMMERING DEBATE: All-star lineup discusses braising

Chicago Tribune

“(Braising is) probably one of the earliest and certainly one of the most effective ways to tenderize tough cuts of meat, game or mature birds... We might define it as the art of making the tough not only tender but infinitely more desirable and tasty.”

— James Beard

“It has its own cooking pan, known as a braisiere in French... The ideal container for those without one is a heavy pan like a Dutch oven, with a tight-fitting cover.”

— Julia Child

In our ongoing commitment to dispensing culinary lore, the Chicago Tribune section today presents a seminar with great cooks discussing an important cooking technique.

Since some of our participants are dead and some alive, it seems fair to level the playing field by asking each of them to speak through a book they have written.

Therefore, please greet James Beard (“The Theory and Practice of Good Cooking”), Daniel Boulud (from “The New American Chef”), Julia Child (“The Way to Cook”), Madeleine Kamman (“The Making of a Cook”), James Peterson (“Essentials of Cooking”), Joel Robuchon (Larousse Gastronomique), and Irma S. Rombauer and Marion Rombauer Becker (“Joy of Cooking”). An unnamed journalist will moderate.

Moderator: “It seems so easy: ‘braising,’ according to the 2001 English translation of Larousse Gastronomique, the most respected French culinary encyclopedia, is ‘a moist-cooking method using a little liquid that barely simmers at a low temperature on the top of the stove or in the oven.’ Perhaps Mr. Beard would like to start?”

Beard: “(Braising is) probably one of the earliest and certainly one of the most effective ways to tenderize tough cuts of meat, game or mature birds... We might define it as the art of making the tough not only tender but infinitely more desirable and tasty.”

The Rombauers agree: “(All moist-heat methods) cook by simmering meat in varying amounts of liquid in a closed pot or casserole for relatively long periods. Braising, along with stewing and pot roasting, does benefit the less tender cuts.”

Child: “Whether it is called pot roast, braised beef, lamb stew or ragout of pork and whether it comes as a whole roast or in bite sizes, each is made in essentially the same way.”

First the meat is browned, then it is simmered

in a fragrant liquid.”

Moderator: “Is it true there is a special cooking vessel for braising?”

Child nods: “It has its own cooking pan, known as a braisiere in French... The ideal container for those without one is a heavy pan like a Dutch oven, with a tight-fitting cover.”

Kamman, a revered cooking teacher, adds: “The pot should be thick (copper, enameled cast-iron) and just big enough to contain the meats there should be no wide space between meat and lid.” (If the pan is too large for a tight fit, form aluminum foil into an inverted lid and place directly on the meat. Cover with the lid.)

Moderator: “What meats favored for braising?”

Kamman jumps in again: “Beef and lamb for braising need not be the tenderest cuts. Tougher pieces such as all cuts of chuck, round and shoulder are used with great success.”

Boulud, a certified trendsetter with three restaurants in Manhattan: “For braising, I think short ribs work better than the traditional chuck or bottom round.”

Moderator: “Meat may be the star attraction in a braise. But the supporting cast is very important, is it not?”

Everyone agrees, more or less, that vegetables, herbs and spices are needed to enliven and flavor a marinade, which, in turn, will flavor the meat. Vegetables cooked with the meat may be pureed to thicken the sauce or may be discarded. Sepa-

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Steps to perfect short ribs

1. Heat wine in a large pan over medium heat; boil until it is reduced in half.
2. Dredge the seasoned ribs in flour, then sear in batches in a Dutch oven until well browned. Remove to a large plate.
3. Brown the vegetables and herbs lightly, about 7 minutes, then return the ribs to the pot.
4. Pour the wine reduction over the ribs and vegetables. Cover the pot and move to the oven for braising, about 2 hours.
5. Remove the ribs to a platter; keep warm. Reduce the liquid, then strain, pressing down on the vegetables.

FOOD & HOME

It's hard to beat Southern sides

Southern Living
For this collection of Southern dishes, we've chosen some all-time favorites as well as a new recipe for the beloved cornmeal and cheese — this one coming from Louise Floyd of Potters Station, Ala.
Her version was a huge hit, receiving our highest rating. We loved Louise's easy method for

making the thickener for the cheese sauce. She simply shakes the ingredients in a quart jar.
You'll find more shortcuts in our other recipes: Turnip Greens Stew and Collard 'n Black-eyed Pea Stew use frozen and canned products, and the Buttermilk Dressing Colelaw uses packaged shredded cabbage.

Hot-water Cornbread

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Prep: 5 minutes Cook: 18 minutes
Prepare this cornbread at the last minute so you can serve it piping hot.
2 cups white cornmeal
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 cup half-and-half
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
3/4 cup to 1 1/2 cups boiling water
Vegetable oil
Softened butter
Combine cornmeal and next 3 ingredients in a bowl; stir in half-and-half and 1 tablespoon oil. Gradually add boiling water, stirring until batter is the consistency of grits.
Pour oil to a depth of 1/2 inch into a large heavy skillet; place over medium-high heat. Scoop batter into a 1/4-cup measure; drop into hot oil, and fry in batches 3 minutes on each side until golden. Drain well on paper towels.
Serve immediately with softened butter.

NOTE: Stone ground (coarsely ground) cornmeal requires more liquid.
COUNTRY HAM HOT-WATER CORNBREAD: Stir in 1 to 2 cups finely chopped country ham after adding boiling water.
BACON-CHEDDRAR HOT-WATER CORNBREAD: Stir in 8 slices cooked and crumbled bacon, 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese, and 4 minced green onions after adding boiling water.
SOUTHWESTERN HOT-WATER CORNBREAD: Stir in 1 seeded and minced jalapeno pepper, 1 cup Mexican cheese blend, 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn, thawed, and 25 cup minced fresh cilantro after adding boiling water.
BAKED HOT-WATER CORNBREAD: Omit skillet procedure. Pour 1/2 cup vegetable oil into a 15 x 10-inch jellyroll pan, spreading to edges. Drop batter as directed onto pan. Bake at 475 for 12 to 15 minutes. Turn cakes, and bake 5 more minutes or until golden brown.



This onion recipe especially compliment roasts.

Onion dish provides frosted flavor

This handsome onion dish is from Suzanne Tracht at far in Los Angeles.
It makes a memorable accompaniment to roasts of all kinds and isn't hard to do.
ROASTED ONIONS WITH ALMOND PESTO
Total time: 1 hour, 10 minutes
Note: The pesto may be made up to one day ahead. Place in a covered container, lightly coat with olive oil and refrigerate. To serve, bring pesto to room temperature and stir.
1/4 cup whole almonds, blanched

1 large clove garlic
1/4 teaspoon finely chopped lemon rind
1/4 cup Italian parsley leaves
3/4 cup basil leaves
Salt and pepper
1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan
12 to 16 small brown onions (2 to 1 1/2 inches in diameter)
1/4 cup fresh bread crumbs
1. Place the almonds on a nonstick baking sheet and roast 12 minutes, until golden. Cool.
2. Coarsely grind the almonds in a food processor. Add

the garlic, lemon rind, parsley, basil and a pinch each of salt and pepper. Process until the herbs are chopped fine and the mixture is well blended. Add one-half cup olive oil and the Parmesan. Process until smooth. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl, toss the onions with 1 tablespoon olive oil and a pinch of salt and pepper. Place in a shallow roasting pan. Roast in a 350-degree oven, turning after about 15 minutes. Roast for 30 to 40 minutes total, until semi-soft.
4. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a small saute pan and add

the bread crumbs. Cook over low heat until lightly browned, about 8 minutes.
5. When the onions are done, remove them from the oven and slice them in half (do not peel). Place on a serving platter and spoon 1 to 1/2 teaspoons of pesto onto each half. Sprinkle with the toasted bread crumbs. Serve at room temperature. Serves 6 to 8.
Each of 8 servings: 203 calories; 3 grams protein; 13 grams carbohydrates; 3 grams fiber; 16 grams fat; 3 grams saturated fat; 2 milligrams cholesterol; 52 milligrams sodium.

Turnip Greens Stew

Makes 6 to 8 servings
Prep: 5 minutes Cook: 30 minutes
2 cups chopped cooked ham
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
3 cups chicken broth
2 (16-ounce) packages frozen chopped turnip greens
1 (10-ounce) package frozen diced onion, red and green bell peppers, and celery
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon seasoned pepper
Sauté ham in hot oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat 5 minutes or until lightly browned. Add broth and remaining ingredients; bring to a boil.
Cover, reduce heat to low,

and simmer, stirring occasionally, 25 minutes.
COLLARD 'N BLACK-EYED PEA STEW: Substitute 1 (16-ounce) package frozen chopped collard greens for turnip greens. Prepare as directed, and cook for 15 minutes. Add 1 (16-ounce) can black-eyed peas, drained, and cook 10 more minutes.
NOTE: For testing purposes only, we used McCormick's Seasoning Blend for frozen diced onion, red and green bell peppers, and celery. You may substitute 1 chopped onion, 1 chopped red bell pepper, 1 chopped green bell pepper, and 1 chopped celery rib.

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ST. PAT'S BEEF POT PIE
Total preparation and cooking time: 35 minutes
1-1/2 pounds boneless beef chuck-top blade steak or 1-1/2 pounds boneless beef top sirloin steak, cut 1 inch thick
1 package (8 ounces) cremini mushrooms, sliced
1-1/2 cups frozen crinkle cut carrots
1-1/2 cups frozen peas
2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme, divided
1 teaspoon minced garlic, divided
Salt and pepper
3 tablespoons cornstarch
1 can (13-3/4 to 14-1/4 ounces) ready-to-serve beef broth
1 refrigerated pie crust (1/2 of a 15-ounce package)
1. Heat oven to 425°F. Cut beef steak lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick strips. Spray large nonstick skillet with nonsstick cooking spray. Heat over medium-high heat until hot. Add mushrooms; cook and stir 3 minutes. Add carrots, peas, 1 teaspoon thyme and 1/2 teaspoon garlic; cook and stir an additional 3 to 4

minutes or until carrots and peas are defrosted. Remove from skillet; set aside.
2. In same skillet, add 1/2 of beef; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until outside surface of beef is no longer pink. Season with salt and pepper, as desired. Remove from skillet with slotted spoon; set aside. Repeat with remaining beef.
3. Dissolve cornstarch into beef broth; add to skillet. Bring to a boil; cook and stir about 1 minute or until sauce is slightly thickened and any browned bits on bottom of skillet are dissolved. Return vegetables and beef to skillet; stir to combine.
4. Place beef mixture in 2-inch-deep pie plate or similar sized round baking dish. Unfold pie crust on flat surface, pressing out folds with fingers. Place crust over beef mixture allowing edges to flap with fingers. Sprinkle remaining 1 teaspoon thyme and 1/2 teaspoon garlic evenly onto top of pie crust. Place pie plate on 15-1/2 x 10-1/2 x 1-inch jelly-roll pan. Bake in 425°F oven 16 to 18 minutes or until crust is golden. Remove from oven to wire rack; let cool 5 to 10 minutes before serving.

Makes 6 servings.
Cook's Tip: For a richer-flavored sauce, remove skillet from stovetop and add 1/4 cup Irish whiskey to skillet. Return skillet to heat; add the beef broth mixture. Cook and stir about 1 to 2 minutes or until any browned bits on bottom of skillet are dissolved.
SPICY CORNED BEEF BRISKET WITH APPLE-ONION SAUTE
Total preparation and cooking time: 2-3/4 to 3-3/4 hours
2 cups chopped brisket
5 cloves garlic, peeled
1-1/2 teaspoons pickling spice
1 bottle (12 ounces) dark beer
Apple-Onion Saute (recipe follows)
1. Heat oven to 350°F. Place corned beef brisket in large roasting pan.
Add onions and garlic to pan. Sprinkle brisket with pickling spice. Pour in beer. Cover pan tightly with aluminum foil. Cook in 350°F oven 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 hours or until beef is fork-tender.
2. Remove brisket from pan;

trim fat. Carve diagonally across the grain.
Serve with Apple-Onion Saute.
Makes 6 to 8 servings.
APPLE-ONION SAUTE
Total preparation and cooking time: 25 minutes
3 tablespoons butter, divided
2 medium onions, cut into thin slices
1 large Granny Smith apple, cored and sliced
1/4 inch thick
1 large Jonathan apple, cored and sliced
1/4 inch thick
1/2 tablespoon packed brown sugar
1. Melt 2 tablespoons butter in large nonstick skillet over medium heat.
Add onions; cook and stir 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Add apples, remaining 1 tablespoon butter and brown sugar to onions; cook and stir an additional 5 to 8 minutes or until apples are crisp-tender. Makes 4 cups.
For additional beef recipes and cooking information, check out the new Beef's Wines For Dinner.com Web site.

Golden Macaroni and Cheese

Makes 8 servings
Prep: 10 minutes Cook: 15 minutes
For a divine main dish, stir in chopped cooked ham before baking, and then sprinkle top with chopped cooked bacon before serving.
1 (8-ounce) package elbow macaroni (about 2 cups uncooked macaroni)
2 cups milk
1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon onion salt
2 (10-ounce) blocks sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded (about 4 1/2 cups) and divided (see note)
1 cup soft breadcrumb (4 slices, crusts removed)
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
Cook macaroni according to package directions; drain well. Set aside.

Place milk, flour, and onion salt in a quart jar; cover tightly, and shake vigorously 1 minute.
Stir together the mixture, 3.5 cups cheese, and macaroni.
Four macaroni mixture into a lightly greased 13 x 9-inch baking dish or 2 (11-inch) oval baking dishes. Sprinkle evenly with breadcrumb mixture. Drizzle evenly with melted butter.
Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until golden brown.
—Louise Floyd, Potters Station, Ala.
NOTE: 20 ounces loaf pasteurized, prepared cheese product, shredded or cut into small cubes, may be substituted. Omit breadcrumbs if using prepared cheese product.
For testing purposes only, we used Kraft Cracker Barrel Sharp Cheddar Cheese.
1/8 teaspoon pepper
2 (10-ounce) packages finely shredded (angel hair) cabbage
1 carrot, shredded
Whisk together first 8 ingredients in a large bowl until blended. Add cabbage and carrot to bowl, and toss to coat. Cover and chill at least 2 hours.
—Dylan Penzack, Birmingham, Ala.

Buttermilk Dressing Colelaw

Makes 8 to 10 servings
Prep: 15 minutes, Chill: 2 hours
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup buttermilk
2 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 1/2 tablespoons white vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt

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The Associated Press
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Ginger Citrus Vinaigrette

Yield: About 2 cups.
 1 tablespoon wasabi powder
 1 cup light soy sauce
 1 tablespoon minced pickled ginger
 1/4 cup orange juice
 1/4 cup lemon juice
 1/4 cup lime juice
 1 tablespoon minced shallot
 1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro
 In a large bowl, whisk together wasabi powder and 2 tablespoons water to make a

paste. Add soy sauce, pickled ginger, ginger juice, vinegar, orange juice, lemon juice, lime juice, shallot and cilantro. Whisk until well mixed. Cover refrigerator at least one day for flavors to blend. (Dressing may be refrigerated in a covered container for up to 2 weeks.)
 Per serving: 24 calories; no fat; no cholesterol; 1.5g protein; 4.5g carbohydrate; 3g sugar; no fiber; 549mg sodium; 9mg calcium; 23mg potassium.

- Recipe from chef Jimmy Voss, Duff's

Chargrilled fish with butter sauce

Yield: 4 to 6 servings.
 1/2 cup white wine
 2 tablespoons rice vinegar
 2 tablespoons lime juice or more to taste
 2 tablespoons light soy sauce
 2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger
 2 teaspoons minced fresh garlic
 1/2 cup (60-percent) heavy cream
 2 cups (4 sticks) cold butter, cut into small cubes
 About 2 pounds salmon, tuna, swordfish, halibut, mahi mahi or sea bass
 About 1 tablespoon olive oil
 Salt
 Ground pepper

Combine wine, vinegar, lime juice, soy sauce, ginger and garlic in a small stainless steel saucepan. Bring to a simmer. Cook until reduced by half, about 20 minutes. Add cream; simmer until liquid is reduced by half, about 15 to 20 minutes. Turn heat to low; slowly whisk in butter. If desired, stir in a bit more lime juice. To keep sauce warm while you prepare the fish, transfer to the top of a dou-

ble-boiler over barely simmering water or to a thermal carafe that has been warmed with hot water.
 Prepare a medium-hot charcoal fire or preheat a gas grill or broiler. Pat fish dry; brush with olive oil and season with salt and pepper to taste. Grill about 4 inches from the heat or broil 2 to 3 inches from the heat until done, about 10 minutes per inch of thickness.

If desired, strain sauce through a fine mesh strainer; taste for seasonings (see note).
 Per serving: 870 calories; 76g fat (79 percent calories from fat); 44g saturated fat; 255mg cholesterol; 42g protein; 3g carbohydrate; 1g sugar; no fiber; 323mg sodium; 124mg calcium; 942mg potassium.
 Note: If desired, add any of these seasonings to taste to the completed sauce: soy sauce, kosher salt, honey, tongsai oil (Vietnamese chili-paste), a drizzle of pickled ginger adds a sparkle of sweet and sour ginger flavor.
 - Recipe from chef Jimmy Voss, Duff's

The use of this pungently, sweet root goes back centuries

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Ginger is the root of many good things. No matter how you slice it, we can't get enough of ginger's fresh, sweet, peppery, pungent flavor and aroma. Ancient Greek, Roman, Indian, Persian, and Chinese cultures had a fondness for the tropical tuber's culinary and medicinal properties. Ginger was a hit in medieval Europe, too.

Although ginger is technically a rhizome rather than a root (which means it is a tuber that grows horizontally under the ground), its name comes from the Sanskrit word for "horned root." Along with its qualities as a seasoning and meat tenderizer, ginger has been lauded as an anti-nausea and cold remedy, digestion aid and aphrodisiac.

Ginger comes in many forms and can be found in everything from drinks to dessert. Chef Jimmy Voss of Duff's restaurant in St. Louis, Mo., prefers working with ginger in its fresh or pickled forms. Voss, who sometimes travels with and cooks for the rock group the Dead (as he did with its predecessor, the Grateful Dead), learned about some of ginger's curative properties

from a surprising source. "The last time I was called to cook on the road, Stevie Nicks was opening for the Dead. He came in and wanted some ginger water," Voss said. "I sliced some ginger, and simmered it in a pot, like tea. It cleared up his voice before a show."

Don Grace, executive soup chef for Westwood Country Club, also enjoys cooking with ginger. "We saute fresh ginger, add it to a simple syrup and reduce it for a dessert sauce or fold it into a custard," he said. "We also make a fresh ginger-soy sauce reduction for salmon. Sometimes I use pickled ginger and the juice from pickled ginger in Asian soups, with lemon grass, for example. As for crystallized ginger, we don't use it much, except maybe on the edge of dessert glasses."

Ginger has always been popular in Asian cooking. "A lot of people really like it, and we use it here in ginger beef and lobster," said Rosana Chan, the kitchen and dining room manager at Lee's, a University City restaurant specializing in Cantonese cuisine. "You can really tell when fresh ginger is in something - it has a very distinct smell and taste."

Author explores link between food, emotions

By Liz Atwood The Baltimore Sun

The premise behind the "Food & Mood Cookbook" (Owl, 2004, \$18) is that we are what we eat.

The author, dietitian Elizabeth Somer, explored the impact food has on our emotions in her book "Food & Mood," published in 1995. This is the follow-up book, with recipes designed to satisfy food cravings and provide nourishing meals.

"The problem for many of us is that we're eating the wrong foods."

"Most Americans are eating the nutritional equivalent of sawdust, grabbing highly processed foods, skipping meals and eating way too much fat and sugar," she says. Change the way you eat and, "You will be amazed at your energy level, how much quicker you think and how much more you remember, how good you feel, how well you sleep and how little you are controlled by your food cravings and insatiable appetites."

In the "Food & Mood Cookbook," Somer teams up with Jeanette Williams, a registered

nurse, to provide more than 200 recipes aimed at both the experienced and novice cook. The dishes are labeled "comfort foods," "quick fixes," "adventurous foods" and "special occasions."

The recipes rely on low-fat ingredients and aren't above shortcuts, such as the lemon bundt cake with raspberry filling that used a boxed cake mix.

Interspersed among the recipes is nutritional advice on portion sizes, administration of eating breakfast and "mood tips" on the latest nutritional research ("Ounce for ounce, red peppers have four times the vitamin C of oranges, plus a hefty dose of beta carotene to protect your brain against damage from free radicals.")

Along with typical cookbook chapter titles, there are not-so-typical subheads that demonstrate the thrust of this book, such as the chapter titled "Vegetables: Anti-aging Mind Boosters."

One of my favorite dishes, Sunshine Rice With Basil and Parmesan, was included in the chapter "Pasta, Rice and Potato Dishes: Carbs for PMS, SAD and Depression."

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Associated Press

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Hyacinth's Jamaican Ginger Beer

Yield: 4 or 5 servings. 4 ounces fresh ginger, peeled
 6 cups tap water or plain bottled water
 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
 6 tablespoons fresh lemon juice or lime juice
 1 cup orange juice
 2 cups granulated sugar
 Combine all ingredients in a food processor or blender. Process on high speed for 1 to 2 minutes, until sugar dissolves.

Transfer to a bowl or pitcher; cover and refrigerate overnight. Strain out any solids. Bottle and refrigerate. Ginger beer will keep well up to 2 weeks.
 Per serving: 373 calories; no fat; no cholesterol; 1g protein; 92g carbohydrate; 63g sugar; 0.5g fiber; 15mg sodium; 17.5mg calcium; 812mg potassium.
 - Recipe from chef Jimmy Voss, Duff's

Chrystallized Ginger Cheesecake

Yield: 12 servings.
For crust:
 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
 6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter, melted
For filling:
 3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
 4 large eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1/2 cup chopped crystallized ginger
For topping:
 16 ounces sour cream
 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 To prepare crust: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Stir together crumbs, ground ginger and butter. Pat into the bottom of a 9-inch springform pan. Surround the pan with foil (to catch any drips in the oven).
 To prepare filling: Beat cream cheese with an electric mixer until fluffy. Beat in eggs, 1 at a time. On medium-low speed, beat in vanilla, then sugar, then crystallized ginger, then fresh ginger. Incorporate each ingre-

redient and scrape down the bowl before adding the next.
 Pour the filling into the springform pan, making sure the crystallized ginger is evenly distributed. Bake on the middle oven rack for 40 to 45 minutes, until the filling is set around the edges, but the center is still slightly wobbly when the pan is gently shaken. Let cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes. Leave the oven on.
 To prepare topping: Stir together sour cream, sugar and vanilla. Drop spoonfuls of topping around the edge of the cake; spread gently over the entire cake, smoothing evenly. Return to the oven; bake for 10 minutes. Let cool completely on a wire rack, then run a thin spatula or flexible knife between the sides of the cake and the pan. Chill until cold, then remove the sides of the pan and serve.
 Per serving: 467 calories; 35g fat (67 percent calories from fat); 22.5g saturated fat; 161mg cholesterol; 8g protein; 30g carbohydrate; 17g sugar; 0.5g fiber; 290mg sodium; 101mg calcium; 169mg potassium.
 - Recipe adapted from melissas.com.

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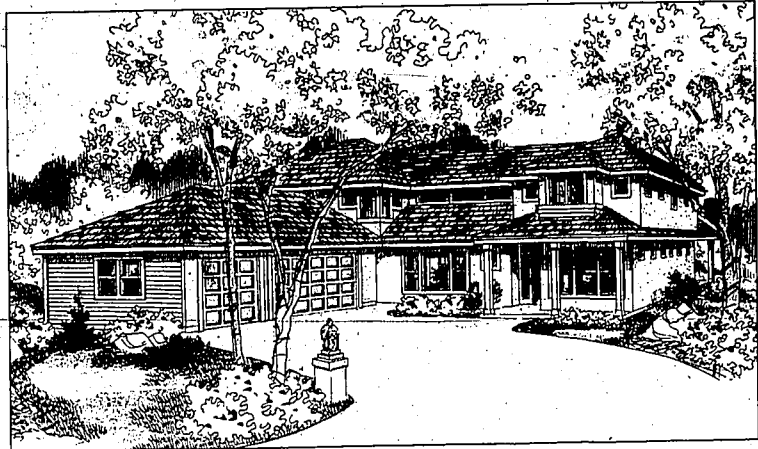
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Casselman leaves room for growth

With a grand total of five bedrooms and five bathrooms, the Casselman is a large family's dream. And every bedroom boasts a roomy walk-in closet to boot. Gathering spaces, too, are expansive enough to accommodate the entire crew, and the three-car garage offers plenty of storage.

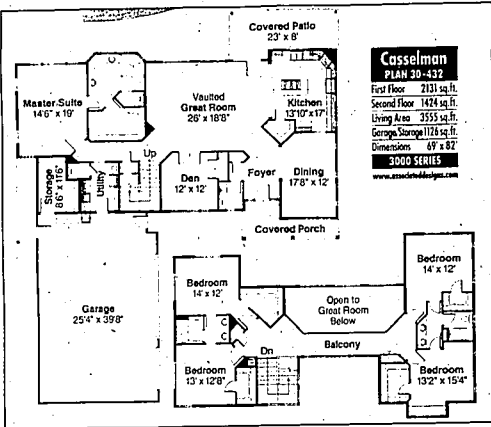
In this updated Prairie-style home, a characteristic low-pitched, hipped roof overhangs row of sparkling clerestory windows on two sides. Abundant natural light washes down through those high rows of glass to naturally illuminate the vaulted, two-story great room.

In the kitchen, an extended conversation bar rims a sizable work island outfitted with a six-burner cook top. Counters and storage spaces line three sides and include a walk-in pantry.

Standing at the kitchen sink, you can gaze over the covered patio. If designed, this area could be screened for bug-free outdoor dining. The roomy dining area is windward on two sides and can easily accommodate a long table. Down the hall is a den.

The Casselman's master suite is at the end of the hall. Its huge walk-in closets and luxurious bathroom do double duty, buffering sounds from the great room.

Upstairs, a flat-ceilinged, open balcony overlooks the vaulted great room, while linking two sets of bedrooms. Each set shares a handy two-section bathroom. Conceivably, two people could be brushing their teeth while a third sees the toilet or bath in complete privacy. Bedroom three has a cozy window seat with built-in storage.



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Give your hot tub a fashion make-over

The Orlando Sentinel

Talk about multitasking. You can watch the latest installment of "Survivor," surf the Internet and listen to the new Alicia Keys CD, all while massaging away those muscle aches from your morning workout.

Manufacturers are creating hot tubs for families living in today's fast-paced, technologically savvy world. These spas are more versatile and multifunctional than ever before. They can be a place to unwind, to socialize with neighbors or to catch up on business e-mail.

Goodbye, cocktail-party hot tub of the 1960s and '70s. Hello, family hot tub of the future.

The Galaxy model by Cal Spas of Pomona, Calif., is chock-full of amenities: a DVD player, a CD/stereo system with surround sound, 49 jets, four waterfalls, fiber-optic lighting and a 42-inch pop-up plasma TV. The six-seater model also boasts an intimate nook that can be configured with 14 dedicated jets for hydrotherapy to the neck, back and lower body.

The company's Newporter model includes similar entertainment options along with a dining area spacious enough for you and seven of your closest friends.

You'll find many of the same features on the Ultimate Extreme model by Coast Spas of Langley, British Columbia, with 60 therapy jets, a waterproof mouse and keyboard and, listen up, guys — a floating remote control.

It's like squeezing all the ingredients of a family room into a hot tub.

These amenity-filled spas are like today's luxury vehicles, and they have the price tag to match. For such luxury models, you can expect prices to start somewhere in the neighborhood of \$18,500. The Galaxy retails for about \$35,000.

Relax. You don't have to be a "Survivor" winner to afford a hot tub. Most companies produce them in a wide price range.

Budget is certainly a consideration, says Dave Allen, general manager at Erickson Custom Pools and Spas in Clermont, Fla., "but I think just about anyone can own one."

If you're considering buying a hot tub, here's a primer.

Basically, buyers choose from two types of spas or hot tubs: a self-contained spa that has its working systems contained within the unit and that generally can be moved, and a hard-wired, permanently installed in the ground, with working systems located elsewhere.

Portable, self-contained spas don't require external plumbing, excavation or electrical work, and they plug into a standard 110-volt household wall socket — all benefits to owners. Also, they can be transported if you move. Portable spas generally are less expensive and have fewer restrictions on their placement than permanent spas, Allen says.

The lowest-priced spa is a portable model that can be placed just about anywhere and requires no installation, he says.

Whatever statement you want to make with your spa — private sanctuary, party central, family time — there are plenty of features to help.

"I can take any design, any feature that's on a pool and put it on a spa," says Joyce Bowles, owner of Backyard Aquatics in Mount Dora, Fla. "All I do is scale it down. There's nothing you can't put a spa on."

Put a bridge over it, she says. Add a waterfall. Surround it with a grove.

The possibilities are endless.

Fluorescent lights do more than save money

DEAR JIM: I went to my home center store to get compact fluorescent bulbs because they save money and may help my children read and study better. How can I determine which are most economical and best for the kids?

DEAR PAT: Many people know compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) save money, but are not aware of the other benefits of high-quality special CFLs. You will probably buy different quality CFLs for various locations in your house. There are many shapes to fit any lamp or lighting fixture.

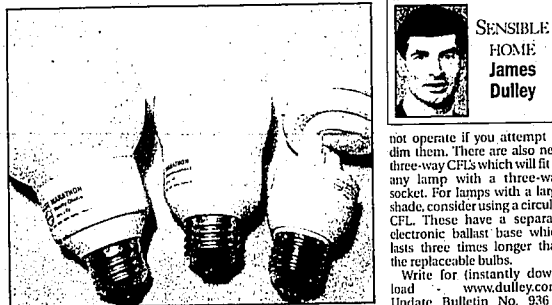
I have used standard CFLs for years to save electricity, but I recently tested some of the new high-visual-auction CFLs in my own home. I normally wear reading glasses, but I can often read under these new lights without my glasses. All CFLs use about 75 percent less electricity than standard bulbs. CFLs also last 10 to 12 times longer than incandescent bulbs. With many standard CFLs priced as low as \$7 today, the lower bulb replacement cost is an additional savings. Over the life of a CFL, the total savings can be \$55 for each lamp.

The least expensive CFLs are energy-efficient and acceptable lighting for hallways, closets and general lighting. These will have a CRI (color rendition index) of about 60 to 70. The CRI rating indicates how true colors look under the light. The next level of CFLs have a CRI of about 85. This is what you will generally find at home center stores. The special CFLs that make it easier to read without glare and to work with fine detail are often called "full-spectrum" because they simulate the sun. Check for this on the packaging. Their CRI is in the 93 to 96 range.

These full-spectrum bulbs produce a higher ratio of scotopic light to photopic light, similar to the sun. Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory has researched the effects of scotopic light on vision. This causes the pupil to close down which reduces glare, increases the focusing depth of field and reduces eye strain for easier reading.

When selecting your CFLs at the home center store, look for ones with integral electronic ballasts built into the base. The ballast controls the amount of electric current that flows through the bulb. Electronic ballasts reduce annoying flicker and any buzzing sounds. If you have the lamp or light fixture on a dimmer switch, make sure to purchase dimmable CFLs. Standard CFLs will not operate if you attempt to dim them. There are also new three-way CFLs which will fit in any lamp with a three-way socket. For lamps with a large shade, consider using a circular CFL. These have a separate electronic ballast base which lasts three times longer than the replaceable bulbs.

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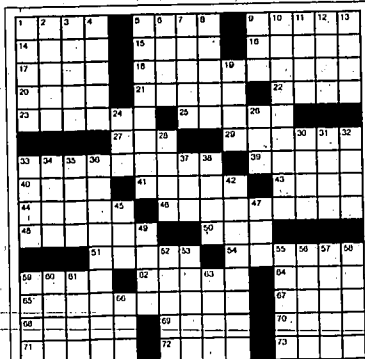
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A dream turns into a nightmare

DEAR ABBY: I have heard many men fantasize about hooking up with a nymphomaniac. Speaking as someone with 20/20 hindsight, I advise any man who meets one to run!



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

I was married to a woman with that problem, and at first I did think I was in heaven. I didn't learn about the downside until much later.

Every day after I left for work, another man spent the day with my wife. And when I went into the military, she disappeared. I later learned that she was frequenting bars, having encounters with anyone and everyone who would, and contracting multiple STDs in the process. At this time I was very angry at her. I now realize she was driven by an addiction over which she had no control.

- OLDER AND WISER

was little. I have invited kids over so she'd have someone to play with. Most of their parents promise they'll have Kim over at their house "soon," but soon never seems to come.

Kim is nice to her classmates and well-behaved in school. Her friends' parents always tell me what a great time their kids have at our house.

Kim never says anything about not being invited to the homes of other children, but I'm starting to feel like a free babysitting service.

of at that time, and your supervising the children would really help me out."

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old high school freshman. English is my second language. I was in ESL during junior high school. I not only learned enough English to go into mainstream, but I also have college-prep classes in which I am quite good.

My history teacher told me about a program called "Upward Bound" that holds classes on Saturdays and is very promising. I didn't think my English was good enough, but I applied and was accepted. Now I am afraid to go—I'm worried that people will judge me because of my Colombian accent.

- WORRIED ABOUT COLOMBIAN ACCENT

DEAR OLDER AND WISER: As your letter proves, sometimes there CAN be too much of a good thing. What's the old saying, "Moderation in all things"? It's true.

What should I do the next time a parent says, "Let's get the kids to play together over vacation or the weekend?"

- EVERYONE'S BABY SITTER

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Kim," is in grade school. She's an only child, and ever since she

DEAR BABY SITTER: Say this: "That's a wonderful idea. Can we do it at your house? I care some things I have to take care

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Q: What was the first European language spoken on the shores of North America?

A: Old Norse. It's still spoken with slight modifications in Iceland.

Q: Where did ladybugs come from?

A: Australia. At least, that's where they came here from.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

Take some time, Gemini, to make that decision

IF MARCH 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you have a burning ambition to be a success and feel pressure to perform at your best 24 hours a day. All this drive, hard work and motivation will help you forge lasting relationships, and you may find yourself looked up to by others. You will need to learn to be less harsh and kinder toward those who don't have your stamina.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): You are building something important with your current determination at work and should keep plugging away until everything is completed.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Diplomacy and tact will help you make headway today against difficult trends. Old and trusted friends are likely to be on your mind and can be helpful for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put off big decisions until late today or tomorrow. However, there is some nasty planetary weather ahead for personal relationships, so delay agreements and contracts until next week if at all possible.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Exclude calmness and caution over the next several days. You will win more points by being diplomatic than by expressing opinions. It is not a good time to begin new projects.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This is a poor week to make decisions about your love life, and you may be tempted to burn bridges. If you must confront an issue with someone close, do it late this evening, but leave a door open for a more positive final decision next week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Rocky relationships may not survive the next few days if you allow possessiveness to overcome your good sense. You may feel you need to stand up for your rights, but this isn't the time to call for a showdown.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It is a good time to be sensible about your money. Old, reliable friends can be valuable in helping you through the day.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): An urge to spend too much money on your hobbies could cause you some difficulty if you behave obsessively. Postpone a final decision about major ex-

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Jeraline Saunders

penditures until next week, and discuss your situation with long-term buddies.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Taking a firm stance on anything of importance and refusing to compromise may backfire. It's best to delay final verdicts on any situation that crops up over the next few days.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Maintaining a down-to-earth, practical and a discreet manner can ensure that existing relationships run smoothly. You should not act on hidden knowledge that you gather over the next few days.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Tried and true methods will help you with career, and you may even see a way to embellish traditional routines. Don't allow friends to advise you about financial matters.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Try to avoid a showdown with those most important to your career and public standing. What's most important to you could be at odds with the ambitions of others.

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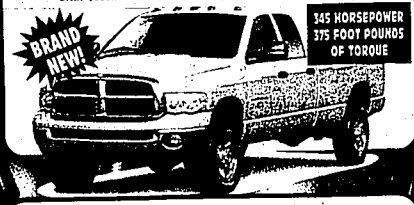
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“I think there was a parade with maybe one car and one tractor and a quarter barrel on the other end.”

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— first-year coach Dick Bennett Tuesday on Washington State earning its first trip to the Pacific-10 Conference basketball tournament since 1990

IN BRIEF

Raqueteers begins triathlon signups

BURLEY — Raqueteers Fitness Center is now accepting registrations for its summer triathlon series. Anyone interested is encouraged to come in to Raqueteers to register for one, or all three of the summer events. Registration is \$25 per member, \$35 for non-members, or \$10 per race. The event, a quarter-mile swim, 6-mile bike, and 1.5-mile run will be held April 24, starting at 7 a.m. For more information, drop by Raqueteers or call 678-5011.

Trout continue for Magic Valley Bulldogs

RUPERT — The Magic Valley footballs semi-professional football team will be holding tryouts at Minico High School starting at 3 p.m. this Saturday. The Bulldogs are part of the Rocky Mountain Football League and were the Southern Division Champions last year with a record of 6-3.

The Bulldogs are looking for talented athletes at all positions. No pads will be necessary for the tryout. Their first game is Saturday, April 17 versus the Madison Lions at Minico High School. For further information, please call Dennis Hakes at 300-0186.

Declo continues youth baseball registration

DECLO — The Declo Recreation Association is currently accepting registration for its youth tee-ball, baseball, and softball programs. Registration will run through March 19 and forms are available at Declo Elementary and Junior High schools. The registration fee is \$10 per player.

The program is for girls and boys, grades K-6 and children who will be in kindergarten next year. Kindergartners and pre-kindergartners will play tee-ball, girls grades 1-6 softball, and boys grades 1-6 baseball. Practice begins the week of April 19 with games running from April 25 to May 29. For further information, please call 654-6893.

KYA holding spring sports registration

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Youth Association will hold registration for tee ball ages 5-7, pee wee league age 8, girls softball ages 9-12 and boys baseball ages 9-12 at the Kimberly High School commons room, Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. League fees vary.

Call Jamie in the evenings at 423-6173. There will be a \$10 late fee for anyone registered after March 30. Coaches are needed and can sign up then.

Burley baseball registration starts

BURLEY — The Burley Amateur Baseball Association will hold registration for children ages five to 17 at Mountain View Elementary School starting today from 6-8 p.m. Registration will continue on Saturday, March 13 from 9-12 a.m. and Thursday, March 16 from 6-8 p.m. Sponsors and coaches are also needed. For more information, please call Mike Alcocer at 677-2454 or Kathy Miller at 878-7973.

Compiled from staff reports

ALL-CONFERENCE SQUADS

SCIC announces picks for boys and girls basketball teams

The Times-News

FILER — The coaches of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference announced their choices for the all-conference boys and girls basketball teams on Tuesday.

The 10-player boys all-conference team includes Filer's Cody Ehrmantrout and Dan Ramsey; Buhl's Will Chivers, Wood River's Jason Hoffman and Brady Fumling; Declo's Spencer Stoker and Bret Wardle; and Kimberly's Rick Zedrow, Darin Musser and JJ Shawver.

Those earning honorable mention were Bjorn Christensen of Declo, Jeremy Selcho of Wood River and Angel Aguilar of Gooding.

The girls all-conference team had 12 members. They are Wood-River's Emily Smith, Natalie Green and Jessica King; Kimberly's Whitney Funk; Buhl's Dani Kippes and Jessica Gooding's Brittanee Toone and Ashly Abramowski. Declo twins Melissa and Meghan Webb and Filer's Jennica Mecham and Lindsay Heimkes. Honorable mention went to Gooding's Katie Rice and Filer's Meagan Webb and Britney Frigione.

NORTH-SOUTH ALL-STAR GAMES

North sweeps South

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — The Magic Valley's northern teams will stop at nothing to dominate their southern counterparts. With a 90-68 boys victory and a 66-34 girls win in Tuesday night's IA-2A North-South All-star games in Shoshone, the Northern basketball teams proved once again that they are the best.

Led by Wendell's Kael Pope, the North squad jumped out to an early 26-9 lead and never looked back, scoring 20-plus points in every quarter. Pope finished with 16 points to lead the North squad. Valley's Michael Grant was inserted in an otherwise ill-Trojan lineup and finished with 15 points and even more respect for his long-time rivals.

"They're so fast," Grant said. "Playing with those four Wendell guys was just so quick. The pace was a lot faster than the regular season."

While Wendell's Cody Howerton went scoreless, Tyrel Davis finished with 12 and Jysen Lancaster dropped five points.

"It was a lot of fun," Lancaster said. "Playing with my teammates and playing with Michael Grant was good. It was the first time any of us have been on the same team as him."

Raft River's Alex Nelson made a big impression with his flashy ball-handling and 19-point performance to lead all scorers. Hansen post Steve McArthur added 11 to pace the South team.

"The Nelson kid was a lot of fun to play with," Castledorf standout Robert Comer said. "But all these kids are good ballers. I liked playing against Michael Grant and talking to him since we're friends too."

Unfamiliar teammates and foes made the game a bit sloppy, but always interesting. The flash of Comer, Nelson, and Davis was offset in large by Dietrich's Vance Dill. The fundamentally sound forward finished with 13 points for the North squad.

"We're all different players, that's what makes it fun," Comer said. "Dill's a good player."

And for South coach Kevin Cato of Hagerman and North coach Bernard Mussman of Filer, the game was a chance to kick back and enjoy all the talent at their disposal.

"I was impressed by the way we passed the ball," Mussman said. "The kids did a good job all the way through and it was fun for everyone."

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Carey's Ty Simmons shoots over Hagerman's Brian Brown and Raft River's Zach Nye during Tuesday night's IA-2A All-star game in Shoshone. Simmons finished with 22 to help the North All-stars to a 90-68 victory.

Canyon Conference announces all-stars

The Times-News

HAZELTON — The Canyon Conference coaches announced this year's boys and girls basketball all-star teams Tuesday.

The Valley girls had four players named while all five Wendell boys team starters were tabbed.

The girls team includes Valley's Mindy Malone, senior, guard; Jessica Kowitz, senior, forward; and Sara Prangtzer, senior, guard. The Glenns Ferry honorees were Jessica Simons, senior, center; Jamie Hurst, junior, forward; Victor Barroso, junior, guard. The Wendell players were Madison Campbell, senior, center; Jaynie Goodbody, junior, guard and Hailee Kelsey, sophomore, guard.

The boys team features Wendell's Kael Pope, senior, post; Jysen Lancaster, senior, guard; Tyrel Davis, senior, guard; Cody Howerton, senior, guard and Zac Davis, sophomore, guard.

The Valley honorees were Michael Grant, senior, guard; Donny Kiehn, senior, guard and Jason Heath, senior, post. Senior post Chancie Titus and senior guard Scott Artlano were honored for Glenns Ferry.

The players who earned honorable mention were Valley's Joe Miller and Chad Anderson and Glenns Ferry's Jeff Hernandez and Scott Black. No girls received honorable mention.



Carolina Hurricanes captain Ron Francis was traded Tuesday, to the Toronto Maple Leafs. Francis, 41, is in his 23rd season in the NHL and ranks fourth in career points and second in assists.

Francis goes north to shoot for the cup

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Once Ron Francis agreed to leave the Carolina Hurricanes, the Toronto Maple Leafs were more than willing to snag the likely future Hall of Famer.

Francis, the fourth-leading scorer in NHL history, vacated his no-trade clause just hours before the league's dealing deadline and was shipped to Toronto in search of his third Stanley Cup.

Unlike New York Rangers captain Mark Messier, who wanted to stay with an abso-run team, Francis decided to shoot for the Cup.

"Certainly, they've got a good team and hopefully I can find a little niche to sort of help them out," Francis said. The Maple Leafs, five points behind East-leading Tampa Bay, but without a title since 1967.

"I certainly know a lot about that organization and I'm looking forward to trying to help two championships in Pittsburgh and spent 16 seasons with the Carolina franchise."

It was the headline move on a whirlwind day of trading. A year after records were set when 46 players switched teams in 24 deadline-day deals, another frenzy ensued. No records were broken, but 20 deals were completed involving 32 players.

Of the 30 teams, 24 made at least one trade.

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Afghan women return to sports

Some look to compete in Olympics

By Matthew Pennington
Associated Press writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — At Afghanistan's national stadium, girls in black outfits line the concrete running track, practicing kung fu kicks. Nearby, others play basketball in jeans and headscarves.

After suffering through war and Taliban repression, young Afghan women and girls are returning to sports. This summer, at least one novice athlete will realize a dream that would have been scoffed at just four years ago: competing at the Olympics.

Robina-Muqimyar, a 17-year-old high school student who runs the 100 meters, won't win a medal, her best time is more than 3 seconds off the world record.

But merely crouching in the starting blocks during the Aug. 13-29 Olympics will be a triumph for a nation nursing the wounds of decades of conflict and where many religious conservatives still object to female athletes.

"If women take part in the Olympics, it shows this country is progressing," said Neema Sidiq, a women's sports activist who is expected to carry the Afghan flag at the opening ceremony in Athens.

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Afghan girls practice martial arts in the National Stadium on Feb. 19 in Kabul, Afghanistan.

After suffering through war and Taliban repression, Afghan women and girls are returning to sports — and at least one athlete will compete at the Athens Olympics.



AP Photo

SPORTS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Juventus, Manchester United get eliminated

Two-time winners Manchester United and Juventus were eliminated from the Champions League on Tuesday...

apparently was aimed at cutting through the bureaucracy that for years has slowed the pace of work on Olympic projects.

But the move expresses Caramanis' and his new administration's political risks. Critics most likely will blame him directly for any further problems with Olympic planning...

Nevada hires Groth as athletic director

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI offers job research workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a fee Occupational Research workshop.

The workshop aims to help participants sort through their options for training and careers, and weigh the factors of expected pay and required investment in training.

"Many people have narrowed down their career choices, but just need more information to help them make an educated decision," organizers said in a statement.

Through resources such as Idaho Career Information Systems, Occupational Outlook Handbook and the Department of Labor, a participant will have a hands-on approach to researching areas of interest for an occupation and compare occupational choices.

The informal free workshop is set for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

The session is open for individualized help.

Time spent in the session depends on the amount of information each participant needs.

To sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-560-0274, Ext. 6680.

Health-care company announces trading

TWIN FALLS — California-based Sun Healthcare Group Inc. — owner of SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation for Twin Falls — on Tuesday announced its common stock will begin trading on the Nasdaq National Market effective today.

Sun's common stock, previously traded on the OTC bulletin board under the symbol SUHIG, will trade on the Nasdaq as SUNH.

"Listing our stock on this national exchange will promote the visibility of the company and improve the liquidity of our stockholders' investments. Accomplishing this milestone is another significant step forward for both Sun and its stockholders," said Richard K. Matros, Sun's chief executive.

Sun also invited the public to listen to a conference call with its senior management at 10 a.m. Thursday to discuss the company's fourth-quarter and year-end results.

To listen, dial (877) 516-8526 and refer to Sun Healthcare Group.

A recording of the call will be available later by calling (800) 642-1687 and using access code 5725297.

Verizon says it will add 600 jobs in Utah

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah — Verizon Wireless said it will add 600 new jobs over the next year, bringing its Utah work force to about 1,500.

The company plans to expand its West Valley City customer service center by more than 50 percent to accommodate the new workers.

"Strong customer growth and availability of skilled talent pool in Utah are the main drivers (for the expansion)," Verizon spokeswoman Georgia Taylor said.

The call center, which now employs 900 of Verizon's 900 Utah workers, will grow to a multi-building complex of nearly 200,000 square feet by early 2005, Taylor said.

West Valley City officials welcomed the news as a boost for their growing Lakepoint Development Area.

"We love it," assistant city manager Paul Isaac said. "This kind of news validates that we have some great areas for businesses to thrive and the work force available to staff them."

Richard Nelson, president of the Utah Information Technology Association, sees the announcement as an indicator of "more optimism in the tech sector."

"Any announcement of jobs with great benefits like these is good for Utah," he added.

"Most important, these are valuable jobs that put Utahns back to work."

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Jerome distribution center expands

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

Project boosts potential for job creation

JEROME — A Wisconsin-based warehousing and logistics company said Tuesday it will invest about \$2 million to add 75,000 square feet to its Jerome distribution center.

"We expect to break ground in the next about three weeks, and it should be done by August," said Chad Collet, marketing manager for privately owned WOW Logistics of Appleton, Wis.

WOW Logistics opened its more than 232,000-square-foot Jerome facility — its first public distribution center outside of Appleton, Wis. — in November 2002 with seven full-time employees. The company currently employs 21 full-timers in Jerome, said Jamie Wally, director of sales and marketing.

positions pay, but he emphasized the three-fold job creation.

"That's an excellent statistic," he said.

The physical expansion announced this week won't immediately create new jobs, but it does increase WOW Logistics' employment potential.

"Reasonably, we could look at six more positions over the course of the next year," Wally said. That's no guarantee, but it's based on current business environments.

He said the logistics company sees "a lot of hopeful opportunity" in the southern Idaho market and has prospects for new customers related to the dairy and dairy-processing industry — the industry that

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accounts for the bulk of WOW's business.

Wally said WOW has applied for a building permit for the 75,000-square-foot construction project.

The company's existing Jerome facility contains both dry and refrigerated storage.

"Due to the high demand for refrigerated needs, WOW will also be expanding Jerome's cooler sections within the capacity of 307,000 square feet."

rent building structure," the company said in a statement.

"WOW will convert an additional 825,000 cubic feet to multi-temperature sections giving the Jerome facility a total of 2,475,000 cubic feet of refrigerated space and a total building capacity of 307,000 square feet."

WOW expects to complete the cooler conversion by the end of March and have the building expansion ready to hold inventory by August.

Throughout its operations, WOW currently has over 6.5 million square feet of total warehouse space and 13.5 million cubic feet of refrigerated storage. This week's announcement also included plans to

expand WOW's cooler facility in Little Chute, Wis., this month by converting ambient storage space in its distribution center there.

After just a couple of months in operation in Jerome, WOW in January 2003 announced plans for more construction — if storage demand continued at its rapid clip. At that time, much of the ground-work was already done for a 70,000-square-foot addition which company officials said would be completed later in 2003 if demand merited. That expansion didn't materialize until now, but it took shape as 75,000 square feet instead.

Wally on Tuesday said WOW invested first in increasing use of the original Jerome structures height.

"We're maximizing the full utilization of the existing space first by adding pallet racking," he said.

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Grocery chain earnings drop for Q4

California strike results in 36 percent slide for Albertsons

The Associated Press

BOISE — Albertsons Inc. reported a 36 percent decline in fourth-quarter earnings on Tuesday as an extended labor dispute in Southern California siphoned cash from the company.

The nation's second largest grocery and drug retailer, with stores in Burley, Hailey and Twin Falls, posted net income for the November-January quarter of \$130 million, or 35 cents per share of common stock on net revenues of \$8.6 billion. That compared with a profit of \$205 million, or 53 cents a share, on sales of \$9.1 billion a year earlier.

Wall Street analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had anticipated earnings of 20 cents a share. But Chief Executive Larry Johnston offered a reduced estimate for 2004 earnings, primarily because of the strike.

Johnston called 2003 a challenging year, "affected" by a recovering U.S. economy, a more competitive marketplace for food and drug retailers as well as a labor dispute of historic proportions.

He said the 4.5-month Southern California strike and lockout that ended earlier this month reduced fourth-quarter earnings by \$90 million, or 24 cents a share. Sales were reduced by an estimated \$700 million.

The cost of the strike in February, the first month of the 2004 fiscal year, will drop expected per-share earnings by 14 cents, and Johnston said that will keep anticipated annual profits to between \$1.30 and \$1.40 a share for the year, well below the 2003 level.

The company is investing the savings it gained in the contract settlement back into repairing its Southern California business and expanding it, he said. Incentives including 20 percent discounts on purchases of \$50, \$75 and \$100 and free movie tickets tied to total purchases are being used.

"We'll be aggressive in winning them back until they're all there," Johnston said.

Companies seek delays in phone number portability

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Rural Idaho telephone companies, including several in Magic Valley, have asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to grant them six extra months before they must allow customers in their service areas to switch phone services while retaining the same number.

The Federal Communications Commission has ordered that all local exchange telephone companies have number portability in place by May 24. But the federal agency also said carriers with fewer than 2 percent of the nation's subscriber lines can petition



An unidentified worker and his son join the picketing line outside an Albertsons supermarket on the 133rd day of the strike-lockout on Feb. 21 in Montebello, Calif. Albertsons Inc. reported a 36 percent decline in fourth-quarter earnings Tuesday as an extended labor dispute in Southern California siphoned cash from the company. The strike ended in early March.

"What appears to be the case is that the cost to drive back their customers into the stores is quite large, larger than anticipated," Wolf said.

For the year, the company reported net income of \$556 million, or \$1.51 a share, on sales of \$35.4 billion. In 2002, Albertsons made \$485 million, or \$1.22 a share, on revenue of \$35.6 billion. Wall Street had anticipated \$1.35 a share.

"This clearly shows that our new marketing plans, supply chain initiatives and cost-control programs are continuing to gain traction," Johnston said.

Through 2003, the company had reduced expenses by \$609 million and was ahead of reaching its original goal of \$750 million.

"We moved our traffic to Syringa, and last year, we moved the Internet traffic," said executive officer and general manager John Gunn.

A new phone company building and telephone switching equipment has increased depreciation — a non-cash expense — by \$688,000 in 2002 to \$808,000 in 2003.

In other business Tuesday, Duane Ramseyer was re-elected to serve an additional three-year term as board president.

"You would have to look it up, but I've been in this position about 10 years," Ramseyer said.

Report triples figure in fraud case

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Orange County money manager James P. Lewis Jr. fraudulently raised \$311.4 million from investors, three times the amount initially estimated, and lost far more of their money than originally thought, a court-appointed receiver said this week.

The receiver's report, filed in federal court here, provided the most detailed glimpses so far into how Lewis allegedly squandered investors' money. The report's litany included \$13 million sunk into businesses with no returns, \$20 million lost trading foreign currencies and commodities, and \$10.7 million for Lewis' personal use.

Lewis also gave \$5 million to his immediate family, \$4.4 million to Connecticut girlfriend

Sharon Lefevres and her family and \$3.8 million to another flame in Orange County, Blakney A. Boggs, and her family, according to the report by Robb Evans, a veteran receiver often used by the courts in major fraud cases.

"We've seen a lot of other cases where bad business decisions were made and a lot of money stolen," said Kenton Johnson, an executive vice president at Evans' firm, Robb Evans & Associates in Sun Valley. "But this is the biggest. It's disgusting, really."

Beginning in 1983, Lewis raised \$311.4 million from about 3,300 investors, including some in Idaho, Evans found. That compared with an estimate of about \$100 million that the Securities and Exchange Commission made in January.

Most of the investors — about 2,600 — lost money, Evans said. He pegged those losses at \$169.5 million, up from his own initial estimate of \$118.3 million.

But others profited, authorities said, because Lewis operated a Ponzi scheme, paying some people big returns in hopes they would entice their friends and families to invest as well.

Evans said about 700 investors came out ahead by a total of \$98.6 million — money Evans said he would attempt to recover, by lawsuits if necessary.

Lewis, 57, has pleaded not guilty to 14 counts of fraud and money laundering. He was arrested in Houston on Jan. 22 by FBI agents, who said they found maps marked with a route to Mexico and a list of possible disguises in his motel room.

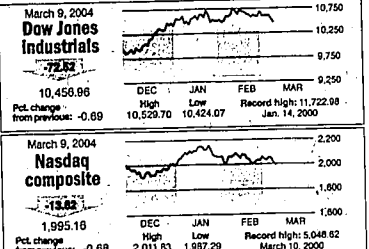
Nasdaq wipes out year's gains as selloff continues

NEW YORK (AP) — Fears over a lack of growth and a sluggish economy sent stocks sharply lower Tuesday, with the Nasdaq Composite Index wiping out all its gains for 2004 and the Dow Jones Industrial average nearly following suit.

With the first quarter ending this month, companies such as Nike Inc. and Texas Instruments Inc. have issued surprisingly strong earnings outlooks. But some analysts believing stocks are overpriced, investors feared that the market's year-long rally might have ended.

"When good news doesn't move the market, higher, we're obviously in a correction phase," said Matt Kelmer, portfolio manager of the Kelmore Strategy Funds. "The glass is half-empty right now, but I do believe that it will switch back to half-full again when earnings go down."

The Nasdaq lost 13.62, or 0.7 percent, to 1,995.16 after falling 38.85 Monday. The Nasdaq, home to many of the technology stocks that fueled last year's rally, closed below its 2003 start and posted its lowest close since Dec. 26.



The Dow lost 72.52, or 0.7 percent, to 10,456.96, adding to Monday's loss of 66.07. The Dow was off 280.74 from its 2004 high set on Feb. 11, and fell 103.92 in afternoon trading before a slight session-ending rally. It was the Dow's lowest close since Jan. 13.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index fell 6.53, or 0.6 percent to 1,440.58, having fallen 9.66 on Monday. After peaking three weeks ago, stocks have fallen amid investors' growing discomfort with the economy and a sense that businesses aren't creating enough jobs to give the recovery that momentum going forward.

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Corp. said investors' mood is getting out of the once high-flying technology sector and into healthcare and consumer staples — are similar to those that occurred when the bear market began.

"Normally, in the second year of a bull market things slow down. This is more than a bumping of a year as widely expected. I'm in the bullish camp, but I must admit, my bullishness is really being tested."

Texas Instruments said its quarterly profits would come in at the high end of previous forecasts. Shares fell 34 cents to \$39.28.

Athletic wear maker Nike jumped \$2.17 to \$76.66 after stating it would easily beat Wall Street estimates for the current quarter.

There was also another merger-Sovereign Bancorp lost 29 cents to \$21.75 after it announced it would acquire Waypoint Financial Corp. for \$980 million. Waypoint gained \$2.72 to \$27.48.

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Microsystems said 33 cents to \$43.37 after it was downgraded to a "neutral" rating by Banc of America Securities due to concerns over the long-term stability of the company's Unix business.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by a 9-to-5 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1.48 billion shares, compared to 1.26 billion on Monday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller cap companies was down 6.56, or 1.4 percent, at 585.95. Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average gained 0.3 percent. In Europe, Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.3 percent for the session.

France's CAC 40 closed down 1.2 percent and Germany's DAX index lost 1.4 percent.

Viacom and EchoStar began sparring after a contract for the DISH Network to broadcast Viacom channels expired Dec. 31. The contract was extended at least three times, with the latest court order expiring late Monday.

EchoStar says Viacom has illegally tried to force it to carry channels at unfair prices in exchange for the right to also carry 18 CBS-owned stations in 16 markets.

Abertsons

Continued from D4 million in cost savings by the end of this year, Johnson said. The goal has been increased to \$1 billion before 2006. At the same time, he said more than \$20 million will be invested in technology this year.

The Idaho-based company has launched partnerships with Toys 'R Us in 1,900 of its stores and is planning to revamp some existing stores. Johnson also said Abertsons is open to investigating underperforming stores or acquiring operations with no transactions are imminent.

He did open the possibility of buying out veteran employees in Southern California to take advantage of the newly got-to-go law, and benefit structure that provides significant savings on new hires.

"We've done that in other markets," he said. "We'd keep that option open in Southern California."

But he declined to speculate on how many Southern California employees will return to their jobs now that the strike is settled. He said the company hired 30,000 replacement workers during the strike.

The strike depressed comparable sales, which were about 6.5 percent below the final quarter of 2002, but excluding the strike impact, those sales were up about 1 percent.

Chief Financial Officer Felicia Thornton said comparable sales should be up slightly in 2004 from 2003. Abertsons employs 200,000 workers and more than 2,300 stores and other facilities in 31 states.

EchoStar yanks CBS, MTV, Nickelodeon off satellite service

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — EchoStar Communications Corp. pulled the plug on CBS programs in more across the U.S. Tuesday, including in Northern Idaho, and dropped MTV, Nickelodeon and other cable channels from its satellite network after a fee dispute with Viacom.

As many as 9 million satellite customers in all 50 states lost the Viacom-owned cable networks, and 1.6 million of them also lost their local CBS stations.

which could threaten their ability to watch the upcoming NCAA men's basketball tournament, among other things. Customers hoping to watch the disrupted channels instead saw a message accusing Viacom of asking for an unreasonable rate increase that would result in higher monthly satellite bills for EchoStar customers.

"We have customers who are calling and asking, 'Where's my CBS?'" EchoStar spokesman Mark Lumpkin said. "It's understandable that you would be upset if you lose your CBS channels."

The disruption is the largest since 2000, when a similar dispute between Time Warner cable and ABC blacked out service to 3.5 million cable customers.

EchoStar is willing to negotiate as soon as Viacom is willing to be reasonable," EchoStar spokesman Steve Calk said.

Market Summary

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Table of mutual fund performance and prices for various investment funds.

Nampa-based computer business increases profits

BOISE (AP) - MPC Computers will issue more than \$500,000 in profit-sharing to employees as a result of the company's continued profits at the Nampa computer plant.

The company, once slated for closure, has turned profits since it abandoned the highly competitive consumer market and focused on government and small and medium businesses. It builds servers and desktop and notebook computers.

Employees will receive an average of more than \$450, splitting 10 percent of the company's profits for the second half of 2003.

The company said it has issued more than \$1.5 million in profit-sharing checks since a Los Angeles-based investment firm took it over in 2001.

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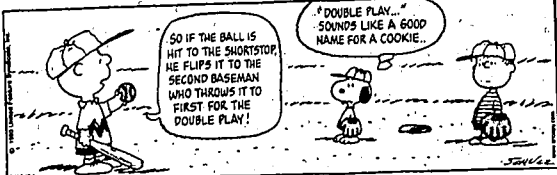
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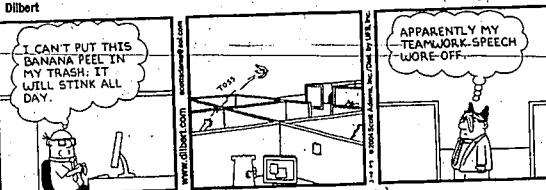
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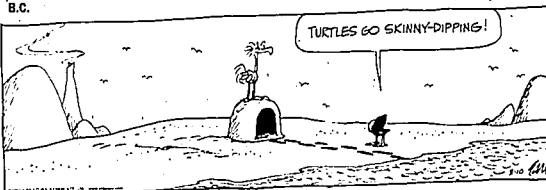
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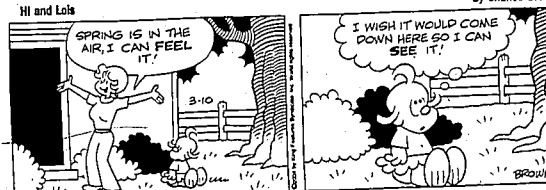


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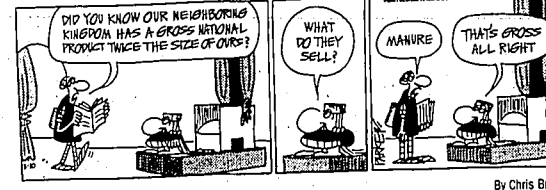


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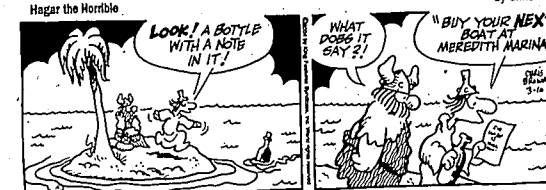


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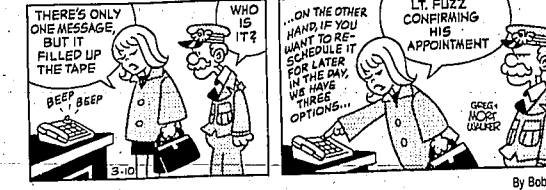


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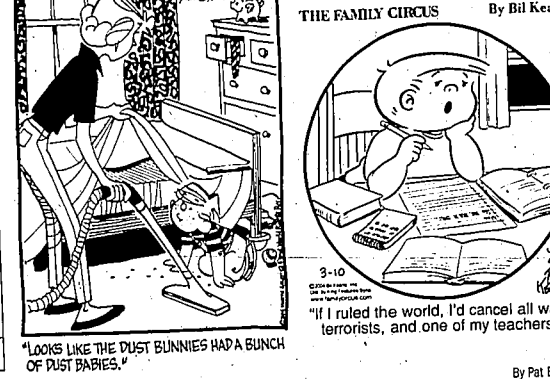
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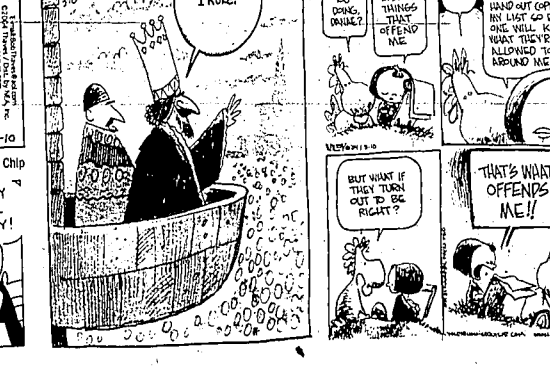
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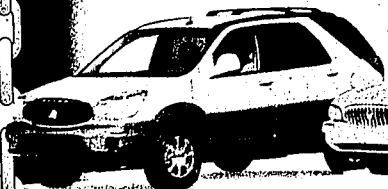
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