

GOOD MORNING

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Phone deregulation hits snag

Senator wants second chance to vote; plan raises fears in some that change will allow rates to rise

The Associated Press

BOISE - The state Senate narrowly approved deregulation of residential and small business telephone rates on Tuesday but then surprised backers by pulling back the decision for reconsideration.

The Senate voted 18-17 for deregulation, a top priority of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's, only to have Republi-

can Jack Noble of Kuna to announce within two hours that he wanted a chance to rethink his support.

That triggered a second vote on the House-passed bill scheduled for this morning.

The bill, pushed by Qwest Communications International Inc., cleared the House on a 36-34 vote in

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Funding education

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How they voted

Here is the 18-17 vote by which the Senate on Tuesday approved deregulation of residential and small business telephone rates. That vote will be reconsidered on Wednesday. A yes vote was a vote for deregulation and there were 18 yeas.

Republican for (17) - Anderson, Bailey, Bunderson, Cameron, Compton, Darrington, Davis, Goedde, Hill, Ingram, Little, Lodge, McKenzie, Noble, Sorensen, Stegner and Williams.

Democrat for (1) - Calabretta.

Republicans against (1) - Bennett, Burtenshaw, Cannon, Geddes, Keough, McWilliams, Noe, Pearce, Richardson, Schroeder and Sweet.

Democrat against (6) - Burkett, Kennedy, Malepeel, Marley, Starnett and Werk.

SMOKING BILL FACES TOUGH ROAD



Ray Capps, of Twin Falls, enjoys a cigarette in the smoking section of the Depot Grill Tuesday. Members of the Legislature are considering a law that would prohibit smoking in restaurants and in front of certain public buildings.

St. Patty's parade hits the streets

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Being Irish has always been about being good at improvising.

Maybe that's why Dick Fuchs, a not noticeably Irish pharmacist, will be the grand marshal in today's 19th annual Downtown Twin Falls St. Patrick's Day Parade, which starts at noon.

"Call him Dick O'Fuchs," quipped Stan Thomas, Twin Falls restaurateur and organizer of so-called ad hoc Patrick's Day event. "If the Sons of Knute can be Irish, then so can Dick."

Since 1986, in one form or another, floats, bands, all manner of horse and 6-d-r-a-v-n conveyances and, of course - the Sons of Knute, a local fraternity devoted principally to the appreciation of aquavit - have paraded down Main Avenue to celebrate the Irishness of a not-especially-Celtic neighborhood.

For many years, Glanbia Foods - the Magic Valley food-processor whose major stockholders live in the Emerald Isle - provided the parade's grand marshal, but there are, after all, only so many Irish cheesemakers in south-central Idaho.

So Thomas and the parade's co-founder, Tim Jones, began broadening the definition of Irish in their search.

"It's a pretty informal event," said Thomas, who runs the Rock Creek Restaurant and the Buffalo Cafe in Twin Falls. "We're never exactly sure who will show up."

What he is pretty certain of is that he'll get a crowd - something between 5,000 and 7,000, he guesstimates - if today's weather is - as forecast - in the 60s.

Some of the schools downtown let their kids out to watch the parade," he said.

Jones and Thomas - who, for the record, are both Irish-began Patrick's Day parading in 1986 when they rode down Main Avenue in the back of a pickup truck, singing "Danny Boy."

Nobody fell in behind them that year, but things got better.

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Amendment could snuff out measure

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Almost everyone who has lived in Twin Falls has been to the Depot Grill. The all-American menu is predictable, the portions are hearty, and folks can still smoke their cigarettes in relative peace after a meal.

But the dozens of coffee

groups and the thousands of blue-collar workers who frequent the place might soon find the smoke-filled cafe has become smoke-free.

If a bill pending in the Idaho House of Representatives passes today or tomorrow, smoking would be banned in all Idaho restaurants come July 1. Bars that serve food but don't serve minors would be excluded.

Depot Grill owner Steve Soran says he's not heartbroken at the idea of a smoke-free restaurant, "despite the cafe's reputation as being a place where smokers can safely puff away indoors.

"Some of my customers might be offended, but I'm not sure it would keep them from coming to my establishment," Soran said Tuesday. "But there's also a potential market out there

that I'm not capturing because of the smoking."

And that market could be significant. A recent survey of 500 Twin Falls households showed only 16 percent have smokers in them. Soran said he trusts Magic Valley lawmakers to make the right decision.

"We have some pretty good Please see SMOKING, Page A2

BAD START



Golden Eagle players Jordan Eckman, left, and Andrea Sivakova can't watch as the final seconds pass during CSI's 78-57 loss to Seward County Community College in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament in Salina, Kan., Tuesday night. For more, please see page D1.

New breed of vegetarians adds a twist - meat

The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. - Even after five years, Christy Pugh has no trouble sticking to her vegetarian regimen.

"The secret to her success? Eating meat. Sometimes I feel like I'm a bad vegetarian, that I'm not strict enough or good enough," the 28-year-old bookkeeper from Concord said recently. "I really like vegetarian food but I'm just not 100 percent committed."

Pugh is one of a growing number of part-time vegetarians whose loose adherence to the meat-free diet is transforming a decades-old movement and the industry that feeds it.

These so-called "Dextrarians" - a term voted most useful word of 2003 by the Please see MEAT, Page A2

Train bombings stoke U.S. officials' fears of changing tactics

By Shannon McCaffrey
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - As Spanish investigators on Tuesday continued to hunt down leads in the deadly train bombings in Madrid, U.S. officials worried that the attacks marked a shift in terrorism tactics that could prove more difficult to defend against at home.

Numerous small bombs hidden in backpacks - the Madrid bombings involved 10 - are extremely difficult to protect against, just ask the Israelis,

“Al-Qaida's modus operandi is to be flexible.”

— Bruce Hoffman, terrorism analyst

who have seen such smaller-scale bombings become commonplace.

"It's disturbing," said Richard Clarke, a former top White House counterterrorism adviser for the Clinton and current Bush administrations. "You can keep a truck bomb out of Grand Central Station. You can't keep backpacks out."

If the bombings in Spain are connected to al-Qaida, it's notable that there were no suicide attackers, a hallmark of Osama bin Laden's terrorist network. U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials have warned

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Well above average temperatures, partly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower to mid 60s.
Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s to near 40.
Tomorrow: Windy at times with record breaking temperatures possible. Highs near 70.

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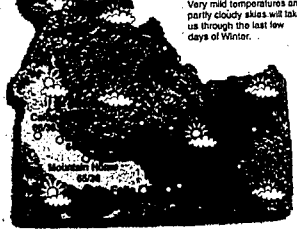
Today: Increasing clouds and mild. Highs in the lower to the mid 60s.
Tonight: Varyingly cloudy skies. Lows in the upper 30s to near 40.
Tomorrow: Very warm with record breaking temperatures possible, windy at times. Highs near 70.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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

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

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Table showing moon phases for March 20, 28, April 5, and 12.

Moonrise and Moonset

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for various days.

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Table showing U.V. index levels for different times of day.

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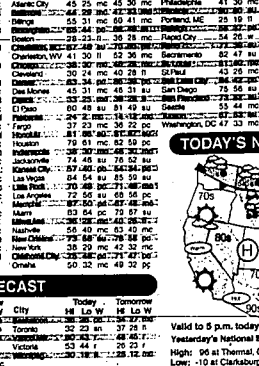
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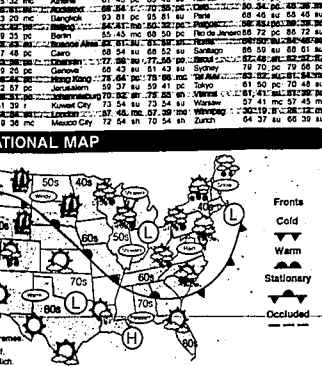
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Table listing weather forecasts for various Canadian cities.

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Agency orders probe of Medicare questions

WASHINGTON - Noting that "there seems to be a cloud hanging over this department," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy C. Thompson on Tuesday ordered a formal investigation of allegations that the Bush administration withheld information about the cost of the Medicare prescription drug bill from members of Congress.

Study: Alaska oil would affect imports minimally

WASHINGTON (AP) - Opening an Alaska wildlife refuge to oil development would only slightly reduce America's dependence on imports and would lower oil prices by less than 50 cents a barrel, said an Energy Department analysis released Tuesday.

Smoking

legislators we've elected over the years," he said. "If they decide to outlaw smoking in restaurants, it's just a sign of things to come. If it doesn't happen this year, then it might next year. It's coming."

Parade

By the early 1990s, the Patrick's Day parade was drawing 60-70 entries annually. "We see a lot of the same people year after year," Thomas said.

Meat

American Dietetic Society - are motivated less by animal rights than by a growing body of medical data that suggests health benefits from eating more vegetarian foods.

Rates

February after a similar attempt by opponents to delay passage through the reconsideration maneuver. Deregulation has divided lawmakers since Kemphorne raised it this State of the State address in January.

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Bush aims to shore up support for war

By Ron Hutchison
Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Five days after terrorist bombs drove Spanish voters to topple their ruling party in part because of its close ties to Washington, concern rippled Tuesday across the world about the wisdom of allying too closely with President Bush.

A new international poll showed anti-American sentiment is spreading throughout Europe. The poll, conducted by the non-partisan Pew Research Center before the Madrid bombings, also found widespread opposition to the war in Iraq and increasing skepticism in Europe about the war on terrorism.

Bush tried to shore up the global anti-terror coalition Tuesday after an Oval Office meeting with Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende.

"It is important that the world society, international community, stand shoulder-to-shoulder and shows its solidarity to fight against these terrible attacks," Bush said. The president also pledged to work closely with Balkenende in his capacity as president of the European Union starting in July.

But Balkenende, seated next to Bush in front of a crackling fire, declined to say whether the 1,300 Dutch troops in Iraq would stay there after June 30, when the United States is scheduled to turn over political power to Iraqi authorities, while retaining U.S. troops there.

Bush's plea for international unity came five days after a series of carefully timed terrorist bombings in Madrid put new strains on the transatlantic anti-terrorism alliance already shaken by last year's division over the Iraq war and European unease over Bush's propensity to act unilaterally.

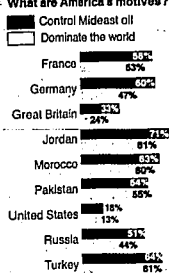
Three days after the bombings, angry Spanish voters

POLL

Countries doubt U.S. war on terror

A majority of people in nine countries polled said the U.S.-led war on terror is to control Mideast oil and to dominate the world.

Respondents were asked: What are America's motives?



NOTE: Polls were conducted between Feb. 19 and March 3.

SOURCE: Pew Global Attitudes Project

ousted the ruling party of Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, one of Bush's staunchest allies, and replaced him with Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, a Socialist who has pledged to pull Spanish troops out of Iraq if the United States remains in charge of security there.

Although investigators are still trying to determine whether al-Qaida played any role in the Madrid attacks, signs increasingly point toward it or similar radical Muslim terrorists who may be loosely tied to the network. Europeans allied with the United States are wondering if they will be next.

The unease isn't limited to Europe.

In Australia, Prime Minister John Howard rebuked Federal Police Commissioner Mick Keelty for suggesting that the country was at greater risk because of its cooperation with the United States. Many Australians agreed with Keelty.

EPA's mercury review sparks criticism

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Political appointees in the Environmental Protection Agency bypassed agency professional staff and a federal advisory panel last year to craft a rule on mercury emissions preferred by the industry and the White House, several longtime EPA officials say.

The EPA staffers say they were told not to undertake the normal scientific and economic studies called for under a standing executive order. At the same time, the proposal to regulate mercury emissions from coal-burning power plants was written using key language provided by utility lobbyists.

The Bush administration has said that the proposed rule would cut mercury emissions by 70 percent in the next 15 years, and is tied to the president's "Clear Skies" initiative.

Politics replaced science, some contend

But critics say it would delay reductions in mercury levels for decades at a risk to public health, while saving the power and coal industries billions of dollars.

Studies designed to address such questions are the ones that were not conducted.

EPA veterans say they cannot recall another instance when the agency's technical experts were cut out of developing a major regulatory proposal. The administration chose a process that would support the conclusion they wanted "to reach," said John A. Paul, a Republican environmental regulator from Ohio who co-chaired the EPA-appointed advisory panel and who says that its 21 months of work on mercury was ignored.

"There is a politicization of the work of the agency that I have not seen before," said Bruce C. Buckheit, who served in major federal environmental posts for two decades. He resigned in December as director of EPA's Air Enforcement Division, partly because he felt enforcement was stymied. "A political agenda is driving the agency's output, rather than analysis and science," he said.

Russell E. Train, a Republican who headed EPA during the Nixon and Ford administrations, said, "I think it is outrageous. The agency has strayed from its mission in the past three years."

Buffeted by complaints about the mercury proposal from both within and outside the agency, —EPA — Administrator

Michael O. Leavitt in recent days has called for additional analysis. EPA staffers say that they have been asked to suggest possible comparative studies for the agency to run, much like the analysis they say they were ordered not to conduct last year. Leavitt noted that while the EPA expressed a clear preference for a more flexible, market-driven plan, its proposed mercury rule also includes an alternative approach using a traditional regulatory system requiring all plants to install pollution controls.

Leavitt portrayed the new period of inquiry as part of the "normal process" of rule-making, noting that the agency had so far filed only a provisional rule. But veteran regulators say it is unusual to propose a rule first and do extensive comparative studies later, unless new information emerges.

Fresh attacks in Iraq target reconstruction

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Drive-by gunmen on Tuesday killed five Europeans working on a water project south of Baghdad, bringing to six the number of foreign aid workers killed in two days. The attacks apparently signal a strategy shift with insurgents targeting aid workers.

In an attack on Monday, four American missionaries were killed in a similar shooting in the northern city of Mosul. They had also been working on a water project.

The twin attacks are seen as a new effort by insurgents to snarl work by the U.S.-led coalition to rebuild Iraq in preparation for the American hand-over of authority to the Iraqis on June 30.

Also gunned down on Tuesday were three Iraqi police officers and a translator working for the U.S. military — victims of a long-running rebel campaign to kill those perceived as collaborating with the United States.

At a military ceremony in Tikrit, Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, said the attacks on humanitarian workers were an attempt to intimidate those trying to help the 36-nation U.S.-led coalition.

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repeatedly of al-Qaida's continued interest in hijacking airplanes, prompting officials in the United States and around the globe to shore up airline security. The shift to trains would show that the terror group has set its sights more broadly and can attack where countries are vulnerable.

"Al-Qaida's modus operandi is to be flexible, nimble and able to constantly adapt," said Bruce Hoffman, a terrorism expert for the RAND Corp., a policy think tank.

Al-Qaida started using car and truck bombs and then launched an attack by small boat on the USS Cole in Yemen before moving on to airliners, Hoffman said.

"And it has changed how it operates. Knowing that they are

often eavesdropped on, al-Qaida operatives have taken to sending important messages by courier and have found ways to move money without leaving a trail for investigators, experts say.

The FBI has long been worried that a suicide bomber could strike on U.S. soil. It's believed that one reason al-Qaida hasn't used such a tactic is that its members favor more spectacular attacks with a higher body count.

But Hoffman said al-Qaida and groups affiliated with it, such as Jemaah Islamiyah in Indonesia, seem to have a new willingness to pursue smaller attacks without lots of planning. Tracking those kinds of decentralized attacks is more difficult.

"The simplicity of these operations is a guarantee of their ubiquity," Hoffman said.

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EDITORIAL

Equitable water deal averts crisis - but only for now

OK, everybody can exhale. The tentative water deal announced - this week will prevent, or at least forestall, the widespread economic disruption that would result from water curtailments.

The deal is unabashedly a stopgap - a year of breathing room in which pumps, spring users and state leaders can work on a more lasting solution. Idaho still has one heck of a problem to solve. But, as stopgaps go, this one looks pretty good. It spreads the pain equitably, and it may even provide the foundation for a long-term fix.

A key element in the agreement is its tacit acknowledgment that north-side spring users - mostly the aquaculture industry - deserve compensation for groundwater pumps' infringement on their senior water rights. And it extracts the compensation from those who have benefited from the spring users' loss. Groundwater pumps will pay \$500,000 to rent water for the spring users, plus another \$500,000 for mitigation. Those payments affirm that the traditional water-right doctrine of "first in time" is not merely a hoary slogan but a functioning legal principle.

In other words, the phrase, "senior water right" means what it says in Idaho. Some readers may wonder why Idaho taxpayers are helping pay for this settlement. The deal calls for a \$500,000 state loan to the groundwater pumps for the water rental, plus a

\$500,000 appropriation to help develop Idaho aquaculture. Why? One reason, simply, is that the crisis is as much the state's fault as anyone else's. The clash is the logical result of overappropriating a finite water supply. Only God can create water, but for decades, Idaho has behaved as if it thought otherwise.

Our view: Though it's only a stopgap, the deal spreads the pain equitably. All Idahoans have an interest in protecting irrigators' important contributions to our economy. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

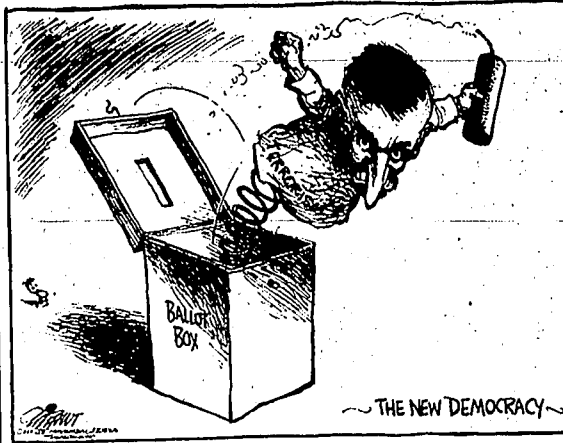
Of course, development of new water rights also made possible a splendid flowering of irrigated agriculture. From the potato fields of eastern Idaho to the dairy barns of Jerome County, groundwater pumping has generated prosperity for entire communities.

That is a second reason for taxpayers' involvement in the settlement. If groundwater users have benefited at the expense of senior water users, so have all Idahoans. And all Idahoans have an interest in protecting irrigators' important contributions to our economy.

There's plenty of praise to be handed out for this week's achievement. Facing an April 1 deadline, the contending parties and state leaders knuckled down to serious negotiations. Everyone should be grateful to see the litigants step back from the precipice.

Much remains to be done, and a year is not as much time as it may seem. A permanent solution is likely to be costly. If renting 40,000 acre feet of water costs \$500,000 today, we can assume the price will rise in years to come.

But the averted crisis has pushed Idaho leaders into a long-overdue discussion. This week's tentative agreement is a good place to start.



Drug-free scholarship will encourage kids to stay clean

The Promise Scholarship with the drug, alcohol and tobacco free category is, for our children, one of this year's most important pieces of legislation. Knowing this, the Idaho House of Representatives passed the bill, HB 830, with a vote of 62 to 5. It is now before the Senate.

One of the most noble things we Idahoans can do is to give our young people the opportunity for a college education. The existing Robert R. Lee Promise Scholarship was created by the Idaho Legislature to help our young people reach their dreams.

This new piece of legislation that I am sponsoring gives our young people the opportunity to earn an additional scholarship, and at the same time, encourages them to remain drug, alcohol and tobacco free. Our young people need our encouragement.

A 2002 Idaho survey shows that the average age a student starts to drink alcohol in Idaho is 12.9 years.

Sixty-three percent of our graduating seniors report alcohol use. One in three report binge drinking in the last 30 days. That's five or more drinks in a single sitting.

The use of the new designer drugs, Ecstasy and GHB, is on the rise in Idaho, and methamphetamine addiction is destroying lives and families at an alarming rate.

We have good reason to keep our teens from smoking.

According to a study from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, teen smokers



READER COMMENT
Rep. Sharon Block

are three times more likely than nonsmokers to use alcohol, eight times more likely to use marijuana, and 22 times more likely to use cocaine. Idaho is struggling under this burden. Eighty-five percent of our 1,200 children in foster care are there because of drugs and alcohol.

The story is repeated in our prisons. Eighty-five percent of our prison inmates are there because of crimes related to drugs and alcohol. How many lives have to be destroyed and how many families torn apart, until we find that foster homes and prisons are not the answer?

The answer lies in prevention. Statistics show that if we can keep children from smoking cigarettes, using illicit drugs, and abusing alcohol until they are 21, they are virtually certain never to do so.

We need to find successful ways to keep our kids off drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

This legislation is a positive approach to accomplish that goal.

HB 830 is supported by the College of Southern Idaho, the Idaho Association of School Administrators, the Twin Falls School District, the Kimberly School District, the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, the Walker Center, the Idaho Migrant Council, the McClusky Clinic, and a number of private citizens from our legislative district.

With this legislation we can send the message to Idaho's children that we care, we are proud of them for working hard and for making the right choices for their lives, and we are willing to help.

With this legislation, we are giving our children the opportunity to say, "I can't do drugs with you, I can't do alcohol with you, I can't smoke with you, I

can't do so. Statistics show that if we can keep children from smoking cigarettes, using illicit drugs, and abusing alcohol until they are 21, they are virtually certain never to do so.

We need to find successful ways to keep our kids off drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

State Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, is a former kindergarten teacher. She wrote this commentary in rebuttal to Tuesday's Times-News editorial.

LETTERS

School leaders don't want to hear parent

I got thrown out of the Richfield School District Board of Trustees' meeting on March 8, and I think I know why.

I don't think they wanted to hear that a complaint had been filed with the Lincoln County prosecuting attorney, alleging violations of Idaho's open meetings and public records laws.

I don't think they wanted to hear about the friendly, though uninformed guy from Wisconsin who facilitated the town meeting, not being aware of Idaho laws or local concerns.

I don't think they wanted to hear that I attended the open forum Q & A with Marilyn Howard, Clint Stennett and Wendy Jaquet on Saturday morning, March 6, in Gooding. I don't think they wanted to hear that Marilyn Howard had said at that meeting that savings from administrative salaries was not substantial enough to ever be a consideration in consolidation discussions.

I don't think they wanted to hear Clint Stennett say the names of the people he thought "he tried to lead this down the road" while continuing to declare that his "department" is "not trying to shove this down anyone's throat."

I don't think they wanted to hear that all three of them said that this was a community issue that should be open for lots of discussion and debate focused only on what is in the best interest of the children.

I don't think they wanted to hear me accuse them of trying to limit the input from Richfield's patrons and attempting to silence the voices of all those in opposition by not allowing public input at the Jan. 17 union board joint meeting of the school boards and then again at the school board meeting March 8.

I don't think they wanted to hear - me. Who am I? Just one parent of one Richfield Tiger who happens to be president of her class, a member of the National Honor Society, involved in all athletics, a cheerleader and an all-around leader who participates in many worthwhile community endeavors. I am just one concerned parent. I am Tammy West.

Why don't they want to hear me?
TAMMY WEST
Richfield

Have old-fashioned standards gone bust?

Last year, in 2003, I read an item in *The Times-News* saying that the "E" in "Eels" in the half-time on Feb. 1, well what now?

Who knows, will anything change?
LUCY ANDERSON
Twin Falls

During our three-hour wait to testify at the hearing in Boise on March 5, we were told by a lawyer that legally a man cannot be raped in Idaho. How about men being assaulted in prisons, especially if they are convicted in rapist?

How many readers of this letter, in every aspect of life, could have been changed with rape in their (cents)? The rape laws have to be changed to include responsibility for the actions of the girls involved. Also, just because, Mr. Loeb's pointed out, they had been changed in 50 years, that doesn't make them right.

Mr. Loeb's, as my mother used to say, "pulled up your socks" and gave us "Eels" in this case, your vindictive assistance was wrong.

We will not give up the fight to right these wrongs. We will not be silenced.
AUDREY VON LINDERN
Hagerman

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Zealous minority seeks to impose its beliefs

In response to Jerry Crawford's March 9 letter:

Mr. Crawford, you say the two-thirds majority (by your own statement) against gay marriage are "self-appointed guardians of morality" and "religious zealots" leading us "in the paths of self-righteousness." How can the reverse not be true? How can a one-third minority trying to impose acceptance of this lifestyle be anything but self-righteous? Can a few judges and officials knowingly violate their public trust and break laws to push their beliefs not be religious zealots and self-appointed guardians of morality? Why is it all right to force an entire nation to formally approve of (and not just tolerate) homosexuality? Those who call this lifestyle immoral are al-

ready dismissed and derided as narrow-minded bigots, and we're quickly heading toward such statements being banned as "hate speech."

A minority is forcing its beliefs down everyone else's collective throat because they believe it's the right thing to do. You're right, Mr. Crawford, there is self-righteousness going on here but not where you claim it is.

I strongly believe that homosexuality is wrong. If my convictions are religious in nature, do they still count? But I also believe each person is accountable to God. I've never felt the need to change anyone's sexual orientation. However, those such as yourself who think that this is a fine lifestyle aren't so tolerant. What will happen when a church refuses to let homosexual couples attend a marriage seminar together? When students refuse

to call their lesbian teachers "Mrs.," will their freedom of belief be respected?

Marriage isn't a right. Read the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Where are the rights to marry? I know of the Bill of Rights and the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but no rights to have your romantic life formalized by the government. If everyone has the right to marry, are you going to argue in favor of human and animal unions? What about polygamy? Would you say that pedophilia should have the right to marry children or are you picking and choosing who should and shouldn't be allowed to marry?

One more thing, Mr. Crawford, if "Bushy Boys" administration were really "no better than Iran or Afghanistan," your letter would have never been published and

his "corporate cronies" would already have taken you away. The fact that you can criticize the government and not be persecuted for it proves you wrong.
MATT MCKINNEY
Burley

Prosecutor misstates facts in unfair rape case

In response to Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loeb's reader comment on March 14:

"My response is 'piffle.' His rebuttal is pure hot air." I'm not receiving fair treatment. What ever happened to "innocent until proven guilty"? Most of the statements made by Mr. Loeb are not factual.

Receipts for the \$250 per month cost of attending sex offender meetings (how are these monies dispersed?) and for the polygraphs taken, which were

passed each time, and the income tax returns for employment, state and federal withholding, card and will be provided. Toby needs a good lawyer to defend his rights, which are being stripped.

There were never any personal appearances at hearings by the "victims" - just like the Salem witch hunt, these girls later admitted to "playing a joke" and that their intentions were "to get Toby in trouble" because he had rejected the attentions of the friend who claimed rape; unfounded as no evidence was provided to prove the allegation. They should be made to come forward to testify and rescind their statements.

The Twin Falls County prosecuting attorney's office offered to reduce the charge to battery at that time, which Toby declined, as he was young and foolish enough to believe "the truth will set you free."

AND SOON IN THE NAME OF THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR HAVE WE LOST THE SPIRIT OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY?!

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



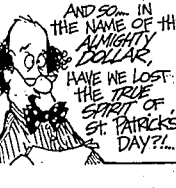
By Bruce Tinsley



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Hansen parents wonder if money was well-spent

By Margaret Jones
Times-News Staff Writer

HANSEN — The hard work of many Hansen athletes has translated into post-season success, but it's also produced an unintended consequence.

Both the boys and girls basketball teams qualified for post-season play while the girls finishing fourth at state.

But their successes, along with other teams', has put a drain on the athletic budget.

Parents of the boys basketball team sponsored a fund-raising chili supper and auction in response, which, along with additional donations, raised more than \$3,000 to help fund the boys' trip to the tournament.

Several parents attending Monday's School Board meeting said they were concerned with how the money they raised was spent.

"The boys team didn't make it to the finals, but both parents said that since they'd raised enough money for the team to stay one more night in Boise they should have been allowed to watch the finals."

School Board members, however, said it's more prudent policy to have athletic teams return home following the end of their competitions, as has been the traditional policy.

Athletic Director Brady Swallow also responded with an accounting of the expenses for the trip and how the remainder of the money would be kept.

In related business, middle school Principal Rick Abel said many Hansen students had recently competed well.

The INEEL scholarship team received a consolation prize at a regional tournament and is headed to the state competition March 30.

In the solo ensemble music

group, 10 of the 17 musicians received superior ratings. And Retha Stanger and Matt Fresha were selected as the Inter-scholastic Star Award winners.

Other Hansen School Board business included:
• **Donations** — Abel said the school has received the generous donation of 25 sets of golf clubs each of the last few seasons from Bob Wildman of Jerome.

Hansen students also have been allowed to use Murtough's facilities for district basketball tournaments and the school district recently received a check from Target for its share of purchases made at the store by Hansen residents.

• **New classrooms** — Elementary school Principal Tom Standley announced that he would be meeting with the architect within the next few days to get an estimate on the cost

for constructing the additional six classrooms at the elementary building.

• **Re-election** — The School Board positions for zones 2 and 3 are up for grabs on May 18. Incumbents Louise Bally and Bob Harris each announced that they intend to run for re-election.

• **Calendar** — The board approved a tentative calendar for the 2004-05 school year with classes beginning Aug. 30 and ending June 5.

• **Fund-raiser** — School Board members gave Jim Lasso permission to allow students to sell scratcher games as a fund-raiser for the track team.

The junior high fund-raiser will be a semi potluck dinner scheduled for 6 p.m. March 18.

Those attending will bring a covered dish and the hot lunch crew will prepare the menu and other parts of the meal. The cost of the meal will be \$2.

Underground nukes waste

POCATELLO (AP) — Officials at Idaho's nuclear site are proposing to dig buried blocks of irradiated beryllium to reduce the possibility of contamination in the Snake River Plain aquifer.

Safety at nuclear facilities — E1

The beryllium was used in three test reactors at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, and was buried in 14 different locations at the Subsurface Disposal Area in 1976, 1977 and 1993.

Officials discovered Carbon-14 contamination near the blocks in 2002. Scientists believe the contamination occurred when surface water from rain and snow soaked through the ground and corroded the beryllium blocks, creating Carbon-14.

INEEL spokesman Bruce Byrum said the contamination has not reached the aquifer, but there is a risk.

INEEL officials propose grouting around the buried 4-foot high bricks to isolate the contamination. The process would include injecting a slurry-like mixture into the soil.

The process would reduce risk until officials complete an investigation and remediation plan for the entire Subsurface Disposal Area.

Wet, cold February increases inflows

BOISE (AP) — February was very good for the Hells Canyon reservoir system where Idaho Power Co. generates most of its electricity.

Precipitation in the Snake River Basin upstream of Brownlee Reservoir was 192 percent of the 50-year average for the month.

Temperatures were also more than four degrees below normal, allowing for more snowpack retention.

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House kills final obesity bill

BOISE (AP) — A Democratic-sponsored bill that would have created a Governor's Commission on Diet and Exercise was killed in the House on Tuesday, as Republicans hammered it for what they said was government meddling in private lives.

House Bill 839, sponsored by Boise Democrat Margaret Henbest, would have established the Healthy Idaho Advisory Committee. The bill was defeated 31-38 after a heated floor debate.

"What ever happened to personal responsibility?" asked Nampa Rep. Dolores Crow. "We

don't want the government to tell us what to do."

And Challis Democrat Rep. Lenore Barrett was admonished by Speaker Bruce Newcomb when she said "We don't need any more people bringing these dumb bills."

"That's inappropriate," Newcomb interrupted. "Don't refer to bills as dumb bills."

Some Republicans supported the bill. Twin Falls Rep. Sharon Block, who serves with Henbest on the House Health and Welfare Committee, argued that obesity is a public health issue and a burden on the

state's health care system.

"This committee can do no harm," Block said. Henbest, a pediatric nurse practitioner who has championed the fight against fat with four anti-obesity bills this year, tried to sell her legislation as a volunteer effort that would not cost any money.

But Republicans rallied around the notion that some of the volunteers might submit expenses for the costs of attending meetings, costs that were not reflected in the bill's fiscal analysis.

Senate approves higher-education bill

BOISE (AP) — Dissatisfaction over years of persistent scrimping on support for higher education in Idaho wedded up in the state Senate on Tuesday, where the latest support package for the colleges barely won final approval.

The Senate voted 18-16 to send the House-passed budget to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, whose recommendation served as the bill's foundation.

"It's a very limited budget, but it's a time of limited resources," Republican Sen. Shawn Keough of Sandpoint said. "We're trying to do the best we can for higher education in concert with the fiscal realities."

The budget earmarks \$223.4 million for the three universities and Lewis-Clark State College, up 2.5 percent from the \$218 million being shared this year.

But the two percent pay raise Kempthorne proposed for state workers after two years of pay freezes as well as higher insurance and other payroll increases will cost the schools \$8.6 million.

The appropriation adds only \$5.4 in general tax support to the bottom line, requiring for the first time that cash from student fees be diverted to cover faculty and staff pay and benefits.

State law forbids student fees from financing any costs of academic instruction, and Senate Education Chairman Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, warned



that if the state is sued, the cost of settling such a suit would be more than financing the package properly.

The budget also has no extra money to cover the costs of serving growing student bodies and nothing to pay for moving into the new buildings the Legislature approved in recent years. At the same time, the money the schools receive from the state endowment fund is down about \$2 million.

"We've probably shortchanged like no other educational group like we've shortchanged the universities," Democratic Sen. Bert Marley of McCammon said.

Even Assistant Republican Floor Leader Joe Stegner of Lewiston joined the dissidents, pointing out that students have been forced to absorb fee increases approaching 10 percent in each of the last four years while state support for their education shrank.

And Democratic Floor Leader Clint Stennett of Keetchikan warned the president of Idaho State University Richard Bowen that as state support declines and student fees rise, the state is slowly

How they voted

Here is the 18-16 vote by which the Senate approved \$223.4 million general tax budget for higher education for 2004-2005. A yes vote was a vote for the budget and there were 18 of those.

Republicans for (18) — Bally, Brandt, Bunderson, Burdick, Cameron, Darrington, Davis, Geddies, Hill, Ingram, Keough, Little, Lodig, McKenzie, Richardson, Sorenson, Sweet and Williams.

Democrats for (1) — None.

Republicans against (9) — Anderson, Campbell, Garrison, Goodie, McWilliams, Noble, Rich, Schroeder and Stegner.

Democrats against (7) — Burkett, Calabretta, Kennedy, Malepeal, Marley, Stennett and Werk.

Republicans absent (1) — Pearce.

making a policy decision to make higher education less and less accessible to low- and middle-income students. "We know it's our job to create opportunity and education is the best economic tool we have," Stennett said. "We're not using it. It's getting rusty."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Lykins files to run for Lincoln sheriff

SHOSHONE — Trent Lykins has filed his paperwork to run for Lincoln County sheriff.

Lykins, 27, will challenge incumbent Republican Steve Southwick, 58.

Lykins has filed as an independent, meaning they'll face off in the Nov. 2 general election.

Lykins says he's running for the office to fix what he perceives as problems within the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.

He said the department uses expensive vehicles for patrol cars, deputies' family members use the cars for personal reasons and the budget is in the red year after year.

"Drug enforcement is slim to none," Lykins said.

Lykins began his law enforcement career as a reserve officer in Wilder.

He moved on to become a jail technician for the Ada County Sheriff's Department for about a year and also served for a little more than a year with the Ketchum Police Department.

He served in active duty with the U.S. Marines for four years and has spent time deployed in the Persian Gulf.

"I think I can do a better job," Lykins said.

The Lincoln County sheriff is paid \$35,100 annually.

Richfield, Shoshone host talk tonight

RICHFIELD — The Richfield and Shoshone school districts will hold a joint board meeting tonight to discuss an old consolidation study and possible plans for combining the two districts.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Richfield School cafeteria at the corner of Tiger Drive and Keiffers Street.

The meeting will include a brainstorming session on problems in the schools that people want to solve, a discussion of pros and cons of consolidation and possibly a discussion of a bond issue.

Richfield School Board Chairman Brenda Farmworth.

Robb Peck, a former Blaine County School Board member who represented Carey, will be the guest speaker.

The District 1 School Board will not participate, although it might send an observer, Superintendent Peter Boltz said.

BLM will re-open Bennett Hills area

SHOSHONE — Due to warmer temperatures and spring conditions, the Bureau of Land Management, in consultation with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, is re-opening the Bennett Hills area after a motorized emergency closure to protect big game on crucial winter range land.

Snow in the Bennett Hills area has melted, decreasing stress to big game and wildlife by allowing forage to be available again. With the concern for big game reduced, motorized use will again be permitted on public land.

The BLM thinks public land users for their compliance with the Bennett Hills emergency closure.

Threat to big game was significantly reduced through the past winter because of public cooperation, the BLM said in a press release.

For more information, call John Kurtz at 732-7295.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

| Watershed | % of Avg. | % norm. |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| Upper Snake Basin | 90% | 80% |
| Salmon Falls | 112% | 103% |
| Salmon | 92% | 80% |
| Oakley | 112% | 105% |
| Big Wood | 88% | 79% |
| Little Wood | 64% | 66% |
| Henry Fork/Teton | 100% | 85% |
| Big Lost | 94% | 82% |
| Henry Fork | 98% | 73% |

As of March 16

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average. % is an indicator of basin snowpack for the year.

Settlement could be near

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

One issue remains in Nez Perce water case

TWIN FALLS — Just one issue stands in the way of a settlement in lengthy negotiations over Snake River water.

Attorneys Tuesday updated state water judge John Melanson on progress in settling the Nez Perce Tribe's claims to virtually all of the water in the Snake River for historic fishing rights. The outcome could set the next era of Snake River policy in Idaho.

The remaining roadblock went unnamed in court, as negotiations are confidential and protected by a gag order.

"We believe we are arriving on a conceptual resolution to the remaining issue," said Clive Strong, deputy Idaho attorney general.

If the tribe, the state, Idaho Power Co., the federal government, and representatives of industries and irrigators are

successful in mapping out a solution, they plan to report to the court by the end of next week, Strong said.

If negotiations fail, the case will head back to court. Other tribal claims and an Idaho Supreme Court appeal have been on hold while negotiations have proceeded.

These kinds of updates, followed by new deadlines, delays in other legal action, and continued talks have been the norm in the case as negotiations have progressed.

The parties reached agreement on a "term sheet" in October, after four years of negotiations. Since then they have been writing up the details of how to implement that framework for agreement.

The case involves virtually the entire Snake River in Idaho, endangered salmon, hydropower,

dams, irrigation, the river's health, and the economies it sustains from Idaho's eastern to western borders.

Mediation has been grouped into five broad categories: the Snake River upstream of Milner, the Salmon and Clearwater drainages; the tribal component, forest practices, and general conditions.

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BETTER THAN WALKING



Oregon Trail Elementary School sixth-grader Shelly Patrick hitches a piggyback ride with classmate Jorgo Rodriguez while Mario Roman, right, walks beside them during their tour of the College of Southern Idaho campus Tuesday. Sixty-seven students from the elementary school participated in the "I'm Going to College Program," which was established by CSI to develop interest in attending college.

House clears last education budget bills

BOISE — The House passed the final three public school funding bills Tuesday, but not before some strident criticism by Democrats and a few Republicans.

Taken together, the three components total slightly more than \$400 million of the \$830 million earmarked for direct state funding of education.

The spending plans passed Tuesday had already been set by the budget committee and passed by the Senate.

The first bill allocates \$276.2 million for educational support such as library programs and the Idaho Council for Technology in Learning. It passed 50-20.

The second measure dedicates \$118 million for children's programs such as Safe and Drug Free Schools, non-English or limited English proficiency, and computer

help for students who fail the Idaho Standards Achievement Test. It passed 46-24.

The third package allocates \$11.3 million in Idaho Lottery funds to be used for various school facility programs. It passed 55-14. All three bills now go to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne for his signature.

Boise Democrat Ken Robison, in the last debate of his career for public education funding, argued that the small increase in state spending for education would be totally consumed by enrollment growth.

And he blasted the children's programs bill for not providing \$5 million requested by the

state Department of Education to help children who fail the ISAT. All students will be required to pass the test to graduate from high school, beginning in 2006.

Although there is some money in the bill to purchase a computer-based tutoring program, "There is nothing in this budget for individualized instruction," Robison said. "This is a betrayal of the class of 2006 and a failure to provide funds for intervention."

Robison was joined by Republican Doug Jones of Filer, whose wife teaches technology at an alternative high school.

"Many students who don't do well on computer tests don't do well on computers," he said. "These students need a different kind of support — human support that will help them understand. If you can't take the test on the computer, how can you study for the test on the computer?"



But members of the budget committee defended their actions, saying that there simply was not enough money in the budget to fund every request.

"The problem with this bill is one we can't fix — the economy itself," Rep. Lee Gagner, R-Idaho Falls, said during the debate on the first bill.

Likewise, Education Committee Chairman Jack Barracough said the ISAT remediation money was adequate.

"It bothers me to think we have to appropriate \$3 million to \$5 million to correct things that ought to be taught anyway," Barracough said.

Wendell Council sacks library board

Mayor says members weren't appointed properly

By Elisabeth A. Devens
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — The City Council has dismissed the Wendell Public Library's board of directors and replaced them with five new appointees.

Mayor Paul Isaacson said the decision was based on legal grounds. The library's oversight board has never been appointed through the proper channels, he said.

"According to our attorney, he's advised us that those serving in the administrative or legislative capacity in our library were not appointed," Isaacson said.

State laws concerning municipal libraries say that the five-member board should be appointed by the mayor and council.

"At this time the council needs to turn the reins of the library board over to a new group of persons who have been selected from a variety of backgrounds to manage the Wendell library."

At their last meeting, Wendell City Council members voted to appoint Terri Fisher to serve on the board for a five-year term, Lori Johnson for a four-year term, Rosalie Eberhard a two-year term and Virginia Arano a one-year term.

"The previous board members, meanwhile, have been informed that their services will no longer be needed."

"We have prepared a letter thanking them," Isaacson said.

But at least one excused board member says she's not going quietly.

Gwen Rost said she and other outgoing members are going to attend Thursday's City Council meeting to speak to the council about the manner in which they were excused.

"We found out after the fact,"

Rost said. "The least they could do is tell them what they were doing."

Others losing their positions include Gloria Martin, Helen Soares, Renee Fowler and Annette Eaton.

Rost said she understands that the council has the right to appoint its own library board. However, she said Librarian Vitar Maltz has always chosen the board members and run them by the council for approval.

"All we are going to do is tell the City Council what we think of them," Rost said.

The new library board is scheduled to hold its first meeting tonight.

Arano, one of the newly appointed members, said she's not quite sure what the new board will discuss during its first meeting.

But they'll probably establish officers as well as meeting dates, times and locations.

"We're going to get going on it and see what we can accomplish," Arano said.

Money will go to help quick response units

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The 19-year-old Ford Econoline van with the ambulance chassis has close to 100,000 miles on it. The men and women who staff it often dig into their own pockets to buy stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, gauze and bandages.

"They're often the first to the scenes of accidents and other emergencies in outlying areas. And they do it all for free."

"When you can help someone, it's very rewarding," said Shad Boyd, the volunteer president of the Kimberly Quick Response Unit.

Come October, the Kimberly unit and volunteer units in Buhl, Castelfield, Filer and Murtaugh/Hansen will have some extra dollars in their coffers for training, equipment and other vital needs.

The \$50,000 to be shared by

First on the scene

Volunteers of the five area quick response units are often the first to arrive at the scene of accidents and other emergencies in outlying areas. Here is a little information on the five area units:

| Location | Volunteers | Vehicles |
|-----------------|------------|----------|
| Buhl | 30 | 2 |
| Castelfield | 16 | 2 |
| Filer | 16 | 2 |
| Kimberly | 8 | 1 |
| Murtaugh/Hansen | 12 | 2 |

the five units will come from the ambulance district levy county commissioners approved in December.

"It means a lot to us," Boyd said. "Hopefully, we'll be able to update our unit and purchase some new equipment."

Twin Falls County commissioners Tuesday met with

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OBITUARIES

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Margie Jensen - Burley

On March 13, 2004, Margie Jensen passed away quietly at home after a short and valiant battle with cancer.



Margie is survived by her husband, Glen of Burley, four children, Steven (Diane) Jensen of Henderson, Nevada,

She married Glen W. Jensen on April 28, 1949, in the Logan LDS Temple. Margie spent many years teaching in the many young children. She began her teaching career at Oakley High School.

of utmost importance to her. She retired from teaching for health reasons in 1980.

Aline Covert - Rupert

Aline Covert, 95, of Rupert, passed away March 15, 2004, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care.



Rupard; and sister, Phyllis Rickert. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifton; son, Jim; daughter, Betty May; brothers, Jack and Oscar Rupard.

Aline worked at the local hardware store and then worked and retired as manager of the State of Idaho Liquor Store.

Association and Rebecca's Lodge. She enjoyed bowling, backpack trips, working at the Senior Citizens, helping others and playing Bingo.

Robert Behr - Burley

Robert "Bob" Behr, 66-of Burley, died suddenly of heart failure on Sunday, March 14, 2004, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital.



past president of the Mini-Cassidy Bears Association (MBCA). He was the MBCA 2002 Bass Angler-of-the-Year.

Bob and his twin sister, Betty, were born May 1, 1937, in Declo, Idaho, to Chester H. Behr and Miriam Schorzman Behr.

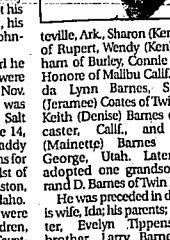
many years. He was nominated for the Idaho State Firefighter-of-the-Year in 1994.

In 1956, he became a Burley Fire Department volunteer firefighter and remained a firefighter throughout his life. He served as battalion chief for

every foot personal pride in his every fish caught by his children and grandchildren. He was an active member and

Durand S. Barnes - Burley

Durand Sylvester Barnes, 78, of Burley, passed away at his home, surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, March 16, 2004.



daughter, Glenda Barnes; a daughter-in-law, Dawn Barnes; and two granddaughters. He is survived by two brothers, Kenneth Barnes of Akron, Ohio, and Howard Barnes of Pler, Ala.; seven children; 34 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren (with a few more on the way); more than 300 foster children; and his devoted pet dog, Hezikiah.

LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

Partial for Monday Sent to governor

SB1202 (State Affairs) - Clarifies overtime pay policy for classified and nonclassified state employees.

eral funding for transit projects. HB1949 (Business) - Authorizes the Department of Business Services to direct the transfer and place of business documents to be filed with the Department.

State Department season closure orders. HB270 (Business and Conservation) - Increases initial depreciation payments from one-half to two-thirds of the original cost of the asset.

SERVICES

R. Loraine Mai Urqugen of Paul, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Rupert (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

AUCTION CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 17, 6:00PM Twin Falls Household & Estates • Tools Antiques • Collectibles Taking Consignments Daily HUNT BROTHERS AUCTIONS 734-2548

DEATH NOTICE

Billy L. Hoops LINDALE, Texas - Billy L. Hoops, 78, of Lindale, Texas, died Saturday, March 6, 2004, in a Tyler Hospital.

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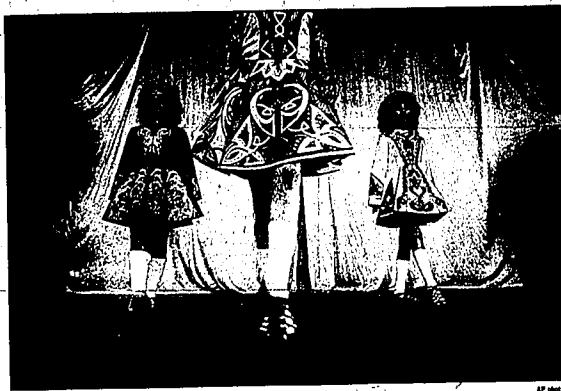
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DANCING A JIG



Brooklyn Silva, 11, Molly Winter, 8, and Emily Kerper, 10, from left, members of the Greenway Academy of Irish Dance hold a performance for St. Patrick's Day at Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Oxnard, Calif., Tuesday. Twenty-five dance students will represent the Academy at the World Championships of Irish Dancing held in Belfast, Northern Ireland, during Easter week.

Jailers discover escape route in Utah prison

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Jailers restricted prisoner movement at the Weber County Jail after discovering an attempt to create an escape route.

Jail Commissioner Jerry Cook said an unknown number of prisoners were trying to "tunnel" through the roof. They were basically trying to penetrate the steel."

He would not say how far along the prisoners had gotten before the effort was discovered last Wednesday.

Cook said all 27 inmates in F-Pod were suspects.

"Either they knew about or were actively participating in it. I would suspect there is more than one inmate involved," he said.

After the discovery, the jail restricted the inmates' out-of-cell time and prohibited them from using telephones except to talk with legal counsel.

The restrictions were expected to end Tuesday or Wednesday.

Residents ask for geese control

Ball field birds have gotten out of hand

By Shelley Hidenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY — After reading a news story that Burley city officials are seeking proposals to remove an unknown number of geese from the airport and golf course, a Burley man asked City Council members Tuesday if the geese control effort could be expanded to the baseball fields near both those facilities.

Randy Parish had earlier met with Burley Community Development Director Brian Tibbets about his concerns and attended the council meeting Tuesday.

Tibbets told council members he's heard the same request from many other people.

The geese that hang around at the baseball fields leave so many droppings that people are unable to use the picnic area, which is next to the ball fields, Tibbets said.

It's even difficult for people to walk around the park because there are so many goose droppings.

Parish said the baseball league president told him the geese leave droppings on home plate. Before coming to Tuesday's meeting, Parish measured droppings on a ball field and counted an average of 30 droppings per square foot.

The handicap access ramp for fishing is so covered with droppings, Parish said he wouldn't take anyone in a wheelchair on the ramp.

The geese have also dug away the river bank near a nat-

ural spring and basically contaminated the water in the pond they've created, Parish said.

On a typical day, 38 domesticated geese hang around in that area of Burley — all those geese have been dumped off by owners who wanted to get rid of their pets — Fish and Game personnel told Parish.

There are wild geese there, too, along with both domesticated and wild ducks.

The parks, baseball field and pond "could be a wonderful, beautiful place, but it's not," Parish said.

Parish has spoken to some clubs and organizations and members have told him they'd be willing to volunteer time and equipment to help clean up the area if the city can do something to get rid of the geese to prevent the problems from recurring.

Councilman Dave Ringle told Parish the topic was on the agenda for the next parks and recreation committee meeting.

Council members Tuesday also directed Councilman Denny Curtis to form a citizen group to establish guidelines for the use of the city's Simplot potato processing plant in Heyburn, which Simplot officials last week announced they'd donate to the city of Burley.

Curtis said guidelines are needed before anyone starts talking to sports clubs or other groups or before anyone answers questions from business people calling about leasing space at the site.

"We have not set the parameters under which we'll operate," Curtis said.

"What are we going to accept in this area?" Curtis asked. "I want companies that will create jobs

but I sure don't want to destroy companies that are already here."

Curtis said he wants employers who pay "livable wages," but wondered if it's legal to lease space that selectively.

City officials can't just "cut deals left and right" to lease the space, he said.

"And, he reminded people at the meeting, Simplot's gift came with some restrictions.

For example, the buildings can't be leased to another potato processing company.

Other council business included:

• **Electric poles** — Mayor Jon Anderson had to break a tie vote of the council regarding who should move electric poles and lines in a new subdivision planned off of Hilland Avenue.

The motion was to direct city employees to move the two poles that have only city electric lines and for the city to "work with United Electric to move a third pole that has lines from both electric utilities."

The subdivision developer asked last month that the city move the poles and not charge him for that work.

Because the city has a policy that says the developer must pay for that work, the matter came to the council.

The council didn't decide Tuesday how to pay for moving the poles if the developer isn't charged a fee.

Curtis and Ringle voted "no" on the motion. Councilmen Ruben Saldaña and Curtis abstained. Mayor Dean Meridian voted "yes," because he's a United Electric employee and Councilman Gordy Hansen was absent.

Alkele referred questions to Councilman, who dismissed the claims of questionable conduct as misinformed.

"There are dozens of the most respected members of the Legislature, as well as the governor, who understand this and support it," Councilman said.

Laurieann Shoemaker, one of the academy's founding parents, has also denied any impropriety the way the school was set up or is being run.

Still, several lawmakers argued that the circumstances surrounding the creation of the academy and its financial relationship with K12 should be investigated although the Senate has rejected creation of a special committee to evaluate the charter schools.

"We're being asked to have a great deal of faith in what's being decided," Republican Sen. Don Anderson of Meridian said.

Democrat Bert Marley, a McCammon school teacher, called the academy nothing more than "education for profit that we have no control over."

Business owner asks commission to consider changing wine laws

The Times-News

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners were asked Monday to consider allowing the sale of wine by the bottle in the county.

Rae Smith, who with her husband, Ted, owns Sweetheart Manor, requested that the county law be changed so wine could be sold in the county.

Smith indicated that the 17 business owners she contacted "unanimously and overwhelmingly support" her request.

Angered by the recent decision of legislators to change liquor laws in order to allow a \$35 million project in Ketchikan to obtain a liquor license, Smith decided Friday to raise the issue with commissioners.

Smith said people drive to Twin Falls or Minidoka County to buy wine, then often have a meal and usually do their other shopping. That change in shopping habits hurts Cassia County more than people think, she said.

"They should be looking at this as an economic development issue for our merchants," Smith said.

Commissioners have three options, according to Smith. They can pass a resolution allowing wine sales in the county. They can hold another election, which could cost taxpayers up to \$11,000, she estimates. If the commissioners take neither of these actions, Smith and her supporters could petition commissioners by gathering about 1,800 signatures of registered voters who favor allowing wine sales.

Smith cautioned that each of these names would then have to be verified by county officials at

taxpayer expense, and this would only get the issue placed on the ballot for a second district election.

Commissioner Dennis Crane said commissioners are considering Smith's request, and Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray is investigating the legal aspects of the issue.

He said it is on the agenda for the March 22 commission meeting.

Smith said she felt "better about it this time" after meeting with commissioners.

In November 2001, county voters defeated a ballot measure to allow wine to be sold in the county.

That vote came about because commissioners declined taking the option of approving a resolution to allow wine sales, as some other county commissions, including Minidoka County, did.

CSI will hold GED graduation ceremony

TWIN FALLS — Students who have recently completed their GED or high school equivalency exams through the College of Southern Idaho's Adult Basic Education Center are encouraged to sign up for the GED graduation that will be held May 15 at CSI.

Rexine Waldron, ABE coordinator, said students should sign up before March 31 in order to ensure getting a gown that will fit. The actual graduation application deadline is May 7.

Waldron said students who believe they can successfully complete their testing before graduation also are encouraged to sign up. The cap and gown fee is \$10. Students should contact Veneta Jenkins at 732-6534 or Waldron at 732-6543.

Idaho's first lady Patricia Kemphorne will be the keynote speaker at the GED graduation at 7 p.m. May 15.

Magic Valley in brief

Woman gets seven to 10 years in burglary

BOISE — A Sun Valley woman who was convicted of bringing a gun to a sergeant's house after he stopped her for driving under the influence has been sentenced to prison.

Gail J. High was sentenced Monday by 5th District Judge James May to seven to 10 years imprisonment for burglary, according to a news release by the attorney general's office.

Sgt. Dave Kassner of the Ketchum Police Department stopped High for driving under the influence on Dec. 17, 2000. That night, High went to Kassner's home with a loaded gun and pointed it at the door, according to the release.

Rupert approves \$3.1M sewer contract

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Rupert City Council approved Tuesday a \$3.1 million contract with Salt Lake City-based Forsgren Associates Inc. to provide engineering services for the sewer plant's \$14.2 million upgrade.

"When the council saw \$3.1 million it caused them to gulp twice," City Administrator Roger Bagley said prior to the 7 p.m. meeting.

Forsgren President Rick Noll attended the council meeting where he and Senior Project Manager Gary Ashby answered questions about the costs.

The council also considered the option of contracting with local Moons Associates and splitting some of the costs between firms. Moons provided a much lower estimate, prompting Councilman Steve Barras asked Noll why his numbers were so different.

"I didn't see Moons' numbers until tonight, but they're clearly not apples to apples," Noll told the council, noting that he'd been involved previously in the construction of 22 plants.

Ashby explained to the group that construction of a sewage

plant is one of the most complex of all civil engineering projects and inspections are the most important part of the project in that they can help to avoid problems — ultimately saving money.

Bagley introduced a city employee who did research after the bid was submitted and found that the city of Hailey had paid a similar amount for engineering on a related project. He also noted that the Department of Environmental Quality considered the estimate reasonable.

Council members also approved a revision of the vacation policy for city employees. Vacation time will now be credited rather than accrued, and will be credited based on rather than the calendar year.

The council did not change the carryover policy where employees are expected to use their credited vacation time before each anniversary.

The agreement does provide for individual cases to be brought to the city administrator for possible approval.

"It shouldn't be automatic," Mayor Audrey Neivirth said, "because people really should use it up each year."

Negotiators reach agreement over power trading

BOISE (AP) — The state's largest utility, regulators and customers have reached a settlement over past trading activities involving Idaho Power Co. and a former marketing affiliate.

The settlement includes the payment of credits totaling \$10 million to Idaho Power customers that began in 2003 and will continue through 2005.

Money

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Andrew Edgar, regional consultant for the Idaho Emergency Medical Services Bureau, about conducting the five quick response units.

Beginning this month, Edgar and fellow members of his staff will begin conducting surveys of unit volunteers and the administrators of the units to help county commissioners enact appropriate procedures for accessibility and accountability of tax dollars.

They'll present their recommendations to commissioners in May.

And the study won't cost the county a dime.

"This agreement brings to an end a source of contention between IDACORP Energy, Idaho Power and its customers," said Ric Gale, Idaho Power's vice president. "This was a very long, but effective collaborative process and I think the agreement works to the benefit of all involved."

The settlement revolved around trading practices by Idaho Power and IDACORP Energy at the height of the 2000-2001 energy crisis. IDACORP Energy was a marketing subsidiary of the IDACORP parent company.

IDACORP generated more than \$2 billion in revenue in 2000 and nearly \$5 billion in 2001, purchasing the company into the Fortune 500 for the only time in its history. But that bubble burst and IDACORP halted the trading business in 2002.

volunteering almost 10 years ago. They keep the radio with them 24/7, and it's not unusual for them to get calls at 3 in the morning.

"But they don't mind. They're dedicated to their work."

"We made the pledge we'd give it 110 percent when we can," Boyd said. "We like being able to help the community. If you're out there and you're able to help someone, that's a bonus."

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magicvalley.com.

Schools

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the local school district is considered.

Kempthorne called his package a long-term solution, but senators, including several who support the governor, said the financing plan will have to be reworked next year or the year after.

"I'm sure there's going to be some unintended consequences, but I don't know what those will be now," said Senate President Pro Tem Robert Geddes of Soda Springs.

Senate Finance Chairman Dean Cameron of Rupert tried to reassure his colleagues that covering the academy's debt would not divert cash from traditional public schools.

"These children would have to be accounted for some way regardless of what happens to the Virtual Academy," he said.

"For some, the traditional public school system works great. These are 1,800 kids who, are being educated in a different method."

About 75 of them live outside Idaho, Cameron said, but most are children of Micron Technol-

ogy Inc. employees working outside the state but still wanting their child to attend an Idaho school.

But Republican Laird Noh of Knappton, the senior member of Legislature, questioned the propriety of the academy debt because Academy Director Janet Alkele is employed by K12 and has been less than cooperative with lawmakers looking into operations of the academy.

K12 is the privately held company headed by former Education Secretary Bill Bennett that has a no-bid multi-million-dollar contract to provide the academy's curriculum. One of its employees, Peter Stewart, was a member of the academy's founding coalition at the same time he was negotiating a curriculum deal with the Butte County School District in April 2002.

"Alkele, a former lawmaker who pressed for virtual charter school authority was the superintendent of the Butte District at the time, and Noh said that 12 days later Alkele was hired by K12 to run the virtual academy under a management contract it had with the school district."

"We're being asked to have a great deal of faith in what's being decided," Republican Sen. Don Anderson of Meridian said.

Democrat Bert Marley, a McCammon school teacher, called the academy nothing more than "education for profit that we have no control over."

Notes on the economy

Up in the air

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

February 2004: 3,047
That's a 30 percent increase from the 2,340 SkyWest boardings in February 2003. For comparison, February boardings totaled 2,860 in 2002.

Year-to-date 2004: 5,825
That's a 23 percent increase from the 4,723 boardings in the first two months of 2003. At that point last year, boardings were running 24 percent below 2002 levels.

(Those totals don't include charter flights.)

Source: Darlene Johnson, airport executive assistant

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Cattle restrictions slow production

NAMPA — Swift & Co. has laid off 84 employees at its Nampa beef-processing plant and is cutting 15 percent of its nationwide work force of 560, saying that the restrictions on cattle imports from Canada prevent it from obtaining enough cattle to support full production.

The layoffs at Nampa took effect Monday.

The Canadian border is open to importing cattle under the 30-month age limit, but Swift's plant only uses cows and bulls over 30 months in age.

Doug Pagelen, general manager of Swift's Nampa plant, said the laid-off employees are eligible for unemployment benefits and will receive compensation required by their union contract.

The company said it could restore the Nampa jobs as early as next month if the U.S. government opens the Canadian border for all cattle imports.

The prospect of that happening soon appears dim. Lindsay Nothner, press secretary for Sen. Mike Crapo, said there continue to be concerns that Canada has not done everything it needs to do to ensure producers and consumers are protected from mad cow disease.

More than 30 countries banned U.S. beef after a dairy cow imported from Canada was diagnosed with the brain-wasting illness in December.

Outback Steakhouse plans big price hike

TAMPA, Fla. — Outback Steakhouse's annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission revealed plans for what may be the biggest price increase in years.

Outback — whose chain includes a franchised restaurant in Twin Falls — said it expects to raise steakhouse menu prices 2.5 percent during the first half of 2004 and another 1.5 percent during the latter half.

By comparison, menu prices at the steakhouse chain grew 0.8 percent in 2003, 1.6 percent in 2002, 2.8 percent in 2001 and 3.1 percent in 2000.

Outback's regulatory filing did not explain the reason behind the increase. But the filing did say Outback expects "unfavorable beef pricing" this year versus 2003.

In other Outback news, a code of ethics adopted Jan. 28 prohibits the company's senior management team from making further personal investments in its franchisees. Pre-existing investments are not affected.

"I think it's arguable whether it's a conflict of interest," general counsel Kador said. "We just think it's a better practice."

— compiled from wire reports

Businesses eye St. Patty's

The Baltimore Sun

Once celebrated mostly in Irish enclaves such as Boston, St. Patrick's Day is becoming more mainstream — and more commercial. Far beyond green bagels and beer, retailers as varied as Old Navy and Office Depot are using the occasion to spur sales during a lull in the calendar, between holidays with more historic sales ties.

"St. Patrick's Day has always been a popular holiday but it hasn't always been a retail holiday," said Ellen Tolley, a spokeswoman with the National Retail Federation in Washington, D.C. "In the last several years, we've seen an increase in St. Patrick's Day merchandise, from green plastic hats to traditional Irish music and cookbooks. We've seen a lot of momentum in the last couple of

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— Ellen Tolley, National Retail Federation spokeswoman

years building up toward St. Patrick's Day." Driving the interest, retailers said, is a larg-

er number of non-Irish celebrating the holiday. About 110 million consumers will celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year by doing such things as wearing green, cooking traditional Irish dishes or dining at an Irish pub. Nearly 20 million will decorate their homes or offices with St. Patrick's Day merchandise, according to the federation.

Evidence of the holiday's retail emergence is mostly anecdotal, though. The major industry groups haven't traced St. Patrick's sales as they have major sales holidays such as Christmas.

"Valentine's Day is over and Easter hasn't arrived, so it's a good time to promote a holiday in between," said James Lewry, a retail marketing professor at Ball State University in Indiana. "Retailers are also trying to

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BANKRUPTCY BLUES



Dan Franklin, 80, left, and Frances Ruelle, 86, right, leave the Spokane Arena after a creditors hearing with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court confirming the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing of Metropolitan Mortgage & Securities Co., Monday, in Spokane, Wash. An estimated 1,500 creditors showed up to the meeting to have questions answered about the case.

Met Mortgage meets with creditors

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — The question on everyone's mind as Metropolitan Mortgage & Securities officials laid out the company's bankruptcy filings was voiced by Fred Jabara.

"After they emerge from Chapter 11, do we get our money back in full?" the Lewiston resident and Metropolitan investor asked at a creditor's meeting this week in the Spokane Arena.

The meeting was required under federal bankruptcy rules to allow creditors to

question Met officials about the company's financial condition.

Met Mortgage filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection for itself and Summit Securities, an Idaho sister company, in early February. Another subsidiary, Metropolitan Investment Securities, is in Chapter 7 liquidation.

Chief Financial Officer Bill Smith said that how much individual investors can hope to recover depends upon the reorganization plan the company will submit by June for creditors' and bankruptcy

court approval.

Metropolitan officials and lawyers assured creditors that the primary objective is to protect and enhance the company's assets to ensure the largest recovery possible for investors.

Several investors who spoke outside the arena afterward said they don't expect to recover much of their money.

As she left the Arena, Frances Ruelle of Spokane was hesitant to talk about her investments, but conceded she stands to lose "a substantial amount" through the bank-

ruptcy reorganization.

Many of the dozens who stood in line before microphones sought advice on filing out forms for making claims against the company and its subsidiaries. Others wanted to know the value of assets, particularly three insurance companies that are still profitable.

The Washington state insurance commissioner's office has placed Met's life insurance subsidiary in receivership.

About 1,500 investors — a

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General Mills profit holds steady in third quarter

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — General Mills Inc. — which has agricultural operations in Magic Valley — reported Tuesday that third-quarter earnings were flat compared with last year, missing Wall Street expectations.

The maker of Cheerios, Yoplait Yogurt and Betty Crock-

or baking mixes earned \$242 million, or 63 cents a share, in the quarter ended Feb. 22, up from \$240 million, or 63 cents a share, a year earlier.

Excluding costs related to its Pillsbury acquisition in fiscal 2002, General Mills earned \$245 million, or 64 cents a share, down from \$255 million, or 67 cents a share, a year ago. The nonrecurring costs totaled \$3

million, down from \$15 million a year earlier.

The results excluding those costs were 2 cents below the average estimate of 66 cents a share by analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

Sales rose 2 percent to \$2.70 billion from \$2.65 billion a year ago.

Our third-quarter results were disappointing, and reflect the impact of higher supply chain costs and soft unit volumes," said Steve Sanger, chairman and chief executive.

"We are introducing a number of new products, some of which address consumers' current interest in lower carbohydrate choices. These new product introductions will be supported with increased levels of marketing spending in the fourth quarter," he said.

For the first nine months of the fiscal year, General Mills earned \$777 million, or \$2.03 a share, up from \$828 million, or \$1.84 a share, a year earlier. Sales rose to \$8.28 billion from \$7.96 billion.

Shares rebound despite Federal Reserve's outlook on economy

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street looked past an underwhelming statement by the Federal Reserve on Tuesday and rebounded smartly as bargain hunters picked up stocks battered by a week of heavy losses.

The market focused on economic and earnings, particularly a bright outlook from manufacturing giant 3M Co., which topped quarterly and full-year estimates. The Commerce Department also reported that the construction sector remained healthy.

Stocks bounced around for much of the day as investors first

awaited the Fed's decision on interest rates and accompanying statement, and then fell in disappointment as the central bank's assessment that job creation is lagging.

"The market was hoping that the Fed knew something that it didn't," said Brian Peart, head equity trader at Victory Capital Management. "But they're looking at the same data as everybody else."

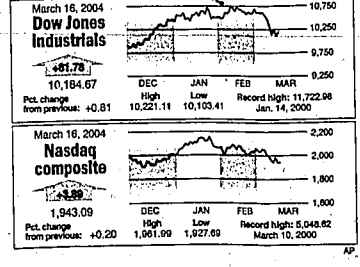
But bargain hunters, keeping the upbeat economic and earnings data in mind, restored the market's momentum late in the session.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 81.78, or 0.8 percent, to

10,184.67. The Dow opened more than 100 points higher than did single-digit gains after the 2:15 p.m. Fed announcement before rallying by the end of the session.

Broader stock indicators were modestly higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 5.21, or 0.6 percent, to 1,110.70. The tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index gained 3.89, or 0.2 percent, to 1,943.09.

The Fed said it could be "patient" in adjusting rates, the same language it used in February. But about 10 investors worried of late about the nation's job growth, the Fed's statement did nothing to assuage Wall Street's fears.



COURT FILINGS

The Times-News

DOISE — Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court included these Magic Valley filings:

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Ryan Samuel Vermilyea and Stephanie Lynn Vermilyea, 139 Southwood Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40425.

Timothy Ray Slagel, also known as Timothy R. Slagel, and Claudia Denis Slagel, also known as Claudia D. Slagel, 846 E. 400 N., Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40444.

Jessica J. Pohlman, 429 Morningstar Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40446.

Alan H. Garrett and Georgia Garrett, 1926 Almo Ave., Burley, joint, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40447.

Alan Rogar Swartz and Anita Jane Swartz, 293 E. Ave. B, Wendell, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 15-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40458.

Angela Dee Oviesto, also known as Angela Alvarez, 323 Fruitland Blvd, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40460.

Lars Bergman and Irene Gerrens, 661 Columbine, Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40461.

Shirley Hux, 2539 Whispering Pine Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$40,000 to \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40472.

Jeff Walden and Michelle Walden, 609 La Habra Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40472.

Chapter 7, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Gary Lewis and Laurinda Lewis, doing business as Paradise Cafe & Wnps, 216 Ash St., Twin Falls, individual, business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40434.

Michael P. Cuellar and Kayla R. Cuellar, also known as Kayla Thierren, 879 Crestview Drive, Twin Falls, joint, business (network marketing), Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40445.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000

Danny Joe Beard, 1538 Brookside Loop, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 15-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40428.

Jacob Benjamin Ray Jr. and Yvonne Kaye Ray, 191 Sidway St., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000. Case no. 04-40463.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$500,000 to \$1 million

Vernon Bailey, 1349 E. 3400 N., Buhl, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$500,000 to \$1 million. Case no. 04-40407.

Tyco execs 'thought they were above the law,' prosecutor says in closing short-term rate steady

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve — keeping a close eye on the unfolding economic recovery — held a main short-term interest rate at a 45-year low Tuesday.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues left the federal funds rate unchanged at 1 percent, where it has been since June. The funds rate is the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans and is the Fed's primary tool for influencing economic activity.

With inflation low, the Fed has

leeway to hold rates at low levels. "The committee believes it can be patient in removing its policy accommodation," the Fed said in language first used at its last meeting in January.

That means the Fed will take its time in ordering any possible rate increases, economists said.

The Fed's unanimous decision to leave the funds rate alone means commercial banks' prime lending rate for many short-term consumer and business loans remains at 4 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades.

Maintaining a climate of extra-low borrowing costs may give consumers and business an incentive to spend and invest more, lifting economic growth.

Since last meeting in January, the Fed said that economic activity "is continuing to expand at a solid pace."

"Although job losses have slowed, new hiring has lagged," the Fed said in language that was more subdued than in the last statement in January. At that time, the Fed mentioned some improvement in the labor market.

"They are here because they thought they were above the law, that rules that applied to

others didn't apply to them," he told the jury. They are here because they stole money from the company," said Kozlowski and Mark H. Swartz, the former financial officer, are accused of looting Tyco of \$600 million. The prosecution has presented evidence of the pair's excesses — including a video tour of an \$18 million Tyco-owned Manhattan apartment.

Donnelly said a now-infamous \$6,000 shower curtain in the maid's bathroom is just one of the extravagances Kozlowski lavished upon himself.

He also bought "\$30,000

of opera glasses," Donnelly said, "a shower curtain," she said, "was bought."

Prosecutors also showed jurors videotape of a \$2 million birthday party on the island of Barbuda for Kozlowski's wife.

Photographer Stephen Kaufman said the party — showing toga-clad stars and a performance by Jimmy Buffet — was meant to prejudice the jury.

Donnelly defended the use of a tape, calling it a "window" into how the defendants saw their relationship to Tyco.

Fund managers with deep value approach find bargains in bad headlines

NEW YORK (AP)—A company with great prospects hits hard times, a top executive winds up in court and the stock starts to tank. That's when smart investors run, right?

Maybe, maybe not. If you're a mutual fund manager with an eye for what Wall Street calls "deep value," you might spot a buying opportunity where others only see negative headlines. It may seem counterintuitive to the average investor, but sometimes bad publicity can be a good thing.

"The key, money managers say, is to thoroughly evaluate a company's balance sheet, decide whether the situation can be resolved in a year or two and keep a long-term perspective.

"It's fairly common for value investors to kind of embrace a troubled company," said Kunal Kapoor, director of mutual fund research at Morningstar Inc. "This is often when a stock can be bought for a street."

That's what Putnam New Value fund manager David L. King was thinking when he continued to buy shares of Tyco International after its officers were charged with looting more than \$600 million from the company.

Tyco, a massive conglomerate that makes everything from car engines and trucks to sophisticated medical devices, was trading in the low \$40s when King started buying it, and he kept buying it as the share price sank — an investing strategy known as "averaging down."

Using this tactic, King wound up paying an average of \$16 a share over several years. Now that the stock is trading near \$29 and he's collected 1.7 million shares, King reckons he's booked about \$21 million in profits.

"When something you buy all

the time goes on sale at the store, you buy a little extra and you put it in the closet," King would do it differently when you're buying stocks.

King wasn't the only manager shopping for Tyco when it was being shunned by the rest of the market. Bill Miller, manager of the highly regarded Legg Mason Value Trust, liked it most because it has become his third-largest holding. Other funds that took this sort of approach include Longfellow Partners and Deep Value.

Deep value investing can bring great rewards, but it can also pose greater-than-average risks. For a more aggressive investor, a fund with a deep value bent can be a stabilizing influence. But a more conserva-

the investor wouldn't want to make it a core holding.

"If you're going to buy one of these funds, understand that there is an opportunity for short-term volatility," Kapoor said. "Don't assume just because it's a value fund it's risk-free."

Potential buying opportunities come with varying degrees of risk as well, said John Buckingham, manager of the small-cap AI Frink Fund. An opportunity can be a major event in a company's history, such as Martha Stewart's conviction for lying to prosecutors about a stock trade, or something less dramatic, like earnings reports that missed Wall Street's estimates — or the unexpected resignation of a senior executive. The important thing from an investing standpoint is the degree of damage, and whether it pushes the price of a desirable stock to an appealing level.

In the case of Martha Stewart's Omnidia, the domestic

goods empire Stewart built from scratch, there's little to be written about. Most say that the stock is still too expensive at \$10 per share, and it's not clear whether the company can successfully distance itself from its convicted founder. Buckingham said he wouldn't consider buying Omnidia until it falls to the \$5 range.

Waiting for a stock to get to a fair value, holding it through difficult times, and then waiting for it to rise before pocketing the gains, takes some patience, Buckingham said. "And that's a thing most investors don't have."

Most value investors don't intentionally seek out troubled stocks; they look for good investments that are selling for less than they're worth. What makes deep value investors different is that they're less likely to be shaken by a scandal or driving the discount.

That's how King, who only invests in large, established

companies, wound up with stocks like home lenders Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which are facing scrutiny over their accounting practices; drugstore chain Rite Aid, which was accused of misrepresenting its financial results; and Xerox Corp., which struggled through a low return and now has better prospects.

All these companies are generally industry leaders, with significant revenues, many employees and a number of cost-cutting programs. That makes them less vulnerable to short-term problems, and more likely to be successful over time.

"A long-term view and investment discipline is much more important than being a goat when it comes to this type of investing," King said. "The best ideas, in retrospect, always look so simple. They don't come from complex, precise predictions about the future."

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Continued from B4... investigations into the frauds that drove the company to seek bankruptcy protection.

On a stage below the Metropolitan Club's luxury box... the largest suite in the 12,000-seat arena - Smith urged investors to consult financial advisers.

Bill Romney, Interim CEO, said the company anticipates selling its non-insurance assets. Including the Metropolitan Performing Arts Center and possibly the Metropolitan Financial Center.

Smith said Metropolitan's problems stem from a heavy reliance on issuing new rounds of preferred stock and debentures to repay older debts.

In January 2003, the SEC said it would not allow the company to sell more securities. As a result, Metropolitan was unable to make enough money to pay its bills.

Holiday

Continued from B4... loosen the purse strings of consumers a little more. Consumers have been a little tight with their wallets because of the recession and all.

Old Navy Inc., the hip clothing retailer by Gap Inc. is selling Target's Day-T-Shirts, hoping to duplicate some of its success during recent summers.

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Money in The Times-News

Keeping the traditions alive



Annie Stevens, of Gooding, right, and Glorianne Cortabartarte, of Hagerman, prepare pitchers of ice water for the tables.

Basque cuisine offers simple, hearty meals

By Terrell Williams
Times News correspondent

GOODING — At the 23rd-annual Basque picnic last July in Gooding, cooks needed 23 lambs to fill the demand for the main course of grilled lamb chops.

"Everybody raves about our lamb, but it's pretty simple, what we do," said veterinarian Pat Richards, of Bliss, whose mother's family is from the Basque country of southern France. "We use lots of garlic

and parsley and let it marinate four or five days. At home we add a little wine, but we leave that out (for the picnic) because there's lots of kids eating here."

Garlic is the main ingredient, he said. "You can never have too much. When you start with good lamb and add good ingredients, it's hard to go wrong."

The early-day Basque sheepherders in Idaho, Richards

said, had to use foods that would keep in camp for weeks without refrigeration. So salt, dried parsley and fresh garlic were the main seasonings for staples of fresh lamb, beans and rice.

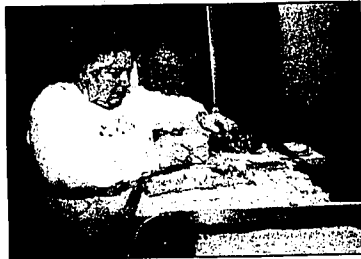
In the old country of France and northern Spain, fishing was a main occupation, so Basque cuisine became known for its dishes of squid, cod, tuna and clams. Large pillow-sized loaves of bread, baked in cast-iron pots, also were a mainstay.

And for centuries, Basques developed masterful soups that can stand alone as hearty meals.

Last year in January, the Gooding Basque Association celebrated the grand opening of its new Basque Culture Center at the south end of Gooding.

To pay for the building and its modern kitchen, members began preparing monthly Basque dinners for the public.

From 6 to 8:30 p.m. on the



Dawn Knaup pitches in to help serve the desserts.

first Friday of each month, volunteers serve multi-course Basque dinners, direct from their ancestors in the Pyrenees Mountains.

"It never ceases to amaze me what an undertaking this is," said Helen Faulkner, one of a dozen Basque cooks who help

make enough food to feed more than 200 people — who arrive monthly in a steady stream. "We start cooking Wednesday so we're not under the gun at the last minute."

To make the dinners, roast beef is slow-cooked all day. Garbanzo Bean Soup with Basque Chorizo simmers, while loaves of Basque bread bake in cast-iron pots.

For rice dishes, chicken is simmered in kettles of broth seasoned with vegetables and plenty of garlic.

Fruit cobbblers, caramel custard and rich wine cakes are made in advance.

On Friday, the jolly crew of cooks and kitchen helpers

begin arriving at about 1 p.m. Laughter is frequent through friendly chatting as the busy workers slice, chop and stir. Rich aromas of garlic and onion fill the kitchen, mixing with steam from gravy and simmering soup.

Faulkner and Annie Stevens slice the beef and layer it in deep pans with wine gravy made from the drippings, then hoist the deep pans into ovens to cook until serving time.

Petra Vengochea, of Hagerman, sautes chopped onions in olive oil, adding minced garlic, then chopped bacon and gallon-size cans of green beans.

Meanwhile, Judy Legarreta builds a pot of Spanish rice with sauteed onion and garlic, chorizo, ham, cooked chicken, chicken stock and the always dependable Uncle Ben's rice.

"One thing about these women," she said, "they DO know how to cook."

"We have a lot of fun until we get into the crunch time," Faulkner said. "Then it gets pretty fast and crazy."

An hour before serving time, Carla Luzar is slicing baked bread. Glorianne Cortabartarte and Annie Stevens have the salad bar ready and are filling water pitchers with ice and slices of lemon. Dawn Knaup is dishing up desserts as husbands and teenagers pitch in

to wash pots and pans. Vengochea squeezes fresh lemon juice on cod filets, sprinkles them with parsley, dips the pieces in batter and fries them briefly in hot oil. Others grill lamb chops, carry food out to the serving lines and set the candle-lit tables.

As guests come through the doors, they draw deep breaths to take in the aromas.

"They pay the \$14 per person — or \$12 for seniors and \$3 for children — and follow a hostess to be seated. Some stop by the bar for a glass of wine or a cocktail.

Vengochea said age-old Basque recipes have been handed down for many generations.

"When we have dinner," she said, "everyone is Basque."

"Working here is wonderful," said Glorianne Cortabartarte of Hagerman. "It's for a good cause. We have a beautiful building and we need to support it. We worked long and hard to get it. It's been a dream that we've had for a long time."

Each month, the menu changes, though there's always lamb, bread, homemade soup, a vegetable and salad bar, plus fish or seafood and a beef or chicken dish.

The Basque people

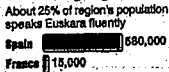
Euskal Herria, or Euskadi, is what the Basque people call their corner of Spain and France stretching from the Pyrenees Mountains to the Bay of Biscay.



- Who rules Euskadi?**
- Mostly self-governing since Middle Ages
 - Spain, France asserted control in 1800s
 - Basque independence movement started
 - Now an autonomous region of Spain
 - ETA began in 1950s as separatist group, evolved into terrorists

Euskara, Basques' ancient language

Spoken in area thousands of years before written records; history before that unknown; no known connection to any living language

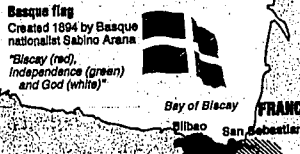


Running of bulls, annual street event in Basque city of Pamplona, Spain, red and white the traditional garb.

Eating the Basque way



Basque grilled shrimp with lemon juice, olive oil, garlic, red pepper sauce, chopped herbs



Basque flag Created 1894 by Basque nationalist Sabino Arana "Elacay (red), Independence (green) and God (white)"

- Goat: Breakfast ("goose" means hunger)
- Hamaikakoto: Morning snack ("hamaika," eleven; Britons call morning snack "elevenness")
- Bizkait: Lunch ("bizkait" vegetable)
- Akaski or merienda: Late afternoon snack
- Aitari: Day's main meal, late evening; can last 2 hours
- Pintxo: Warm, cold snacks eaten with drinks, equivalent to Spain's "tapas"

Euskal Herria
Created 1894 by Basque nationalist Sabino Arana
Basque-speaking region in Spain and France; name means "Basque country"

Euskadi
Basque Autonomous Community
Spanish territories of Vizcaya, Guipuzcoa and Alava

Navarre
Territory with large Basque population; some Basque nationalists want it to be included in Euskadi

Basques cherish their ancient heritage

By Terrell Williams
Times News correspondent

GOODING — The Basque homeland is located along the northern border of Spain and the southern border of France in and around the Pyrenees Mountains. The Basque people are one of the great mysteries of European history. Even though many ancient peoples invaded the Basque territory, it has maintained its unique culture for thousands of years.

The first Basques came to Idaho and other western states nearly a century ago. They began working mostly as sheepherders but since have melded into all walks of American life.

Basque cooks and kitchen helpers in Gooding include teachers, a bookkeeper, secretaries, a nursing home worker, a school maintenance worker, a veterinarian and ranchers. Some are retired. Some are teenagers. Some still herd sheep.

Sell, they remain closely tied to the homeland culture.

Annie Stevens, whose father came to Idaho at age 18 in the early 1900s, said she loves her Basque heritage. "It's been a part of my life all my life," she said. "Basques are committed to their culture. They like get-togethers with friends, and the eating and dancing that goes with it."

In Gooding, the local Basque association of about 155 members puts on an annual picnic the second week of July. Now in its 23rd year and serving more than 1,000 visitors, the event also features Basque dancing and contests of strength.

But this close-knit group of Basques longed for a cultural center for indoor year-round events. In 2001, Julian Legarreta secured three acres of land at the south end of Gooding where a tuberculosis hospital — torn down a decade ago — was once a landmark. With \$240,000 in USDA rural development loans, plus grant money from the Basque organization in Spain and numerous individual donations, a construction crew of mostly volunteers went to work and built a new,



Mike Faulkner, of Gooding, grills marinated lamb chops.

6,400-square-foot Basque Cultural Center for \$360,000. Workers in the big commercial kitchen took classes to become public health certified, and have been serving monthly "First Friday" dinners. The center, with 600 occupancy capacity and seating for 300, also is rented for weddings, parties and other events. This year, the center will offer classes to teach the Basque language and Basque dancing.

FOOD & HOME

It's nice outside, but not THAT nice

Still time for last freeze of the season to show



GREEN THUMBPRINTS Cathy Walworth

Have you seen the calendar? It's practically spring. Unfortunately, "practically" isn't good enough to run outside as though it really is spring. Here's a list of garden do's and don'ts:
• Don't prune your roses till the daffodils bloom. The weather is just warm enough to fool the gardener, as well as the garden. If you prune now, the cuts will encourage the roses to send out new growth. Last thing we want in light of the freeze that will surely follow. Then the tender, cut canes will die back into tissue that they can't afford to lose. By the time the daffodils bloom, we can be reasonably sure that the killing

frosts are (mostly) behind us.
• Mother's Day is our benchmark date for putting tender plants out in the garden without danger of frostbite. So do every window sill with marigolds and lettuce and herbs. For those seeds that are slow to sprout, try putting them under a waterbed for a day. The heat is just right for sprouting seeds in a hurry. No waterbed? Try perching them atop a television. Everyone always says to put the seeds on top of the refrigerator for warmth, but my television is

much warmer than the top of my refrigerator.
• Don't buy those cheap roses at the drug store. It seems like \$2.99 is a bargain, but you get what you pay for. Never buy a rose graded less than a #1. A No. 1-1/2 is not a good rose and a No. 2 rose is simply awful. The poor things usually have fewer canes than they ought, and those are spindly and coated in wax. Somebody, once upon a time, decided that coating roses canes with wax would keep them from drying out. Intentions were good, but the results are not. The roses sit in the sun and the wax melts - into the cane tissue. Not good! And if that's not bad enough, the roots, which are in those plastic bags, rot when all is said and done. \$2.99 is not a bargain. Run, don't walk, to your nearby nursery or garden center and get yourself a good rose. And yes, you can plant them now if

your soil is ready.
• Do plant bare root roses, shrubs and trees. As soon as your ground is dry enough to be workable, get out and get your fingers "dirty." With roses, remember to cover the canes up to about six inches deep in mulch to keep them from drying out before they get around to sprouting.
• In a few weeks, the forsythia will bloom. Afterward, you'll go out and cut off the branches that bloomed. Don't throw away those cuttings. Instead, put the tips of the pruned stalks into a fairly deep hole. You can make a hole just about the right size with a post-hole digger. Fill it in and water it. In a few weeks, you'll have baby forsythia.
What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at caww@pm.org.

Olive oil offers great taste, boost to health

By Joy E. Zacharia Southern Living

Want to serve a scrumptious dish? Start with olive oil. Keep two types on hand: light-colored or Gentle olive oil for sautéing or for use with fish, cats, flowers, and extra-virgin for rich taste and full body.

This dish is a highly-nutritious choice. Monounsaturated fat from olive oil, Omega-3 fatty acids from salmon, and fiber from brown rice together spell heart health.

Bolled Salmon with Lemon and Olive Oil

Makes 4 servings
4 (6-ounce) salmon fillets
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, divided
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1 teaspoon fresh or dried rosemary
Vegetable cooking spray
2 cups hot cooked brown rice
4 cups arugula or uncooked baby spinach
Garnishes: lemon slices, rosemary sprigs
Sprinkle salmon fillets evenly with salt and pepper. Place fillets, lemon rind, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 tablespoon oil, and rosemary in a large zip-top plastic bag. Seal and turn to coat. Chill 30 minutes.
Remove fillets from marinade, discarding marinade. Place fillets, skin side down, on a rack coated with cooking spray in an aluminum foil-lined

broiler pan. Broil fish 5 1/2 inches from heat 10 to 12 minutes or until fillets flake easily with a fork. Arrange rice and arugula on a serving platter, top with fillets. Whisk together remaining 2 tablespoons lemon juice and 1 tablespoon oil; drizzle evenly over fillets. Garnish, if desired.
Calories including arugula and rice: 457 (69 percent from fat); Fat 26.6g (sat 1.3g, mono 5.6g, poly 1.8g); Protein 41.6g; Carb 24.6g; Fiber 2.4g; Chol 107mg; Iron 2.4mg; Sodium 386mg; Cal 71mg.

For a fresh, quick appetizer, layer plum tomatoes, thinly sliced red onion, and part-skin mozzarella cheese cubes in a shallow dish, and drizzle with sauce.
Or serve it with crusty whole grain bread, which is a good source of fiber.

Olive Oil-Balsamic Dipping Sauce

Makes 6 servings
3 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
1 garlic clove, minced
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 (16-ounce) unsliced multi-grain bread loaf
Stir together first 5 ingredients in a shallow bowl. Drizzle oil and vinegar evenly over cheese mixture, and stir. Place bread loaf directly on lower oven rack. Bake at 350 degrees

for 15 minutes or until heated. Cut bread into 1-inch slices. Dip bread slices into sauce.
Calories including bread: 214 (39% from fat); Fat 9.3g (sat 1.3g, mono 5.6g, poly 1.8g); Protein 6.6g; Carb 27.5g; Fiber 3.5g; Chol 1.5mg; Iron 1.7mg; Sodium 390mg; Cal 202mg.

Save time by roasting the garlic bulb ahead or using roasted garlic from a jar. The jar provides conversion information for using it instead of fresh roasted.
We tested this dish with extra-virgin olive oil, but any type will work.

Gnocchi with Olive Oil, Tomato and Parmesan

Makes 4 servings
1 garlic bulb
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
10 to 12 fresh sage leaves
1 (16-ounce) package gnocchi
1 (32-ounce) container fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth
4 plum tomatoes, chopped
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
2 tablespoons freshly shaved Parmesan or Romano cheese
Cut off pointed end of garlic; place garlic on a piece of aluminum foil. Fold foil to seal. Bake at 375 degrees for 1 hour; cool. Squeeze pulp from garlic cloves into a bowl, and mash with fork set aside. Stir together oil and sage in a small skillet, and cook over medium-low heat 2 to 3 minutes or until fragrant and crisp.
Remove leaves, and drain oil

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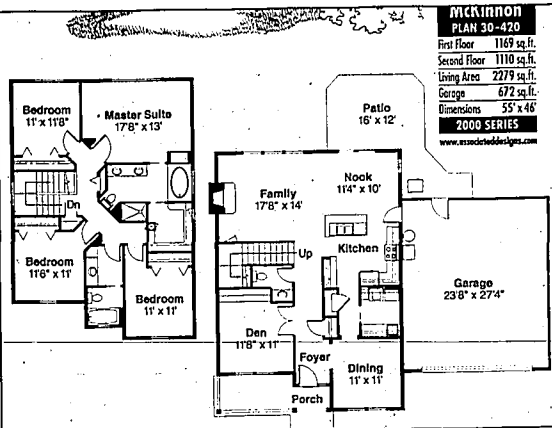
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Inside, an opening on the right leads into the dining room; double doors on the left access a den. The den, or office, has a built-in desk, but that long alcove could just as easily be enclosed as a closet, so the room can double as a guest room.

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—BOB R.

DEAR BOB: Self-cleaning glass does work and it does not have any impact on the energy efficiency of the window glass. The self-cleaning surface is just on the exterior pane. Actually, during the winter, self-cleaning glass is more efficient because clean glass allows more solar heat through it.

Several major international glass manufacturers produce the self-cleaning glass. Check with them or your window manufacturer to see if it is offered. The special self-cleaning coating is invisible and is actually part of the glass pane, so it is as durable as the window glass surface itself.

The coating self cleans the window by two continuous processes. Safe chemicals in the glass surface create a photocatalytic process when sunlight (specifically ultraviolet - UV) strikes the glass. This process breaks down and disintegrates organic dirt, which is the majority of dirt on windows.

The special surface also has a hydrophilic property which causes water to sheet and flow down the glass instead of forming beads when it rains. Every time it rains, the glass is cleaned or spray it off with a hose. You can see outdoors during a heavy rain almost as well as when it is dry.

There are many new types of decorative glass available, but you probably won't be able to



Self-cleaning glass works partly by a window coating that breaks down organic dirt



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find it with the self-cleaning surface. Just adding a few decorative windows (some very ornate ones are quite expensive) to your home can dramatically improve its appearance from indoors and out. Some decorative windows are very efficient even though they may have metal and other trim in the glass. The most efficient ones sandwich the decorative pane of glass between two plain panes. This protects the decorative pane while it creates two insulating air gaps inside the glass.

Most major window manufacturers will offer several or all of these decorative glass options: stained, leaded, glass chip, beveled, carved, hammered,

multifaceted, granite, jeweled, art-deco, etched, and orchid. Privacy and security, such as impact-resistance, glass is another option.

If your budget is tight, consider decorative glass panels that snap over an existing window. These kits include finishing wood trim strips so the add-on glass panel appears to be an integral part of your existing window pane.

Often, a small fixed (non-opening) window with a unique shape and tinted glass is attractive and reasonably priced. Arched styles, such as Gothic or unequal legs, are popular.

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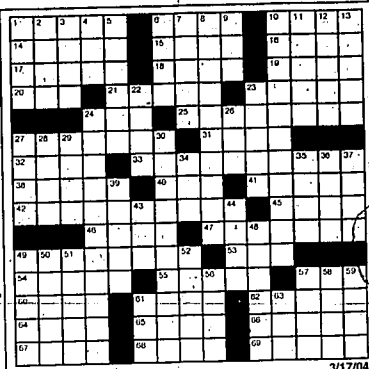
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Table manners mar man's pedigree

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DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

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"We need to rent the center and have these monthly dinners to make the annual payments on the building," said past-president Helen Faulkner, "so we sure appreciate everyone who comes out and eats."

The dinners have been well received, she added. "We have lots of repeat people. There isn't the opportunity to get that kind of food anywhere in the Magic Valley or Wood River Valley. It's a nice fellowship time, too. It's usually a big, happy time, and that's what Basque is all about."

Legarreta, the association's 2004 president, said the new center helps preserve the Basque culture, which was suppressed under the dictatorship of Francisco Franco in the mid-1900s.

Today, he said, Basques have a national organization in the United States, of which the Gooding Basque Association is a member. Legarreta said the monthly dinner has had tremendous community support.

"We were hoping that it would turn out great, and it has," he said. Volunteer Dawn Knapp said she is a member of the Gooding Basque Association, even though it is not her heritage.

"I pretend I'm Basque," she said. "They let me hang out. It's just too fun. They're such a happy, festive bunch of folks. These ladies are wonderful. They have hundreds of years of experience that they are bringing to the kitchen and sharing with the community."



Helen Faulkner slices wine cake, one of several dessert choices rotated into the First Friday dinner menus at the Basque Culture Center in Gooding.

BASQUE BREAD

- 3 cups water
- 2 tablespoons yeast
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup oil
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 9 cups flour

Follow standard directions for making yeast bread. Bake in a greased 10- or 12-inch cast iron Dutch oven pan at 350 degrees for 50 to 55 minutes. Serves about 15.

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SHEPHERD STEW

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- 3 pounds lamb stew meat, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3 tablespoons olive oil or bacon fat
- 1 can of beer
- 1 can of tomato sauce
- 3 cups water
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- Tabasco sauce

1 tablespoon basil
Salt and pepper
4 carrots, sliced
4 potatoes, sliced
Combine flour, meat, salt and pepper in a plastic bag and shake till meat is coated. Empty contents of bag into large pot and brown slowly in hot fat, turning often. Add tomato sauce, garlic, water, onion, basil, beer and Tabasco. Simmer for two hours. Add carrots and potatoes. Simmer for another hour, or until carrots are tender.

GARBANZO BEAN SOUP

- 2 cups garbanzo beans
- 1 ham soup bone
- 1 clove of garlic
- Paprika
- 2 chorizos, sliced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Soak garbanzos overnight. Rinse in fresh cold water. Add 3 quarts cold water and ham bone.

Bring to a boil. Skim out the froth and simmer, adding more water to maintain 3 quarts, for 45 minutes. Before serving, sauté garlic and add to soup along with the chorizos. Season with paprika, salt and pepper.

BASQUE CHICKEN AND RICE

This is a standard side dish served at many Basque restaurants. It features pimentos, a standard ingredient in Basque cooking.

- 3 chorizos, cut into 1/2-inch chunks
- 2 chicken breasts (or equal amount of cooked, boned chicken)
- 3 large cloves garlic, pressed
- 1 ounce can of pimentos, sliced
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoons parsley, snipped

1 cup rice
3 cups chicken broth
2 cups water
1/2 tablespoon Italian seasoning
1 tablespoon olive oil or more as required for sauteing
Salt and pepper
Saute chorizo, garlic and onion in oil until onions are soft. Add other ingredients. Stir. Pour into large casserole. Bake at 350 degrees or 1 1/2 hours, stirring twice and adding more broth or water if mixture becomes too dry.

BASQUE WINE CAKE

This rich dessert is a favorite at the Gooding Basque dinners. It keeps well and is especially good when refrigerated.

- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 1 package (4 ounces) vanilla instant pudding
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup red wine
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- Mix all ingredients. Pour into

greased Bundt pan. Bake 50 to 55 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove from oven, turn out onto a plate and immediately pour glaze over hot cake.
Glaze:
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
1/4 cup red wine
Dash of cinnamon
Mix well, adjusting sugar and wine amounts to get a heavy syrup.

ALMOND CAKE

This light-textured cake is a favorite Basque dessert.

- 10 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 4 cups almonds, blanched and ground
- Fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- Dash of salt
- Beat together until fluffy three whole eggs and seven egg yolks. Beat sugar in slowly, a little at a time, then add almonds a little

at a time, beating constantly. Add a dash of lemon juice; bring out the flavor of the almonds. Beat separately seven egg whites, adding cream of tartar when whites are frothy, and a dash of salt. Continue beating until the whites are stiff. Fold whites into yolk mixture. Bake in a 10-inch tube pan, ungreased, at 325 degrees for one hour and 5 or 10 minutes.

BASQUE CARAMEL CUSTARD

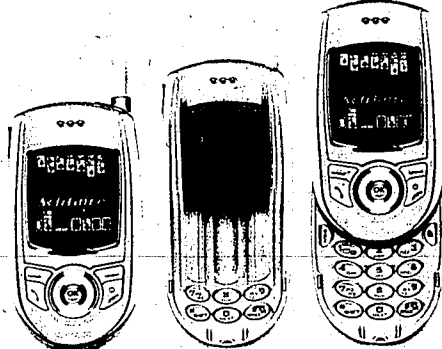
- 2 cups whole milk
- 4 large eggs
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sugar for caramel

Place 1/2 cup white sugar in bottom of small, deep saucepan which can go into the oven. For best results, use a heavy pan. Brown the sugar and coat the sides and bottom of the pan by the tipping it from side to side as the sugar melts into caramel. Be careful not to burn the sugar. Whip eggs, milk, 1/3 cup sugar, vanilla and salt together until

foamy. Pour into caramel pan but do not stir up with caramel. Place saucepan in a larger pan containing 1/2 inch of boiling water. Bake 50 minutes at 350 degrees, or until knife comes out clean. Let cool, turn over and unmold into deep dish. Melted caramel runs down sides, forming a sauce. Serves 4 (maybe).

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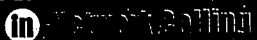
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FOOD & HOME

Time to return to authentic food

By Allison Askins
Knight Ridder News Service

Becoming a fast-food nation isn't just bad for our health. It's also causing us to lose our culinary memories. Soon, an entire generation of Americans may grow into adulthood without the foggy recollection of what to do with a head of cabbage.

To choose a good cabbage, look for solid heads, heavy in relation to their size. Stems should be trimmed close to the head and some larger, outer leaves should be green and in-

tact. You do not want yellowing, wilting leaves. Store in a cold, humid location, preferably the crisper drawer of your refrigerator. Use as quickly as possible—within a week of purchase. Cabbage contains vitamins A, B and C, as well as iron, calcium and enzymes, and is high in beta-carotene and fiber. Cabbage produces an unpleasant, sulfur-like odor only when overcooked.

The solution is to avoid cooking in aluminum pans and to keep your cooking time to a minimum.

Braised Cabbage with Spices

4 servings
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth
1 pound green cabbage (1/2 medium head), shredded
1/4 teaspoon minced thyme
1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley leaves
Salt and ground black pepper
Melt butter in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add

broth, then cabbage, then thyme.

Bring to a simmer, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until cabbage is wilted but still bright green, 7-9 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley; season with salt and pepper.

Serve immediately.
—From "Perfect Vegetables" by the editors of Cook's Illustrated magazine

Creamy Coleslaw

4 servings
3/4 pound package coleslaw mix (shredded cabbage and carrots)
1 medium red onion, thinly sliced
1/2 cup fat-free mayonnaise
2 tablespoons cilantro, fresh, chopped

1 teaspoon dark sesame oil
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Mix all ingredients in large bowl; toss to combine. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Best if allowed to sit for at least 1 hour before serving.

—From WeightWatchers.com

Stuffed Cabbage Leaves

4 servings
8 cabbage leaves
2 quarts water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 pound lean ground beef
1 egg
1/2 cup cooked rice
1 onion, chopped
2 tablespoons butter
Salt and pepper to taste
4 slices bacon, cut into half slices
1 cup tomato puree
1/4 water for diluting, puree, if desired

the root end of the cabbage leaf. (You want to remove the hard spine at the base of the leaf.)

Set aside prepped leaves. Sauté onion in butter in a small sauté pan over medium-high heat. After onion has softened, mix in a medium-sized bowl: onion, uncooked beef, raw egg, cooked rice, salt and pepper.

On a cutting board or other cleared surface, stuff leaves by filling each with a heaping spoonful of meat mixture. Fold sides of leaves to cover meat mixture, then fold top and bottom of leaf to further cover the mixture.

Place stuffed cabbage leaf seam side down in a baking dish. Place a half piece of bacon over each stuffed leaf. Pour tomato puree mixed with about 1/4 cup of water over stuffed leaves. (Add water to create the consistency of puree that you prefer.) Cook loosely with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes.

—From the collection of Shirley Sease of The Farmer's Sted in Gilbert. Sease first used this recipe after seeing it on the "Dinah Shore Show" more than 30 years ago.

Just in time: Easter carrot cake

Taste of Home

"At Easter, I hop to it and bake this delectable, moist cake in a bunny-shaped pan," says Vikki Rebolho of West Chester, Ohio. "The recipe can also be made in an 11-by-7-inch pan for other occasions."

Easter Bunny Carrot Cake

3 eggs
1 1/4 cups sugar
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/3 cup water
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
2 cups grated carrots
1 can (16 ounces) cream cheese frosting
Pink gel food coloring

Brown decorator icing
1 chocolate-covered peanut
Red and green liquid food coloring
Flaked coconut

In a mixing bowl, combine the eggs, sugar, oil, water and vanilla, mix well. Combine the flour, baking powder, cinnamon, salt, nutmeg and cloves; beat into egg mixture. Stir in carrots. Pour into a greased and floured 2-quart bunny-shaped pan. Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 15 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack.

Tint 1/3 cup frosting light pink and 1/3 cup frosting dark pink. Spread plain frosting over cake. With brown icing, outline bunny and form an ear, eyebrow, bow, nose, mouth and paws. Fill in ear and nose with light pink frosting and bow with dark pink frosting. Add chocolate-covered peanut for the eye. In a resealable plastic bag,

combine 1/2 teaspoon water, and a few drops of red food coloring; add 1/3 cup coconut. Seal bag and shake to coat. Sprinkle on top. If desired, tint additional coconut green and sprinkle around bunny for grass.

NOTE: The Cottontail Bunny Pan can be ordered from Wilton Industries, Inc. Call 1-800/784-5886 or visit www.wilton.com. The carrot cake may also be baked in a greased 11-by-7-by-



The Easter Bunny Carrot Cake. 2-inch baking pan for 40-45 minutes.

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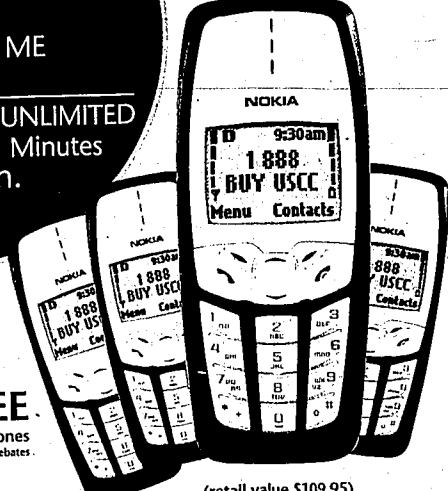
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It's time for corned beef and cabbage

By Deborah S. Hartz
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

The traditional way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day is with corned beef and cabbage. In fact, at Paddy Mac's in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., they'll cook half a ton of corned beef to serve with 200 pounds of cabbage and 500 pounds of potatoes. This is the only day of the year they serve this dish because, according to owner Ken Wade, it's not really Irish (bacon and cabbage are preferred), but that doesn't seem to matter on March 17.

The term "corned beef" comes from the Anglo-Saxon use of the word "corn," meaning a small particle such as grain of salt. Cooking corned beef and cabbage doesn't take much more than boiling (or simmering) water. To make it a little more fun, we suggest you take one step backward and try corning your own beef. All you do is (like a brine [salt dissolved in water] with sugar and spices, add the meat, weight it down and refrigerate it for 36 hours. That's it. To cook, just drain and simmer the meat with vegetables.

You may notice that the corned beef you make at home is grayer than what you buy in the store. That's because it's made without additives that act to the myoglobin in the meat to keep it red. You'll also notice that home-brined corned beef has the taste of cinnamon, allspice, mustard, seeds, ginger, cloves, cardamom and the other heady seasonings that make up the mixed pickling spices.

Corned Beef Salad

- 1 pound small new potatoes. Salt to taste
- 2 cups fine-shredded savory cabbage
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 1 carrot, grated
- 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
- 12 (1/4-inch-thick) slices cooked corned beef

Cook new potatoes, skins on, in boiling salted water 25 minutes or until tender. Drain and cool; then chill. When cold, peel and slice. Place in a nonreactive bowl with cabbage, onions and carrots. Combine mustard, mayonnaise and horseradish. Add to potato mixture and toss gently to combine. Cut corned beef into strips and fold into salad. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Corned Beef and Cabbage

- 1 (4- to 5-pound) piece corned beef brisket
- Water
- 6 to 8 small yellow onions
- 6 to 8 small boiling potatoes
- 6 to 8 carrots, trimmed and cut into chunks
- 1 head green cabbage, cored and cut into 6 to 8 wedges
- Wash corned beef under running water to remove surface brine.

2 hours. Then add onions, potatoes and carrots. If using. Continue simmering 15 to 20 minutes or until potatoes are cooked through. Add cabbage during last 10 minutes of cooking.

At end of cooking time, a fork should penetrate to center of meat easily. Slice meat across grain. Makes 8 servings.

NOTE: If you plan to make Paddy Mac's Corned Beef, Cabbage and Potato Soup, use at least 8 cups water to cook the corned beef so you have the corned beef stock to make the soup.

Corned Beef, Potato Soup

- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 medium leeks, washed and sliced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1/4 small head green cabbage, cored and shredded
- 2 bay leaves
- 4 ribs celery, chopped
- 8 cups corned beef stock
- 2 pounds peeled potatoes, sliced
- 1 pound cooked corned beef, diced
- Salt and fresh-ground black pepper, to taste

Place potato mixture in a blender or a food processor fitted with the metal blade; blend or process until smooth. This may have to be done in batches. Or use an immersion blender. Return puree to pan and add heat; bring to a boil. Add corned beef and season with salt and pepper; cook over medium heat until heated through. Makes 15 cups.

NOTE: At Paddy Mac's, corned beef stock is the liquid used to cook the corned beef. To corning brisket that comes with a seasoning packet. They cook the meat in water with half the contents of the seasoning packet, carrots, celery, cabbage, onions, leek and turnips. When the meat is cooked, they remove it from the cooking liquid and then strain the liquid to use as stock in this recipe.

To Corn your own Brisket

- 6 pounds brisket of beef
- 8 cups water
- 1 cup salt
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons mixed whole pickling spices
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, minced

weight on meat so that it stays submerged in brine. Refrigerate 36 hours.

Cold brine: In a large nonreactive (preferably enamel or enamel-coated iron) pot, bring water, salt, sugar, pepper, pickling spices, bay leaves and garlic just to a boil.

Cool to lukewarm, add meat, cover with a clean piece of cheesecloth or triple thickness and put a weight on top so that it stays submerged in brine. Refrigerate 36 hours. Makes 1 (6-pound) corned beef that, when cooked, is enough for 8 to 10 servings.

—Adapted from "American Hostess Library Book of Cooking" by Agnes Murphy.

Horseradish adds touch of spice to lime gelatin salad

By Linda Cleere
The Miami Herald

This is a staple at church suppers and old Southern caterers. This recipe is adapted from Jean Anderson's "The American Century Cookbook: The Most Popular Recipes of the 20th Century." The rap of horseradish is a true touch. To the evaporated milk is traditional, other recipes use whipped cream or frozen whipped topping instead.

Mother's Lime Gelatin Salad

- 1 (4-serving) package lime-flavored gelatin
- 1 (4-serving) package lemon-flavored gelatin
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 (20-ounce) can crushed pineapple in juice
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon prepared horseradish (optional)
- 1 cup evaporated milk, partially frozen
- 1 (8-ounce) container cottage cheese
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans

ing water in a large heat-proof bowl. Drain pineapple juice, reserving it. Add juice to gelatin mixture along with lemon juice, salt and horseradish. Chill about 40 minutes, until the consistency of an egg white. In another bowl, whip the evaporated milk until fluffy with an electric mixer.

Beat in the gelatin mixture. Strain cottage cheese in a sieve. Stir into gelatin along with mayonnaise. Fold in pineapple and pecans. Pour into a 3-quart mold or divide among 15 individual molds. Chill until set, about 4 hours. Makes 15 servings.

Per serving: 175 calories (45 percent from fat), 9 g fat (12 g saturated), 2.9 g monounsaturated, 4.7 g cholesterol, 5.1 g protein, 20.2 g carbohydrates, 1 g fiber, 232 mg sodium.

Classic Caesar salad does not make the health police happy with its raw egg. Here's an improvisation that eliminates the safety concern by using pasteurized egg substitute. Those who like to sully their Caesar with anchovies are free to do so, but the hint from Worcester-shire is enough for me. Shaving the Parmesan makes it more assertive.

Caesar Bacon salad

- 2 1/2 cups (1 1/2-inch) bread cubes, cut from French or sourdough bread
- 4 strips bacon
- 1 large head romaine lettuce, torn in bite-size pieces
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 cup egg substitute
- 1/4 cup 1 lemon
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1 ounce Parmesan cheese, freshly shaved with a potato peeler or grated (1/4 cup)

Cook the bacon in a frying pan over medium-high heat until crisp. Remove strips, crumble and set aside. Toss the bread cubes in the bacon fat, then spread on a cookie sheet. Toast in a 350-degree oven about 8 minutes, stirring once, until lightly browned. Process the olive oil, garlic, salt, pepper, sugar, egg substitute, lemon and Worcestershire in a blender or food processor until well combined. Dressing with the romaine. Toss again with the warm croutons, Parmesan and bacon. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 193 calories (66 percent from fat), 14.3 g fat (2.7 g saturated), 9.4 g monounsaturated, 5.9 mg cholesterol, 5.8 g protein, 11.4 g carbohydrates, 1.1 g fiber, 461.1 mg sodium.

This recipe comes from my seventh-grade home economics class. In those old days, the most exotic cheese available was sharp cheddar and the mustard was lurid yellow. The magic was that the recipe worked without separating the eggs, so it was considered a "short-cut" soufflé with prep time a mere half hour. Today you can make this in minutes in a food processor with an endless variety of gourmet cheeses and mustards.

Easy Cheese and Mustard Souffle

- 1 tablespoon butter, softened
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 6 eggs
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 to 4 tablespoons whole-grain mustard
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, cubed
- 8 ounces cheddar or Gruyere cheese, cubed

Butter a 2-quart souffle dish

Try orange with Irish soda bread

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

Jane L. Theger of Baltimore sent in this recipe, which she said is "absolutely delicious when toasted and spread with orange marmalade, particularly when you include the orange peel."

Irish Soda Bread

- butter or cooking-spray for pan
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 teaspoons grated orange peel (optional)
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups buttermilk
- Butter or spray an 8-inch round cake pan. Combine dry ingredients (and orange peel, if using). Add enough buttermilk to make a soft dough that is firm enough to hold its shape. Knead on a lightly floured surface for 3 minutes, until smooth and velvety.

Form into a round loaf and place in prepared pan. Score a cross on the top with a sharp knife. Bake at 375 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes, or until browned and hollow-sounding when tapped.

NOTE: If you're a traditionalist, add 1/2 cup golden raisins and 1 tablespoon caraway when you add the buttermilk.

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French pastry chef concocts low-fat, tasty cookies

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

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Announcing success with baking bread

I cannot tell you how pleased I am with myself. It's only natural for me to feel this sense of self-congratulations after all my years of struggling.

Many of you may recall that I have bread-making issues. Basically, I've never mastered the art of making good homemade bread. It's been the bane of my culinary existence - being forced to buy pre-made frozen loaves and pretending they were my own.

This bad bread affliction might have its roots in my youth: My dear mother, bless her heart, always wanted us to have homemade whole wheat bread. So for 18 years, I drank lots of milk with her love-filled, but extra-dry, bread.

I guessed that Mom had too



VALLEY COOKING
Rebecca Tateoka

much whole wheat flour in her terribly dry bread, so I tried to provide most whole wheat bread. But many bakers know this can lead to caved-in loaves, which it did. But I just couldn't add more flour; it'd be too dry.

So here we are, many years later, and I think I've created a winning combination. Here are my parameters: I have a Bosch mixer, not a bread machine. I hate making a huge batch, so this recipe doesn't make a lot of

bread. And it had to be on the healthier side, meaning easy on the sugars and no white flour.

Let me tell you, the breads a hit at home, and that's saying something. The texture of this bread looks like store-bought, and the flavor's pretty great, too. The only reason the kids know it's homemade is the smaller size. But they're eating it, only complaining a little, and skipping the milk.

Now that's high praise! My hope is that someone else

will find this recipe of mine as great as I think it is. That's what we're all about here: Improving each issue, one recipe at a time.

As an added bonus, I'm throwing in a recipe for bran muffins that's extra healthy. Of course, it's only for two muffins, but sometimes that's all you want.

Enjoy!

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

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Becca's Bread

1 12-ounce can fat-free evaporated milk

3 tablespoons molasses

1 tablespoon plus 1 1/2 teaspoons yeast

Pour the evaporated milk into a microwave-safe bowl and heat for 1 to 1 1/2 minutes on high. Pour heated milk into the mixer. Add the molasses and yeast, mixing just until combined. Place the lid in the mixer and allow yeast mixture to proof for about 10 minutes, or until somewhat bubbly.

1 1/2 tablespoons dough enhancer

1 1/2 tablespoons wheat gluten

3 tablespoons canola oil

1 1/2 teaspoons salt

1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour

Mix these five ingredients into the yeast mixture, scraping the sides of the mixer, until it is a very soft, runny dough. Again, place the lid on the mixer and

allow the dough to set for about 10 minutes.

1/2 to 2 cups whole wheat flour

Begin mixing the dough while adding the flour, 1/2 cup at a time, and mixing thoroughly. If dough ceases to mix properly or the flour doesn't seem to be getting mixed in, add water, 1 teaspoon at a time, until the mixer is able to "knead" the dough. Allow the mixer to "knead" on medium speed for about 10 minutes.

Separate the dough into loaf sizes; you should be able to easily roll out the dough without flouring the counter. Shape into either four 5 1/2-by-3-inch mini-loaf sizes or two 7 1/2-by-3-inch loaves. Place in greased bread pans and allow the loaves to rise in a warm area. Bake at 350 for 25 minutes; turn bread out of pans immediately and allow loaves to cool.

Bran Muffins

1 egg

2 teaspoons Splenda

1 tablespoon vital wheat gluten

1/8 teaspoon baking powder

3 tablespoons toasted wheat bran

Pinch of salt

Dash of lemon juice

1/4 cup vanilla extract

Separate egg. Whip the whites with a few drops of lemon juice, until stiff. Mix the yolk, Splenda and a bit of vani-

la extract until uniform.

Mix in gluten, baking powder and a bit of salt. Mix until uniform. Fold egg whites and wheat bran gently into the other ingredients. Pour into muffin tins (makes only 2 muffins).

Bake in a preheated 350 oven for 15 minutes, or until tops are brown and a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

-From www.proteam.net/bran-muffins.html

Dash of nutmeg can spark up can of soup

By Renee Schettler
The Washington Post

Soup doesn't have to stop come spring.

Though a chunk of Parmesan and a bit of nutmeg can lend a hearty homemade flavor to canned broth, a more deli-

cate, spring-like soup can easily be had by omitting these ingredients and instead squeezing a few drops of lemon juice into the soup just prior to serving.

You may also substitute fresh peas or thinly sliced, sauteed asparagus for the spinach.

Chicken Soup with Spinach

4 servings

2 teaspoons olive oil

1 teaspoon minced garlic

3 14-ounce cans low-sodium chicken broth

2 chicken breast halves (bone-on, skin-on or boneless, skinless)

1- to 2-inch chunk Parmesan cheese, preferably with rind attached, plus additional for serving

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon grated whole nutmeg

1/2 cup uncooked small pasta or a handful of larger pasta, such as penne or broken spaghetti

About 5 ounces baby spinach

In a pot over medium-low heat, heat the oil. Add the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 10 seconds. Add the broth, chicken, Parmesan chunk, salt, pepper and nutmeg and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover partially and simmer gently until the chicken is cooked through, 10 to 20 minutes, depending on the size. Remove chicken; set aside. Transfer the chicken to a

plate; set aside to cool. Remove and discard the chunk of cheese. Return the broth to a boil. Add the pasta and simmer until al dente, 7 to 10 minutes. Cut the chicken into thin strips or shred it and return it to the pot. Add the spinach and simmer just until wilted, about 1 minute. Divide soup evenly among bowls and, if desired, sprinkle with shaved cheese.

Per serving: 236 calories, 21 gm protein, 25 gm carbohydrates, 6 gm fat, 37 mg cholesterol, 2 gm saturated fat, 351 mg sodium, 2 gm dietary fiber.

-Adapted from the March 2004 issue of Health magazine.

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Sports Editor: Joe Paisley, 735-3239 (Hours: 2-11 p.m.)

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I don't think he's doing much surfing in Pocatello.

—Iowa State coach Bill Fennelly, Idaho State women's basketball coach Jon Newlee used to kid Fennelly about going surfing in the winter when he was an assistant coach at Hawaii. Newlee is in his first season as the ISU women's basketball coach, which plays at Iowa State on Wednesday night in the first round of the WNIT.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College basketball**
Women, National Tournament, Salina, Kansas
Men, National Tournament, Hutchinson, Kansas
See stories Page D-1
- High School Track**
Glenns Ferry, Lighthouse Christian, Oakley, Declo, Wendell, Valley, Fire, Kimberly, Raft River at Gooding Invitational, ISDB, 1 p.m.
- High school baseball**
Malad at Glenns Ferry, 2:30 p.m.
- High school tennis**
Declo at Minico, 4 p.m.
Twin Falls at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
Wood River at Glenns Ferry, 2:30 p.m.
- High school softball**
Burley at Twin Falls IV, 4 p.m.
- High school golf**
Jerome boys, Skyview, Nampa, Vallivue at Ridgecrest, noon.
Jerome girls, Skyview, Nampa, Vallivue at Centennial, noon.

IN BRIEF

- VanEngelen lands first ace of season**
TWIN FALLS — Bill VanEngelen used a 7-iron to score a hole in one on No. 9 from 165 yards on March 14.
His first career ace was witnessed by Dave Datsloglio, Rich Alexander and Scotty VanEngelen.
- Twin Falls girls hoops players earn honor**
TWIN FALLS — Belinda Turley and Heidi Reisma of Twin Falls High both earned honorable mention for the Region 4-5-6 5A girls basketball All-Region Team announced recently.
Their names were not on a list provided to The Times-News.
- ISU dance team takes fifth at nationals**
POCATELLO — The Idaho State University Bengals Dancers finished fifth at the United Spirit Association College Dance and Cheer National Championships held recently in Las Vegas.
Southern Cal won, followed by Missouri, UCLA and Kentucky. Boise State took ninth out of the 21 schools entered.
Shelaina Blytheck of Twin Falls is on the ISU squad.
The team next heads to the National Dance Alliance national championships on April 1 at Daytona Beach, Fla., hoping to improve on last year's fourth-place finish.

Gooding will host 25th annual smoker
GOODING — The 25th annual Fifth District High School Rodeo Boxing Smoker will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 9 in the Gooding High School gymnasium.
Tickets to the scholarship fund-raiser can be bought in Gooding at Zions Bank, Franklin Building Supply, Western Cellular and Seifer's Jewelry or at the door. Call Craig at 934-4429 for more information.

CSI men face No. 5 Chipola

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — The sign reading "Hutch" above College of Southern Idaho head coach Gib Arnold's office door has been a constant reminder all season long of where the Golden Eagles wanted to finish their season.

Mission accomplished. But CSI (24-9 overall) isn't content just to make it to Hutchinson, Kan. for the NCAA men's basketball national tournament. The Eagles want to win — everything.

"We're just trying to keep the momentum and keeping that in our head that the season isn't over yet," said CSI sophomore guard Aking Edung. "We have four more games to win, and we're going to do it."



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NCAA men's tournament
Radio: 1310AM KLIX
Today's game
No. 13 CSI vs. No. 5 Chipola
CC (Fla.), 12:45 p.m. MST

We've just got to take it one game at a time.

The Eagles will square off with Chipola College (Fla.) in today's 12:45 MST first-round game. The Indians enter the contest

ranked No. 5 in the country with a 30-3 record.

Just like CSI, Chipola won its regional tournament on its home floor, defeating Okaloosa-Walton Community College, 71-59 to win the Region 8 championship. The Indians are making their first trip to the national tournament since 1988.

The Eagles defeated Snow College, 80-74 to win the Region 18 title and will be making their first trip to nationals since 1999-2000 and their 20th overall.

Chipola, which won the tough Panhandle Conference with an 11-1 record, has a history of fielding outstanding players. Eight members from last year's team received scholarship to NCAA Division I schools, including Nick Williams at the University of Cincinnati.

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College of Southern Idaho freshman Mohamed Kone disengages the "No Dunking" sign on a backboard at the Hutchinson Sports Arena during a shoot-around Monday. The Golden Eagles play Chipola Junior College in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament today.

CSI women see dream end

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

SALINA, Kan. — Great teams embrace the hot spotlight of the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament. Seward County Community College owned

the stage like the stars they are. CSI melted from the heat.

Seward (Kan.) dominated the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team from upoff until the final — buzzer-winning 78-57

Tuesday to survive the tournament's opening round while dashing the Golden Eagles' hopes of bringing a national title back to Twin Falls.

CSI, the 13th seed, will now face the loser of today's 1 p.m. MST game between

fifth-seeded Southeastern Illinois College and Central Arizona College, the 12th seed. Seward will play the winner of that game at 5:15 p.m. Thursday.

SCCC (32-3 overall) dominated the game with its defense and CSI (26-7) didn't do itself any favors by shooting a miserable 28 percent from the floor and 46 percent from the free throw line.

While CSI looked more like deer caught in the headlights than Seward, the 2002 national champions, never appeared wide-eyed.

The Lady Saints jumped out to a quick 5-0 before CSI's Andrea Sivakova finally got her team on the board with a 3-pointer from the left wing 3:25 into the game.

But CSI continued to struggle from the field while Seward's Stephanie Thiel, almost a shoe-in All-American, got hot. Thiel hit three 3-pointers in a 1:13-second span to increase what was a one-point Saints lead to 14-5 with 13:44 remaining in the half.

"We knew Thiel is looking to shoot, and she's a great shooter," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "All we did is talk about her for a week and a half. Good players seem to be able to get themselves open for good shots, and she did that."

Thiel ended the half with four 3-pointers for 12 points, also her total for the game. Sophomore forward Ania Gmbinis paced the Saints with 21 points.

"I'm real glad we won," Grabias said. "(CSI) is one of the best teams in the country. Please see WOMEN, Page D2



Titlequest

NCAA women's national hoops tournament
Thursday's games
No. 3 Arkansas-Fort Smith 76, No. 14 Louisville College (N.C.) 33
No. 6 Hwasong College (Tenn.) 73, No. 11 Weatherford College (Texas) 71
No. 7 Three Rivers CC (Mo.) 76, No. 10 East Central CC 64
No. 2 Gulf Coast CC 87, No. 15 Lake Region St. (N.D.) 54
No. 4 Seward College CC (Kan.) 78, No. 13 CSI 57
No. 1 Tiffin Valley CC (Texas) 90, No. 16 Gadsden State CC (Ala.) 58

Next CSI game
Thursday, 1 p.m. MST CSI vs. loser of today's 1 p.m. MST game between Southeastern Illinois and Central Arizona

Note: CSI beat writer Kevin Colbert and chief photographer Cory Myers are in Kansas this week proving the latest from the national tournaments.



Three Seward County Community College defenders converge on College of Southern Idaho freshman Jennifer Pond during the first half of the Golden Eagles' 78-57 loss to the Lady Saints in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament in Salina, Kansas Tuesday night.

East girls down West

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The East girls basketball team pulled a bit of an upset Tuesday night, coming into the Twin Falls High School gymnasium and defeating the West squad 53-40.

The East boys team had Milwaukee residents thinking of an Eastern sweep. It wasn't to be as Wendell's Iysen Lancaster sliced to the basket and hit a lay-up to give the West squad a 79-78 win.

The East girls gained their lead through great defense, something uncharacteristic of an all-star game. The East came out of the half trailing 23-20, but held the West squad to a

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Jerome's Elisa Hope, 42, shoots the ball while Doclo's Melissa Webb tries to block her during the second quarter of their Fourth District all-star game at Twin Falls High School Tuesday.

Gang violence claims an original CSI hoops player

The Times-News

TULSA, Okla. — One of the original College of Southern Idaho men's basketball players and his wife were slain last month, in what police consider a gang-related killing.

All indications from the night of Feb. 24 are that Ples Vann Jr., 56, and his wife, Shelly Vann, 45, were executed by Hoover 107 Crips gang members.

Shelly Vann's two sons, Quantee and Lawrence Tennyson, both of Crips, police told the Tulsa World newspaper.

Tulsa police said the couple were killed by at least two gang members at their home in north Tulsa. The Tennyson brothers found their bodies. There was no sign of forced entry.

"Those on the police department who are experienced with violent crime find it very shocking that the gang violence seems to have reached a new level," Sgt. Wayne Allen told the World. "We can't recall a previous case where gang members were the lives of rival gang members' parents."

Ples Vann worked as a correctional officer at Tulsa's jail. He was a former high school All-American who played on Tulsa's Central High School, coached by Eddie Sutton.

Vann followed Sutton to CSI in 1966 and played for the Golden Eagles for two years before moving on to Texas Western College, now the University of Texas-El Paso (UTEP).

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SPORTS

Bruin golfers top T.F. tourney

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — Surprise, surprise. The Twin Falls High School golf team picked up where it left off last year, taking both the boys and girls team titles at Tuesday's season-opening tournament at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Twin Falls High School senior Justin Ellis lines up his putt on Hole No. 9 of the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course during the Twin Falls Invitational golf tournament Tuesday.

"We have a pretty well green team this year," Bruins coach Paul Stover said. "We have eight kids who could shoot par or better on any given day." Justin Ellis started as the Bruins' number-one, but finished with a score of 79 for his 18-hole trip.

"It was bad," Ellis said. "The wind was really up today and that's what it was all about today, the wind." While Ellis is ready to see his scores dip back to the lower 70s, some of his teammates started very strong. Zach Mathers and Sage Watkins finished with rounds of 73 to tie for Twin Falls low man. The Bruins have had the luxury of a few weeks to practice, something that Idaho's Eastern teams haven't had.

"We played for about three weeks and practiced for two," Ellis said. "It was a high-first round for me, hopefully it won't be like this all year." Scores will likely drop through the season as the Bruins get more practice and iron out their kinks, possibly putting Twin Falls in contention for the state championship.

"We should be right in there this year," Creason said. "We're returning everybody and we only missed state by two shots last year." Twin Falls' Mandi Hedberg led all girls scorers with a round of 76 to lead the Lady Bruins to their team victory. Combined

Eagles fire blanks in loss

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

SALINA, Kan. — One of the objects of basketball is to put the ball through the basket. The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team had more than a little trouble doing that in its 78-57 loss to Seward County Community College Tuesday in the first round of the NCAA national tournament.



CORY MYERS/The Times-News

"It's been our (weakness) all year," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "We're not a great shooting team." But on this night, the Eagles shot especially poorly, connecting on just 28 percent of their attempts on 20-of-71 shooting from the floor.

Seward County Community College sophomore Margaret DeCiman, 45, recorded eight blocks in the Lady Saints' 78-57 win over the College of Southern Idaho in the first round of the NCAA basketball tournament in Salina, Kan., Tuesday night. Here, DeCiman blocks Golden Eagle freshman Denisa Svarova. point guard Delicia Jernigan was held to four points in 1-of-13 shooting. Off-guard Sidney Omdorff finished with 11 points but hit only 5 of her 18 shots.

"She's long and lanky and elevates," Rogers said. "Our kids haven't seen that kind of athleticism from big kids all year." She didn't have to block the shot tonight, all she had to do was intimidate it. Her interior presence put the clamps on CSI's inside duo of 6-6 Lenka Zimova and 6-5 Denisa Svarova. Zimova finished with 11 points and Svarova 10, but they combined to shoot just 8 of 21 (38 percent).

With the Golden Eagles' inside game in check, the Lady Saints were able to extend their defense on CSI's guards. Eagle

Women

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Seward, which shot 51 percent from the field for the game and 62 percent in the first half, later asserted itself with its inside game. The Saints scored 6-foot-7 center Margaret DeCiman inside for nine points in the half. Sidney Omdorff led the Eagles with 14 points while also grabbing seven rebounds. Lenka Zimova clipped in with 11 points, while Denisa Svarova added 10.

Jim Little said.

"The Eagles again closed the gap to 12 at 56-44 and had a chance to creep even closer. But any chances of a comeback flew out the window as missed layups by Sivakova and Delicia Jernigan. Seward then quickly seized control of the game, scoring seven of the next nine points to grab a comfortable 63-46 edge with under nine minutes left to play.

Despite CSI's first-half woes, the Eagles made a few Seward fans squirm in their seats mid-way through the second half. CSI used full-court defense to spark a run that cut the Saints' lead to 55-43 on an Omdorff 3-pointer with 10:59 remaining.

"I think we got to a point where we were looking east and west instead of looking down the floor," Seward head coach

Allstar

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three-point third quarter, while scoring 20 points of their own. Burley guard Linsey Abo was a huge spark in the East run, scoring four third-quarter points and smacking down an important rebound on her way to six boards for the evening.

Twin Falls Graham Stanley led the West charge in the final quarter, scoring nine points on three three-pointers, part of his 19-point performance.

"It was awesome," Abo said. "I've been hearing about these girls all year and it was great to get to know some of them. We were the underdogs, but we did it." DeLoe's Melissa Webb led the way for the East with 13 points and four rebounds. Wood River's Natalie Green led a trio of Lady Wolverines with 11 points and four rebounds.

Iyden Lancaster recorded the winning layup with 16.8 seconds left.

"It was a great night," East coach Tim Chapman said. "To win this means a lot." The boys game saw Minico teammates Travis Noble and Charlton Coats light the gym up, scoring 19 and 17 points, respectively.

Jerome

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Jerome cruised to a 10-2 win over Minico, led by a sweep of all the girls matches. "The whole team played really well, especially the girls," said coach Paula Tilquist. The Jerome junior varsity also won an informal meet over Minico.

for the Tigers in some ways. "We've got our guys that just won't give up," Jerome coach Jay Gatter said. "Maybe the ability isn't there, yet. But we've got guys that are going out there and working really hard."

Baseball

Jerome 9, Burley 1

JEROME — The Jerome baseball team improved to 3-0 on the early season and earned its first conference win with a 9-1 victory over Burley (0-3) Tuesday in Jerome.

"I'm not pushing the panic button," Burley coach Scott Pullin said. "We'll be fine. We've just got to get better."

The Tigers next travel to the Puget Tournament March 25-27.

Kimberly boys, girls win golf season opener

The Times-News

KIMBERLY — The Kimberly boys and girls golf teams opened their seasons with strong individual performances at the Pleasant Valley Golf Course Tuesday, garnering the team titles.

Justin Lancaster of Wendell won the boys title with a 40, while Lady Trojan Jesse Lancaster won the girls competition with a 53.

"We should be right in there this year," Creason said. "We're returning everybody and we only missed state by two shots last year." Twin Falls' Mandi Hedberg led all girls scorers with a round of 76 to lead the Lady Bruins to their team victory. Combined

"We got off to a good start," Abels said. "It's nice to keep it under 150 for the first meet."

Results follow: Boys Team scores — 1. Kimberly 212, 2. Wood River 214, 3. Jerome 215, 4. Burley 216, 5. Twin Falls 217, 6. Jerome 218, 7. Jerome 219, 8. Jerome 220, 9. Jerome 221, 10. Jerome 222, 11. Jerome 223, 12. Jerome 224, 13. Jerome 225, 14. Jerome 226, 15. Jerome 227, 16. Jerome 228, 17. Jerome 229, 18. Jerome 230, 19. Jerome 231, 20. Jerome 232.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

CSI Rodeo plans Rope and Run for March 28
RUN FALLS - A Rope and Run fundraiser for the College of Southern Idaho rodeo team will be held Sunday, March 28 at the Eldon Evans Expo Center at CSI. For more information, call Liana at 536-2772.

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Basketball
Trail Blazers at Pacers, ESPN, 8 p.m.
Purdue at Notre Dame, Post-season NIT, first round, ESPN2, 6 p.m.

Tennis
European PGA Tour, Coltex Masters, first round, TGC, 12:30 a.m.

Tennis
Pacific Life Open, women's quarterfinal, ESPN, 4 p.m.
Pacific Life Open, men's early round or women's quarterfinal, ESPN2, 3 p.m.

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Pacific Life Open, women's quarterfinal, ESPN2, 8 p.m.

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Lookout Peaks - One 32 to 42 inch snowfall, 47 to 60 in of snow.

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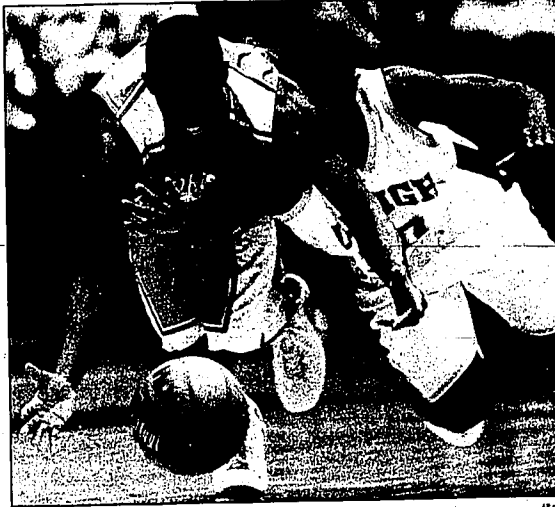
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SPORTS

Florida A&M eliminates Lehigh, 72-57

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — The NCAA tournament's only team with a losing record is moving up the bracket. Turrence Woods, the nation's most prolific 3-point shooter, found his touch in the second half Tuesday, leading Florida A&M to a 72-57 victory over Lehigh in the play-in game.



Florida A&M guard Demarcus Williams, left, and Lehigh guard Ra Tihase chase a loose ball in the first half of their NCAA play in game Tuesday in Dayton, Ohio.

To make matters worse, two of Florida A&M's guards ended the game with noticeable limps. Woods bruised his thigh in the Mid-Eastern Atlantic tournament title game Saturday, and had trouble making shots in the first half.

His stride and his shot got better as the game went along. Woods finished 5-of-10 from behind the arc with 21 points. Tony Tate also hurt his leg in a pileup and had to leave the game temporarily. He grimaced often and finished with nine points on 1-of-8 shooting.

The Rattlers made only a pair of 3s in the first half, both by Woods, and led 39-33 at halftime. Lehigh couldn't use its size advantage on the front line or take care of the ball — the Mountain Hawks had 10 turnovers.

sparking a nine-point run that built the lead to 16 points midway through the half. Lehigh was only 2-of-15 from the field as Florida A&M pulled away.

Saint Louis edges Iowa with prayer

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — Anthony Dreja hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give Saint Louis a 70-69 comeback victory over Iowa in the first round of the NIT on Tuesday night.

Rodney Rogers, Nets crown Kings

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Rodney Rogers hit his first six shots and the New Jersey Nets showed the Sacramento Kings a thing or two on both offense and defense in posting a 94-77 victory Tuesday night.



New Jersey's Richard Jefferson blocks a shot by Sacramento's Peja Stojakovic Tuesday night in East Rutherford, N.J. The Nets beat the Kings 94-77.

The win ended New Jersey's three-game losing streak against the Kings and went a long way in averting a 105-92 decision in Sacramento on Nov. 30, a game in which the Kings led 60-28 at the half.

Dreja scored 23 points and Chris Sloan had 16 to lead Saint Louis (19-12), which trailed by 18 in the first half.

Rogers finished with 20, hitting eight of 11, and Richard Jefferson added 19. Mike Bibby had 17 points for Sacramento and Chris Webber added 15.

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NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Capsules

Grid of capsule articles for various NCAA basketball teams including Allegheny College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Coffeyville Community College, Eastern Wyoming College, Georgia Perimeter College, Saint Louis Community College, Southeastern Illinois College, Vincennes University, and Yavapai College.

OMAHA, Neb. — Nate Johnson made a running layup with 11 seconds left to give Nebraska a 71-70 victory Tuesday night over Creighton in the opening round of the NIT.

Men

Violence

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formed, spurred by local ministers and the NAACP-affiliated group, 100 Black Men of Tulsa. Many were worried the killing of gang members' parents would escalate the violence that has claimed seven lives in the past 13 months.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



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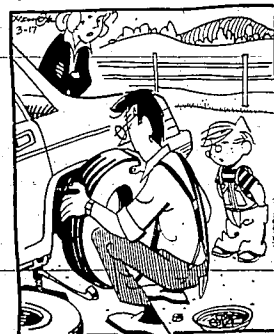
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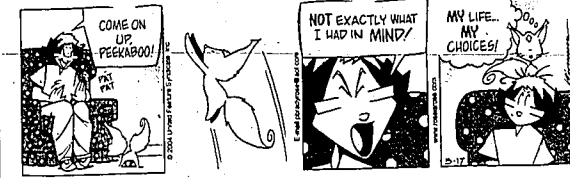
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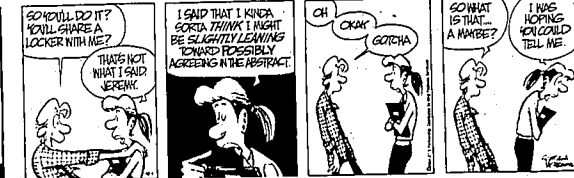
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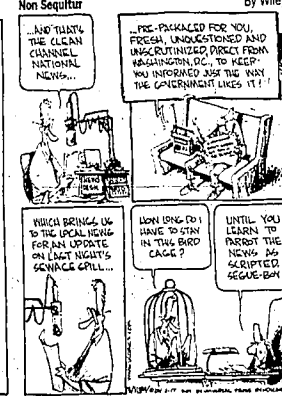
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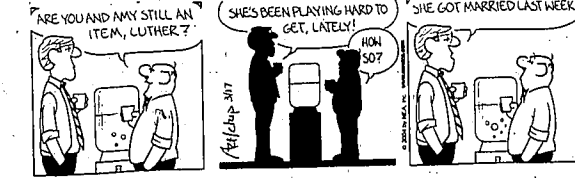
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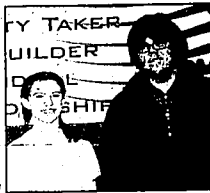


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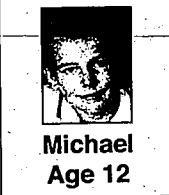


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Director of the Information Technology, Edil Szmanto will instruct the class. For more information, call 732-6280.

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Lions Clubs

- Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Price's Cafe, 244 Overland Ave., call 876-7235.
Burley Sage - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Fun Bunch conference room, 414 E. 5th N.
Gooding - 6 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at the Lincoln Inn, 334-1414.

Optimist Clubs

- Twin Falls - Noon Tuesdays at Mandarin House on Blue Lakes Boulevard.
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DivorceCare

- Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Reformed Church.
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Support Groups

- Gooding County Jaycees - call 334-5125 for more information.
Gooding Valley Tractorists - 12:10 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Golden Corral restaurant in Blue Lakes Boulevard in Twin Falls, call 733-5488 or 543-8162.
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Military Veterans of Foreign Wars

- Buhl - Post 3604, Twin Falls Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Lincoln Court.
Burley - Post 2043 and auxiliary, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at VFW Hall, 554 Miller Blvd.
Dededo - Post 2072, N. Andrew Miller Post, 8 p.m. third Tuesday at Dededo Electric Building.

American Legion

- Burley - Post 17, 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday at 1501 Overland, call Myrtle Morton at 876-5317.
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NATION/ WORLD IN BRIEF

Yemen recaptures escaped suspects

SANA, Yemen — A year after they broke out of jail, eight of 10 suspects in the 2000 bombing of the U.S. destroyer Cole have been recaptured, the government said Tuesday.

The suspects in the October, 2000 bombing broke out of jail in the southern port city of Aden last year, a major embarrassment to the Yemeni government. The bombing in Aden killed 17 American soldiers and has been blamed on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Turkey says it's foiled attacks with arrests

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Police investigating the suicide bombing of a Masonic lodge last week have arrested 18 suspected Islamic militants, including three who were planning new suicide bombings, Istanbul Gov. Muzammer Guler said Tuesday.

Guler did not say what targets the militants were planning to strike, but private MTV television said the militants were planning an attack on a leading media company.

Jury awards popcorn worker \$20 million

JOPLIN, Mo. — A factory worker who claimed his lungs were ruined as a result of mixing flavoring oils used in microwave popcorn was awarded \$20 million by a jury Monday.

Eric Peoples was the first of 30 former workers at the Gilmertary Lee Corp. plant in Jasper to have his suit heard against the two makers of the butter-flavoring. The jury deliberated for a little more than three hours before returning the verdict.

— compiled from wire reports

Security slips at INEEL, other plants

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and nine other nuclear weapons plants have eliminated or reduced training for guards responsible for repelling terrorist attacks, leaving the government unable to guarantee the plants can be adequately defended, the Energy Department's internal watchdog said Tuesday.

One plant has reduced training hours by 40 percent, and some plants conduct tactical training only in classrooms, according to a report from the department's inspector general.

Facilities trim training for guards, DOE report states

Some contractors fear that injuries among guards during training exercises could reduce bonus payments from the government, the report said. Guards typically receive 320 hours of training.

The report said all 10 weapons plants surveyed have reduced guard training in at least two important areas.

The plants were the Lawrence Livermore National

Laboratory in Livermore, Calif.; the Nevada Test Site near Nellis Air Force Base; the Oak Ridge Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn.; the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site near Denver; the Hanford Site; Sandia National Laboratories in California; the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas; the Savannah River Site in South Carolina; the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico; and the INEEL.

Only one of 10 plants sur-

vived. Hanford, Wash., trains guards in the basic use of a shotgun, according to the report. None of the plants teaches guards how to rappel down buildings or cliffs because of concerns that guards might be injured. The report noted that one guard died rappelling in 1995.

"Inconsistent training methods may increase the risk that the department's protective forces will not be able to safely respond to security incidents or

will use excessive levels of force," said the report prepared by Inspector General Gregory W. Bouslog.

It said changes in training weren't coordinated. At some plants training was deemed too dangerous; other plants continued to offer the same exercises.

Investigators interviewed instructors who "could not understand how personnel at one site could deem a practice acceptable while others would refuse to administer the block of training using prescribed levels of force."

Al-Qaida link to Spain bombing grows

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Police reportedly now suspect at least three Moroccan men took part in the Madrid train bombings, and the United States is assisting a growing international investigation that is increasingly focused on Islamic militants possibly linked to al-Qaida.

A 45-year-old woman died of her injuries Tuesday, raising the death toll from Thursday's bombings to 201. Of the more than 1,600 wounded, eight are in critical condition.

Cardinal Antonio Rouco Varela led a Mass at Madrid's cathedral Tuesday night remembering the victims of the bloodiest terrorist attack in Spain's history.

"The tragic attacks of March 11 have sunk us all into deep pain," intoned Varela, a huge ribbon hanging from wall above the altar. "To kill your own kind, to kill a brother, is to attack God himself."

The main suspect in custody



Moroccan Prime Minister Driss Jettou chats Tuesday with Spanish Foreign Minister Ana Palacio after an ecumenical ceremony in Rabat, Morocco, for victims of last week's Madrid bombings.

Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

The daily newspaper El Pais reported Tuesday that police believe they have identified five other Moroccans who directly participated in the attacks and are at large. Spain's Interior Ministry reduced comment.

Two people who were traveling on one of the attacked trains have said that Zougam was aboard just before the

bombs began exploding, El Pais said.

Wid signs that the bombings were carried out by Islamic extremists who operate and have confederates in several countries, FBI agents are helping Spanish police in using fingerprints and names to seek a full picture of Zougam and four other suspects in custody, a senior U.S. law enforcement official said in Washington.

Pakistan reports killing 24 in pursuit of militants

The Associated Press

WANA, Pakistan — Paramilitary troops stormed a fortress-like compound with mortars and machine-gun fire Tuesday, killing 24 suspects in a fierce crackdown on al-Qaida and Taliban fugitives in the rugged tribal regions bordering Afghanistan, the army spokesman said.

The operation — which left at least eight Pakistani troops dead and 15 wounded — was a stunning message delivered just one day after the military president promised to rid the territory of foreign terrorists. There have been several anti-terror opera-

tions in the semi-autonomous tribal belt in recent months, but none so bloody.

Army spokesman Gen. Shaukat Sultan said 24 suspects were killed in the raid, which began shortly after 5 a.m. near Wana, in the South Waziristan region, just a few miles from the Afghan border.

The majority of those killed appeared to be tribesmen suspected of — sheltering — the terrorists, but Sultan said several of the dead were also foreigners presumed to be members of al-Qaida. There was no indication any senior al-Qaida or Taliban leaders were among the dead.

France investigates threats

The Associated Press

PARIS — Officials are investigating threats issued by a radical Islamic group against France and its overseas interests, the Justice Ministry said Tuesday.

The shadowy group identified itself as the "Servants of Allah the Powerful and Holy" the ministry said in a state-

ment, adding that the group was unknown to French authorities.

Justice officials did not disclose the nature of the threats, but RTL radio reported that Le Parisien newspaper received a letter threatening Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin over France's plan to ban Islamic headscarves and other religious apparel in schools.

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The College of Southern Idaho would like to purchase a 29 passenger bus that is compatible with our existing fleet. Sealed Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday March 24, 2004 in the office of the Vice President of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho and then publicly opened.

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Recreation District reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof of any or all bids and to waive any technicality. No bidder may withdraw his bid after the opening of such bids unless the awarding of the bids is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.

ANYONE knowing the whereabouts of SHERRY ARNONE, WHEAT & CHRISTOPHER D. WHEAT, contact Audrey M. Lamb, Attorney at Law, 225-387-0576.

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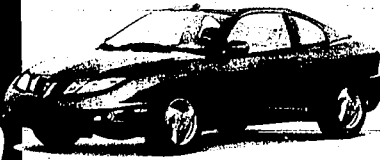
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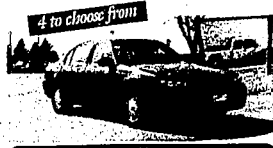


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