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# Burden begins to spread

## Gas prices affect more than just drivers

By Julie Pence  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The price for self-serve regular unleaded gasoline on Addison Avenue West in Twin Falls was running at all-time highs Tuesday between \$1.95 and \$1.98 a gallon. That's slightly higher than the state average of \$1.94 per gallon. To make things worse, Idaho is rated seventh in the U.S. for the highest fuel costs.

But high-priced gas and diesel so far isn't registering too terribly much on car shoppers, says Ken Milliken, who sells cars at Blue Lakes Ford.

"Gas prices? It really hasn't slowed anyone down," Milliken said in regard to the public's demand for power and comfort in the vehicles they drive.

Farmers continue to purchase full-sized pickups because they need them, he said. And just as many customers as ever are interested in gas-guzzling SUVs.

Nonetheless, people will soon feel the pinch. They might not be willing to give up their thirsty vehicles, but they will pay more — probably at the grocery store, or the "C" store, or the clothing store, Milliken predicted. As a former tool salesman, Milliken understands someone has to pick up the extra cost for moving goods.

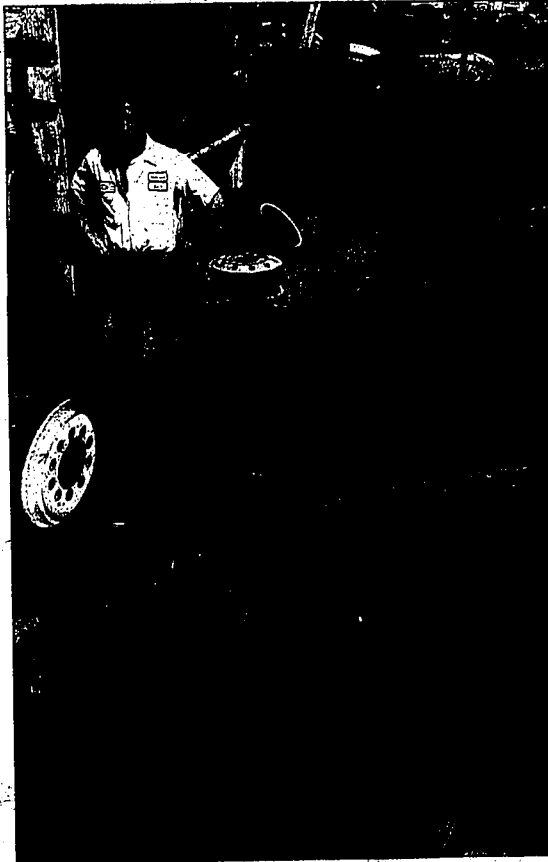
"Everything in this country is done by truck. Without the trucking industry, this country is nothing," Milliken said. "I'll be the consumer who is going to absorb the cost all the way around."

That's true at Ameripride Linen and Apparel Services in Twin Falls, a company that launders and delivers lines and uniforms to businesses throughout the region. For the past year, the company has tacked a surcharge onto its bills so that customers help pay for fueling its fleet.

But fuel keeps going up, and Ameripride might have to start charging even more.

"So far we haven't passed the cost onto the customer as much as we'd like, but that might have to change if it keeps going up," said sales manager Red Brady.

One of Ameripride's customers is a local chain of OK Auto Systems. Manager Jack Jones, who runs the Kimberly Road branch, noted each of the three stores pays an extra \$2.50



Manager Jack Jones and the crews at the three OK Auto Systems stores make between six and eight service calls a day to replace tires on various farm equipment. Due to increasing gas prices, the businesses will apply a service charge to all service calls further than four miles away.

per week to Ameripride for the fuel surcharge. And as of Tuesday, OK Auto Systems began adding its own surcharge for service calls the company makes that are at least four miles away from its stores.

"Everything we do depends on delivery charges," Jones said. Jones said the company has already been paying surcharges

to other businesses for the past year. Freight orders have been costing an extra 5 percent for fuel. These surcharges coupled with the recent dramatic increases in fuel prices forced OK Auto Systems to go with the trend. But also, for the Kimberly Road store, about 70 percent of the business it does is with farmers who need tires deliv-

ered and changed in the field. "We might be out there for six hours with the engine running the whole time," Jones said.

At least the company is making sure the surcharge is listed on the bill, he added.

"I'm sure the farmers are getting hit hard right now," Jones

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## Districts pursue new ways to pool efforts

### Lincoln County merger must wait at least two years

By Karin Kowalski  
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — The rallying cry, "Let's get together," has turned into, "Let's work together," in Lincoln County.

After months of flaring emotions and joint meetings, the Shoshone and Richfield school districts are switching gears in their efforts to

work together. Instead of pursuing a consolidation, they will look at finding practical ways to pool efforts and resources, Richfield Superintendent David Hocklander said.

Prosecutor: District broke meeting law.  
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It has been 14 years since any Idaho school districts consolidated.

The two school boards held a joint meeting last week at the Dietrich Grange Hall to discuss working together and voted to create a countywide committee to help them cooperate. The three superintendents in Lincoln County have met each month for several years, so this would be an extension of that effort.

Shoshone School Board member Pat Hamilton said showing matches over consolidation were not doing any good. Any possibility of consolidation is now at least two years in the future.

"That just gives us more time," Hamilton said. "It's not like we went into this thinking it would happen tomorrow."

The two boards agreed to create a steering committee of the superintendents and two board members from each district, and invited the Dietrich School District to participate. This group would look for efficiencies and ways for the districts to share staff, technology, special services and classes, Hocklander said.

The new committee's meetings will be open to the public, and the boards will discontinue the joint meetings, Hocklander said.

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## Illegal migrant numbers spike as Mexicans hope for work visas

The Associated Press

SASABE, Mexico — After a four-year decline, illegal immigration from Mexico is spiking as several thousand migrants a day rush across the border in hopes of getting work visas under a program President Bush proposed. Many also are trying to beat tighter security to come in June.

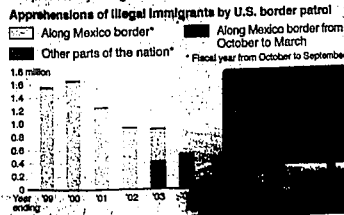
The U.S. Border Patrol told The Associated Press that detentions — which it uses to judge illegal migration rates — jumped 25 percent to 535,000 in the six months ending March 31 compared to a year ago.

Near Sasabe, a town bordering the Arizona desert that's the

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### Illegal immigration on the rise

After a four-year decline, the number of illegal immigration apprehensions has jumped 25 percent in the past six months compared to a year ago.



SOURCE: U.S. Customs and Border Protection Database. AP

## Lasting wounds of war trouble military doctors

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The soldiers were lined into the health capers under a moonless sky, their bandaged heads grossly swollen by trauma, their forms silhouetted by the glow from the row of medical monitors laid out across their bodies, from ankle to neck.

An orange screen atop the feet registered blood pressure and heart rate. The blue screen at the knees announced the level of postoperative pressure on the brain. On the stomach, a small gray readout recorded the level of medicine pumping into the body. And the slender plastic box atop the chest signaled that a respirator still breathed for the lungs under it.

At the door to the busiest hos-

U.S. aircraft hammers Fallujah.

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pital in Iraq, a wiry doctor bent over the worst-looking case, an Army gunner with coarse stitches holding his scalp together and a bolt protruding from the top of his head. Lt. Col. Jeff Felfenberger checked a number on the blue screen, announced it dangerously high and quickly pushed a clear liquid through a syringe into the gunner's bloodstream. The number fell like a rock.

"We're just preparing for something a brain-injured person should not do two days out, which is travel to Germany,"

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## Vienna sausages and a familiar voice call a missing dog home

The Associated Press

MISSOULA, Mont. — Volunteers armed with Vienna sausages and a tape recording of Tom and Betty Kuffel's voice managed to coax the family's skittish dog back into safety.

The dog, a German shepherd mix, had survived an April 17 small plane crash with the Kuffels, but was spooned when rescue crews arrived and ran off.

Volunteers took her to a vet, where she was given food and water. "It's a miracle," Palmer said. "There were people that drove in from all around who said they came to help look for the dog. I mean dozens of people. We kept running into people who were flashing their cans of Vienna sausage. And they're really small."

The Kuffels' single engine, home-built plane crashed on the Montana-Idaho line after their carburetor iced up in a snowstorm.

Betty Kuffel, whose leg was broken in three places, has been released from the hospital. Tom Kuffel has had five operations on his crushed right foot and has nine pins in it.

Tom Kuffel said he's overwhelmed by the effort of those looking for his dog.

"You think people couldn't really be that nice. Then it happens to you, and you just can't believe it," he said.



Photo courtesy of The Missoula Press.

Betty Kuffel and her dog Valkyrie, pictured here in this undated photo, were reunited through the efforts of volunteers after Kuffel and her husband and the dog were in a plane crash.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Windy and much cooler with mostly cloudy skies and spotty showers. Highs near 50.
Tonight: Brisk winds, cold temperatures and isolated showers. Lows in the upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, milder and breezy. Highs in the upper 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Scattered rain and snow showers will be possible for today with very heavy to windy conditions also likely.

BOISE Very windy for today and much cooler. A few showers or weak thunderstorms will also be possible.
NORTHERN UTAH Very windy for today with late rain and snow showers likely. Expect scattered showers, brisk winds and breezy conditions on Thursday.



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Who's running

Here are races for school boards in Lincoln County in the May 18 election:

Shoshone: Zone 2: Dr. Terry Zech (incumbent) vs. Julie Ostrango-Ingram; Zone 3: Dale Chatterton (incumbent) vs. Janice Eisle.

Richfield: Zone 2: Brenda Farnworth (incumbent) vs. Kathy Workman.

Dietrich: Zone 6: Steven Shaw, Perry Vantassel, Cyndi McCowan.

Alex Sutter is running against the incumbent and said he made the decision to run long before the consolidation debate flared up.

He said the most important thing is finding a way to cooperate to benefit students, not necessarily through consolidation.

"I'm not for nor against it," Sutter said. "I'm pro progress."

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Mexico

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Correction

Energy plant could take six to eight months. A story Saturday gave incorrect information concerning the timeframe for Environ Inc.'s planned green energy plant.

Company leaders say the plant will be constructed and operational within six to eight months.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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Iraq

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While attention remains riveted on the rising count of Americans killed in action - more than 100 so far in April - doctors at the main combat support hospital in Iraq are reeling from a stream of young soldiers with wounds so devastating that they probably would have been fatal in any previous war.

More and more in Iraq, combat surgeons say, the wounds involve severe damage to the head and eyes - injuries that leave soldiers brain damaged or blind, or both, and the doctors who see them first struggling against despair.

For months the gravest wounds have been caused by roadside bombs - improvised explosives that negate the protection of body armor by blowing shrapnel and dirt upward into the face. In addition, firefights with guerrillas have surged recent, causing a sharp rise in head wounds.

The neurosurgeons at the 31st Combat Support Hospital measure the damage in the number of skulls they remove to get to the injured brain inside, a procedure known as a craniotomy. "We've done more in eight weeks than did in eight months," Poffenberger said. "So there's been a change in the intensity level of the war."

Numbers tell part of the story. So far in April, more than 900 soldiers and Marines have been wounded in Iraq, more than twice the number wounded in October, the previous high. With the tally still climbing, this month's injuries account for a quarter of the 3,864 U.S. servicemen and women listed as wounded in action since the March 2003 invasion.

About half the wounded combat patients are light casualties that they were able to return to duty after treatment, according to the Pentagon.

The others arrive on stretchers at the hospitals operated by the 31st CSB. "We're seeing a lot of head and neck surgery," said Lt. Col. Stephen M. Smith, executive officer of the Baghdad facility, "are horrific."

By design, the Baghdad hospital is the worst. The staff of 300 includes the only ophthalmology and neurology surgical teams in Iraq, so if a victim has damage to the head, the medevac sets out for the facility here, located in the heavily fortified coalition headquarters known as the Green Zone.

Once there, doctors scramble. A patient might remain in the combat hospital for only six hours. The goal is lightning-swift, expert treatment, followed as quickly as possible by transfer to the military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany.

"We're saving more people than should be saved, probably," Lt. Col. Robert Carroll said. "We're saving severely injured people. Legs. Eyes. Part of the brain."

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NATION

# Dyslexia affects boys more than girls, study says

CHICAGO (AP) — Dyslexia really is more common in boys than girls, new research says, contradicting studies suggesting that boys are simply more likely to be diagnosed with the problem because they tend to act up in class when they get frustrated.

The findings suggest boys are at least twice as likely to have dyslexia, a learning disability that involves trouble with reading, said the authors, led by Dr. Michael Rutter of King's College in London. They said the findings should prompt research into why this is so.

Rutter and colleagues based their findings on data from four large studies involving more than 10,000 children who had been given standard reading tests in New Zealand and Britain.

Dyslexia was found in 18 percent to about 22 percent of the boys, compared with 8 percent to 13 percent of the girls. Children took reading tests at various times in each study, between ages 7 and 15.

Rutter and colleagues said the results are strong because the studies did not rely on children who were already known to be having learning difficulties — a weakness that plagued some previous research.

Rutter's report appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

It is unlikely to settle a debate among learning specialists over the gender issue.

Sheldon Horowitz, director of professional services at the National Center for Learning Disabilities, said boys are not necessarily more likely to have reading problems. Instead, he suggested girls' reading problems may be more likely to go unnoticed by teachers.

"Boys who are sitting in class and not getting it are going to be acting out with greater frequency than girls because that's not 'girl' behavior," Horowitz said.

# Lawmakers: Weapons sites remain vulnerable to terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Security upgrades ordered at nuclear weapons sites after the Sept. 11 attacks may not be fully in place for five more years, auditors say.

The delay has led to the possibility that plutonium and weapons-grade uranium might have to be removed from some facilities.

Investigators with the General Accounting Office said Tuesday the Energy Department's 2006 deadline for meeting its new security requirements at weapons labs and other facilities probably is not realistic, short by possibly as much as three years.

At the same time even that program, based on assumptions developed last year about the kind of terrorist assault that might be expected given the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, is being revised, administration and congressional officials acknowledge.

For the first time, the Energy Department is asking security planners to prepare for the possibility that a terrorist would try to take over a facility holding nuclear material, barricade himself inside and try to fashion a crude nuclear weapon and detonate it in a suicide attack.

Security plans previously have been designed under an assumption that a terrorist would break in to steal the material and could be thwarted on the way out.

Some lawmakers and private watchdog groups have said that some facilities would be impossible to defend against a suicide assault and that plutonium and highly enriched uranium at those sites should be relocated.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., asked why it took nearly two years after the attacks in New York and at the Pentagon for the Energy Department to develop its revised May 2003 assessment of the kinds of terrorist attacks security forces probably would have to defend against.

He also wanted to know why it will take another two to five years to deal with the increased risks.

"We know the terrorists will

not wait that long to try to exploit lingering vulnerabilities in our nuclear complex defenses," said Shays, chairman of the House Government Reform subcommittee dealing with nuclear security.

Energy Department officials acknowledged their latest security plans won't be fully in place everywhere the government has weapons-grade material until the end of 2006. They characterized the GAO assessment that another three years might be needed as overly pessimistic.

"Today, no nuclear weapons, special nuclear material or classified materials are at risk anywhere within the nuclear weapons complex," Linton Brooks, head of the DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration, told the subcommittee members.

Brooks acknowledged risk always exists but assured the lawmakers, "People looking for a soft spot would be ill-advised" to target DOE facilities. "There are no soft spots."

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# Bush-Cheney Sept. 11 testimony carries risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's closed-door testimony to the Sept. 11 commission alongside Vice President Dick Cheney carries political risks for the White House. Leaving too much on Cheney could make Bush look weak, and inconsistencies with other officials could raise new questions.

Trying to head off criticism of Thursday's unusual side-by-side appearance, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday that he expects Bush rather than Cheney to handle most of the questions.

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# Court hesitates to pierce presidential secrecy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court appeared troubled Tuesday by the prospect of letting the public have a look into private White House policy meetings, a hopeful sign for the Bush administration's aggressive defense of secrecy in the case of Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force.

The court is the latest stop in a nearly three-year fight over access to records of the task force

that prepared a national energy strategy. The president put Cheney, a former energy industry executive, in charge and the group's recommendations were friendly to industries. Most stalled in Congress.

Raising the gravest concerns about unnecessary snooping into the executive branch was Justice Antonin Scalia, who stayed in the case despite conflict-of-interest questions

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# U.S. aircraft hammers Fallujah

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Multiple explosions shook Fallujah after dark Tuesday and large plumes of smoke billowed into the sky as fighting erupted for the second straight night. An American AC-130 gunship hammered targets in the city.

Blasts and gunfire went on steadily for more than half an hour in sustained fighting, apparently in the northern Jolan district, a poor neighborhood where Sunni insurgents are concentrated.

Flames could be seen rising from buildings and mosque lookovers in other parts of the city called for firefighters to mobilize.

The fighting erupted as a two-day extension to a cease-fire ended. Earlier in the day, U.S. aircraft dropped leaflets in the city of 200,000 people, calling on insurgents to surrender.

"Surrender, you are surrounded," the leaflets said. "If you are a terrorist, beware, because your last day was yesterday. In order to spare your life end your actions and surrender to coalition forces. We are coming to arrest you."

Fighting in the same neighborhood on Monday night killed one Marine and eight



U.S. Marine Sgt. Roland Salinas from San Antonio, Tx, supervises the training of Iraqi police Tuesday by U.S. Marines in Fallujah, Iraq.

insurgents, and tank fire destroyed a mosque minaret that U.S. commanders said insurgents were using as sniper's nest.

U.S. troops fought milliamen overnight near Najaf, killing 64 gunmen and destroying an anti-aircraft gun. An American soldier was killed Tuesday in Baghdad, raising the U.S. death toll for April to 115 — the same number lost during the entire invasion of Iraq last year.

The battle outside Najaf was one of the heaviest with the militia as U.S. troops try to increase the pressure on gunmen loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. U.S. troops moved into a base in Najaf that Spanish troops are abandoning, but promised to stay away from the sensitive Shiite shrines at the heart of the southern city.

On Sunday, the U.S. military had announced a two-day ex-

tesion to the fragile cease-fire in Fallujah to give political efforts a chance — backing down from threats to launch an all-out assault on the city to root out insurgents. Brig. Gen. Kimmitt had said there was no ultimatum for a launch of an assault if political efforts are not showing results.

"We don't think deadlines are helpful," Kimmitt said Tuesday.

Earlier Tuesday, Marines were pushing ahead with training for a key part of the political track, the introduction of U.S.-Iraqi patrols into Fallujah.

As the United Nations prepared to discuss the form of a caretaker government due to take power June 30, U.S.-appointed Iraqi leaders complained that the administration won't have real sovereignty as promised by American administrators for months.

"I think the sovereignty will be weak and not complete," said Mahmood Othman, a member of the Governing Council. For "the security situation, there will still be the United States," he said.

He also expressed worries there will be limits as to what laws the Iraqis can pass.

## Army asks resorts to return howitzers

RENO, Nev. (AP) — The U.S. military is demanding the return of five howitzers that two Sierra Nevada ski resorts use to prevent avalanches, saying it needs the guns for the fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Alpine Meadows and Mammoth Mountain received the artillery pieces on loan from the Army and began using them last year to fire rounds into mountainsides and knock snow loose.

But the ski resorts received word earlier this month that the Army's Tank Automotive and Armaments Command at the Rock Island Arsenal in Illinois needs the howitzers back immediately.

"I need to have them back in the troops' hands within 60 to 90 days," said Don Bowen, the Army command's team leader in charge of the howitzers. "It's a

very short timeframe to get them serviceable and back into the theater in southwest Asia. Afghanistan-Iraq is the immediate concern."

The ski resorts said they will comply.

"Given it's a war effort, their needs are greater than ours," said Larry Heywood, Alpine Meadows director of mountain operations.

Howitzers are short-barreled cannons that can be pulled by a vehicle. They fire three to 10 rounds per minute at a range of 9,600 to 12,330 yards. Replacing one would cost around \$1 million, Bowen said Tuesday.

The military lent two to Alpine Meadows and three to Mammoth Mountain. Alpine Meadows and Mammoth Mountain are the only ski resorts in the nation using the 119-A howitzer.

## Army seeks lost soldiers

FLORENCE, S.C. (AP) — Rescuers searched a thickly wooded swamp Tuesday for an Army helicopter that vanished during a training flight with three soldiers aboard.

The UH-60 Blackhawk was reported missing while flying in rain and thunderstorms Monday night from Fort Bragg, N.C., to Florence.

There were no distress calls from the helicopter, and no signals from the radios that crew members carry on their flight-survival vests, the military said.

A second helicopter on the

training mission safely landed in an airfield near the North Carolina state line.

The search area just north of the city of Florence was along the Pine Bluff River.

Searchers, many of them volunteer firefighters, drove all-terrain vehicles down dirt roads and through the woods, tying yellow police tape on tree branches after searching one of the many paths that crisscross the property.

Sheriff's deputies searched about 1,200 acres of land owned by two hunting clubs.

## Sisters won't return to Iraq war

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Two young Army women who were given the choice of returning to combat in Iraq after their sister was killed in a Baghdad ambush decided Tuesday not to go back.

Rachel and Charity Witmer chose instead to ask for non-combat jobs outside Iraq.

"It's by far the most difficult decision we have ever made," the women said in a statement.

They said they were concerned that if they went back, the increased attention on their units might put their fellow soldiers at risk.

Their new assignments have not been determined yet.

The two arrived home April 12 to attend the funeral of Michelle, their 20-year-old sister and Charity's twin, who was killed April 9 in an attack.

The decision ends weeks of speculation over whether the sisters would head back to Iraq. The family's ordeal drew nationwide attention after the women's father issued an emotional plea to the military to spare his daughters from having to return to combat.

"I can't live another year like I've lived this one," John Witmer said at the time.

"It's a burden I can't bear." Under Pentagon policy, when a soldier is killed while serving in a hostile area, other family members in the military may request a non-combat assignment.

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# Libyan leader travels to Europe for business

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, once considered one of the world's most dangerous men, came to Europe for the first time in 15 years Tuesday, offering business deals and an olive branch — along with a veiled threat to return to the "days of explosive belts" if provoked by "evil" from the West.



Moammar Gadhafi

The one-time penguin swept through the headquarters of the European Union like a movie star in brown robes, flanked by female bodyguards in blue camouflage.

Gadhafi declared his readiness to work with the West peacefully after years of championing armed struggle against it.

Now that Libya has given up its weapons programs, it has become "an example to other countries," he asserted, calling on "countries" from China to America "to do the same."

Still, he warned an upsurge in violence across the Mideast could undo Libya's conversion, apparently referring to the U.S.-led occupation of Iraq and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

## Aid groups assess needs for North Korea victims

BEIJING — North Korean train explosion victims battling severe burns and meager medical options received visits Tuesday from international aid workers, who began assessing long-term needs for relief — including ways to make sure "traumatized" children return to school.

North Korea said Tuesday the disaster caused about \$356 million in damage — far above what international donors have promised. South Korea has promised \$1 million in relief goods, and the United States said it would give \$100,000 to the Red Cross to help those left homeless from Thursday's explosion.

The death toll stood Tuesday at 161 — 76 of them children at a school destroyed by the blast.

## Syrian security forces clash with terrorists

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syrian security forces clashed with a "terrorist band" late Tuesday in Damascus, Syrian media reported after explosions and gunfire were heard in a neighborhood where foreign diplomats live and work.

One attacker was reported killed and another captured, a source in Syria said.

Syrian television, in a brief statement, said security forces gave chase and were in control of the situation. It gave no other details. Syria's official news agency SANA, quoting a security source, said "a terrorist band shot this evening indiscriminately in the Mazza area."

## South Africa celebrates multiracial democracy

PRETORIA, South Africa — South Africa inaugurated a president Tuesday and celebrated 10 years as a multiracial democracy with cheers and songs of tribute to Nelson Mandela, the patriarch who peacefully led the nation out of apartheid.

Thabo Mbeki, Mandela's successor as president, began his second term with a pledge never to betray those who suffered and died to end white

### World in brief

minority rule.

"Despite the fact that we are a mere 10 years removed from the period of racial dictatorship, it is today impossible to imagine a South Africa that is not a democratic South Africa," Mbeki said in his inaugural address.

## Spain withdraws its peacekeepers from Iraq

MADRID, Spain — Spain has completed the withdrawal of its peacekeeping troops from Iraq, Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said Tuesday.

No Spanish member of the Plus Ultra II brigade remains in Iraq, Zapatero told Parliament in a debate on his decision to withdraw the 1,300 troops.

The Plus Ultra brigade is the name for the Spanish contingent, which was stationed in the Iraq-U.S.-central cities of Najaf and Dhwanaya.

Zapatero said the only Spanish military personnel who remain in Iraq are logistics experts assigned with shipping home military equipment.

## Saudis reinforce hunt for militant suspects

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Convoys of police vehicles headed into a mountainous area northeast of Riyadh Tuesday to join a hunt for terror suspects, possibly including the chief of al-Qaida's Saudi network.

Abdulaziz Issa Abdul-Mohsin al-Moqrin, the kingdom's most wanted militant, is believed holed up with four to five other terror suspects near al-Hassayah, 30 miles northeast of Riyadh.

A security official told The Associated Press that counterterrorism officers have surrounded the area since late Sunday.

## Snipers kill two police officers in Indonesia

AMBON, Indonesia — Snipers shot dead two police officers Tuesday, and a Muslim man was killed in a bomb blast as Christians and Muslims clashed for a third day in Indonesia's Maluku islands.

Armed vehicles patrolled the streets of Ambon, the provincial capital, after the bloodiest outbreak of violence in the region since a peace deal in 2002 ended two years of religious clashes that killed 9,000 people.

— compiled from wire reports

# Israel eyes harsher retaliation after pullout

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's response to Palestinian violence after a pullout from the Gaza Strip would be even harsher than it is now, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Tuesday.

Interviewed on Israel's Channel 10 television for Israel's independence day, Sharon defended his "unilateral disengagement" plan, including a pullout from the Gaza Strip.

Members of his Likud Party

vote on the plan in a referendum on Sunday.

After a pullout, Palestinians could no longer explain violence by saying that Israel was occupying their land, Sharon said, "and Israel's responses (to violence) would be much harsher."

He refused to give specifics beyond noting that Israel is already taking stiff measures, an apparent reference to the killing of Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin on March 22 and

his successor, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, three weeks later.

In Gaza Tuesday, tens of thousands of Israelis streamed to Gush Katif, a bloc of Israeli settlements, to celebrate Israel's independence day and protest Sharon's pullout plan.

Also in Gaza, an unusual confrontation late Monday resulted in the deaths of three — a Hamas militant and two armed men who tried to steal the militant's explosives, according to Hamas and

Palestinian security officials.

Hamas said the two gunmen were collaborators with Israeli intelligence, while Palestinian security officials said they were criminals who were involved in a car theft ring that brought stolen vehicles from Israel to Gaza.

Hamas said the bomber was on his way to try to infiltrate Israel, accompanied by another Hamas member and a guide, when they were stopped by the armed men.

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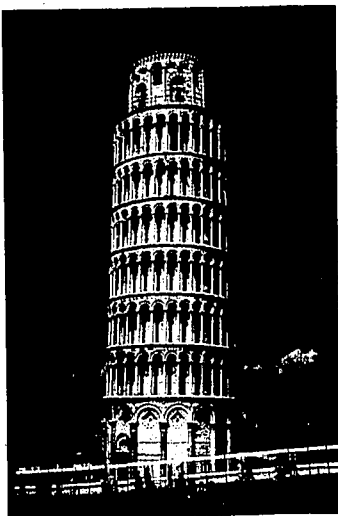
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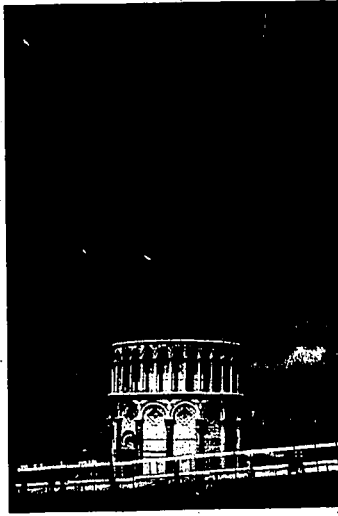
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## EDITORIAL

### A promise is a promise; drop the one-cent tax

Exactly a year ago, Idaho legislators who had just supported a 1-cent rise in Idaho's sales tax pledged, hands on heart, that it wouldn't become permanent.

Now, to no one's surprise, some of them are beginning to hedge.

The continuation of the penny sales tax increase beyond its sunset date, June 30, 2005, is already an issue in the District 24 Republican Senate primary race. One candidate, Ken Edmunds, says he'd like to see it continued, with the money earmarked for education. Another candidate, Chuck Colner, said the tax could be sunsetted, but he qualifies his position that he would keep it if state revenue comes up short.

The third candidate, Randy Hansen, wants the sales tax to go back to 5 percent, come hell or high water. Some conservatives who once vowed the increase would end are now wondering where the state is going to find \$180 million a year to replace it. Speaker of the House Bruce Newcomb, a moderate, has long been skeptical that the tax increase can be eliminated on schedule.

Our guess is that by the time the next Legislature convenes in January, the temporary penny tax increase will be Topic A. And don't bet on fiscal restraint prevailing. Once imposed, taxes are almost never rolled back; government expands to absorb the resources available. The alternative is restraining government spending—an act that requires real political courage. Only candidate Hansen has clearly said he'd vote to repeal the higher tax.

But we think on this issue, the Legislature should keep its word to the taxpayers. For this isn't about paying a penny more in sales tax—it's about a 20 percent increase in the tax on most things you buy. Have your eye on a \$20,000 car? At 6 percent sales tax, you'll pay \$1,200 in taxes—\$200 more than last year. And if you don't think that matters much, consider the folks who live in Canyon and Gem counties along the Oregon border. Oregon has no sales tax, so thousands of local dollars go across the state line every year—especially for big-ticket items such as cars and appliances. The issue has had a big enough impact that Brad Little, the No. 5 Republican in the state Senate and a supporter of the tax increase last year, is in a tough battle for renomination in a solidly conservative district. That suggests that voters are paying attention to what lawmakers do about the sales tax. Critical to the outcome is Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who promised the tax hike was temporary. But Kempthorne can count on and he knows some hard choices will have to be made if the tax increase disappears on schedule. Programs might have to be cut, pay raises for state employees deferred, hiring frozen. Real people will be affected, and real people vote. But so do the vast majority of Idaho taxpayers who struggle to pay for \$2-a-gallon gas and electricity rates that are likely to rise significantly again this summer. The governor and the Legislature should keep faith with Idahoans and let the penny sales tax fade away as they pledged they would. Sometimes politicians need to do the right thing. In the local Senate race, Hansen has the correct position on this issue. Colner and Edmunds have both hedged.

**Our view:** State legislators should remain committed to next year's sunset of the one-percent sales tax increase.

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

## Computer votes can't be trusted

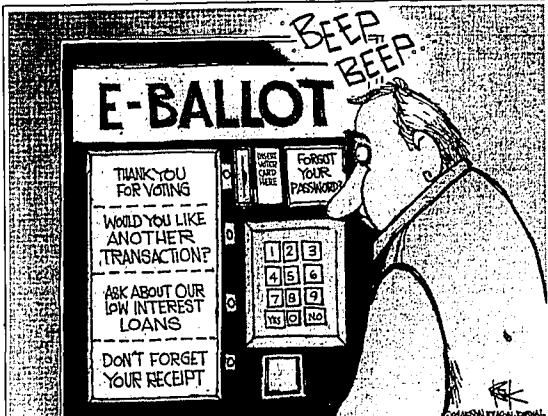
Last week, John Kerry visited Palm Beach, Fla., the scene of the crime, as far as Democrats are concerned—and issued a stern warning: "We will challenge any place in America where you cannot trace the vote and count the votes of Americans," he said.

The challenge Kerry has in mind is a lawyer who is already missing a flying saucer results Democrats regard as suspicious. In the present climate, that means every close contest they don't win.



ZEV CHAFETZ

The Republicans have lawyers, too. They will respond in kind, challenging tight Democratic victories everywhere. This is a recipe for disaster. Polls suggest there will be evenly fought contests all over the country. If they all turn into bitter lawsuits, the system crumbles. Voting in a free society is an act of faith. You cast your ballot assuming it will be tallied honestly. Democracy can't withstand widespread mistrust of the vote count any more than capitalism can exist on fake currency and phony bank statements. There are efforts underway around the country to restore confidence by introducing computerized voting. That is fighting the last war. Push-button screens may do away with hanging chads but they can't assuage the humiliation and paranoia that now pervades the Democratic Party. Florida: Kerry told a Florida crowd that the election of 2000 was "stolen" from Al



Gore and the Democrats. In the current atmosphere, computerized results won't necessarily be trusted any more than other results. How do you know some hacker isn't changing the votes? Or that the computer manufacturer didn't program the numbers in advance? This is not just a Democratic concern. Everybody knows the uneasy feeling of sending a credit card number into cyberspace. Multiply that by 100 million votes and you get a sense of the mistrust and uncertainty a virtual voting might generate. Sen. Hillary Clinton has proposed that computerized voters get a receipt, like at the ATM. She argues that such a document will leave a paper trail, keeping the computers honest. Clinton is right about the need for transparency but wrong to think it can be accomplished with a receipt. Who can say the computers aren't fixed, anyway? And if there is a receipt, are millions of people supposed to come together and toss crumpled little pieces of computer paper into a huge pile? The current skepticism about the voting system is so visceral—and so potentially dangerous—that it requires something more than a note from a machine. There has to be a tangible, supervised count. The only way to get one is by using paper ballots. I'm not talking about the butterflies and hanging chads of yesteryear. I mean actual ballots (at least in the presidential election), physically placed in ballot boxes by voters and tallied by hand with representatives of the major parties looking over the shoulder of the counters in every precinct in the country.

This would be expensive, but so what? Adding precincts and electoral personnel is a small price to pay for uncontested results. As for the political parties, they can easily come up with a few million dollars to hire extra poll watchers. Hand-counting ballots would certainly slow down the television networks' election-night rush to judgment—not a bad thing after the debacle in 2000—but it also would heighten the drama. And no matter how long it took to tally the votes by hand, the final result would be in long before it was in 2000. Someday, public trust in the integrity of the count will be restored, and voting can take place in cyberspace. Until then, the watchword of American elections must be: Verify. Zev Chafetz is a columnist for the New York Daily News.

### Editorial should praise the soldiers — not the war

The Times-News editorial of April 13 properly honors the fine qualities of two soldiers, casualties of the Iraq War. But it is less successful in "the good of Iraq and the U.S." is poppycock. Such writing smacks of the propaganda dished out to American soldiers and public during the Vietnam war years, until even the Pentagon of the communist threat gagged on their own propaganda.

This time, terrorism is the menace and our military action in Iraq is inspiring the very terrorism it supposedly was to reduce. Once again, old men have sent young men off to war in search of phantoms: Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and Saddam's involvement in 9/11. Our Washington leaders implemented a propaganda machine and wrongful arm-twisting to achieve that end. They have attempted to lay guilt trips on anyone who speaks out against the war as being unpatriotic.

It's said that the war has reached a point where we in small-town USA are needlessly faced with the pain and worry of casualties of people we know and love. The editorial's saying that our soldiers' casualties in the Iraq War "is the price of freedom" is simply more poppycock. The Iraq War is the price of ignorance, at best, and malicious conduct at worst, of a president and his advisers who are unfit to have their hands on the levers of the most powerful military machine in the world. For decades, I've rationalized Vietnam's casualties as the price we had to pay to learn an important lesson. But now it seems that all those soldiers died for nothing. Why? Because

our president has chosen to forsake Americanism on another country whose government is comprised of citizens who care more about their own values than ours. The war has damaged relations with countries who have been our friends. Now we are trying to give the war mess to these same countries, via the United Nations, which wisely counseled against entering the war that our president wanted, apparently before 9/11. I completely agree with the editorial's conclusion that our soldiers deserve our nation's gratitude; but those who have thrust them into a deadly fiasco that history warned us against certainly don't.

STEVE KOEHLER  
Wendell

### Bush disregards policies for America's young

Can it be that our president agrees with Groucho Marx, who, when asked how he liked children, replied, "Well, done? Well, Mr. Bush proclaims himself to be pro-life and anti-abortion, his concern for the well-being of America's future citizens leaves a lot to be desired. He seems unperturbed by the monstrous debt which will be his legacy to them; he considers Head Start to be over-funded, he has gone back on his promise to leave no child behind, and now—surely an ironic twist—his actions are threatening the health of babies in the womb. The Food and Drug Administration has recently issued a warning to pregnant women not to eat swordfish and to limit the tuna sandwiches they give to their young children because the fish contain dangerously high levels of mercury—a toxin known to cause brain damage in infants and

unborn babies. In the meantime, the Environmental Protection Agency has asked for a 90 percent reduction of mercury emissions from coal-burning power plants. The main culprit in the alarming increase in mercury in our food chain today) by year 2008. The technology exists to make this feasible, but Mr. Bush is stalling. He is suggesting a 70 percent reduction in emissions and pushing back the date of compliance another 10 years to 2010. Who is he protecting? Certainly not our babies and young children.

Nearer home, and surely of grave concern to local residents, a new coal-burning plant is being planned on the Snake River near Twin Falls. Whilst we should hope that, if built, it would at least use new and cleaner (and probably more expensive) technology, can we count on it? How can we be sure? By asking President Bush!

DIANA FASSINO  
Ketchum

### City of Twin Falls needs to align traffic signals

Well, I was eight for eight again this morning, stopping at all eight stoplights on my way to work across town. Isn't it amazing how quickly traffic flow in Twin Falls got back to the normal stop and a very little green for a few million dollars was supposed to be used to better regulate and improve traffic flow through town by synchronizing the stoplights. Guess what, it never happened, in my opinion. I have hesitated to write this letter for a long time and have shelved it for the past year and a half thinking I was crazy, but since a few traffic light letters have surfaced lately and a recent city survey asked about

this problem I'm not the only one that feels this way. So, there are other people who are awake when they drive. Anyway... On Wednesday, I travel diagonally across town from Washington Street North to Kimberly Road East. This requires negotiating eight stoplights on my normal route to and from work. For the past 12 years, five days a week, morning and night, I have averaged six stops at eight of these lights every day. None of these lights are synchronized for the permitted speed of 35 miles per hour. If they were, I wouldn't be stopping so often. I drive the speed limit, so I know.

However, I've often wondered why other drivers speed through town and why so many run red lights. It's so they can make the next green light and don't have to stop. So, speeding does pay. And this has been taught to the very youngest of drivers. I see them running red lights every day. I don't know how the city engineer sleeps at night.

Of course, all this stop and go traffic is good for the brake and transmission businesses in town as well as the gas stations. It's a good thing that the city can help keep all these people employed, I suppose. However, the downside is all the pollution this creates and unsafe driving habits to make the next green light.

So come on, Twin Falls City, can't you make the lights work like you promised and, more importantly, use the government grant money for what it was intended (not vacations). At least put all the lights on timers (like the lights down town or near the high school) so we can at least "synchronize" our drive "time" across town. OREN R. ASH  
Twin Falls

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## LETTER

### Mother is needed at home, not in Iraq

It was with interest that I read your story on the call up of gunsmiths and women to Iraq. Jenie Clemmer is my niece and a young lady trying to build a life for herself and her sons. She goes to school, works and raises two sons by herself. The real story is that her 10-year-old son is autistic and cannot be left even a minute on his own. I often wonder how she studies and maintains

a high grade point average. She does have some support from her special friend, Macho, and from her parents. Isn't there something wrong with a country that pulls a young mother with an autistic child from her family to go to a country for whom Jenie already serves in Desert Storm and is a recipient of a Purple Heart. It is my hope that soon all our young will come home to defend our own country but not on foreign soil. ARDIS GONZALES  
Portland, Ore.

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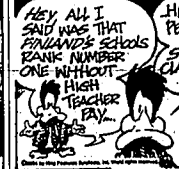
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OPINION

# Kerry corporate tax plan is onto something

John Kerry recently made an interesting proposal that, if nothing else, illustrates the wide gap between political rhetoric and economic reality. Given the obnoxious jobs and overseas "outsourcing" Kerry suggests that government policy should encourage U.S. companies to invest heavily abroad. His idea is to lower corporate taxes earned in the United States and raise them on profits earned abroad — so companies will stay home. This sounds doable, and that's why it's a good campaign pitch. But it probably would not work as Kerry intends, and that's where economic reality intrudes.

Start with the widely believed notion that American companies are ferociously shifting jobs abroad. This is an exaggeration. Of course, some jobs have been lost as a result of the growing trade deficit, now roughly \$500 billion. But the trade deficit mainly reflects faster economic growth in the United States than abroad and the dollar's high exchange rate. Both hurt U.S. exports and spur imports. As foreign economic growth improves and the dollar drops, the trade deficit should stabilize or decline.

What's untrue is that American multinationals — those with operations here and those who have progressively abandoned the United States for locations with lower wages or lower taxes. Interestingly, American multinationals are almost as rooted in the United States now as a quarter-century ago. Here's what the data from the Commerce Department show:

- In 2002, American multinationals had 73.1 percent of their global employment in the United States, down slightly from 77.9 percent in 1977.
- Capital spending is concentrated in 2002, these companies spent \$467 billion on factories, offices and equipment; 76 percent was in the United States compared with 79.8 percent in 1977.
- Global production — not surprisingly — is also located mainly in the United States. In 2001 (the latest year available), U.S. multinationals based 77 percent of production here, up from 75.3 percent in 1977.

It's a myth that companies like IBM or General Electric are "outsized." To be sure, their vast global interests often create conflicts between what's good for companies and what's good for America. But the larger reality is that their success remains strongly connected to the success of the U.S. economy.

The reasons for this stubborn attachment to the United States aren't clear. These companies do shut U.S. plants. They are growing abroad. Indeed, foreign job increases are higher in percentage terms, because they start from a smaller base. But numerically, job growth is still greater in the United States. From 1992 to 2002, U.S. multinationals added about five American jobs for every three foreign jobs. Perhaps these companies succeed simultaneously at home and abroad. But expansion abroad — motivated by low wages or



ROBERT SAMUELSON

closeness to foreign markets — may also create U.S. jobs, concludes economist Matthew Slaughter of Dartmouth in a study for the Coalition for Fair International Taxation, a group of multinational firms. He says that growing foreign activity may require more U.S. scientists, financial specialists and managers.

Still, wouldn't Kerry's plan shift jobs to the United States? Probably not.

First, some background. Under U.S. tax law, American multinationals receive a tax credit (a dollar-for-dollar offset) for foreign taxes they've actually paid. They can also defer paying any more U.S. taxes on foreign profits until those profits are repatriated — that is, returned to the U.S. Although this seems generous, it's not generous compared with what many countries do. They don't tax the foreign profits of their multinational firms at all. As a result, many U.S. companies keep foreign profits abroad to minimize U.S. taxes and stay competitive with foreign rivals. Unrepatriated profits have accumulated to more than \$600 billion.

What Kerry proposes is lowering the U.S. corporate tax rate

from 35 percent to 33.25 percent — and limiting the ability of U.S. multinationals to defer taxes on future foreign profits. The idea is to discourage U.S. companies from moving operations to countries with lower corporate tax rates. But the practical effect would be to put U.S. multinationals at a disadvantage with many foreign multinational firms, whose taxes would be lower. A study by the Institute for International Economics, a think tank, suggests that the Kerry proposal would inspire massive efforts at evasion or cutbacks in U.S. operations abroad — which, if Slaughter is correct, could hurt U.S. job growth. The plan's basic defect is that it barely lowers the cost of operating in the United States; it mainly increases the cost of operating elsewhere.

But Kerry is on to something. The corporate tax is a monstrosity. It promotes widespread tax avoidance, raises a diminishing share of governmental revenue and discourages efficiency. It's an exercise in cynicism and waste that the next president ought to overhaul.

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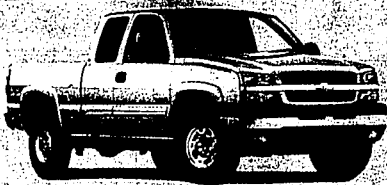
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Family appeals shooting dismissal

BOISE — A lawsuit against Jerome County over a fatal 2001 shootout will be considered by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Attorney Pat Brown of Twin Falls has filed notice in U.S. District Court in Boise that the family of George Timothy Williams will appeal District Judge Edward Lodge's decision to dismiss the family's lawsuit. The litigation stemmed from a drug raid in Eden that led to the deaths of Williams and two deputies, Cpls. James Moulson, 30, and Phillip Anderson, 23. The lawsuit argued that while the deputies' use of deadly force might have been reasonable after Williams aimed a gun at them, the sheriff's department recklessly created the situation that led to the shootout. Lodge determined that the Jerome County Sheriff's Department acted reasonably before and during the raid, which resulted in the discovery of only a small amount of marijuana.

Sawtooth will host archeological tour

TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth National Forest is offering a guided, bring-your-own-lunch tour to view prehistoric and pioneer sites in the South Hills. The May 22 tour is being held to recognize May as the Idaho Archeology and Historic Preservation Month, a Forest Service news release said. "We will be looking at some of the 20th-century prehistoric sites of some Native American prehistoric rock art sites in the Ibox Hollow and Trapper Creek areas in the South Hills," said Jamie Bennett, manager of the Sawtooth National Forest's heritage program. Participants must be in good physical condition, because the group will encounter strenuous hiking on a 3-mile loop to be made on foot. The tour will be limited to 12 participants, and reservations are required. Contact Bennett at 737-3267. Details on the meeting time and location will be provided, but participants can expect to take their private vehicles down dirt and gravel roads.

SNRA will hold beetle resistance class

KEETCHUM — The Sawtooth National Recreation Area will host a free two-day class next week on protecting trees from mountain pine beetles. The class will be geared toward commercial insecticide applicators, but interested homeowners or community representatives also may attend, according to the SNRA. The class will be held from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the SNRA headquarters 8 miles north of Keetchum. People interested in attending should contact Lisa Thompson in Ogden, Utah, at 801-625-5515 or LisaThompson@snra.fs.fed.us or Dave Fluetsch in Stanley at 209-727-5001 or dfluetsch@fs.fed.us.

Migrant council hosts children's event

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Migrant Council will hold an "El Dia de los Niños" (Day of the Children) event from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday in the community center at the El Mirajao housing complex, 1122 Washington St. S. The council is holding the event to promote culture and community awareness. Organizers say El Dia de los Niños is a day to coordinate special activities and events to honor, respect and uplift all children. Scheduled events include a beef distribution, community barbecue, pinatas, games and prizes, face painting, a coloring contest, music by disc jockey "Too Fresh" and more learning activities. The public is welcome to this day of celebration. For more information, call Mike Gaxiola at 734-3336 or 212-0134.

Prosecutor: District breaks law

Richfield schools will get another chance

By Karh Kowalski Times-News writer
RICHFIELD — Lincoln County Prosecutor E. Scott Paul found the Richfield School Board violated Idaho's open meetings law on three occasions, but he is willing to let the board change its ways. The board has the opportunity to sign a yearlong agreement to abide by the open meetings law and become more knowledgeable about it, to avoid about \$750 in fines. "The most important goal is to make sure the board is following the law," Paul said. Fines might not make that happen, Paul said. He said this is the second case of open meetings law violations he has handled in Lincoln County. Ric Drelling, a parent who is one of the people who made the complaint against the

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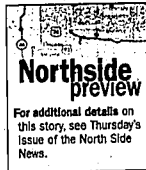
Lincoln schools wait to consolidate. See page A1

School Board, said the prosecutor's decision is not satisfying. He said he would prefer the law and prescribed penalties be applied. "I think it's just a joke," Drelling said. "If there's no punitive

damages, when is it ever going to stop? Teri Turnage, another parent who filed the complaint said she would file another complaint against the board for an executive session that occurred March 8. The board will consider signing Paul's proposed agreement at its May 10 meeting. Superintendents will be present. Please see MEETINGS, Page B3

ISAT requirement raises questions in Jerome Schools

By Elizabeth Ovensa The North Side News
JEROME — School officials here are trying to figure out how a new wrinkle in the Idaho Standards Achievement Test will affect future graduation rates. The State Board of Education has approved an additional requirement that calls for students to reach proficiency on the ISAT in order to graduate. The question school officials are pondering is how much the ISAT should play into whether a student gets a diploma from Jerome High School. And could other criteria also be considered in place of the test? "Local school boards can have other criteria to help determine if their student is eligible for high school graduation," Superintendent Jim Cobble said. "These criteria could be based on a student's performance throughout the course of his education rather than just a test. "If they had a high GPA that might be something to consider," Cobble said. "Have they had some successful work experience with projects?" Cobble said there are many skills a child needs to gain in his education that could never be measured by a test, such as the ability to get along with others. The Jerome School Board would have to determine how much weight it would give to each aspect of a child's learning experience. Cobble said that the Idaho School Superintendents Association has been trying to streamline the process by determining some of the factors districts could use. School officials don't want to deny a diploma to students who have earned it, but for one reason or another do not do well on the ISAT test, Cobble said. "We don't want to exasperate the drop-out problem," he said, "or have students out there that won't have a diploma that should have one."



Sunnie Renshaw, with the Taste of Home Cooking School, prepares a meal during a class at the Minico High School auditorium Tuesday night. Some of the 650 attendees are seen reflected in a mirror above Renshaw, who prepared eight different dishes for the class.

Burley library strives for better service

By Chip Thompson Times-News writer
BURLEY — What do the citizens of Burley and Mini-Cassia want from their public library? That was the question on the table when members of the Burley Public Library Board met Tuesday to explore ways to better serve the community. "Before we do any more visioning, maybe we should take a look at what the community wants, not what we think they want," board member Nancy Wolf said. The discussion was a follow-up to last month's meeting with officials from the Idaho State Library. That meeting included exercises for envisioning what the library should be.

"We've got to sell ourselves to the people," board member Madine Adams said. "We have tremendous usage." "Every time I come in here I see so many different things going on," she said. Usage at the library is good. Director Julie Woodford said more than 50 percent of residents have library cards. Board member David Gibbons commented that there's a huge part of the population that doesn't even know where the library is. One way to improve service is to form a consortium with other city and school libraries, an idea that Mini-Cassia librarians have been exploring recently. It has been proposed that all school and public libraries in the Mini-Cassia area form a

consortium through which they could share materials, thereby considerably expanding the collections of each library. Woodford and representatives from Burley and Minico High Schools and Rupert's DeMury Memorial Library made a tour earlier this month to visit four consortia around the state. Some were inspirational, others discouraging. Woodford said the WELCOM consortium, which is made up of 19 libraries in Buhl, Castleford and Filer, is under funded. And she said it showed. "It didn't have a good feeling about it as I walked out the door," she said. On the other hand, the Valley Network, which has been serving northern Idaho for more than 20 years, was described by

Woodford as "the height of inspiration." "You could just hear it, they have experience, they have maturity," Woodford said. "It wasn't 'you need this' or 'your school needs this' it was 'we need this.'" Woodford pointed out that a common thread amongst consortia was an "attitude change" among staff. Everyone involved needs to focus on providing better library service for the whole, rather than for the individual parts, according to Woodford's report. An important part of making a Mini-Cassia consortium work, Woodford said, is the involvement of the College of Southern Idaho's Mini-Cassia Center.

Judge dismisses lawsuit against Cassia County

Former sheriff's deputy had claimed gender discrimination

By Shelley Ridgenour Times-News writer
BURLEY — A lawsuit filed against Cassia County by a former sheriff's deputy was dismissed earlier this month and the plaintiff was ordered to pay the county \$691. Fifth District Judge John Melanson signed the judgment April 13 in the lawsuit filed by Joyce Green against Cassia County. Green had sued former Cassia County Sheriff Bill Crystal, former Cassia County Commis-

sioner Shirley Povlsen Danner and current commissioners Paul Christensen and Dennis Crane, too, but those defendants were dismissed from the lawsuit last year. On March 4 Judge Melanson granted the county's second motion for summary judgment after a Feb. 13 hearing. Melanson wrote that it was questionable whether Green was meeting the legitimate needs of her employer. While her "performance was satisfactory at times" before she was fired, the judge said, after

her final job evaluation her conduct changed and "took a dramatic departure from satisfactory job performance." According to the judge's memo, his decision and order, while on duty Green attended a party where alcohol was served. She received a warning for that incident, he pointed out. About two weeks later there were allegations that Green had argued with a superior officer, the judge noted. After a December 1999 confrontation with a dispatcher and a trainee, Green received a written warning that she could lose her job if that type of conduct continued. In December 2000 several people complained that Green

had driven past a stopped school bus that had its warning lights flashing and the swing-away stop sign opened, according to the judge's memorandum. In May 2000 she was cited for reckless driving while driving her personal vehicle. She eventually was found guilty of reduced charge of inattentive driving in that incident. Following that driving incident, Green was suspended from her job, the judge pointed out. She worked for the sheriff's department from July 1997 until August 2000. Green filed her lawsuit in May 2002 alleging gender discrimination. In the court complaint her attorney cites incidents when

male sheriff's deputies violated departmental policy and were not disciplined. Her attorney claimed she was subjected to more severe discipline for off-duty incidents than were her male co-workers for on-duty incidents. The county responded that the employment decisions about Green "were made for legitimate, non-discriminatory and non-retaliatory reasons." She had asked for at least \$10,000 in lost wages and benefits, emotional damages and other fees. Shelley Ridgenour is editor of The Times-News Mini-Cassia Bureau. She can be reached at 208-677-4042, Ext. 642, or by e-mail at sridenour@magicvalley.com.

Gooding farmers complain

Commissioners agree to send letter of protest to the PUC

By Mickey Walker Times-News correspondent
GOODING — County commissioners have heard the voices of their constituents, and now they're endorsing their grievances. The Gooding County Commission will initiate a formal letter to the Public Utilities Commission protesting rate increases that will affect irrigation pumping costs. The action was prompted by county farmers Jack Gough and Tom Faulkner, who told commissioners Monday that they were incensed from taking the lion's share of Idaho Power rate increases. "We would like to see Gooding County go on record with the Public Utilities Commission as being opposed to an unbalanced rate increase on irrigated as well as non-irrigated users of Idaho Power's users," Faulkner told the commissioners. He said the agriculture industry is being singled out to carry the burden of the rate increases, and whereas household rates would increase by three or four percent, Faulkner estimated that rural communities, particularly those in Gooding County, are surrounded areas, would be unfavorably affected by the increase. He said farmers that already are paying \$50 to \$60 an acre to irrigate crops couldn't withstand another substantial rate hike. "It would be a pretty devastating impact on our local economy to have a 15 percent increase in power rates," Faulkner said. A major cause for the increase, Faulkner said, is the additional power needs for newly constructed homes and sprawling commerce in areas like Gooding. "I don't know why ag should be paying the bill instead of the growth sectors," he said. Gough agreed with Faulkner and endorsed his sentiments. "We need the county's support for agriculture," said Gough. "We're putting water on rock plateaus because they're putting houses on the farms." In addition to the commissioners' signatures on the formal letter, local water user groups and surrounding counties will be contacted to see if more agencies want to be added to the document before it is sent to the PUC.

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**Roger William Fiala - Jerome**



Roger William Fiala, 78, of Jerome, Idaho, passed away Sunday, April 25, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was born March 30, 1926, at home, in Hansen, Idaho, the son of Miroslav Fiala and Bessie Strucek Fiala. He attended school through the eighth grade at Pleasant Plains in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School in 1944. He attended mechanical trade school for one year in Pocatello. Roger served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and was stationed on Guam. After an honorable discharge, he met Edith Evelyn Van Ausdell. They were married Dec. 13, 1949. To this union were born four children. Roger lived and farmed in Jerome for 60 years, a profession he loved. Roger was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in many capacities. He served in the Boise, grandchild; and one step great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his father, Miroslav Fiala; and one grandchild, Loren Schroeder. He will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 1, 2004, in the Jerome LDS 6th Ward chapel, 26 N. 100 E. (north of Jerome High School), Jerome, Idaho, with Bishop Andrew Lotz officiating. Cremation will be held where family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, 2004, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln, Ore., and again one hour prior to the services on Saturday at the church. Interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

The memorial suggestions that family contributions be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, Fairfax Road at 9410 St. S., Salt Lake City, UT 84143-4399.

Cecilia was survived by two daughters, Alleia Dredge of Rupert and Elena Robbins of Boise; two grandchildren, Elise Robbins of Boise and Frank Dredge of Portland, Ore.; one sister, Lucy Echegaray of Elko, Nev.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins both here and in Spain. She was preceded in death by her husband, Prudencio Aldana and Roger Jougard; a son-in-law, Calvin Dredge; her parents; seven brothers and five sisters. Funeral Mass will be held at 12 p.m., noon, Friday, April 30, 2004, at the Rupert St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., with Father Gabriel Vargas as Celebrant. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, 2004, with a viewing one hour prior at the church. Friends may greet the family from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the service on Friday at the church. The family suggest donations may be made to the St. Nicholas School, P.O. Box 26, Rupert, ID 83350, or to the St. Nicholas School Endowment Foundation, P.O. Box 652, Rupert, ID 83350.

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**Cecilia Arrien Aldana Jougard - Rupert**



Cecilia Arrien Aldana Jougard, 94-year-old Rupert resident, died at her home on Saturday, April 24, 2004, of natural causes. She was born Nov. 21, 1909, in Rigolita, Bizkaia, Spain, to Calisto Arrien and Petra Barayazara, the 13th of 14 brothers and sisters. She spent her early childhood in Rigolita. After she lost both of her parents at a young age, she lived in Gemika, Bizkaia, Spain, with her sister, Fernanda Arrien, working in her sister's restaurant, Restaurant Amara. In 1941, she and her sister, Lucy, immigrated to the United States. She worked for a year at Jausoro's Basque boarding house in Nampa, Idaho, and then she moved to Halley, Idaho, where she worked at the Inchausti Boarding House. It was there that she met and married her first husband, Prudencio Aldana. Two daughters, Alleia and Elena, were born to this union. Due to her husband's ill health, they moved first to Shoshone where they ran the Carlos Berriochoa Boarding House for a year and then to Rupert where she ran the Rupert Basque Boarding House. Prudencio preceded her in death in May 1952.

Four years later, in 1956, she met and married Frank Jougard. Together, she and Frank ran the Jougard Sheep Company, which is still operating today. They alternated their time between Soda Springs and Rupert, Idaho, where they made many friends in both places. Frank died in 1979. She worked hard all of her life and was known for her wonderful cooking, her generosity, her sense of humor and her remarkable memory. One of the proudest moments of her life was when she became a citizen of the United States in 1958. Cecilia was a member of the Idaho Woolgrowers Assn., St. Nicholas Catholic Church in

Rupert and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Soda Springs. Cecilia was survived by two daughters, Alleia Dredge of Rupert and Elena Robbins of Boise; two grandchildren, Elise Robbins of Boise and Frank Dredge of Portland, Ore.; one sister, Lucy Echegaray of Elko, Nev.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins both here and in Spain. She was preceded in death by her husband, Prudencio Aldana and Roger Jougard; a son-in-law, Calvin Dredge; her parents; seven brothers and five sisters. Funeral Mass will be held at 12 p.m., noon, Friday, April 30, 2004, at the Rupert St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., with Father Gabriel Vargas as Celebrant. A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, 2004, with a viewing one hour prior at the church. Friends may greet the family from 10 to 10:45 a.m. before the service on Friday at the church. The family suggest donations may be made to the St. Nicholas School, P.O. Box 26, Rupert, ID 83350, or to the St. Nicholas School Endowment Foundation, P.O. Box 652, Rupert, ID 83350.

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OBITUARY

**Wynn Gordon Condit - Boise**



Wynn Gordon Condit, 59, of Boise, passed away April 22, 2004, at a local hospital. A celebration of his life will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, 2004, at Mountain View Church of the Brethren, 2823 N. Cole Road. Pastor David McKellip officiating. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 30, 2004, at the Hagerman Cemetery, Hagerman, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Adessa Burial and Cremation Society.

The son of Carroll and Ellen Condit, Wynn was born in Tacoma, Wash. He served six years in the Army National Guard. In 1969, he married Melveen Walmbold. They were later divorced. Wynn graduated from Hagerman High School and attended Boise State University. His strong interest in environmental issues stayed with him through out his life. Wynn was a Prince of a Man. He loved interacting with people and particularly enjoyed a good story especially if it included a good laugh. He was known for his listening skills and his willingness to help his friends. Wynn is survived by his mother, Ellen Condit of Boise; brother, Larry Condit of Salt Lake City; and sister, Dorothy Omit of Portland. He was preceded in death by his father, Carroll; and his nephew, David Omit. The family wishes to thank all those who cared for Wynn in his final weeks, especially Basil Marinelli, Dr. Walters and the staff at St. Luke's, with particular thanks to Jennifer for her kindness.

Wynn is survived by his mother, Ellen Condit of Boise; brother, Larry Condit of Salt Lake City; and sister, Dorothy Omit of Portland. He was preceded in death by his father, Carroll; and his nephew, David Omit. The family wishes to thank all those who cared for Wynn in his final weeks, especially Basil Marinelli, Dr. Walters and the staff at St. Luke's, with particular thanks to Jennifer for her kindness.

SERVICES

Michael R. Hall of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2050 Normal Ave.; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Margene C. Anderson of Bellevue, Wash., and formerly of Oakley, service at noon today at the Oakley Stake Center, 301 N. Center; friends may call from 11-11:45 a.m. today at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Earl T. Gardner of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary; friends may call from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Vaneta Inez Hart of Grants Pass, Ore., and formerly of Gooding and Hagerman, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the cemetery (Hagerman; viewing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. before the service at Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Mary Lou Ross of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Flie First Baptist Church; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Thora D. Becker of Eagle,

and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the United Methodist Church of Eagle. Funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the First Presbyterian Church in Jerome. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Frank "Butch" John Spevak of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rupert 3rd and 10th LDS Ward Chapel, 526 S. F St. in Rupert. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. tonight at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. and one hour before the service at the church.

Lula Gay Hutchison of Gooding, graveside service at 1 p.m. Thursday at Valley Vu Cemetery in Malta; visitation from 5-7 p.m. tonight at Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding.

Jack Taylor of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rupert First and Seventh Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 606 G St.; friends may call from 6-9 p.m. tonight at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Roy J. Sartin of Twin Falls, memorial graveside service at

11 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Margaret Jane McChing, memorial Mass at noon Friday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Kent, Wash., at 377 Second Ave. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Kent Senior Center, 600 E. Smith St.

Vivian J. Mietzner of Buhl, private family graveside service at 10 a.m. Saturday at West End Cemetery in Buhl. Memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1128 Poplar in Buhl (White Mortuary).

Donald "Don" Edward Walker of Glens Ferry, family and friends will gather at 1 p.m. Saturday at Dolores and Jerry Good's home in Hammett (Gummers Funeral Home, 1800 Murray Chapel in Mountain Home).

Newell Morgan of Twin Falls and formerly of Boise, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at University Christian Church in Boise (Alden-Wagoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

Ether Frances Fairman of Ketchum, memorial service at 2 p.m. May 8 at Mary Crouchi home, 3589 Mintumary Way, Boise (Wood River Chapel).

**Two teens rescue woman from fire**

PIERCE (AP) — Two teenagers are being credited with saving the life of an 84-year-old woman trapped in her burning house.

The fire happened Sunday as Eunice and Frank Stone sat in their living room. Investigators said the couple's propane heater exploded and ignited the home.

Kyle Kingen and Seth DeBusk, both 16, were next door in DeBusk's home when they heard the explosion. They ran in and found her inside the doorway. They grabbed her arms and dragged her outside to wait for medical help.

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OBITUARY

Thora Becker



This is the obituary written in about 1955 by Thora Becker. It was revised over the years until her death, April 24th, 2004, at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, Idaho.

Life of Thora Douglass Becker  
My twin sister and I were born in Hazelton, Idaho, on a beautiful Easter Sunday morning, April 16th, 1922. I weighed five pounds and my sister weighed four and one-half pounds. It was also the day after our mother's 28th birthday. We celebrated a few more Easter Birthdays during our 82 years.

My mother was a widow by the time she was 21 years old and she had one child, who was 10 months old. His dad, Earl Bryson, was killed in a coal mining accident in St. George, Utah.

She married my father four years later. My parents' names were Nephi Amodeo Douglass and Emma Jane Brook Bryson Douglass.

Mom's first son, Earl R. Bryson, was 5 years old when she married my dad. We always considered our older brother to be our brother rather than a half brother. Their marriage brought five more children into their home. Orval G. Douglass was their first born and then 20 months later we twins, Dora and I, were born, and 18 months after that another brother, Nephi A. Douglass Jr., entered and five years later our youngest sister, Emma Bernice, was born.

We lived in a humble home at that time but everyone else did too, so we didn't know any better and it didn't bother us.

We lived on a farm so we always had good homemade bread and canned meat, vegetables and plenty of milk to drink. Our house was always warm and we were all loved. Our parents brought us up in the L.D.S. faith. They taught us to believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and included daily the life hereafter in their teachings.

We attended the Dixon school house in the Dixon community through eighth grade. (This was in the Hazelton and Eden, Idaho area.) Our seventh and eighth grade teacher was our brother, Earl. We had to be an example for our classmates. If we misbehaved we were shown an example of what the punishment would be to them. This was usually a long poem written by memory and recite it in the class the next day. We still have several living friends who we see at least yearly who were in our Dixon school and who knew us as 5- or 6-year olds.

When my twin sister and I were 14 years old our mother died of pneumonia at the age of 42, before her first grandchild was born. Her early teachings to us and then the teachings followed by our father after her death helped us all to cope with this tragedy in our lives.

She guided us all of our lives even though she was no longer with us in the flesh. We had children were always very close (as thick as thieves) and had family love in our lives forever.

We attended the Hazelton High School for ninth and 10th-grade and then my dad moved us all to Twin Falls, where he farmed for a while. I met David, my husband while living in Jerome. He was always a romantic and told all the children and grandchildren the story of how we met which was love at first sight. He and several Jerome friends

were driving down the Bob Barton Highway south of Jerome and my twin sister, Dora, and I were wading our feet in a ditch. He saw us and coaxed my feet several days to go out with him. This was in the summer and we were married on Dec. 22, 1940. He was a Presbyterian and I began attending church with him.

We were married in his parents' living room, the largest home east of Jerome, Idaho, that would become ours and where we raised our six children. Our oldest son was 10 years old when our youngest son was born. Our first-born is David Jr. (named after his father) and our Douglass A. (named after his mother) Deborah Lucille, Thora Diane, Theron Daniel and Donald M. All our children were called by their "D" names. We always felt our children were our crown and glory. They were sometimes asked how parents could spoil six children. They have been a joy to us all of our lives.

My love for all our extended family and friends is eternal and no matter what they do or what they have done, I still love them.

Everything that I did in this life I tried to glorify God, I know that I failed a lot of times and I know that He has forgiven me and I hope everyone else does too. I never did intentionally mean to hurt anyone.

Signed, Thora D. Becker  
Thora is survived by her husband of 63 years, David William Becker of Hillcrest Care Center in Boise; her twin sister, Dora Sorenson (Forrest) of Nampa, Idaho; her younger sister, Bernice Johnson of Oklahama City, Okla.; her four sisters-in-law, Marley Douglass (Nephew) of Rupert, Idaho, Cheryl Douglass (Orval) of Boise, Idaho, Dorothy Bryson (Earl) of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Nita and Elwood Becker of Jerome. Also many beloved nephews, nieces and cousins.

She is survived by her six children and their spouses, David and Dustin Becker, Douglass and Gloria Becker, Deborah and Jim Hudson, Diane and Reece Theobald, Daniel and Tammy Becker, and Donald and Cathy Becker, her 21 grandchildren and their spouses, Bill Becker, Evelyn and George Hadden, Erin and Dean Heileman, Lisa and Larry Stilmac, Sherry and Kelly Orr Broehl, Amie and Mark Shick, and Dave White, Lam and Derek Luce, Danielle Hutchison, Reece and Kellie Theobald, Reggie Becker, Rhett and Amy Theobald, Troy Becker, Mike Francis, Jeremy Hudson, Brent Baker, David (Tina) Becker, III, Tawna and Eddie Flecher, Kimberly and Blake Hansen, Telcia Becker and Dawson Becker; and 18 great-grandchildren (whom she would have wanted us to list) and two great-great-grandchildren. We believe that if ever there

was someone who deserved to be called great, great and grand it was our mother, Thora. There is a chapter in the Bible which one of our ministers said describes her perfectly and that is Proverbs 31 about the good wife and mother. She will be very much missed but her love will be with us always.

Many of Thora's friends and family will remember her cinnamon bownkots, which she always had on hand for holiday celebrations, picnics and potlucks. She was a great cook and many were blessed with gifts of food from her, including these cinnamon bownkots. Here is the recipe:

THORA BECKER'S CINNAMON BOWNKOTS  
1 cup milk  
2/3 cup margarine  
2/3 cup sugar  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 eggs, beaten  
4 1/2 cups flour  
2 packages yeast  
1/2 cup water  
Dissolve the yeast in the water... Don't have the milk hot or the water that the yeast goes in hot. It will kill the growth of the yeast. Scald the milk, add margarine, sugar and salt.

Cool a little, add dissolved yeast, eggs and two cups flour. Mix well and add the rest of the flour. Knead well. Cover with a damp cloth and allow to rise about 1 hour.

After it rises enough, make a mixture of two cups sugar to four tablespoons cinnamon and melt one cup butter or margarine in a pan. Punch down the dough. Take a portion of dough and roll between your hands until you get it as long as four inches and one inch in diameter. Dip into the melted butter and then roll into the cinnamon sugar mixture. Tie into a knot and put in muffin pans.

Carmel sauce, to be poured over cinnamon rolls before baking. Cook 3/4 quart of cream half and half and 3 cups of brown sugar together until it looks like candy cooking. Cool it and put about one tablespoon over each cinnamon knot.

Let cinnamon knots rise double. Cook at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until light brown - Immediately dump them on a sheet of waxed paper when they are removed from the oven, or they will stick so bad you can't get them out.

Let them cool at 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until light brown - Immediately dump them on a sheet of waxed paper when they are removed from the oven, or they will stick so bad you can't get them out.

A funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Jeffrey Porter officiating.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel and from 9 a.m. until noon Thursday morning at the chapel.

Declo considers grant application

By Mary Lynne Bristol Times-News correspondent

DECLO — City Council members weighed the advantages and disadvantages of applying — for a third time — for a community development block grant to help pay for improvements to the city's electric system during the April council meeting.

Jennifer Etter Hill of Region IV Development told council members the advantages include money administration of the grant by Region IV employees, the relationship with the state Commerce Department and a reason to raise rates, which she pointed out are the lowest in the area.

Disadvantages include the time frame to do the work if the city has to wait to receive the grant money, the need to hire an engineer, and possible strings attached to the receipt of

grant money. Other council business included:

- Impact area — Mayor Jay Darrington reported that Cassia County officials have asked city leaders to evaluate the Declo area of impact, which is now designated as the half-mile area surrounding the city.
- After some discussion, council members agreed to contact Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray to find out what procedures need to be followed to change boundaries of the impact area.
- Parking concerns — Council members decided to contact employees at the Idaho Transportation Department to see if signs could be placed at the intersection of Main Street and Idaho Highway 77 to regulate truck parking along the highway.

City officials have received

complaints that trucks parked there block the view of other drivers.

- Irrigation — Shirley Gaskill asked if her lawn could be watered with surface water from the Burley Irrigation District since she and her husband pay the irrigation district fee.
- She was told it would be too costly to put in the necessary plumbing to supply her with water and that her property would need to be properly landscaped so that it could be flood irrigated.
- Council members also learned that the school district is putting in a pump to irrigate school lawns with surface water.
- Firefighter plates — Council members agreed to pay half the cost of the department license plate frames to identify firefighters' private vehicles at fires.

Officer finds toddler 30 hours after father died in car crash

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — An 18-month-old girl survived a near-freezing night in the open and was found alive an estimated 30 hours after a car she was riding in went out of control and carewheeled into a creek bottom, killing her father.

Raylynn Miller, of Thermopolis, remained hospitalized Tuesday for dehydration and possible broken bones, one day after she was found by a police officer who was logging near the crash site about a mile west of Thermopolis in northwest Wyoming.

Authorities said she was saved by her car seat and later may

have been released from it by her dying father, Shye Miller, 22, of Thermopolis. He survived up to 15 hours after the crash, according to Coroner Clark Mortenson.

"If the coroner's correct on how long he was alive, there was some time that he could have crawled out and released her arm restraints, or she could have possibly released them herself, but she was sitting there at the scene," Highway Patrol Lt. Dave Guyass said Tuesday.

But the father, whose body was found next to the car, may have also caused the wreck by drinking, according to trooper Dan Smith.

Military support group changes meeting place

JEROME — The Magic Valley Military Support group has temporarily changed its meeting place. The group will meet from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in the fellowship hall downstairs at the Jerome Bible Baptist Church, 132 Second Ave. E. (behind the courthouse).

Anyone who has loved ones in the military or who wants to support those who do is invited. For more information, call Sharon at 536-6159 or Sharon at 536-6111.

Study gives green light to commuter rail

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — The environmental impact study for the proposed commuter rail between Salt Lake and Ogden has concluded that there are no obstacles to the Utah Transit Authority's \$500 million project.

The draft impact statement will be posted Friday on UTA's Web site, and it will be presented Tuesday night to a number

of city councils. The corridor runs along the railway already established by Union Pacific.

Environmentalists are not expected to contest this project.

**Meeting violations?**  
Lincoln County Prosecutor E. Scott Paul says the School Board violated Idaho's open meetings law on these occasions:

- Nov. 17, 2004: Board member Mike Cenarusa moved to add "personal issues" to an executive session.
- Upon exiting from executive session, Cenarusa makes a motion to consider school district consolidation.
- Jan. 18, 2004: The agenda for the special meeting of that day was posted on the same day as the meeting. State law requires that special meetings be posted with at least a 24-hour notice.
- Feb. 18, 2004: A special meeting that day had no agenda posted as notice. The board's claim that it was relying on the posting of an agenda by other school districts is not a defense, Paul said.

**A proposed deal**  
Paul said he won't pursue a lawsuit against the school board if it agrees to do the following:

1. Acknowledge that the Idaho Open Meetings Act applies to the board and to individuals acting on its behalf.
2. Agree to follow the act's requirements.
3. Post meeting agendas properly.
4. Keep a journal recording who posted meeting agendas and when.
5. Within 90 days have a third party review the Open Meetings Act with board members for one hour.
6. Acknowledge that the Lincoln County prosecutor could have filed a suit against the board, but instead will enter into this agreement.
7. The agreement will last one year.
8. Agree that school district consolidation was not discussed in executive session, but that confusion about it was the result of poor minute-taking.

Meetings

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tendent David Hoeklander said it shouldn't be a difficult decision because the district is already in the process of implementing most of the provisions of the agreement.

The board has started a journal to record when it posts meeting agendas and plans to have a board training session

on the open meetings law in July after the May 18 election. Four School Board seats are up for election.

Hoeklander said the board did not intentionally violate the law and will do what is necessary to rectify the situation.

"I suspect that they will sign that," Hoeklander said. "It shouldn't be anything too

difficult." Board member Mike Cenarusa said Tuesday he had no knowledge of the proposed agreement.

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Randy Hansen Campaign Gains Momentum with the Support of the House of Representatives Leadership and Its Members.

Today the leadership of the House of Representatives and 29 of its members endorsed the candidacy of former State Representative Randy Hansen who is now running for the open Senate seat in District 24. Lawrence Denney, the Republican Majority Leader stated, "Randy was one of the most effective legislators we have ever had in the legislature. In the joint finance and appropriations as a legislator (which is not ever done) he worked as hard as anyone. His integrity and respect is foremost in the legislature."

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Judge: Tie Al-Hussayen in or charges will be thrown out

BOISE (AP) — Federal prosecutors began tediously laying the groundwork on Tuesday that they claim will prove a University of Idaho graduate student was directly responsible for Internet communications advocating terrorism.

The 34-year-old doctoral candidate in computer science is charged with using his online skills to turn the Web site of the Islamic Assembly of North America in Michigan into a foundation for an Internet network of sites that finances and recruits terrorists. He is also charged with visa fraud and making false statements to hide his association with the assembly.



Samir Omar Al-Hussayen

If the court ends up having to strike testimony, it is very likely going to throw out the charges because, as I said yesterday, there is no way the jury can pick and choose what is applicable once it has seen evidence that is thrown out later.

Defense attorney David Nevin claims Al-Hussayen never tried to hide his connection to the assembly and was only volunteering his efforts as a committed Muslim to the assembly's programs for Islamic outreach. Any terrorist-related information or declarations that appear on Web sites or in e-mails to him from others do not reflect his beliefs or dictate his actions, Nevin has said.

Endangered snail could hold up bridge project

ST. ANTHONY (AP) — A tiny aquatic snail held up a bridge demolition near Fifth last year and could delay a long-awaited reconstruction of another span. The Utah Valvata snail is on the Endangered Species List. Fremont County is wanting to see whether the mollusk will delay a project to reconstruct the Salem Highway bridge over the Snake River ever further.

Highway is a major farm-to-market road and used by people commuting to Rexburg. The Idaho Transportation Department had scheduled work on the bridge this summer, along with rebuilding about a mile of the highway on either side. But the chance the snail may be living near the bridge could delay the project again.

"We'll probably have to hold off another year," said Weidon Reynolds, county road and bridge supervisor. The county has been working for nearly a decade to replace the narrow bridge. The Salem

leaved the snails did not thrive north of American Falls Reservoir. A \$3,000 survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service found demolition would not jeopardize the snails' survival. Earlier this year, the snail delayed a small erosion-control project proposed by Brigham Young University-Idaho on riverfront property it owns about six miles west of Rexburg. Charles Andersen, school physical facilities director, said Monday the university has not determined what course to take.

Passenger's behavior causes flight diversion

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Delta flight headed from Los Angeles to New York's JFK airport was diverted to Salt Lake City Tuesday after a man allegedly acted suspiciously with a butane lighter, alarmed the flight crew, officials said. The man, an Egyptian national heading to Cairo, was questioned by FBI agents at Salt Lake City International Airport but later released, said Michael Flerberg, public affairs manager for the Transportation Security Administration.

The flight later departed for New York at 1:15 p.m. The man, Anthony Black, a spokesman for Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines. As of Tuesday evening, it was unclear whether the man had boarded another Delta flight. Flerberg said Delta had refused to transport the man to New York, a claim an airline spokesman denied. "Once he is cleared by the TSA and is not a risk we cannot deny him flying with Delta," said Brian Pletzer, who would not disclose whether or not the man had boarded another Delta flight.

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"After saying 'what' and asking people to repeat themselves for 10 years, I finally made the decision to get a hearing test," she says. "Not to mention, my littlest daughter, now 11 years old, kept saying to me, 'Mom, I don't want to have to say it three times.'"

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

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

She is so pleased with the hearing aids provided by Professional Hearing Aid Services, she tells everyone. "I even take them out to show people and say, see how small! And ask them to try it!" She also tells everyone to go to Professional Hearing Aid Services for their hearing healthcare. "They take care of you!"



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# QUITE A QUILTER

By Coreen Hart  
Times-News correspondent

**P**AUL—She's a winner, no slouch at quilting contests. Shirley Kraus has even seen her entries come back to her on the covers of brochures — and she's won tons of fabric and quilting supplies.

Kraus, who has created more than 40 quilts, is a perfectionist who often spends months on a wall hanging, developing her own pattern as she goes along.

She rarely works in browns and rusts, preferring bold, jewel-toned prints with occasional solids.

Her double wedding ring is made from fancy-cut print motifs, with each ring identical to its mate. Not even an engineer can find a variation.

Kraus' husband, Ruben, is an engineer. "It's so nice to see her handle the little stuff," he said. "If I can't do it with a grader and a loader, I'm out of luck."

Kraus' grandparents built the first house in Paul, and Clark Street was named for them.

Her grandfather, Thomas Ewing "T.E." Clark, was an Idaho senator from Minidoka County.

Her first national contest award was a House of Fabrics competition in 1991.

She took the grand prize for a wall hanging, "Festiva," a basket with asymmetrical stars and appliqued scrollwork.

It went on to the Festival of the American West in Logan, Utah, where it won Best Wall Hanging. From there, Kraus entered it in the Idaho State Fair at Pocatello, the Eastern Idaho State Fair at Blackfoot and the Western Idaho State Fair at Boise.

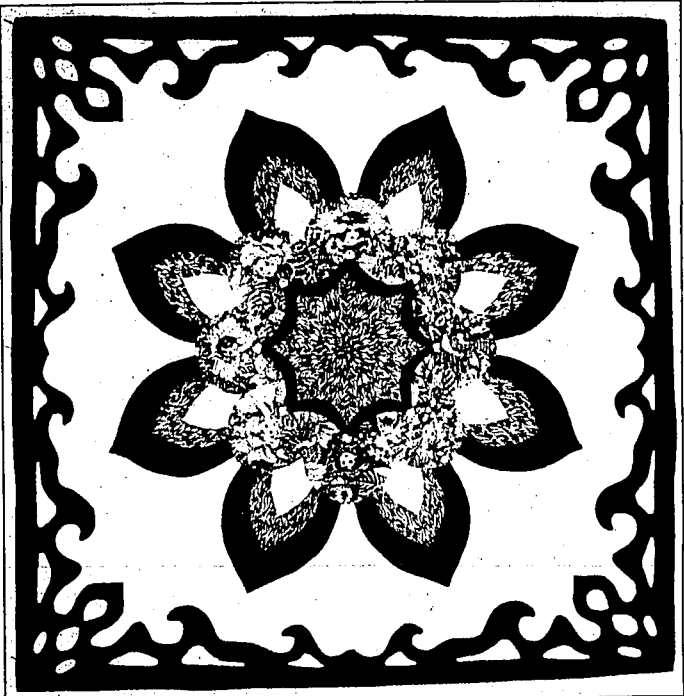
It took Best Wall Hanging each time.

In 1993, Kraus won a trip to New England for her Keepsake Quilting, "Faces" was an experiment in the reflections in a jewel.

At the 1994 Hoffman Challenge, Kraus garnered Best of Show, "Erica's Jardin Verde" (green garden) is a medallion quilt from Kraus' ellipse period. Her granddaughter in second-year Spanish helped her name it.

It toured the United States in a traveling exhibit, and was accepted at the Northwest Quilt Show.

That same year, Kraus' 35-by-37 1/2 "Jennie's Basket" was pictured on the cover of an American School of Needlework book titled "Basket Quilt Show." She had a quilt featured



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Peer closely and you'll see the faces of flower fairies peeking out of 'Victorian Gardens.'

Miniature Quilts magazine. "The Sun Coming Down the Mountain," a medallion quilt with ellipses edging the center motif, features the tones Kraus sees in Idaho sunrises.

In 1999, "Little Wagon," an appliqued Conestoga wagon design, was featured in Miniature Quilts.

Recently, Kraus has become interested in kaleidoscope quilts, designed by creating a 30- or 60-degree segment using drafting paper and templates, then repeating it until it makes a complete round. She read about the technique in "Kaleidoscopes and Quilts," by Paula Nadelstern, who copied designs from her own child's toy.

Kraus took the process one step further, rendering the jewel-like images in prints.

"I have taught this class to small groups of quilters," she said. "The concept is really hard, but I love nothing better than to share these new ideas."

Her friend Renee Clark has contributed a number of Indonesian batik prints to works in progress. Distinctive images — swans, fish, animals, birds — are combined with a "crackle" background using a wax-resist process. Kraus says batiks work beautifully in her kaleidoscope

quilt. One wall hanging that gives her special pleasure is a hand-painted panel with photo transfers. Antique photos of family members, and the photographer identification marks on the back, are appliqued and stuffed. Then Kraus embroiders a faux face edging around each one.

These days, she is using fabric paint to design her own fabrics.

She uses elements from nature, such as leaves and flowers out of her garden, to pattern the colors as they flow into each other.

Salt sprinkled on the paint creates an emulsion. Some of the blue pieces look like a bird's-eye view of tropical island shoals, the breakers churning over a coral reef.

Kraus' advice to those who want to experiment with quilting designs or enter contests is short and to the point.

"Dive right in," she says. "Try new things. You've got to keep the magic. It's like when you paint and the picture gets moving. Then it starts working."

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Shirley Kraus, who has created more than 40 quilts, often spends months on a wall hanging, developing her own pattern as she goes along.

in the American Quilt Society engagement calendar that year, too. "Remember Grandmother" contained miniature flower garden blocks surrounded by 36 even smaller blocks in the border. That quilt was juried into the Mid-Atlantic Festival at Williamsburg, Pa. Of that experience, Kraus said, "I made 13 miniature blocks and thought, 'boy, I've had enough of this!'" In 1996, Kraus won Best of Show at the Western Heritage in Billings, Mont., for "A Leaf Peeper's View," referring to autumn leaves one — "I didn't know what I was doing" and took Invitational Pacific Northwestern Quilters honors with a quilt that was later featured in

## Strawberrylicious: When too much is not enough

By Emily Green  
Los Angeles Times

Strawberries don't wait for you to find them. They beckon. Their botanical name, "Fragaria," means fragrance, and it's their sudden perfume in farmers' markets that signals the start of a new fruit season.

From April through June, they're at their sweetest. A really good strawberry will be red almost to the center and highly perfumed, and — don't laugh — will taste of pineapple.

London chef Jeremy Lee once took an English boarding school dish of smashed meringues, strawberries and cream called "Eton Mess" and wrote it into a recipe for the Guardian newspaper. The dish is heavenly. The meringues dissolve, becoming suspended in the cream, where they act as a subtle sweetener, gently accenting the berry.

Edouard Waycott, former jam maker to Campanile restaurant in Los Angeles, is a genius with strawberries. Typical jam recipes call for one part sugar to two parts fruit, with the sugar acting

as the setting agent. The sweetness too often upstages the strawberries, so Waycott used one part sugar to six parts fruit. By macerating the fruit overnight, then cooking it for a long time — slowly and gently in a broad, shallow pan — the berries retain their form and flavor.

The packaging strawberries come in leaves them in moist traps that invite rot. So get the berries home, fast. Or take a cooler with chill packs to the market. Once home, do not rinse before storing. You can brush and trim obvious crud — but never submerge.

Before packing, pick out and discard damaged or moldy berries. Get an airtight plastic container (deep rectangular Tupperware box) and line the bottom with a paper towel. Cover the bottom with the first pint. Cover them with another layer of paper towel. Cover with another layer of berries. I've stored as many as five layers of berries in one large tub. Cover the last layer — the paper will absorb excess moisture. Then store in the top shelf of the fridge, the coldest one.

### SLOW-COOKED STRAWBERRY PRESERVES

12 pint baskets (1 flat) strawberries  
2 cups sugar (3 for tart berries)

Juice of 1 medium-sized lemon  
Brush or lightly rinse the berries without submerging them in water.

Remove the hulls, leaving the berries whole. Combine the berries, sugar and juice in a nonaluminum bowl. Allow the berries to macerate at room temperature, stirring occasionally, for at least 3 to 4 hours. The mixture can be covered and refrigerated overnight at this point. Divide the berries and the juice (it will yield approximately two pints) in equal shallow pans — a large copper-bottomed risotto pan or cast-iron enameled pot is good. If using a thin pan, use a heat diffuser to avoid hot spots. Bring the mixture to a boil over high heat, skim the foam that collects on the surface, then reduce the heat to low. Make sure

bubbles continue to break the surface.

Stir the mixture gently, pushing the berries in a gentle circle, taking care not to slice through them or break them up. Part of the charm of the jam is the proportion of whole berries.

After about 20 minutes, the berries will give up additional juices and appear to be floating. Press them with a wooden spoon and skim off foam, placing the foam in a bowl near the stove. As the fourth juice collects, skim it, and return the red juice to the pan. Continue cooking the berries, stirring and skimming occasionally for 3 to 4 hours.

The cooking time will vary depending on the berries, the amount of sugar, the type of pan and the heat from burners. The jam is almost done when it turns dark red, the ratio of berries to juice is about equal and it begins to coat a wooden



Los Angeles Times photo

Eton Mess combines meringues, strawberries and cream.

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FOOD & HOME

# Eat your flowers

We eat fruits and vegetables, but not flowers? Edible flowers have become more common in better restaurants as garnishes. Diners, however, generally just push them aside — like they used to do with the more familiar parsley. Folks might be missing something tasty.

Nasturtiums and pansies are the most widely used edible flowers. You can find them gracing salads in restaurants across the country. They're pretty, and nasturtiums smell slightly sweet. They taste sweet-then-peppery. Definitely worth tossing into a salad.

Blue pansies have a sort of wintergreen flavor, according to Cathy Wilkinson Barash, another garden writer who says she's tried them. She recommends we spread some cream cheese on a plain cracker and top it with a whole pansy. If you plan ahead, you could even plant some pansy seeds to match the colors of a special event, such as a wedding reception. Pansies are really pretty sitting atop a cake, too.

Those dreaded dandelions — their flowers, actually — are edible when young. Some varieties have been bred for their size and leaves, which will undoubtedly surprise your neighbors. Native Americans dipped the entire young flower in egg, then combed before frying it. Comes out tasting something like a mushroom.

Calendulas, or pot marigold, used to be called "poor man's saffron." The petals can be used like saffron, but the petals need to be chopped and cooked with oil to bring out the color and flavor. Sauté a bit of chopped onions in some olive oil, add chopped calendula petals, rice and boiling water or broth. The result is something like paella. Barash says calendula petals are good in carrot cake — sprinkled



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
Cathy Walworth

on the cream cheese icing. Squash blossoms taste something like zucchini or yellow squash. All squash flowers are edible. Stuff them with flavored bread crumbs or ricotta cheese and sauté. Pumpkin and gourd flowers are edible, too.

"Lemon Gem" and "Tangerine Gem" are the only edible marigolds. They have a citrus-tarragon flavor with little or no scent, Barash says. When you pull the petals from the flower, break off the right-angled portion. It is bitter. Marigolds add spice to deviled eggs.

Most herb flowers are safe to eat. Their flavor is milder and sweeter than the leaves we normally eat. Try growing dill, fennel, arugula, basil, chives, mustard and society garlic. Add their flowers to a potato or macaroni salad.

Spice up your life. Pop a pansy in your mouth.

**TIP OF THE WEEK:** Though we wouldn't use chemicals on edible flowers, we did talk about using weed killers recently. Here's a tip for getting more bang for your buck: Read the label. The one on the front, printed in microscopic type. It will tell you how much, percentage-wise, of the active ingredient that product contains. Make sure you're getting more product and less water for your dollar.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at [caw@pmt.org](mailto:caw@pmt.org)

# Desert interlude: Grow some cacti

By Beth Botts  
Chicago Tribune

As you gather plants for the patio pots, think beyond begonias and geraniums and consider the sculptural possibilities of cacti and succulents. They not only will bring interest to your outdoor plantings — you'll find they are tough survivors next winter in the bone-dry climate of a centrally heated home.

Succulents and cacti are desert plants that thrive in dry air, says Mike Geimer, of Geimer Greenhouses Inc. in Long Grove, Ill.

But they also can tolerate temperature extremes, such as the sunny, hot days and cool nights of a winter windswept. And if you fly off for a few days' island getaway, they won't die from lack of water.

These are plants that have evolved to thrive where water is scarce.

Most have thick, fleshy leaves or stems to store water and leathery skin to keep it in. Succulents — a broad category of plants with structures adapted for retaining water — include kalanchoe (of florists' shops), mother-in-law's tongue (Sansevieria) and Aloe vera (of hand lotion fame). They are found all over the world in habitats that range from bone-dry to tropical.

Cacti are a family of succulents found almost exclusively in the Americas.

They tend to have compact shapes and scales or spines, which can be soft and furry or wickedly sharp.

As houseplants, the one major demand of most succulents and cacti is sun. They will delight in the full sun of a deck or patio.

Indoors, cacti need a south or southwest window with bright all-day light, says Daniel Bernacki, of Ted's Greenhouse Inc. in Tinley Park, Ill. Some fanciers grow their cacti under lights.

Most cacti grown at home are small, Bernacki says, because you are unlikely to be able to provide the year-round light levels a big cactus needs. A cactus needs as much sun as possible and as small a pot as possible. A little torture never hurts.

Before watering a succulent, Bernacki suggests feeling an older leaf.

If the leaf feels firm and turgid, the plant contains plenty of water.

If the leaf feels a little soft, the plant is starting to use up its stored supply, and it's time for a drink.

Some succulents need more water than others: pencil cactus, with its thin stems, needs a little more than fleshy-leaved aloe.

Cacti and succulents need extremely well-drained soil, with large particles that leave plenty of space for the air the plant's roots need.

Ted's mixes its own formula that involves cacti (coconut shell fiber) and crushed pumice (volcanic rock).

Geimer suggests taking a good standard potting mix and cutting it half and half with perlite.

Special cactus mix is available in some garden centers. Don't use sand, Bernacki says. "Sand actually holds quite a lot of water."

Every couple of weeks, use a balanced liquid fertilizer, for example 10-10-10, at one-quarter the strength suggested on the label. But in winter, cut back even more on fertilizer

and water. Gradually increase the watering and feeding as days grow longer.

Once the danger of frost is past, gradually introduce the plants to the outdoors if you have a yard or a balcony.

Move the plants first to a shaded spot, then gradually shift them to more sun.

They can stay outside until frost retreats.

The sculptural shapes of many succulents make them striking additions to the home. And — as long as they get sun and an occasional sip — they'll laze through hot summer days and then cruise through a cold winter.

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# Berries

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spoon. At the end of 3 hours, tart berries cooked with more sugar should be done.

It might take closer to 4 hours for berries cooked with the lesser amount of sugar.

If necessary, after 4 hours, raise the temperature to quickly

cook off excess water, stirring to prevent scorching.

To test for how the preserves will set, put a spoonful on a frozen plate and see how it gels.

Turn off heat and can in the usual way, or allow to cool and refrigerate and use within several days. Makes 9 to 12 cups

## ETON MESS

Meringues:  
4 egg whites  
1 1/4 cups sugar, divided  
Heat the oven to 300 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment.

In a mixing bowl, whisk the egg whites until soft peaks form.

Add half the sugar, and continue beating until the peaks have re-formed.

Stop beating and fold in the remaining sugar.

Place 12 equal-sized dollops of the meringue mixture on the papered sheets.

Put the sheets in the oven for five minutes, then open the door and reduce the temperature to 275 degrees.

Close the oven door and continue to cook for 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 hours.

The meringues will be ready when they are a pale golden color and can be lifted effortlessly from the paper.

Eton mess:  
4 pints (about 3 3/4 pounds) ripe strawberries  
8 meringues  
2 cups heavy cream

Hull the strawberries and halve them, or if they are very large, cut them into quarters.

Place them in the bottom of a large bowl.

Break the meringues into bite-sized pieces, and scatter them over the strawberries.

Lightly whip the cream, and spoon it over the meringues and strawberries.

Gently fold until mixed together.

Refrigerate for 30 minutes to chill, then serve as soon as possible (best eaten within a few hours).

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# Lamb adds class to any family dinner

By Linda Gesebenhizer  
The Miami Herald

These lamb chops are juicy, tender and cook in minutes. Look for very small, sweet creamer or new potatoes, about 3/4 to 1 inch in diameter. Green beans cut into 1- to 2-inch pieces or snow peas can be substituted for sugar snap peas.

## MEDITERRANEAN LAMB

Olive oil spray  
3/4 pound lamb chop cut from the leg  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
1/2 cup plain, nonfat yogurt  
1 garlic clove, crushed  
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/4 cup pitted, diced, cucumber  
Heat a nonstick skillet on medium-high heat.  
Spray with olive oil spray. Add lamb and saute 2 minutes. Turn and sprinkle salt and pepper on cooked side. Saute 2 more minutes.  
Lower heat to medium, cover

with a lid and cook 2 minutes for 1/2-inch thick chop, 4 minutes for 1-inch thick.

A meat thermometer should read 125 degrees for rare or 145 degrees for medium.

Mix yogurt, garlic, cumin and cucumber.  
Spoon over lamb and serve. Serve with Creamers with Sugar Snap Peas.

Makes 2 servings.  
Creamers and Sugar Snap Peas:  
3/4 pound creamers or new potatoes  
1/4 pound sugar snap peas, trimmed  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Wash potatoes; do not peel. Place in a large saucepan and add cold water to cover the potatoes.

Cover with a lid and place over high heat. Boil 15 minutes. Add sugar snap peas and boil 1 minute.  
Drain and toss with olive oil and salt and pepper to taste.

# Vegetarians take over the Northwest

By CoCo Sullivan  
The Seattle Times

The Vegetarians of Washington, the largest organization of its kind in the Northwest, says we should take a closer look at living the veg-life in "Veg-Feasting in the Pacific Northwest: Vegetarian Dining, Shopping and Living" (Book Publishing Co., \$12.95).

## RAVIOLI & TOMATO SALAD WITH BASIL

Serves 4 to 6  
2 red bell peppers  
10 ounces cheese ravioli (see note)  
1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes  
3/4 cup basil leaves  
3/4 cup mixed good quality

olives, halved and pitted  
Optional: 2 small peperoncini, seeded and minced (see note)  
3 tablespoons capers, rinsed  
3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided  
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar, divided

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper  
Cut each bell pepper in half lengthwise and remove stems and seeds.  
Score the curved edges and press lightly so peppers lay flat. Place on a baking sheet under a hot broiler.

Broil until the skins blacken. Remove from oven and place a damp paper towel on top. Cool, then remove blackened skins.  
Cut peppers into thin strips about 2 inches long.  
Cut tomatoes in half.  
Cut basil leaves into shreds. Combine tomatoes and basil in a bowl with pepper strips, olives, peperoncini, capers, 2 tablespoons olive oil, 1/2 tablespoon vinegar, salt and pepper. Blend well and set aside.

Cook ravioli according to package directions.  
Test for tenderness, then drain and cool briefly.  
Cut each ravioli in half on the diagonal, then toss with the vegetable mix, marinate at room temperature 30 minutes.  
Toss with remaining olive oil and vinegar.

Adjust seasonings if needed and serve at room temperature. (Refrigerate if making longer than 1 hour ahead, but return to

room temperature before serving.)

**NOTE:** A cheese ravioli with feta is a nice flavor in this salad. We used one from Cucina Fresca, but any other cheese blend will do.

Peperoncini is a mildly spicy pickled pepper from Greece, but another pickled pepper can be used.

Or substitute a small jar of drained and chopped artichoke hearts.

Data per 1 of 6 serving: Calories: 220; Protein: 5.5g; Fat: 14.27g; Carbohydrates: 20.70g; Sodium: 921mg; Saturated fat: 2.89g; Monounsaturated fat: 8.99g; Polyunsaturated fat: 1.10g; Cholesterol: 3.73mg

— Adapted from "Vegetarian Cooking for Everyone" by Deborah Madison.

# Zucchini soup makes a great summer starter

By Ellen Hawks  
The Baltimore Sun

Lillian Gold of Baltimore wrote that she had purchased a wonderful zucchini soup from a market in Baltimore. Elaine Spinelli of Woodstock, Ill., wrote: "This is an excellent recipe. You could add potatoes if (you) wanted."

## CREAM OF ZUCCHINI SOUP

3 to 4 cups sliced zucchini  
1/2 cup water  
2 tablespoons diced onion  
1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt  
1/2 teaspoon parsley flakes  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons flour  
1/8 teaspoon white pepper  
1 teaspoon chicken stock base or 1 bouillon cube  
1 cup milk plus more if needed

1/2 cup half-and-half  
Soup cream (optional)  
Paprika (optional)

Combine the first 5 ingredients in a saucepan and cook until very tender and only a small amount of water is left, about 10 minutes. Add butter and let melt. Stir in flour, pepper and chicken stock base. Blend well and add 1 cup milk and half-and-half. Simmer until thickened. If soup is too thick, add more milk. If desired, serve topped with a dollop of sour cream and a sprinkle of paprika.

**NOTE:** You may add 1 par-boiled, peeled red potato, sliced, to the first five ingredients. Then, once the soup is fully cooked, puree in two batches in the food processor and return to a simmer in the saucepan. With the addition of the potato, you may need to add almost another cup of milk and a bit of extra salt.

# Cook almost anywhere with Baby Q

By Liz Atwood  
The Baltimore Sun

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# Mott's applesauce becomes more kid-friendly

By Liz Atwood  
The Baltimore Sun

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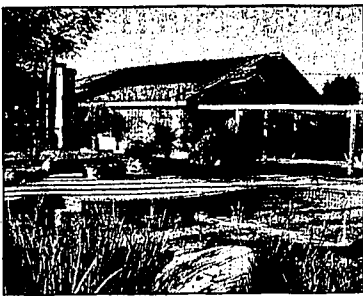
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# Skylights could cut electric bills

**DEAR JIM:** Our electric bills are high, probably due to so many lamps being on. I have always liked natural light and skylights. Are venting skylights as efficient as standard ones and is glass or plastic better?

—RITA M.

**DEAR RITA:** The natural light from adding a skylight can totally transform the feeling you have in a room and can cut your electric bills as you mentioned.

Lighting is one of the primary consumers of electricity in many homes, not to mention all the bulb replacement costs over the years.

Unless you have allergies and must air-condition continuously, a venting skylight is your most efficient choice.

It is basically a casement window mounted in your ceiling.

Since the hot air naturally rises, opening a venting skylight will exhaust this hot air and create a comfortable breeze inside your home without air-conditioning.

A venting skylight will cost somewhat more than a standard fixed skylight, but the air-conditioning savings should payback the additional cost over its life.

Good-quality brands are well-made with weather-stripping and are not more prone to leakage during rain storms than a fixed skylight.

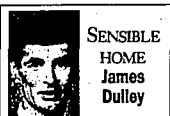
The two control options you have are a manual crank or an electric motor to operate the skylight.

A long crank handle is easy to operate, but if your budget allows select one with an electric motor.

The motor operates for only a few seconds, so it uses a negligible amount of electricity.

Many of the electric models include a hand-held remote control similar to a television.

With this convenience, you will tend to open and close the skylight more often for the optimum energy savings and



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comfort.

If the skylight faces south or west, select a model which is also wired for solar screening. Using the same remote, the screen slides over the skylight.

For do-it-yourselfers, select a self-flashing model.

To install this, just cut a hole in the roof and mount the skylight.

Curb-mounted skylights require you to flash it to eliminate leaks.

The least expensive option is to build your own skylight curb and install the flashing. If you don't have a sloped cathedral ceiling, you will have to build a lightwell to the roof.

Glass is often preferred, but it is more expensive than plastic. Plastic, especially triple-pane is as efficient as glass, but it does not provide as clear a view.

In some rooms though, the view to the roof is not important and just getting natural light is the goal. If you want glass, select double-pane low-e argon glass as a minimum or add laminated glass to block more fading rays.

One skylight design converts into a balcony and is ideal for steep roofs.

The skylight is hinged at the top. When it swings open, a bottom-section with a safety rail extends out so it becomes a balcony you can stand in.

Write for (instantly downloadable - [www.dulley.com](http://www.dulley.com)) Update Bulletin No. 673 — buyer's guide of 11 skylight manufacturers listing frame materials, shapes, flashing/glass options, accessories, features, sizing charts, and lightweight construction details. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dulley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

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Natural light spills into the vaulted entry through a side-light.

Just past the coat closet, you step into the high-ceilinged, vaulted great room.

Windows fill most of the rear wall.

Two of them are sliders that provide patio access and summer air circulation.

The kitchen is designed for efficiency. Stove, sink and refrigerator are all within a few steps of each other.

The raised eating bar gives family and friends a place to sit and chat with kitchen workers.

Laundry appliances are close by, tucked in a passageway that links the kitchen and garage.

The garage door opens to the left side, rather than the front. People who prefer not seeing



a big garage door when they look at their home will appreciate this feature.

Three bedrooms (or two and a den/office) fill the right side of the home.

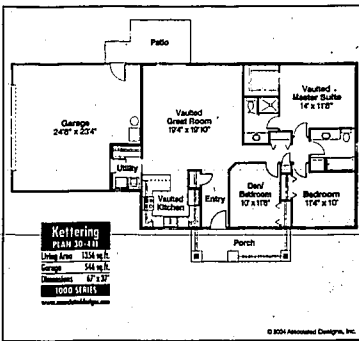
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FOOD & HOME

Puerto Rican food reflects country's roots

Ever wonder what Puerto Rican food is like? Recently, I picked up a book of Puerto Rican cooking and have had fun experimenting with the recipes. Puerto Rico is a melting pot and, like the rest of the Caribbean, the food reflects the country's roots.

It all started with the original Indian inhabitants — the folks who were there when Columbus landed somewhere in the islands south of Florida. They contributed potatoes, peppers, beans, corn and squash. Then came European explorers and settlers — Spanish, British, Dutch, Irish, French, Portuguese — people from every corner of Europe, who brought along chicken, oregano, tomato, cheese, ham, peas, olives and turnips. African slaves who worked the sugar plantations brought watermelons, sweet potatoes and okra. Indentured servants from China and India brought cherries, rice and curry.

Apparently in Puerto Rico, a hot pepper sauce is kept handy as a condiment to add extra zing to dishes.

**SASHA PEPPER SAUCE**

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh hot chilies  
2 tablespoons finely chopped onion  
1/2 teaspoon finely chopped garlic  
3 tablespoons vinegar  
1/4 cup water  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
Combine the chilies, onions and garlic in a bowl. Mix and bring the vinegar, water and salt to a boil and pour over the chili mixture. Pour oil over the top. Store tightly covered in refrigerator. Keeps for up to a month.

PUERTO RICAN CHICKEN & RICE STEW

1 teaspoon chopped garlic  
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 1/2- to 3-pound chicken, cut into serving pieces  
3 tablespoons shortening  
1/2 cup chopped onions  
3/4 cup chopped green peppers  
2 ounces lean boneless ham (about 1/2 cup) chopped into 1/4-inch cubes  
4 medium ripe tomatoes peeled, seeded and chopped



VALLEY COOKING  
Dede Thomas Reale

OR

1/2 cups chopped and drained tomatoes  
2 cups cooked long grain rice  
6 cups chicken stock  
Fresh ground black pepper  
1 10-ounce package frozen peas, drained  
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese  
1/4 cup pimento-stuffed green olives  
1 whole canned pimento, drained and cut lengthwise into 1/2-inch strips

With a mortar and pestle, mash the garlic, oregano and salt to a smooth paste. Fat the pieces of chicken dry with a paper towel and rub with the garlic paste. In a heavy 4- to 5-quart deep dish skillet or pan, heat the shortening. Place chicken pieces into the hot shortening. Turn and brown to a golden color. Transfer to a plate. Add the onions and green pepper to the fat and stir frequently. Cook for about five minutes, or until vegetables are soft but not brown. Stir in the ham, add the tomatoes and cook briskly until most of the liquid evaporates. Return the chicken to the casserole and turn the pieces till the chicken is coated with the tomato mixture. Reduce heat to low and simmer about 30 minutes or till chicken is tender. Transfer to a plate and when cool, remove meat from bones and cut into 2-inch squares. Meanwhile stir rice, chicken stock, a few grindings of pepper and enough water to keep the dish from drying out into the tomato mixture remaining in pan. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce to low, cover tightly and simmer for about 20 minutes, or until the grains are completely tender. The mixture will be soupy when the rice is cooked. Stir in the

peas, grated cheese and olives. Add chicken and place pimento strips on top. Cover and simmer for 2 to 3 minutes longer to heat the peas and chicken through. Taste to adjust seasoning and serve at once, directly from the pan.

CORNMEAL CAKE WITH RAISINS & CHERRIES

1 tablespoon plus 1/2 pound butter  
2 cups yellow cornmeal  
2 cups flour  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
Pinch of salt  
6 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 cup milk  
2 tablespoons rum (optional)  
1 cup seedless raisins  
1/4 cup candied cherries  
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease bottom and sides of 8-inch springform pan with 1 tablespoon butter. Stir cornmeal and flour together. In a deep bowl cream the remaining butter, sugar and 2 tablespoons cornmeal mixture till light and fluffy. Add the vanilla, nutmeg and salt. Beatting consistently, slowly pour the eggs in a thin stream. Beat in about 1 cup of the flour/cornmeal mixture, then 1/4 cup milk. Continue alternating until all the flour/cornmeal and milk have been combined. Stir in the rum, raisins and cherries and pour the batter into the prepared

pan. Bake in the middle of the oven for 1 1/2 hours or until the top of the cake is golden and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Let the cake cool for 4 to 5 minutes before removing the sides of the springform pan. Then with the aid of a spatula, slide off the bottom of the pan. Cool completely on a rack.

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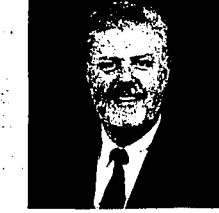
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FOOD & HOME

# Try serving watermelon cookies

Taste of Home

Sue Ann Benham of Valparaiso, Ind., says, "When I made these rich butter cookies for a neighborhood event, one woman thought they were so attractive that she kept one in her freezer for the longest time so she could show it to friends and relatives."

## WATERMELON SLICE COOKIES

- 3/4 cup butter (no substitutes), softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon pure almond extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Red and green gel food coloring
- 1/3 cup raisins
- 1 teaspoon sesame seeds
- In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar.
- Beat in egg and extract.
- Combine the flour, baking powder and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture.
- Set aside 1 cup of dough.
- Tint remaining dough red; shape into a 3 1/2-inch-diameter log.
- Wrap in plastic wrap.
- Tint 1/3 cup of the reserved dough green; wrap in plastic wrap.
- Wrap remaining plain dough. Refrigerate for 2 hours or until firm.
- On a lightly floured surface,



Most too cute to eat, these Watermelon Slice Cookies are sure to draw comments and compliments.

roll plain dough into an 8 1/2-by-3 1/2-inch rectangle. Place red dough log on the end of a short side of the rectangle; roll up. Roll green dough into a 10-by-3 1/2-inch rectangle. Place red and white log on the end of a short side on green

dough; roll up. Wrap in plastic wrap; refrigerate overnight. Unwrap and cut into 3/16-inch slices (just less than 1/4 inch). Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Cut raisins into small pieces.

Lightly press raisin bits and sesame seeds into red dough to resemble watermelon seeds. Bake at 350 for 9-11 minutes or until firm. Immediately cut cookies in half. Remove to wire racks to cool. Yield: 3 dozen.

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# KFC starts roasting

KFC

LOUISVILLE, KY — KFC Corporation (KFC) announced Tuesday that it is serving up a new line of non-fried menu items.

The Oven Roasted products — starting with an Oven Roasted Strips Meal and Roasted Twister sandwich — will be available on May 10.

In addition and currently in test in cities around the country are Oven Roasted chickensalads, Roasters flatbread sandwiches and chicken rice bowls.

"Our new Oven Roasted products are lower in fat and lower in carbohydrates than our fried menu options," said KFC President Gregg Dedrick.

The Oven Roasted Strips Meal consists of two freshly prepared boneless chicken filet strips seasoned with a unique blend of herbs and spices, served over a bed of long-grain rice with a side of southern-style green beans.

The Oven Roasted Twister Sandwich Wrap consists of two oven roasted chickenstrips, marinated in special seasoning, fresh Romaine lettuce, tomatoes and KFC's unique pepper mayonnaise, all wrapped in a warm tortilla for a complete, portable meal. Roasters feature oven roasted, all-white meat chicken topped with crisp Romaine lettuce, chunky vegetable relish and a savory sauce all folded into a grilled flatbread.

Flavor choices are Southwestern and Honey Mustard. Chicken Rice Bowls are a complete meal featuring oven roasted, all-white meat diced chicken tossed with warm sea-

soned rice and flavorful garden vegetables.

Flavor choices are Teriyaki and Homestyle.

The BLT Salad includes a Romaine and Iceberg lettuce blend, diced tomatoes, diced chunks of oven-roasted strips topped with chopped-bacon and served with Hidden Valley Ranch dressing.

A chicken Caesar salad will also be available.

The Three Cheese Oven Roasted Strips Meal consists of three boneless chicken filet strips topped with a shredded three cheese blend and served with southern-style green beans and a side garden salad with Hidden Valley Ranch dressing.

The Oven Roasted Mini Twister includes one oven roasted chicken strip, a blend of Romaine and Iceberg lettuce, diced tomatoes and a pepper mayonnaise sauce, all wrapped up in a whole wheat soft tortilla.

To support the new products, all KFC stores will feature new menu boards with value meals on the left, a new green section in the center and KFC's favorite snackables like Honey BBQ Wings and Popcorn Chicken on the right.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Hey, Ruth, I guess Claret really isn't ready for the NFL - if he can't even get past a 70-year-old woman.

"Best Damn Sports Show Period's" Tom Arnold, on "Things You Wouldn't Say To..." Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg" after the Supreme Court Justice had denied Maurice Claret's appeal for eligibility for the NFL draft

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What current Pacific 10 Conference Hall of Fame coach followed Jerry Turkman, at Long Beach State in 1973?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school golf

Minico, Twin Falls, Jerome at Falls Classic, Girls Invitational, Sandebeck GC, 10 a.m.

High school baseball

Twin Falls at Burley, 3:30 p.m.

High school tennis

Century at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.

Duo at Burley, 3:30 p.m.

Minico at Wood River, 4 p.m.

High school softball

Highland at Twin Falls (2), 4 p.m.

Minico at Madison (2), 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bruins Little

Spiker Camp set

TWIN FALLS - All children in grades 4-8 are invited to attend the Bruins Little Spiker Volleyball Camp from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on May 1 at Twin Falls High School.

The cost for those who pre-register is \$25, with a fee of \$30 for those who sign up on the day of the camp. The cost includes a camp T-shirt.

All campers will need to wear volleyball shoes or a pair of sturdy tennis shoes. Knee pads may also be brought to the camp.

Contact Nick Walker at 733-2166 or e-mail her at walkern@tfsd.k12.id.us to register.

Third Raptor Run

fund-raiser is planned

GOODING - The third annual Raptor Run will be held May 15 in Gooding to raise money for scholarships for blind and deaf students attending the College of Southern Idaho.

The Raptor Run is a five-kilometer walk-run and 10-kilometer run. Events and categories for all family members, including a children's one-mile run are scheduled. Advance entry fees are \$20 for the five- or 10-kilometer events, \$10 for children ages 10 and under, or \$40 per family. Fees include a T-shirt for the event.

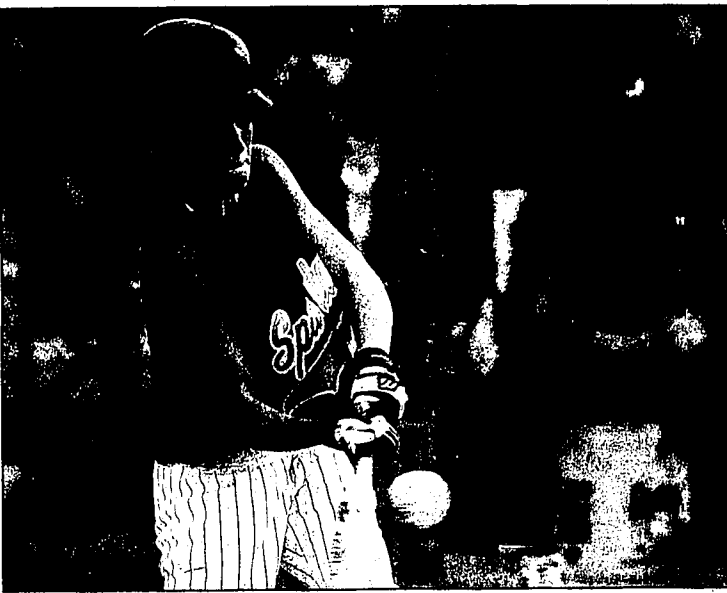
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The children's event starts at 8:30 a.m. and main events begin at 9 a.m. All events start and finish at the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind in Gooding.

For more information, contact Paula Mason, ISDB education coordinator with the College of Southern Idaho, at 732-6257 or pmason@csd.edu.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

"Midnight" Lute Olson, who took the 49ers to a 24-2 record in his lone season at the Beach before heading to Iowa for nine years and then to Arizona.

Spartans slip by Tigers



Minico's Meghan Boettcher takes a swing during the sixth inning of the Spartans' game at Jerome Tuesday afternoon.

Minico downs error-prone Jerome

By Eric Larson Times-News writer

JEROME - The Jerome Tiger softball team started Tuesday's game against the Minico Spartans with two consecutive errors, and things went downhill from there.

The Tigers committed eight errors during the seven-inning game and fell to Minico, 5-2.

The Spartans didn't score an earned run during the game, but they didn't have to. Spartan pitcher and lead-off hitter Amber Warth scored in the first inning after reaching base on an error. Raquel Roberts and Alecia Gomez tied the game in the top of the fourth.

Warth came in again in the fifth on a play that saw the Tigers commit two separate errors.

"We had way too many errors to win a game," Jerome coach Jared Clinger said. "Every one of their runs came off an error. I just hope we got those worked out of our system now."

Minico also started off sloppy, committing three errors in the first three innings before settling down.

Warth was a major factor in the outcome of the game. The junior pitcher struck out nine batters in her complete-game win to move her record to 12-3 on the season.

"Warth pitched a great game," Clinger said. "The Spartan ace didn't give up an earned run either, as every run in the game came off

one of the combined twelve errors. But the Spartans were able to settle into a groove late and improve their record to 13-5.

"Sometimes it takes time to go through the order to relax and just play the game," Minico coach Jackie Ransick said.

"But we did a good job in not letting those errors snowball on us and turn a one-error inning into six errors."

No batter in the game had more than one hit, but the Spartans' Mandy Regua and Wendy Meiners both hit doubles during the game.

Jerome pitcher Kim Ward worked five innings and struck out four in a solid performance.

Jerome (8-9) will look to rebound next Tuesday during a

Great Basin Conference home doubleheader against Burley. Meanwhile, the Spartans will travel to Madison for a doubleheader today before hosting Idaho Falls Saturday for their last home game.

"I'll be good to have the Madison games to get the dust off and execute," Ransick said. "Hopefully, we can relax a little sooner next game."

Minico 5, Jerome 2

Minico: Meghan Boettcher, 10-11-144; Amber Warth, 10-11-144; Raquel Roberts, 10-11-144; Alecia Gomez, 10-11-144; Jackie Ransick, 10-11-144.

Jerome: Kim Ward, 10-11-144; Mandy Regua, 10-11-144; Wendy Meiners, 10-11-144; Jared Clinger, 10-11-144.

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Mulhall, 21, eyes Kentucky Derby history

By Beth Harris Associated Press writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Kristin Mulhall acts as if the Kentucky Derby is just another race. She isn't fooling anyone.

The 21-year-old Californian really is cool and calm about having a legitimate chance at becoming the first female trainer to win the Derby. She will saddle Imperialism against such veterans as Bob Baffert, Bobby Frankel and Nick Zito.

And if Imperialism wins the 130th Derby Saturday, Mulhall would break the record for youngest winning trainer set by James Rowe Sr., who was 24

when he rode Hindoo in 1881. "I never dreamed I'd be here, especially this early," said Mulhall, who earned her trainer's license just two years ago.

She might not be here except for a freak injury in 2001. A sharp object punctured her arm while she hung equipment on the wall of a barn. Her arm was infected, then she tore muscles in it and was prevented from riding in an international show horse meet.

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horse world.

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Hornets pull even with Heat, 96-85

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - The New Orleans Hornets have stopped showing their age and started showing their experience.

Bama Davis had 23 points and 10 assists, while 13-year veteran Stacy Augmon came off the bench for 17 points, including two shot clock beaters in the final period. The Hornets evened their first-round playoff series with a 96-85 victory over the Miami Heat in Game 4 Tuesday night.

Miami, by far the younger team, was hurt by a late mistake by rookie Dwyane Wade, who failed to inbound the ball before the requisite five seconds with 53.6 seconds left and the Hornets leading 88-82.

After that, Miami was forced to foul. New Orleans hit the free throw to pull away.

The series resumes Friday night in Miami. The home team has won every game.

Augmon and another veteran role player, George Lynch, com-

IOC gets cancellation insurance for Olympics

By Stephen Wilson Associated Press writer

LONDON - Guarding against terrorism and natural disasters in Athens, the IOC took the unprecedented step of buying insurance in case the Olympics are called off.

The International Olympic Committee's \$170 million policy guarantees that the organization and affiliated national committees and sports federations have enough money to continue operations. The policy would not compensate individual victims.

The policy also doesn't cover corporate sponsors and TV networks, which have billions of dollars riding on the Athens Games. Many have their own insurance, and city organizers underwrite their own liability coverage.

IOC president Jacques Rogge said Tuesday insurance was

Same Singh, but a new perspective

By Doug Ferguson Associated Press writer

With two victories and six top 10s, Vijay Singh's record is virtually the same as it was a year ago. But there is something very different about the way he is perceived.

The 41-year-old Filipino is no longer simply a solid performer reaping the fruits of his incredible labor, rather a legitimate threat to Tiger Woods. And the biggest difference of all is the increasingly smaller margin between No. 1 and No. 2 in the world.

Singh's methodical victory at the rain-delayed Houston Open was his second of the PGA Tour season and the fourth in his last 16 tournaments, moving him within 2.58 points of Woods in the world ranking released Tuesday.

In October, Singh said he would give himself five good years to see if he could overtake Woods.

At this rate, it could happen in five months.

"I'll keep playing like I did this weekend, I think I have a very good chance," Singh said after a 69-68 finish at Redstone Golf Club for a two-shot victory over Scott Hoch.

Not many would have picked Singh as the guy most likely to challenge Woods.

A year ago, Singh was among a half-dozen guys who got off to a good start in his first 11 tournaments. Singh won in Phoenix and Dallas, had six top 10s, missed one cut and tied for sixth in the Masters. Throw out the cut and his average finish was 10th.

This year is a carbon copy. Singh has won twice in 11 starts, has six top 10s, one missed cut and tied for sixth at Augusta National. Throw out the cut and his average finish is 11th.

Why the change in perception?

As others around him - Mike Weir, Ernie Els, Davis Love III - barreled through the year on a mission. He set the bar high and scaled it with ease, reeling off eight top 10s to close out the season, including two victories. He's a runner-up in Phoenix and nothing worse than a tie for sixth.

He said he wanted to win the money title and he did, ending Woods' four-year reign.

No one can doubt the gap is shrinking. The 2.58 points separating Singh from Woods is still significant, but it is the smallest margin since the ranking system was tweaked 20 months ago.

The question is whether Singh, Els and Phil Mickelson are getting worse - or if Woods is getting better.

Woods successfully defended his title at the Match Play Championship, a testament to his mind and his grit to survive six matches in five days. But in five other PGA Tour events he has played this year, he's finished worse than he did in 2003.

Going for a fifth straight win at Bay Hill, he led for 46th. Trying to prove that his game is not far off, he tied for 22nd at the Mas-

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Hornets pull even with Heat, 96-85

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - The New Orleans Hornets have stopped showing their age and started showing their experience.

Bama Davis had 23 points and 10 assists, while 13-year veteran Stacy Augmon came off the bench for 17 points, including two shot clock beaters in the final period. The Hornets evened their first-round playoff series with a 96-85 victory over the Miami Heat in Game 4 Tuesday night.

Miami, by far the younger team, was hurt by a late mistake by rookie Dwyane Wade, who failed to inbound the ball before the requisite five seconds with 53.6 seconds left and the Hornets leading 88-82.

After that, Miami was forced to foul. New Orleans hit the free throw to pull away.

The series resumes Friday night in Miami. The home team has won every game.

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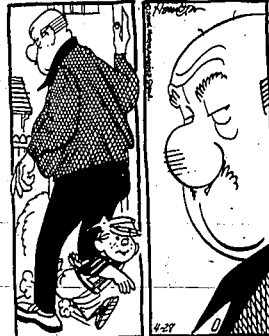
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## Notes on the economy

### Magic Valley report

**Brand-new homes**  
The average value for new, single-family homes that got building permits in rural Blaine County rang in at \$688,255 for 2003. That's up by 22 percent from the county's \$564,549 new-home average in 2002.  
The unincorporated portion of Blaine County gained ground on another growth front last year.  
The county jurisdiction in 2003 issued permits for 73 new single-family homes, up from the 68 of the year before.  
Source: Wells Fargo's 'Idaho Construction Report'

## BRIEFLY IN MONEY

### Fast-food chain tests new item

**DUBLIN, Ohio** - Wendy's has started testing the low-carb market by offering business "sandwiches" at 248 of the fast-food chain's restaurants in Salt Lake City and five other U.S. cities.  
"We're actively exploring new, creative ways to highlight the many options our menu provides," said Tom Mueller, president and chief operating officer of Wendy's North America.  
"By eliminating the bun and substituting a Caesar side salad for french fries, we're creating terrific meal choices for customers watching their carbohydrate intake."  
Earlier this month, McDonald's announced it was phasing out super-sizing and introducing "Go Active" Happy Meals that include a salad, bottled water and a pedometer to measure the distance a person walks.  
Burger King started promoting bunless burgers in January, following the lead of smaller chains.  
Wendy's calls its entry "Meals for Carb Counters." They feature either a cheeseburger or grilled chicken breast on a bed of Romaine lettuce, topped with slices of tomato and red onion; a Caesar side salad; and a medium Diet Coke.  
The cheeseburger meal has six grams of carbs, while the grilled chicken meal has eight. Recommended pricing for both will be the same as Wendy's regular combo meals.  
The market locations in addition to Salt Lake City include Virginia Beach, Va.; Kansas City and St. Joseph, Mo.; Tulsa, Okla.; and Wichita, Kan.

**Verizon's Q1 earnings drop 50 percent**  
NEW YORK - Verizon Communications Inc.'s earnings dropped 50 percent in the first quarter from a year ago as employee buyouts increased expenses for the United States' largest phone company.  
Including one-time items, earnings beat analysts' expectations by a penny a share.  
Verizon said Tuesday it earned \$1.2 billion, or 43 cents a share, for the January-March period, down from \$2.4 billion, or 88 cents a share, a year ago.  
One-time expenses cost 15 cents a share, most of which went toward early retirement packages for 21,000 employees who left the company's payroll in the fourth quarter of 2003.  
Excluding those expenses, the company would have earned 58 cents a share, beating the 57 cents a share average estimate by analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial.  
Revenue increased 3.9 percent to \$17.1 billion from \$16.5 billion a year ago.  
Verizon Wireless added 1.4 million customers, up 66.5 percent from last year's quarter. Its revenue grew 21 percent to \$6.2 billion.

— compiled from wire reports

**Live in Burley?**  
Idaho may be guarding your property.  
**See Thursday's Money section.**

# Investing in education

## College-savings programs prove complex business

The Times-News and Newsday

They sounded like a great idea. Faced with soaring costs for higher education, families worried about coping with junior's future college bills have poured billions of dollars into state-sponsored college-savings programs known as 529 plans since the plans were authorized by Congress in 1996.  
Named after the section of the tax code that created them, 529 plans are simple, inexpensive accounts that operated like tax-free mutual funds. Money invested in the plans grows free of federal and, in most cases, state taxes,

## About Idaho's college savings plan

**I**deal is Idaho's 529 college-savings plan, introduced in Idaho on March 21, 2001, and managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing Inc. Features include:  
• **State income tax deduction** - Account owners living or working in Idaho can take an annual state income tax deduction of up to \$4,000 per individual (up to \$8,000 in total for married couples) for contributions to Ideal. Contributions must be post-dated by Dec. 31 for a deduction in that year.  
• **Tax-free growth** - Contributions to an Ideal account grow free

from federal and Idaho income taxes.  
• **Tax-free withdrawals** - Withdrawals used for qualified expenses, including tuition, room and board, are free of both federal and Idaho income taxes. (The law allowing federal tax-free qualified withdrawals is set to expire Dec. 31, 2010. Congress may or may not extend the law.)  
• **Flexibility** - Funds are available for use at accredited higher education institutions worldwide.  
• **Expenses** - An annual asset-based management fee of ranging from 0.7 percent to 1

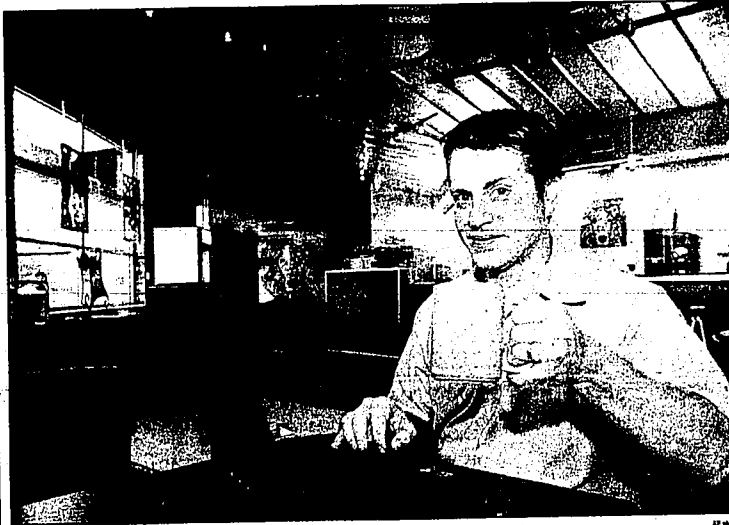
percent (depending on the investment option chosen) is used to cover the cost of investment management and administrative services.  
**The program Web site** - www.id-saves.org - includes an online enrollment feature, information and applications can also be obtained through a customer service center, at 1-866-433-2533 (toll free).  
**Account ownership is not limited** to Idaho residents, and there are no income restrictions.  
Source: Idaho College Savings Plan

and withdrawals also are tax-free if used for higher education. Moreover, about 20 states, including Idaho and New York, allow residents a tax deduction on money contributed to 529 plans.

The plans now manage \$35 billion in assets and are projected to reach \$300 billion by 2010, according to Financial Research Corp., a Boston-based research and consulting company.  
Idaho State Treasurer Ron

Crane announced Tuesday that investments in Ideal, Idaho's 529 college savings plan, have exceeded \$40 million, more than doubling its size since January 2003.  
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## BALANCING ACT



Jeremy Porter starts his day at the Octane coffee bar in downtown Atlanta with a wireless laptop and a cup of coffee April 21. Porter relies on his wife to help him with his business and personal finances.

## Business owners struggle with finances

### The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** - For Jeremy Porter, managing a public relations company is a much bigger priority than tending to his own investments.  
Personal finances are "the thing that gets pushed to the bottom," said Porter, co-owner of Atlanta-based Porter Moye Inc. "Managing the business keeps me from being able to manage the finances."  
Many small business owners, intent on building or expanding their companies, neglect their savings and investments, or they funnel all their money into the business and figure that they'll catch up later in the stock market or with retirement accounts.  
But, that attitude can turn into a costly mistake, because

creating a personal investment portfolio can actually be part of running a company, with benefits to the owner and the business itself.  
"At some stage in a small business owner's life, they don't have to keep plowing money back into the company," said Robert Reby, a financial planner in Danbury, Conn. "The first step in saving for your personal life is to set up a retirement plan... It's done through the business. It's got immediate graduation, a tax reduction."  
For sole proprietors without employees, the Individual Retirement Account is a good way to start. Once owners take on workers, Reby suggests they Pension, or SEP, a plan that can be set up at a local bank or other financial institution and that re-

quires a minimum of paperwork and is quite expensive to operate.  
Owners who filed extensions on their 2003 tax returns can still set up a SEP and take a deduction for it, as long as they do so by the date they file their returns.  
As their businesses grow, Reby said, owners can move on to more sophisticated retirement plans, including profit-sharing plans and defined benefit pension plans. He suggested that owners make as much of an annual contribution to their plans as they can afford.  
"There are not a whole lot of people out there who maximize their retirement contributions," Reby said. Those owners are shortchanging themselves in two ways -

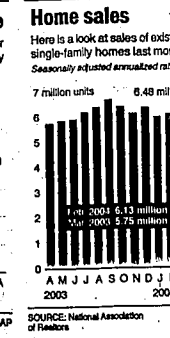
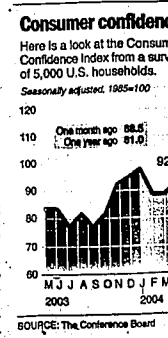
they might not be getting a full tax deduction for the business, and they're missing out on the chance for their personal investments to grow.  
Still, many company owners are so consumed by the business that they don't get around to setting up retirement accounts or plans.  
One way to juggle a company and personal finances is to get help.  
Porter's wife takes care of their personal finances, and also his company's, since public relations, and not ledgers, is where his talents lie. An accountant or financial adviser is the solution for many other owners.  
Jane Wesman, president of a New York-based public relations firm that bears her name, Please see FINANCES, Page E2

## Report: Consumer confidence rises in April

### The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** - Consumer confidence soared past analysts' expectations in April, helped by a brightening job picture.  
The Consumer Confidence Index rose to 92.9, up from a revised 88.5 in March, the Conference Board reported Tuesday. The increase was the first one-month rise since a 10.8-point gain in November 2003.  
In a separate report, home buyers motivated by low mortgage rates and the improved job market pushed sales of previously owned homes in March to the second-best month on record.  
Consumer confidence has been ebbing in recent months. In March, the index was unchanged from the previous

month, after rising to 97.7 in January.  
Economists closely follow consumer confidence because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States.  
"If we don't get consistent job growth, spending growth will be at significant risk," said Scott Hoyt, director of consumer economics for Economy.com, a forecasting firm in West Chester, Pa.  
In the consumer confidence survey, consumers expecting more jobs to be available in the next six months increased to 18.2 percent from 15.7 percent.  
Analysts expect the April unemployment rate - set to be released Friday - to remain unchanged at 5.7 percent.  
Idaho's county-by-county jobless rates are to be released May 7.



SOURCE: The Conference Board, AP SOURCE: National Association of Realtors

## COURT FILINGS

### The Times-News

**BOISE** - Recent activity in U.S. Bankruptcy Court includes these Magic Valley filings:

- Chapter 7, nonbusiness, under \$50,000**  
James Christopher Taylor, also known as Jimmy Taylor, 610 Gen Drive, Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40778.  
Randall J. Williams and Gwendolyn Poole-Williams, 1285 S. Lincoln, No. 36, Jerome, joint nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40825.  
Eric Darrow Clements and Meagan Marie Clements, 146 Addison Ave. W., No. 59, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40826.  
Suzanne Weber, 370 River Road, Bliss, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40834.  
Tracie Deanna Stone, 747 S. Bliss, Gooding, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40835.  
Corey Luker and Trina Luker, 370 Idaho St., Eden, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40836.  
Leonardo Sales Biles, 2011 Woodside Blvd., Halley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40846.  
Holly A. Thompson, also known as Holly A. Lyons, 521 N. South St., Bellevue, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40852.  
Marie Derna Mamma, also known as Marie Bitseff, 667 Riverview Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40858.  
Lynn Calverley, 2655 E. 3200 S., Hensley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 50-99 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities under \$50,000, Case no. 04-40862.

- Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$50,000 to \$100,000**  
Rafael Torres and Angela Rose Torres, 378 W. 350 S., Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-40828.  
Timothy Ray Lattin, also known as Tim Ray Lattin and Tim Lattin, 507 Addison Ave. W., No. 6, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets not indicated, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-40832.  
Gary W. Fincher and Delores J. Fincher, also known as Don Fincher, and doing business as Dees' Tour & Travel, 409 N. Idaho Highway 75, Shoshone, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 04-40836.

- Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000**  
Mark D. Hagen and Lent A. Hagen, 1450 Burnside, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40827.  
Thomas Scott Riley, 494 Crestview Drive, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40843.  
Ryan J. Ketterling and Aleah L. Ketterling, 411 E. Lincoln, Paul, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40844.  
Kevin V. Valle and Socorro B. Valle, 1435 Eba Ave., Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40851.  
Kevin Hershel Randall and Georgia Lee Randall, 310 Center St. E., Kimberly, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40851.  
Larry A. Benedict, also known as Larry Alan Benedict, and Hermalina B. Benedict, 718 Grant Ave., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40857.

- Ronald Thomas Bingham and Julie Ann Bingham, also known as Julie Ann Gerita and Julie Ann Coleman, 1720 E. 16th, Burley, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40859.  
David L. Graham and Wendy D. Graham, 115 S. 500 E., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40870.  
Carlos Garcia and Wendy Garcia, 237 Van Buren, Twin Falls, joint nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40871.  
John M. Burroughs and Anita L. Burroughs, also known as Anita Lee Burroughs and Anita Beeson, 632 Sage Mesa Court, Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 04-40871.

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"Topping \$40 million in assets is a significant milestone for the IDISB Program," Crane said. "And even more important, over 9,000 accounts have been established. It is clear that Idaho families recognize the need for a convenient and cost-effective savings program to help meet their higher-education expenses."

Among the nation's more than 4 million 529 plan account holders are William Corbett Sr., an attorney in Long Island, N.Y., and his wife Ann. The Corbets started a 529 account for their granddaughter when she was born five years ago. They plunk extra money into it on special occasions such as birthdays and holidays. "My granddaughter has so many toys and other things that I'd rather just put (gift money) in for college," William Corbett says.

But as 529 plans have grown, so have concerns that they will not be living up to their promise. Regulators worry that Wall Street intermediaries may be charging investors too much for the products, and that murky and uneven disclosure practices make it hard to shop for the best deal. Moreover, they are investigating whether some brokers selling their own 529 plans are charged to investors by some 529 plans "may well offset" some of the tax benefits they receive, especially if the investments are made through brokers. The agency also criticized that it called "unfair variations" in disclosure by the plans, which are state trusts and therefore not subject to federal securities laws. Calling 529

plans "complicated and likely difficult for parents to understand," SEC Chairman William Donaldson created a special task force to examine them more deeply.

U.S. Rep. Michael G. Oxley (R-Ohio), who received the SEC's report on the House Committee on Financial Services, says he chairs, will hold hearings on 529 plans later this spring. "I don't want to get into a situation where we regulate fees," Oxley said in an interview last week. "Our role is to try to allow the consuming public to have the information necessary to make a wise decision in the marketplace."

Separately, the National Association of Securities Dealers, a self-regulatory group for brokers, is investigating 15 securities firms to see if brokers gave customers good advice on available tax benefits when selling them 529 plans.

Referring to NASD's vice chairman, said in an interview that the regulatory group wants to find out if there were good reasons why brokers at the firms, which she didn't name, caused a large percentage of customers into out-of-state 529 plans, causing many of them to lose tax advantages available from their home states.

"It might make perfect sense for you to be sold an out-of-state 529 plan because it has a lower fee or a higher return," Schapiro said. "But the numbers were so tilted (toward out-of-state 529 plans) that we thought this was something we had to look at very carefully."

Referring to recent investigations of Wall Street wrongdoing by the SEC and New York State Attorney General Elliot Spitzer, Mercer Bullard, founder of Fund Democracy, a shareholder advocacy group, said that 529 plans are "turning into the next sales-abuse scandal." The controversy shows that selling private financial products is "not a business that the states

should be in," Bullard said. "But a number of experts say that 529 savings plans, now offered in all states except Washington, can be a good deal if investors are careful. For most people, "the advantages of 529 plans outweigh the extra fees by a wide margin," Joe Hurley, founder of SavingforCollege.com, said recently on his Pittsford, N.Y.-based Web site, which has data on 529 plans.

"My fear is that (because of negative publicity) people will assume" that most plans are too expensive, said Dan McNeela, an analyst at Morningstar, the Chicago-based mutual fund rating and research firm. "That's not true for the majority of plans, there are plenty of low-cost options."

Choosing a 529 plan, however, can be a mind-boggling exercise. Because many states offer more than one, there are 70 separate plans in all, each with its own investment options, rules and fee levels. As a result, people can pay different prices for the same fund, depending on where they buy it. According to the SEC's report, for instance, parents placing a \$10,000 initial investment in the same S&P 500 index fund would receive \$2,113 less under 529 plans than they would under a traditional 401(k) plan because the money was invested for 18 years at a 9 percent annual return. The SEC didn't identify the fund.

Such discrepancies result from a larger category of charges by states and the investment companies many of them have hired to manage the plans, the SEC said. The fees include one-time enrollment charges, annual administrative costs and management fees that are tied to the amount of money in an account. On top of all that, most investors must pay the fees and expenses charged by the accounts' underlying mutual funds,

although that isn't the case in New York. There is yet another expense: Investors are increasingly paying commission costs to brokers rather than buying 529 plans directly from states or their investment managers. This has happened as more states have added broker-sold 529 options.

In the end, experts say, every investor in a 529 plan must weigh his or her individual circumstances in deciding what kind of plan to buy.

Finances

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has taken care of her personal finances over the past 20 years using a formula similar to the one Ruby suggested. She started by funding an IRA, and when she got her first employee, created a SEP.

"Eventually, I moved on to developing a profit-sharing plan," Wesman said. "I think it's important to take care of yourself that

way. It should be a priority." But some new entrepreneurs might be reluctant to take money out of the business, believing the company will grow faster if every possible cent is put back in. Wesman disagrees. "You should definitely fund your IRA to the full extent because of the compounding over the years. It's a big deal," she said, adding, "Cut back on Starbucks. Think about the long run and that's the money grows tax-free."

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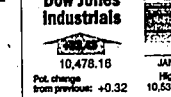
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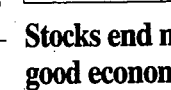
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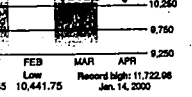


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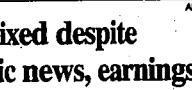
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# Husband won't change abusive ways

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 23-year-old mother of three. Ever since our marriage five years ago, my husband, "Kurt," has been verbally and emotionally abusive. He has cursed me at least once a day. At times, he is emotionally abusive to our kids, who are 2, 3 and 4. I have asked Kurt to leave, but he refuses — and I don't know if I really want him to.

A couple of weeks ago, I told Kurt I am no longer in love with him, and if things don't change, I want a divorce.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

ing," but he knows what it does to her. Please help.  
— CRAZY IN TENNESSEE

dally. But for him to take pleasure in making your daughter cry is sick.

Please don't let your husband's refusal to go for counseling deter you from getting professional help to aid you in deciding how best to protect yourself and your children. Cruel words erode the self-esteem like the ocean eats away the shore. And for children to be exposed to it day after day can cause lifelong damage.

cial and meaningful, but it's starting to seem like he's using me.

The other day, I told Johnny I didn't want to do it, but (I happened anyway, I didn't resist, so it wasn't like he raped me or anything, but it wasn't right. What should I do?

— TOO MUCH SEX IN VICTORVILLE

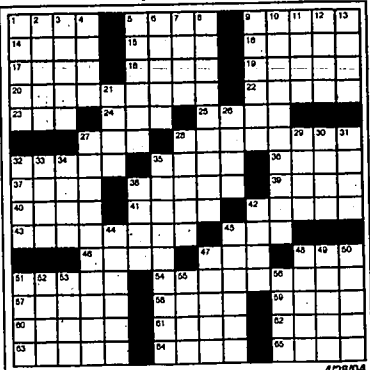
**DEAR TOO MUCH:** Wake up, honey. You are being used. You are being treated like a convenience, not a person, and this isn't love. And I have more bad news — when a person says "no" to sex and it "happens anyway," that is the definition of rape.

I urge you to pick up the phone and call RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network). The toll-free number is 800-656-6873. They can help you to clearly understand what happened and find counseling.

**DEAR CRAZY:** As far back as 1996, the American Psychology Association reported that 40 percent to 60 percent of men who abused their female partners also abused their children. Is this the kind of atmosphere in which you want your children raised? Your husband's refusal to seek marriage counseling indicates that he has no intention of changing his pattern. It's bad enough that he takes his hostility out on you

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 17 and have been going out with my boyfriend, "Johnny," for about a year. A few months ago, we started having sex, and since then, we've been having sex every day, sometimes up to four times a day.

"Abby, I don't want to be doing this so regularly, but Johnny seems to want it all the time. I like making love with him, but not all the time. He says it's spe-



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# Wait until afternoon to put new irons in fire, Aries

**IF APRIL 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY** — you not only have great ambition and energy, but you attract good fortune as well. It is an unbeatable combination. You have the foresight to know who and what to trust; plus, you have the faith to sustain you. Since you expect good luck, you usually receive it. Keep your eye out for beneficial situations and people. Those who are good for you will probably be knocking on your door.

**ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):** By late afternoon, you can safely put some new irons in the fire, especially if you want long-term cooperation. It is not a perfect time to invest money, but it is a good time to enlist help or start short-term projects.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** If you want your actions to propel themselves along with little effort, start things now. However, it is not necessarily a good time to put your money on the line or

financial situation for the short range looks wonderful.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Partnerships formed now will be pleasant, but if you are trying to set up something permanent, you may find better days. People are willing to help you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** The intense mood shifts to one that is more optimistic. You can put things in motion that require mutual faithfulness; however, they could run into some financial problems — many — months ahead.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** The positive changes late in the day bode well for any deals that can be quickly brought to a conclusion. For enduring partnerships, or anything that will last for years, pick another day.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your sincerity shines brightly late in the day, and you can expect trouble-free business

transactions. Stick to using the good stars today for quick profits or minor agreements.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** The tone shifts late in the day, and you can move forward with a clear path. Heavenly aspects are perfect for making amends and solving problems. It is not good a day for permanent arrangements.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** There is a little conflict in the stars, so you can use tonight to seal deals that can be completed quickly. You can expect loads of cooperation, but you would be wise to wait for a better day for long-term obligations.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** The suspicious stars switch to confidence late today. It is a good time for short-term investments or love affairs, but anything that must continue for a long time may be in for some financial trouble.

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Jeraldine Saunders

**Tuesday's Puzzle Solver**

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# Gravity proves to be a great calorie-burner

Report is you burn a third of your calories just to deal with gravity.

Susan was one of the more popular names for baby girls even a few decades ago, but it's not now high on the list chosen for newborns. It has gone the way of Mary and Margaret and Elizabeth, say the social scholars. And eventually behind it, they're sure, will go Jennifer and Debbie and Karen. As for boys, they say, someday, sooner than you might think, the only fellows named Sean will be outdated old fogies.

The Mogul Emperor known as Akbar the Great — he was the grandfather of the fellow who built the Taj Mahal — had 9,000 pet cheetahs.

A grown horse normally has 14 more bones in its body than a grown man.

Q. Used to be that women involved in extramarital affairs took them more seriously than men did. Has that changed, too?

A. Evidently not. Studies continue. And according to the most recent in our Love and War man's files, women still are far more vulnerable and far less casual in romance.

You know the Southerners "you all? Check out job 17:10 in the King James Version for its precedent.

"Amphibious" comes from Greek meaning "double life."

In 1859, Congressman Dan Sickles admitted he killed his



wife's lover, but pleaded "temporary insanity." The jury freed him. A law historian says it was the first legal defense to use that particular language.

Am advised a pigeon can't walk without bobbing its head, and it can't focus its eyes while bobbing its head. So a pigeon can't see while it's walking, eh? Remarkable.

Those sophisticated little rats, the caterpillars, dine at night.

What the doctor actually hears through that stethoscope close to your heart, it's reported, is the sound of your heart's valves snapping shut.

Word is our fingernails are made of the same sort of material as the scales on a snake.

Leonardo da Vinci also got around to designing the first self-closing door.

In December of 1792, Henry Laurens on his plantation in South Carolina asked in his Will that his son wrap his remains in 12 yards of tow cloth and burn up same. Completely. His son did so. The first formal cremation in the United States, that.



Kevin Waming throws a flying disc to 'Blin' at Willow Grove Park near Longview, Wash., on Monday, while his mother, Angle, watches with 'Duke,' who's too old to chase anything.

**What do you do with ham?**

If trend continues, an entire generation might be asking this question. See page C-8

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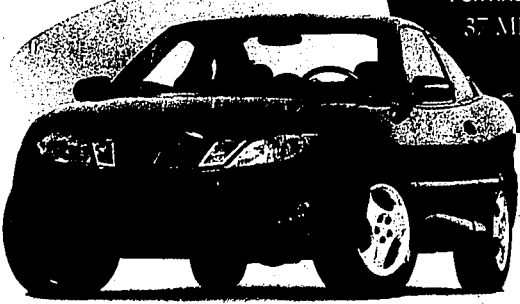
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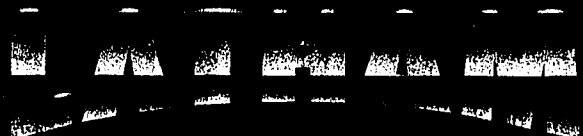
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