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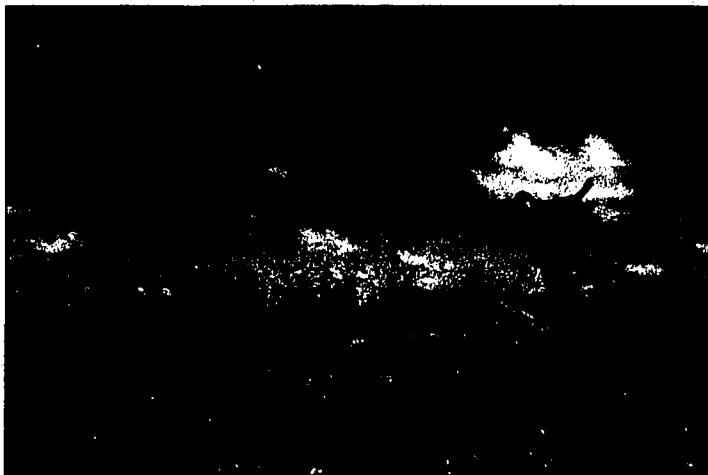
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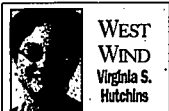
Keeping her balance while walking along an irrigation berm, Angela Meyer hunts for wild asparagus Monday afternoon south of Wendell. Meyer, 22, has been picking asparagus with her mother, Bonnie, for as long as she can remember.

Asparagus lovers hunt the tender spears

WENDELL — When spring rain gives way to warmth and sunshine — as it did Monday afternoon in Wendell — savvy pickers know that tender shoots of wild asparagus will push out of the dirt on field edges and canal banks.

But finding those fresh morsels is no simple thing. Consider asparagus picking the springtime competitive sport for country folks. Success hinges on the proper sequence of moisture and warmth, the tolerance of property owners, the results of plowing and the haste of other asparagus lovers willing to scour ditch banks for the vegetable.

If the plants are picked down frequently enough, they keep producing until temperatures soar too high. If frost kills the sprouts, pickers wait for new shoots to appear — but must find them before someone else



WEST WIND
Virginia S. Hutchins

does, before the asparagus falls victim to farmers' weed spraying, before fresh spears grow thick and tough and go to seed. Wind helps the hunt by blowing down grasses that hide the bright green shoots, but a picker is likely to wind up cold before filling a sack. Other hazards include dogs and snakes and falling in a ditch.

It's not a pursuit for the faint of heart. The Meyer family of Wendell, however, is up to the challenge. With a plentiful haul, the Meyers each spring indulge in as-



Bonnie Meyer holds her modest harvest of asparagus; Angela was more successful. The Meyer household usually picks enough asparagus to freeze about 50 one-pint bags per year.

paragus soup and tuna-and-asparagus casserole — hiding the leftovers from each other if the cravings aren't quite satisfied — and freeze something like 50

pint bags of the vegetable, too. "We usually freeze it up and eat it all year long," said Tim

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Leaders haggle over cabinet posts

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Under heavy U.S. pressure to end the crippling political stalemate, Iraq's prime minister-designate on Tuesday proposed appointing a broad-based 36-member Cabinet — including a deputy premier from each of Iraq's main Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish factions.

But haggling continued over

which individuals should fill the seats, adding to the worries of Iraqis, many of whom feel months of wrangling over the new government has emboldened insurgents to step up deadly attacks on U.S. and Iraqi security forces.

Lawmakers allied with the premier said that in addition to the prime minister and three deputies, the Cabinet would have 17 Shiite Arab ministers,

eight Kurds, six Sunni Arabs and one Christian, fulfilling promises by leaders of the Shiite majority to share power among ethnic and religious groups. Officials said at least two ministers are women.

Prime Minister-designate Ibrahim al-Jaafari discussed his proposal with President Jalal Talabani on Tuesday, the premier's spokesman, Abdul Razak al-Kadhimi, said. But some law-

makers later said the meeting didn't take place. It was not possible to reconcile the conflicting reports.

Talabani's three-member presidential council must sign off on the list before it is submitted to the 275-member National Assembly for a vote. Talabani already indicated he would not exercise his veto, and lawmakers said a vote could take place. Please see IRAQ, Page A2

Adventurers reach North Pole in 37 days, break Peary's record

The Washington Post

TORONTO — With a final grueling sprint, a team of five adventurers guided by American Matty McNair reached the North Pole barely five hours earlier than the record claimed by explorer Robert E. Peary a century ago, their sponsors announced.

The team is the first to prove that it is possible to reach the North Pole by dogsled in 37 days, as Peary said he did in 1895. His claim to be the first to reach the Pole has been clouded by critics who doubted it could be done so fast.

The expedition, organized by a British mountaineer, Tom Avery, matched the geographic North Pole at 9:32 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, after an exhausting day of sledging, according to the sponsor of the trip, Barclays Capital in London, the investment banking division of Barclays Bank PLC. "It has been the longest and possibly hardest 37 days of our lives," Avery, 29, said in a statement issued by Barclays.



In this image provided by Barclays Capital, the Barclays Capital Ultimate North Expedition Team members plant their national flags Tuesday upon successfully reaching the North Pole.

Avery, along with a South African, another Briton, and a Canadian, made the trek with 16 dogs trained and led by McNair, 33, an American-born adventurer who lives in Baffin Island in Canada. She has been to the North Pole once before and to the South Pole three times. Peary's claim has been in dispute for two decades because of the questions about his speed and his unusual naviga-

Variety may be the key to warding off dementia

The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Older people who stay active in a wide variety of ways seem to have a better chance of warding off dementia, according to research that found it's the diversity, not intensity, of the exercise that counts.

And the pastimes can range from gardening to aerobics. "It's not necessarily the energy you spend," said Dr. Constantinos I. Kyteas, a Johns Hopkins University epidemiologist and the study's lead author. "It's the variety that matters."

The findings come as no surprise to 73-year-old Blanche Shoul, who walks daily at the Towson Town Center, where she also works as a customer service representative. "I've been doing it all my life," she said. "Mentally, I think I'm just as sharp as when I worked for the state for 31 years."

Shoul said she also bicycles and exercises with weights twice a week, as well as doing aerobics and playing board games. Researchers tracked 3,375 men and women over age 65

Social Security debate polarizes parties

GOP senators may write own plan for change

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — From the buttoned-down confines of a Senate hearing room to a boisterous outdoor rally nearby, Democrats took on President Bush and his Social Security proposals with gusto on Tuesday and rebuffed pleas for bipartisanship from frustrated Republicans.

"If he's going out to push for privatization, let's help him pack," Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois said to cheers from a sun-splashed crowd gathered down across the street from the Capitol. He was ridiculing Bush's heavily publicized 60-day tour to build support for his proposals.

Personal accounts unravel the Social Security safety net in a way that makes it hard to find common ground," said Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon, one of several Democrats who criticized the president's recommendations at a lengthy Senate Finance Committee hearing.

The Republicans didn't just sit and take it.

"Those of you that are bad-mouthing every other suggestion out there, suggest your own plans," Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley, the normally mild-mannered committee chairman erupted at one point during the hearing. "Doing nothing is not an option, because doing nothing is a cut in benefits," he added. "Grandpa Grassley gets Social Security, but my granddaughter, when she retires 56 years from now, if we do nothing is going to get this cut that you're talking about."

Taken together, the hearing and the rally underscored the hardening of partisan differences in the three months since Bush called on Congress to enact solvency legislation that included an option for younger workers to invest part of their payroll taxes on their own.

The president was in Galveston, Texas, during the day, designed in a string of appearances late last year to build support for his plan. His cross-country campaign neared an end as a Washington Post-ABC News poll showed public support had declined for his plan for personal accounts.

from 1992 to 2000, surveying them on the kinds of activities they did. Those doing the widest variety were far less likely to develop dementia, the researchers found.

The volunteers were questioned about the frequency and duration of the 15 most common physical activities in older adults — walking, household chores, moving, raking, gardening, hiking, jogging, biking, exercise cycling, dancing, aerobics, bowling, golfing, general exercise and swimming.

The findings also suggest that even sedentary activities such as card-playing may be beneficial, Kyteas said.

"Exercising your body is exercising your brain, by the way, because the brain is central to the coordination of any exercise movement," he said. The reason for the link between the number of activities and the lower rate of dementia is not clear, Kyteas said, but it may be that a variety of activities keeps more parts of the brain active. Or it could be that the variety may show the person is more socially and physically active overall.

EDITORIAL

Dreher's water order leads to more difficult questions

Let the anguish begin for the 2005 water year — and beyond. As spring showers poured on the Magic Valley last week, it wasn't enough to douse irrigators' frustration in a critical water order issued by Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Karl Dreher. Dreher's order was the official response to the water call made by Magic Valley surface water canal companies in January. After waiting to see spring water forecasts, Dreher released his findings in a 63-page decree that lowers the boom on hundreds of users.

Our view: The state's response to a major water call offers no easy answers about future water solutions.

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

The water czar's order was a stark warning to groundwater pumps, but probably a bigger disappointment to surface irrigators. Dreher's response pinpointed 89,010 acres of land in Water Districts 120 (in the Thousand Springs region) and 130 (from American Falls to eastern Idaho) that are candidates for curtailment. Under his order, ground water users with priority dates of Feb. 27, 1979 and later, will be curtailed if those users don't come up with a replacement water plan.

How much water? There's the rub. The order determined that irrigation companies will suffer material water injuries (or losses) of 133,400 acre-feet in 2005, in districts 120 and 130, the groundwater users' must eventually pay back 101,000 acre-feet of replacement water.

But in a surprising move, Dreher said that amount of water can be delivered over time and in future years. For 2005, pumps in the two districts must find a minimum of 27,700 acre-feet of water. Whatever they don't pay this year, carries over into the next.

Portioning out this year's water injuries into future years is a significant shift in Idaho's water doctrine. Dreher's order says the 27,700 acre-feet represents the

shortage that is "reasonably likely" among canal companies filling the call. The number is also a feasible amount for groundwater pumps in the two districts to come up with.

That said, questions about this order are bound to come flooding back to IDWR.

Surface water users will first ask how the director came up with his short-figures. They'll also question a plan that does not satisfy their recognized injuries for the year.

Junior groundwater pumps will still be able to pump at 100 percent after providing the replacement water, while senior surface irrigators must somehow manage with depleted water in storage and in springs.

The order could also keep groundwater pumps in a dire fix for years. While this year's replacement of 27,700-acre-feet of water is a manageable amount to deliver, Dreher's order still holds the pumps liable for the remainder of the 133,400-acre-feet injury.

This works as a sort of line of credit for pumps. They can make the minimum payment this year, but the remaining water injuries, or water debt, rolls over into the following year. The amount of injury could continue to accumulate, as well.

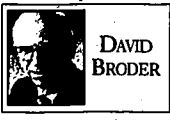
That cycle will require more mitigation and curtailment in the future until the drought ends. And remember, Dreher must still make additional curtailment orders in coming weeks for water calls made by Magic Valley area fish producers.

In the end, there are no winners in this drought picture. Water users have a right to question a plan that changes much of Idaho's water policy.

But as Dreher pointed out in a water conference last week in Boise, water supply may get worse before it gets better. Given that prognosis, drastic change is something we all may have to live with.

Bush agenda pushes too hard

In January, when interviewing at the White House on the prospects for President Bush's second term, I found the re-elected chief executive had instilled a belief among his close associates that the bigger and bolder the goals they set for themselves, the more they would accomplish.



Whether it was political strategist Karl Rove or budget boss Josh Bolten, the message was the same: The way to avoid the "second-term curse" that had brought disappointment and frustration to almost every re-elected president in modern times would be to have a clear and ambitious agenda.

Bush sounded the theme himself in his first post-election news conference, claiming a mandate for sweeping change. "In the election of 2004," he said, "large issues were set before our country. They were discussed every day on the campaign. With the campaign over, Americans are expecting a bipartisan effort — and results."

So Bush set forth an amazingly ambitious set of goals, ranging from the overhaul of American high schools to the achievement of democracy in the Middle East — with reform of Social Security, the judiciary and the whole legal liability system and a new energy policy thrown in for good measure.

Now, Bush has run into trouble on major parts of that agenda and his overall leadership position appears to be much weaker than anyone would have guessed on his second inauguration day. This week's Washington Post-ABC News poll put his approval score at 47 percent — matching the lowest score in his 51 months in office.

Whereas in January as many people strongly approved of performance as they strongly opposed it, now the highly



negative ratings outnumber the very positive by a ratio of 3 to 2.

Having armed himself with an ambitious set of goals in order to energize his government, Bush has become the victim of overreach — the one problem he and his advisers did not anticipate.

They thought that things had gone downhill for Dwight Eisenhower, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton because those presidents had largely used up their "big ideas" in their first terms and were left adrift without much sense of purpose, vulnerable to their enemies, in their final four years.

So Bush set forth what any president would have to consider a breathtakingly bold agenda.

As Charles O. Jones of the University of Wisconsin remarked to me in January, it was particularly striking to see a "second-term president" with the smallest Electoral College majority since Wilson in 1916 undertake the most ambitious agenda since Roosevelt in 1936.

Bush can count some early successes. He has signed legislation restricting class-action lawsuits — the first and easiest step in his multi-part assault

on trial lawyers — and he has approved a bill tightening rules on personal bankruptcies, a boon to part of his business constituency.

But in retrospect, Bush clearly overestimated his political capital.

The Post-ABC News poll at inauguration time gave him only a 52-46 percent positive job approval rating, much lower than Reagan or Clinton enjoyed at the start of their ill-fated second terms.

His far more important goal of changing Social Security, the backbone of the New Deal, into a hybrid system with personal savings accounts tied to the stock and bond market has sunk like a rock.

The latest Post poll shows a 2-1 disapproval score for Bush's handling of the Social Security issue, by far the worst score of his presidency. For the first time in Post polls, more opposed private accounts than supported giving people that option.

That Bush is losing — and losing badly — on the issue to which he has devoted more time and effort than any other has had a negative effect on his overall handling and his political influence.

Ratings on Iraq and the

economy also have slumped; only the war on terrorism remains a plus for the president. Bush also appears to have overreached in his dealings with the judiciary. His stated goal of bringing more "strict constructionist" judges onto the bench has been perceived as a narrow political objective by increasing numbers of Americans.

Other polls have shown Bush's participation in the effort to overturn the state court decisions allowing Terri Schiavo to die was criticized by large majorities.

And current efforts by Senate Republicans, with the explicit backing of the White House, to eliminate Democratic filibusters against some Bush judicial nominees were surprisingly rejected in the latest Post poll.

By a margin of 66 percent to 26 percent, the voters opposed changing Senate rules to make it easier for the Republicans to confirm Bush's judicial nominees.

The public clearly seems to be telling Bush to back off his most ambitious plans.

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The nuts and bolts of birds and bees

In the history of unseemly trends, surely the current battle among adults over the intricacies of teen sex ranks near the top. Just reading the words "teen sex" sends me rocketing through wormholes of ennui.

I mean, really. Can't they just go outside and play? Not like the kids, but the grown-ups who refuse to leave them alone.

Perhaps this is just the wife in me talking, but surely no one thinks about sex as constantly as sex educators assume kids do. (If you disagree, please resist the urge to share.)

When it comes to the riveting issue of how we should teach kids to practice sex — safely, or not at all, or some combo thereof — it seems it's the adults who are consumed with sex, projecting their own obsession onto children who have been denied the right not to know.

What was for other generations a mysterious and wondrous thing is now the equivalent of learning to change a tire in driver's ed. Only bureaucrats — and the world's increasingly wealthy condom vendors — could manage to make sex boring. The latest addition to our nation's growing cognitive dissonance is a new study from Yale and Columbia universities that produced this nugget: Kids who pledge abstinence



are more likely to have unsafe sex when they finally give in to the relentless societal pressure to canoodle.

Researchers report following 12,000 students in grades 7 through 12 for six years. They found that when those who had promised sexual abstinence did fall from grace, they were more likely not to use condoms than other kids. Thud. Get it?

If you want your kids to practice safe sex, better keep them away from those wacky abstinence programs.

Perhaps giving up abstinence for a roll in the hay is like soliciting AIDS and scarifying several super-sized orders of fries.

Whatever the other confounding factors, the message seems clear: Abstinence by itself is no condom. The subtlety, of course, is that America's children can't control themselves, they must have sex, and therefore, they have to learn the gritty-grit of the down "it" dirty. Whether they want to or not.

One does not have to be a hung-up, sexually repressed prude to feel nauseated by the

triumph of Technos over Eros. Is not having sex ever an option for some who may prefer — oh, I dunno — an actual human relationship that leads to long-term commitment, perhaps marriage, wherein sex is an expression of intimacy rather than a mechanical engineering feat involving anatomical widgey?

The Yale-Columbia study, published in the April issue of the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, has been released as Congress is reauthorizing abstinence-until-marriage block grants to states under welfare reform.

Abstinence educators swear by their programs, which teach the emotional, psychological and spiritual merits of postponing sex. You know, like parents used to do.

In fact, a vast majority of parents (90 percent) approve of teaching kids to wait to have sex at least until they get through high school, according to a recent Zogby poll.

But some 75 percent also think that schools should teach both abstinence and contraception. Abstinence-only programs mention condoms only in terms of failure rates. At the same time, 56.4 percent think that abstinence and contraception shouldn't be taught in the same class.

Those who find abstinence education woefully inadequate given assumptions that kids can't get through a day without

sexual release prefer the comprehensive sex-ed curriculum which focus on contraception and protection against disease. Though abstinence is mentioned as an option, emphasis is on "wait-to, not how-not-to."

Permit me to paraphrase Goethe: "Tread a child the way he can and ought to be, and he will become as he can and should be."

Recognizing that there's nothing new under the sun — and that sex is both pleasurable and a necessary human drive — could we nevertheless stop panting long enough to ask whether any of this is sane?

Since when was it deemed that children need to be fluent in sex? And why is it government's job to teach it?

There are a hundred different arguments with the latest-breaking stats to match both for and against sex ed in school, but undergirding all the studies, curricula and rhetoric is another assumption that deserves closer scrutiny.

That is, that parents can't do a proper job of teaching their children values, morals and what we used to call the "Bible's" and that government bureaucrats are the last word on human intimacy.

Our children should fire us for dereliction of duty.

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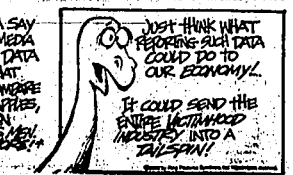
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By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

LETTERS

Keep hospital control at the local level

We've got our own hospital. We own it. Why sell it?

I can understand why lots of corporations would want to buy it, but try as I might, I can't understand how it would benefit us to sell it. Would somebody please give me a good reason?

Here is what a sustainable future looks like to me. It looks like the Flying J out by the interstate.

Several businesses contract for space in one building. Each does what it does best, all under one roof.

Somebody has a food concession, somebody else keeps the video game alley, somebody else contracts for the gas sales, somebody else is in charge of groceries. And Flying J controls all of these concessions.

So, too, with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Saint Alf's might get a piece of the action. So, too, with St. Luke's. Maybe St. Benedicts would like a co-op arrangement as well. From these working relationships, each entity is free to do what it does best, and the whole thing is managed by a county board, since we own it and we choose the management team.

If, for example, we wanted a serious effort to be put into obesity management or smoking cessation or healthy pregnancy awareness, a wise governance board could mandate that based on community input.

You only have to look at TV to see what distant management looks like. NBC and ABC affiliates locally are little more than storefronts that suck advertising dollars to Boise while providing no local programming, no local personality.

I'm afraid distant management of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center would be no different.

We would lose the heart and soul of our local hospital in the bargain.

There is a long-held maxim: Never do regionally what can be done locally, regardless of how serene the song sounds. And that is never easy, especially in these days of merger mania.

Once it's gone, it's gone for ever.

I believe a local and wise leadership must prevail. God help us if it does not.

PHIL AUTH
Berger

Alcohol epidemic needs stern legislation

Now that our fearless Legislature has abandoned the field, we should start planning for the next session in the hope of securing meaningful protection for our young people.

Time magazine on April 4 tells us we lost 1,700 young on campus in '04 (compared with 1,400 in '01) — more than we have lost in our war of liberation. It is high time our young are liberated.

In fact, we contribute to the death toll by valuing alcohol access more than the welfare of our children.

I would ask you to imagine that outcry and look step that would occur the following steps would be presented to the Legislature:

1. Photo ID at 21 for purchase of alcohol.
2. Mandatory lock boxes in homes for alcohol.
3. Standard presentation for prevention and education for children in kindergarten through 12th grade.
4. All alcohol sales in the alcohol store only.
5. No alcohol advertising.

ARCHIE WALKER
Glenns Ferry

Nation shouldn't forgive Jane Fonda

The people of Mountain Home, and especially the re-

directed military who were on active duty at Mountain Home Air Force Base, will remember Hanoi Jane, the Covered Wagon and attorney Mark Lane.

They gathered at the gate to Mountain Home Air Force Base to protest the Vietnam War.

The American Legion and other groups also marched in protest of their march from Mountain Home to the main gate of the Air Force base.

The sheriff's office and the military police were on hand to keep the peace between these two groups, but even so, there was some scuffling, name calling and shouting that erupted. It was unfortunate they got burned out twice.

As far as a great many of us are concerned, active duty and retired alike, her apology is not enough.

What she did was treason and made living in the Hanoi Hilton a gruesome experience.

Many of our military were horribly treated or killed because of her actions.

She should not even be allowed to be a citizen of this great republic. She was a traitor to this country and should have been arrested and put in jail.

JACK STREETER
Mountain Home

Variety of opinions serves readers well

I think your balanced editorial page is a significant improvement. I appreciate the fact that you consider your readers to be intelligent enough to pick the facts from the fiction.

Maureen Dowd's editorials are very thought-provoking, as are Thomas Friedman's.

Your desire to give us readers the full picture is really appreciated.

TYLER SMITH
Twin Falls

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Man found dead in White Cloud Motel

TWIN FALLS — A Washington state man was found dead Monday morning at the White Cloud Motel located at 134 Third Ave. S.

Richard Newbury, 54, had not been seen for at least a week. One of his neighbors notified police of a strange smell coming from Newbury's unit. Police detected the smell and battered the way into the motel. Newbury had been dead about a week based on the last time he used his cell phone.

According to police reports, he had been at the motel about a month and a half.

Police do not have a cause of death, but do not suspect foul play. The coroner's office will perform a toxicology test to determine if drugs were in his system. The results of that test will be available within 14 days. Following the toxicology test, an autopsy will be performed to determine the exact cause of death.

Neighbors knew very little about Newbury, but said he was pleasant and quiet.

The White Cloud Motel caters to long-term residents, generally those who stay a week or longer. Rent runs between \$375 and \$400 per month and includes all utilities and cable television.

Fund will benefit the victims of house fire

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News has established a fund to help Robert and Pauline Alphin rebuild their lives after a house fire Monday destroyed everything they owned. The Alphins deliver newspapers for The Times-News.

Donations will be accepted at any First Federal Savings Bank location. Specify Account No. 15041783 or the Robert and Pauline Alphin Relief Fund.

Camas school hosts donkey basketball

FAIRFIELD — The Camas County High School student council will sponsor a spaghetti dinner and donkey basketball night tonight. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

Donkey basketball will start at 6 p.m. in the high school gym. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for students grades seven through 12, and \$4 for students grades in kindergarten through sixth grade. For more information, call 735-2625. Proceeds will go to the student council.

Commission approves proposed wind projects

BOISE — The Hagaman area will soon be home to four new wind projects following the utilities commission approval of power sales to Idaho Power Co. on Tuesday.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission affirmed a proposal to allow the new wind farms to sell Idaho Power up to 40 megawatts on a month-to-month basis. One megawatt is enough electricity to provide power to about 850 homes.

Each of the four projects consists of seven 1.5 megawatt wind turbines. The projects are Thousand Springs Wind Park, Pilgrim Stage Station Wind Park, Oregon Trail Wind Park and Tuna Creek Wind Park, all owned by Mountain West Energy Development Group.

T.F. board will discuss contracts, school goals

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School Board will meet tonight to discuss contracts and goals from two schools.

The board might approve a contract with the Idaho State Board of Education to make the district's buildings more energy efficient. It will also consider a roofing project at Robert Stuart Junior High School and bids for a student information system.

The board will hear goal reports from Superintendent Elementary Principal Randy Rudebeck and Twin Falls High School Principal Allen.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the board room of the school administration building, 201 Main Ave. W.

Officials discuss counting cows

By Michelle Danlop
Times-News writer

GOODING — Gooding County commissioners aren't getting easy answers when it comes to keeping large dairies in check.

In March, the commissioners imposed a 120-day moratorium on confined animal feeding operations, or CAFOs. Commissioners cited water quantity and quality concerns in their findings and noted the need to get accurate cow numbers in the county before approving new or expanded CAFOs.

However, on Monday commissioners learned that counting cows might not give them the answers they're seeking.

"I think a nutrient management plan, well-written and well-monitored, is the solution to everything," Steve Thompson of the Natural Resources Conservation told commissioners.

Thompson discouraged the commissioners from using animal units per acre as the basis for deciding whether the county has too many dairies. Instead, he suggested the county, like the state, rely on nutrient management plans for monitoring dairies. A nutrient management plan explains

how much manure a daylawn or farmer will apply to his own lands and how much will be exported to another property owner. Its purpose is to deter groundwater pollution.

Knowing that the county commissioners sought a maximum number of dairy cows that the county could support, Thompson recently challenged other NRCS employees as well as representatives of the Idaho Department of Agriculture to come up with that number.

"There's far too many variables," Thompson said.

If the commissioners want to protect water quality, they will have to examine nutrient management plans rather than looking at cow numbers, he said.

Commissioner Carolyn Elcupura pointed out that the real issue, then, is enforcement.

The Department of Agriculture regulates nutrient management plans, yet counties have permitting authority for CAFOs.

Dustin Olsen with the Department of Agriculture suggested that counties and the department work more closely together.

The only way to regulate dairies is through their nutrient management plans," Olsen said.

The department takes soil samples once every three years to monitor the plans, he said.

Even if dairymen or farmers over-apply manure for two years, on the third year, the department will catch them.

In the last few years, however, the department has been inundated with helping producers draft plans rather than enforcing them, Olsen said.

"It's something we're going to have to get our hands around," he said.

Times-News reporter Michelle Danlop can be reached at 735-3237 or by e-mail at mndanlop@magicvalley.com.

ROLLING WITH GOD



RON DAKOTA FOR THE TIMES-NEWS

Ron and Teresa Dakota follow Glen and Myra Beck of Burley into their driveway after a day-long trip Thursday along 200 South in Cassia County. The couple have resumed their trip from Oklahoma to Oregon after wintering with Teresa's parents in Arco.

Couple find peace at a slow trot

By Rose Marie Parsons
and Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — There's nothing like being behind a team of horses to draw close to nature and God.

So say Ron and Teresa Dakota, who began their trip from Oklahoma to Oregon in 2002 as a means to draw closer to God.

"We are just trying to find ways to become more Christlike and learning to love others," she says, "and to enjoy what's here along our way," said Ron Dakota, as the couple stopped for lunch last week three miles east of Farmer's Corner.

The Dakotas camped outside Declo on Thursday night after spending Wednesday night at Signature Ranch. They planned to camp west of Burley on Friday and then make their way toward Murgha and Kimberly before heading to Boise by way of Shoshone and Gooding.

The couple are resuming their trip after wintering in Arco with Teresa's parents.

They have plenty of time to get to Shoshone, Ore., where they are headed this spring to see one of Ron's friends. They travel about three and a half miles an hour, allowing them to take in the scenery and plenty of visiting when the occasion allows.

"We're not in any hurry," Ron said.

"We like to make between 15 and 20 miles a day and try to

stay fairly close to the towns."

He said because farmers now all to the edge of roads, they sometimes have to look for a

grassy patch on which to camp.

"We have been able to meet so many wonderful people who have been so helpful," Teresa said.

This is a wonderful way to travel.

With them on the ride is Dallas, a panicky Chihuahua who has a berth inside the rolling horse-drawn wagon, and who appears to be the trail boss.

Crescent, Tuffy and Newt pull the front wagon. They trail a three-year-old saddle horse, Montana, or Monte for short. Montana is hitched to the smaller utility wagon trailing behind.

"His name is Miracle because I bought a 2-year-old gelding that turned into a 4-year-old

stallion in less than 40 miles," Ron said.

Bubba, his Australian shepherd, is tethered to the side of a

bike wagon hitched to the rear of their horses, so they put a sign up that read, "Need Water."

"We had dozens of people stop us," he said.

"One little girl poured a gallon jug of drinking water in our water barrel. Another couple completely filled it for us from their motor home tank."

Every morning the couple move the horses out and enjoy their ride, knowing that afternoon or evening will bring them to the end of the day's trail and, mostly likely, someone who will help them find a small patch of ground on which to camp.

"We don't need much," Teresa said.

"We have an electric fence which we use to enclose the horses and we have everything we need in the wagon. I even have electricity. We're pretty up-to-date."

They also have an aura of peace that rubs off on those who stop to visit.

Most people seem to appreciate being reminded to take time to smell the daisies, the Dakotas said.

"What we need most is a way to say thank you to all the wonderful people we have met and talked with," Teresa said.

Asked where they call home, Ron responded, "This is home."

When you are traveling, people pass and wave and usually act like they'd like to talk with you, but they don't want to stop us. So we put signs on the back of our wagon when we need help, or if we are looking for someone to talk with and it's amazing how they respond.

—Ron Dakota, traveling to Oregon by wagon

Twin Falls officials look for a solution to phosphorus pollution

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — City leaders have agreed on a test program that could actually turn the city's significant phosphorus problem into a profit.

The City Council has agreed to a test system, set up and funded by University of Idaho Extension scientist Ron Sheffield, for phosphorus removal near the Lamb Weston Inc. plant. Depending on the time of year, the food processor discharges into

the city's waste treatment plant between 40 percent and 85 percent of the phosphorus that eventually goes into the Snake River from the city.

Sheffield is hoping a fully operational system could take up to 70 percent of the phosphorus out of Lamb Weston's wastewater. But in addition, that phosphorus could be bagged and sold as fertilizer because the process that Sheffield is proposing turns the phosphorus into crystals.

City Councilman Chris Tallington said, "The real profit is in the deferred cost of phosphorus removal."

It wasn't until 2004 that Twin Falls was required to control the amount of phosphorus it discharges into the river. At that time, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency put into place phosphorus discharge limits under the Clean Water Act.

Since then, "We've been compliant, but at certain points, just barely," said City Engineer Gary Young.

Living beings require phosphorus to remain healthy, but large amounts of phosphorus in surface water causes excessive plant growth. Masses of green in the Snake River indicate there is too much phosphorus in the water.

But keeping phosphorus from getting into the river is expensive, Young said. Current phosphorus removal systems would cost millions of dollars, he said.

"We're looking for an economical solution," he said.

problem, both in capital cost and in operational cost," he said.

It's not as if Lamb Weston doesn't foot its fair share of the bill for the city's treatment of waste, Young said. The EPA requires cities to charge polluters according to how many tons of phosphorus they send into the system as well as how much pollution is in their waste.

Lamb Weston's average sewer bill over the past year has been about \$100,000 a month. Please see POLLUTION, Page B3

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OBITUARIES

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Hazel Agnes Harter

BUIH. — Hazel Agnes Harter, 87, of Buih, passed away Saturday, April 23, 2006, at Applegate Assisted Living Center in Buih, Idaho.

Hazel was born March 30, 1918, in Oklahoma, the daughter of Robert L. and Ida Collee Steelman. She met and married her husband, Bernard "Ben" Harter in Oklahoma. The year was 1958. They were married for 30 years until Ben passed away in 1988.

Hazel was a person who was actively involved in her church, was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed her dogs very much. They were like her children.

She was a very dear person to her nieces and nephews



and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Surviving Hazel is her sister, Flora Lottin of Kansas and nu-

merous nieces and nephews.

Her parents, six brothers, two sisters and her beloved husband, Ben, preceded her in death.

A funeral for Hazel will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 28, 2006, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, with Pastor Clarence Krutson officiating. Interment will be held following the service in the West End Cemetery in Buih, Idaho. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Wednesday, April 27, 2006, at the funeral home.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

C. T. 'Coon' Standley

TWIN FALLS. — C. T. "Coon" Standley, 89, of Twin Falls, passed away April 25, 2006, peacefully at his home.

Coon was born Aug. 3, 1915, to Cora and James Standley of Berryville, Ark. He was a number five of 12 brothers and sisters. When the Standley's moved to Idaho, Coon was about a year old and it was here in the Twin Falls/Kimberly area where he grew up. Coon graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1934 and soon after that he began farming on the Salmon River.

Coon then met the love of his life, Fran Tate. In 1939 and they were soon married. The couple moved to California in 1941 while he served in the South Pacific and Japan during World War II until he was discharged from the U.S. Army in 1946. Upon leaving California, the couple lived a short time in Jerome, Burley, Twin Falls and Moses Lake, Wash., before settling in Kimberly for 33 years in the same log home where they were married. He worked for Simpson Soil Builders and later for the Chevron Chemical Company, where he retired in 1981. Coon and Fran spent many winters in Arizona and enjoyed traveling in their retirement years. Coon so much enjoyed being in the outdoors, camping and fishing with his sons and grandchildren.

Growing up with Coon as a father was not always easy, he was constantly teaching the boys responsibility and the importance of hard work. Of course, he had to be firm with four boys that were completely rambunctious and unruly.



from a car in the lake, to spilled gas tanks and burned down haystacks, to many wrecked cars. Life lessons are hard but they make great memories. All four sons have fond childhood memories of their father and their adventures together and they will always remember what a truly wonderful man he was in every way.

Coon was a loving grandfather, generous, feisty and cantankerous, all at the same time. He had a huge, soft heart and the grandchildren knew how to get to it.

But he did not care; he loved giving them whatever they wanted even at Grandma's protest. As the son's and grandkids reminisce about their numerous camping trips with their dad and grandpa, their faces light up with the start of each memory and the laughs are endless.

Coon was very proud to be the head of the Standley family; nothing made him happier than boasting of his son's and their families and his grand-

children and their families. When his grandchildren walked in the room his face would glow with adoration.

If nothing else, Coon taught us how to laugh, how to forgive, how to love unconditionally and how to enjoy life to the fullest with each and every waking breath. He will be sorely missed and very fondly remembered.

Signed, your loving wife, your devoted sons, your grateful grandchildren and your loving friends.

Coon is survived by his wife, Fran Standley; his sons, Mike (Suzanne), Steve (Dena) and Tom (Cathie); nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

His parents, brothers, sisters and his son, Andy, preceded him in death.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, with Pastor Joe Lancaster officiating. The Masonic Lodge #45 will offer funeral rites. Interment will be held following the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery and the Magic Valley Veterans and Auxiliary will offer military rites. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today, Wednesday, April 27, 2006, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to the Twin Falls Girls High School Softball Program c/o of Twin Falls High School, 1615 First Ave E, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Rita Ione Smallwood

LOVELAND, Colo. — Rita Ione Smallwood, 90, of Loveland, Colo., and formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away Monday, April 25, 2006, in Loveland.

Ione was born Sept. 16, 1914, in Wyndmere, N.D., the daughter of Jessie and Ira Smith. In 1921 she moved with her parents to Kansas and was educated in the Kansas schools. In 1936, she moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, and worked at the Majestic Drug Store.

It was at the drug store where she met the man who would become her husband of 64 years, J. Clifton Smallwood. He preceded her in death in 2001.

During Ione's lifetime in Twin Falls, she was a member of the First Baptist Church where she served on various committees and was a deaconess. She was a charter member and past president of the Ladies of the EM, member of the Ladies Bowling Association, member of the M.V.M.C. Auxiliary and past president of the YMCA. She, along with her husband, were major benefactors in obtaining the Boys & Girls Club Building for that organization.

In 1952, Ione and her husband established General Building Supply and worked there until retirement in 1979. She loved to travel and spend time with her family.

In July of 2003, after 67 years in Twin Falls, Ione moved to Loveland, Colo., to be near to her daughter, son-in-law and one granddaughter.

She maintained her residence at Merrill Gardens. Survivors include daughter, Rita Harden (Ron); son, Jim



Smallwood (Kay); four grandchildren, Kit and Kris Harden and Ian and Tim Smallwood; also two step-grandchildren, Eric and Rhonda Wolfe; and one great-granddaughter, Madeleine Ione Smallwood. Also surviving are her two brothers, Keith Smith (Evelyn) and Paul Smith (Ruth).

Her parents, Jessie and Ira Smith, preceded her in death. A funeral for Ione will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls, Idaho, with Pastor Robert Smith officiating.

Interment will be held following the service at the Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum in Twin Falls, Idaho. Friends may call from 1 to 2 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2006, at the church.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the Boys & Girls Club or the First Baptist Church P.O. Box 5806, Twin Falls, ID 83301. All services and arrangements are under the direction of the Vigilant Funeral Chapel in Loveland, Colo., and the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Palm Springs. Burial is in Desert Memorial Park cemetery in Cathedral City with Wierfels & Son Funeral Director of Palm Springs in charge of arrangements.

The family suggests that donations be made to the Coachella Valley Panhandle Scholarship Fund.

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OBITUARIES

J. Roberta 'Bobbie' T. Brewer

JEROME. — J. Roberta "Bobbie" T. Brewer, 72, of Jerome, passed away April 21, 2006, at her home.

She was born Jessie Roberta Thomas on Oct. 11, 1932, in Burley, Idaho, the third of four children born to George and Marie Thomas.

She grew up and attended school in Castleford, Idaho. The family later moved to Jerome where Bobbie graduated from Jerome High School. Bobbie enjoyed bowling, shooting pool and playing cards. She was a longtime member and past president of the B.P.O. Does in Boulder City, Nev. After moving back to Idaho, she joined the Eagles in Idaho Falls where she was an active member.

After her husband, Wayne, retired, they moved to Jerome where she became an active member of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge 1785 and a charter member of



children, Teresa (Harvey) Hines of Luling, Texas, and Marvin Lamm of Jerome.

She is also survived by her siblings, Gaylord (Liz) Thomas, Forest Heights, Md., Gloria (Carr) Stott, Boulder City, Nev., and Stan (Sandy) Thomas, Las Vegas, Nev.; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many friends who call her "Mom."

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wayne Brewer; and her youngest daughter, Tamera Lee.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2006, at the Snake River Elks Lodge, 423 E. 200 S., Jerome. A potluck will be held at Mr. Bill's, 200 W. Main, Jerome. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary and Crematorium, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

Bobbie was always willing to volunteer her time and energy whenever asked. She will be missed by many family members and friends alike. Bobbie is survived by two

Adelbert Lyle Puddy

TWIN FALLS. — Adelbert Puddy, 76, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 20, 2006.

Mr. Puddy was born in Chicago, Ill., on April 14, 1929. He was the oldest son of Raymond H. Puddy and Ada Mae Toombs Puddy.

The Puddy family moved to Filer, Idaho, where a son and son, Lavern Buchanan Puddy, was born in 1931. They relocated to Twin Falls, Idaho, in 1937.

A younger brother, Robert Andrew, preceded him in death in November 1949.

Mr. Puddy served in the Merchant Marine and U.S. Army. He later followed in his father's footsteps in construction. For many years he operated the DelRay Construction Co. in California. Returning to Twin Falls when his mother died in 1992, Mr. Puddy has since resided in the family home at 210 Caswell Ave.

He passed away at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He is survived by two daughters, Lucinda and Nora; and his brother, Lavern Puddy of Seattle, Wash.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2006, at the family plot in Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road. A reception for friends will follow at the Blue Lakes Room, Amertin Inn, 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

DEATH NOTICES

Norine M. Robinson BURLEY. — Norine M. Robinson, an 81-year-old Burley resident, died Tuesday, April 26, 2006, at her home in Burley. Arrangements will be made by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Richard L. Newbry TWIN FALLS. — Richard L. Newbry, 54, of Twin Falls, died at his residence.

Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Roy O. Brady JEROME. — Roy O. Brady, 81, of Jerome, Idaho, died Monday, April 25, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

A funeral for Roy will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 29, 2006, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on Buchanan Street in Jerome, with Bishop Wayland McClellan officiating. Interment will be held in the Wendell Cemetery in Wendell, Idaho. Friends may call one hour before the service at the church.

All services and arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

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Commission nixes 24-hour daycare idea

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On a balmy spring evening after a Twin Falls Planning and Zoning meeting, Casey Burgess' new neighbors surrounded her on the sidewalk outside the City Council chambers.

They started telling Burgess, who just moved into their neighborhood, some of the things they had already witnessed about her daycare that concerned them.

The smiling, serene and obviously pregnant Burgess assured them, "Let me know any time there is a problem."

Burgess had just gotten permission from the Planning and Zoning Commission to run her daycare for 14 hours a day — but just barely. The vote at the commission's regular meeting Tuesday was 4-3, plus Burgess was instructed to come back in exactly one year to see if neighbors were still concerned about her business in their quiet cul-de-sac.

And perhaps more importantly, Burgess didn't get one privilege for which she asked. Burgess, who, with her cousin, oversees 28 children plus her own, was asking for permission to baby-sit 24 hours a day. But city code restricts the hours to only 14 a day, and the Planning and Zoning Commission doesn't have the authority to alter that.

"The 24-hour thing is a non-player," Chairman Tom Frank said.

Neighbors were worried about traffic through all hours of the night. But Burgess said there would only be two sets of parents having to pick kids up in the middle of the night. Neighbors worried about the numbers of cars going up and down the narrow street, so the permit says Burgess and her employee must park their cars on the street so parents' cars can be diverted onto her driveway before heading on down the street. Commission members and neighbors said they were astounded at the number of children Burgess is taking care of. But she said she never has more than 13 at any one time.

The end, commissioner Carl Younk said. "I think she has to take a serious, serious look at what she's going to do to get along with the neighbors."

Ann Commissioner Kelly Kennedy said Burgess' situation reminded her once again of the terrible problem the city and the state has in regulating daycare. While commissioning Burgess for applying for a license, Kelly also reminded the commission there are countless daycare providers who avoid regulation.

"That scares me is all the other daycare providers out there that are not licensed," Kelly said.

Pollution

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according to information obtained through a *Times-News* public records request. The company, part of Conagra Foods, employs about 750 people, according to Bob McKoon, spokesman for Conagra.

The city plans to cover its 550-acre Auger Falls property in the Snake River Canyon with cleaned water coming from the waste treatment plant near the Canyon Springs Golf Course. The water will irrigate trees and bushes and form wetlands, complete with marshes and ponds.

"They grow plants and trees will take up phosphorus. But Twin Falls County farmer Ron Jones, who has worked with large cities nationwide coping with phosphorus runoff, pointed out the Auger Falls property can hold only so much water.

At a certain point, excess water laden with phosphorus will seep into the river. In addition, the vegetation planned for Auger Falls can absorb only so much phosphorus, he added.

So the city has to keep searching for an extra system to eliminate phosphorus.

Kathryn Ellen Gill Johnson of Richfield, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Richfield Assembly of God Church. Interment will be in Richfield Cemetery (Deming Funeral Home, Richfield, Shoshone).

Helen Doris Christian of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Maxine Everson Griffland of Meridian, viewing one hour before the funeral. A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Cherry Lane and West 2nd Street in Meridian. Interment will be at 2:30 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls (Summers Funeral Home, Ustick Chapel).

Robert D. Holm of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Burley 2nd, 4th & 10th Ward.

By Renee Wells
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Someone has taken Alexis Martinez's bicycle. It is a custom-made bicycle, allows the 12-year-old White Pine sixth-grader to join her siblings in outdoor activity.

On April 15, someone entered her grandmother's yard and took the red cycle, also taking her ability to be independently mobile.

Alexis has cerebral palsy and schizophrenia, disabilities that affect her motor functions. She uses a walker to navigate the halls at school because the slightest bump from another student could cause her to fall. She is not able to control her posture enough to jump on a trampoline, run, skip, jump a rope or ride a regular bicycle. But she could ride her Winger bicycle.

When she arrived at her

SERVICES

Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St. Burley will be in Pleasant View Cemetery; friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Clay Trid Eugene Daniels of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Amazing Grace Church, 1061 Eastland Drive N.; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today and Thursday at White Mortuary. Following the service, friends and family are invited for a celebration of Irish life at the Shuffle Inn.

Marie Estel Mingola of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Let's Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Harold Bulcher of Jerome, vigil service at 7 p.m. Thursday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. funeral at 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial

will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. A reception will follow at St. Jerome's Parish Hall (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

Maria Lourdes Aplazay of Buhl, rosary at 7 p.m. Friday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1631 Poplar in Buhl. Burial will be Saturday at the Immaculate Conception Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

James Harte of Twin Falls, celebration of life from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Clear Lake Golf Course clubhouse in Buhl.

Ray Jones of Malta, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Malta First and Second Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Alma. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Thieves steal disabled girl's custom cycle

grandmother's home in Burley last weekend, the bike was not there.

She was devastated. We drove around the town looking for the bike. Alexis' mother, Michelle Martinez, said, "Alexis cried all day. She told us, 'I look and I look and I look and I don't know who has my bike.'"

Martinez said family members combed their neighborhood then drove around the community looking for the cycle before filing a report with police on Monday. They have put an ad in the newspaper and on radio asking the thief to return the cycle, no questions asked. Burley police said Tuesday their investigation continues.

"I couldn't imagine at first why anyone would take a disabled child's bike because it doesn't just represent an activity to Alexis," Martinez said. "This is the only freedom she has, the

only thing she can do completely independent of someone else's help."

Michelle Martinez can be reached at Desert West Land Surveys, 678-7112, or at 312-2871.

A fund has been created at D.L. Evans Bank, and donations can be made at any branch. In the event that the bike is turned or found, the fund will be used to buy the same type of bike for another child with disabilities. Those helping raise money intend to make the fund permanent in honor of Alexis.

Dan Hendrix, from Norco, also is working with others to help raise money to buy a new cycle in the event Alexis is not found or returned.

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Horror farce begins showing today

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — With character names like "Held and Daidy von Blitzen, Baby Balou, Heinrich Stunken, and Olga and Heidi Zitzen, the audience will correctly have the Creanure Creeps" pegged as a funny play before the spotlight is turned on.

Baron von Blitzen's secret laboratory is set, appropriately enough, in an ancient castle located in the Carpathian Mountains of Transylvania in the 1920s.

As if that weren't cliché enough, the play includes a mislabeled assistant, a grim housekeeper, shrieks from the depths of crypts, deranged villagers, and the mad scientist's dopey daughter.

CSI Theater professor Tony Mammen and his cast will present the horror farce at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and again May 4 through 7 in Theater 119 of the CSI Fine Arts Building.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors and are available at the CSI Bookstore and from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the CSI Fine Arts Box Office, and at the door.

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TOOLS - SHOP
Jumper cables - pipe wrenches - hammers - 4 large cabinet clamps - hand saws - wood taps and files - many assorted drop cords. - 5 chain binders - assorted electric drills and saws - bearing pullers - 45 or 50 used wall saw blades - wood chisels - screwdrivers - house moving jack - fiberglass toolbox - log chain - tow chains - lazy sawn 6 tier bolt bin and bolts - wood bits.

ANTIQUES - COLLECTIBLES
Wilson Rotary treadle sewing machine (bought new in 1919) - hand scythe - boy scout brass trumpet - leather punch and riveter - Fulton hand corn sheller - kerosene lantern - hand shears - old model T car - old Ford pickup - jack - 5 gal milk can - child's sled - pair of old stirrups.

LAWN - GARDEN - SPORTING
Approx 50 to 75 shovels, hoes, rakes, etc. - fork hods - hand trimmers - lawn chair - push reel lawn mower - camp cooler - Coleman 3 burner camp stove - boys 3 speed bike - croc, long and compound bows - fish poles - Coleman lanterns - rubber tired wheelbarrow.

MISCELLANEOUS
2 pair of saw horses and planks - picks - old cast - large mail box - hand tire pump - funnels - ammo boxes - nails, bolts and washers - several snakes - 15 to 20 assorted pool tarps - pile of good 2"x4" x8ft lumber - 4x4 lumber - pile of split wood cut in stove lengths - gas cans - plumbing components - coop fence - 5 gal plastic pails - log chain hooks - 2 small rolls of woven wire - blow torch - and other miscellaneous items subject to auction.

HOUSEHOLD - SPECIAL ITEMS
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MORNING BREAK

Mr. Right turns out to be wrong

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for 10 years. I raised my three children alone while working a 40-hour week. It hasn't been easy.

Now that my youngest is 15 and the older two are out on their own, I decided to go out with "Harold," a gentleman I have known for five years. He would come every day to visit me and chat with me at work. So I finally accepted one of his invitations to go out for coffee.

Our relationship proceeded from there. Harold accepted me, the kids, my relatives and friends. We get along beautifully. We never disagree or argue. It's like I have been swept off my feet by Prince Charming. I have never been so happy. We do things as a family and are always together — except every night he goes home at 11 p.m. to his house, which is one hour from mine.

So what's the problem? Harold never mentioned that he has been married for 27 years and has a large family with many grandchildren. I got a phone call from a lady named "Ellen" who told me that Harold is her husband. She said she loves him, and begged me to end the relationship and tell him to go home to his family.

When Harold showed up for supper last night I told him about the phone call. He didn't deny any of it. He asked me if he had said he was married, would I have had coffee with him? Would he be in my life now? He says their marriage has been over since 2000, but because they are wealthy, a divorce would be very expensive, so it's better they live together and go their separate ways. He swears that he loves only me and my family, and he wants our relationship to continue!

Abby, I'm 45 years old and scared. I can't believe this has happened to me. I'm sick, brokenhearted and confused. Please tell me what to do.

— MISERABLE IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MISERABLE: Harold may have financial wealth, but it appears he's morally bankrupt. He may "love you," but he loves two things more — the status quo and his money. As much as you may care for him, please understand that you wouldn't be sick, brokenhearted and confused if he hadn't put you in this situation. Forty-five years old is the prime of life. Please don't be afraid. Tell this self-centered jerk the romance is over and send him back to his wife. The longer you allow this relationship to continue, the harder it'll be to make a new start — and frankly, you deserve better.

DEAR ABBY: My 30-year-old daughter lives in Denver. She grew up with her mother, although I was an active — albeit distant — father.

My problem is that we very rarely communicate, and when we do, I always do the calling. I never receive a birthday or Father's Day card, or even a Christmas card from her, for that matter. Although I



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

send her these little remembrances, she never acknowledges any gift or card from me or any of my family. I now have a terminal illness. Abby, My daughter is aware of this. Should I press her for more contact, or has she given her answer to my condition?

— STUMPED DAD IN LOUISIANA

DEAR STUMPED DAD: Sometimes no communication sends a powerful message. Do not press your daughter for more contact. Do, however, write her a letter expressing what you need to say to her. That way, after you are gone, you will have left nothing unsaid.

John Milton sold 'Paradise Lost' for 10 pounds

This day in history: John Milton was a great poet, but a lousy businessman. After laboring over his epic masterpiece, "Paradise Lost," the blind, impoverished poet made a major financial blunder on April 27, 1667. He sold the copyright for a measly 10 pounds — about \$2,100 in today's money. "Crahan flour" is simply whole wheat flour. It was named after an eccentric 19th century health guru, Sylvester Graham. He believed that whole grains promoted healthy sexual abstinence and that meat, salt and spices were aphrodisiacs.

Have you heard of author Alissa Rosenbaum? The author of "The Fountainhead" and "Atlas Shrugged," she's better known as philosopher Ayn Rand.

Everyone knows that Aaron Burr shot Alexander Hamilton to death during a famous duel. What isn't always told is that they had first been law partners, setting the stage for their animosity.

What company is the nation's No. 1 buyer of rice? It's the world's largest brewer, Anheuser-Busch.

In all the rhetoric about a "liberal" judiciary, it's easy to forget that seven of the nine Supreme Court justices were appointed by Republican presidents. So were 94 of the 162 U.S. Court of Appeals judges, with



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

conservatives making up the majority on 10 of the nation's 13

federal appeals courts.

In the summer, lawn mowers account for up to 5 percent of the nation's air pollution. A conventional gas lawn mower can generate as much pollution as 3 new cars.

During the 1930s and 1940s, Cracker Jack prizes included metal charms, toys and trinkets. After the war, plastic took over and then — because it was inex-

pensive and easy to run through high-speed machinery — paper. Poisonous mushrooms? Squirrels don't pay their mind. They eat mushrooms that would kill a human and scamper away with no bad result whatsoever.

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Kathie Stewart, a co-administrator of the Twin Falls Rose Society, prunes the rose garden by the Twin Falls County Courthouse on Saturday. The rose garden is completely cared for by rose society members and volunteers.

Clippers at the ready

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Are you *sure* it's not too early to be pruning rose bushes? Kathie Stewart is positive. "My neighbor's forsythia" is in full bloom, she explains. The forsythia is a hearty golden-flowering perennial that blooms in the spring — even before the danger of frost is past.

Thus, a quick glance at the yellow flowers across the back fence serves as an indicator to Stewart that "it's a safe time" to get started.

But as garden administrator of the Magic Valley Rose Society, pruning in her own back yard is only part of Stewart's early spring task.

Pruning the rose bushes at the society's Commemorative Rose Garden at the Twin Falls Courthouse is also part of her responsibility.

The rose garden was established in 1933, and since that time, more than 200 rose bushes have been added.

And each year each bush must be cared for — in the early spring.

"Pruning is basically training the bush — and pruning encourages growth," Stewart said.

Last Saturday — along with her husband, Jan — Stewart spent most of the day turning plants into potential works of art.

When she begins, she visualizes each plant as being a vase — then cuts accordingly to make that vase appear.

The degree of the cut is also a factor. While cutting the stems at a 45-degree angle, just above a new shoot with at least five leaves allows the water "to drip off," while the early pruning opens up the center of the plant to let in air, sunlight and water, Stewart says.

After she's finished, she then paints all of the cut edges with "Elmer's glue" to keep insects from boring into the open stems.

And while there's still some controversy about whether to prune in the late fall or the early spring, according to research done by the College of Agriculture at the University of Idaho, in south-central Idaho early spring is prime time for pruning roses.

The blooming forsythia is a trusted rule-of-thumb that's pretty hard to miss. Gardeners today have a great selection of roses from which to choose.

These deciduous shrubs and shrubby vines include modern hybrids, such as hybrid teas, grandifloras, floribundas, various "old-fashioned" types (known as old garden roses); old and new shrub roses, and species roses.

As with all roses, the goal of pruning is to remove weak, unproductive and dead stems and to encourage vigorous new stems to growth. And according to "Pruning Encyclopedia," the specifics vary according to kinds of roses and climate.

Pruning promotes a symmetrical bush and encourages new growth by removing dead or damaged wood. According to the U of I's "Care After Planting" series, pruning in the spring rather than fall will produce more flow-

A rose is a rose

According to a survey by the American Rose Society, the following cultivars are among the best for disease resistance:

- Minutemen**
- Baby Betsy McCall
 - Gourmet Popcorn
 - Little Artist
 - Rainbow's End
 - Rose Gildardi
- Grandifloras**
- Queen Elizabeth
- Floribundas**
- Impatiens
 - Sunsprite
- Shrub roses**
- All That Jazz
 - Carefree Wonder
- Hybrid tea**
- Duette
 - Olympiad
 - Smooth Lady
- Source: American Rose Society

When's the last freeze in your area?

The opening dates of the growing season, on average, for selected Idaho cities:	Location	Last frost (avg.)	May 13
Hazelton	Hill City	June 29	May 28
Holister	Idaho City	June 25	May 25
Idaho Falls	Idaho Falls	May 25	May 14
Island Park	Jerome	May 14	May 14
Malad City	Hellsgate	May 16	May 16
McCall	Mountain Home	May 20	May 20
Minidoka Dam	Paul	May 19	May 19
Montpelier	Richfield	May 30	May 30
Moscow	Riggins	April 23	April 23
Mountain Home	St. Anthony	June 29	June 29
Oakley	Salmon	June 2	June 2
Paul	Sandpoint	May 20	May 20
Richfield	Shoshone	May 18	May 18
Riggins	Swan Falls	April 20	April 20
St. Anthony	Twin Falls	May 9	May 9
Sandpoint		May 9	May 9
Shoshone		May 9	May 9
Swan Falls		May 9	May 9
Twin Falls		May 9	May 9

Source: Hume Seeds

ers — particularly from hybrid teas, floribundas, polyanthas, grandifloras, climbing hybrid teas and large flowered climbers which bloom more than once during the year.

Roses are popular garden plants because of their beautiful, fragrant flowers, but to add the flower's true beauty to the landscape, yearly pruning is required.

What's more, with size and vigor as part of the eye-catching mix, the objec-

tive of beauty is much easier with regular pruning.

But timing is everything. The risk of waiting to prune until all danger of frost is past — that's May 9, on the average, in Twin Falls; May 14 in Jerome, May 16 in Burley and June 14 in Halley — could result in removing too much new growth, thus reducing the

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The Agriculture Department's mandatory country-of-origin labeling requirements mean the fish and shellfish you buy should come with information about where they come from and whether they are wild or farm-raised. Here, fish at a Whole Foods Market in Washington.



A biography of the fishes

The Washington Post

If you're one of those people who love knowing which orchard your apples come from, exactly where and how your chicken is raised and whether your meat is grass- or grain-fed, you'll soon be able to bring that same informed attitude to your fish purchases.

Earlier this month, the Agriculture Department's mandatory country-of-origin labeling (COOL) requirements went into effect in retail food stores nationwide. That means the fish and shellfish you buy should come with information about where they come from and whether they are wild or farm-raised.

Indeed, it means that if you

go into a Safeway store, you will see that information either on the label of packaged fish or on the price tag of the fish at fish counters. "We are COOL-compliant," says Craig Muecke, Safeway's spokesman for public affairs, "except for some shrimp products currently in our warehouse" that should be sold in a short period.

Part of the 2002 Farm Security and Rural Investment Act, this provision has been slow to surface, delayed in part by long periods for public comment and costs associated with implementation.

The rule will not be actively enforced until Oct. 3, according to Kathryn Manning, spokeswoman for the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service

(AMS). After that, suppliers and retailers can be fined up to \$10,000 per violation.

Whole Foods, where products are identified as organic, put the practice into place well before the April 4 deadline. "We've been telling our customers where our produce comes from for some time, so the process wasn't new to us," says spokeswoman Sarah Kenney. "But of course our mix of fish changes every day, so we have to make sure that each of our stores and each of our seafood team members are up to speed on the background of the 50-plus species in the case."

The cost of implementing the rule is expected to be passed on to consumers.

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FOOD & HOME

Make your own manure

It's spring and you're dying to spring out to the garden. Here's a tip from the late, great, Howard Walters, writing rosette from "The American Rose" magazine for many years.

Walters loved horse manure. Nary a spring arrived that he didn't exuberantly report the wonders of the stuff. The bacterial action of horse manure in a rose garden was enough to make the man wax poetically for half a page. Walters said his roses thought it was a special treat to get an inch or two of horse manure mulch just a week out of the horse.

"Some of the good stuff is lost by waiting for the 'well rotted' stage," he said.

Walters was savvy enough to realize, however, that not everyone has access to a horse.

So he offered a recipe for "Fragrant Formula."

Although Walters didn't mention quantities, here's his recipe:

Combine fish meal, cottonseed meal, alfalfa meal and some form of roughage, such as fine-ground bark shavings and leaves. By volume, he said, use four times as much roughage as meal.

Add some blood meal, maybe bone meal. Make a big pile, mix



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

It all up with a pitchfork and moisten lightly. Let it sit for a week. Turn it again.

The finished product should be just like manure without having to run it through a horse first, Walters said.

Use a big trowel for per rose bush and give each rose lots of water. Your soil organisms and roses will go bananas over it. Your neighbors should forgive you when the roses bloom beautifully. By then they will have forgotten about the two or three days of the sharp ammonia-like odor.

Tip of the Week: Pawing the garden won't get your vegetable garden in any sooner. But a long-stemmed thermometer might. I found mine at an educational toy store.

JoAnn Robbins, local Extension agent, offers this bit of advice for timing vegetable seeds. When you plant, she said,

the average soil temperature (after you've taken the seed-depth temperature for several days in a row) should fall within these limits:

- 35 degrees — plant lettuce, onions, purslane and spinach;
- 40 degrees — plant fava beans, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, Chinese cabbage, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, greens, kale, collards, kohlrabi, leeks, parsley, peas, radishes, rutabaga, Swiss chard, celery and turnips;
- 50 degrees — plant corn and tomatoes;
- 60 degrees — plant green beans, dry beans, cucumbers, squash, pumpkins, potatoes, eggplants, melons, cantaloupes, okra and peppers.

You should take the soil's temperature at 8 a.m. and again at 4 p.m. and average those temperatures. Do that for four or five days, average those temperatures, and you'll surely be safe starting your garden this year.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: cawalworth@aol.com.

Fish

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Restaurants will not be required to convey their seafood's country of origin to diners.

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Washington area chefs are divided about the difference that makes to their customers' tastes," says Bob Kinkaid of the downtown D.C. restaurant that bears his name and focuses on seafood.

He says his customers don't

care about the pedigree of the fish they eat. "Why would knowing about the origin of any species of fish matter to anybody?"

A few blocks away at Marcel's, chef-owner Robert Waldmeier takes a different attitude. "Why wouldn't any customer want to know where a product they're putting into their body is coming from?" he asks.

His customers have become knowledgeable, he says, wanting to know what body of water their fish is coming from, whether it's farm-raised or wild.

Retailers will be implementing the law gradually. Until

October, the USDA marketing service will focus on education and outreach to help retailers with labeling and enforcement. "We want to help the industry," Mattingly says.

Details regarding how the law will be enforced have not yet been determined. "Over the next six months, the AMS will enter into federal/state agreements that will detail the enforcement process," Mattingly says.

Between now and Oct. 3, we will be posting a compliance guide that will outline the specifics on our Web site (www.ams.usda.gov).

Roses

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amount of the first bloom.

Because of the severity of the damage, pruning is this area can be tricky.

In the cold months, exposed rose canes are frequently damaged, and therefore, should be removed.

And while some canes may still be green on the outside, their centers may be brown — which means there's damage.

General recommendations are to prune all stems and canes back to the wood that is light green to creamy white in the center.

After pruning out winter-damaged canes, remove any cane that is broken or injured by insects or diseases.

Also, cut canes that rub against other canes, and it's also a good idea to get rid of those that are spindly and weak, or old and unproductive.

The intended use of the rose should also be a consideration before pruning.

For example, if the roses are being grown for exhibition, pruning needs to be done in a different manner.

The next exhibitor wants only a few large perfect blooms, while the homeowner may want to force as much bloom as possible on a plant.

Consideration should also be given to the overall landscape. The ultimate height of the rose plants will be determined

by the background plants and the general landscape effect desired.

Since over-pruning can be hard on the plant, Shari Hart, past president of the Filer Rose Society, cuts canes of hybrid teas, floribundas, and grandifloras about 18 to 24 inches high.

"It takes a lot of energy to grow back up — so I try not to cut any more than knee-high," said Hart, who has about 175 plants of her own.

"Roses are my favorite," said Hart, so she's very careful when it comes to "cutting away too much growth."

With proper pruning, it's possible in this area to get three to five flowerings a season, Jan

Stewart said.

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But it takes work, and more importantly a commitment.

If it's not possible to spend at least an hour or so a week with these plants during the growing season, you might want to consider planting something else.

And where safety in pruning is concerned, some pricky advice is also in order.

Before taking on the task, "put on your gloves," Kathie Stewart warns.

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OXO debuts swivel peeler

The Washington Post

OXO, the innovative housewares manufacturer with more than 750 products, started in 1990 with a single, ergonomically designed vegetable peeler. Over the years, OXO engineers have refined their signature kitchen tool.

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LAWN, GARDEN and HOME DIRECTORY

Where Does Your Garden Grow?

By Tress Erickson

You bought a house a few years ago, and since then, you've been working on the inside. You just finished the last room and now it's time to move outside. You'd like to start a garden. However, creating one means more than just bag of soil and some plants. You need to find just the right spot for a garden and that can take some thought. Here are some tips.

First, you need to think about the type of garden you would like to create. Some people prefer to have a meadow garden with lots of wildflowers and grasses, while others prefer a more formal garden with several

hedges and seasonal bedding plants.

Once you've determined the kind of garden you'd like to create, you need to select an area in your yard that will fit that garden. If you're looking to create a shaded oasis, for example, you might want to focus on an area in your heavily wooded back yard rather than in your open, sunny front yard.

Size is another important factor. If you're planning a series of flowerbeds with a fountain and a bench, obviously you're going to need quite a bit of space. A 3x3 foot square on the side of the house won't work. On the other hand, if all you want is someplace to put a birdbath and a couple of hostas, that spot on the side of the house might be ideal.

Location is equally important. Does the area you have chosen face north, south, west or east? Make sure the location of the area you've selected will work for the type of garden you're planning to create.

In addition to the quality of the area, you should look at its overall condition. Is it overgrown with plants and weeds or is it just a patch of open lawn? If it's overgrown, you'll have to do a lot of work to clear it out and prepare it for the type of garden you're planning to create.

Selecting the

right area for your garden is just the first of many steps you must take in order to create a garden. Do your homework and make sure you choose the best area for your garden.

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FOOD & HOME

Restaurants unleash monster meals

Cox News Service

Monster. Colossal. Enormous.

Big has made a comeback on some restaurant menus. Not just big, but "unapologetically decadent," as Brad Haley of Hardee's describes the Monster Thickburger, a 2/3-pound burger loaded with cheese and bacon.

From Burger King's Enormous Omelet Sandwich to Ruby Tuesday's Ultimate Colossal Burger — with a full pound of meat — size is taking center stage, especially at restaurants that target young men. And there are no apologies.

What happened to the push for lighter restaurants? Good news: continue to add lower-calorie entrees — McDonald's will introduce a fruit and walnut salad in May — but others are finding that it's tough to attract health-conscious customers.

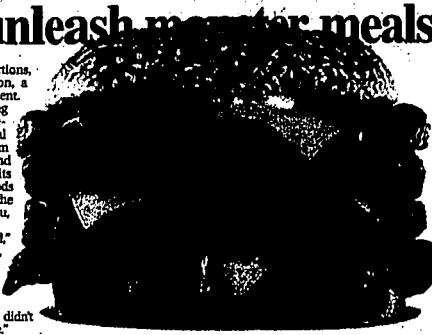
Hardee's added a charbroiled barbecue chicken sandwich last winter. It's not selling well. Burger King still sells a veggie burger, but the fire-grilled chicken baguettes are gone. Ruby Tuesday saw same-store sales drop nearly 9 percent last year after it put calorie counts on menus and explicitly limited portion sizes of french fries and pasta.

"That's one of the conundrums the industry faces," says Haley, executive vice president of marketing for Hardee's. "We make what we want to sell; we make what people want to buy. And if people bought a lot of low-fat charbroiled chicken sandwiches, then there'd be 30,000 charbroiled chicken sandwich restaurants in America instead of hamburger restaurants."

Ruby Tuesday is trying to woo back customers by adding new menu items with larger portions. Customers like the changes, and the chain isn't getting nearly as many complaints

about small portions, says Rick Johnson, a senior vice president. The casual dining chain is also removing nutritional information from restaurants and possibly from its Web site for all foods except those on the Smart Eating menu, Johnson says.

"What we found," Johnson says, "was the majority didn't pay any attention to it, weren't asking for it and didn't care if it was there."



DAMN THE CHOLESTEROL!

Burger King's Enormous Omelet Sandwich

- What is it? A breakfast platter on a bun.
- The official pitch: "So big, breakfast will never be the same."
- How big is it? A 6-inch hoagie roll with two slices of American cheese, two eggs, three strips of bacon and a sausage patty.
- The total: 780 calories, 50 grams total fat, 18 grams saturated fat and 2,080 milligrams of sodium.
- What's bigger? Double Whopper With Cheese, 1,060 calories, 69 grams total fat, 27 grams saturated fat, 1,540 milligrams of sodium.

Ruby Tuesday Ultimate Colossal Burger

- What is it? The chain's biggest burger ever, beefed up by an extra 2 ounces this winter.
- The official pitch: "Here's the ultimate one if you really want to go over the top."
- How big is it? A pound of beef (that's two 1/2-pound patties) served on a triple-decker bun, with slices of American and Monterey Jack cheese.
- The total: 1,781 calories and 126 grams of total fat (saturated fat information not available). The accompanying side of fries adds another 309 calories and 15 grams of fat.
- What's bigger? Baked Chicken Pasta with Alfredo sauce and broccoli, covered with cheese, at 1,809

calories and 104 grams of total fat. (Garlic toast, served with the pasta, isn't included in the nutritional information.)

Hardee's Monster Thickburger

- What is it? A 2/3-pound version of Hardee's old 1/2-pound Monster Burger, bigger and with premium ingredients for the Thickburger era.
- The official pitch: "A monument to decadence."
- How big is it? Two 1/3-pound beef patties with four strips of bacon and three slices of American cheese.
- The total: 1,418 calories, 107 grams of total fat, 46 grams of saturated fat, 2,651 milligrams of sodium.
- What's bigger? Nothing else on the menu.

Nutritional guidelines

- What MyPyramid recommends as daily food choices for a 25-year-old man who is physically active for more than an hour every day:
- 3,000 calories
 - 7 ounces of meat or beans
 - 4 cups vegetables
 - 2 1/2 cups fruit
 - 3 cups milk
 - 10 ounces grains, at least half of them whole grains.
- Federal nutritional guidelines for daily maximums of saturated fat and sodium:
- No more than 20 grams saturated fat
 - No more than 2,300 milligrams sodium

How to cook when the pantry is nearly bare

The Baltimore Sun

You come home from work tired and hungry. You don't even crack open a cookbook, because you know that somewhere in every recipe's list of ingredients is something you do not have.

Instead, you make that tried-and-true grilled chicken breast with an improvised mustard sauce. But you could use more ideas for meals whose ingredients will, without fail, be in your head and at your fingertips.

That's where the brother-and-sister team Robert Hildebrand

and Carol Hildebrand come in, with "500 3-Ingredient Recipes" (Fair Winds Press, 2004, \$19.95). It sounds like the answer to your prayers. And it can be, as long as you read the recipes carefully.

On the plus side, 500 recipes mean a lot of variety, with breakfast items, seafood entrees, side dishes, even desserts. You'll find that many of the recipes need salt, pepper, water, butter or oil. Cold comfort if you happen to be out of one of them, so keep these staples stocked if you want to cook on impulse with this book.

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Rhubarb and strawberries blend together

The Associated Press

This almond cake is crowned with two of the quintessential flavors of spring, the puckery-tart flavor of rhubarb, and strawberries' sweetness.

The cake is very tasty whether hot out of the oven or cold the next day, recipe developer Pam Simmons says, adding, "All my tasters loved it, even those that don't like rhubarb."

Cook's tip: When picking rhubarb, look for firm, unblemished stalks, the redder the better. Rhubarb leaves are toxic to humans; only the stalks are edible, so if the leaves have not already been cut off, trim them off and discard them.

To store rhubarb, wrap a paper towel around the root ends and store in the refrigerator in a plastic bag, and for best flavor, use within three days.



This photo provided by Andre Frost Inc. shows Strawberry Rhubarb

Upside-Down Cake.

heavy-bottomed saucepan, melt butter and add sugar. Stirring constantly, cook until sugar begins to melt and starts to turn a light caramel color.

Add rhubarb. Stirring, cook for 3 minutes or until syrup

starts to thicken. Pour rhubarb mixture into bottom of prepared springform pan. Drop teaspoons of preserves around top of rhubarb. Set aside.

To make the cake: With a mixer, beat almond paste and

sugar on low speed until the texture of small crumbs. Add butter and mix. Beat on high for 2 minutes. Add egg and beat until very creamy, about 3 minutes.

Sift the flour with the baking powder, salt and mulling. Add flour mixture and milk to almond paste mixture. Mix on low speed. Drop spoonfuls of batter on top of fruit. Gently spread batter evenly across top.

Bake for 50 to 55 minutes or until cake is done and toothpick comes out clean. Make sure center of cake springs back when pressed with a finger. Cool cake in pan on wire rack for 15 minutes. Run a knife around edge of cake and unmold springform. Tip cake upside-down onto serving plate and carefully lift off bottom of pan.

Serve warm or room-temperature.

STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

Makes one 9-inch cake
For the topping:
3 lbs. butter
1/2 cup sugar
2 cups chopped (1/2-inch pieces) rhubarb, 10 oz. peeled and trimmed

1/2 cup strawberry preserves (not jelly or jam)

For the cake:
7-ounce package almond paste

1/2 cup sugar
5 lbs. unsalted butter, room temperature

1 egg, room temperature
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour

1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 cup whole milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 9-inch springform pan.

To make the topping: In a



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Light shines through Avondale

Skylights abound in the Avondale, an eye-catching update of the Victorian stick house, named for the slender decorative trusses at its apex. The house is interesting from the sides and back too.

From every viewing angle you can see triangular windows slanting up to echo the shape of the gables they underlie.

Generously sized outdoor living spaces are an important feature of this plan.

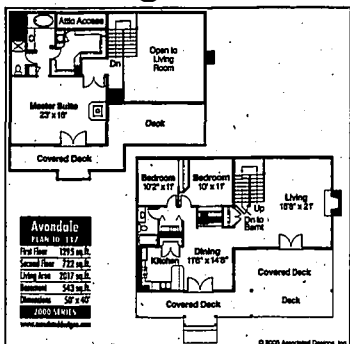
On both levels, partially covered decks span the entire front facade. Access to the lower deck is through the dining room and living room. The upper deck is essentially private, since the master suite fills the entire upper floor.

Rich in skylights and windows, this home needs little artificial lighting during daylight hours.

The vaulted living room has more windows than walls. Two levels of windows flank the stone veneer fireplace, and tall windows face the front.

A long eating bar is all that separates the kitchen and dining room. The roomy kitchen has a double-door pantry, and the dining room has a service bar with built-in cabinetry above and below.

Utilities are nearby, hidden behind folding doors next to the first floor bathroom. Two bedrooms are right across the hall.



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Designed to serve as an adult retreat, the Avondale's luxurious vaulted master suite is as bright and spacious as the living room.

In addition to its private deck, it has eight skylights, windows on three sides, and space for a free-standing wood stove.

The walk-in closet is huge, and the vaulted master bathroom boasts a spa tub as well as a separately enclosed shower and water closet.

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Traveling with the comforts of home

Donnie Globe

The Bette and Jim Holmes are hardly pretentious people. She's a visiting nurse; he fixes alternators for a living. They own a modest home in Fairhaven, Mass., have adopted four dogs and think picnics along the Cape Cod Canal are just grand.

But when you ask the Holmeses how big the television is aboard their 40-foot luxury motor home, well, they can't help but gloat a little.

"There's three. Three Sony TVs," corrects Donnie. "Two are 27-inch and one is a 27-inch Flat screen."

"I have one outside so when we're sitting by the fire we can watch the balminess," says Jim. "We were on Myrtle Beach last summer watching the Red Sox play. People were saying, 'How can you get the Red Sox down here?' I said, 'Well, we have a satellite dish.'"

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The premise of owning a motor home — and they've been around in various incarnations for about 90 years, according to the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association — is almost self-explanatory. When going on vacation, why not take the comforts of home with you?

Today, getting away from it all in a motor home can consist of anything from a cross-country trek to the Redwood forests, a date with the "Daytime 500" (climbing atop the roof for a better view, of course), or a short jaunt to Lot 6 in the Fox-

woods casino parking lot, the assigned stamping grounds of the RV crowd.

Winnipeg, the manufacturer whose name has become synonymous with motor homes, is indeed the nation's biggest producer — the Ford of the industry. If you will, But American Eagle, Monaco Coach, Coachman, Forest River, and Alutrust all hold respectable shares of the market, offering consumers everything from economical to ultra-hip rides.

Name your convenience, and a motor home will have it. The average motor home, priced at about \$80,000, usually comes equipped with a washer and dryer, a full-size shower, toilet, two-top burners, a microwave oven, multiple televisions, a camera for backing up, and a queen-size bed. High-end models, priced around \$500,000, can include such amenities as granite master, ceramic-tile floors, plush Berber carpeting, a full stove and oven, a 12-cubic-foot refrigerator, and an air-based suspension system that provides a smoother ride than most cars.

Like many recreational-vehicle owners, the Holmeses decided to purchase a motor home after decades of camping, gradually transitioning from tents to pull trailers to their current vehicle.

"We decided to do this now while we're still working and we could pay for it," explains Jim, 49, who's financing his home through a tax-deductible 20-year bank mortgage. "I figure by the time I retire, it will be paid for."

But nowadays, many buyers aren't such seasoned campers, dealers say. In the aftermath of Sept. 11, even novices have been flocking to dealerships, buying in numbers not seen since the late 1970s.

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Building a greenhouse? Use a kit

DEAR JIM: I want to build an inexpensive greenhouse from scratch or from a kit for growing plants organically. I want to make it efficient so it needs as little extra heat as possible. What design do you recommend?

—NANCY W.

DEAR NANCY: I would recommend buying a do-it-yourself kit instead of trying to build your own greenhouse from scratch for several reasons. By the time you purchase all the materials to build one from scratch, you may end up paying more than you would have for a simple kit which has more features.

A kit will be more stable than one you build yourself from scratch using a lumber frame. With the high level of humidity and exposure to the sun, wood is not the optimum framing material. Most kits use plastic, aluminum or galvanized steel framing which is not affected by humidity. The plastic frame models, such as Aaron's Creek Farms, are glued together similar to plumbing.

Unless you live in a very mild climate, your greenhouse will likely need some supplemental winter heating for year-round use. It is better to plan to use the greenhouse in all but the coldest months to avoid heating it. By making it efficient, you may be able to use it 10 or 11 months per year.

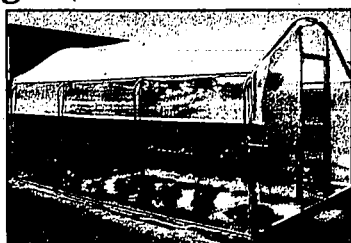
Since you are looking for an inexpensive greenhouse option, a kit which uses a polyfilm or polycarbonate cover is an excellent choice. The polyfilm allows a high percentage of the sun's heating rays to pass through into the greenhouse and it is more durable than you might think. In very hot, sunny areas, consider installing a kit with white polyfilm on the top and clear polyfilm on the sides. The white polyfilm allows only about 55 percent of the sun's rays to pass through to avoid burning the foliage and summertime overheating. The clear sides allow indirect light and heat to enter. The polyfilm used in most kits is four or six mils thick. It should contain ultraviolet light inhibitors for a longer life. When you order a polyfilm sunroom consider getting a patching kit with it. It is easy to repair any small tears and, to be sure, you should expect to damage a few spots.

Another common, but more expensive option, is a rigid double-wall polycarbonate plastic covering. This is extremely strong, and with the double wall design, it provides more insulation to keep heat inside the greenhouse.

Glass is the best material to use, but it is probably outside your budget.

You can improve the greenhouse efficiency by using a gravel, stone or brick floor. This adds thermal mass to store the sun's heat.

If possible, install an attached kit on the south side of your house so it already has one heated wall. The following companies offer greenhouses and kits: Aaron's Creek Farms (888-888-9050 www.willitsgreenhouse.com), Atlas Greenhouse (800-346-9902 www.hobbygreenhousekits.com), Hoop House (800-760-5192 www.hoophouse.com), Sunshine Gardenhouse (888-272-9333 www.gardenhouse.com), and Yard Works (800-369-8333 www.yardworks.com).



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—DONNA Q.

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FOOD & HOME

Peas in our thyme? Sample some spring snap

By Russ Parsons
Los Angeles Times

Poets and gardeners agree that no flavor better captures spring's sweet song than that of a perfect English pea. They might be right, but most of us are just going to have to take their word for it.

A perfect pea is fleeting. Sweet and fresh one minute, it seems to the tire and turn to starch the next. Shopping for peas is an exercise in frustration. Hidden away inside their pods, it's almost impossible to tell whether you're going to get a bright green diamond or just another lump of coal.

Rather, than put yourself through another round of vegetable roulette, there is a better choice — and one that is amazingly plentiful at this time of year.

The sugar snap pea captures all of the English peas' charms, and adds a distinctive crunch to the best of all — its sweetness and vitality long enough that you can actually get a chance to enjoy it.

Tables at local farmers' markets are crowded with the little green gems, and they're at all the supermarkets too. You still need to get there early to get the best of them — sugar snap peas are hardly a secret.

The only problem is figuring out what to do with them. For years I've found sugar snap peas singularly exasperating to cook with. The problem is they're so delicate — so brittle — that that sweet green vitality — that it seemed like cooking could only diminish them.

And so I'd keep things very simple: blanch them briefly to brighten the color, then dress them lightly with a little butter and some coarse salt; or maybe I'd combine them with herbal mayonnaise and quickly cooked shrimp for a spring salad, or something like that.

There's certainly nothing wrong with either of these treatments, but earlier this month I got the urge to do a little more. And it turns out the answer was right in front of my face: Sugar snaps have all the sweetness and verdant flavor of English peas, so why not adapt some traditional pea recipes using them?

Sometimes that kind of cook's logic can lead to disaster (I still cringe at the memory of a sautéed chicken cooked in a thick paste of ground black olives). But in this case it worked like a charm.

Pured, the sugar snaps make a splendid stand-in for peas in a vibrant green light spring soup. And it's so much less labor-intensive and more cost-effective than the original, because you use the entire pod.

Let's whole and steamed briefly in lettuce leaves, their flavor picks up added notes of complexity. And cut into pieces and stirred into a prosoluto-based risotto, they add a surprising crunch to what is really a souped-up "risotto."

For people who despair that modern agricultural improvement is an oxymoron, sugar snaps offer reassurance that sometimes things do go right.

Although they are so familiar today that they seem to have been around forever, sugar snaps are a fairly recent crossbreeding that combines the best features of two other varieties — sugar peas (another name for snap peas) and snap peas (another name for the English pea).

They have the edible pod of the snow pea, and the swollen seed, thick hull and surpassing sugar of the English pea.

The biggest difference between the sugar snap and the traditional pea is that the former's succulent hull is remarkably high in sugar and low in fiber. Eat an English pea



Use sugar snap peas, with their edible pods, for a spring soup that's every bit as elegant as English pea soup — with much less work.

This way you get the green color you'd get from English peas and a distinctive crunch as well, which is an intriguing counterpoint to the soft, almost soupy rice.

Steaming sugar snap peas in lettuce leaves is even simpler. All you're trying to do here is brighten the color; soften the minced shallots a little, and tenderize the pea pods just enough that they'll absorb some of the flavors.

They should be nearly raw, with that perfect crisp-moist texture you don't really get from anything else. Discard the lettuce leaves; they're just there to cushion the heat and provide a little of their green herbal flavor.

The only tricky bit of timing comes with the steamed soup, but the finished dish is so lovely and vividly flavored you won't mind. Boil the peas long enough that they are thoroughly softened, but not so long that the color fades. This should take no longer than six to eight minutes. First, cover the pot with a lid to quickly return the water to a boil, then keep a close eye on the peas. As soon as the first one starts to go limp, drain them and immediately plunge them into an ice water bath to stop the cooking.

Puree the peas — pods and all — in a blender, adding only enough stock to get things moving. If you have strainers, remove those before cooking, as they'll gum up the works. This first step will make a thick puree that can be used as a side dish. It will thin after the first straining but you'll get the stir in some stock to get the consistency.

Strain it a second time through a fine mesh and you'll have a soup of surpassing silkiness, a vivid emerald in color, with a sweet, clean, slightly herbal flavor. Pour it in a wide bowl and swirl in a splash of nutty, heavy-colored Parmesan cream for contrast.

And then call your favorite poet, or gardener, and tell them dinner's ready.

When cooking sugar snaps, concentrate on brevity. You'll want to preserve that lovely crispness, which fades after five or six minutes. Color is the other risk factor — sugar snap peas begin to turn from verdant green to olive drab if cooked more than seven or eight minutes.

Most of the time, you won't need to worry about this. In the risotto, for example, the snap peas are stirred in after the last addition of stock.

They cook for only three or four minutes before you remove the pan from the heat and beat in the butter, olives and cheese.

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SUGAR SNAP
PEA SOUP WITH
PARMESAN CREAM

Serves 6
2 lbs. sugar snap peas
2 lbs. butter, divided
1/4 cup minced shallots
3/4 cup chicken stock
1 tsp. salt, plus more to taste
Freshly grated nutmeg
1 1/2 tsp. lemon juice, plus more to taste

As much as 1 tsp. sugar
1/2 cup cream
1/4 cup grated Parmesan
In a large pot of rapidly boiling, generously salted water, add the sugar snap peas. Cover the pot and bring back to a boil. Uncover and cook until the peas are tender but still a vibrant green, 6 to 8 minutes. Do not cook so long that they turn drab. As soon as the peas are done, drain them and place them in an ice water bath to stop the cooking and preserve their bright color. Drain them again.

While the peas are cooking, cook the shallots in 1 tablespoon of butter in a small skillet over medium-low heat until the shallots are tender and translucent, about 5 minutes. Set aside.

Place half of the peas in a blender and puree until very

smooth. Add a tablespoon or two of chicken stock, if necessary, to keep the mixture flowing. Add the remaining peas and the cooked shallots and finish puréeing.

Pass the pea puree through a strainer into a bowl, pressing with the flat rubber spatula to work it all through. Rinse the spatula blade to remove any fiber and scrape the thick pea puree that sticks to the outside of the strainer into the bowl. Discard the fiber that is left behind inside the strainer.

Stir in just enough chicken stock into the puree to make it a flowing liquid. It should have the consistency of fairly thin split pea soup. Stir in the salt, a few gratings of nutmeg, and 1 tsp. lemon juice. Taste, and if the peas aren't bright and sweet, stir in enough sugar to correct. If necessary, add more salt and lemon juice as well. The recipe can be prepared with the point up to 8 hours in advance (any longer and the color will start to fade). Refrigerate in a tightly covered container.

Reheat the puree over the lowest burner you have into a saucepan. Warm over medium-low heat until the mixture is bubbling. While the puree is warming, cook the cream and Parmesan in a small saucepan over medium heat just until the Parmesan melts and the cream is thick enough to coat the back of a spoon.

When the puree is hot, stir in the cream and Parmesan.

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Risotto with sugar snap peas and prosciutto.

Peas

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the remaining 1 tablespoon of butter. Taste once more and adjust the seasoning if needed. Divide evenly among 6 warmed soup plates. Gently shake each plate to distribute the puree in an even layer. Spoon some of the Parmesan cream into the center of the puree in a rough "C" pattern. Serve immediately.

Each serving: 142 calories; 5 grams protein; 10 grams carbohydrates; 3 grams fiber; 10 grams fat; 6 grams saturated fat; 30 mg. cholesterol; 347 mg. sodium.

RISOTTO WITH SUGAR SNAP PEAS AND PROSCIUTTO

Serves 8

5 cups chicken stock

5 cups water

4 lbs. butter, divided

1/4 pound sliced prosciutto, cut in 1/4-inch-wide strips

2/3 cup minced onions

1 (1-pound) box or 2 1/3 cups short-grain rice, preferably Arborio, Carnaroli or Valenano Nano

Salt

3/4 pound sugar snap peas, strings removed and ends trimmed, then cut in 1/2- to 3/4-inch pieces

2 tbs. minced chives

1/3 cup grated Parmesan

Combine the stock and water in a large pot and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to maintain a faint simmer.

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a

large skillet or wide-bottomed pot over medium heat. Add the prosciutto and cook until it renders some of its fat, about 3 minutes. Add the onions and cook until tender and translucent, another 3 minutes. Add the rice and cook, stirring constantly, until the kernels are coated with the fat and you can see a translucent area around the outside of each one, surrounding a solid "eye" in the center.

Begin adding the stock, one-half cup to three-quarters cup at a time. The skillet should be hot enough that there is a loud sizzle each time the liquid is splashed in. Cook, stirring, until the liquid is almost absorbed by the rice; there should be a thin layer of liquid in the bottom of the pan. Repeat until the rice is tender but not mushy. It should be neither chalky in the center nor puffy. It should take about 17 minutes in all and use up most, if not all, of the stock.

With the last addition of stock, taste and season with salt if necessary. Stir in the sugar snap peas. Cook until they are bright green, about 3 to 4 minutes, and the rice is coated in creamy broth. Remove from the heat and vigorously stir in the chives, Parmesan and the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter. Serve immediately.

Each serving: 290 calories; 12 grams protein; 39 grams carbohydrates; 3 grams fiber; 10 grams fat; 5 grams saturated fat; 31 mg. cholesterol; 371 mg. sodium.

SUGAR SNAP PEAS STEAMED IN LETTUCE LEAVES

Serves 6

1 head romaine lettuce

1 1/2 lbs. sugar snap peas, strings removed if necessary

4 tsp. minced shallots

1 tsp. grated Meyer lemon zest

4 or 5 fresh sage leaves

2 tsp. butter

3/4 to 1 tsp. coarse salt

Arrange 4 or 5 leaves of romaine in the bottom of a large steamer basket, overlapping them so there are no gaps.

Place the peas in a bowl with the shallots, lemon zest and sage leaves. Toss to combine well and then arrange the peas in an even layer on top of the lettuce leaves.

Arrange another 4 or 5 leaves of romaine on top of the peas, overlapping them so there are no gaps and gently pressing down to make a tight fit.

Place the steamer basket over a pot of cold water and cover tightly. Heat over high heat and cook 3 minutes after the steam begins to appear. The peas will be crisp and juicy. Remove the top layer of lettuce and empty the peas into a serving bowl, discarding all the lettuce. Stir in the butter and season with the coarse salt. Serve immediately.

Each serving: 59 calories; 4 grams protein; 39 grams carbohydrates; 3 grams fiber; 2 grams fat; 1 gram saturated fat; 3 mg. cholesterol; 338 mg. sodium.

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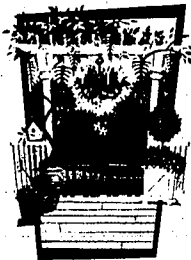
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Pepper

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Below, I have included some of my favorite recipes that make use of this valued spice. You will notice that they are used in nearly every phase of the dinner menu, complementing and accentuating the flavors. Give them a try and enjoy.

SCALLOPS IN LEMON PEPPER YOGURT

Makes 8 servings
1 quart lemon yogurt
2 tbs. lime juice
1 tbs. finely chopped onions
2 tbs. cracked peppercorn
1 tbs. lemon zest
1 tsp. garlic puree
1/2 tsp. curcumin
1/2 cup large sea scallops
1 cup buttermilk
1 cup flour
1 tbs. ground ginger
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. cumin
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
2 tbs. olive oil
In a saucepan, combine first 8 ingredients (yogurt through cumin). Heat on low, stirring occasionally. Wash scallops and pat dry. Place in buttermilk, stirring to coat. In a plastic bag, combine next 5 ingredients (flour through cayenne). Place scallops in bag and shake.
In a skillet, heat oil. Sauté scallops 2-3 minutes per side. Add yogurt to scallops and cook covered on medium for 15 minutes.
Calories: 210, Carbs: 12.3 g, Total Fat: 14.1g

PEPPERNUSSE

Makes 48 servings
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
1/4 cup molasses
1/2 cup shortening
3-oz. of cream cheese
4 eggs
1 tbs. vanilla extract
1 tsp. anise extract
1 tbs. lemon zest
1 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. allspice
1 tbs. ground black pepper
3 1/2 cups flour
Powdered sugar to dust tops
In a mixer bowl, cream together sugars, molasses, shortening and cream cheese until fluffy. Add eggs, extracts and zest and blend well. Scrape bowl.
In a bowl, sift together dry ingredients (baking soda through flour). Gradually add to sugar mixture. Roll dough into 2-inch-thick log and wrap in wax paper. Refrigerate for one hour.
Slice log into one-quarter-inch slices and place on cookie sheet 1 inch apart. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes until edges are light golden brown. Dust with powdered sugar while hot. Allow to cool on cookie sheet for 10 minutes before removing to wire rack to finish cooling.
Calories: 56, Carbs: 15.2 g, Total Fat: 21.6g

DELUXE ROAST BEEF

Makes 6 servings
3-4 lbs. sirloin roast
Juice from one lemon
1/4 cup garlic powder
1/4 cup seasoning salt
1/4 cup ground black pepper
Rub surface of roast with lemon juice. Coat in order with garlic, seasoning salt and pepper. Bake uncovered at 450 degrees for 20 minutes. Lower oven temp to 350 degrees and insert meat thermometer into thickest part of roast. Continue baking until internal temp reaches 130 degrees. Allow to stand 15 minutes before slicing.
Calories: 288, Carbs: 1.1 g, Total Fat: 7.5g

ASIAN CHICKEN IN A SPICED ORANGE SAUCE



Makes 6 servings
2 lbs. sliced, boneless, skinless chicken breast
1/4 cup soy sauce
2 tbs. orange juice
1 tsp. peanut oil
1 tbs. black pepper
1 tsp. ground ginger
1 tsp. garlic puree
1 tsp. chopped cilantro
1 tsp. lemon zest
1/2 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
1 cup mandarin oranges
1 cup marmalade
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 tsp. grated horseradish
1/2 tsp. freshly grated ginger
1/2 tsp. allspice
1/8 tsp. ground cloves
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 cup sliced almonds
In a bowl, combine chicken with next 8 ingredients (soy sauce through lemon zest). Cover and marinate in the refrigerator overnight.
In a skillet, cook chicken and marinate for 5 minutes. Add onions, celery and oranges and cook for 5 minutes more.
In a saucepan, combine marmalade, lemon juice, horseradish and spices and heat

until warmed through. Serve over chicken mixture and sprinkle top with almonds.
Calories: 145, Carbs: 15.8 g, Total Fat: 9.7g

RASPBERRY LEMON-PEPPER ICE CREAM

Makes 16 servings
1 qt. cream
1 qt. half and half
2 cups lemon yogurt
2 tbs. cracked peppercorns
1 tbs. lemon zest
1 tsp. lemon extract
2 cups sugar
2 cups fresh raspberries
Place in ice-cream maker and churn, following instructions.
In a food processor, combine raspberries and condensed milk and pulse for 30 seconds. Stir into soft serve ice cream and freeze for 2 hours.
Calories: 432, Carbs: 21.1 g, Total Fat: 38.9g

14-ounce of condensed milk
In a mixer bowl, combine first 7 ingredients (cream through sugar) whip on low speed until sugar dissolves.
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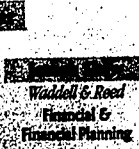
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
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

"I can tell my mom that's the loudest I've ever been booed in my career."

— Clint Hurdle, about the Colorado fans whose boos have become all too familiar with his bad start this season. The fans thought Hurdle was pulling Jeff Francis, who had pitched a terrific 7-2-3 innings, not allowing a runner past second after the first inning.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Despite winning nine NBA championships, he was voted "Coach of the Year" only once. Who was he?

Answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High School Baseball
Jerome at Wood River, 4:30 p.m.
Burley at Minico, 6:30 p.m.
GOLF
Jerome at Falls Classic (Girls) Sandcreek, 10 a.m.
Burley at Falls Classic (Boys) Sage Lakes, 8:30 a.m.
TENNIS
Gooding at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD
Glenns Ferry, Gooding, Valley at Wood River, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Golf fund-raiser planned for Muni

TWIN FALLS — The Second Annual Benefit Golf Tournament for BILL'S Place will be held on Saturday, April 30 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

The tournament will be best ball format with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost is \$35 per person. Sponsor fee is \$100 and four-man teams may be sponsored for \$240.

Prizes will be awarded and there will be a free barbecue at Rock Creek Park at 1 p.m. Call 423-4315 for more information.

BILL'S Place is a transition home that will house up to eight young men ages 18-21 who need temporary assistance to transition into responsible, independent living.

Minidoka Co. schools offer athletic physicals

RUPERT — Athletic physicals for Minidoka County Schools will be available from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 for girls and Wednesday, May 11 for boys at Mini-Casta Occupational Health, 1218 9th St., Suite No. 13, Rupert.

Physical forms available at Minidoka County schools only. Forms will not be available at Occupational Health.

The cost is \$10 or appropriate signature on a Community Service Coupon.

Those being screened must bring physical form completely filled out with parent signature and name of family physician. Boy Scout physical forms will not be allowed.

Baseball and softball registration extended

TWIN FALLS — Registration for youth baseball and softball has been extended until Friday, April 29. Baseball is for boys in kindergarten through grade 6 and softball is for girls in kindergarten through grade 9.

Teams usually play twice a week for eight weeks beginning June 6. Some games times will be during the day. Volunteer coaches are needed.

Call 736-2265 for more information or with any questions.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Red Auerbach, Boston Celtics

Filer boys win at Muni

Declo takes girls match

By Brad Guire
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Filer High boys took their own golf meet Tuesday, while Declo topped the girls team standings. But the best round belonged to Castleford lone participant, Jake Harr.

Harr shot a 71 at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course, beating out Filer sophomore Isaac Wright by three strokes. However, Harr's game wasn't golden all-around.

"I played bad on the front nine," Harr said. "I thought I shot myself in the foot."

Harr said that there was nothing in particular about the course that gave him trouble, rather that his game was just off. "It was one of those days where nothing went right," he said.

The back nine went much better than the front for the Castleford junior, who said that he played with more aggression and started striking the ball much better.

"I had a good birdie on No. 16 that sealed the deal," he said.

The No. 2 individual, Wright, carded a 74 for the 18-hole meet to lead Filer.

"I sank a lot more putts this time," Wright said. "I hit my drives pretty good. My short game was the thing that really helped me out."

Wright said that he hit into the bunker on the tenth hole.

"It was on the lip, completely buried. I got out on one," he said. "It was a really hard shot."

Along with scores in the mid-70s from teammates Corey and Carey Farnsworth, Filer carded a 309 for a team score, beating out Declo by a single stroke, along with Kimberly (316), Buhl (340), Gooding (359) and their junior varsity squad (386).

Filer coach Dennis Mai was pleased with his boys team.

"Right now, we're pretty close to where we've been all season," he said. "This is probably one of our best team scores all year."

Meanwhile, Sierra Fenstermaker (95) and Allison Ramsey (102) led the Declo girls to an overall team score of 449.

Ramsey expressed mixed feelings on her performance. "I felt I did good, but I could have done better," she said. "My chips weren't very good today and the greens were fast."

She added that her score was hindered by losing balls in the rough.

Dennis Smyer, the assistant



Castleford junior Jake Harr chips the ball out of a bunker on Hole No. 17 during a tournament Tuesday at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

coach for Declo, said he thinks the team is in good shape.

"We need to trim ten to 15 strokes, but we're right where we should be," Smyer said.

As preparation for district and state championships, most in attendance said that their chances are good for winning district and being competitive at state.

Mai said that the 3A championship "looks awfully tight," and that any school could come

out on top.

Results

Boys
Team — 1. Filer 309, 2. Declo 325, 3. Kimberly 340, 4. Buhl 340, 5. Gooding 359, 6. Filer JV 386.
Individual — 1. Jake Harr 71, 2. Isaac Wright 74, 3. Corey Farnsworth 75, 4. Carey Farnsworth 76, 5. Allison Ramsey 102, 6. Sierra Fenstermaker 95, 7. Eric Winkler 78, 8. Buhl 340, 9. Gooding 359, 10. Declo JV 449.

Girls
Team — 1. Declo 449, 2. Gooding 461, 3. Kimberly 505, 4. Buhl 505, 5. Filer 505, 6. Filer JV 505, 7. Declo JV 505, 8. Declo JV 505, 9. Declo JV 505, 10. Declo JV 505.

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Rasheed torches Sixers

The Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Technical fouls make some players timid, fearing an ejection. They fired up Rasheed Wallace. Sparked by a technical, Wallace scored 11 of 15 points in the third quarter to lift the Detroit Pistons to a 99-84 victory over Philadelphia on Tuesday and a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

Allen Iverson scored 19 points on 7-of-24 shooting and Chris Webber had 15 for the 76ers, but their scoring wasn't enough to keep the game close against the defending NBA champions — again. They combined for 57 points Saturday in Detroit's 106-85 victory.

Trailing by 20 midway through the fourth quarter, Philadelphia coach Jim O'Brien opted to rest his two stars. Game 3 is Friday in Philadelphia.

Detroit's Richard Hamilton scored 23 points, Chauncey Billups had 20 points and eight assists. Tyshawn Prince scored 14 and reserve Antonio McDyess added 12.

Samuel Dalembert had 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Pistons. The Pistons trailed for the most part until they went on an 11-1 run midway through the second quarter to take a 40-34 lead.

Wallace was called for a technical early in the third quarter. The famously demonstrative player responded by unhooking his jersey and flailing his arms at the officials.

A couple minutes later, after

Philadelphia pulled within three, he took over the game in the decisive stretch.

Wallace made consecutive 3-pointers to give Detroit a 59-50 lead, and his tip-in put the Pistons ahead 69-57 at the end of the quarter. His bucket midway through the fourth quarter gave them an 80-62 lead.

Heat 104, Nets 87

Miami — The story line didn't change, nor did the outcome. Once again, the New Jersey Nets led Shaquille O'Neal in check, yet couldn't find a way to beat his Miami Heat.

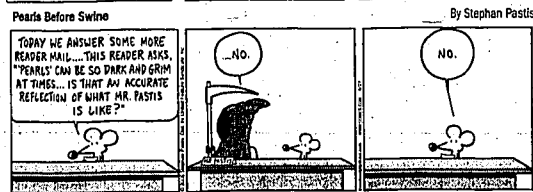
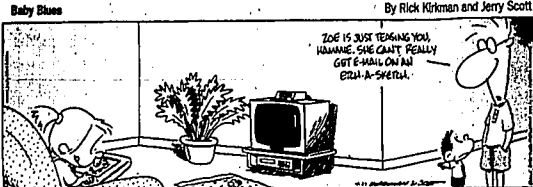
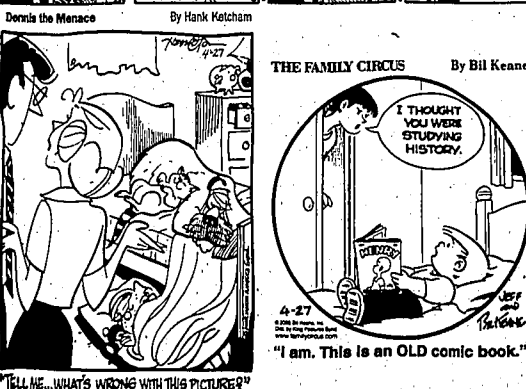
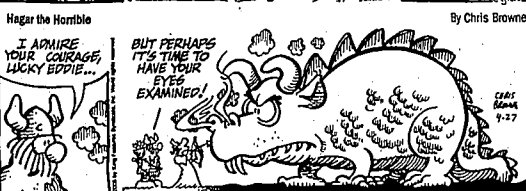
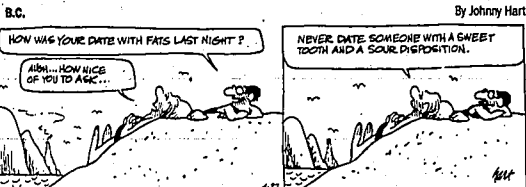
And former Nets center Alonzo Mourning did the most damage of all. Mourning, who wanted out of New Jersey so he could play for a title contender, had 21 points, and Dwyane Wade had 17 points and 10 assists on Tuesday night in the Heat's 104-87 win for a 2-0 lead in the first round of the Eastern Conference quarterfinal series.

O'Neal, Eddie Jones and Damon Jones each finished with 14 points for the Heat, which moved to 38-5 at home this season.

Nenad Krstic had 27 points for New Jersey, which had 21 points from Vince Carter, 14 from Richard Jefferson and 10 from Jason Kidd.

The series shifts Thursday to New Jersey, where the Nets have won 10 of their last 13 playoff games.

COMICS



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI offers career planning workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho is offering a free "Career Planning Workshop" next week for people who are considering training, trying to decide on a program or thinking about a career change.

The workshop will help participants learn about the labor market, training programs and wage potential, identify their interests, investigate careers and make a plan to succeed.

The center will offer the free workshop in two parts — 10 a.m. to noon May 4 and May 6. Career tests are also free. To sign up, call 732-6680 or 1-800-690-0274, ext. 6680. Register by Tuesday.

Class will focus on business Web design

TWIN FALLS — A two-day class on business Web site design, conducted by the Idaho Small Business Development Center, will be held 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 7 and 14 in Room C33 of the College of Southern Idaho's Evergreen building.

Participants will learn to use Macromedia Dreamweaver MX 2004 to create professional Web sites and build powerful Internet applications. Those who sign up will be able to computer literate but need not know HTML.

Cost is \$150 per person; lunch is not included. Space is limited to 10 participants. To register, contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or rusts@csi.edu.

CSI hosts workshop for business owners

TWIN FALLS — Female, minority and disadvantaged business owners who provide transportation-related services in construction, consulting, supplies and other areas are invited to a free, half-day workshop from 9 a.m. to noon May 12 in Room C36 of the College of Southern Idaho's Evergreen building.

Registration is open from the U.S. Small Business Administration will give presentations and answer questions.

The workshop is offered by the U.S. Small Business Development Center, College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University will begin May 10 at CSI, and three additional classes will be held Thursdays, May 12, 19 and 26. All classes are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Supervision II teaches about change, teamwork, conflict management and negotiation.

The \$390 fee includes instruction and program materials. Discounts are provided to those who sign up for more than one element of the course or for organizations that register two or more people.

Pre-registration is required; contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or rusts@csi.edu.

Classes will focus on teamwork, negotiation

TWIN FALLS — Supervision III classes coordinated by the Idaho Small Business Development Center, College of Southern Idaho and Boise State University will begin May 10 at CSI, and three additional classes will be held Thursdays, May 12, 19 and 26. All classes are from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Business boot camp will begin May 11

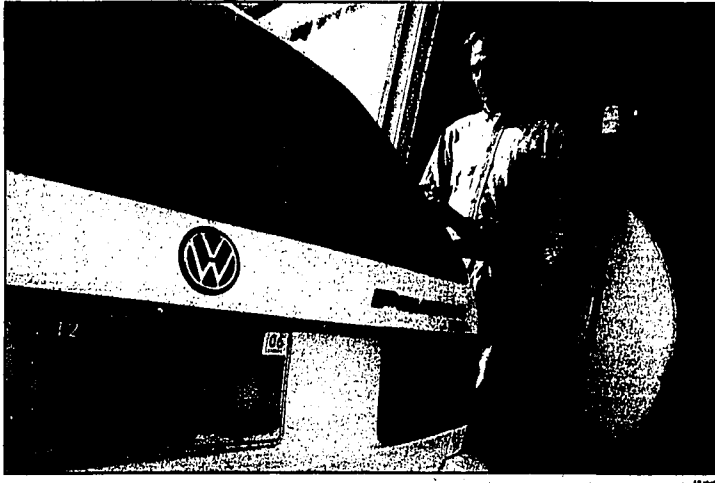
TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Small Business Development Center at the College of Southern Idaho will hold its next "Business Start-Up Boot Camp" from 6 to 8 p.m. May 11 in Evergreen C77. Sessions are generally held on the second Wednesday of each month.

The "boot camp" is designed for those who would like to start a business but don't know where to begin. Sessions will include how to create a business plan, the importance of regulations, the importance of preparation and creating a personal business survival kit.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required and limited seating will not allow for walk-ins; contact Sherry Rust at 732-6455 or rusts@csi.edu.

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SAVING SOME GREEN



Ron Cascio fuels one of his cars with soy biodiesel fuel from a tank in his garage Saturday in Berlin, Md. Americans are embracing cleaner technologies and more energy-efficient lifestyles.

As oil prices soar, consumers of renewable energy smile

The Associated Press

For people like Ronald Cascio, who fuels his pickup with a soybean oil derivative, and J.D. Doliner, whose home is partly solar powered, the high price of energy isn't a worry.

That doesn't mean their renewable energy preferences come cheap. In fact, it requires extra financial commitment to wean one's home or vehicle off fossil fuels.

Nonetheless, a growing number of Americans are embracing cleaner technologies and more energy-efficient lifestyles. It makes them feel good, and, depending on how high prices rise for traditional energy sources, they say renewables might even make economic sense over the long haul.

"Some people spend their money on jet-skis and boats," explained Cascio, who lives in Berlin, Md. "So, say we spend another \$1,000 a year on fuel than we have to, what's the big deal? We feel good about it. You can't put a price on that."

Cascio regularly spends about \$3.35 a gallon for pure biodiesel, chemically altered soybean oil which is fully compatible with the standard diesel engine in his 1989 Ford truck. But because diesel vehicles are nearly a third more efficient than those that run on gasoline, Cascio said his choice of fuel isn't looking so bad right now that gasoline averages more than \$2.20 a gallon nationwide.

In the case of Doliner, who lives in Arlington, Va., it may take more than three decades for the \$16,000 solar panel system she and her husband installed to pay for itself. But the former venture capitalist said the investment is worth it merely for the "psychic income" she enjoys.

The Doliners recently renovated their home to be about 50



Solar panels seen on the roof of J.D. Doliner and her husband's house generate a portion of their electricity and hot water in Arlington, Va.

percent more energy-efficient, but they still get about two-thirds of their electricity from the grid and rely on natural gas for home heating and to back up their solar water heater.

"But we are having an impact on the number of power plants that are built," Doliner said.

That's right, said Paul Torcellini, most energy-researchers residential and commercial building designs for the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Reducing the country's dependence on fossil fuels requires two behavioral changes: adopting renewables and boosting energy efficiency, he said.

"It is much cheaper to save energy than it is to make it, by at least a factor of two to one," Torcellini said. Anyone considering solar panels should buy the most energy-efficient appliances and light bulbs and make sure their walls and windows are properly insulated, he said.

Those interested in biodiesel simply need a diesel-engine vehicle. To show its support of the technology, Delmar-Chrysler ships its new Jeep Liberty of the assembly line fueled with B5, which contains 5 percent

biodiesel. The most common grade of biodiesel at the pump, B20, is 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent regular diesel.

The amount of biodiesel sold in the U.S. has grown from 500,000 gallons in 1999 to roughly 30 million gallons in 2004, said Jenna Higgins, a spokeswoman for the National Biodiesel Board. By comparison, the U.S. burns more than 100 billion gallons of gasoline each year and 4 billion gallons of ethanol, a fuel additive derived from corn.

The Solar Energy Industries Association estimates there are enough photovoltaic panels installed in the U.S. to power about 286 million homes, up from 40 million homes in 2000. A considerably smaller group of enthusiasts — perhaps 20,000 homeowners nationwide — have erected wind turbines on their properties, according to the American Wind Energy Association.

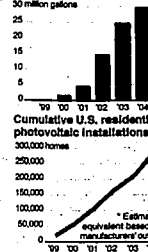
Wider acceptance of alternative energy by consumers will require a significant expansion of what is now only a limited patchwork of government rebates and tax incentives.

"If the government subsidized

Alternative fuel

Growing numbers of Americans are using renewable energy.

Annual U.S. consumption of biodiesel fuel



Cumulative U.S. residential photovoltaic installations* 300,000 homes

Year	Installations (Homes)
99	0
00	10,000
01	20,000
02	50,000
03	150,000
04	250,000

*Estimated equivalent based on manufacturer's cost

SOURCES: National Biodiesel Board; AP Solar Energy Industries Association

renewable energy the way it does oil and gas, it would be mainstream in no time," said Mark Prehille, of Poodlesville, Md. He received a \$2,000 refund from the state government and a \$2,000 tax credit from the federal government when he installed solar panels in 2001 that now provide about a third of his home's power needs.

Prehille expects to make back the \$10,000 investment he made in a little more than 20 years.

Americans tanking up with biofuel or installing solar panels are hardly back-to-the-land types denying themselves modern amenities and living off the grid. Doliner's 1,500-square-foot suburban home is "green," with roof shingles made from recycled tires, carpet made from corn starch and insulation that is partly soy-based.

"Our house isn't made of twigs and granola," she said.

American Express reports a 19 percent rise in Q1 earnings

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Among the corporate earnings reports released Tuesday were quarterly statements from a food and agricultural cooperative with operations in Gooding and Twin Falls: a financial services firm with a Twin Falls office; an automobile retailer with a Twin Falls dealership; a copier and printer company with a financial services division in Twin Falls; and an agricultural company whose division has offices in Twin Falls and Boise.

Among the highlights:

Land O'Lakes
Ardent Lakes, Minn.-based Land O'Lakes Inc. blamed depressed egg prices as it reported a 49 percent earnings decline to 2 percent higher sales.

The national dairy and agricultural cooperative's first-quarter net sales of \$2.05 billion

and net earnings of \$4.3 million, compared with year-ago sales of \$2.01 billion and net earnings of \$4.1 million.

"While the cooperative's egg business lost money, its dairy food value added, feed, seed and agribusiness businesses all met or exceeded expectations for the quarter."

Waddell & Reed
Overland Park, Kan.-based Waddell & Reed Financial Inc. reported first-quarter net income of \$22.8 million, or 28 cents per diluted share, down from year-ago net income of \$27.9 million, or 34 cents per diluted share.

Overall gross and net mutual fund sales, combining Waddell & Reed's advisors and proprietary fund sales, were \$1.1 billion.

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Six months later, Delta may face new bankruptcy woes

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Delta Air Lines Inc. lodged a bankruptcy filing last fall thanks to deep concessions from pilots and fresh financing from creditors.

But six months later, the nearly \$1.1 billion in loans have been spent and high fuel prices have overshadowed cost-cutting success, raising the specter that Chapter 11 is a possibility again.

In research note issued Tuesday, Cady Securities analyst Jeff Neill estimated that the nation's third-largest carrier is burning \$4 million in cash a day, which could drop its unsecured cash reserves by the end of June to \$1.47 billion and by the end of the year to \$466 million, dangerous levels: for a company with heavy debt and pension funding obligations.

"In our opinion, Delta appears to be the most likely candidate for a bankruptcy filing this year based on its liquidity position," Neill said.

Neill said in an interview that crunch time for Delta will likely come this fall.

For Maine Valley air travelers, Delta's Salt Lake City hub is the only nonstop destination from Twin Falls.

Delta spokeswoman Benita Wilson said she could not comment on the possibility of a Chapter 11 filing nor elaborate on the airline's earnings report issued Thursday, when Delta said it lost nearly \$1.1 billion in the first quarter, the highest of the industry for the January-March period.

"We really don't have anything to add on top of what Wilson said in a 26-minute response to phone calls."

Delta did not mention its bankruptcy issue in its earnings release or in a subsequent conference call with analysts, but chief executive Gerald Grinstein indicated March 23 at an investor conference in New York that Delta has not ruled out bankruptcy as an option.

M.V. lawyers interpret new bankruptcy regulations

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The past week's bankruptcy filings by Magic Valley residents seemed more plentiful than usual, prompting some to wonder whether they were triggered by the recent approval of changes to U.S. bankruptcy law.

Probably not yet, two Twin Falls bankruptcy attorneys said Tuesday. While local bankruptcy lawyers expect to see an increase in business in the next six months — before the law takes effect — the number of filings recorded in the past week have been making their way through the system for weeks.

"I'm confident there will be more bankruptcies in the next few months," Twin Falls attorney Dick Greenwood said.

But even if it isn't driving this month's mini-surge in filings, the law is on local debtors' minds.

"I can't say a thousand new people have come in because of the law. But the people who are coming in know the law is changing," Twin Falls bankruptcy attorney George Essma said.

Last week, President Bush signed the law meant to overhaul the bankruptcy system by making it more difficult to avoid paying creditors as part of declaring bankruptcy. According to the law's supporters, the measure is aimed at gamblers, impulsive shoppers, divorcees or spouses failing to avoid child support and multimillionaires who take advantage of bankruptcy law to avoid paying creditors.

The new law includes a "means test" that is meant to make it harder for people to avoid paying their debts under Chapter 7. The measure means people with incomes above a certain level will have to pay credit card charges, medical bills and other obligations under a court-ordered bankruptcy plan, similar to Chapter 13 bankruptcy procedures.

"If the founders saw what was needed to change the law, because people are abusing the system," Essma said. "But it's medical bills, someone losing their job, a divorce. Those are the things that drive people to bankruptcy."

For example, a family with a sizable but manageable credit card debt could experience a "trigger event" — like the loss of a job or an illness — that could push it beyond the ability to pay.

The misconception is that they needed to change the law, because people are abusing the system," Essma said. "But it's medical bills, someone losing their job, a divorce. Those are the things that drive people to bankruptcy."

Essma's practice largely represents debtors in bankruptcy cases. Greenwood, who mainly represents creditors, agreed with Essma on the reasons people declare bankruptcy. Greenwood believes the new law won't keep people from filing fraudulently — those cases are already few and far between — but someone set on taking advantage of the system will still do so.

Rather, the law will make the filing process more expensive for people who don't have the money to begin with, he said.

"I don't have a problem with how they're going about it," Greenwood said. "A majority of the folks I see are here because they want to be — there are circumstances that are beyond their control."

"If you knew you were going to be in law, you probably wouldn't have bought that brand-new car."

Idaho had the 10th-highest number of bankruptcy requests per household last year, **PLEASE SEE BANKRUPTCY, PAGE E3**

WORLD

Last Syrian soldier leaves Lebanon

Exit ends 29-year military presence

MASNA, Lebanon (AP) — The difference between Syria's entry and exit was stark.

Twenty-nine years ago, its tanks and troops stormed into Lebanon, fighting in the mountains and descending on Beirut to restore order to a city ravaged by civil war. On Tuesday, Syria's last soldier quietly walked home across the border, ending the military domination.

Lebanon is at relative peace today. Many of the country's one-time warring factions united in the wake of the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri on Feb. 14 — and the world, which once tolerated Syria's intervention, told Damascus in one voice to get out.

The Syrian departure Tuesday was largely quiet, except for a modest military ceremony where military brass from both



Syrians hold their national flags and portraits of their President Bashar Assad Tuesday as they gather at Jdeidet Yaboussa, a crossing point on the Syrian-Lebanese border 28 miles west of Damascus, the Syrian capital, to celebrate the return of the last few hundred Syrian soldiers from Lebanon.

sidies exchanged medals at an air base near the border.

A Syrian commander told

Lebanese troops at the ceremony: "Brothers in arms, till we meet again." The Lebanese

replied, "Till we meet again," using the Arabic phrase "la ilaha ila Allah" as a broader goodbye than the more formal "farewell."

"Brothers in arms, thank you for your sacrifices," a Lebanese commander then told the Syrians.

Lebanese army commander Michel Sleiman pledged continued cooperation and credited the Syrian army with ending the 1975-90 civil war and rebuilding Lebanese forces. "Together we shall always remain brothers in arms in the face of the Israeli enemy," Sleiman said.

The two dozen or so Lebanese who stood at the border were less charitable as they watched the last 250 Syrians leave — the remnants of a one-time mighty force of 40,000 that ran the country virtually unchanged since entering in 1976 as peacekeepers.

"I feel like someone who was suffocated and jailed and has finally emerged from jail," said Shaaban al-Ajami, mayor of the

Lebanese border village of Majdal Anjar.

"We don't want to say goodbye. We are happy to see them leave," said Hussein Mansour, 27, who stood at the border holding the Syrian flag.

With the Syrians gone, Lebanon now look ahead to an election that should prove freer of Syrian influence but still runs the risk of sinking into violence.

The anti-Syrian opposition is hoping to defeat Damascus's political allies at the ballot box. Syria still wields influence here. Lebanese President Emile Lahoud is a staunch Syrian ally. Prime Minister Najib Mikati is a close friend of Syrian President Bashar Assad and the current parliament is dominated by pro-Syrians.

While the withdrawal relieves some of the pressure on Syria, Damascus still faces unrelenting U.S. demands to end its influence in Lebanon — and U.N. calls for the disarming of its ally, the Hezbollah guerrilla group.

Ukraine remembers Chernobyl

KIEV, Ukraine — Hundreds of mourners laid flowers and lit candles early Tuesday before a monument in Ukraine's capital to mark the 19th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, which sped radiation over much of northern Europe and claimed thousands of lives.

As the century slept on April 26, 1986, a reactor at the nuclear power station exploded and caught fire during a test.

An area roughly half the size of Colorado was contaminated by the accident, forcing the relocation of hundreds of thousands of people and ruining some of Europe's most fertile farmland.

At its first leaders of the Soviet Union pushed up the accident. People living next to the plant were not evacuated for more than 24 hours after the No. 4 reactor blew up. Only after scientists in Sweden detected radioactivity did the Kremlin break its silence. On April 26, acknowledging an accident had occurred.

Rights group decries U.S. treatment of prisoners

STRAZBURG, France — Europe's human rights body condemned the United States on Tuesday for using what it termed "torture" on terror suspects held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and it called on European countries not to cooperate in interrogating Guantanamo detainees.

The U.S. government has denied using torture at the base, but investigations into alleged abuse there are ongoing.

Leader appoints new Palestinian security chief

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas appointed a new head Tuesday of a powerful agency in charge of reining in Palestinian militants, his latest step in meeting U.S. and Israeli demands to rein in the security forces.

The new Preventive Security Service chief, Rashid Abu Shbak, 50, was commander of the service's Gaza branch for two years and spent 17 years in Israeli custody. His appointment follows a pattern of clearing away the late Yasser Arafat's top allies and installing a fresh leadership.

Taiwan leader arrives in China on historic trip

NANJING, China — The leader of Taiwan's opposition Nationalist Party arrived in China on Tuesday for the first meeting between the party's Pi Ching Kai-shen and the communists since both sides split amid civil war nearly six decades ago.

The eight-day trip by Lien Chen was aimed at easing tensions between Taiwan and China, which is threatening to attack if the self-ruled island pursues formal independence.

Son of former Togo dictator wins elections

LOME, Togo — The son of Togo's longtime dictator was elected to succeed him as president in a runoff election Tuesday. The 39-year-old son of the late Sylvanus Olympio won 55.5 percent of the vote, or 1.3 million of the votes cast in Sunday's violence-scattered election, said electoral commission chairwoman Kissen Tchagnal Wadja.

— compiled from wire reports

Suspect says he doesn't know Osama bin Laden

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Al-Qaida's suspected leader in Spain denied that he was a follower of Osama bin Laden in a second day of testimony Tuesday at his trial on charges he helped organize the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

"I am not a follower of the theories of bin Laden," Imad Yarkas told the court. "I have never seen him in my life."

He was responding to questions from prosecutor Pedro Rubira over a book and news clippings about the al-Qaida leader that were allegedly found in Yarkas's house in Madrid after his arrest in November 2001.

Asked about his understanding of the term "jihad," often translated as "holy war," Yarkas said that for him it meant "defending oneself." When judge Javier Gomez Bermudez asked Yarkas if for him it meant "the use of force in legitimate defense," Yarkas nodded and said, "Legitimate defense, nothing else."

But he denied that the indoctrinated Muslims in radical Islam and sent them to fight against the fellow Muslims in Bosnia and Chechnya. "I am not the kind to give classes," he said.

"If I said it was necessary to go, I would have to be the first one," Yarkas said.

Prosecutors ask for charge against Italy's Berlusconi

ROME (AP) — Italian prosecutors asked a judge Tuesday to charge Premier Silvio Berlusconi and 12 others with tax fraud and embezzlement stemming from a deal by his broadcast company to purchase television rights for U.S. movies, a prosecutor said.

Prosecutors in Milan allege that Berlusconi-owned Mediaset purchased the TV rights for U.S. movies before 1999 through two offshore companies and falsely declared the purchase costs to Italian tax authorities to lower the company's taxes.

A prosecutor involved in the case told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that authorities want to try Berlusconi on charges of false accounting, tax fraud and embezzlement.

Harvest begins on Afghan opium crop

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — President Hamid Karzai said Tuesday the cultivation of opium poppies in Afghanistan was down by about one-third from last year's record high, and he appealed for more foreign aid to help farmers grow legal crops.

Still, Afghan farmers have begun harvesting this year's crop, defying a U.S.-sponsored crackdown on the world's largest illegal narcotics industry. Karzai said his estimate was based on surveys from the United Nations and British officials, who are helping Afghan authorities curtail the drug trade. U.N. officials have said they will not release estimates of the crop for several months.

"According to the surveys of the U.N. and the British government, there has been a 30-40 percent decrease in cultivation and we should continue our efforts," Karzai told a news conference in the Afghan capital.

Production of opium, the raw material for heroin, has rocketed since the fall of the Taliban in 2001, sparking warnings that the former al-Qaida leader is fast turning into a "narco-state" despite the presence of more than 20,000 foreign troops.

Last year, cultivation reached a record 323,700 acres and yielded nearly 90 percent of the world's supply.

Afghan and foreign officials have said there are signs the crop production is down partly because farmers have switched to other crops, such as wheat, and because of the threat of eradication by Afghan police, including a special unit trained by the United States.

Karzai warned foreign donors they must pour aid into the country's war-ravaged rural economy to prevent a violent backlash and a return to opium production.

"Afghans are very hopeful for their future and confident about the country, that it is going toward reconstruction," he said. "But the international community has great responsibility."

"There should be great assistance for the farmers so that instead of poppies they can grow something else. Otherwise, they have to turn back to their old life."

The United States is pouring hundreds of millions of dollars into the counter-narcotics effort, arguing that the drug industry is now a bigger threat than Taliban-led militants maintaining a subterranean insurgency across the south and east.



Afghan farmers work in their opium field Tuesday in Zadi Dushit district of Kandahar, Afghanistan. Afghan farmers have begun harvesting this year's opium crop, defying a U.S.-sponsored crackdown on the world's largest illegal narcotics industry.

A reputed Afghan drug lord who officials accused of smuggling \$50 million worth of heroin into the United States and operating his network with the protection of the Taliban was arrested in New York over the weekend.

Basim Noorzai was on the U.S. list of most-wanted drug kingpins.

An indictment alleged that between 1990 and 2004 Noorzai and his organization provided demilitarization, weapons and manpower to the Taliban, who, in exchange, allowed his business to flourish.

Despite American and Afghan efforts, farmers were gathering resin from opium poppies Tuesday in the southern province of Kandahar, a key growing region targeted by eradication teams.

Poppy crops were in full bloom along the main road west out of Kandahar, and farmers were quietly gathering the precious opium, which will likely end up as heroin in countries such as Britain or Russia.

Mohammed Nahim, a 40-year-old working in the fields near the town of Maywand, said he had cultivated about 2.5 acres of land with poppy because assistance from the government or relief groups never materialized.

"A lot of money is coming for our farmers. But we didn't get a penny, not one bag of wheat," Nahim told an AP reporter, clutching a black plastic bag filled with thick opium paste from his early-flowering crop.

He said returns from opium were 10 times higher than from wheat and were the only way to cover the cost of hired tractors and diesel to pump water into his fields.

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19-year-old survivor Hiroki Hayashi is rescued Tuesday morning, nearly a day after a train accident in Amagasaki.

Japan seeks clues to wreck of commuter train

AMAGASAKI, Japan (AP) — At least he was alive.

Hours after Japan's worst train crash in decades, rescue teams found Hiroki Hayashi in an open space in the wreckage, with his legs badly hurt, but he was still conscious.

Workers, however, faced a major hurdle: they couldn't get the 19-year-old college student out. Rescuers could pass him water and put him on an intravenous drip, but he was pinned down by slabs of metal and the bodies of victims.

Firefighters feared sparks from an electric drill would ignite spilled fuel.

"We had to use hydraulic-equipped machines to pry open a space," said Hideki Maeda of the Amagasaki Fire Department.

On Tuesday, agents swept through eight offices of train operator West Japan Railway Co., carting away cardboard boxes of documents. The probe into possible professional negligence has focused on the actions of

the 23-year-old driver — who has not yet been accounted for — and the speed of the train.

Investigators examining the accident site said they had found the train's "black box," a computer chip that stores information about the time and train's speed in the final seconds before an accident. But they cautioned it would take time to analyze the contents.

The seven-car train was packed with 580 passengers at the time of the accident near this Osaka suburb Monday's accident was the worst rail disaster in nearly 42 years in this safety-conscious country, which is home to one of the world's most complex, efficient and heavily traveled rail networks.

The driver — identified as Ryoichi Takami — got his train operator's license in May 2004. One month later, he was promoted to chief driver and was issued a warning for his mistakes, railway officials and police said.

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DOB June 7, 1986

A Petition by Garth Adam Graham, born on June 7, 1986 in Twin Falls, State of Idaho now residing at 4850 North 1000 East, Burli, proposing a change in name to Garth Adam Graham Flint has been filed in the above entitled court, the reason for this change in name being I want to take my stepda's name. The petitioner's father is living.

Such petition will be heard at 9:00 o'clock AM on May 31, 2005, at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who, in such objections, show to the court a good reason against such a change of name. WITNESS my hand and seal of said District Court this 19th day of April, 2005.

By Clerk

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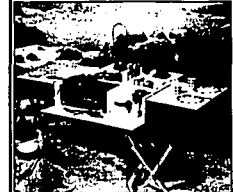
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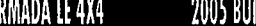
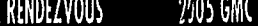



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
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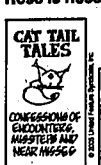
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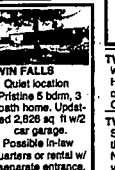
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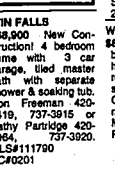
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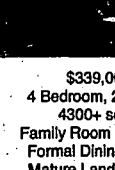
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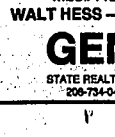
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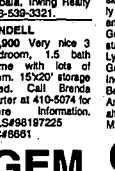
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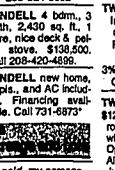
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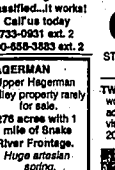
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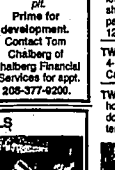
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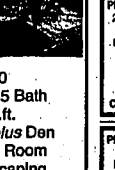
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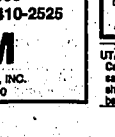
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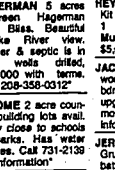
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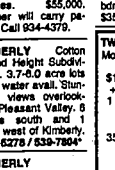
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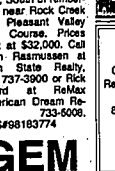
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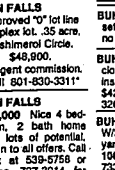
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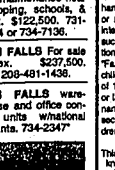
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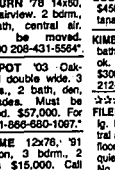
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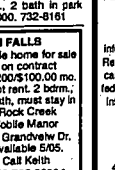
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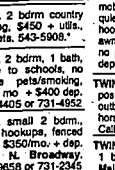
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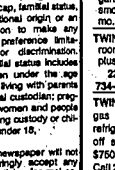
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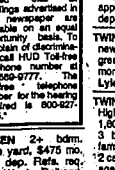
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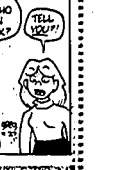
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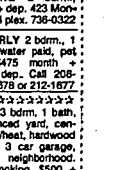
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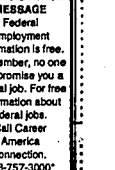
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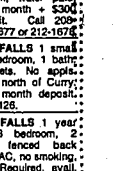
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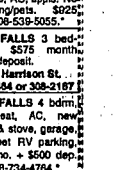
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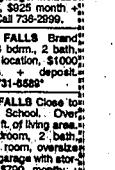
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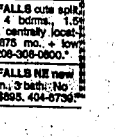
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"She fitted into my biggest armchair as if it had been built around her by someone who knew they were wearing armchairs tight about the hips that season." — P. G. Wodehouse

"The Kings' Tales," by Phillip and Robert King, is a series of parodies of well-known writers. The Wodehouse episode features The Wooster struggling to learn bridge to please his latest fiancée. Here, he is trying to bring home three no-trump.

Jeeves persuades him to play dummy's heart king at trick one and asks, "What next?" "I'd reel off all those jolly-looking diamonds, Jeeves."

"A strategy worthy of Von Clausewitz, sir. May I ask how?" "How, Jeeves? I don't understand. When you reel, you reel."

"An intermediate player would lead the ace and finesse the jack, sir."

"That's what I meant, Jeeves. I'd reel with finesse. It's just like trout-fishing."

While this line is likely to lose a diamond to the safe hand, Jeeves mentions that West may have a bare diamond queen. Now East would have a diamond entry for a second, fatal, heart lead.

"Jeeves, this isn't fair. Every time a fellow plays something, you cook up some awful distribution and make him look an ass."

Jeeves' solution astonishes Bertie: enter the closed hand in a black suit at the second trick, lead a diamond, and allow West to win if he plays the queen.

"But are you really suggesting that I let the blighter make his bare queen?"

"One must speculate to accumulate, sir."

It dawns on Bertie that he must escape from this bridge fanatic of a fiancée, and a long cruise is called for.

"You may reserve two places immediately."

"I have already done so, sir."

NORTH		06-27-A
♠ K 7 5	♥ 9 3 2	
♦ K 9	♣ J 3 2	
♠ A 8	♥ 10 9 6 2	
♦ A 8 7 5 4	♣ Q 9	

WEST		
♠ Q 10 4	♥ A 8	
♦ A 10 8 6 4	♣ Q 7 5	
♠ J	♥ K J 7 5 4 3	
♦ Q J 10 3 2	♣ K 6	

EAST		
♠ J 9 3 2	♥ A 8	
♦ J 3 2	♣ Q 7 5	
♠ 10 9 6 2	♥ K J 7 5 4 3	
♦ Q 9	♣ K 6	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

Opening lead: Heart six

BID WITH THE ACES

04-27-B

South holds:

♠ Q 10 4	♥ A 8
♦ A 10 8 6 4	♣ Q 7 5
♠ J	♥ K J 7 5 4 3
♦ Q J 10 3 2	♣ K 6

South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass

ANSWER: Bid three clubs. There is no need to do anything more for the time being. Your partner's jump bid is a game force, so you can show club support and keep things low. With the club king instead of a low one, you might bid four clubs, but here simple preference is enough for now.

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