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President Bush Announcing his decision

Bush relents; Rice will testify

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush reversed himself under political pressure Tuesday and agreed to permit his national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, to testify in public and under oath before an independent commission investigating the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Capitulating on a second point, Bush said he would submit to questions in a private session with all 10 commissioners, backing off his previous demand to meet only with Chairman Thomas Kean and Vice Chairman Lee Hamilton. Bush added a new restriction by saying he would appear only with Vice President Dick Cheney at his side.

Rice and other Bush aides had said repeatedly, and as recently as Monday that her refusal to provide formal testimony was a matter of constitutional principle and that to do so could erode the separation of powers between the executive branch and Congress, which created the commission.

Bush said Tuesday that he was willing to make the concession because he has been assured by the commission and congressional leaders that he would not be setting a precedent for future inquiries.

Members of the commission said Tuesday they will closely question Rice on the claims made last week by former White House counterterrorism coordinator Richard Clarke: that the White House did not urgently react to warnings of an impending terrorist attack and waited too long to develop a response plan.

The disagreements between Rice and Clarke center more on matters of emphasis than questions of fact.

The standoff between the White House and the commission had been going on for weeks, but public attention to it increased exponentially following last week's testimony.

Decision relieves GOP lawmakers — A3

Twin Falls residents Floyd and Grace Newberry, who live downtown, say they don't mind the names of the streets being changed. Although the street they live on will not be changed, the cross streets flanking their home will be renamed. Below, Fourth Street will become Eden Street.

Street names change Thursday

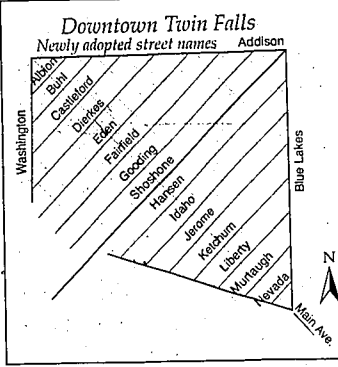
But signs will won't go up for another few weeks



By Julia Pence Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's no April Fool's Day prank: Downtown streets are changing names Thursday, even though there's no sign of it.
Installation of street signs with the new names will start in a couple of weeks, City Engineer Gary Young said Tuesday. What's certain, however, is that the U.S. Postal Service will start delivering mail with new addresses on Thursday.

The City Council approved changing the names of the numbered streets in the downtown area nearly a year ago. The plan was to have the new system in place by the end of 2003. But mapping the city's new emergency dispatch system forced a postponement. The dispatch system is now ready for the change, a spokesman said Tuesday.
Since 1900, the diagonal-running streets in the downtown area have been named after Washington, Blue Lakes and Main Ave.



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Police hold Bellevue man after shooting

By Jennifer Peterson and Pedro Salom The Wood River Journal

BELLEVUE — For the second time in seven months, Bellevue's sense of small town has been shattered by gunfire.
Local guitar player David Leroy Santistevan was arrested at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday in connection with the shootings of two teens in the alley behind South Valley Pizza Monday night. He is charged with two counts of attempted first-degree murder.

Two teens remained hospitalized Tuesday with gunshot wounds

Santistevan, 46, was being held at the Blaine County jail on a \$1 million bond Tuesday. If convicted on the charges, he could face up to 60 years in prison due to sentencing enhancements that stem from the use of a firearm.
One of the wounded, Ty Peak, 15, was recovering at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise Tuesday. The other victim, a 19-year-old man whose name was not released to the press, remained in critical condition at St. Alphonsus Tuesday, having suffered a gunshot wound to the chest.
Both teens were taken from St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center to Boise by two Life-Flight helicopters for surgery.

the 19-year-old only able to travel after plasma had been flown into Ketchum from Twin Falls. He has been operated on twice.

Tuesday morning authorities were stringing crime scene tape around Santistevan's home in the 500 block of Walnut in Bellevue, having arrested the suspect on a warrant issued by Magistrate Judge Robert Elges.

In a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Blaine County Please see SHOOTING, Page A2

Healthy trade policy includes jobs going overseas, official says

Treasury chief weighs in on politically touchy issue of 'outsourcing'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary John Snow reignited the political argument over U.S. companies shipping jobs overseas Tuesday with comments that "outsourcing" was an integral part of a global trading system.

Snow's comments in economically hard-hit Ohio were published as President Bush was delivering a speech defending his free trade policies in Wisconsin, a state that has lost 80,000 manufacturing jobs.

Democrat John Kerry is hoping to capitalize on Americans' concern about an economic re- Please see JOBS, Page A2

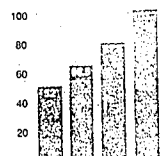


A strong economy will create more jobs here, Treasury Secretary John Snow said Tuesday.

More outsourcing

A recent analysts' estimate shows a steady increase in U.S. information technology jobs lost to outsourcing.

Cumulative IT jobs displaced or not created due to outsourcing



SOURCE: Information Technology Association of America AP

Les Big Macs take France by storm

By Todd Riechlin The Baltimore Sun

PARIS — Just a hop down the road, the Decker sisters could have been dining on a couple of tender frog legs or a mixed seafood grill with scallops, or an order of steak tartar so tender the knife that comes with it never comes into play.

But the Deckers were having none of it. They were dining on Les Big Macs and fries, Big Macs and fries — and loving every bite.

"I can love good food and I can also love McDonald's," says Vanessa Decker, 21, in a mini-review that the fast-food chain would have to accept as decidedly mixed. "I like the meat and the sauce and even the bun."

Call the French snooty, or just demanding, for their attention to good food, good wine, good

Yes, there is other food around, but this is different, like food you want to eat as a break.

—Christelle Decker, 18

atmosphere in their restaurants, for lingering over their meals improbably long. But the French have a dirty little secret: Of all the people in Europe, they like McDonald's more than anyone else.

Pound for quarter-pound, they eat more of it, more often. Please see FRANCE, Page A2

Senate gives \$6 billion to child care

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over White House objections, the Senate voted Tuesday for an additional \$6 billion for child care for welfare recipients and the working poor as part of a bill to renew the landmark 1996 welfare reform law.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., was among 31 Republicans who supported the increase, which passed 78-20 despite the Bush administration's contention that significant reductions in welfare rolls have freed up money for child care. House Republicans did not include it in the version of the legislation that passed the House last year.

The provision would send states \$20.5 billion over 5 years in the form of block grants for

programs for children up to 13 years of age. Its authors, Sens. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said hundreds of thousands of children could lose child care without the extra money, which would force thousands of low-income parents to give up their jobs.

State budget crises already have caused reductions in child care budgets, Dodd said. "Virtually every state has passed back in one way or another their support for child care," Dodd said.

One opponent of the additional money, Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said a \$1 billion increase already built into the legislation was sufficient. "The idea that there isn't enough money out there for day

care is a ruse," Santorum said. "What this is about is a social policy that people should be more and more dependent upon government."

Senate Republican leaders want to finish work on the legislation this week and allow House and Senate negotiators to work out differences between the bills.

The legislation would renew the 1996 welfare law that allowed states to impose tough new rules and helped reduce welfare rolls. The government said Tuesday that the number of people on welfare has declined by nearly 60 percent since the law took effect, from 12 million people to 4.9 million in September.

Still, welfare rolls increased in

25 states and the District of Columbia in the 12-month period that ended in September, among states showing an increase where the presidential campaign battlegrounds of Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The House welfare bill approved last year on a party-line vote would require more state efforts to work and would provide hundreds of millions of dollars to promote marriage.

The bill would put strict limits on the amount of time most welfare recipients can spend in combat and training, prohibit education while states try to put more of their welfare recipients to work and would require each person to work more hours.

Rice reversal spells relief for lawmakers

Episode highlights Bush's tendency to stick to his principles — to a fault, some contend

By Janet Hook
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Bush is famous for digging in his heels when the presidential campaign battlegrounds of Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

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Republicans would cave. "You could make a case that one of Bush's greatest strengths, which is resolve in leadership, can also be a weakness at times: my way or the highway," said a Republican strategist who works with the White House.

The controversy fueled frustration among Republicans in Congress, who have been whipped before by the White House's refusal to give ground on politically sensitive issues.

For example, Bush fought creation of the Department of Homeland Security for months before embracing the idea, which had almost unstoppable momentum after the Sept. 11 attacks. He opposed creation of the independent Sept. 11 commission in the first place, then endorsed the idea when his passage seemed inevitable.

Those episodes generated some resentment among Republicans in Congress who felt the White House had pulling rug out from under them after they had defended Bush's unpopular positions.

Indeed, less than 24 hours before announcing the decision to let Rice testify, the White House was still asking GOP leaders to go to bat for the president.

A senior Senate Republican aide said lawmakers were puzzled by the administration's failure to grasp the mood of a public that has little patience for any perception of overreacting on subjects related to Sept. 11.

Marines hunt smugglers at Iraq border

By Tony Perry
Los Angeles Times

QAIM, Iraq — Along hundreds of miles of lonely desert along the Iraq-Syria frontier, U.S. Marines have begun an aggressive effort to block weapons and fugitive fighters from flowing into Iraq through one of the world's most notorious smuggling corridors.

The Marines, who assumed authority over the sparsely populated region from the Army and bolstering camps at several locations along the border while launching a campaign to win the allegiance of Iraqis living in small towns here.

The Marines say the process of interdicting smugglers will be slow and dangerous. Two members of the force died soon after the operation began, Marine spokesmen said, when their Humvee hit a Chinese-made land mine along a smuggling route.

In other Marines have been injured in attacks by insurgents or smugglers. On Monday, a group of Iraqis was detained after one threw a grenade at the Marines, a spokesman said.

At another camp, known by the reliable name of Camp Korean Village, Marines discovered an arms cache including anti-aircraft missiles, that they believe was stored no more than 24 hours earlier.

"It's a game of inches. There are home runs here," said Maj. Anthony Henderson. "There's a lot of fear among the population of retaliation by terrorists. It's a fight we're going to win but we can't win it in the



Marine Capt. Kyle Stoddard, 34, from the Bronx borough of New York, aims his M-16 rifle into an open window as Marines of 2nd Platoon, Fox Company, clear the inside of the house during a raid Feb. 28 at Tallat, 1st Marine Regiment, in a section of Fallujah, Iraq, on Friday.

immediate-gratification mindset that Americans have."

On Monday, Maj. Gen. James N. Mattis, commander of the 1st Marine Division, told his troops along the border that the mission is "going to be long, hot and dangerous."

Even as Marines continue to shoot at smugglers and insurgents, others need to be informed villagers, who can provide information about the smugglers, Mattis said.

"The worst thing the enemy can have is a population that is happy to have you here," Mattis told hundreds of troops at an abandoned Iraqi rail yard being used as a base. "As it gets hotter and one of your buddies gets hit, you've got to keep hearing, 'We're going to win hearts and minds.'"

The smuggling routes date back centuries to an era when camels provided the only mode of travel and were used to undercut U.N. sanctions after the Persian Gulf War. Today, smugglers of sport-utility vehicles like everyone else via the freeway that connects the two countries, defying the reconstituted Iraqi border patrol force.

Marines are not attempting to block all smuggling. Smugglers of cigarettes or other consumer items into Iraq are not being detained. But those with weapons are being taken into an expanding camp.

"You have to pick your fights," said Staff Sgt. Shelly Lasater. "This place is the testing ground before (insurgents) can get to Fallujah and Baghdad."

Car bombing kills one, wounds seven

A suicide bombing outside the Baghdad office of a police chief killed the officer and wounded seven others Tuesday. Elsewhere, a U.S. soldier died in a bomb blast, and Spanish soldiers and Iraqi police quelled a riot by job-seekers.

Attacks against U.S.-led coalition forces have increased since the last week, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt. He said there has been an average of 26 attacks daily, an increase of about six from recent weeks. Despite the "slight uptick," Kimmitt said, security situation in Iraq remained "stable."

In the latest assault, one U.S. soldier was killed and another wounded in a roadside bombing Tuesday, Kimmitt said. The injured soldier was being flown to a support hospital after the explosion near Ramadi, west of Baghdad.

— The Associated Press

By following his national security adviser to testify in public and under oath before a congressional commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, they said, Bush had finally addressed a growing political liability.

For Republicans who feared political fallout from the president's struggle, the only question was: What took him so long?

Bush risked looking like an enemy of openness in the investigation of Sept. 11, with his insistence on invoking his executive power to block Rice's testimony, some Republicans said. "They had a blind eye to the political implications of what they were doing," said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn. "Lawyers have a way of keeping you out of jail but making you look guilty."

The controversy tapped into a signature feature of Bush's leadership style: He tends to stick to his guns on core issues even beyond the point where other

Kerry faults Bush on gas prices

SAN DIEGO (AP) — In a high-octane election year fight, Democrat John Kerry on Tuesday sought to lay the blame for soaring gas prices on a Republican administration while President Bush warned of higher gas taxes from "some in the other party in Washington."

The presumptive Democratic nominee complained that Bush

has not taken steps to drive prices down, calling on the administration to stop pumping oil into the nation's emergency stockpile until Americans see cheaper prices.

Bush complained about the damaging effect gas taxes as his re-election team unveiled a new ad that labeled Kerry's gas tax ideas "wacky."

Advocacy group slaps EPA over water quality

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency is failing to act against widespread violations of the Clean Water Act by plants and factories nationwide, U.S. Public Research Interest Group said Tuesday based on a study it conducted.

More than 60 percent of all major facilities in the nation, or 3,700 out of 6,184, exceeded limits on discharges into waterways at least once between Jan. 1, 2002, and June 30, 2003, according to the report. The facilities include manufacturing and electronic plants as well as wastewater treatment and sewage plants.

"The numbers point out that enforcement is not a priority for this administration, and clearly little to nothing is being done to the law," said Richard Caplan, the environmental advocate who wrote the report for PIRG, a

liberal advocacy group. EPA spokeswoman Cynthia Bergman responded that the agency "is already addressing several of the concerns outlined in the report."

In 2003, EPA conducted its own internal study of EPA and state enforcement programs under the Clean Water Act and identified several areas for improvement," Bergman said. "We have taken the process of creating a facility watch list to target state or EPA action at facilities which have a pattern of significant noncompliance. We believe the watch list, when fully implemented, will result in improved compliance of these facilities."

The Clean Water Act, passed more than 30 years ago, aimed to make all waterways fishable and swimmable and eliminate the discharge of pollutants by the mid-1980s. PIRG's study found that many plant operators are violating the federal permits aimed at achieving those goals.

Mining proposals worry coal company neighbors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tales of floods and flattened peaks and of homes swept away or devalued in central Appalachia were laid out Tuesday by opponents to the Bush administration's plan to ease a buffer-zone restriction protecting streams from coal mining operations.

"Testifying at an Interior Department hearing on the proposal, Mary Miller of Sylvestor, W.Va., said the value of her home had dropped from \$14,000 to being \$12,000. Residents in her coalfield town won economic damages last month suing a mining company over coal dust covering their homes, vehicles and other property.

"I'm out here now trying to save my home," said Miller. "I don't have much left anyway. I

don't have many years left. But I'm thinking about the water shortage for my children."

The department in January proposed easing a 1993 federal law that limits coal mining near streams. Current policy says land within 100 feet of a stream cannot be disturbed by mining unless a company can prove it will not affect the water's quality and quantity.

The new rule would require coal operators to minimize "any damage to streams, fish and wildlife" by using the best technology currently available.

Nearly all of the more than two dozen speakers opposed the plan. A lawyer for the National Mining Association was the only one to praise it.

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NATION/WORLD

Bush targeted Uzbek terrorists after 9-11, but focus went south

By Dafna Linzer
Associated Press writer

One week after the Sept. 11 attacks, President Bush singled out an Uzbek terror group with ties to al-Qaida. The calculated and high-profile mention won Washington the rights to a military base on Uzbekistan's border with Afghanistan.

The focus also boosted expectations in Uzbekistan that the homegrown extremists would be shut down. Life would become more secure and democracy could be introduced in a country led by an authoritarian ruler.

None of those things have happened.

As U.S. troops in Afghanistan moved their fight against the Taliban and al-Qaida southward — away from the Uzbek border and toward Pakistan — hopes faded, Islamic militancy spread in the former Soviet republic and this week an unprecedented spree of terror and violence left more than 40 people dead in the Uzbek capital of Tashkent.

Uzbek President Islam Karimov has blamed the killings on Hizbut Tahrir, a group that has announced violence in its effort to push for creation of a worldwide Islamic state. But experts believe the violence is the work of the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan — the same group identified by Bush two and a half years ago as a major threat.

Some senior IMU fighters who worked closely with al-Qaida and the Taliban in Afghanistan were killed by U.S. troops early in the Afghan war, when fighting was heaviest in the north.

But the war quickly moved south, following fighters to other parts of the country, including Tora Bora in the east where Osama bin Laden is believed to have escaped a massive American offensive there in December, 2001.

Former U.S. counterterrorism officials and analysts believe hundreds of members of the IMU also made it out of Tora Bora and then worked their way home to Uzbekistan through a series of primitive mountain passes and impoverished valley roads.

They have been left virtually unchecked and out of range of U.S. troops inside Afghanistan.

A secondary consequence of

Uzbek attacks

A third day of suicide bombings and attacks has left at least 40 people dead in the worst violence to hit Uzbekistan since the country let in U.S. troops near the Afghan border after Sept. 11. Subsequent leaders blame Islamic militants.

Population 26 million

Uzbek 80% Russian 5.5%

Tajik 5% Other 9.5%

Labor force 1995

Agriculture 44%

Industry 20% Services 36%

2002 GDP per capita \$2,600

Industries

Textiles, food processing,

machine building, metallurgy,

natural gas, chemicals



Religion
Muslim 88% Other 3%

Eastern Orthodox 9%

Literacy rate

Illiterate 0.7%

99.3%

2003 Life expectancy

Male 60.5; Female 67.6

Agriculture

Cotton, vegetables, fruits, grain,

livestock

SOURCES: 2004 World Almanac; CIA World Factbook



Islam Karimov

the failure at Tora Bora was allowing the IMU to continue "to breathe," said Roger Cressey, a retired member of the National Security Council who was responsible for coordination and implementation of U.S. counterterrorism policy until November, 2001.

The Uzbek government declared long before then that the IMU was defeated, but those claims have been treated skeptically by analysts, some of whom believe the country's repressive approach to political opposition only helped groups such as the IMU.

"This strategy of oppression has created a much more serious Islamic threat than ever and the U.S. has legitimized this strategy with its support for Karimov," said Pauline Jones Luang, a Central Asia specialist at Yale University.

The attacks in Tashkent, including suicide bombings and freights near Karimov's home,

are a worrying sign for the war on terrorism.

Karimov is a key American ally in the region whose continued leadership makes it possible for the U.S. military to station troops there. In addition, a strengthened IMU could be an asset for re-emerging Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in Afghanistan.

The group's spokesman, Imran Waheed, said from London that Karimov was using them to deflect international criticism of his government's human rights abuses. "These bombings are very convenient for the Uzbek government as a diversionary tactic," Waheed told The Associated Press.

Karimov's human rights record has been cited as one of the worst in the world and analysts say the Bush administration could use more of its influence to promote democracy there.

"The perception in Uzbekistan was that when the U.S. military moved in, it was going to provide more stability from the terrorists and force the Uzbek government to protect human rights. But it hasn't done either of those things," said Yale's Luang.

Police arrest eight in anti-terror operation

The Washington Post

LONDON — Police arrested eight men of Pakistani origin early Tuesday morning and potential explosives from a self-storage container less than five miles from Heathrow Airport. In what officials described as the largest anti-terrorist operation here since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Washington, more than 700 police and officers of the M15 internal security service raided 24 homes and business premises in a ring of London suburbs and nearby areas. The eight men arrested, who range in age from 17 to 32 and are all British citizens, were taken for questioning Tuesday evening at two high-security police stations and held on suspicion of being

involved in terrorism, according to a senior police official.

This city has been on alert since the Madrid train bombings on March 11 in which about 190 people were killed and hundreds more injured. The police official, Peter Clarke, head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, told a press conference there was no connection between Tuesday's operation and the Madrid attacks, but he would not disclose what if any specific locations investigators believe might have been targeted.

Police discovered ammonium nitrate fertilizer in a large plastic storage bag in a self-storage facility in Hanwell in west London, less than a mile from the M4 motorway, about a 15-minute drive from Heathrow.

Spain points finger at Moroccans

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The Spanish government named a Moroccan extremist group linked to al-Qaida as the main force of the Madrid bombing probe and said Tuesday that investigators were making swift progress.

The Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group, forerunner of a group blamed for last year's suicide bombings in Casablanca, is now the "priority," Interior Minister Angel Acebes said — a reversal of the government's initial statements that the prime suspects were the Basque separatists.

The group had surfaced in Spanish news reports, but this was the first time a Spanish government official publicly identified it as the focus of investigation into the March 11 commuter train bombings.

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Arabs near consensus on summit

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt (AP) — Arab leaders are close to resolving differences that provoked postponement of this week's summit, the foreign ministers of Egypt and Syria said Tuesday.

Egypt and Syria are "very close in our viewpoints," Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharara told reporters after talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in this Red Sea resort.

Host country Tunisia called off the summit Saturday night, less than 48 hours before it was to begin, saying divisions on major issues could not be resolved.

But al-Sharara and Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher indicated they did not share that view.

The summit is expected to address political change and greater freedom in Arab states, reforming the Arab League to

make it more effective, and how to proceed with the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

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'Letter from America' broadcaster Cooke dies at 95

LONDON (AP) — Allstar Cooke, the broadcaster who epitomized highbrow "culturalism" as host of "Masterpiece Theatre" and whose "Letter from America" was a radio fixture in Britain for 58 years, has died, the British Broadcasting Corp. said Tuesday. He was 95.

Cooke died at his home in New York at midnight, a spokeswoman at the BBC's press office said. No cause of death was given, but Cooke had retired earlier this month, because of heart disease.

"I have had much enjoyment in doing these talks and hope that some of it has passed over to the listeners, to all of whom I now say thank you for your loyalty and goodbye," Cooke said when he stepped down on the advice of his doctor.

Prime Minister Tony Blair expressed sadness at the broadcaster's death.

"I was a big fan. I thought they were extraordinary essays and they brought an enormous amount of insight and understanding to the world," Blair told the BBC, referring to Cooke's broadcasts.

"He was really one of the greatest broadcasters of all time, and we shall feel his loss very very keenly indeed," Blair said.

"For many Americans he will always be associated with the best of Britain," said William Farish, the U.S. ambassador in London. "He had movie star good looks, a poised and effortless manner, a first-class mind, and — most flatteringly — a sincere and abiding interest in all things American."

Cooke's family informed BBC reporter Nick Clarke of the death, the BBC spokeswoman said. Clarke has written a biography of Cooke.

"I think he thought retirement was a very bad idea and when he was forced to stop work three weeks ago, I thought, this won't be long now, because

here was a man living for this one task," Clarke told Sky News TV.

"Letter from America," which was carried on the BBC World Service and on Radio 4 in Britain, started in 1946, and was originally scheduled to run 13 weeks.

"Allstar is a national institution," said Christopher Sarson, the original executive producer of "Masterpiece Theatre," once said. "He has defined what pub-



Journalist Allstar Cooke sits in his home in New York City in this Oct. 12, 1972, file photo. Cooke has died at the age of 95.

lic television was and is for so many people that it is difficult to imagine life without him." Born Alfred Cooke in Salford

in northern England in 1908, he earned an honors degree in English from Cambridge University. In 1932 he came to the United States to study at Yale University, and he journeyed across the country by car. "That trip was an absolute eye-opener for me," he recalled. "Even then, even in the Depression, there was a tremendous energy and vitality to America. The landscape and the people were far more gripping and dra-

matic than anything I had ever seen. "It truly changed me. You see, from then on my interest in the theater began to wane, and I began to take up what I felt was the real drama going on — namely, America itself." Returning to England and, having changed his name to Allstar, Cooke joined the BBC in 1934 as a film critic. He has been the BBC's commentator on American affairs since 1938.

Dutch pay homage to late queen

DELFT, Netherlands (AP) — Queen Juliana was buried Tuesday with the royal honors that she shunned in her lifetime, leaving behind a grieving nation grateful for her leadership through the difficult years after World War II and beyond.



Queen Juliana died March 20 at age 91 after a long illness that kept her out of the public view for many years. She abdicated in favor of her daughter Beatrix in 1960 after a 32-year reign.

Reflecting her lifelong distaste for royal privileges, Juliana requested that her funeral be kept as humble as possible. Nonetheless, the ceremony at the royal crypt in the ancient city of Delft was regal and attended by royalty and dignitaries from around the world.

In keeping with her mother's wishes, Juliana's youngest daughter Christina sang "It's a Gift to be Simple" with an orchestra for accompaniment. Juliana was buried in the vault next to her parents, Queen Wilhelmina and Prince Hendrik under the Nieuwe Kerk, or New Church. The founder of the ruling House of Orange, William the Silent, was the first to be buried in the church after his assassination in Delft in 1584.

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EDITORIAL

Kerry could roam from his own private Idaho

Tanned, rested and ready, Sen. John Kerry left Idaho last week after a few days' vacation at the family home in Ketchum. His Idaho experience was, to say the least, selective.

The presumptive Democratic presidential candidate enjoyed some down time away from the campaign, with some fun and sun in Blaine County.

Before departing from the Twin Falls airport, the senator praised Idaho and said he would return.

Good for him. Next time, we hope the senator dares to venture beyond his Blaine County comfort zone.

Admittedly, that's unlikely. The blue-state Massachusetts Brahmin has no realistic chance of carrying red-state Idaho in the November election. His campaign will focus on crucial battleground states, which means you'll probably see Kerry strolling the boulevard in Twin Falls, Buhl or Burley.

But it would do Kerry some good, whether as a president or as a senator, to explore Idaho's flatlands.

Kerry's affection for Sun Valley's wintry enclave is certainly a compliment to the state. But Idaho is also filled with other splendors and other people. Lots of regular folk live and work in the Gem State 12 months a year.

For all its pomp, Blaine County is something of an Epoca Idaho—an ersatz West. If the senator, or any other politician, thinks he is expe-

riencing the West by carving down Bald Mountain and nibbling that wraps at Ketchum eateries, he's got it wrong.

Why not go north to Custer County and hitch a ride with a Stanley snowmobile? Or come south and spend a day fishing Silver Creek or the Malad. Come see the falls or float the rapids. We even know locals in Lincoln County who, come summer, water ski in the canals behind old pickups. Talk about your great photo op! Idaho's recreational playground is only part of its overall appeal. There are farmers, food processors and ranchers who still work—not just play—on the land. As the candidate of the so-called working man's party, maybe Kerry could spend time mingling with working Idahoans. And we're not just talking about the cooks, servers, guides, and lift operators in the Blaine County service industry.

When Kerry spends his time exclusively with the Blaine County elite, he sends a poor message about Idaho and the West. It's OK for us to be his environmental groundkeepers, but not necessarily his equals.

So come on back, Senator. Get out of the SUV and meet the rest of us. Next time, step around the airport fence to shake our hands. We won't bite.

Who knows? Before long, he could be humming, "And Here We Have Idaho." Even better, he could hear a conservative idea that makes sense.

Our view: Idaho has plenty to offer Sen. John Kerry beyond the boundaries of Blaine County.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Senator Kerry's record rings a bell

Is Sen. John Kerry a liberal? As the presidential campaign unfolds over the next seven months, the parties will no doubt spend a lot of time debating this question, with Republicans insisting that he is, and Democrats just as vehemently denying it.

The question of how to measure a senator's or representative's ideology is one that political scientists regularly need to answer.

WILLIAM G. MAYER

For more than 30 years, the standard method for gauging ideology has been to use the annual ratings of lawmakers' votes by various interest groups, notably the Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) and the American Conservative Union (ACU).

The ADA, which describes itself as "the nation's oldest independent liberal organization," was founded in 1947 by a group of distinguished postwar liberals—including Eleanor Roosevelt, labor leader Walter Reuther and historian Arthur Schlesinger—to rally support for progressive causes. Shortly afterward, the ADA began publishing an annual legislative score card. The ADA's Legislative Committee selects what it considers to be the year's 20 most important votes cast in each house of Congress. Senators and representatives then receive a score ranging from 0 to 100, based on the percentage of times they voted for the liberal position as identified by the ADA.

In 1971, a group called the American Conservative Union began publishing a conservative counterpart to the ADA ratings, using the same method.

The ADA and ACU ratings are valuable as yardsticks for several reasons. Both have been around for a long time, thus providing some historical perspective. Both are able to speak with some authority about what constitutes the "liberal" or "conservative" positions on various issues.



And both are good at distinguishing between meaningful and unimportant votes. Voters back home might be taken in if the House passes a resolution saying that all Americans have the right to adequate health care or a strong national defense—but takes no action or provides no money toward that goal. The ADA and ACU almost certainly won't.

So what do the ADA and ACU ratings tell us about Kerry? The accompanying box shows the numbers for the past 10 of his 19 years in the Senate.

Kerry ratings

YEAR	ADA	ACU
1994	95	0
1995	95	4
1996	95	5
1997	95	4
1998	95	4
1999	95	0
2000	90	12
2001	95	4
2002	85	20
2003	85	13
Avg.	92	6

Kerry's 2003 ADA score of 85 may be a bit misleading because the ADA gives each senator five points every time he or she casts a liberal vote. Senators get zero points if they vote for the conservative position or don't vote at all. Of the 20 votes selected by the ADA in 2003, Kerry was absent for three. He thus actually voted the liberal position on all 17 of the votes he was present for.

Either way, Kerry's voting record is a very liberal one, according to both rating systems. The ADA's website notes that those Members of Congress considered to be Moderates generally score between 40%

and 60%. By that criterion, Kerry's record falls well outside the "moderate" range.

The same point is borne out by a comparison of Kerry's ratings with those of other Democrats often classified as moderates, such as Sen. John Kennedy of Louisiana. Brex's lifetime average ADA score through 2002 is 55. When Lloyd Bentsen of Texas was a senator, his lifetime ADA score was 41. Former Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn had a lifetime ADA average of 67. Al Gore had a 65 average. Joe Lieberman, described sometimes as a liberal and sometimes as a moderate—he has a generally liberal voting record but also dissents

from several important liberal positions—has a lifetime ADA score of 76 through 2002.

At the other end of the spectrum, three senators are often singled out as the most liberal: Barbara Boxer of California, Pat Leahy of Vermont and Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts. Their lifetime ADA scores through 2002 are, respectively, 96, 93 and 90—statistically indistinguishable from Kerry's 92.

In recent weeks, a number of commentators have asserted that Kerry's voting history is complicated to classify. The evidence doesn't bear this out. If you take the numbers here, cover up Kerry's name and then ask a sample of American political scientists, "I have here a senator who in the past 10 years has had an average ADA score of 92 and an average ACU score of 6. Is he a liberal, a moderate or a conservative?" they should have no difficulty in classifying the 2004 Democratic candidate as, for better or worse, a liberal.

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LETTERS

Think twice before becoming a thief

To the people who stole the flags from the Port of Hope:

We hope you enjoy them as much as we did. You could have asked, we would have found some for you.

Next time you think about being a thief, think about it. We do not respect people like you. We are here trying to change our lives, and then you come along.

Shame on you.
KAREN BACH
(Editor's note: Karen Bach is the manager at the Port of Hope in Twin Falls.)

Husband stands behind legislative candidate

I have read several letters in the past month giving support to my wife's candidacy for state representative in District 24. I have been very encouraged by these letters.

Maggi is working hard on this campaign, and she truly believes that she can be a good representative for the people here in the Magic Valley.

This letter is to add my name to the growing number of supporters for Maggi Fortner for Idaho State Legislature.

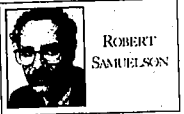
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Chinese dilemma requires flexible politics

"The test of a first-class mind is the ability to hold two opposing views ... at the same time and still retain the ability to function." F. Scott Fitzgerald once said. So it is with China and trade.



On the one hand, expanded trade has lifted millions of Chinese out of poverty. But on the other, it has fostered oppressive working conditions. Which brings us to the AFL-CIO sweeping trade complaint against China submitted recently to the Bush administration. It's an object lesson in the new politics of trade. The AFL-CIO says that Chinese labor practices have depressed China's factory wages by 47 percent to 88 percent, lowered the prices of Chinese exports and cumulatively cost about 727,000 U.S. jobs. What repressive labor practices? Well, Chinese workers can't organize independent unions. Wages sometimes aren't paid. Millions of migrant workers—often young women—are held in virtual bondage. They move from rural areas and, because they need residency permits that can be denied, are at the mercy of employers. Sweatshops are common.

Writes sociologist Anita Chan of the Australian National University, whose research partially informs the AFL-CIO complaint:

According to a survey I conducted in China's footwear industry, the average number

of hours came to about 11 each day, often with no days off—that is, an 80-hour work week. (There is a staggering amount of wages owed but not paid to migrant workers: 43 percent of the 51,000 cases of workers' complaints [in Shenzhen, an industrial city] in 2001 related to unpaid wages." Grim. But it's also true that China's economic liberalization has been a vast engine of human progress that, in turn, has depended heavily on trade. In the past 25 years, Morgan Stanley's Andy Xie of reports that China's economy has expanded by a factor of almost nine, but exports have grown 45 times. Here are some measures of social gains from the World Bank:

- From 1978 to 2002, the average annual per-person income rose from \$190 to \$960. (It's probably now above \$1,000. (The U.S. figure: about \$36,000.)
- Life expectancy increased from 61.7 years in 1970 to 71 in 2002.
- Infant mortality dropped from 41 per 1,000 live births in 1978 to 30 in 1999 (the U.S. rate: about seven).

The explanation for the apparent paradox is that progress

is a contradictory beast. In most societies, industrialization confers huge benefits even though it is a rough process. In late-19th-century America, factory work was typically 10 hours a day, six days a week, and layoffs were usually at the whim of foremen, reported by economists Jeremy Atack of Vanderbilt University and Fred Bateman of the University of Georgia.

Jobs were monotonous and grueling. To make the tops of a foot press 40 times a minute, or 24,000 times a day. Health and safety protections barely existed.

China is now in a similar upheaval. The reason migrant workers submit to degrading work conditions at miserly pay is that it's usually a step up from the economic ladder. In 2000, about 47 percent of China's population still had incomes of about \$2 or less a day, estimates the World Bank.

Ironically, the AFL-CIO trade complaint actually debunks the popular notion that a job drain to China is a major cause of America's weak labor market:

Consider the 727,000 jobs estimated to be lost to "repressive" labor conditions. They're equal to less than 1 percent of total U.S. employment or about 4 percent of manufacturing jobs in 2000. The main problem today is not massive job loss abroad. It's feeble job creation at home.

A cynical (but plausible) the-

ory is that the trade complaint aims to embarrass the White House in an election year. The administration has until the end of April to decide whether to accept the complaint and start a one-year investigation. If it declines, it can be branded as unaring. But if it accepts, the exercise may be self-defeating.

The AFL-CIO's demand for tariffs against China rests on an expansive interpretation of international trade law that would probably invite Chinese retaliation.

No matter. The AFL-CIO complaint captures today's larger trade predicament. Open trade still enjoys the high moral ground in human betterment. Protectionism can't easily generate job growth. But a weak global economy undermines the constituency for trade. More Americans fear threatened jobs at home, because the "offshoring" of some white-collar jobs has spread anxiety across the social spectrum. Unless job creation picks up, it will be harder politically to defend free trade.

There's an emerging collision between what makes economic sense and what makes political sense. We've got two opposing ideas on the brain, and—as Fitzgerald said—somehow here we still got to function.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek magazine.

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Mallard Fillmore



OPINION

LETTERS

Tousley didn't write rule curbing candidates

Ever hesitate on engaging in a conversation because you didn't agree with what you knew about a subject?

Some jobs have unwritten rules with them that have been handed down for several generations. We all have had jobs like that where there were certain things you just didn't do if you wanted to stay working at a job on traditions and unwritten rules. They are usually rules that reflect on morality, honesty, honor, loyalty or just plain old common "horse sense." I guess it boils down to pure good of policies, these lots of that in law enforcement too!

If you're a deputy sheriff in Twin Falls County, you don't spit into the wind, you don't draw against the Lone Ranger, and you don't run against your sheriff at election time and expect to keep your job. That's just the way it is if you work for a sheriff's office.

Sheriff Tousley, Twin Falls, didn't start this unwritten rule, but it has been hastily brought to light. Maybe it was applied inappropriately - I don't know, but Wayne didn't start it.

Most of the sheriffs whom I have worked with and known through the years would have just dismissed the two deputies in question. For unrelated reasons of course, but just trying proving it was for running against them.

Whether this type of politics is right, wrong, legal or illegal, I reserve my right to comment on that, but it's a way of life in police work and one of the "unwritten rules."

What the voters of our great little county decide at election time is their business - but I thought I would take a minute to explain why and what is going on when the sheriff puts two of his underlings out over the coming election. Business as usual. There should be no surprise to the folks in question.

I didn't say I agreed with it, but for whatever it's worth, there's the information. I'm glad I'm retired!

DANNY CRAFTON
Hansen
(Editor's note: Danny Crafton was born and raised in Twin Falls County and is a retired patrol sergeant from a large local police department.)

County commissioners pursue an illegal venture

As I start my campaign for county commissioner, I would like to first address "The Times-News." I am not running for or against the sheriff. I am not promoting his agenda. My campaign, in part, for all county employees, their wages and benefits. I ran two years ago without conflicting county rules. Changing the rules now

would violate my constitutional right to run for office, as I have already done so in 2002.

The county commissioners, and specifically Tom Mikesell, have decided to move forward on the Anderson building, like frogs jumping out of the frying pan into the fire. Taxpayers must be involved in this issue. First Federal Bank is right - without judicial review as to the right of voter approval, they could end up the new owners of the Anderson building should a lawsuit determine the commissioners to be wrong. I still believe that the commissioners are in violation of two Idaho constitutional laws.

First, there were no funds identified in this year's budget for the payment or reconstruction cost for the Anderson building (Article VIII - 3 pg. 333). Second, incurring any indebtedness for a 20-year term must be approved by the voters or justified by judicial review. To violate voter trust is arrogance in its worst form. Our commissioners believe they will be rubber-stamped by Republican voters. I believe our voters are smarter than that. I have information to indicate that we will severely strain, if not overspend, this year's budget if we continue with this folly.

The commissioners have put us into two lawsuits already (sugar factory tax increase and court cost levy on the cities). Now we are looking at a third and possibly a fourth because of poor planning, priority setting and the ability to represent and work with the people and cities of Twin Falls County.

I have said before and I will say again - I will represent the voters and property owners of this county. I will work with and for our cities and their needs. Property owners within city zones of influence but in the county must be represented by commissioners, not left to their own legal defenses.

A five-year plan with set priorities and a three-year estimated budget which will plan costs and income is my primary goal when elected to office.

BOB POWERS
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Bob Powers is the Democratic candidate seeking Twin Falls County commission seat 2.)

Democrats didn't create global instability.

To the writer of the delusional commentary (or planted propaganda) contained in your March 20 letters column, here are a few questions to ponder: Was it the United States or the United Nations that pursued the 1951-53 police action against North Korean and Chinese communist forces? Has a valid tie been established between the former Iraq

regime and world terrorism? Has anyone found even a trace of the weapons of mass destruction for which a "you're either with us or against us" administration publicly predicated an invasion of a sovereign state that was opposed by 85 percent of the world's population?

Is it Democrats who viciously attack and attempt to trash the lives and livelihoods of anyone who has the temerity to express criticism of the intellectually challenged court jester who occupies the White House? And who crudely jokes about the fruitless hunt for weapons of mass destruction that so far has cost the lives of 600 U.S. military personnel, along with more than 3,000 wounded, not to mention the untold and never to be revealed thousands of innocent Iraqi civilian casualties?

Is it a Democrat who has tapped corporate special interests for an unprecedented \$170 million to finance his coming political campaign and in turn has rewarded those interests with favorable legislative acts and no-bid government contracts? Is it the Democrats who zealously guard Idaho's right-to-work laws to ensure that our state remains one of the lowest

in per capita income in the nation?

Finally, can anyone honestly believe that where a single political party formulates (often in secret) and controls (by disregarding any public input) all law making and policies represents a democratic or even republican form of government? Self-serving oligarchy is a more appropriate term.

ROBERT FARRUSH
Twin Falls

Smoking ban still must fight opposition

Now that the Smoke Free Bill No. 1283 has passed both the Senate and the House, I am strongly encouraging all supporters of this bill to contact Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and convince him to sign this bill.

Current opposition to this bill is strongly working against it trying to petition our governor. We need all the possible support we can get to complete this final step. We thank you for all your support regarding this issue. You can call his office at (208) 334-2100 or email him at this URL: <http://www.v2.state.id.us/gov/cougov/contact.htm>.

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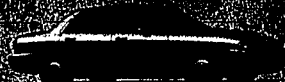
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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

State approves money for bridge

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne Tuesday announced that a \$96,410 Idaho Community Development Block Grant had been awarded to Twin Falls County to make repairs to the Bliss Bridge.

The bridge was closed in November after two underwater inspections determined its foundation was unstable. "The repair of the Bliss Bridge will allow the families isolated by the closure to resume normal access to their properties and provide for quick response time for fire and emergency medical services," Kempthorne said in a news release.

In February, the boards of the Twin Falls and Bliss highway districts voted to award a \$216,349 contract, plus about \$20,000 in engineer fees, to DBM Contractors of Federal Way, Wash., to repair the bridge.

In addition to the state grant, the project includes funding from Twin Falls and Gooding counties, the Twin Falls and Bliss highway districts and the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council.

The target date to complete the project is May 15. Twin Falls Highway District Director Dave Burgess has said.

Unoccupied Richfield house burns down

RICHFIELD — A fire of unknown origin razed a single-family home Tuesday morning.

Fire units were dispatched at 10:50 a.m. to the house at 926 E. 620 N.

The stucco house, owned by Wayne Karstetter, was unoccupied at the time, said Luann Swainston, Richfield fire department secretary.

"It burned clear down," Swainston said, adding that no other structures were damaged.

Fire officials cleared the scene by 12:30 p.m., according to a dispatcher with the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

ISU honor society honors Meyerhoeffer

POCATELLO — College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Meyerhoeffer has been named

Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Kappa Delta Pi honor society at Idaho State University.

Dr. Meyerhoeffer has worked nearly 40 years addressing key educational issues and concerns affecting Idaho citizens," wrote ISU President Richard Bowen, who nominated Meyerhoeffer.

Meyerhoeffer has been at CSI since 1966 and has been a counselor, director of admissions and records, and an assistant to the president and vice president.

He has been president since 1983 and has seen the college through a period of substantial growth.

He will be honored at ISU's annual teacher appreciation banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Ramada Inn in Pocatello.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of 2003	% of 2002
Upper Snake Basin	81%	77%
Salmon Falls	84%	84%
Salmon	81%	76%
Oakley	96%	72%
Big Wood	71%	72%
Henry Fork/Wood	70%	68%
Henry Fork/Teton	93%	90%
Big Lost	78%	74%
Little Lost	81%	64%

A comparison of basin snowpack, on the day, with 2003 averages. An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in late March.

Cleanup reveals broken drum

The Times-News and The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — The federal government is digging again at the nuclear waste burial ground at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The Pit 4 project was agreed on within the past few months by the state and federal agencies to remove waste with high concentrations of contaminants, officials said Tuesday.

Removal of topsoil already has begun on a half-acre of Pit 4, but the final planning document has not been released or been available for public com-

ment. The U.S. Department of Energy said it did not have a solid cost estimate yet. The plan will be issued May 3 for a 30-day public comment period.

Tim Jackson, an INEEL spokesman, said the Superfund law allows INEEL to take measures on the ground to prepare for the project before it must finish all of the documentation and public comment requirements. Actual waste retrieval has not begun.

But topsoil removal has been temporarily stalled after workers discovered a broken waste drum buried only 4 feet below the surface. A crew had been working on preparing a portion

of the site for two days when an excavator uncovered the broken drum on March 20, officials said.

The 88-acre radioactive landfill used until 1970 sits above the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, which supplies water to much of southern Idaho including the Magic Valley. Officials say contaminants that have reached the aquifer haven't migrated off INEEL borders.

Pit 4 follows the quick success seen this year in the small Pit 9 test project. Retrieval at Pit 9 went fast once it got started in December after years of delays.

"I think the Pit 9 success is enabling Pit 4 to move ahead in a

more simplified and common-sense approach," said Kathleen Trever, director of the state's INEEL monitoring program.

The Pit 9 removal technique created by contractor Bechtel BWXT Idaho cost about \$80 million and removed only about 78 cubic yards of debris. Officials said it was too expensive to use across the rest of the landfill.

The Pit 4 project includes removal of waste where disposal records show high concentrations of plutonium, other radioactive wastes and volatile chemicals used as solvents and degreasers. Officials described targeting Pit 4 as getting "more

bang for their buck." Pit 4 contains waste from nuclear weapons production at Rocky Flats in Colorado.

Digging at Pit 4 stopped when the barrel was discovered, Department of Energy Project Manager Jeff Perry said.

"We want to look at what went wrong and what could happen next," he said.

It was no surprise that the drum was broken, Jackson said. Many of the waste containers buried in the area are broken or decomposing.

Tests done of the area with ground-penetrating radar, geo-

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HORSE PLAY



College of Southern Idaho freshman Dennis Staack rides his horse, 'Copy,' over a barrel jump during jumping practice for the CSI equestrian team at Sundance Stables and Arenas in Twin Falls Tuesday. CSI will host the intercollegiate Horse Show Association Zone Equitation Competition this weekend.

College equestrians converge on T.F. this weekend

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Hundreds of competitors, coaches and supporters from 33 Northwest colleges and universities will be in Twin Falls this weekend for the intercollegiate Horse Show Association Zone Equitation Competition.

And the public is invited to watch the events at the Eldon

Evans Expo Center Saturday and Sunday starting at about 8 a.m. each day and continuing through the afternoon.

Admission is free, and programs will be sold for \$1.

This is the first time CSI has been chosen to host this zone's event, said Kandle Nuthak, CSI equestrian team spokeswoman and event organizer.

Riders from participating

schools reach the zone level of competition by being one of the top two competitors in each of the regional events they attend.

Zone 8 includes two- and four-year schools from Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Nevada, Montana and Utah.

Competition will include English riding each morning, with both flat and fence jump-

ing events, walk-trot-canter, and Western horsemanship events each afternoon.

In their six-year history, the CSI equestrians have done well.

They were the 2001-02 HISA reserve national champion Western team, making CSI the only two-year school in the nation to reach that level.

Last year, the team finished

seventh against 362 two- and four-year schools in the national competition.

At that national meet, the American Quarter Horse Association High Point Rider Award was given to a member of the CSI team.

The Eldon Evans Expo Center is located on the north side of the CSI campus on North College Road.

Three reach plea agreements in Rupert counterfeit case

By Shelley Ridenour Times-News writer

RUPERT — Three of the seven people charged in connection with a January bust of a counterfeit operation in Minidoka County have reached plea agreements with the prosecuting attorney.

Three others have pleaded innocent to their charges and await trials. A seventh defendant is scheduled for a preliminary hearing today to determine if she'll be bound over to District Court on the charges.

Woody Ashby, 38, agreed to plead guilty to one charge of conspiracy to commit forgery and one charge of conspiracy to possess counterfeit equipment. Ashby changed his pleas at his March 1 District Court arraignment.

In exchange for those guilty pleas, Minidoka County Prosecuting Attorney Jason Walker has agreed to dismiss a forgery charge, a charge of possession of counterfeit equipment and a persistent violator charge filed against Ashby. Walker plans to

recommend that Ashby be sentenced to one to 14 years in jail on each charge and that the sentences be served concurrently, along with time ordered from a 2000 Jerome County conviction of receiving stolen property.

Ashby is scheduled to be sentenced May 10 in 5th District Court in Minidoka County.

Trevor Paoli, 28, pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to commit forgery and a charge of conspiracy to possess counterfeit apparatus. He changed his plea at his March 8 arraignment in District Court.

In exchange, Walker will dismiss a charge of forgery and possession of counterfeit apparatus. Walker plans to recommend Paoli serve four to eight years in prison on each charge, with the sentences to run concurrently.

He is scheduled to be sentenced April 26 in District Court.

Tammy Paoli, 39, pleaded guilty to a charge of forgery and a charge of possession of counterfeit apparatus at her

Voters pass Minidoka school levy

The Times-News

RUPERT — A handful of Minidoka County School District voters approved Tuesday a two-year, \$978,500 supplemental levy to pay for facilities maintenance and repair.

The tally came to 750 ballots in favor of the levy and 387 opposed, according to School Board Clerk Darrel Black.

The turnout represents just 14 percent of the approximately 6,000 registered voters in the district.

Voters passed the levy in 2000 and 2002 by almost 3-to-1, while Tuesday's approval represents a difference of 2-to-1. Voter turnout was down by about 50 people Tuesday compared with 2002.

The levy amount is unchanged since 2002 at \$978,500 and represents nearly 75 percent of the district's total maintenance and equipment budget.

Levy funds will be used for roofing projects, the purchase of buses, fire safety and security equipment and impact protection beneath playground equipment.



Frances Klam holds Marissa Stocking while her mother, Liz, prepares to cast a vote in the Minidoka County School District's supplemental levy election at West Minico Middle School Tuesday.

There will be a special meeting of the School Board at 6:30 a.m. Monday at the Wayside

Cafe in Rupert to certify the election. The meeting is open to the public.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3278 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4 p.m. for next-day publication...

Francis G. Washburn - Williamsburg, Mass.

Francis G. Washburn, (Ret.), 84, of 50 South St., Williamsburg, Mass., died March 26, 2004...

and Church of The Ascension in St. Louis, Mo., from 1959-1965. In addition, he was the Chairman of the Department of Christian Education from 1960-1962...

and his wife, Julia, of Leeds, Mass., and Michael P. Washburn and his wife, Mary, of Meeker, Colo., and daughter, Elizabeth A. Mandelkow and son, Roger, of Buhl, Idaho...

Ginger Raye Newman - Twin Falls

Ginger Raye Newman, 60, of Buhl, Falls, died at her home the morning of March 28, 2004...

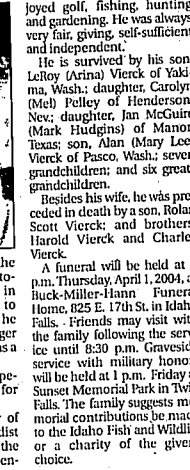
and a grandson, Kyle Degraw, all of Twin Falls; two sisters, Helen Richardson of Ocala, Fla., and Debbie Sams of Hamilton, Ohio...



Earle L. Vierck - Idaho Falls

Earle LeRoy Vierck, 87, of Idaho Falls, died March 29, 2004, at Madison Memorial Hospital in Rexburg of natural causes...

joyed golf, fishing, hunting and gardening. He was always very fair, giving, self-sufficient and independent...



Leola H. Pace Bryant Badger - Burley

Leola H. Pace Bryant Badger, 89, passed away March 29, 2004, at Burley, Idaho...

Leola would prepare all meals and care for her family while working full-time in the dairy office as a secretary at the packing company...

great-grandchildren and spouses, Rita and Ira Willis of Snowflake, Ariz., and Sandra Bryant of Pahrump, Nev. Kim, Haley and Bryan Fletcher of Burley, Idaho...

OBITUARY

Opal J. Manning - Twin Falls

Opal J. Manning, 85, of Twin Falls, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls...



She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Clarence Edwin Woolsey, Warren "Sport" George Woolsey, and William James Woolsey...

Opal enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and all board games including her favorite, cribbage. She loved serving in her many civic duties such as a prayer chain and the adoration chapel for St. Edwards Catholic Church...

Opal is survived by her husband of 65 years, John Manning of Twin Falls; three children, Patricia Jean Coles of Corinth, N.Y., Michael J. Manning of Rouses Point, N.Y., and W. Joseph Manning of Benton, Wash., and one sister, Marian Tangas of Louisiana. She is also survived by four grandchildren...

SERVICES

Anthony Leone Perkins of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary).

Clinton G. Jensen, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at Bums Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston, Ore. (Burns Mortuary of Hermiston, Ore.)

Emma Viola McCloud of Wendell, graveside service at 11 a.m. April 10 at the Wendell Cemetery (Spencer, Libby and Powell Funeral Home).

Michael J. Montoya of Ogden, Utah, formerly of Rupert, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Lloyd L. Campbell of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. April 10 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 2628 Whispering Pine (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Elmer Gene Urie of Eden, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 2628 Whispering Pine (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

DEATH NOTICES

Margaret Louise Greer of Twin Falls, memorial service at 7 p.m. April 8 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

John Deloris Hill of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Monday, Mar. 29, 2004, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Elmwood Cemetery in Greenwood, Arrangements by Demaray Funeral Chapel.

Charlotte Jean Smith of Burley, funeral at 3:30 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Frank Edward Peterson of Big Sky, Mont., formerly of Piler, memorial service at 6 p.m. today at the Big Sky Chapel in Big Sky, Mont.

Daniel L. Henson KIMBERLY - Daniel L. Henson, 43, of Kimberly, Idaho, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at his home. Arrangements will be made by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Frank Edward Peterson of Big Sky, Mont., formerly of Piler, memorial service at 6 p.m. today at the Big Sky Chapel in Big Sky, Mont.

Joe Cotta BUJIL - Joe Cotta, 67, of Buhl, died Monday, March 29, 2004, at SunBridge Care & Rehab Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Scott A. Hauert RUPERT - Scott A. Hauert, 44, of Rupert, died Monday, March 29, 2004, at his home. Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Orla D. Simpson of Hansen, graveside service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Ruth Ellen Lunte BUJIL - Ruth Ellen Lunte, 87, of Buhl, died March 30, 2004, at Stoney Creek Living Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be made by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

Leta L. Ambrose GOODING - Leta L. Ambrose, age 73, of Gooding, died...

Man faces charges in stabbing

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) - A Payette man is facing criminal charges in the death of a 16-year-old whose body was dumped on the campus of Treasure Valley Community College.

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Women present historical T.F. stories tonight at CSI

TWIN FALLS — The third annual Magic Valley Reads! project — which this year honors the city's 100th birthday — plans free, public events on Wednesday evenings in March and April.

The second one is tonight. A presentation titled "Women of Early Twin Falls" is set for 7 p.m. in the Coliseum of Southern Idaho's Shields Building, Rooms 117-118.

Fran Frost and five other women will depict women's stories from 1904-24, collected from interviews, oral histories and local authors' works.

Using costumes, storytelling, music and historical photographs, they aim to give an overview of women's lives at home, as professionals and in social circles.

Magic Valley in brief

Hospital will present free class on diabetes prevention

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will host a community education session on the highs and lows of diabetes, including information on signs, causes and treatment of the disease, according to a hospital news release.

The free class will be taught by Janet Renaldi, the hospital's diabetic patient educator. It will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday inside the basement conference room at Magic Valley Regional's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E.

Registration is required. To sign up, call 737-2166.

— compiled from staff reports



Some of the nearly 200 bison being held at Yellowstone National Park, near Gardiner, Mont., are shown March 22. Nearly 200 bison are being held until green-up this spring, when they will be released to roam freely again in the park. The animals are here after testing negative for the cattle disease brucellosis.

Capture of bison concerns some

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — More than 460 bison have been captured since winter began as they wandered near the boundary of Yellowstone National Park in search of forage, and about 260 were sent to slaughter, most of these after testing positive for the cattle disease brucellosis.

Some conservationists call the killing of park bison an outrage. But Montana livestock industry leaders say it shows a strategy to contain the disease, which is known to infect the park herd, is working. Yellowstone's bison population has been near record highs.

About 200 bison remain in a large enclosed pasture, eating hay and drinking from springs or troughs until they are freed to roam the park. They will remain until forage in the park begins to green up, said Rick Wallen, a Yellowstone wildlife biologist.

"These are animals that tested negative for brucellosis," said Yellowstone officials and ranchers fear wandering bison could spread to cattle in Montana. The 260 or so bison captured near Yellowstone's northern boundary that were sent to slaughter were largely because of a positive test result, or because of lack of space at the

park's Stephens Creek holding facility.

About 10 percent of the bison population — estimated at about 4,200 late last year, among the highest levels in years — has been captured under a joint state-federal bison management plan that, among other things, aims to reduce the risk of transmission of brucellosis from bison to cattle.

The disease can cause cows to abort and presence of the disease can force ranchers to pay for costly medical tests when they sell their cattle.

Some conservationists call it an outrage that Yellowstone's bison are killed and contend that there hasn't been a documented case of transmission of brucellosis from bison to cattle in the wild. But livestock industry leaders say the plan is working.

"There's no reason transmission can't take place," Steve Houser, executive vice president of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, said. "We're not willing to take that gamble."

Ranchers around the park voluntarily vaccinate cattle against brucellosis and most cattle in Montana are also vaccinated, said Karen Cooper, a spokeswoman with that state's Department of Livestock.

This year, some younger bison captured near the park's northern border were vaccinated with a vaccine that's also used in cattle, Wallen said, though evidence of its effectiveness in bison is still questioned.

Some conservationists have questioned the efficacy and use of the vaccine in bison, which they say are being treated like cattle rather than wild animals.

"It seems more like a public relations ploy than a means to protect the buffalo," said Dan Brister, a spokesman for the Buffalo Field Campaign, an activist group that tries to protect bison that leave the park.

Wallen said protecting animals that test negative and vaccinating them should improve the chances of reducing disease prevalence within the herd. He said he expects the program to be run in much the same way in the future since there is not a way to currently evaluate the effectiveness of the vaccine in the wild.

Louisa Wilcox, who has followed the issue at the Natural Resources Defense Council, said she doesn't see much object to being vaccinated as she does to the idea that it is a solution.

"I think we're only going to solve this with land, Buffalo

need land — they roam; that's what they do. And unless you give them room, these Band-Aid approaches are not going to work," said Wilcox, who works in Livingston, Mont.

Wilcox said Montana's current consideration of a potential bison hunt "is sort of like adding salt to the injury and doesn't get at the root cause. Buffalo roam, and to the extent we can allow them to do that, we should."

Attention now is on the park's western boundary, where bison may still leave the park.

Under the joint management plan, officials said, bison can be sent to slaughter without first being tested if the late winter-early spring count of the park's bison herd exceeds 3,000 animals, which it does by far. However, Cooper, the Livestock Department spokeswoman, said officials would first try to haze bison back into the park, and any captured bison would most likely be tested.

Mike Meece, campaign coordinator with the Buffalo Field Campaign, said however that the whole situation bothers him.

"We're turning this into Yellowstone National Ranch, catering to the cattle industry," he said.

State seeks field burning alternatives

BOISE (AP) — Last year, when Idaho decided grass growing had no economic viable alternative to burning their fields, a lawsuit was sparked because no public hearings were held before the decision was made.

This year, Idaho's Department of Agriculture is inviting the public to comment on the question. Pat Takasugi, the department's director, said he will accept written comments on the issue until April 30.

"They're starting to come in," said Kathy Sodhi, communications officer for the department.

Northern Idaho residents have challenged field burning on grounds that it threatens public health. Growers claim the practice is critical to stocking the grass plants into producing the next seed crop.

Three organizations sued after last year's decision, claiming the department violated state law by not including public input in its decision.

Safe Air for Everyone, the Idaho Conservation League and the American Lung Association of Idaho and Nevada said the department's findings were "arbitrary and capricious." A hearing in the case is scheduled for June in Sandpoint.

"We're pleased that they're finally going to have some sort of a public process," said SAFE executive director Patti Gora.

Sodhi said the department's procedure for reaching its determination this year is still evolving and may depend on how much information is received and how it must be analyzed.

Cops arrest woman trying to take baby from SLC hospital

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A woman disguised as an LDS hospital employee was arrested Tuesday after allegedly abducting a 3-day-old baby from his mother.

The child, Zaeckaria Archuleta, was safely returned to his mother within a half hour of his abduction, said police spokesman Dwayne Baird.

Salt Lake City resident Elizabeth Marie Alarid, 39, would be charged at a minimum with kidnapping, Baird said.

"It appears she came to the hospital to get a baby," said Baird.

Disguised in hospital scrubs and wearing a makeshift badge, the suspect allegedly entered the second-floor room of Ogden resident Tina Archuleta, 21, late Tuesday morning. She told the mother she was taking the baby for a circumcision, said Sandra Towns, who oversees the hospital's maternity ward.

When the suspect did not return with the baby after about 20 minutes, Archuleta notified hospital staff, who issued a Code Pink alert, signifying a missing baby, Towns said.

Hospital staff questioned Alarid on the fourth floor of the hospital, but she said she was

the baby's relative, Towns said. She was spotted again on the second floor, arousing suspicions because babies are not allowed on that floor.

Hospital employees followed the suspect as she left the hospital with the baby. A security guard found her in a grocery store a block away, where she was detained until police arrived, said Towns.

Alarid said the baby belonged to her niece, said security guard Jon Asherley.

"She was just cuddling it like it was her own," he said.

Alarid has an "extensive felony history," according to Baird, who would not provide further details, only saying she had never been arrested for a similar incident. Alarid indicated to police that she did not have her own baby.

The boy was safely returned to his mother, and the family planned to leave the hospital Tuesday.

"I didn't think I'd ever get him back," said the father, Anthony Archuleta, 20.

Hospital officials said it was the first time a baby had been abducted from the hospital, but that staff followed correct protocol.

Counterfeit

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March 15 arraignment in Minidoka County District Court.

Steve Easton, 44, is scheduled to change his plea to guilty on April 5. Easton is seeking admission to drug court and a guilty

plea is required before a defendant can be admitted.

He pleaded innocent at his Feb. 23 arraignment to a charge of conspiracy to commit forgery and a charge of conspiracy to possess counterfeiting apparatus.

Kathy Easton, 42, also is seeking admission to drug court. She's scheduled to change her plea on April 12.

She pleaded innocent at her March 1 arraignment to a charge of conspiracy to commit forgery and a charge of conspiracy to possess counterfeiting apparatus.

Patty Gibson, 42, is scheduled for a preliminary hearing in Magistrate Court today.

She's charged with one count of conspiracy to commit forgery, one count of conspiracy to make, pass or publish fictitious bills and one count of conspiracy to possess counterfeiting apparatus.

Waste

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magnetic and probing surveys and reviews of historical records indicated the drums were covered with at least 6 feet of soil, Perry said.

"We were going to leave about 2 feet of soil over the drums until we built the containment structure over that section of the pit," Jackson said. "Now we're re-evaluating exactly how to prepare that section of pit before we build the containment structure."

Inside the tent, employees would work in specially designed backhoes and forklifts to

remove the drums and dirt and package the radioactive waste for shipment out of Idaho.

The worker who discovered the shallow drum was not, exposed to anything dangerous, Jackson said. The crew covered the drum back up with clean soil. The temporary half is expected to last through Tuesday, and it will not delay the waste retrieval project, Jackson added.

There still is a dispute between the state and federal government over what the energy Department must remove all of the buried waste.

GOODING COUNTY COURTS

GOODING — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

David Butterfield; hunting, trapping or fishing without a license; providing false information to an officer regarding offense/denial; sentencing hearing April 8; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Brandon D. Covey; removing or dumping gravel; court trial April 22; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Benito Ortiz; driving under the influence; sentencing April 15; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor sentences

Jose Angel Garcia; driving without privileges amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; 570.50 court costs; \$35.50 fine; 30 days in jail; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Scott H. Mahlie; failure to stop at a checking station as required; \$102 fine; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Kyle Alan Batt; reckless driving; 40 days in jail, credit for 33 days served; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor withheld judgments

Michael Bret Vos; driving under the influence; 500 fine; \$300 suspended; 570.50 court costs; \$35.50 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; credit for one day served; judgment withheld; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Jack Verbrue Jr.; driving under the influence; 500 fine; \$300 suspended; 570.50 court costs; \$35.50 probation fee; one year supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; credit for one day served; judgment withheld; open continuing detention; by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Civil

Advanced Collection Technology vs. Tiffni Rubalcava. Seeking \$1,115.36, plus interest; \$300 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Advanced Collection Technology vs. Claire Hughes and Scott Hughes. Seeking \$2,107.73, plus interest; \$500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Advanced Collection Technology vs. Nathan Baumann and Angela C. Baumann, spouse. Seeking \$2,189.94, plus interest; \$600 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Ford Motor Credit vs. Lucas A. Kemp. Seeking \$5,142.94, plus interest; \$1,150 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant has failed to make timely payments on a loan.

Great Seneca Financial vs. Daniel D. Zortman. Seeking \$3,390.04, plus interest; \$600 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Advanced Collection vs. Jon E. Kephler. Seeking \$1,772.21, plus interest; \$500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Child Support Services vs. Brenda Helen Beck. Seeking \$189 monthly support for Jennifer L. Wiese and Crystal M. Wiese, plus 43 percent of the children's medical expenses; \$1,093 for the care of the children were in the custody of the state of Idaho; attorney fees.

Divorces

Lishawna R. Pereyra-Garrigue vs. Joey Carl Garrigue. Leticia Giraud vs. Timothy Mauer. John Robert Geiger vs. Emma Jo Geiger.

LINCOLN COUNTY COURTS

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

Misdemeanor arraignments

Mary P. Diges, 24; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; failed to appear; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Robin R. Hill, 36; battery; pretrial conference; March 24; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Maranda Lampe, no date of birth listed; fraud - insufficient funds check; pretrial conference; March 24; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Shelby M. Wharton, 41; driving under the influence; pretrial conference; March 24; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Bruce A. Moore, 21; driving under the influence; driving without privileges; sentencing; March 31; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Tommy J. Felix, 24; driving without privileges; pretrial conference; March 24; Magistrate Judge Mark A. Ingram.

Civil

Western United Life Insurance vs. George L. Wyatt and Elizabeth A. Wyatt, husband and wife. Seeking immediate possession of the property at 188 S. 750 E., Dietrich; \$1,500 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant refused to vacate the premises after purchase of said property by plaintiff at a Trustee's sale.

Bonnette Billing and Collections vs. C. Gene Dayley. Seeking \$1,060.94, plus interest; \$400 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges that defendant owes for accounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Child support cases

State of Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Lori A. Brummett. Seeking \$149 monthly support for Eldin Brummett, plus 36 percent of child's medical expenses; \$1,788 for public assistance for a prior period; \$363 attorney fees.

Divorces

Kaye Latham vs. Robert Alfred Latham.

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TAKING A STAND



Supporters of a Ten Commandments monument in a Boise city park surround the monument Monday. City officials moved the monument from the park to church grounds. Boise Police had expected peaceful demonstrations, but 13 of the protesters were detained briefly in a law enforcement bus as the monument was moved.

Arrests at protest included state official

BOISE (AP) — State Rep. Henry Kulczyk was among the 13 people arrested Monday for allegedly refusing to leave a closed area of a city park where work crews were removing a controversial Ten Commandments monument.

Police on Tuesday released the names of the 13 cited in Julia Davis Park on Monday afternoon after they allegedly refused to leave as the monument was moved.

They were among about 100 people protesting moving the granite edifice to St. Michael Episcopal Cathedral.

Also arrested were Brandi Swindell, spokeswoman of the Keep the Commandments Coalition, and former congressional and legislative candidate Dennis Mansfield.

Neither Kulczyk, R-Eagle, or Swindell returned a telephone message left by The Associated-Press Tuesday evening.

House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, who leads the Republican House caucus, said Tuesday that laws ought to be respected by the people who make them. "It's not up to you to have to weigh what your principle is," Newcomb said in a telephone interview. "When you're a lawmaker,

you're definitely held to obeying the law. I think there might have been a different way to make a peaceful protest," Newcomb said. "I'm not sure what this accomplishes, other than saying you're against removing the monument."

But Newcomb said Kulczyk's decision to put himself into such a position was a judgment call.

"He's got to weigh all the things. Ultimately the voter will make the decision," Newcomb said.

House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet said civil disobedience should be tempered

Small earthquake rattles west Idaho

MCCALL (AP) — A small earthquake shook residents in west central Idaho on Tuesday, but there were no reports of injuries or damage.

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Misch said the area is prone to small quakes.

Seismograph gauges in Idaho, Montana, Utah and eastern Washington were used to pin down the quake.

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Donnelly resident Robert Hall said he felt the quake, which lasted only a few seconds. He said it sounded like someone was running across his roof.

BPA proposes reducing spill over dams to increase power

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Hoping to earn up to \$45 million more in electricity sales, the Bonneville Power Administration proposed reducing the amount of water it spills over Columbia Basin hydroelectric dams to help young threatened salmon migrate to the ocean.

Speaking at a telephone press conference from Portland, BPA Administrator Steve Wright said that the agency was counting on other measures to offset the losses of an estimated three to 22 additional adult Snake River fall chinook and thousands of other Columbia Basin salmon while allowing BPA to earn expected rate increases.

The goal here is mission accomplished at the least possible cost," Wright said.

Robert Lohn, northwest administrator of NOAA Fisheries, which must approve the proposal, said the agency was willing to consider such a plan if BPA costs if they cause no harm to threatened Snake River fall chinook.

Judge dismisses fraud counts in Qwest trial

DENVER (AP) — On the eve of closing arguments, a federal judge tossed out a securities fraud charge Tuesday against each of four former Qwest executives charged with improperly hooking nearly \$34 million in revenue in 2001.

U.S. District Judge Robert Blackburn said there was no evidence to prove the men committed the crime because it would have had to include the purchase or sale of a security.

Each of the four still faces 11 charges: three counts of securities fraud, six counts of wire fraud, one count of conspiracy and one count of making false statements to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Maxi-

mum penalties on each count range from fines to 10 years in prison and fines from \$250,000 to \$1 million.

Thomas Hall, Grant Graham, John Walker and Bryan Treadway are accused of conspiring to help the telecommunications company improperly book the money in June 2001 to meet financial targets. All pleaded not guilty to charges stemming from a \$100 million deal to connect Arizona schools to the Internet.

Prosecutors say the defendants adjusted terms of the deal to allow revenue to be booked right away, instead of over the life of the contract, and then lied to cover their actions.

The case is the first stemming from investigations that prompted former chief executive Joseph Nacchio to quit in 2002 and ultimately led Qwest to renounce \$2.5 billion in revenue from its books.

Blackburn also threw out two allegations cited in the government indictment to support the conspiracy charge and one of the remaining securities fraud charges.

The allegations were claims that the defendants failed to use a system of internal accounting controls, and that they caused Qwest to pay some employees unnecessary overtime.

Graham was chief financial officer for Qwest's global busi-

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'Saints and Soldiers' gets PG-13 rating

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — "Saints and Soldiers," a Mormon-focused World War II film originally rated R, has received a PG-13 rating following some editing by the filmmakers.

Removal of just a few seconds and frames "apparently was all it took," said Jeff Simpson, president of the film's distributor, Excel Entertainment.

Following the editing, the PG-13 was awarded by the Motion Picture Association of America's rating board for "war violence and related images."

"It's been a pain to be honest," said Simpson. "And it's taken a lot of time. But we didn't want to soften the picture. There are parts that will — and probably should — upset people. War is an ugly, nasty thing. We haven't gone overboard in showing that, but we wanted to make sure the

April opening date, likely to summer, Simpson said.

"Saints and Soldiers" follows a Mormon central character and several other soldiers during the Battle of the Bulge.

The original R rating had come as a shock.

"We weren't expecting it to get a G," Simpson said. "I mean, this is a war movie, dealing with violent, terrible things happening to people."

The filmmakers feared an R rating might be the death of the film, which was directed by Ryan Little ("Out of Step") and stars Mormon actors Corbin Allred and Kirby Heyborne.

Leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints encourage members from seeing R-rated movies.

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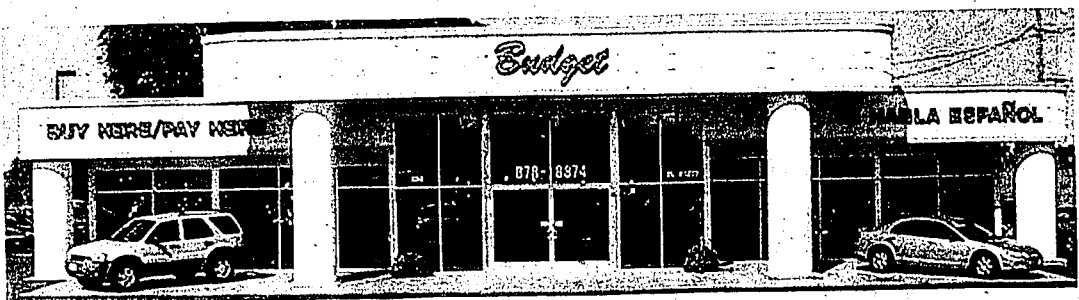
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Make it fresh



Chen Ru Qiang, a cook at Wonderful House in Jerome, prepares Stir-fried Shrimp and Broccoli.

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Chen Ru Qiang "Sam" says fresh ingredients need few frills. So he insists on fresh meats and vegetables in his cooking.

Sam and his sister, Yan Qiang "Cindy," were born in Hong Kong, where Sam studied at a formal culinary arts school. Brother and sister lived in Canton for a while before coming to the United States — where they opened restaurants in New York, Florida and California before relocating in Jerome.

Sam and Cindy visited Jerome last May, found the people friendly and thought the weather was great. They opened Wonderful House, a Chinese and American restaurant in Jerome, in October.

Sam explained the difference among styles of Chinese foods. Different foods come from different areas of China, he said.

Peking style, also called Mandarin, is named for the city of Peking in the North. Mandarin cooking style is characterized by sweet and sour sauces and wine-based cooking stock.

Shanghai style cuisine comes from the heartland of China and is characterized by a liberal use of sugar, soy and wine. Canton dishes, probably the most familiar to the American palate, are characterized by a delicate flavor, stir-fried foods and a liberal use of garlic in sauces. Szechwan style cuisine comes from the southeastern area of China and is noted for its spicy hot sauces. Hunan, even more spicy and very hot, is from the southwest part of China, near India and Pakistan.

The secret to good Chinese food are fresh ingredients and a good chicken stock base, contends Sam, who makes his chicken stock every morning.

To make chicken stock, place one whole chicken in enough water to cover it. Add two medium-size onions and salt and pepper to taste. Boil for two hours or until meat is falling off the bones. Cool. Remove the chicken from the broth. Remove the chicken meat from the bones. Refrigerate the stock. Once it is cooled, skim the excess fat off the top of the stock. You can then return the chicken meat to the stock, if desired, or use the chicken meat and stock separately.

STIR-FRIED SHRIMP & BROCCOLI

Stir-fry has one prerequisite: Everything must be ready before you start to cook.

Once you start to stir-fry a dish, you will not have time to stop and look for a missing ingredient or mix up a sauce.

Serves 1-2
Set aside 8 to 10 boiled and

cleaned shrimp. Chop 12 snow peas, 1/4 onion, 3 or 4 mushrooms, 1 1/4 bell pepper and 5 or 6 broccoli flowerettes.

Stir-fry the vegetables and shrimp in a wok with vegetable oil, 3-4 minutes till cooked but still crunchy.

Serve with rice.

ALMOND COOKIES

Although the Chinese don't make many sweet desserts, the almond cookie is an exception.

1 cup shortening
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar

1 egg
1 teaspoon almond extract
2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/8 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

About 5 dozen whole blanched almonds

1 egg yolk
2 tablespoons water
Cream shortening and sugars

till fluffy. Add egg and almond extract; beat till well blended. Sift flour with salt and baking powder. Add to creamed mixture and blend well. To shape each cookie, roll 1 tablespoon of the mixture into a ball. Place cookies two inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Press down on each ball to make a 2-inch round cookie. Press an almond into the center of each round. Beat egg yolk and water; brush mixture over top of each cookie. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Store in airtight container. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

EGG FLOWER SOUP

Serves 4-6
1 large bunch watercress or 2 cups coarsely sliced spinach leaves

4 cups chicken broth
2 teaspoons soy sauce
2 eggs
Salt

Clean and chop watercress or spinach.

Heat the chicken stock and soy sauce to boiling.

Add the watercress or spinach and simmer, uncovered, for two minutes.

Beat the eggs. Remove pan from the heat. Add eggs slowly to the soup, stirring constantly until they form long threads.

Season with salt to taste.

Hatch a sweet and bright idea for springtime

Family Features

Welcome spring's bright, warm garden colors into the kitchen with recipes to bring joy and sunshine to your table. Keeping it fresh and simple will allow the imagination to create sweet treats for spring gatherings that will shower your family and friends with affection.

BEEHIVE CUPCAKES

- 1 (13-ounce) bag Snickers Miniatures for Easter, chopped
- 24 cupcake paper liners
- 1 (16-ounce) box favorite cake mix
- 2 (16-ounce) cans classic vanilla frosting
- Yellow food coloring
- 1 (14-ounce) bag Starburst Jellybeans Original Fruits
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- 1 tube chocolate decorating frosting, with plain tip

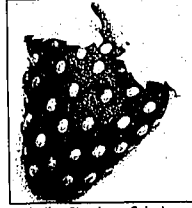
2 resealable plastic bags
Unwrap and chop all miniatures; set aside. Line 24 muffin cups with paper liners. Prepare cake mix, fold in chopped miniatures and bake according to package directions. Let cupcakes come to room temperature. In the meantime, tint frosting with yellow food coloring to desired shade. Frost top of each cupcake to cover. Spoon remaining frosting into resealable plastic bag. Cut off 1/4-inch from tip. To create a "hive" on each cupcake, pipe on frosting in spiral fashion, starting with bottom of hive and working up to top. Separate orange jellybeans from package. Arrange 3 to 4 jellybeans on each frosting hive. Gently squeeze chocolate frosting through tip in zigzag pattern over jellybeans. Angle an almond slice on each side of jellybeans as bee wings. Makes 24 servings



Beehive Cupcakes are ready for spring.

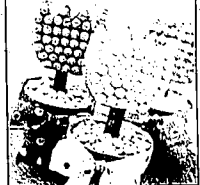
GARDEN COOKIES

- 1 (18-ounce) roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 6 large green craft sticks



Springtime Strawberry Cake is any party's centerpiece.

- 1 (16-ounce) can prepared vanilla frosting
- Assorted food coloring
- 2 (14-ounce) bags M&M'S Brand Milk Chocolate Candies for Easter



Garden Cookies are pretty and unique.

- 6 6-inch flowerpots or containers
- 6 Styrofoam squares or floral oasis
- Preheat oven to 350 F. Knead cookie dough and flour together until

Please see SPRING, Page C2

FOOD & HOME

Prepare a battle plan for flea, tick season

The first tick of the season was spotted on the west side last week.

Fleas are oval, reddish or dark brown critters that are 1/16 to 1/8 of an inch across. Unless, of course, they've been feeding on you or your dog. An engorged tick measures up to a half inch in diameter, and its color will fade to a blue or olive gray.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS Cathy Walworth

If you don't find it first, tick-infested dogs can feel pretty awful. They might be restless from the irritation. Or worse because of blood loss. People can be sickened by the diseases ticks share — such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tularemia and Lyme disease.

You can treat your dog with an insecticide containing Sevin, pyrethrins or tetramethrin. Or if the infestation is severe, call your vet. Spray grassy, brushy areas with Sevin or chlorpyrifos.

Fleas are smaller, but pesky. They, too, will ride into your house on the dog or cat's back, drop off into the carpet and wait for your tasty ankles to walk by.

They lay their eggs on the host's body. They fall off into floor crevices or carpet pile. Within 10 days, the eggs hatch into worm-like larva that feed on dried blood. You must break up the life cycle to rid your home of these pests.

Treat pets with pyrethrin. Destroy bedding or wash in hot, soapy water. Vacuum the carpet and everything upholstered. Then throw the vacuum bag away.

Use chlorpyrifos or pyrethrins to kill adult fleas in the house. Chlorpyrifos or methoprene outside. The latter is a growth regulator that prevents the larvae from developing into adults.

It's time to prune the roses. Need help? Ask for Cathy's booklet, 'Rose Pruning Made Easy'.

Firm offers meals geared toward seniors via the Net

By Liz Atwood The Baltimore Sun

ConAgra Foods has launched a new line of frozen meals aimed at senior citizens who have trouble getting to the grocery store.

Golden Cuisine meals, specifically designed to meet seniors' nutritional needs, can be ordered on the Internet and delivered to the customer's home on a prearranged weekly schedule.

with mashed potatoes and gravy; baked fish and rice plaf; and mesquite chicken with black beans and rice. Prices range from \$3.70 to \$4.70. The meals are available at www.goldencuisine.com and at www.amazon.com.

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Spring

Continued from C1 smooth. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness.

Cut out 6 tulip shapes (approximately 4 inches high and 3 inches wide) from dough, and transfer to cookie sheet.

Gather up dough scraps and re-roll, if necessary. Slide a craft stick underneath each cookie, and press it into dough. Bake until golden brown, about 12 to 15 minutes.

Using food coloring, tint to pink, light blue, yellow and pale purple. Spread frosting over each cookie, and arrange chocolate candies on top. Let dry, about 30 minutes.

Fill flowerpots with Styrofoam. Press craft sticks into Styrofoam. Arrange green candies around craft sticks. Makes 6 large cookies.



Photo courtesy of MAM's Seasonal Gums.

Speckled Egg Pretzel Nest can be tucked into your Easter egg hunt.

from saucapan and slightly cool chocolate by adding 2 to 3 more chocolate eggs and stirring until smooth.

Roll pretzel sticks to melted chocolate and stir carefully until

completely coated. Form small nest with pretzels and use extra chocolate to drizzle over top of nest. Refrigerate approximately one hour, fill with speckled eggs.

SPECKLED EGG PRETZEL NEST

1 (11-ounce) bag Dove Milk Chocolate Eggs 1 generous cup pretzel sticks MAM's Speckled Eggs Place 10 to 12 chocolate eggs in metal bowl. Place bowl over simmering water and stir until chocolate melts. Remove bowl

Atkins - Schmatkins: Eat potatoes

By Steve Petusevsky South Florida Sun-Sentinel

I feel obligated to show my support for the potato in this high-protein, low-carb world. After all, potatoes have been around for more than 4,500 years.

The United States alone produces about 35 million pounds of them annually. The two most common varieties are the long russets, mostly from Idaho, and

thin-skinned long white potatoes. Russets are wonderful all-purpose ones good for baking, making chips, roasting or boiling for mashed potatoes.

Long whites are narrower than russets and have paper-thin skins. These are well-suited for mashing and boiling.

The other main varieties of potatoes are the round red and white smooth-skin potatoes called red bliss and creamer potatoes, respectively. They're wonderful for baking, salads

and oven roasting. Here is a recipe that I recorded in my travel notebook years ago while I watched from my perch in a tiny fishing village on the Ilian River. This is wonderful as a side dish or can be stuffed into eggplant slices, peppers or zucchini shells.

Be sure to wash the kale leaves well as they can be gritty. You can substitute Swiss chard or spinach, if you prefer. If using spinach, use 3 cups to substitute for 1 bunch trimmed kale.

MASHED POTATOES WITH KALE AND OLIVE OIL

3 pounds all-purpose potatoes, peeled and cut into large chunks Water Salt, to taste 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided 4 cloves garlic, minced 1 bunch kale, large stems stripped and discarded, leaves chopped 1/2 cup milk or light cream Fresh-ground black pepper, to taste 5 scallions, chopped 1/4 cup shredded parmesan

cheese, for garnish, optional Place potatoes in a large pot and cover with water. Add a pinch salt. Bring potatoes to a boil and cook 20 minutes until tender. Drain and place in a large bowl. Heat 2 tablespoons oil in large saute pan or skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and chopped kale; saute over medium heat 4 minutes until softened. Add sauteed kale to potatoes with the potatoes. Mash potatoes and kale together with a potato masher or fork. Slowly add warm milk and combine,

Season with salt and pepper; mix just until creamy with a few chunks. Place potatoes in a serving bowl. Make a well in center and pour remaining olive oil over top. Sprinkle with scallions and parmesan cheese, if using. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving (with whole milk and parmesan cheese): 428 calories, 34 percent calories from fat, 16 grams total fat, 7 milligrams cholesterol, 3 grams saturated fat, 9 grams protein, 64 grams carbohydrates, 5 grams total fiber, 88 milligrams sodium.

SPRINGTIME STRAWBERRY CAKE

1 (18-ounce) box favorite cake mix 1 cup strawberry jam 2 (12-ounce) containers whipped vanilla frosting Red food coloring, paste or gel 1 (14-ounce) bag Starburst Jellybeans 1 (16-ounce) bag Starburst Tropical Fruit Chews

Prepare cake according to package directions. Bake in two 8-inch round cake pans. Let cakes come to room temperature. Cut both into matching strawberry shapes.

Layer with strawberry jam sandwiched between. Tint frosting with red food coloring to desired shade, then frost entire cake. Separate yellow jellybeans from bag and arrange on cake, following photograph as a guide, to appear as strawberry seeds. Select and unwrap 14 green fruit chews. Warm in microwave 3 to 4 seconds, just to soften. Using fingers, press all fruit chews into one piece and slightly flatten.

Using a rolling pin, roll out cheese until wafer thin. Cut out two leaves. Gather up remainder and form stem. Place stem and leaves at top of cake. Makes 12 servings.

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Temperatures rise; it's time to barbecue

Like clam chowder? Try the New Jersey variety

I've done a bit of yard work in the last few days and the barbecue grill is beckoning, demanding attention. It's almost time to get together again for picnics, burgers or chicken. It seems to say: Ever notice how

food always tastes better when cooked out of doors? Grilling—a favorite method of preparing meat—is one of the oldest and most popular ways to cook outdoors. Whether your grill is a simple wire rack propped up on a campfire or an elaborate gas fueled wagon unit, there are endless varieties of foods you can grill. Not only meat, fish and poultry, but fruits and vegetables, too.

Foods can be barbecued with salt and pepper only—or a dry rub marinade—or basting sauce to vary meat, fruits and vegetables on the grill.

Fill a lazy Susan with good-sized chunks of fruits and vegetables, pass around skewers and let family members make their own kebabs. Provide glazes for dips, and let the kids enjoy.

A quick and easy, no-fuss dip or glaze for fruits, vegetables and meats is Russian or French salad dressing. Or try one of the fruit-flavored dressings. Use as a glaze on steaks and chops. Brush the glaze on your choice of meat frequently

APRICOT HONEY GLAZE

1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup pureed apricots (may use fresh or canned, or "junior fruit")
Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Heat and stir until sugar dissolves. Makes 1 1/2 cups.

This goes well on pork, chicken or lamb.

APRICOT CURRY GLAZE

1 medium onion, minced
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1 cup pureed apricots (may use fresh or canned, or "junior fruit")
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon curry powder
4 teaspoons vinegar
2 tablespoons molasses
Combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Cook and stir over medium heat for 15 minutes. Makes 1 1/3 cups.

Use this on beef, pork, lamb or chicken.

JIFFY BASTING SAUCE

2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 small onion, minced

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1 clove garlic, minced
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 cup vinegar
1/4 cup brown sugar
1 can (6 ounce) tomato paste
Pinch of chili powder, if desired
1/2 cup water

Combine oil, onion and garlic in saucepan. Simmer and stir over low heat for 5 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 10 more minutes, stirring occasionally. Use as a warm. Makes about 2 cups.

Use this on meat or on fruit kebabs.

SWEET AND SOUR BASTING SAUCE

2 tablespoons cooking oil
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons minced green pepper
1 clove garlic, minced
1/2 cup (or more) frozen pineapple juice concentrate
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup wine vinegar
1 teaspoon soy sauce
Put oil, salt, green pepper

and garlic in saucepan. Cook over low heat and stir for 5 minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients. Cook and stir for 5 minutes longer. Use sauce warm. Makes about 1 1/2 cups sauce.

This goes nicely on chicken.

EASY BASTING SAUCE

1/3 cup wine vinegar
1/3 cup lemon juice
1/3 cup vegetable oil
1/2 teaspoon soy sauce
Salt and pepper, to taste
Place all ingredients in a screwtop jar, close lid and shake well. Makes 1 cup.

HERB MARINADE FOR FISH

1 to 2 bay leaves
1/2 teaspoon thyme
1 teaspoon rosemary
1 cup wine vinegar
Place all ingredients in a saucepan and heat to blend flavors. Cool. Place your favorite fish in a shallow dish and pour the marinade over it. Cover dish and allow to stand about 1 1/2 hour. Drain fish before barbecuing.

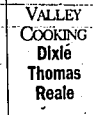
Use this on meat or on fruit kebabs.

Or dip fruit or vegetables in the glaze and lay on grill alongside the meat.

Don't be afraid to try new ideas and combinations - and

Dixie Thomas Real welcomes comments on recipes.

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VALLEY COOKING Dixie Thomas Real

By Jim Coleman and Candace Hagan
Philadelphia Daily News

Here's a New Jersey chowder recipe which is like the New England version but thicker.

NEW JERSEY CLAM CHOWDER

2 russet potatoes (cut into 1/4-inch strips)
6 slices bacon, cut into 1/4-inch strips
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 small onion, chopped
2 tablespoons flour
2 cups bottled clam juice
2 cups milk
1/2 cup heavy cream
Pepper to taste
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
1 1/2 cups chopped Italian parsley
1 1/2 cups chopped fresh or

bottled clams
Peel and dice the potatoes and place them in a large saucepan. Add enough salted water to cover by 1 inch. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 10 to 15 minutes, or until almost done. Drain and set aside. Meanwhile, in a separate, dry saute pan, saute the bacon until almost crisp.

Leave the rendered bacon fat and the bacon in the pan, add the garlic and onion and saute over medium heat for 2 minutes.

Add the flour and cook 3 to 4 minutes, taking care not to burn the flour.

Add the clam juice, milk, cream, pepper, dill and parsley and bring to a boil, stirring often. Add the potatoes and chopped clams and return to a boil for 1 minute. Ladle into warm soup bowls and serve. Serves 4.

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Sweeten the end of a meal with grapefruit

By Joy E. Zacharia
Southern Living

This dessert will do you proud. It starts with a buttery shortbread crust followed by a smooth-as-silk red grapefruit custard. The arrangement of colorful fruit sections on top may look a little challenging, but Test Kitchens professional Rebecca Gendron assures us that it's a cinch.

GRAPEFRUIT SECTIONING 1-2-3

- Using a sharp, thin-bladed knife, cut a 1/4-inch-thick slice from each end of the grapefruit.
- Place a flat end down on a cutting board, and remove the peel in strips, cutting from top to bottom following the curvature of the fruit. Remove and remaining bitter white pith.
- Holding the peeled grapefruit in the palm of your hand, slice between the membranes, and gently remove the whole segments.

Give fish a grilling

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

This year, let your grilling adventures take you beyond steaks and burgers. Try fish, for a change. It isn't as difficult as you might think. The folks at Weber-Stephen Products (of Weber barbecue fame) say you just need to keep a couple of things in mind. To test the fish for doneness, slide a sharp knife between the layers of the flesh, then turn it slightly to get a good look inside. If the meat still looks translucent in the middle, grill it another minute or two. And remember, always put a little oil on your fish before grilling it to prevent sticking.

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GRAPEFRUIT TART

Makes 8 servings
1 (5.3-ounce) package pure butter shortbread
3 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons butter, melted
1/2 cup sugar
6 tablespoons cornstarch
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 cups fresh red grapefruit juice
4 egg yolks
3 tablespoons butter
2 teaspoons grated red grapefruit rind
3 red grapefruit, peeled and sectioned
2 tablespoons sugar
Process shortbread in a blender or food processor until

graham cracker crumb consistency (about 1 1/3 cup crumbs).

Stir together shortbread crumbs, 3 tablespoons sugar, and 2 tablespoons melted butter in a small bowl. Press mixture lightly into a greased 9-inch tart pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Set aside. Combine 1/2 cup sugar, cornstarch, and salt in a medium-size heavy saucepan. Whisk in juice and egg yolks. Cook over medium-high heat, whisking constantly, 10 to 12 minutes or until mixture thickens and boils. Remove from heat; stir in 2 ta-

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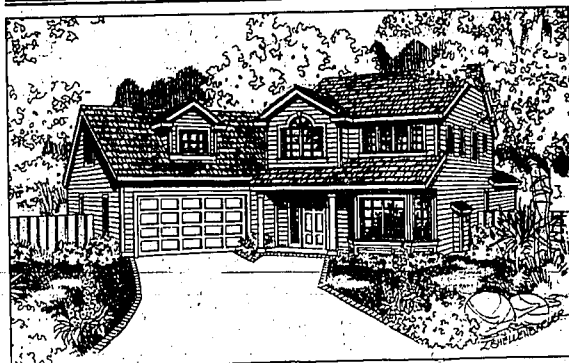


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Add a layer of quiet to your home

DEAR JIM: We need to soundproof the walls between some rooms and also in a new bedroom we will be adding. What is the best way to block sound and will the same methods work for the old walls and a new efficient bedroom?

-PATRICK M.

DEAR PATRICK: The basic methods to soundproof an existing wall (room-to-room or outdoors) are similar to new wall construction. They are often more effective on an existing wall because the extra layer of drywall provides an additional acoustical barrier and mass to damp the low-frequency sound.



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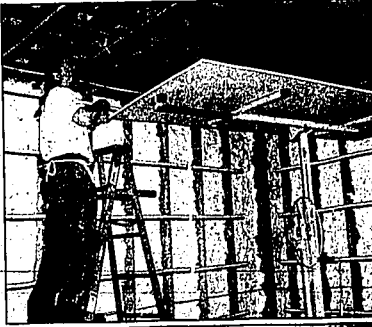
The soundproof characteristics of a wall are rated by sound transmission class (STC). Normal conversation will be heard and understood through a STC-25 wall. When soundproofing is improved to STC-60, which is not difficult to accomplish, loud shooting can be heard, but not understood.

For an efficient outdoor wall, just packing in thermal insulation, such as fiberglass or cellulose, will save energy, but it alone will marginally help to soundproof it. Making the wall airtight for efficiency will likely have a greater impact on blocking outdoor noise from traffic and neighbors.

Interior walls in most homes are not filled with insulation. With a single layer of drywall nailed to 2-by-4 studs, the STC is about 34. This means loud talking can be understood through the wall. If the home is older with some settling, there will be gaps and openings to make things even worse.

The minimum recommended STC for a bedroom wall is 46 and this is for an adjacent bedroom which is usually not noisy. For a bedroom wall adjacent to a kitchen or noisy family room, a minimum STC-52 is recommended and an STC-58 is considered optimal.

With an existing wall, just adding another layer of 1/2-inch drywall over the existing wall helps substantially with minimal floor space loss. This also will seal many of the gaps and direct air paths where sound waves move easily. Give the new drywall in place, possibly with

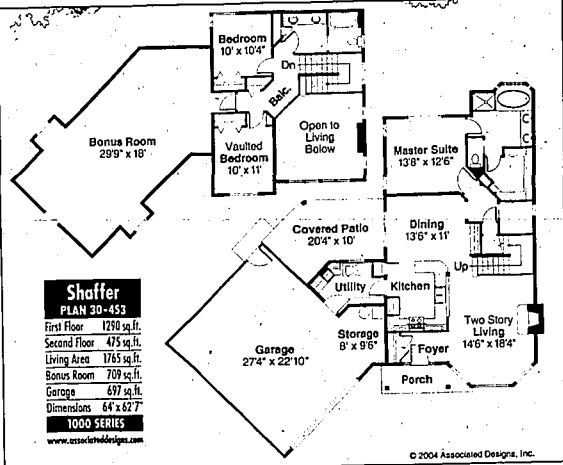


Top, a construction worker attaches soundproofing panels to a ceiling. Notice the metal resilient channel mounted over the wall studs. Above, this photograph shows the panels already attached to walls.

some cushioning sheet (cork) under it. If it is nailed up, this will create a direct sound path.

If you can handle losing a little more floor space, first nail resilient channels up to the old wall. The new layer of drywall will be attached to these soundproofing channels. Another better, but more expensive option, is to attach special sound barrier fiberglass made from recycled newspapers. For new construction, use fiberglass insulation inside all the walls and hang all the drywall on resilient channels. A thicker staggered-stud wall uses a wide wall base plate so no single stud touches both wall surfaces.

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Compact Shaffer packs a lot of room into a limited space

Handsome posts and charming multipaned windows give the Shaffer a welcoming, nostalgic look. This compact, two-story home has a surprising sense of spaciousness, plus a huge bonus room over the garage.

An open porch leads into a foyer brightened by sidelights and a transom.

A wide coat closet is on the left, while a right-side opening leads directly into the two-story living room. The front of this room, expanded by a window over the glass than wall, so artificial light will rarely be needed during the day. But when night falls or skies turn gray, dancing flames in the gas fireplace can provide warmth.

And you can even enjoy those flames while working at the kitchen sink. The wall between

the living room and the kitchen is a mere 48 inches high, so it's easy to converse between the two rooms.

The kitchen is designed for efficiency, with the sink, stove and refrigerator laid out in a tight triangle. Counter space is ample, extended by a long peninsula that can double as the dining room's buffet.

Sliders in the dining room provide access to a sky-lit, covered patio that could be screened, if desired. Laundry appliances are mere steps away from both the kitchen and garage, in a pass-through utility room that connects the two. The deep two-car garage has plenty of extra room for storage and a work bench.

The master suite boasts a shower and a sumptuous spa tub, which nestles into a glass-

block window bay. Other amenities include a large walk-in closet, dual vanity and private toilet.

Two upper bedrooms share a two-section bathroom that also has a dual lavatory. The second floor balcony overlooks the two-story great room, and the huge bonus room provides plentiful storage space.

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New kitchen appliances are awash in color

By Judith Blake
 The Seattle Times

Hungry for color in your kitchen? It's a yen easily satisfied, especially if you're in the market for a new countertop appliance.

An expanding rainbow of hues - tangerine, tomato red, butter yellow, cranberry, pistachio green, ice blue, violet, pink - is tinting the mixers, blenders, food processors, espresso makers and toasters now on store shelves.

"There has, thankfully, been a surge in color" on the home-front, with more intense tones often replacing neutral ones, said Kathy Johnson, a Seattle color consultant.

Certain colors, especially reds, oranges and yellows, stimulate the appetite, some studies suggest. Most often, however, people buy appliances in bright hues simply to add a splash of color. Although other items - colorful utensils, canisters, dish towels, potholders, mixing bowls, cookie jars, trivets - can do the trick less expensively, a shiny red toaster or a pumpkin-

colored mixer is undeniably eye-catching.

"For the first 50 years, you could get any color as long as it was white," said Brian Maynard, a spokesman for Michigan-based KitchenAid, the manufacturer that now offers the widest array of colors in countertop appliances. Since the company introduced petal pink, island green and sunny yellow in its products in 1954, he said, "sales of colors other than white have grown significantly every year."

Warning also uses assorted colors in some of its small appliances, and other manufacturers offer options. Most local kitchen stores or kitchen departments stock at least a few appliance colors beyond those old stalwarts - white, black and stainless steel.

Despite all the options, white remains the top-selling single color. After white, KitchenAid's bestsellers are cobalt blue, black, empire green (a deep shade), empire red, and a buttery yellow. Many shoppers are most drawn to buttery yellow, several stores said.

Maynard says:

- Men are more likely than women to choose black or metal finishes.

- Black also draws more buyers in the West than the East.

- Bold colors attract younger consumers more than older ones.

- Retro colors such as soft yellow and petal pink are making a comeback among nostalgafreakers.

- Bold or pastel hues have even come to large appliances such as ranges, refrigerators and dishwashers in certain brands, such as Viking and Whirlpool.

If you find trendy colors in ap-

pliances tempting, you might want to ponder a sobering bit of kitchen history: the avocado-green or harvest-gold syndrome of decades past. Those colors tinted countless ranges, refrigerators, sinks and floor coverings across America in the early 1970s and then lingered, dating from a kitchen years after the colors fell out of fashion.

"I don't recommend people go out and buy a high-end red refrigerator," given the replacement cost if the color's charm wears off, said interior designer Andrea Gibson. The beauty of small appliances as decor items is they cost less and are more easily replaced.

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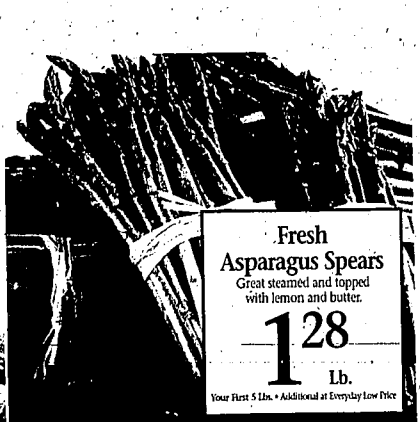
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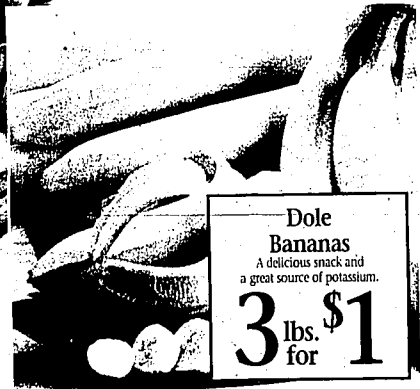
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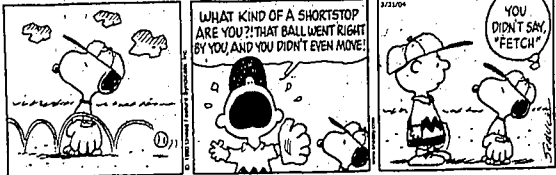
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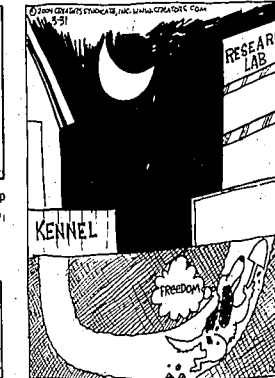
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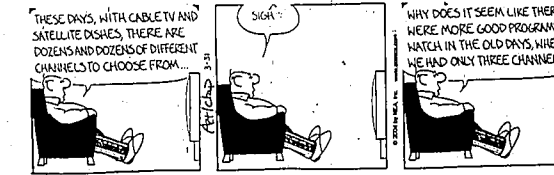
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It's a guy thing: Cooking dinner will get you dates

By Candy Sagon
The Washington Post



Any poor schlub can take a woman to a swanky restaurant. If you really want to impress a woman, cook for her. Tom Greenwood, left, and Doug Veith, authors of 'Win Her With Dinner,' in Veith's Manhattan apartment.

long relationship. As the two New Yorkers write in the introduction to their hilarious and helpful new cookbook: "We recognize that most guys don't cook. It's not that

they can't, they just don't. Could it be that guys think of the kitchen only as the place where the beer and the condiments are kept? What they need, says Veith, is "someone to take them by the hand and walk them through the process."

Their cookbook, which they wrote with the help of Alex Hillebroner — a woman and, more importantly, a personal chef to such famous guys as Matt Damon, Ben Affleck and Billy Bob Thornton — "strips out the culinary lingo ... that gets guys freaked out in the kitchen."

The book organizes menus into chapters that guys can relate to: fried meat, white meat, sea meat, no meat and desserts that require no cooking at all. Each menu is labeled two ways, "what it really is" (guy-speak) and "what you tell her it is" (flowery chef-speak).

The book also contains "should do's and shouldn't do's"

(turn down the volume on the answering machine in case an ex- or your mom calls during dinner), plus photos of cooking utensils so a guy can see the difference between, say, a paring knife and a vegetable peeler. "What was cool," says Veith, "is that it really was a collaboration. Alex's challenge was to make complex meals come out

simple. Some of her ideas were too complex, but some of our ideas were no good at all. Like, we'd buy a steak and throw in a potato and some rice — double-starch it up. Alex would tell us we really need to have a vegetable."

'Win here with dinner's' steak and potatoes

WHAT IT REALLY IS: Steak and Potatoes With Spinach and Shrimp

WHAT YOU TELL HER IT IS: Garlic-and-Herb-Marinated Filet Mignon with Horseradish Cream Sauce. Served with Spinach and Shrimp Cocktail Baked Potatoes. Sautéed Spinach and Shrimp Cocktail. Drink This: Trappiche "Oak Cask" Malbec; or Weinert Merlot; or Chateau Lynch-Bages Pauillac.

Play This: Mazzy Star, "So Tonight (That I Might See)"; or Sarah Vaughan, "After Hours."

INGREDIENTS TO BUY:

- 2 baking potatoes
- 1 bunch Italian (flat-leaf) parsley or regular parsley
- 1 bottle Worcestershire sauce
- 2 filet mignon steaks (1/2 pound each)
- 1 container (16 ounces) sour cream
- 1 bottle prepared horseradish
- 6 to 12 cold shrimp, cooked and peeled
- 1 lemon
- 1 bottle cocktail sauce
- 2 bags prewashed baby spinach

INGREDIENTS YOU SHOULD ALREADY HAVE:

- 4 cloves garlic
- 1 jar Dijon-style mustard
- 1 bottle extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 box kosher salt
- Black peppercorns in a pepper mill
- 1 bottle finely ground white pepper
- 1 stick butter

Set oven to 400 degrees. Scrub the potatoes under running water. Use a fork to poke four

sets of holes in each. Give the potatoes a head start. Place them on the middle oven rack. They'll need to bake for 45 to 60 minutes. Note the time and take your moonwalk before moving on to the next step.

Make the marinade for the steak. Peel the garlic and discard the paper husks. Finely dice the garlic and put it in a mixing bowl. Rinse a handful of parsley and shake it dry. Cut off and discard the stems. Finely chop the leaves. Add them to the bowl. Add 1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce and 4 tablespoons mustard. Whisk. Whisk in 1/4 cup oil. Lightly salt and grind in black pepper. Add the steaks and flip them to coat evenly. Put the bowl in the fridge.

In another mixing bowl, combine half of the sour cream, 2 tablespoons horseradish, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1 teaspoon white pepper. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and put it in the fridge. This is the sauce for your filet mignon. Incidentally, filet mignon literally means "dainty filet." (We don't get it either.) Whisk the remaining sour cream until it's smooth and place it in a cereal bowl. Finely chop the chives and whisk them into the sour cream. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and put it in the fridge. Unwrap the butter when it is cold (unwrapping warm butter is like trying to peel rotten banana). Place it on a small plate and put the plate on the table. The butter and sour cream will be the potato toppings.

Once the potatoes have been in the oven for 30 minutes, flip

them. Pull the steaks out of the fridge to let them come to room temperature. Wait another 15 minutes before continuing with next step.

Turn on your broiler. By now, the potatoes should be done. Stab one with a knife to double-check; when it's soft all the way through, the spuds are ready. Remove them from the oven, wrap them with foil, and place them on the stovetop to keep warm.

Make the shrimp cocktail. Get ready to do some garnishing with sprigs. This is a real resume builder. On each of two small plates, arrange an even number of shrimp in a radial fan formation. Slice the lemon into wedges and place two wedges on each plate. Garnish each plate with a couple sprigs of parsley. Pour the cocktail sauce into a cereal bowl and put it in the fridge, along with the shrimp, unless your guest has already arrived. In that case, dig in, as the rest of the meal won't take long to prepare.

Remove the steaks from the marinade, allowing any excess to drip off, and transfer the steaks to a small baking pan. Discard the marinade. Put the pan in the broiler or, if your broiler is in your oven, put the pan in there, on the top rack. The steaks will take only 6 to 8 minutes, so keep an eye on

them. For medium-rare, cook them 5 to 6 minutes (flip them after 3 minutes), or until the thermometer registers 145 degrees when stuck in the center of the steaks. For medium, cook for 7 to 8 minutes (flip after 4 minutes), or to 160 degrees.

Make the spinach. Pour 2 tablespoons oil into the large frying pan and put it on the stove over medium heat. When the oil is hot (when it looks runny), add spinach a handful at a time. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes until wilted. Lightly salt and pepper. Cover the pan, remove it from the heat and turn off the burner.

Cheek up the steaks. If they're done, turn off the broiler and pull out the pan.

Arrange the filets, potatoes and spinach on the dinner plates so they look appetizing. Double-check that all burners are turned off. Take the horseradish cream out of the fridge and put a small dollop on top of each steak. Garnish the cream with a sprig of parsley. Put the remaining horseradish sauce and chive sour cream on the table. Serves 2. Enjoy.

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Enliven Easter dinner with fresh flavors

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These nests can be made up to two days ahead and stored in an airtight container.

JELLY-BEAN STUDED MERINGUE NESTS

6 egg whites
Pinch of salt
1 1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar

1/2 teaspoon almond extract
1 1/2 cups sugar
4 uncles assorted jelly belly jellies (cotton candy, berry blue, lemon drop, island punch, lemon lime)

Mango sorbet or sherbet
Preheat oven to 170 F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Using round cookie cutter or small can, trace the outlines of 4-inch circle, for 8 to 10 circles. Set aside. In clean, dry mixing bowl of electric mixer, beat egg whites, salt and cream of tartar until soft peaks form.

With mixer running, add almond extract and gradually add sugar. Beat until stiff and glossy. Spoon meringue about 3/4 cup at a time onto parchment-lined baking sheet, using tracing lines as guides for size.

With large spoon make indentation in each meringue mound to form nests. Gently press jelly beans into sides of meringues. Bake 2 1/2 hours, or until hard. Just before serving, fill meringue nests with small scoop of sorbet or sherbet; serve immediately. Makes 8 to 10 nests.

A little sweet, a little tart, mustard and lemon are a winning combination.

MUSTARD-LEMON CHICKEN

1 (2 1/2 to 3 pounds) whole fryer chicken
1 cup RealLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
3/4 cup coarse-grain brown mustard

1/2 cup sugar
1/3 cup cooking oil
Preheat oven to 375 F. Rinse chicken; pat dry. Skewer neck skin to buck the legs to tail. Twist wings under back. Place, breast side up, on rack in shallow roasting pan. For marinade, combine lemon juice, mustard, sugar and oil in small bowl. Pierce chicken with fork, pour half of marinade over; cover with plastic wrap.

Marinate in refrigerator 2 to 4 hours. Reserve half of marinade. Bake chicken 1 to 1 1/4 hours. Remove from oven when drumsticks move easily, juices run clear and thermometer registers 160 to 165 F. Cover and let stand 10 minutes before carving. Bring remaining marinade to boil; cover and boil 1 minute. Serve reserved marinade with carved chicken. Serves 6.

The splash of lemon dresses up springtime's favorite vegetable.

ASPARAGUS WITH BROWNED LEMON BUTTER

1/2 cup margarine or butter
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1/4 cup RealLemon Lemon Juice from Concentrate
2 pounds asparagus, oven-roasted or steamed
Toasted almonds, optional

Heat margarine or butter in small skillet, cooking until melted and just lightly browned.



Clockwise from top, Mustard-Lemon Chicken, Jelly Bean Juleps, Jelly Bean Studded Meringue Nests and Asparagus with Browned Lemon Butter make Easter dinner special.

Remove from heat and stir in garlic and lemon juice. Spoon over asparagus; sprinkle with toasted almonds if desired. Serves 6.

JELLY BEAN JULEPS

1 cup lemon lime flavor Jelly Belly jellies
3/4 cup water
1 cup RealLemon Lime Juice

Lime juice and melted jelly beans make a refreshing spring drink.

ly. Remove from heat and add lime juice, sugar and mint syrup. Pour into small pitcher, add club soda. Stir to dissolve sugar.
Pour in tall glasses over ice. Top with club soda and garnish with fresh mint and slice of lime. Serves 6.

Create new spice, earn fame and (small) fortune

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I was a little surprised to find out it was a Western. I thought it was about the Dodgers' batting order.

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Michael Ventre of MSNBC.com, on "Deadwood," the new HBO series.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school softball: Kimberly at Buhl, 3:30 p.m.
High school baseball: Kimberly at Buhl, 2, 3:30 p.m.
High school tennis: Gooding vs. Declo/Sugar Salem at Burley, 3:30 p.m.
High school golf: Twin Falls, Highland, Pocatello, Burley, Minico at Rupert GC, 10 a.m.

IN BRIEF

Jerome Roping Club meets today

Jerome - The Jerome Roping Club will hold an organizational meeting today at 7 p.m. at the El Sombrero restaurant in Jerome.

Clear Lake Ladies season begins soon

TWIN FALLS - The Clear Lake ladies golf season begins Thursday at 10 a.m. with a nine-hole scramble followed by a no-host luncheon and spring business meeting.

Burley men's league opener is Saturday

BURLEY - The Burley Golf Course men's league season opener is Saturday, starting with a meeting at 9 a.m. and a shotgun start at 10.

Jerome Babe Ruth signups happen soon

Jerome - The Babe Ruth baseball league for players ages 13-15 will hold registration from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday and from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday at the rec district offices.

Minico boosters plan Monday meeting

RUPERT - The Minico Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Minico High School library.

Burley baseball seeks scoreboard sponsors

BURLEY - The Burley Amateur Baseball Association is looking for sponsors to help fund the purchase of new scoreboards for the youth baseball fields.

Filer boys shine in tuneup



Buhl senior Mike Welch powers out of the green-side bunker on the second hole at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Tuesday during a tournament with Filer and Declo.

Declo girls also fare well at Filer Invitational

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With 18-hole tournaments beginning Friday, the unofficial high school golf preseason came to a close for the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference teams.

The pressure builds as the season continues toward state qualifying in early May. The medals and such are nice now, but how the season will be remembered is decided by how you perform at districts and state.

I was looking for a sub 40 so a 36 is nice. It's a confidence builder.

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Jake Carnahan of Filer

with a 218 to 259 for Filer. "We're right on track," said Filer head coach Dennis Mal. Scores are subjective to individual golfers.

good," Fenstermaker added. But Brown had a different view.

"Horrible," Brown said. "I didn't play the way I wanted. I need to work it out (Wednesday) in practice."

Fenstermaker and Smith said shooting in the mid-40s - only a few strokes away - would make them likely state qualifiers.

The boys medalists also used the nine-hole round to find areas to improve. Both were pleased with their 35s, two over par.

Jake Carnahan of Filer was happy with his strong putting down the stretch. He one-upped the last four greens to overcome troubles with his chipping.

"It's solid," the senior said of his score. "I was looking for sub 40 so a 36 is nice. It's a confidence builder."

Senior teammate Jared Koch will be working on his putting

in practice today. "It was a solid round, not spectacular," he said.

In all, it was a solid day for most of the golfers, especially since it was the first competition since spring break.

"It's the first time all season we've had a full girls team," said assistant coach Denny Smyer. "They put up some good scores so that's a real plus."

Results follow:

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Name. Lists scores for boys and girls teams.

Hornets sting Filer, 7-6, 15-2

Wildcats falter after early lead

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

DECLO - It wasn't a good day in Declo for the Filer Wildcat softball team. The windy corkscrewed fly balls out of their gloves and blew dirt in their eyes while the Declo Hornets swept them 7-6 and 15-2 in a Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference doubleheader.

"Declo played well," Filer coach Bob A. Hanning said. "I didn't think we came to play, but Declo did."

The Wildcats built themselves a 5-0 lead by the first game's second inning on a combination of timely hits and capitalization on Hornet errors.

battled the Filer hitters, her offensive players finally got to Filer pitcher Dani Hanning in the latter innings.

"I just had to throw the ball in and my teammates did the rest," Hurst said. The Wildcats were able to tie the score at six all in the top of the fifth on another Hornet miscue.

But it was Declo's Smith who had the answer in the bottom of the sixth with an RBI single to give the Hornets a 7-6 lead. Hurst pitched a 1-2-3 seventh to seal the victory and move the Hornets' record to 5-0-1 overall, 2-0 in SCIC competition.

"It was kind of scary, but it turned out alright," Hurst said. The loss drops the Wildcats to 2-4, 1-1 SCIC.

"Declo has come a long way in three years and I'm tickled pink to see them play so well," Hanning said. "They're going to be competitive from here on out."

Hurst earned the win with a complete game, giving up six runs on three hits, six walks and one hit batter while tallying nine strikeouts.

"It's a lot different than last year," Hurst said of Declo's performance. "Everybody is doing



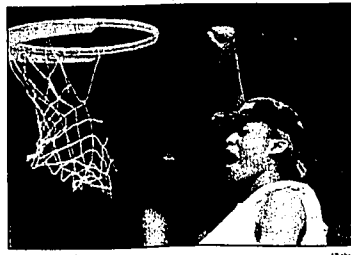
Filer leadoff hitter Megan Elliott legs out a single against the Declo Hornets in the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader in Declo. Despite Elliott and the Wildcats' best efforts, Declo swept the series 7-6 and 15-2.

Lady Vols, Gophers advance

By Jeff Lutzko Associated Press writer

NORMAN, Okla. - Tasha Butts scored in the lane with 1.7 seconds left and Tennessee handily advanced to the Final Four for the third straight year.

Butts, guarded by All-American Nicole Powell, spun to her right and threw up a right-handed shot that banked off the glass and fell through. Two nights earlier, Butts hit two free throws after a disputed end-of-game call to lift the Lady Vols past Baylor in the Midwest Regional semifinals.



Tennessee center Ashley Robinson celebrates the team's 62-60 win over Stanford during the net cutting at the NCAA Midwest Regional final in Norman, Okla., Tuesday.

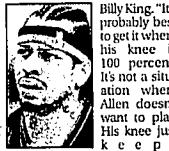
Knee injury sidelines Iverson for the season

By Dan Gellston Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA - Allen Iverson is out for the rest of the regular season.

The Philadelphia 76ers announced Tuesday their All-Star guard will miss the final eight games because of persistent pain in his right knee, the same injury that kept him out of 13 of the last 19 games.

An MRI showed a small lesion under Iverson's knee cap, but there was no meniscus or ligament damage. "It was better now to sit him down so it doesn't linger a lot longer," said team president



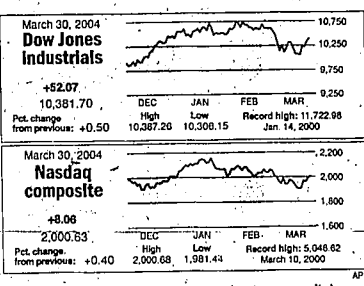
Billy King, "It's probably best to get it where his knee is 100 percent. It's not a situation where Allen doesn't want to play. His knee just keeps swelling up." Allen Iverson swelling up. The injury comes with the Sixers in danger of being eliminated from the playoff race. Philadelphia is 10th in the Eastern Conference, three games behind eighth-place Boston, heading into

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Cautious optimism sends stocks up

NEW YORK (AP) - Anticipation over a strong earnings season and hopes for a good job growth report sent stocks higher in a late afternoon rally Tuesday with the Nasdaq composite index closing at 2,000.68, its first time since March 8.



Dow, which has advanced in three of the past four sessions. Broader stock indicators were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 0.57 percent, at 11,272.98, and the Nasdaq composite index gained 8.06, or 0.4 percent, to 2,000.63.

2,000 barrier means little on a psychological basis. It is seen as a psychological boost for many investors who were nervous about falling prices over the last month.

"We're just taking a breather here, and that's perfectly normal," said Bill Greenwald, head trader for vFinance Investments. "But with everything you've got going on with the economy and earnings, and the job employment numbers coming in on Friday, everything is going to rally."

OPEC moves toward oil production cut

Worried about a downward slide in oil prices later this year, OPEC is expected to announce a cut in production, which will likely result in higher pump prices. But consumer groups are charging that big oil companies are largely responsible for the current upward spiral in gasoline costs.

Vienna, Austria, are expected to announce a reduction in production targets beginning Thursday, by 1 million barrels a day from a total of 25.7 million. Crude oil futures rose on the speculation Tuesday. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which pumps approximately one-third of the world's oil, fears prices will collapse if there is more oil on the world market.

much with OPEC as well as the huge oil companies. Public Citizen, a Washington, D.C.-based watchdog organization, is preparing to release a report later this week charging that the oil industry deliberately consolidated in the 1990s so that it could withhold supplies and reduce storage capacity.

88.5 in February. While the reading was better than expected, it showed consumer confidence is still lagging. "It's not moving up aggressively, but it also didn't crater in the month, so it really didn't have an impact today," said Stuart Freeman, chief equity strategist for A.G. Edwards & Sons. "It's going to take continued signs of some employment growth as we move through the next few months, signs that energy prices will stabilize, for that number to move on the way up."

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by nearly 2 to 1 on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 1.70 billion shares, compared to 1.79 billion on Monday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies gained 6.01, or 1 percent, to 589.40.

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average slid 0.2 percent. Britain's FTSE 100 closed 0.1 percent higher. France's CAC 40 rose 0.4 percent for the session and Germany's DAX index fell 0.2 percent.

"We do have competitive markets anymore," Tyson Stoum, Public Citizen's research director, said Tuesday. "We can turn all of Alaska into an oil well, but we have to face it. We have a domestic cartel at work."

Public Citizen's report also will say that a decade ago, the five big companies controlled 34.5 percent of domestic refining capacity. Today, the same companies control 52.2 percent of such capacity.

Postings prompt new Tyco mistrial request

New York - A defense lawyer in the Tyco case pushed for a mistrial again Tuesday, this time citing an Internet chat room where people made scathing postings - some of them menacing, others vile - about juror No. 4.

"It's staggering, sir, to understand the venomous and outrageous statements made about this juror in that environment," Charles Stillman, the lead attorney for former Tyco finance chief Paul Swartz, told the judge presiding over the case.

Stillman did not detail any of the postings, but printouts from a chat room on AOL, the lead attorney for former Tyco finance chief Paul Swartz, told the judge presiding over the case.

"Come on, she's a 79-year-old ex-slimy lawyer... slap her around a bit," wrote Lannaman, 27, adding several unflattering comments.

Stillman said the postings could create extra pressure on juror No. 4 to convict. The juror is rumored to be a holdout for acquittal.

She became a cause celebre after she made a guest appearance as an "OK" sign to the defense on Friday. But State Supreme Court Justice Michael Obus of Manhattan held off on ruling.

on the motion. Obus has so far denied about six requests for a mistrial by lawyers for Swartz and former Tyco chief executive Dennis Kozlowski.

Swartz and Kozlowski are accused of stealing hundreds of millions of dollars from the company to finance their lavish lifestyles.

Last week, it appeared the case might be heading for a mistrial when the jury sent out notes saying a "poisonous atmosphere had infiltrated their deliberations." They later said the deliberations had become "irreparably compromised."

Many of the messages posted in the Internet chat room Tuesday unmercifully attacked the juror, suggesting she should be burned at the stake.

"They got to the old lady, we see it in movies, and now you see it right before your eyes," wrote TAO235. "They paid her off. They got to her. It's that simple."

"Time for the home for that granny" wrote IT50safopud. At least one poster, Fiddling, suggested she should be hung.

Despite all the furor, however, the jurors continued deliberations Tuesday and were in the middle of a read-back of testimony when they broke for tea.

They are set to resume today.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Vol, Last, Chg, %Chg. Lists various stocks like AIG, AMZN, AAPL, etc.

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Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and the 100 most active on American Stock Exchange.

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Table of fossil fuel prices, including Oil, Gas, and Coal. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

Energy bill holding up wind tax credits

CHICAGO TRIBUNE based MidAmerican Energy Co. "We could be pouring the money tomorrow, but we need the right tax structure to do that," said Jonathan Weigal, MidAmerican Energy's vice president for legislative affairs. "It's absolutely critical," said James Lyons, chief engineer, General Electric Development Research and Development. "Every U.S. project we are working on is being held up by this."

Privacy

Continued from D-4 information, but companies also have to be concerned about safeguarding employees' right to medical privacy, attorneys say. That right is strengthened recently by new privacy rules issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. Some executives have opted for openness, taking their companies off the hook. In early 1993, Tenneco Inc. Chief Executive Officer Michael Walsh bluntly announced that the world he had been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. He continued to work for the months afterward even as the cancer took its toll on his stamina and short-term memory. He died in May 1993.

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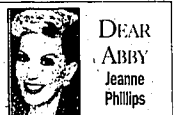
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Trucker's midlife crisis causes rocky road

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Chuck" and I have been married going on five years. He's a long-haul truck driver. Three weeks ago, he asked me for a divorce because he's been cheating on me with a long-haul lady driver I'll call Annabelle. The next weekend, he came home and we were together and not happy.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

driving partners. If I were you, I'd demand it. DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Nancy," is 14 going on 21. She wants to start dating, but I don't think she's ready. So she goes out anyway and doesn't ask my permission. After she's out, she shows her sister or I'll see OK.

with him. I think she's too young to be dating this seriously. What's the best way to tell when your teenager is ready to date? DEAR WORRIED: NEW YORK DEAR WORRIED: Girls who are "ready to date" are young women who have proven they are responsible, make intelligent decisions and can be trusted.

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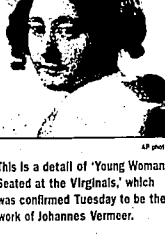
Taurus approaches love with caution

IF MARCH 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, you are filled with a sense of peace and tranquility and are able to appreciate your blessings. Trust that your vision and optimistic outlook will carry you through adversity, because, as you well know, those who look for good things usually find them.

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poise to solve issues that require delicate maintenance. But your kindness will produce the best results. You should grab business opportunities that appear today. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The general congeniality of yesterday is tempered by a bit more formality today, but your energy around will be inappropriate. Calm down and get back to the business at hand.

funds into a safe little nest egg. Enhance your chances of success by launching financial initiatives right now, but err on the conservative side. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are still riding high and achieving your ambitions, but you need to tone down your exuberance when you appear in business settings.



This is a detail of 'Young Woman Seated at the Virginals,' which was confirmed Tuesday to be the work of Johannes Vermeer.

Painting is an authentic Vermeer

LONDON — A Press wire at a key-board, in her white sky and yellow slacks — until now, a woman of mystery. On Tuesday, auctioneers at Sotheby's said the painting of a young woman that was once dismissed as a fake has been confirmed to be the work of 17th-century Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer.

Naptime, everyone

Men who nap at least 30 minutes a day are 30 percent less likely to develop heart trouble, So conclude researchers at the University of Athens Medical School in Greece. Don't fly within 12 hours after a dentist works on your teeth. Changes in atmospheric pressure can hurt. So advises a doctor and flier.



L.M. BOYD

by the frozen sick. Q. Weren't tennis shoes the first canvas shoes with rubber soles? A. "Croquet Sandals," they were called. Came out in 1668 in New Haven, Conn. The "tennis shoes" name jumped up later. For trademark reasons, France's Louis XIV lived his

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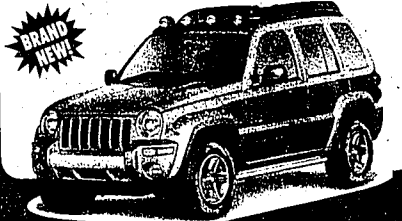
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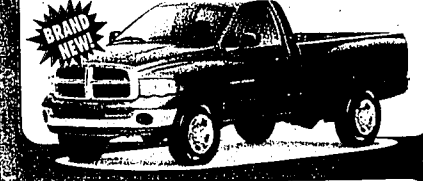
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