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SCHOOLS WILL

Moratorium, energy study march ahead



Jo Marie Connor, a chemistry teacher at Twin Falls High School, looks on as her daughter Katie, 2, plays Tuesday night at the feet of the Brun statue in the high school lobby while people vote on the school bond issue.

Voter turnout exceeds expectations

By Joshua Palmer Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls School District's \$47.7 million school bond passed with 67.4 percent of the vote.
Voter turnout Tuesday was much better than school officials predicted.
When Deanna Stiel, an election official, arrived at Perrine Elementary School to begin her 14-hour election shift, she found people waiting for the polls to open.
"It's a much better attendance than the literary bond," Stiel said. "And we expect to see a larger crowd this evening because each school will have a student function to attract parents and the public."
Michelle Lucas, the district clerk, said Savaterra Elementary requested additional ballots after it used all 500 before noon.
But even around noon, when the lines grew longer, it was still difficult to tell the fate of the bond election. By the comments she heard, voters seemed to be evenly divided, she said.
"I think they want to put the high school in the wrong spot," said Robert Lopez, who voted against the bond. "With the new hospital and Wal-Mart moving into this area,

By the numbers
Yes No
Bickel Elementary 273 100
Harrison Elementary 492 123
Lincoln Elementary 306 242
Morningside Elementary 536 249
Oregon Trail Elementary 335 220
Perrine Elementary 406 82
Sawtooth Elementary 753 350
Ver. C. O'Leary Jr. High 350 216
Robert Stuart Jr. High 457 238
Magic Valley High School 55 37
Twin Falls High School 593 310
Total 4,587 2,187
Unofficial results from Twin Falls School District

the traffic will only get worse. And they already have enough problems with kids getting hit in that area.
Bob and Diane King, on the other hand planned to support the bond, even though their children had already graduated from the schools and left Twin Falls.
"I feel that it's important for growth in Twin Falls, and for the youth," Bob King

said. "Businesses will not come here if we cannot provide a good education to our youth."
Youth also took an interest in the election. More than 80 senior class students from Twin Falls Senior High voted.
"I support it," said senior Joshua Warren. "It's getting crowded, and it's getting worse."
Warren said the school gave a presentation to most of the senior class, so it was something that he felt most seniors were well informed about.
"The crowding isn't so bad here, but in the elementary schools and junior highs, it's getting really crowded," he said. "I have siblings at Morningside, and I don't want them to have to go through this."
One voting couple said the wording on the ballot was confusing.
"The way it was worded made it sound like you couldn't vote against it," said Gloria Hann. "I think they could have wrote it differently. I just hope that the people counting the ballots will understand it."
"It's time to build a new high school," said local chemistry teacher Jo Marie Connor. "It's also time to revamp what we have."

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — The coal-fired power plant proposed for Jerome County may be put on hold for two years if a House committee vote Tuesday is any indication of the Legislature's will.
House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, B-Barley, urged committee members to "slow the process down" for a year to give the state time to get its energy plan in place.
"Is it good public policy?" Newcomb said. "Or, should we just say, 'Wait a minute, let's hold this thing off.'"
The House Environment, Energy and Technology Committee voted unanimously to send Newcomb's legislation to the floor. If the Legislature ends up adopting the bills, Sempra officials would have to wait two years until they could apply for permits for their 600-megawatt facility. During that time, an interim legislative committee would develop a state energy plan, a guide that Idaho has not updated since 1982.
Rep. Wendy Hurtlet, D-Ketchum, served as a cosponsor on both bills. Hurtlet suggested that a state energy plan might help resolve disputes over how much energy the state needs and when that power will be needed.
Earlier this month, the same committee held nearly seven hours of testimony on similar legislation by Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls. Many of those who testified were Magic Valley residents opposed to Sempra's plan.
Block co-sponsored Newcomb's moratorium request.
"The Legislature needs Idaho to gather facts and set Idaho's policy," Block said.
Elaine Smith, D-Pocatello, tried to get coal-gasification

NewsTracker

Last we knew: House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, introduced three pieces of legislation regarding coal-fired power plants.
The latest: On Tuesday, a House committee voted unanimously to advance both a bill enacting a two-year moratorium on coal-fired power plants and a bill ordering the creation of a state energy plan.
What's next: Today, the House Resources and Conservation Committee will hear Newcomb's bill requiring legislative approval until 2008 on water transfers for coal-generating facilities.

technology included in the moratorium but failed to win the support of other Newcomb or the committee.
The coal-gasification plants that have been discussed, such as one near Pocatello, lack both the viability and financing to be able to apply for permits in the next two years, Newcomb said.
Barracough explained that he would vote in favor of the moratorium because "I think it's the right thing to do at this point — not because of the hysteria."

Commissioners support coal plant moratorium

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners on Tuesday signed a resolution in support of a statewide two-year moratorium on the siting and permitting of coal-fired power plants.
They joined a growing list of public officials, organizations and citizens wanting to put the brakes on San Diego-based Sempra Energy's plans to build a coal-fired power plant in Jerome County.
Commissioners added their signatures after discussing the issue with a few members of the steering committee of the 300-plus member Keep Magic Valley Magic, one of the groups opposed to Sempra setting up in the Magic Valley.
"US has built over our aquifer for one reason money," said Gale Kleinkopf, a retired University of Idaho science professor and a member of the Keep Magic Valley Magic Steering Committee.
Kleinkopf said building such a plant over a water source can lead to serious problems.
"Anytime pollutants get into the surface water or ground water, it has a potential for causing health risks," Kleinkopf said after Tuesday's meeting with county commissioners. "With respect to arsenic, it could require communities to build filter plants to take out the arsenic."
Kleinkopf said the plant being proposed for Jerome County is based on old technology. "There are new technologies being developed today that are better than these 40-year-old technologies," he said.
And why, Kleinkopf asked, would Idaho want to give away any of its precious water to a coal-fired power plant?
"We've heard our entire economy on agriculture," Kleinkopf said. "Is this what we want to do — ship all our water out of state?"
He said a moratorium would give Idaho time to examine the environmental and health concerns of coal-fired power plants.
"All we're asking for is some time," Kleinkopf said.
Dr. David M. Gray, also a member of the county's steering committee, spoke to commissioners about the health risks related to mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants. He said mercury can cause neurological problems in the developing brains and nervous systems of infants.

MORNING BRIEFING

Study says drugs can delay onset of high blood pressure

ATLANTA (AP) — Treating people who don't yet have high blood pressure but are well on their way to it can delay the condition but not permanently prevent it unless drugs are taken lifelong, new research suggests.
It is the first extensive study of treating pre-hypertension, a condition 45 million Americans have, defined as blood pressure readings from 120 over 80 up to 139 over 89. Below that is considered normal and above it, high.
High blood pressure greatly raises the risk of heart failure, stroke, heart attacks and other medical problems. Doctors had hoped that two years of early treatment could permanently halt the progression from prehypertension to that more dangerous state.

Discovery launch put off

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA on Tuesday postponed the launch of space shuttle Discovery from May until at least July because of an all-too-familiar problem: a faulty fuel tank sensor.
A similar problem briefly delayed last summer's launch of Discovery on the first shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster in 2003.

Sago survivor goes home for first time

MOHAGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — The sole survivor of the Sago Mine disaster visited his home for the first time since the Jan. 2 explosion Tuesday, eating a home-cooked lunch and visiting with his family during a three-hour visit.
Afterward, Randall McCloy Jr., 26, returned to the HealthSouth Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital, where he is going through months of therapy to recover from brain damage and other injuries.
The explosion that killed 12 workers at the Sago Mine likely was caused by a massive lightning strike that ignited methane gas in a sealed-off area, Ben Hatfield, chief executive officer of International Coal Group Inc., said Tuesday.

World

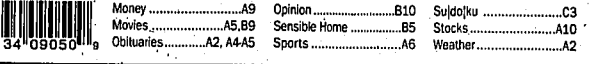


A gunman fires at a government building in Ramadi, Iraq, Tuesday.

Iraqi authorities find 87 bodies, uncover plot

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi authorities discovered at least 87 corpses — men shot to death execution-style — as Iraq edged closer to open civil warfare. Twenty-nine of the bodies, dressed only in underwear, were dug out of a single grave Tuesday in a Shiite neighborhood of Baghdad. The bloodstain appeared to be retaliation for a bomb and mortar attack in Sadr City that killed at least 50 people and hurt more than 200 two days earlier.
Iraq's Interior Minister Bayan Jabr, meanwhile, told The Associated Press security officials foiled a plot to "put hundreds of al-Galada men at critical guard posts around Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

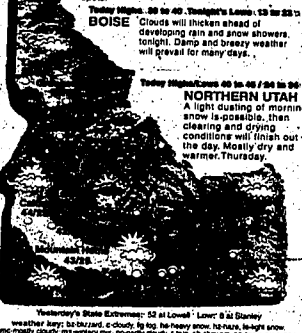
Today: Partly cloudy and pleasant for most of the day. Highs middle 40s.
 Tonight: Getting cloudy with a chance of showers moving in late. Lows upper 20s.
 Tomorrow: Daytime rain showers mixing with snow at night. Highs upper 40s.

BURLEY RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A mix of clouds and sunshine. Highs low 40s.
 Tonight: Increasing clouds leading to a mixed chance for late snow. Lows middle 20s.
 Tomorrow: Partly cloudy. Slight chance of mixed rain and snow showers passing through. Highs 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Unsettled upper level conditions will keep snow chances alive through the week and into the weekend. Traps with care, roads are likely to be slick and skanky in spots.
BOISE
 Clouds will thicken ahead of developing rain and snow showers tonight. Damp and breezy weather will prevail for many days.



Wednesday's State Extremes: 52 at Lowell; 18 at Burley. Snow heavy to light and moderate in the heavy snow. Heavy snow in the heavily snowed areas. Heavy snow in the heavily snowed areas. Heavy snow in the heavily snowed areas.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "You can fall more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what he says about him."
 —Lin Aniston, *Unreel and Newspaper Editor*

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ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Today's High: 45	Today's Precip: 0.0	Today's Humidity: 41%	Today's Pressure: 30.2	Sunrise: 6:48 AM, Sunset: 6:48 PM

Moon Phases

Mar 22	Mar 29	Apr 5	Apr 12
Waxing Crescent	First Quarter	Full Moon	Waning Gibbous

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Bonanza Ferry	39-53	44-58	43-24
Chase	38-54	42-19	42-29
Chiles	41-51	45-22	43-23
Gooding	47-28	60-26	49-33
Heppner	48-26	51-28	50-31
Idaho Falls	38-52	40-31	41-24
Jackson	39-24	41-36	42-29
Levan	42-26	45-34	43-22
Madras	38-52	40-32	44-28
Mesa	44-28	45-31	47-23
Portland	50-58	51-59	52-37
Redmond	44-21	50-48	39-22
Rupert	45-28	49-28	47-23
Salt Lake City	47-29	47-29	48-23
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Moonrise and Moonset

Thursday	Moonrise	6:47 PM	Moonset	7:27 AM
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Low - Moderate - High
 The higher the index the more sun protection needed

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, Ga.	47-57	49-31	Portland, Me.	42-51	41-23
Albuquerque, N.M.	45-58	49-30	Portland, Me.	42-51	41-23
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Johnny Angel Carranza

— Johnny Angel Carranza was born April 22, 2005. He was only 10 1/2 months old when he passed away on Saturday, March 11, 2006.

His funeral will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 2006, at Hansen Mortuary Chapel. Viewing for friends and family will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. The family has requested that anyone who attends not wear black.

Johnny was a very sweet and lovable baby and was instantly loved by anyone that met him. He loved to dance to music and do tricks for his mother, which included telling her or his brother "no, no, no" by waving his little finger at them. His "patita" was a dance which she stumped only one foot. He also loved to spend time with his favorite cousin, Izabella (1), who he loved to playfully beat up.

He left behind a very affectionate family, which included his mother, Maria Alicia Carranza (25); his father, his brothers, Brandon (11), Anjele (8) and Mikael (7); his Uncle Johnny (28) and Aunt Margarita (25), with their children, Jasmine (6) and Jacquelyn (3); Uncle Joe (24) and Aunt Angie (18) and her daughter, Izabella; Aunt Brianna (11) and Aunt Aydisla (9); his grandmother, Alicia (47); and his great-grandmother, Carmen (68); with many more cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents.

Donald Ernest Rupert

— Donald Ernest Rupert, 77, of Jerome, died Saturday, March 11, 2006, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Don was born in Wendell, Idaho, at St. Valentine's Hospital on June 28, 1928, to Ernest and Edna Driscoll Rupert. He attended schools in Jerome and belonged to St. Jerome's Catholic Church. He joined the National Guard and was discharged with an honorable discharge after two years of service. He met and married the love of his life, Wilma Shropshire, on June 28, 1948, in Jerome, where they have resided ever since. They had two children. Don started working at the age of 14 for Ed LaTurner in a gas station. He also worked for Hosmans and for Dean Clark. In 1953, he bought the station and it was called Don's Conoco. He loved customer service and helping people. In 1976, he closed the station and went to work for Smith Drilling and Pump, working there until he retired.

As a young man, he liked going to help out our fires. He joined the fire department, and when the department split, he became a member of the Jerome Rural Fire Department. Don was an active member of the fire department until 2003, when he became an honorary fireman. During his 50-plus years on the fire department, Don served as the chief several times. Don loved to bowl on the Friday night men's league and on the Friday night mixed league. He loved to dance with his wife, Wilma; they square danced for many years and belonged to several square dance clubs.

Don is survived by his wife, Wilma of Jerome; one daughter, Corinna (Glenn) Reddick of Jerome; one son, Don Rupert of Meridian; three grandchildren, Chad Reddick of Boise, Stacey Parker of U.S.N. Pensacola, Fla., and Angelina Rupert of Boise; and two great-grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICES

Annette Eaton
 WENDELL — Annette Eaton, 90, of Wendell, died Sunday, March 13, 2006, at her home. The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2006, at the Wendell United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Mike Hollomon officiating. Burial will take place in the Wendell Cemetery.

Family members and friends are invited to a memorial service at Demaray's Wendell Chapel, a later date.

Joseph L. Herring Sr.
 TWIN FALLS — Joseph L. Herring Sr., 86, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. A visitation is scheduled for 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Fu-

neral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. The funeral is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, March 17, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Burial will take place at the Rock Creek Veterans Cemetery in Hansen. A full obituary will follow at a later date.

Richard W. Sutter
 BLAINE — Richard Wayne Sutter, 68, of Bliss, died Sunday, March 12, 2006, at his residence. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Clara Kelly
 TWIN FALLS — Clara Kelly, 95, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the Heritage Retirement Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Hugh Myron Whitaker
 Rupert, funeral at noon Saturday at the Heyburn LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 530 Villa Drive. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Herbert "Herbie" Lewis
 Turner of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Redwood Memorial Estates, 6500 S. Redwood Road in Salt Lake City, Utah; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour before the funeral Friday at Redwood Memorial Estates.

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Say, is that a tail behind your rig?

The Hidden Holiday landfill sits on a hill north of Boise. Its 110 acres of scraggly, blowing trash, Caterpillar graders and lots of SUVs disgorging old refrigerators.

Last Saturday afternoon, I loaded my Subaru Outback full of junk from my wife's garage and headed for the dump. I arrived just as the sun was dipping behind the Owyhee Mountains to the southwest.

A fellow in a hard hat directed me to a dumping area. I hopped out of the car, opened the rear gate and started off something small and furry streaked past me.

It was Callie, Victoria's calico cat.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

"Oh, —" said the fellow in the hard hat, who was standing there observing the scene.

Now if you're a brown-and-tan cat intent on getting lost in a feline smorgasbord, you can't do much better than a landfill. Shoot, everything out there is the same color as Callie.

At that moment, I imagined the conversation that would soon take place between myself and my wife:

"Where's the cat?"
"Which cat?"
"Callie. Where's Callie?"
"Somewhere you believe in animals being free, don't you?"

Just then the guy in the hard hat walked over to me. "It's a long shot," he said, "but I have an idea. Stand right here, hold this and keep your eyes open."

Mr. Hard Hat walked to his truck parked nearby and began driving slowly in circles — big concentric circles that gradually got smaller.

Just when the driver was about to run out the Callie bolted from beneath an old dryer. I took the old peach box and by plain dumb luck, managed to pin Callie underneath it.

So when I got back to the house and Victoria asked me how my trip was, I could shrug and reply, "Uneventful."

Actually, Saturday was the second time recently that I've had to deal with a stowaway cat. Sophie, Callie's roommate, climbed into the back of the Subaru a couple of months ago, while I was loading the car before driving from Boise to Twin Falls.

Along about Mountain Home, I looked into the rearview mirror and saw Sophie sitting on the back of the seat, starting back at me. I had to return to Boise, deposit Sophie in the garage, and then drive to Twin Falls.

Last Monday morning, it snowed in Boise. So you can imagine my alarm when, getting ready to load the Subaru, I noticed a set of cat tracks going up to my car — but no tracks headed away.

I looked under the seats. I removed the floor mats from the cargo bay, pulled open the hatch and inspected the compartment where the spare tire is kept. Finally, I opened the hood and checked behind the engine.

Nothing.

But when I glanced up after closing the hood, there was Sophie — sitting in the driver's seat.

Somewhere on West Red Spruce Drive in Boise this morning, a bunch of cats are hanging out, maybe pitching pennies.

"I swallowed the neighbor's canary," one is saying.

"I shorted out a circuit at our house while chasing a squirrel across the power line," boasts another. "The electricity was off for hours."

At which point Sophie stretches, scratches her ear and inspects the nails on one of her paws.

"That's nothing," she says, yawning. "I've been to Mountain Home."

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Bill calls for dam diversion

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE — Legislators may be forced to choose between replenishing the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer and avoiding a hike in Idaho Power customer electricity bills.

Today, a House committee will hear House Speaker Bruce Newcomb's legislation that would divert Snake River water from hydroelectric dams to replenish the aquifer. The mutual underground reservoir, which provides water to cities, farmers and industries in the southeastern third of the state, has been depleted by six consecutive years of drought.

Newcomb, R-Burley, is basing the bills on a March-9 opinion from the Idaho attorney general that found the state could take water from the river as long as the state's biggest utility was given enough water to satisfy minimum limits set in a 1984 pact known as the Swan Falls Agreement. Then, the state said

Idaho Power had a right to 5,600-cubic-foot-per-second minimum flow during winter months.

Ten years later in 1994, however, lawmakers said Idaho Power had a right to up to 17,250 cubic feet per second in winter — and that Idaho Power's water right takes priority over recharging the aquifer.

In his opinion, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden wrote that Idaho lawmakers were wrong in 1984 — that the utility only had a right to water up to the 1984 limit.

"Idaho Power subordinated its hydropower water rights to all future beneficial uses, including but not limited to aquifer recharge," Wasden wrote.

That led Newcomb to introduce the two bills, needed to correct the 1984 Legislature's error.

Idaho Power officials disagree and contend the 1984 agreement should take precedence.

Recharging the aquifer was not an issue in 1984, and the

state cannot now make it an issue and give recharging the aquifer priority over the utility, said Idaho Power spokesman Greg Painter.

The company will challenge the Swan Falls agreement in court if the Legislature takes its water, Painter said, adding that if Newcomb gets his way, the utility's 455,000 customers could wind up paying more for power.

The debate comes nearly a year after Karl Dreher, the director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, was asked to settle an ongoing dispute between surface and groundwater users. The battle has since landed in district court.

Attorney Tom Arkosch represents members of the Surface Water Coalition. While his clients support the concept of recharge, they dispute Newcomb's plan for accomplishing it.

"If the bill passes — the people who pay for recharge will be Idaho Power's consumers," Arkosch said.

Instead, Arkosch said, the state should look to strict administration of "the" prior appropriation doctrine — the tenet that those with the oldest water rights get to fill their water claims first. The state held solely to the doctrine, groundwater users with junior rights would face curtailment.

Lynn Tomlinaga, executive director with the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, acknowledges that there are both good and bad ramifications in Newcomb's legislation. Idaho Power would lose some power generation now — but it comes at a time when there's plenty of electricity available in the market.

Tomlinaga said, however, the water will come back later on, to the benefit of both the power company and the aquifer.

"If you're looking at this as what is most beneficial to the state, recharge makes sense," Tomlinaga said.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is attempting to begin a pilot program to recharge the aquifer

through an agreement with Idaho Power and other water users that would take advantage of the current good-water year.

All 19 Idaho river basins have received higher-than-average precipitation since October, according to meteorologists with the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Kempthorne says that makes the timing tight for a voluntary pact that would avoid a legal battle.

"We're working with all the parties to see how we can do recharge when we've got all this snow in the mountains," said Mike Journee, Kempthorne's press secretary.

Before Newcomb's bills, Idaho Power had agreed to divert up to 40,000 acre feet of water into two canals in April, for which the company would be paid up to \$14 million.

The plan represents the value of electricity Idaho Power says the diverted water would produce if it were released to pass through the dam.

Fair Road speed limit put on hold

Buhl council wants more information before taking action

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Drivers traveling down Fair Road won't see a change in the 35 mph speed limit just yet.

The decision was prompted by Councilman Regie Finney, who suggested they wait to make the change official until more information comes in.

Free swimming
The Buhl City Council has set two free swimming days for residents at the city pool: July 4 and Aug. 7.

A resident had asked in February that the speed limit be dropped to 25 mph on Fair Road, from Highway 30 to Craven Avenue.

"The only information and input I have heard is negative," Finney told the council. "I motion to table the speed change until we receive more information."

The council agreed and for now the speed limit will not change.

In other council news it was decided to allow a memorial for Beverly Howles to be placed outside the window of the Department of Motor Vehicles at City Hall.

Many Kelly addressed the council explaining that Howles, who passed away January 31, worked for the county DMV in Buhl for 17 years and was a friend to all.

"She took care of all of us," Kelly said.

Three rose bushes and a 13-inch engraved memorial rock will be bought using money raised after Howles died.

U.S. Highway 30 repairs begin today

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Idaho Transportation Department crews will make repairs to Addison Avenue (U.S. Highway 30) from Second Avenue North to the Twin Falls western city limits beginning Wednesday evening.

To minimize inconvenience to commuters, work will be performed between 11 p.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. Thursday.

One lane will remain open in each direction.

Flaggers will direct motorists through the work zone.

Delays of approximately five minutes can be expected.

These repairs are in preparation for a seal coat project scheduled for the summer.



Bart, an 8-month-old golden retriever and yellow Labrador mix, fetches a tennis ball Tuesday afternoon for his owner, Ryan Reinke, at Twin Falls City Park. Reinke and Bart had the park to themselves due to gray skies and occasional light showers. Today's forecast is partly cloudy and 45 degrees.

Group plans project to prevent fire deaths

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — In November 2005, two young brothers, Eli and Kael Davis, died in a house fire in Filer. Today, there's a new project to help ensure other children don't suffer the same fate.

Shortly after the tragedy, Head Start approached the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition with what is now called The Davis Boys Project to memorialize 4-year-old Eli and 2-year-old Kael and to help prevent the loss of life associated with residential fires.

Eli attended pre-school at Head Start, a federally funded program that serves low-income children from birth to age 5, pregnant women and their families.

The Davis Boys Project is a community-based effort to increase awareness of the importance of smoke detec-

tors and family fire safety, and to ensure that smoke detectors are available and properly installed in Head Start families throughout south-central Idaho, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Currently, funding to support the purchase of smoke detectors for Head Start families is needed. It's provided through the efforts of Sawtooth Dental and their "Smiles for Life" campaign.

Through June 30, Sawtooth Dental is offering discounted teeth-whitening procedures with half of the proceeds to benefit The Davis Boys Project and half to benefit the Garth Brooks Foundation.

The Crown Council Dentists donate their time and Discuss Dental donates the whitening materials. Appointments are available in Twin Falls, Shoshone and Hagerman. For

more information, call 733-4515.

The money raised by Sawtooth Dental, Safe Kids and the Twin Falls Love's store, partner to buy smoke detectors for the project. Community volunteers from Head Start and local fire departments identify families in need and see that the smoke detectors are delivered and installed.

The volunteers also will promote fire safety education, part of which includes planning a family fire-escape route and emergency meeting place so that every family member will know how to get out of the home and what to do in case of a fire, the news release said.

For more information about family fire safety or how to become involved in The Davis Boys Project, call Safe Kids of the Magic Valley at 737-2430.

Widow recovers from fire

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

FILER — A woman widowed by a house fire two Sundays ago spent last week recovering with her two children.

"She was doing better," Filer Fire Chief Buddy Compher said after he saw Barbara Gowdy on Sunday with her kids, both her son, David, and her daughter, Terrie, since last week with her.

Want to help?

Donations to Barbara Gowdy can be made at any US Bank branch. Ask for the Gowdy Fire Fund account.

Compher said David returned to work Monday and Terrie was expected to fly out early this week.

Herschel Gowdy died in the March 5 fire. He was 60 years old. His funeral has not yet been scheduled.

Both Compher and the state fire marshal's investigation traced the fire to a trash can containing cigarette ash.

"It appears ashes were accidentally put in the trash can, and the trash can caught fire," Compher said. "That's what all roads point to."

Gowdy told Compher she emptied the ashtrays that morning.

All but the basement was destroyed in the fire, leaving intact her washer and dryer and a chestful of clothes.

"There's nothing upstairs that's salvageable," Compher said.

The Filer Fire Department also set up a fund Monday for Gowdy at US Bank in Filer. So far, the account has received a few hundred dollars. He said several local churches also have helped.

Compher said he planned to meet Tuesday afternoon with Gowdy. He's concerned how she will fare after her children leave left.

Ex-governor: Kempthorne should oppose public land sale

The Associated Press

BOISE — Former Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus said Tuesday he would oppose current Gov. Dirk Kempthorne for the federal Interior Secretary post. Andrus, a Democrat who served as Interior Secretary under Jimmy Carter, said Kempthorne, a Republican, hasn't asked for his support.

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Delmer Frank Engelking

BOISE — Delmer "Del" Frank Engelking, 94, of Boise, died peacefully Saturday, March 4, 2006, at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise.

A memorial gathering of family and friends was held between 2 and 4 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2006, at the Heatherdown Retirement Community in the front parlor, 5277 Kootenai St., Boise. Idaho Arrangements were by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

Del was born at home in Albion, Idaho (Cassia County), Nov. 14, 1911, the son of Frank Ernest and Anna Belle (Sachwell) Engelking. He was the oldest of five children. He attended grade school in Albion and graduated from Albion High School in 1930. After high school graduation, he attended Albion Normal School, graduating in 1933 with a two-year teaching certificate. He married Thelma L. Both in Moscow, Idaho, on Nov. 29, 1939. He completed a bachelor of science degree in secondary education from the University of Idaho in 1941 and a master's degree in education from the University of Idaho in 1951. He was later awarded an honorary degree of education from the University of Idaho in 1974 for his service to the state of Idaho in public education.

He began a 42-year career in education as a teacher in a one-room school at Willow Creek (near Emmet) from 1934-36, was principal, teacher and coach at Pleasant Valley (in the Eagle-Star area) from 1934-37; was a teacher and coach at Rupert Junior High School from 1937-39; was a principal of grades one through 12, teacher and coach



in Reubens from 1940-43; was superintendent of schools, principal and coach in Kamiah from 1943-50; was assistant superintendent and transportation supervisor for the Idaho County School District (Grangeville) from 1950-54; was superintendent for the Blackfoot School District from 1954-58; and in 1958 was elected as state of Idaho superintendent of public instruction and held this office continuously for 16 years, retiring in 1974.

Del was a 50-year member of Kamiah Lodge No. 56 AF & AM, a 43-degree KKKI member of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry in Boise, a member of El Korah Shrine in Boise and a member of First-United Methodist Church, Cathedral of the Rockies.

He served as a member of the Idaho State Board of Education, the Idaho State Land Board, Idaho Board of Regents, Council of Chief State School Officers and the Northwest Educational Laboratory as a charter member. Through the years as a public educator, he met and

worked with many outstanding people whom he enjoyed very much. His many years in education touched the lives of generations of students, teachers, administrators, parents and those both in and out of the educational community. As a boy, Del loved to hunt, fish and camp out. Throughout his life his passion for fishing took him to many of the prime fishing streams and lakes of Idaho. He spent many hours trying his own flies that were just right for each area and season. Along with fishing, he also enjoyed golf and often combined the two when he went on outings. He also enjoyed bowling, dancing, reading and playing various card games.

He is survived by Thelma, his wife of 66 years; a daughter, Santa Patricia, a retired teacher from Santa Rosa, Calif.; and a son, Jeri Engelking, campus dean of the School of Education, University of South Dakota, and his wife Ellen (Buchanan); two grandsons, Christopher Pritchard and his wife Jodi (Crawford); and David Engelking and his fiancée, Alicia Moerke; and four great-granddaughters, Courtney, Hallie, Janie and Emmeline Pritchard. He has brothers and their wives, Glenn (Carmel) from Lowell, Wyo., and Lee (Vivian) from Lakewood, Colo.; and numerous nephews and nieces and their extended families. Del was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Rex and his wife Irene; and a sister, V. and her husband Walter Wray. Memorial contributions can be made to the Shriner's children's hospitals in care of the El Korah Shrine Temple, 1118 W. Idaho, Boise, ID, 83702.

Paul Clinton Elledge

BOISE — Paul Clinton Elledge, 90, quietly and gently passed to the other side on Friday, March 10, 2006, in his home.

Paul was born in Lava Hot Springs, Bannock County, on Feb. 15, 1916, to Hilma and Wheeler Elledge. He was excited to be able to celebrate his 90th birthday three weeks ago with all of his family and special friends. Paul was especially proud of his family and took loving care of his beloved wife of 58 years, Virginia Leon Ekins. In his glory days as a lieutenant in the Coast Guard during World War II, he served as a CIC Officer on the USS Annapolis. He graduated in the top third of his class at the Coast Guard Academy and went on to anti-submarine training. From there, he graduated from radio school with honors. Paul married Virginia on Oct. 3, 1947, in Pocatello, Idaho, and then moved to Twin Falls to start his own business, U.S. Rock Wood Sales Co., and their family.

Paul was an avid golfer throughout his adult life, after his stroke 18 years ago.



He even made the headlines of the sports section of the Twin Falls Times-News when he made one of his holes-in-one. He was only 10 when he began his hobby and love of the computer, which led him to write his life story in two volumes. Paul's infectious laughter permeated every family gathering. There was an abundance of smiles and laughter in his presence. We could always count on him to lift our spirits, brighten our day, be there to help us, even with our

moving and building projects, and to love us.

Paul is survived by his wife, Virginia; three children, Joan Schramm and husband Charles, Paul Elledge and wife Shirley, and Brad Elledge and husband Tom Swinecald; 12 grandkids, Kris, Heidi, Challis, Jeff, Brandy, Joni, Wendy, Courtney, Zachary, Ashley, Layton and Latana; nine great-grandkids, Monty, Christina, Kaylee, Isabella, Lilli, Luci, Brianna, Stephen and Azalea; his sister, June; brother, Wade and numerous family members. He will be greatly missed by all of us, and we will always love and treasure each and every year we shared with him.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 2006, at the Relyea Funeral Chapel, 318 N. Latah in Boise. Friends may call to visit with the family from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, 2006, and from 10 to 10 a.m. Friday at Relyea Funeral Chapel. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m., following the service, at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Doris L. Hathhorn

SALMON — Doris L. Hathhorn, a longtime resident of Salmon, Idaho, passed away in Twin Falls, Idaho, on March 12, 2006, at the age of 95.

She was born to Edward and Theresa Edmondson on July 27, 1910, in Cambridge, Idaho. She grew up on a farm there and on the rim of Hell's Canyon.

She married Charles Hathhorn, and they moved to live and work on a ranch near Prosser, Wash. Charles then went to work at the Rio Tinto Mine near Mountain City, Nev.

Several years were spent at Bradley Mining Co. mines, the Sulphite Mine at Sibbald, Idaho, and the Ina Mine at Patterson, Idaho. They enjoyed attending mining conventions in San Juan and flying with the Idaho Flying Farmers to Mexico in the '50s. The Ina Mine closed in 1957, and they moved to Guatemala.

After three years in Guatemala, Charles was transferred to the Hunter Hill Mine at Kellogg, Idaho. They were later sent to the Nancy Lee Mine near Appleton, Mont. Then, back to Kellogg and the Sunshine Mine. In 1972, they bought a motel in Salmon, which they operated until 1978, and returned to Twin Falls. They had many friends in Kel-



logg, Superior and Salmon and they enjoyed playing bridge and going fishing and camping with. Charles passed away in 1993. They were married 57 years and had two sons and a daughter. She later married Roy Bismann of Salmon and welcomed his two daughters, Vicki (nee) Blank of Salmon and Sheri (nee) Laters of Redmond, Wash., and their families. Roy passed away at the end of 2001 after five enjoyable years of companionship. She enjoyed the continued support and friendship of his two daughters and families and their visits to see her in Twin Falls. Doris loved playing bridge as often as she could, visiting

and enjoying lunch with friends and social gatherings. She was going strong until three years ago when her health began to fail and she came to Twin Falls to be near family members. She was a member of the Salmon PEO Chapter AF and the Salmon Methodist Church.

Survivors are two sons, Jerry (Lottie) Hathhorn of Lemme County, Idaho, and Randy (Lorraine) Hathhorn (Claydy Smith) of Garfield, Wash.; a daughter, Beverly (Tom) Franston of Kennewick, Wash.; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister, Nancy, a son of Boise, Idaho, and a half-sister, May Widner of Salmon.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Gerding Place and the many nurses and doctors that cared for her. They also appreciate the support provided by her granddaughter, Kathleen Slette, husband Gary, and children of Twin Falls, as well as the other family members that live farther away.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2006, at the Salmon River Funeral Chapel in Salmon, Idaho. A viewing will be held for one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Salmon Cemetery.



Gladys E. Olson Bailey Tuttle

BURLEY — Gladys E. Olson Bailey Tuttle, 89-year-old Burley and Albion resident, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the Pleasant View Care & Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

She was born Dec. 9, 1916, in Idaho, the daughter of Joe and Mae Horn. She graduated from Rupert High School in 1935. She married LeRoy Olson on May 19, 1938, in Rupert, and their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. As a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she was happy to serve in many different callings. She and LeRoy farmed in the Unity area for many years, where they raised their children. Together they enjoyed square dancing, fishing and boating. In addition to farming, Gladys worked for Simplicity for 28 years, retiring in 1979.

Gladys had a passion for crafts and always had a project going. Whether it was quilting or crocheting, she loved to keep her hands busy, and she took pleasure in sharing her projects with her family. Gladys and LeRoy were married for 44 years before he died in a motorcycle accident in 1980. A couple of years after LeRoy died, Gladys met Wendell Bailey. They soon married and moved to Wendell's home in Albion. Together they traveled, gardened and enjoyed each other's company. After 32 years of marriage, Wendell passed away in 1990. Gladys remained in Albion and married Lloyd Tuttle.

Survivors include five of her children, Mrs. William (Nona Jean) Clayton, Mrs. Paul (Sandra) Baumgartner of Burley, Larry Dean (Sharon) Olson of Paul and Donna Gustafson of Burley and Kirt Joe (Lisa) Olson of Burley. She has 24 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren. In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; a son, LeRoy Kay Olson; three sisters, Zelpha Wade, Eva Roberts and Delva Thompson; a granddaughter, Audrey Olson; and a son-in-law, Bill Clayton.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2006, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Unity 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 275 S. 250 E. of Burley, with Bishop Lonnie Downs officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral Saturday at the church.

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Thale Varden Seal Jr.

BILLINGS, Mont. — Thale Varden Seal Jr., age 65, of Billings, Mont., died Monday, March 13, 2006, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding, Idaho.

Thale was born April 18, 1940, in Rupert, Idaho, the son of Thale Seal Sr. and Melba Brown Seal.

He was raised in the Rupert area and graduated from Minico High School in Rupert in 1958. He married Margaret Best in 1963. She preceded him in death in 1979. It was on April 4, 1980, in Elko, Nev., that he married Shirley Best.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley of Billings, Mont.; three sons, Rusty Seal of Bull, Idaho, Mike Corbett of Mount Shasta, Calif., and Rodney Seal of Burley, Idaho; three daughters, Donna Will of Coatswood, Calif., Darla Ling of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Debiti Braun of Shoshone, Idaho; one nephew, Wayne Archer of Kimberly, Idaho; 23 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Nadine Archer; and nephew, Roger Archer.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2006, at Demary's Funeral Chapel in Gooding, Idaho.

For those who desire, contributions may be made to any charity of choice.

Gayle Richins



BURLEY — Edgar Gayle Richins, a 78-year-old resident of Burley, died Monday, March 13, 2006, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

He was born Jan. 14, 1928, at home in Burley, Idaho, to Wilford Francis and Lillian Paskett Richins. He was valedictorian of the Declo High School graduating class of 1946 and attended Idaho State University for a short time. From 1947 to 1949, he served an LDS mission in the Northwestern States. After his return, he began dating one of the cute little Kidds in the high school PE class he assisted with — Bonnie Rae Kidd of Declo. They were married Aug. 1, 1950, in the Logan LDS Temple and began their life together in Declo, where he was a meat center at Gillette's. Later they purchased a farm south of Burley, in the Pella area, where they raised five daughters, Denise Durrington (George) of Malin, Elaine Mitchell (Bruce) of Oakley, Carleen Miller (Gerry) of Kimberly, Lisa Allen (Forrest) of Spanish Park, Utah, and Jaunitie Hilleary (Ken).

In high school, he played basketball and football and wrestled, and his love of sports continued throughout his life. He especially loved to attend his grandchildren's sports events and other activities. For several years, he was on a bowling league. Another of his loves was raising and riding his Appaloosa horses. After his retirement from farming, he participated in several wagon train trail rides. He also loved music and sang with the Snake River Flats Chorus for a time. He was a Burley Irrigation District Board member and also served as president of the board. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many capacities, including home teacher, executive secretary, ward clerk, and most recently as ward employment specialist. Gayle and

Bonnie were service missionaries at the Burley Grain Storage Facility south of Burley. They also enjoyed traveling and visiting their growing family.

Besides his wife and daughters, he is survived by one sister, Elsie Williams of Redding, Calif., and two brothers, DeVer Richins (Arlene) of Trabuco Canyon, Calif., and Dean Richins (Percy) of Alhambra, Calif. His much-loved posterly also includes 23 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents; five sisters, Sarah Olsen, Lucille Darrington, Leola Lupo, Gene Nell Hunt and Myrtle Johnson; and two brothers, Orva and Curtis Richins.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 17, 2006, at the Pella LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Church, 160 W. 400 S. of Burley, with Bishop Bret Robins officiating. Burial will be in the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday at Bushness Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

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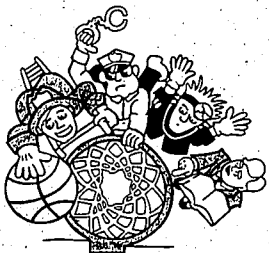
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IN BRIEF

Buhl Babe Ruth league meets

BUHL — The Buhl Babe Ruth baseball league will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, at Grandstands Restaurant. The meeting is open to all boys age 13-15 (as of April 30) who are interested in playing spring baseball. Parents of prospective players should attend this meeting. Call Pat Hamilton at 731-6396 for any questions.

Parks & Rec holds softball meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will hold a meeting for the upcoming co-ed softball league on Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m. at 116 Maxwell Ave. The league is open to those 13-years and older. Less will be discussed at the meeting. Call Heather Bennett at 733-6199 for more information.

Filer boxing smoker tickets on sale

FILER — The Jesse Woolley Memorial Boxing Smoker will be held at Filer High School Gym at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 general admission and \$10 for ringside seats. Anyone interested in boxing to contact Ed White at 733-3091. Money raised by the smoker will help fund Filer athletics and it also provides funds for non-athletic scholarships.

T.F. men's softball meeting planned

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls men's softball meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation building, 136 Maxwell Ave. For more information, contact Chris Lewis at 425-4257.

Donkey basketball tournament set

DIERICH — The Dietrich Future Farmers of America will be holding a donkey basketball tournament March 15-17, 7 p.m. at the Dietrich gymnasium. The Dietrich FFA will be playing the first half while the girls varsity basketball team will face the boys varsity basketball team. The winners of these two games will play each other for the championship title. Tickets sold at the gate are priced at \$6 for adults, \$5 for students ages seven through 12 and \$4 for children. Tickets purchased beforehand will be sold for one dollar less.

T.F. Babe Ruth sign-ups this week

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County Youth Baseball will hold registration for its Babe Ruth baseball program for boys 13-14 from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, March 16, at the Harmon Park recreation building. The organization is also looking for individuals interested in umpiring Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth games this season. For more information, contact Todd Box 734-5118 or Libby Minge at 733-9398. Compiled from staff reports

Kimberly sinks Pilots

Eagles finally release Owens



Kimberly catcher Joe Mason catches a strike with Glenns Ferry batter Luis Gutierrez at the plate during the fourth inning at Kimberly High School Tuesday.

Dame dominates from mound

By Nathaniel Garabrandt Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Early-season baseballs five-and-a-half inches of frigid rain, and an even colder this isn't baseball-weather rain — there was plenty of agony to go around Tuesday night on the Kimberly high school baseball field. Everywhere but the mound that is, where bulldogs junior Mitchell Dams pitched a 13-strike-out, one-hit complete game to lift Kimberly to a 2-0

season opening victory over Glenns Ferry. "Mitchell Dams, he's a competitor," said Kimberly head coach Darin Gonzalez. "He looked really sharp and had a lot of control even in the tough weather." With Glenns Ferry's David Zito throwing a one-hitter before being relieved in the fifth, both teams had trouble at the plate before the Bulldogs broke the game open with three doubles and two runs in the sixth. With one out, Kimberly sent

for cleanup hitter Joe Mason got things started with a double to the right-center gap off of an 0-2 count and was driven home by Dams' two batters later, who ripped a 1-2 pitch to the same spot to put Kimberly up 1-0. "We just came out and got it done defensively," said Mason, who went 3-for-3 on the game. "Our hitting started off real slow, but we picked it up towards the end of the game. I hit a couple line-drives and they were expecting me to pull. They'd watched me warm up and stuff and they'd put a big pop out in right-center, so I just sat on it and took it out there."

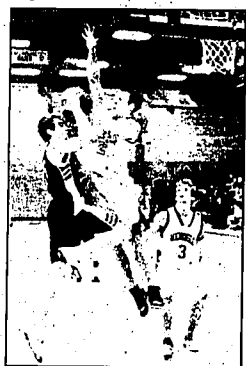
After stealing third, Dams added the second run off of an RBI double from shortstop Nate Harrison. "It was just relaxing and finally swinging at some decent pitches," said Gonzalez. "It was our first game, so I think we were really tense at the plate. I just had a feeling that if we were patient, we would eventually put the bat on the ball. We had three doubles in that inning, so that helped us a lot." Leading off the seventh, Pilots cleanup batter Cody Darrington looked to spark a rally with a long ball to center field. Please see SINKS, Page A7

West takes boys Dist. IV all-star game

East girls win by 20

By Nathaniel Garabrandt Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — On paper, it looked like it might be a rout. However, the central core of the 5A state champion Twin Falls Bruins as well as live state tournament hardware recipients, the West was hands down the odds-on favorite in the annual Fourth District All-Star boys basketball game at Baun gymnasium in Twin Falls Monday night. But on the floor it turned out to be a more than decent game, with the West breaking open a tight contest in the third quarter to prevail over an upstart East squad 41-25. "I think it took a while for the guys to get used to playing with each other," said West head coach Allen Kelsey (Wendell). "Then it looked like we got a pretty good flow. The pace of the game was real slow in the beginning. Usually all-star games you can get up and run a bit, so I think that helped. And I think (Brett) Vriesman can hit some threes." With the West up by a point at 43-42, the 6-foot-5 Twin Falls just rotated into the third quarter with four minutes remaining in the frame and proceeded to take over, scoring 11 points before the end of the quarter to go to a 50-43 advantage heading into the fourth. "It's just fun, come out, shoot a lot of threes," said Vriesman, who finished with a game-high 20 points. "I was going for seven, but only got five. But it's just to try and have fun." Buhl's Mitch Bourmer also lent a hot hand



Carey post Todd Green is blocked by Twin Falls guard Brandon Stokes during the District IV All-Star Basketball Game at Baun Gymnasium on Monday.

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ment, proving a little something. "I just wanted to come out and show that we're IA kids can play," said Jager's Skyler Talbot, whose 14 points made for a convincing case. "There are some good players out there, but we can play with any of them." Burley's Braxton Greener paced the East with 14 points. Tim of James in the second half, with Jeremiah Zach Dietz hitting a free throw and a bucket followed by threes from Talbot and Bourmer to take a 41-33 lead. Dech's Spencer Stoker responded with two unanswered baskets and a 3-pointer followed by an assist to Hiedfield's Harle Amy to slash the West lead to 43-42 with 1:15 to go in the quarter, but the West clamped down on the rally with the next rotation. "The kids played hard," said East head coach Dick Simpson (Carey). "They worked hard together. It was fun. You'd have thought they'd been playing together for a while." Please see GAME, Page A7

Jerome softball team hits the ground running

By John Derr Times-News writer

HEIDRICH — Expectations are high in the Jerome softball program this year and if Tuesday's performance is any indication, they should be. The Tigers belted out 11 hits on their way to a 17-5 run-riddled victory over the Buhl Indians in the Game 1 of a nonconference Doubleheader. Game 2 was cancelled after two innings due to the weather. Jerome earned a trip to state last year, but lost the first two games. This season they want more. "We want to make it to state and do something," said pitcher



Mackenzie Mangum, who tossed a four-hitter to lead the Tigers. "We have talent, we need to have the mentality." Buhl went 1-2-3 in the top half of the first with Mangum collecting the first two of her eight strikeouts. "I felt pretty good for a first game. I have more pitches this year so it is more fun and I guess us an advantage," Mangum said. While the weather was not cooperating, Jerome had no

trouble scoring runs. With a pair of runners on base, Chelsea Craig put Jerome's top 2-0 with a double in the bottom of the inning. The Tigers added six more runs in the second with an RBI triple by Jennifer Bamberg and two Buhl errors. The Indians would tally seven errors in the game. "We have been working hard and have a lot of talent," said Bamberg, who snacked a pair of triples, tallied three RBIs and scored three runs. Buhl got on the board in the third with an RBI double by Heather Scovel and a two-run triple by pitcher Miranda Jaker. Jerome's lone error of the game

also helped out as the Indians had cut the deficit in half. Jerome pushed the lead back to seven in its half of the inning. Jennie Dixon blasted a two-run triple to center. "It was nice to be able to hit the ball today," said Dixon, the lead off hitter who went 2-4, scored four runs and chipped in three RBIs. Three Indian errors in the fourth put the game out of reach. Dixon chipped in an RBI double while Bamberg tripled in two more runs. Buhl scored a run in the fifth as Brett Montgomery came home on a sacrifice by Jamie Van Patten, but could not keep the game going.

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens is free to play for any team willing to have him. "The Philadelphia Eagles released the exiled Owens on Tuesday, ending a tumultuous, two-year relationship with the wide receiver. Owens was due a \$5 million roster bonus on Wednesday, so the Eagles had to cut him or trade him before then to avoid paying him the money. The move was a formality because Owens was kicked off the team in November following a series of incidents and infractions, including repeated criticism of quarterback Donovan McNabb. The Eagles announced the cut in a one-sentence statement. Team officials said they would not comment. "The Vikings gave Owens and his agent, Drew Rosenhaus, permission to talk with other teams in January. The former All-Pro met with the Denver Broncos, Miami and Dallas reportedly have interest in Owens, and Kansas City president Carl Peterson has said he considered giving him a one-year, incentive-laden contract. Owens was set to earn base salaries of \$770,000 plus \$7.5 million in bonuses in 2006, \$5.5 million in 2007, \$6.5 million in 2008, \$7.5 million in 2009, and \$8.5 million in 2010. "It's unlikely he'll get a similar deal from another team." Vikings ship Culpepper to Dolphins MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings traded Danie Culpepper to the Miami Dolphins on Tuesday, granting the disgruntled quarterback's wish to leave the team after a subpar season that ended with a serious knee injury. Vikings spokesman Tom West confirmed the deal, but did not give specifics. Several media reports say Minnesota received a second-round pick in return. The deal gives Culpepper the out he wanted from Minnesota, which he made the Pro Bowl three times in seven seasons. But his relationship with the organization had deteriorated swiftly in recent weeks, when Culpepper said he felt unwanted. The Dolphins declined to confirm the deal. Culpepper is coming off a subpar season that ended Oct. 30, when he threw three interceptions in his knee during a game against Carolina. In seven games, he threw six touchdowns and 12 interceptions. "I said he appreciated that the team's new owner, Ziggy Wilf, was willing to pay him a \$6 million bonus due later this month. "The Vikings moved swiftly to accommodate Culpepper, speaking to the Dolphins and Raiders, among other teams.

Giants plan fanfare if Bonds passes Babe

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The San Francisco Giants will celebrate appropriately if Barry Bonds passes Babe Ruth on the career home run list.

Team owner Peter Magowan and executive vice president Larry Baer vowed Tuesday to honor the organization's star player while also celebrating

their commitment to cooperate with the commissioner's office on any investigation into Bonds' alleged steroids use.

Magowan and Baer arrived in Arizona one week after the release of excerpts from an upcoming book revealing Bonds' purported longtime schedule for taking perform-

ance-enhancing drugs.

"I recognize this is a serious matter," Magowan said, standing in the dugout before the Giants hosted the Texas Rangers. "It is still a legal proceeding, that's all I can say... I can't comment on any of this. It's the position we've taken for two years now."

Kimberly softball downs Glens Ferry

The Times-News

KIMBERLY — Kimberly scored nine runs on five hits and a combination of passed balls and stolen bases to defeat Glens Ferry 9-2 Tuesday.

"We did some good things on the bases," Kimberly coach Fleh Bishop said. "We had five hits from five different people."

Kimberly pitcher Whitney Peterson gave up eight hits, issued one base on balls and struck out three. Glens Ferry junior pitcher Rachel Anchuastegui walked seven batters.

Sophomore Ashley Gramkow was 4-for-4 and junior Alicia Crane was 2-for-1 including two doubles for the Pilots (0-1).

For Kimberly (11-0), senior Megan Straley was 1-for-1 with two walks and she scored three runs. Sophomore Kessie Newberry was 1-for-3, junior Jessica Turcotte and sophomore Kylee Butler each had two stolen bases.

Kimberly plays at Buhl on March 23.

Game 2 of the planned doubleheader was cancelled.

Twin Falls JV 12, Flt 10
FILER — The Twin Falls junior varsity softball team outlasted the Filers 12-10 in early season play Tuesday.

Filer's Amber Sheen pitched entire game for the Wildcats which stretched into eight innings.

The second game was cancelled due to inclement weather. Filer (0-1) will play at Buhl on Thursday.

Twin Falls JV 12, Flt 10, eight innings
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Sinks

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that went off the Kimberly fielder's glove. But Dame denied the comeback with three consecutive strikeouts to end the game.

"I just had to keep throwing strikes and just keep the ball down so that they didn't get it up," Dame said. "The conditions aren't very good for the fielders to see the ball and to grip the ball once it hits the grass. Also, it was just to keep it

close until we got some runs. The sixth inning we knew we had to get the runs that inning so we didn't have to worry about coming out in the bottom of the seventh. We got some key hits and we got the runs we needed."

With the nightcap called off after the top of the first, the Pilots dropped to 0-2 on the season having left four men on base.

"Our pitching was good,"

said Glens Ferry head coach Dennis Uhl. "We pitched good enough to win. That was our second game and we've had two games where we had good pitching performances. Once our hitting starts coming around, we'll be all right, it's early."

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little while. We just didn't want to get blown out of the water. I think we played pretty well tonight."

play evenly and to win by 20 points. Obviously, we were worried early. They came out and knocked some threes down. Then our kids settled down and played pretty well after the first quarter.

The West had opened the game on a 9-2 run, with Matt Hill's Halile Kelsey draining the first shot from past the arc followed by a bucket from Twin Falls' Brentley Box, another from Kelsey, and a field goal from Kermit's Lindsay Williams.

But the East jumped the West 9-3 over the final 3:30 to take a 13-12 lead out of the opening quarter and never trailed from there. The East led 28-23 at the half and opened the third quarter on a 10-0 run to take a commanding 38-23 lead before sealing the win with a 24-point fourth quarter effort.

"Not bad, not bad," said Dalton, who posted a game-high 16 points. "It was really fun interacting with all the other teams. It was a lot of fun playing with all the other girls. They had no back-side help and their girls pretty much knew that and helped me out there. It was all team. I wouldn't have scored if I didn't have the passes."

Nine of the 10 members of the East squad put points on the board, with Declo's Kayla Poulton also reaching double-figures with 11 points and Peterson finishing with 13.

Box headed up the West, with 11 points, while Kelsey and Gooding's Katie Garcia both put in 10.

"I thought we had to use our quickness and our shooting ability," said West head coach Chris Comstock (Gooding), whose team knocked down six 3-pointers. "So we relied a lot on shooting the ball from the outside. We just didn't make enough tonight."

"Plus, I thought, usually when you lose a game, it comes down to officiating," Comstock joked. "And we got the short end of the deal."

Girls

East 68, West 48

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East: Hill 16, Box 10, Kelsey 10, Williams 10, Garcia 10, Peterson 13
West: Poulton 11, Peterson 13, Garcia 10, Peterson 13, Garcia 10, Peterson 13

Boys

West 61, East 75

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East: Hill 16, Box 10, Kelsey 10, Williams 10, Garcia 10, Peterson 13
West: Poulton 11, Peterson 13, Garcia 10, Peterson 13, Garcia 10, Peterson 13

Girls

East 68, West 48

In contrast to the boys game which followed, the decisive factor in the girls all-star game was play in the low post, with Burley's Kandace Dalton and Oakley's Jenna Peterson combining for 23 points in the paint to lead the East over the West 68-48.

"It was fun," said East head coach Gordon Kerbs (Burley). "It's just nice for everyone to



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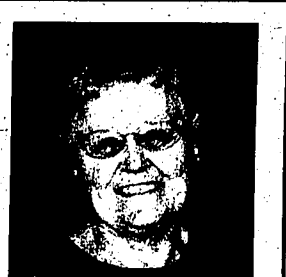


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Nasdaq composite	▲28.87	2,295.90
Standard & Poor's 500	▲13.98	1,297.48
Russell 2000	▲8.28	738.10

Stocks of local interest

	close	change
Albertsons	\$25.79	▲.19
Con Agra	\$20.75	▼.22
Dell Inc.	\$29.65	▲.39
Idacorp	\$32.05	▲.21
Micron	\$15.08	▲.30
Sempra Energy	\$46.95	▲.31

Commodities

	close	change
Oil, by barrel (April, light sweet crude)	\$63.10	▲1.33
Live cattle	\$83.10	▼.52
Gold (May)	\$555.60	▲5.5

D.L. Evans Bank grand opening today

TWIN FALLS — D. L. Evans Bank will celebrate the grand opening of its newest branch on Blue Lakes Boulevard North with a ribbon cutting ceremony today. The D.L. Evans board of directors, former governor of Idaho and president of D.L. Evans Bank John V. Evans Sr., CEO John V. Evans Jr., and Idaho State Director of Finance Gavin Gee, along with Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow are all expected to attend the opening. The new financial center is located at 906 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. The festivities start at 4 p.m.

Mad cow kicks down Tyson stock

NEW YORK — Shares of the nation's largest beef producer, Tyson Foods Inc., dropped to a fresh 52-week low Tuesday, a day after the government confirmed the latest case of mad cow disease in the U.S.

On Monday, the Agriculture Department disclosed that an Alabama cow killed last week was infected with the disease. The animal, which never entered the human food chain, was the country's third case. Stephens Inc. research analyst Farha Aslam said the latest incidence of mad cow in the U.S. "highlights the fact that Tyson's two largest protein segments, beef and poultry, are suffering from disease issues."

While domestic demand was still declining, he said, the discovery "could further delay the reopening of important international markets, such as Japan and South Korea."

Elsewhere in the sector, shares of ConAgra Foods Inc. and Hormel Foods Corp. also fell.

Sempra plans to sell management group

SAN DIEGO — Energy services company Sempra Energy said Tuesday it agreed to sell its energy facilities management group to an affiliate of Houston-based Thermal North America Inc., a privately held company, for an undisclosed amount.

Sempra said the sale will not have a material impact on its earnings.

The facilities management group manages climate-controlled space for office buildings, hotels, hospitals and condominiums in Southern California and Nevada, the company said. It is owned by a subsidiary, Sempra Generation. The company expects to complete the sale in the second quarter, and added it plans to use the proceeds to fund capital projects, such as liquefied natural gas receipt terminals.

— compiled from wire reports

FTC approves sale of Albertson's

The Associated Press

BOISE — Albertson's Inc., the nation's second-largest grocery store chain, announced Tuesday the Federal Trade Commission has approved the \$9.7 billion sale of the company to a consortium led by Minnesota-based SuperValu food stores and drugstore chain CVS.

No divestiture of restaurants or other assets of the companies was required by the FTC and no conditions or restrictions

were placed on the transaction. The required pre-merger divestiture period for the transaction has also expired.

Albertson's President and CEO Larry Johnston said last week the sale of the company was expected to close within four months, pending approval of the transaction by both Albertson's and SuperValu shareholders.

Albertson's stockholders will receive about \$26.29 in cash and SuperValu stock for each Albertson's share. Super-

Valu will pay about \$6.3 billion in stock and cash and assume about \$5.1 billion in Albertson's debt for the 1,124 stores and in-store pharmacies under the Osco and Sav-on brands.

CVS of Woonsocket, R.I., is purchasing about 700 stand-alone Sav-on and Osco drugstores and a distribution center in La Habra, Calif., for \$2.93 billion in cash. It will also acquire real estate interests in the drugstores for \$1 billion.

The other purchasers, led by Corberus

Capital Management, will acquire 655 stores in Texas, California, Florida, the Rocky Mountains and the Southwest. The group plans to operate the stores under the Albertson's name.

Only Kroger Co. will be larger once SuperValu takes over 1,124 stores under the Albertson's name. Next are Bristol Farms, Jewel-Osco, and Shaw's Supermarkets banners. The expanded SuperValu will have 2,656 stores nationwide.

FARM FEAR

Tighter supply of immigrant workers may harm industry

By Elliot Hiner
Associated Press writer

OMEGA, Ga. — Randy Scarborough was counting on the 15 immigrant workers who lived on his farm to harvest his 60-acre sweet-potato crop last fall, but they vanished just as the work got underway. He instead was forced to bring in some less-motivated substitutes for the backbreaking job.

"I wound up hiring some locals that weren't worth hauling to the work," he said. "It was the worst harvest labor in my life and I've been in the farming business 35 years. But we got it in."

Scarbor believes most of his regular workers were lured away to the Gulf Coast by the promise of higher wages for jobs associated with hurricane recovery. He said he knows a few who are expected to return to local farming and construction jobs.

He wasn't the only farmer who saw labor problems last season. Vidalia onion growers in south Georgia, citrus growers in Florida, fruit growers in Washington and vegetable growers in California's Imperial Valley also reported a tighter supply of farm workers, and some wonder if that could be a sign of even greater problems, this year.

There's no obvious reason for the farm labor shortages, but several theories are out there, including increased competition with higher paying jobs in most cities and those closer to the cleanup and rebuilding of areas hit by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

However, some farm groups also believe increased enforcement along the Mexican border also may have curbed the number of illegal immigrants with false documents that get "entry-level" jobs like picking fruits and vegetables. There are also indications anti-immigrant legislation groups such as the Minutemen have discouraged farm workers who could enter the country legally.

Joe Cornelius, president of the 60-member Georgia Blueberry Growers Association, said the farm labor supply seems even tighter this year, but growers will have to wait until harvest in eight to 10 weeks before they know for sure.

"We are more concerned this year on the way things have played out, the tightening of the borders," said Cornelius, who has a blueberry farm in the southeastern Georgia town of Marietta. "Some of the people we deal with are saying they have a hard time getting people."

Farm organizations, such as the American Farm Bureau Federation, have appealed to Congress, which is wrangling over immigration reform this month, to consider the needs of farmers for a workable temporary-worker program that would guarantee a stable supply of legal workers while also protecting the country from criminals and terrorists.

A bill introduced by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., would create a temporary worker program that provides citizenship for those who work hard and demonstrate loyalty to their new country. Sen. Saxby Chambliss, a Georgia Republican, who chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee, has proposed streamlining the guest-worker program and require them to return home



Jeffrey McKay plants tiny collard seeds into a tray at a farm in Omega, Ga., on March 1. Farmers are concerned about a possible shortage of farm workers, particularly immigrant workers, for planting and harvesting labor-intensive crops this year.



Farmer Randy Scarborough stands in a darkened warehouse with a box of sweet potatoes March 8 in Omega, Ga.

Fewer farm workers

Many farmers across the country are struggling with a shortage of hired workers.



SOURCE: American Farm Bureau Federation, AP. The one thing you can push for is a lax immigration program, or a guest-worker program.

But Avron Schonebaum, executive director of California's Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association, said the labor shortage is very real for farmers in the valley, a desert region north of the Mexican border with 450,000 acres of irrigated farmland.

"We need a mechanism to gain a legal work force," she said. "We are stuck with a system that doesn't allow us to gain the work force we need."

when their pot is finished. "The American Farm Bureau thinks the United States ought to enforce its laws," said Paul Schlegel, the farm bureau's director of public policy. "But we need access to a legal source of labor to harvest our crops."

The Border Patrol added 1,500 more agents last year and ramped up border surveillance with more checkpoints, high-tech devices such as video-surveillance cameras, seismic sensors and an unmanned surveillance aircraft.

"We have had national growers' associations express concern, but our commitment to protecting this country from terrorists and terrorist weapons is at the forefront of our priorities," said Border Patrol spokesman Sal Zamora.

If Congress fails to provide a workable guest-worker pro-

Judge says Google must turn over some data

By Michael Liedtke
Associated Press writer

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A federal judge said Tuesday he intends to order Google Inc. to turn over some of its Internet records to the U.S. Justice Department, but expressed reservations about requiring the company to divulge some of its most sensitive data — the actual requests that people enter into its popular search engine.

U.S. District Judge James Ware told the Justice Department it can expect to get at least some of the information sought from Google as part of the Bush administration's effort to develop a law meant to shield children from online pornography.

But Ware stressed he was "particularly concerned" about the Justice Department's demand for a random sample of search requests entered into Google's Internet-leading search engine.

The judge said he didn't want to do anything to create the perception that Internet search engines and other large online databases could become tools for government surveillance, but seemed less concerned about requiring Google to supply the government with a random list of Web sites indexed by the company.

Ware said he planned to issue a written ruling quickly.

At a 90-minute hearing, Google attorney Albert Glazer said the company was pleased with Ware's thoughtful questions. A Justice Department lawyer said he would immediately available after the hearing and an agency spokesman didn't immediately return calls.

During the hearing, another Google attorney, Albert Glazer, tried to persuade Ware that the government could get virtually all the information it wanted from publicly accessible services offered by Amazon.com Inc.'s Alexa.com and InfoSpace Inc.'s Dogpile.com.

Tuesday marked the first time that Google and the Justice Department have faced off in court over a government subpoena issued nearly seven months ago. The Justice Department initially wanted a breakdown of search requests and Web site addresses from Google for a study that the government believes will prove filtering software doesn't prevent children from viewing sexually explicit material on the Internet.

Google refused to hand over the information, even as three other major search engines turned over some of the requested data. Mountain View-based Google maintained the government's request would intrude on users' privacy and its trade secrets.

Google's protests prompted the government to scale back its request, but the Justice Department attorney Joe McElwain told Ware Tuesday that the government now wants a random sampling of 50,000 Web site addresses collected by Google and the text of 5,000 random search requests.

McElwain said just 10,000 of the Web sites and 1,000 of the search requests would be used in a study for a Pennsylvania case revolving around the on-line child pornography law that has been blocked by the U.S. Supreme Court. That case is scheduled for an Oct. 23 trial.

The Justice Department plans to use the search requests to show how easy it is for online pornographers to fool Internet filters, hoping that it will help demonstrate the need for a tougher law to protect children from the material.

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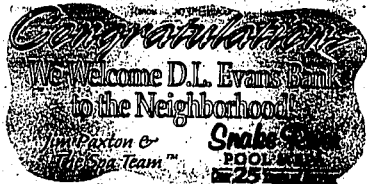
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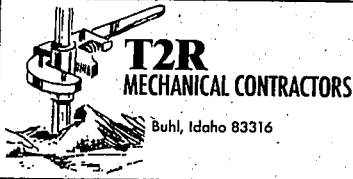


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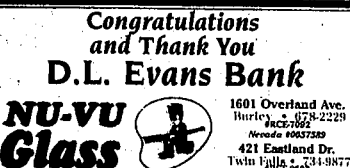
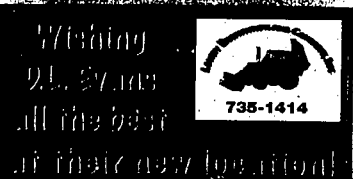
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Family restores a Twin Falls original

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Waist deep in plaster and rubble last March, Marc Brackett wondered if he'd ever finish remodeling the \$20,000, historic home he'd bought with his wife a month earlier.

One year and another \$70,000 later, he's still wondering, though most of the rubble is gone.

The Bracketts gutted the home — ripped out the plaster, tore down walls, removed damaged floorboards — and now the rebuilding of one of Twin Falls' oldest homes is under way.

Most of the house's interior remains in a skeletal state, save the third level. There, Brackett and contractor Jack Brooks ripped out the low ceiling and installed a new one 1 1/2 feet higher to allow for head room. The Bracketts will use the space as a home office and toy room. The walls are up, too, and only a fresh coat of paint keeps Brackett from checking the third floor off his "to do" list.

The second level — three bedrooms, two bathrooms — isn't yet close to leaving that list. The floors have been sanded and the wiring is installed. But the dry-wall is yet to go up; the bathrooms still need fixtures, including faucets that had to be special ordered to fit the home's original claw-foot tub; and the original doors need to be refurbished and hung.

Still, Brackett said, the hard part is over: demolition. "It really needed to be gutted," he said. The plaster was bad. The wiring was outdated. And it had already been through two or three remodels.

When Brackett struck the second-level ceiling with a hammer last spring, the entire thing collapsed in a cloud of dust. The old fireplace was crumbling. The uneven floors had waves where boards had shrunk and swelled over the years.

But the demolition wasn't all work and no play. Brackett and Brooks made a few interesting discoveries that gave them clues to the home's age when they ripped out the bed room walls. Some of the wood was stamped with a lumber company logo dated 1904. They also found a receipt for dress-making material from a company in Baltimore with the same date. Most interesting was an old tobacco pouch dated 1917, that was tucked behind one wall. Brooks guesses a youngster stowed the pouch there to hide his smoking habit from his folks.

Based on the relics, Brooks and Brackett guess the home was built in 1904 or 1905.

That's just speculation, of course. But the Twin Falls County Assessor's office, which logs official home construction information, said the date in its records is probably just a good guess as well. Its records show the home was built in 1910, but that information comes from personal interviews conducted in the 1960s with Twin Falls residents.

Whenever the home's construction, Brackett said that when the project is finished, the home will more closely resemble the original floor plan than it has since its first remodeling.

Based on floorboard patterns, Brackett

Light from windows falls on the original wood floors of Marc and Kris Brackett's house on Friday afternoon.



Photo by ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News



Rogerson-area residents Marc and Kris Brackett purchased this Twin Falls house last spring and have been renovating it for a year. The house dates back to possibly 1904.



Marc Brackett pauses for a moment in the basement of the home he is renovating, during an interview Friday afternoon.



Marc Brackett takes a breather after removing second-floor plaster last March — near the beginning of his Twin Falls home renovation project.

et and Brooks were able to determine the locations of original doorways and walls.

A new use for the third floor — which probably used to be an attic — modern bathrooms, an updated kitchen and a new fireplace will be the only clues to the home's face-lift. The Bracketts want to keep the house as authentic to its original construction as possible. That means keeping the cedar siding (with a fresh coat of white paint), some of the doors, the claw-foot tub and most of the original flooring (sanded down a quarter-inch).

"We wanted a home that looked old on the outside but was modern inside," Brackett said.

So far Brackett and his wife, Kris, have pulled it off despite being behind sched-

ule and over budget. With any luck, the Bracketts — who have four daughters, all under 10, and another child on the way — will move in sometime around May.

Last week Kris and the girls stopped by to check on the progress and argue about who gets which bedroom. Based on their laughter as they explored, the children don't seem to mind moving from a Rogerson-area ranch to a new town.

Neither do Kris or Marc. "We bought this house because we could see the potential," Marc said. "It really has a lot of character."

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A soup to fete St. Pat's day

By Robin Mather Jenkins
Chicago Tribune

Cabbage and potatoes seem natural to give a nod to St. Pat. Here's a vegetable-packed soup that is hearty enough to hold you over, yet fast enough to fend off pre-lunch yawning.

The secret: Being the ingredients makes them cook faster. You probably have most of this stuff on hand. It needs nothing but lightly buttered, preferably multi-grain bread, to accompany it. And cleanup is simple, too, because you'll have only one pot to wash.

Tips: Use any kind of leftover meat — chicken, pork, beef — instead of the sausage, if you wish. If you don't have cabbage on hand, keep a can of sauerkraut in the pantry. Drained and well rinsed, it can substitute for cabbage in this soup.

CABBAGE SOUP WITH KIELBASA

- Yield: 6 servings*
- 1 quart beef broth
 - 1 cup beer
 - 1 can (1 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes
 - 1 bay leaf
 - 1 small head cabbage, shredded
 - 1 large baking potato, sliced
 - 1 large carrot, cut into 1-inch cubes
 - 8 ounces kielbasa or smoked turkey sausage, cut in 1/2-inch dice
 - 1/2 teaspoon thyme
 - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne seed
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt, optional
 - 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

1. Heat the broth, beer, tomatoes with their juice and bay leaf to a boil in a Dutch oven over high heat. Add the cabbage, potato, onion, carrot, kielbasa, thyme and cayenne.
2. Heat to a boil, reduce heat to medium. Partially cover the pot. Cook until the potato and carrot are tender, about 15 minutes. Add salt, if needed, and pepper.

The elusive, edible nutrition bar

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

Few processed snack foods promise more than energy and nutrition bars. They can be high protein, all-natural, corn syrup-free, trans-fat-free, female-friendly, nutritionally balanced, packed with fiber, supplementally satisfying, soy-enriched, vitamin- and mineral-enriched, not too filling, a meal replacement, carb-loaded in a complex way, chesny, fruity, crunchy and approximately chocolate.

Devotees have suffered through decades of dry and inefficiently enhanced dunkers, mostly for the sake of gull-free convenience. We wanted to know whether the latest products taste better than their predecessors.

Are they handier or more nutritious than, say, a piece of fresh fruit? Depends which one of the trails listed previously are most important to you. But we concede that discovering month-old grapes in a back-packer has its drawbacks. In fact, Americans' relationship with the bars translated into 42 million pounds sold in

Others to try

• **Brand new:** Introduced in early February, Kenbars are a nutritionally balanced snack bar — of the newer, softer and chewier variety — made with all-natural ingredients. Registered dietitian Ken Glassman of New York began making them in her house for her clients (Jo Lo and Drew Barry more are avid consumers). Available in cherry almond, apple peanut butter and strawberry chocolate chip. Order on line at www.kenbars.com; \$23.88 for a 12-pack of 1.4-ounce bars.

This came in after our taste test but would have earned a decent rating in the "Snack or Day-tripper sustenance" category.

• **Beyond the bars:** Carb gels made by Cliff Switz, PowerGel and Carb-BOOM! These 1.4-ounce packets (\$1.25 to \$1.50) are designed to sustain an hour's that last more than an hour. They come in a variety of flavors and some have an extra burst of caffeine, so check the label carefully if you don't want that.

Washington Post Food editorial assistant Leigh Lambert likes Carb-BOOM!'s apple cinnamon flavor, which tastes like pie filling, and PowerGel's chocolate flavor, which she likens to "eating brownie batter." Although they are sweet, they are mostly complex carbohydrates and don't hit the system as harshly as simple sugars.

are listed in the chart on page B-2. But if you're the kind of reader who flips first to the last pages of a novel, we can tell you that, these days, more than half of the bars fall in the "not recommended" category.

Some points to keep in mind, from the National Nutritional Foods Association: • Energy bars are usually high in complex carbohydrates (from rice or oats) that burn more slowly and provide energy over a sustained period of time. In the bars we tested, average total carb numbers ranged under 30 grams (similar to a serving of animal crackers), but some had "in-carb" combinations.

• Protein bars (with dairy products, soy or nuts) are often used in weight-loss programs and as meal replacements. The ones with more than 30 grams tend to fall into a group suited for the serious weight-training and bodybuilding crowd. • Our panel findings also concluded: • Higher-fiber bars (above 2 grams) tended to be harder to swallow. • Having liquid refreshment at hand is mandatory, not optional.

Few processed snack foods promise more than energy and nutrition bars. Finding the elusive, edible examples required a taste test. See the results on page B-2.

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FOOD & HOME

Pity the poor prune — it gets no respect

By Steve Pitzersevsky
Knight Ridder News Service

The mere thought of some fruits creates an image in our minds, like dried fruits, for example.

When I think of luscious dried dates, I imagine a royal fruit carried across the desert by tomahawk on camels. They are dried perfectly over time in the hot sun to produce an amazing after-dinner treat.

Then I think of dried blueberries or cherries and a beautiful, field-greens salad appears in my mind. It's topped with roasted walnuts, pomegranate seeds and raspberries vinaigrette.

But think about prunes and what comes to mind? You know what. Most people associate prunes with a laxative. I grew up with this notion.

I was a waiter in the Caswell Mountains for decades, and prunes, as well as prune juice, were the bunt of many jobs. All of us, being young waiters, would watch as the senior hotel guests, decorated gallons of pitied prunes, and stewed prunes and drank their prune juice and hot water as well as prune juice and prune cake.

Years ago I no longer do any prune fashions because I've discovered they are a wonderful ingredient. After all, prunes are simply plums that have been dried. They contain a lot of fiber and a good amount of minerals and vitamins, especially potassium.

Prunes are multi-ethnic and appear in recipes from Russian

dishes to Danish and Polish classics. They are braised in stews and casseroles, stuffed into pastries and roasts and puréed in dips and cream cheese spreads. Prunes are delicious chopped and scattered over salads with crunchy nuts and can simply be simmered in water and wine with aromatics like cinnamon, ginger and cloves for a sweet and earthy compote to serve alone or over-ice cream.

These are not your grand-mother's stewed prunes.

COUSCOUS WITH PRUNES, CHICKPEAS AND PISTACHIOS

This dish is incredible with grilled eggplant over the top.

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin seeds

1 cinnamon stick
1 (15-ounce) can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
1 cup chopped pitted prunes
2 cups vegetable broth or water

1 cup orange juice
2 cups uncooked quick-cooking couscous
1/2 cup chopped pistachios
1/4 cup chopped fresh mint
Salt, to taste

In a saucepan with a tight-fitting lid, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions, cumin and cinnamon stick and sauté 2 minutes until onions are lightly

browned. Add chickpeas, prunes, broth and orange juice. Bring liquid to a boil over high heat and add couscous. Cover tightly and remove from heat.

Allow to sit 10 minutes, remove cover and add pistachios, mint and salt; toss to mix. Makes 4 side-dish servings.

PRUNE WHIP CREAM CHEESE SPREAD

Serve with toasted cinnamon raisin bread or bagels. You can also use it as a filling for turnovers or puff pastry appetizers.

1 cup chopped prunes
Water
2 (8-ounce) packages low-fat cream cheese, at room temperature

1/4 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Place prunes in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Remove pan from heat and allow prunes to sit in water and plump for 30 minutes. (You can plump prunes a day before making this recipe.)

Drain prunes and combine them with cream cheese, vanilla and cinnamon in a food processor fitted with the metal blade. Process until just combined. Place mixture in a bowl and fold in walnuts. Allow flavors to marry at least 1 hour or cover and refrigerate overnight. Serve at room temperature.

A nifty, thrifty meal in minutes

By Bill Daley
Chicago Tribune

When Ms. Vasi and Mr. MasterCard come a-calling laden with holiday bills, it's important to stretch those food dollars — and have fun doing it. Take something as basic as leftover steamed white rice. Not exciting on its own, but it's exactly what you need to make fried rice that is as good or better than Chinese takeout.

Freshly cooked rice is too wet and gummy to be fried. It clumps, together in a soggy mass. Refrigerating the cooked rice overnight allows the grains to dry out a bit so they'll remain separate when fried.

What you put in your fried rice depends on your cravings and what's in your refrigerator. This recipe calls for chopped ham, but you can use leftover chicken, beef, turkey, silver-skinned shrimp or even sliced sausage or salami. Scrambled eggs is a given, but the vegetables are negotiable. Replace peas with chopped green beans, red bell pepper with caramelized onion with broccoli flowers.

Have all your ingredients ready to go before preparing fried rice. This is a dish that cooks fast. Add the egg right before the rice. You want the egg to remain as moist and fluffy as possible. Too much heat dries and toughens it.

For "white" fried rice, replace the drizzle of soy sauce with a sprinkling of kosher salt. Use Japanese-style soy for lighter flavor.

FRIED RICE WITH HAM, EGG, ONIONS AND PEAS

Yield: 4 servings

3 tablespoons oil
3 cloves garlic, minced
3/4 cup each: chopped onion, chopped ham, green peas

3 eggs, beaten
4 cups cold cooked white rice
2 teaspoons soy sauce or 1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup minced flat-leaved parsley or cilantro, optional

1. Heat the oil in a skillet until hot. Add the garlic; cook until golden; about 1 minute. Add the onion and ham; cook until the ham is slightly crisp and the onion softens, about 5 minutes. Stir in the peas; cook until heated through, about 1 minute.

2. Pour the beaten eggs into the pan; toss vigorously, breaking up any large egg clumps that begin to form, about 1 minute. Cook until eggs are just firm but not dry, about 2 minutes; stir in the cold rice, breaking apart any clumps; toss rice rapidly allowing grains to heat through, about 2 minutes. Season with soy sauce; garnish with parsley.



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TASTE TEST: Nutrition Bars

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Our fit panel members were Andre Prue, a bodybuilding champion and owner-operator of 3PT, a personal training studio in Alexandria, Va.; kickboxing instructor Bill Matthews, also of 3PT; Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service editor Paul Freedman, a casual bicyclist and longtime energy bar consumer; and Food section editorial assistant Leah Lambert, a former pastry chef and a marathoner (in her spare time).

We asked the testers to focus primarily on taste. Then they ranked the samples in three categories: whether the bars would be suitable to eat before or after workout; as a snack bar; or what turned out to be the largest group — not at all.

Here are the results, listed alphabetically after the No. 1 choices in each category:



Testers Matthews, Prue and Lambert.

NAME	FLAVOR/WEIGHT	TESTERS' COMMENTS	WORTH NOTING
Before/after a workout			
Clif Bar Energy Bar	Black Cherry Almond 2.4 ounces	Fruity good taste and texture; wouldn't weigh you down.	This and the Carrot Cake flavor are the best of the bunch.
Mop Not Your Ordinary Snack Bar	Mixed Nuts 1.59 ounces	Salty flavor would make it good for post-workout; needs liquid accompaniment.	Highest calorie count (220) in the bunch.
For a snack or day-tripper sustenance			
Balances Gold Crunch Nutrition Energy Bar	Strawberries 1.76 ounces	Goes down easy; no aftertaste; chewy.	In the ingredient list: fish gelatin.
Balances Gold Nutrition Energy Bar	Triple Chocolate Chaos 1.76 ounces	Chocolaty, good as a fudge truffle stand-in; would also work as a post-workout snack.	More fish gelatin!
Body for Life Balanced Nutrition Bar	Chocolate Mint Cookie 1.76 ounces	Candy bar; peppermint-gummy taste with good texture.	
Carb Solutions High Protein Bar	Caramel Pecanut Crunch 1.76 ounces	Candylike; good caramel, nice crisp blend.	24 total carbs; 4 net carbs.
Power Bar Triple Threat	Fairmount Pecanut Crisp 1.94 ounces	Fake maple taste; needs a chaser; very thick rice crispy bar with chocolate.	
Trim Advantage Protein Bar	Banana Creme 2.1 ounces	Neogat-like; tastes like candy.	With 21 grams of proteins, the highest of the bunch.
Not recommended			
Zone Perfect All-Natural Nutrition Bar	Mango Orange Delight 1.76 ounces	Totally artificial; too citrusy; dry, chalky aftertaste.	15 grams protein; testers agreed this was the worst-tasting of the bunch.
Balances Trail Mix Energy Bar	Fruit and Nut 1.76 ounces	Fake berry flavor; hard to chew.	
Clif Bar Energy Bar	Carrot Cake 2.4 ounces	Christmas cookie; typical Clif Bar taste; too spicy.	
Clif Natural Organic Fruit & Nut Bar	Almonds, Apricot & Granola, 1.6 ounces	Sticks to teeth; too much cranberry.	Among the new, softer consistency bars, such as Larabars (Humm Foods).
Kiwi Go Lean Protein & Fiber Bar	Chocolate Caramel Karam, 1.59 ounces	A lot of nothing; popcorn kernel taste and texture.	

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From gabled, brick veneer wainscoting and smooth wainscoting draw eyes to the contemporary ranch-style Pleasanton. The gently arched opening that frames the porch's upper edge adds to the nostalgic charm.

With a three-car garage, four bedrooms and three bathrooms, this home can comfortably house a growing family. Having the owners' suite well isolated from secondary bedrooms and the family room assures that a quiet sleeping environment will be possible there, even if others stay up later in the family room or living room. The long work island that sits at the center of the kitchen offers four sides of useful workspace. A roomy walk-in pantry links the kitchen corner, and a nook expands into a rectangular window bay at the rear. Atrium doors there open onto a partially covered patio.

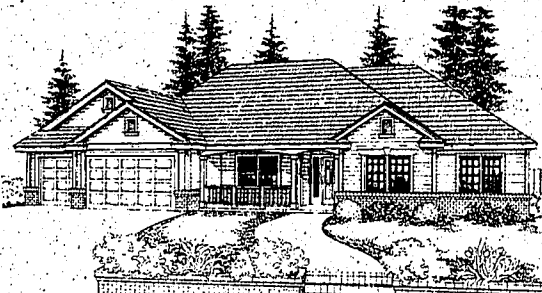
In the linked family room, a gas-vented fireplace creates a focal point at the rear, where it is centered between two windows.

The dining room and living room, which could be furnished more formally, are to the left and right of the entry where wide openings provide open access.

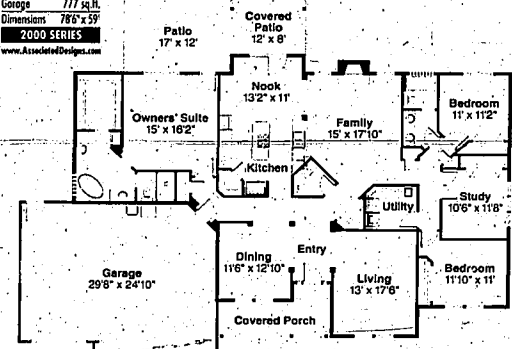
The Pleasanton's owners' suite has a deep walk-in closet, and a luxurious bathroom complete with a soaking tub, oversized shower, private toilet, and two lavatories. The sleeping area also offers direct patio access.

Three bedrooms fill the right wing. Or two and a study. Or, you decide. Laundry appliances are right across the hall in a utility room with a deep sink built into a long folding counter. Cabinets line two walls at the above-counter level.

A coat closet is near the entry, and a storage closet with shelves is near the door that links the house to the garage.



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Ginger is good for what ails you

By Jill Wendholt Silva Knight Rider News Service

When weighing the value of nutrition research, it's important to look at who funded the study. In the case of ginger, it may actually be more revealing to know who didn't.

An ancient food with medicinal properties, ginger contains gingerol, shogaol and zingerone, which have antioxidant properties. But, says Dara Jacobi, author of "12 Best Foods" (Cookbook (Huddle, 2005), "With ginger, there is no one entity that will sit down and say, 'Oh, my! Look at this!'"

And when the research is in, it can take a well-funded marketing campaign to propel a relatively obscure foodstuff into the culinary mainstream.

When studies revealed olive oil was a heart-healthy, monounsaturated fat, the olive oil industry was ready to launch a hefty campaign, geared at American consumers. From the '80s to the '90s, the olive oil industry spent a fortune get the word out, Jacobi says.

Even if ginger never commands the research money or grabs the mass appeal it deserves, cooks and chefs are permitted to enjoy the rhizome's unique culinary zing.

This Gingered Carrot Soup combines the exotic spice with the common carrot. Carrots are loaded with beta carotene, a pigment found in deep-orange fruits and vegetables. But if you're expecting an orange pool in a bowl, the pretty, pastel pink color that comes from the addition of fat-free milk will be a surprise, (pleasant, we hope.)

To keep this soup from becoming too frothy, you will need to use a food processor or an immersion blender; a regular blender whips it up until it's foamy like a milkshake.

GINGERED CARROT SOUP

- Makes 5 to 6 servings:
- 1 pound carrots, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 parsnips, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 slices fresh ginger, each

- about 1/4-inch thick
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3 1/2 cups fat-free skim milk, divided

Combine carrots, parsnips, garlic, ginger and water in a saucepan. Cover, heat to boiling, reduce heat and simmer 20 to 30 minutes or until vegetables are very tender.

Combine flour, sugar, salt, pepper and 1 cup milk in the work bowl of a food processor. Process until totally combined and flour has dissolved. Pour flour-milk mixture into a heavy 2-quart saucepan; stir in remaining milk. Cook, stirring constantly, just until mixture comes to a boil. (Watch carefully so boiling milk does not boil up over edge of saucepan.) Remove from heat.

Transfer cooked vegetables and any remaining liquid to work bowl of food processor. Process until it forms a smooth purée. Spoon purée into hot milk mixture and blend well. Heat, over low heat, just until hot. Ladle into bowls or mugs.

FLOORED BY ALL THE CHOICES?

Here's help for when you are shopping for hardwood

By Cindy McNatt The Orange County Register

One day granite countertops will be out. Solid-bud sinks will seem so yesterday. Fax-painted walls will look like flack from the '50s.

Choosing floor that won't read like a had in five years is a challenge.

Yet there is one choice that you may never regret: installing classic wood flooring. An option that has been popular since, oh let's see, the 15th century.

It used to be that people had stone floors because they showed living space with animals," said Ellen Parris of Richard-Marshall Fine Flooring in Hawthorne, Calif. Richard-Marshall crafts hardwood planks by hand and installs solid wood floors in an old-world style.

"One area we banned chickens from the houses we chose wood," Parris said.

Centuries later, wood still works with any decor. It also provides a warm and forgiving home that makes standing on it tolerable for long periods.

And with the latest impenetrable finishes, and rich and fashionable-stain wood adds classic beauty even in a home full of family, pets and parties.

There is no denying that wood is more durable than it looks. Many hardwoods come from broadleaf trees that bear fruit or nuts and go dormant in the winter. It is seasonal cycles that make these woods so sturdy.

Industry experts such as the American Hardwood Information Center say, "Go ahead and use wood in the kitchen."

also handle the spills. How to choose the right wood for you and your family? Since many of the look shimmers, it helps to see past color and style and find out how to decipher the product profiles.

Finish Above the many styles, an array of wood species, plus a decision on choosing solid or veneer, most of the industry agree on this. Pre-finished beams unfinished by hand.

"Factory finishes can furnish up to 10 UV- and scratch-resistant layers, and offer a 20-year guarantee that on-site finishers can't get close to," said Gary Mills of Fullerton Wholesale Flooring.

Some of the latest and most durable finishes include aluminum oxide, a translucent yet highly durable layer that is tough to penetrate with normal household activity.

Solid or engineered

One argument for choosing more expensive solid hardwood over engineered planks is that solid floors can be refinished several times, depending on the style. By comparison, engineered floors have a thin top surface, which could only be resurfaced a couple of times.

While solid wood will last hundreds of years, it has drawbacks. Solid wood expands and contracts, and is considered less stable than veneer. It cannot be installed below grade and often requires a plywood sub-floor.

Engineered floors, also known as veneers, are made of three to five layers of wood laminated together.

Because of cross lamination,

veneer floors are more stable and do not expand and contract as much as solid wood. They also can be installed at any grade level and two times is usually tops for future refinishing.

Style The latest styles are not so late at all — they're timeless. Wormholes, beveled edges, hand-scratched and factory-scratched surfaces offer an aged appeal.

But the classics are also in. "We've seen designers slightly circling back to classic square-edged floors and smooth surfaces," said Mills, "especially for contemporary interiors."

Cost

Hardwoods can run from \$5 a square foot for veneers to \$30 a foot for hand-planked solid woods, depending on the species, finish and installation techniques.

Know what you are getting with some sale, or "liquidated,"

flooring. Some of these had dated finishes, such as white-washed oak, that have been recently resurfaced in newer colors. While there is nothing technically wrong with refinished wood, when it comes to veneers, consider that you might have lost at least one refinishing layer up front.

Wood species

While the word hardwood applies to broadleaf trees in North America, there are also hardwoods that come from the tropics, such as mahogany, merbau, teak, rosewood and veneer.

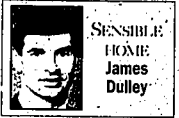
Keep your eyes out for "pseudo hardwoods." For example, Tasmanian oak and Patagonia maple make us think of hardwoods, but may actually be softer eucalyptus and rubber tree-type woods. Read the fine print on the product profile. Ask questions.

Sources: American Hardwood Information Center, www.hardwood.org; World Floor Covering Association, www.wfca.org.

FOOD & HOME

Consider your sauna options

DEAR JIM: I have seen some reasonably priced sauna kits which use electricity for the heat. Do these consume much electricity, and what designs should I consider in a kit big enough for one or two people? — Scott W.



SENSIBLE HOME:
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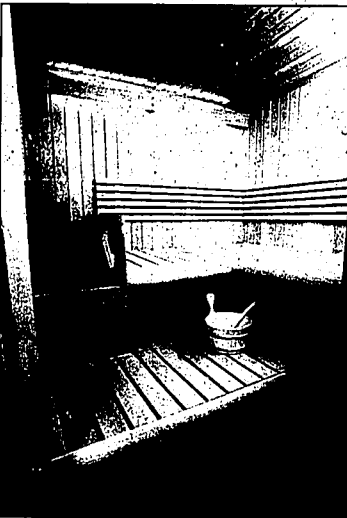
DEAR SCOTT: Using a small sauna can be a healthy way to relax at home for most people. The hot, dry environment in a sauna does affect many systems in your body, so it would be wise to consult your physician before using one.

As you mentioned, saunas are heated by electricity, but using a small one may not increase your utility bills significantly. If you have ever been in a sauna, you know how warm you continue to feel as much as an hour after you are out of the sauna. When you feel chilly, a quick sauna bath is more energy efficient than setting the furnace thermostat a few degrees higher.

Look for an efficient kit with insulated walls. The best sauna kits use insulated walls with R-19 insulation value. They also incorporate reflective foil inside the wall cavity to block the radiant heat loss from the walls. Heat loss through the sauna's walls is not a total loss though, because it ends up helping your furnace heat the house.

One of the newer technologies for saunas is infrared heating from several heat lamps. Instead of the traditional hot rocks with a powerful heating element, this infrared heat energy penetrates into your body to provide a similar effect to the very hot, dry air in a traditional sauna bath.

The least expensive method (about \$750) to get started is



Saunas provide a way to relax for many people.

with a sauna tent (Cedarbrook Sauna) with an infrared heat lamp set (uses standard 120 volts). This is a fabric tent in which the interior reaches only about 115 to 120 degrees. This is warm enough to keep the side of your body not facing the lamps from feeling chilly. You just rotate on the bench every several minutes like chicken on a rotisserie.

For about \$1,000 more, you can get a standard 4-foot-by-4-foot cedar sauna kit which is small enough to function satisfactorily with the infrared lamp set.

There are very small hot rock heaters which can also be plugged into a standard 120-

identical pre-cut kit. You probably will have to hire an electrician to run a 240-volt line to a large sauna heater.

DEAR JIM: I have an old insulated steel front door. The weatherstripping seals are bad and I want to replace them with magnetic strips, but I cannot find any. Is it possible to add this, and where can I buy it? — Howard B.

DEAR HOWARD: I don't know of any generic magnetic weatherstripping thin enough to fit the gap in your old steel doors. It would probably be easiest to just replace the seals with adhesive-backed foam. The only possible option is to try to use magnetic seals from interior storm windows. These are probably thin enough to fit, but they are not flexible. If the gap is not uniform, they will not seal well.

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The Times-News

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The class is set for 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$25.

The class is open to students from age 9 to 14.

Young students will learn several dishes, all using herbs. Schaal will show students how fresh herbs can transform a simply prepared dish into

something extraordinary, class organizers said. Young chefs will learn about garlic, oregano, chives, parsley, cilantro and peppermint. Each student will take home a potted herb plant and a baking sheet pan.

The class menu: Mini Pizzas with Oregano and Garlic; Cheese Toast with Garlic and Chives; Quick Saucy Noodles with Garlic and Parsley; Que-sadillas with Cilantro Salsa; Oro Peppermint Ice Cream; and Peppermint Strawberry Lemonade.

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FOOD & HOME

Consumer info

Soapstone cookware is available online from several distributors. All sell Brazilian soapstone, except for Medaglia, which sells Italian.

Because of the awkwardness of ordering from Medaglia's Web site, it would be best to inquire about prices and shipping costs by clicking on Contattaci at www.medaglia.it.

The usual sizes of the Brazilian griddles and pots range from \$70 to \$100; 1-liter and small, or pots tend to be around \$50. Brazil on My Mind has small pots for as low as \$30 and a 5-liter pot for \$150.

Most soapstone merchants give instructions for curing the cookware by oiling it and baking it until it darkens. This resembles the curing of iron pots, but it's primarily for appearance's sake.

While uncured iron pots will impart a rusty flavor to food, uncured soapstone simply will not have such an evenly-darkened surface.

Wildwood Ovens, 10 and 16 inch pizza stones, 11 and 16 inch griddles; 2 and 3 liter lidded pots; 11-inch lidded. Insagna pot. (800) 579-2797. www.wildwoodovens.com.

Fante's, 1 and 3 liter stockpots; 9-inch saute pan; 12" and 15-inch griddles. fantes.com/soapstone.htm.

Greenleaf, 10 and 12 inch griddles; 800 milliliter, 1 1/2, and 3 liter pots, 9-inch lidded saute pan. www.greenleaf.com/soapstonecookware.htm.

Brazil on My Mind, 800 milliliter, 1 1/2, 3 and 5 liter pots; 10, 12 and 15 inch pizza stones; 7 griddles; 14 round, 2 rectangular, 1 square; 11-inch roasting pan; 9-inch lidded saute pan; bread baker. (209) 536 1887. www.brazilonmymind.com.

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The new stone age

By Charles Perry
Los Angeles Times

First we started buying pizza stones, massive pottery slabs that bake more evenly than flimsy metal sheets.

Since then, some bold souls have been on a mighty quest for ever more, slow, traditional cooking. They buy brick linings for their ovens or even install brick ovens in their backyards.

So maybe it's time for stone pots to make a comeback. That's stone, not stoneware. Stoneware is just a kind of clay fired at a high temperature.

We're talking about pots actually carved out of stone. Out of blocks of soapstone dug from the earth.

Evan Kleinman, owner of Angeli Caffè in Los Angeles, bought his first soapstone pots in Milan, Italy, 18 years ago. "They're really gorgeous in a rustic, useful way," she says.

"They have a smooth, sensuous feel, an appealing smoothness." But they're not just pretty any more than they're just exotic. They're substantial cookware, with unique virtues in the kitchen.

"Soapstone is beautiful to cook with," Kleinman says. "I love it because I love cooking things very slowly in mild heat. I love making small steeps, Persian rice and beans up in them."

Soapstone gets its name from its slightly soapy feel, which it owes to the fact that it's about half fat, a stone soft enough to scratch with your fingernail.

(The rest is mindy a harder stone named magnesite.) Soapstone is heavy and dense but easy to carve, so people have been making all sorts of things out of it ever since the Stone Age.

Medieval Arab cookbook writers claimed soapstone was superior to metal because it didn't change the flavor. But it has other virtues besides being chemically inert. It cooks with remarkable evenness; there are no hot spots in a soapstone pot.

And it retains heat. When you try something in it, it browns up better than it does in any sort of metal except cast iron, because the food scarcely lowers the



Because there are no hot spots in a soapstone pot, food is cooked with incredible evenness and ideal browning.

temperature of the utensil at all. In oven cooking, soapstone protects food from the routine temperature fluctuations of gas, or electric elements.

On top of all that, you can bring a soapstone utensil to the table and the food will stay hot (just don't forget to put a trivet or a thick mat under it. After eight minutes on the fire, the bottom will be 400 degrees, and 10 minutes after being removed from the stove top it will still be nearly 300).

For that matter, soapstone retains cold — stick it in the refrigerator for an hour and use it for serving food in summer.

You'd be tempted to bring it to the table, because soapstone ware is claiming to look at. Each piece is unique, with beautiful natural grain. It darkens with use, the same way cast iron ware does. Most raw soapstone is a bluish gray color, which turns darker and darker green until it's almost black.

The problem with soapstone (apart from the fact that it's on the heavy side) is that it can crack. That isn't the danger — soapstone will withstand tem-

peratures as high as 1,000 degrees, much higher than you'd want to heat a copper pot. In Yemen, soapstone "mugs" last for decades, although they're casually used over wild, leaping flames.

The danger is shocks, just like a pizza stone, soapstone might crack if you drop it or hit it hard with something. It certainly will crack if you put cold water on it while it's hot. Although it hardens with use, soapstone must be handled with some care the first few times you cook in it.

Because it's just a piece of rock, a soapstone pot can't have a built-in handle, the way pottery or a metal utensil can. You have to pick them up with pot holders. Yemeni mugs have flanges on their sides so you can move them with a pair of sticks.

But more modern pots and griddles mount a copper band around the utensil and rivet some handles onto that.

Some also have disks of aluminum affixed to their bottoms, presumably for extra sturdiness. Not that they absolutely need it, but it might be a sign — a sign that stone is coming back.

"Soapstone is beautiful to cook with..." — Evan Kleinman, owner of Angeli Caffè in Los Angeles

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Colleges serve up trendy food to lure students

By Candy Sagon
The Washington Post

Like millions of high school seniors across the country, Collin Draley of Oakton, Va., is trying to decide where to go to college.

Three schools have accepted him and he's making last-minute visits to each campus, comparing what they have to offer. On his check-off list: academics, dorms, students and something just as important: Food.

The last decade has brought huge changes to many campus dining halls as colleges ramp up the quality and variety of food to attract an increasingly sophisticated — and picky — generation of students.

Braley, 18, a cross-country runner, is typical. While food isn't necessarily a deal-breaker when it comes to choosing a college, it's still on his list.

"Food is a pretty big part of your life at college," he said in a phone interview from West Lafayette, Ind., where he was visiting Princeton University. "A school doesn't just let it off into its food. I figure it doesn't reflect well on their attitude toward their students."

Braley's comments don't surprise Robert Franck, author of the Princeton Review's guide to "The Best 361 Colleges." The annual survey asked 310,000 students 73 questions ranging from academics to social life to food. The guide includes a list of the 20 schools ranked tops in dining.

"Students first want to find a college that's a good academic match, but then they start to look at overall quality of life and food is a very good indicator of that. When we see our surveys, students never hold back in answering that question," Franck said.

Those who think college food is still mystery meat served in "slip lines," as one dining director put it, is a new culinary world out there.

Think sushi, Moroccan stew, brick-oven pizza and Asian grills — where students "can choose their own ingredients and sauce. Food is often paid for via a debit card, so students have less student more flexibility than the old three-meals-a-day plan. And instead of cafeterias with harsh lighting and minimal decor, schools are replicating food courts and marketplace designs that offer different food venues with bright colors and comfortable seating.

"Kids today have a much more sophisticated palate than 20 years ago. They're used to eating out, and they like seeing the food being made expressly

for them. They want upscale items — that's the key," said George Butler, dining director at Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, where students dine on Brazilian chicken with chimichurri sauce and Moroccan lamb tagine. The small, 4-year-old college, southwest of Boston, is ranked No. 2 for food in the Princeton Review guide.

Butler said he learned the hard way that students didn't want ordinary food. "I started off (at Olin) with basic items like turkey tetrazzini and honey-glazed corned beef, but the kids told me they wanted Asian food, Spanish food, curried food. I had to quickly make things more sophisticated."

At Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, ranked No. 9 for its food, dining director Rick Johnson said students don't want to settle for bland cafeteria food, prepared out of sight and then served for hours. "They want fresh food, prepared in front of them, with lots of international options," he said. "And they're willing to pay for it."

MAHI-MAHI WITH PINEAPPLE TEQUILA SALSA

8 servings

Executive chef Mark Bratton makes this innovative Hawaiian-style entree for students at Virginia Tech. The sweetness, salt and spice pair well with the firm fish. Extra salsa will keep covered in the refrigerator for 1 to 2 days and can be served with tortilla chips.

- For the salsa:
 - 1 pineapple, peeled, cored and diced
 - 1 red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded and diced
 - 1 jalapeno chili pepper, stemmed and diced
 - 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) tequila
 - 1 1/4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 1 tablespoon minced cilantro
 - Juice of 1 lime about 2 tablespoons
 - 1 clove garlic, minced
 - 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
 - Kosher salt

- For the fish:
 - Extra-virgin olive oil
 - 8 mahi-mahi fillets about 6 ounces each, or other thick, firm-fleshed fish
 - Kosher salt
 - Freshly ground black pepper

For the salsa: In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate at least 2 hours before serving to allow flavors to blend.



Forget mystery meat in bland cafeterias. Colleges are ramping up their quality and variety of food to attract an increasingly sophisticated generation of students.

For the fish: Position an oven rack so that a broiler pan placed on it will be 4 inches from the heating element. Preheat the broiler.

Drizzle oil over the fillets, turning to coat both sides. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Broil until the fish is opaque and firm to the touch, about 6 minutes per side, depending on the thickness. Serve on plates with salsa spooned over the top.

INDIAN VEGETABLE PATTIES

Makes about 16 three-inch patties

Cumin, cilantro and jalapeno chili pepper give a mildly exotic kick to ordinary vegetables in these fresh-tasting and healthy patties, which are popular at James Madison University. The mixture is easiest to shape into patties as soon as it is placed in the pan. Serve with minced yogurt or chutney.

- 2 cups frozen cut corn, thawed
- 1 1/2 cups shredded carrot (1 to 2 medium carrots)
- 1 cup frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed and drained
- 2/3 cup dried onion
- 2 cups fresh spinach, stemmed and cut into julienne (very thin strips)
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 1 jalapeno chili pepper (to taste), seeded and minced
- 1 to 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 1/4 teaspoons grated ginger root
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 to 4 tablespoons cooked onion
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

In a large bowl, add all ingredi-

ents except for the oil and vegetable oil. Adjust seasoning to taste. Add 2 tablespoons of the cooked onion and stir, adding more to bind if needed. Cover the mixture and refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour.

In a heavy skillet over medium-high heat, add 1 tablespoon of the oil and swirl to coat the pan. When it is sizzling, drop 1/3-cup portions of the mixture into the skillet (you'll have to do this in batches) and, using the back of a spoon or a spatula, immediately flatten them into 3-inch rounds. Cook until golden, about 4 minutes per side. Repeat, using the remaining 1/2 tablespoon of oil. Drain on paper towels. Serve hot.

BALSAMIC CHICKEN AND VEGETABLES

4 servings

Italian salad dressing, balsamic vinegar and a touch of honey form the basis of the dressing for this chicken with carrots and asparagus that is popular at Bowdoin College, whose campus food was ranked No. 1 among students in the 2006 Princeton Review guide.

- 1/4 cup bottled light-turkey salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, or to taste
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 3/4 pound chicken breast tenderloins
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1 cup carrots, cut in julienne (very thin strips)
- 10 ounces asparagus (about 2

College food rankings

Best and worst college food, according to rankings in the 2006 Princeton Review's "The Best 361 Colleges." For a complete list of all 20 schools in each category, go to www.princetonreview.com.

- BEST**
1. Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine
 2. Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering, Needham, Mass.
 3. St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.
 4. Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.
 5. Wheaton (Ill.) College
 6. James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Va.
 7. Colby College, Waterville, Maine
 8. Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt.
 9. Virginia Tech, Blacksburg
 10. Middlebury (Vt.) College
- WORST**
1. St. Bonaventure (N.Y.) University
 2. Colorado School of Mines, Golden
 3. U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y.
 4. Hampton (Va.) University
 5. State University of New York at Albany

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 6 ounces portobello mushrooms, sliced
- 12 ounces white mushrooms, sliced
- 4 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 1 to 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
- 1 teaspoon chopped dill
- 2 to 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 3/4 cups vegetable stock or broth
- 1 1/4 teaspoons soy sauce
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice or sherry
- Salt

In a small bowl, combine the salad dressing, vinegar, honey and red pepper flakes. Set aside. In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil. When it is shimmering, add the chicken tenderloins. Cook until tender and no longer pink, 6 to 8 minutes total, turning once. Transfer to a serving platter and loosely cover with aluminum foil to keep warm.

Reduce the heat to medium-low, add the garlic and stir until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Increase the heat to medium-high, add the carrots and asparagus to the pan and cook, stirring, for 3 to 4 minutes, or until the asparagus is crisp and tender. Transfer to the serving platter.

Stir the dressing mixture and add it to the skillet. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute, scraping up any browned bits that are sticking to the pan. Add salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle the dressing over the chicken and vegetables. Sprinkle with tomato and serve hot.

HUNGARIAN MUSHROOM SOUP

8 servings

Bowdoin College's version of this soup boasts two kinds of mushrooms. Don't let the soup be, or the soup cream could curdle.

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How to help leather last longer

By Terri Splenza
The Washington Post

Leather furniture is an indulgence no longer enjoyed only by the wealthy. As furniture manufacturers make leather goods increasingly affordable and accessible, more homes now sport leather couches in the living room and recliners near the TV. In 2005, leather accounted for 26 percent of all furniture upholstery in the United States, according to estimates by Furniture Today, a business weekly.

The owning leather furniture is one thing; keeping it in care for it is another. "People don't think it needs as much maintenance as it does," says Chuck Boddy, owner of the Leather Medic franchise in Rockville, Md. "Leather needs to be nourished regularly because it's a natural product. It needs to be cleaned, conditioned, loved."

He says a frequently used piece should be cleaned and conditioned every one to three months, six to 12 times if the furniture isn't used often.

More tips, from Dallas-based furniture maker American Leather:

- To protect finish, avoid placing leather pieces in direct sunlight, which can fade dyes, especially in buttery soft leathers. Avoid placing furniture too near a heat source, such as a fireplace, which can dry, discolor and roughen it.
- Clean and condition, using

a leather cleaner followed by a conditioner or leather balm to replenish the moisture. In direct climates, a conditioner should be used once or twice a year.

- For everyday cleaning, dust with a soft, dry cloth and vacuum along the seams and crevices.
- For minor scratches, use a chamomile or clean fingers and gently buff. For deeper marks, apply a conditioner many help. However, if the scratch has pierced the surface, professional repairing is in order. And tough dry pants and shoe dyes are a definite no-no. The colors in such polishes will transfer

onto clothing.

- For minor spots, and spills, wipe up excess liquid immediately and use a lightly moistened cloth with lukewarm water. Let it air dry.
- For grease stains, wipe off excess with a dry cloth, then leave alone for the spot may gradually blend into the leather.
- Do not use cleaning solvents, furniture polish, oils, varnishes, abrasive cleaners, detergent soaps or ammonia water.

These cleansers could do more harm than good. If the stain persists, the aid of a professional leather specialist is recommended.

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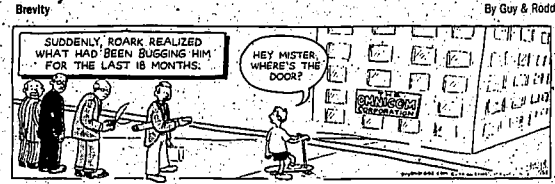
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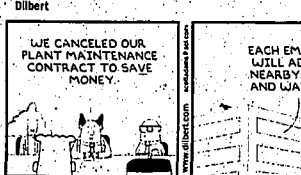
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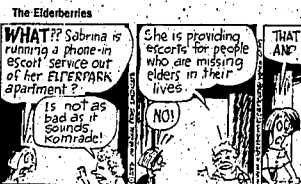
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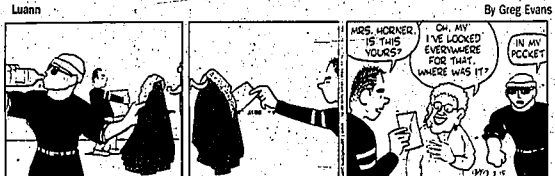
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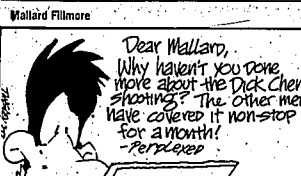
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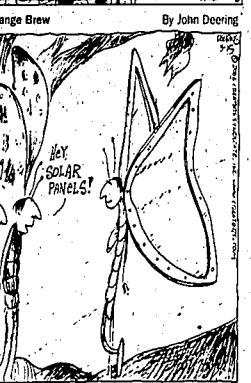
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Leo, those pats on the back may not be as richly deserved as you think

IF MARCH 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Get a grip on an essential issue as the year ahead unfolds. With deeply passionate plus, you could feel that your life is in upheaval or in transition. A lucky break could open pleasant new vistas in October if you will accept whatever chance places in front of you and embrace the gifts of the universe with good grace. Whatever turmoil you experience will subside after November if you scrupulously honor existing commitments and avoid taking on new responsibilities in November and December.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Best on your laurels for a few days. Put new agreements and deals on the back burner and let them slumber. This is a poor day to initiate new projects or enter into crucial transactions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Watch out for the green-eyed monster. You have been everyone's darling all week and someone might secretly resent this. Don't try to outdo your partner and be as nice as possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Steer clear of power struggles. Those in charge could be in the

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Jeraldine Saunders

mood to throw some weight around and you don't want to be "in the way" when it lands. Avoid starting major projects.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put the pot of fresh initiatives on the back burner and don't let it boil over. Some activities are better avoided under these stars. Don't get caught up in an argument or dispute.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be humble. Those pats on the back might not be as richly deserved as you would like them to be. Others may think you are better than you really are. Hold off on major transactions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't challenge or distract those in control by making a fuss. If you are up to bat, the ball could be aimed at you instead of over the plate. Sit tight for a few days until this inning is over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): On a roller coaster ride, the way up is slow but the plummeting trip down seems thrilling. Don't get caught in the trap of mistaking the downturn for success. This is

a poor time for action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Maintain a low profile. The gnawing desire to win at all costs must be quelled and controlled as ambitions could be thwarted under these stars. This isn't the time to negotiate a truce.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The stars will be controlled as ambitions could be never hurt you. Therefore watch out for the sticks that prod you along. Don't be provoked by uncontrollable situations.

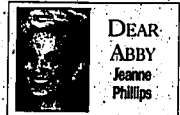
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Watch your mouth. The wrong words can create the wrong impression and send the incorrect message. Keep your money in your wallet and hold off on new initiatives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The tide has turned. Don't challenge others or clash over financial matters. New people will show up across from your desk may not be as forthright and honest as they present.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't be fooled. The greatest survival mechanism is our capacity for self-deception. Remember that the all-powerful Oz was only a single man playing with the machinery behind the scenes.

COMICS

Teen's anger alarms uncle



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

traveling in an RV, so I moved into the spare room, collect their mail and keep their house in order.

"They come back to town every few weeks so one or both of them stays a night at the home." This was OK until last

The husband was unwilling to be at the house. I was expecting him tonight because he has a doctor's appointment tomorrow. When I came home and saw him there, I was a little surprised. I was tired from a hard day at work, so I went to bed again. This morning, I awoke at 6:15 to my door opening. The husband came into my room, said he was cold, and jumped into my bed. He was naked! I told him he was a freak, but he said he was a freak, too. I jumped out of bed, rushed into my bathroom, locked the door and got ready to leave for work. I didn't see him before I left.

Should I tell my wife and tell her what happened? I am staying at a friend's tonight because I don't want to run into him again. I no longer feel safe with him there. Should I find a new place to live? I'm 31 and he is in his 60s. Yuck!

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, you helped me with an unhappy relationship I was in. I took your advice, and it made a big improvement in my life. I am now engaged to a wonderful woman, and we're very happy. I never thought I would have to write you again.

Abby, I am seeing some behavior in my 15-year-old nephew that has me worried. He's a "high achiever" and basically a pretty good kid. Maybe he's under stress from school or sports, but he has been having some shocking, angry outbursts. Whether against his parents, his brother or his girlfriend, he will fly into a rage. He shouts, pounds his fists on the table, slams doors (breaking a glass pane) and stomps out of the house. I saw him shove his brother during a recent argument, and I have heard him threaten to run fist through walls. Luckily, he hasn't followed through.

He doesn't have a history of causing trouble, and these angry outbursts don't happen all the time. I know you have a booklet about controlling anger. Do you think it might help him, and how can I order one?

— WORRIED UNCLE, ANNAPOLIS, MD.

DEAR WORRIED UNCLE: We all have moments when we

— GROSSED OUT IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR GROSSED OUT: The answers to both of your questions is yes — and the sooner the better.

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I WONDER WHAT THAT'S ALL ABOUT.

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MAYBE HE THINKS, IF WE CAN WATCH HIM, HE CAN WATCH US!

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INTERESTING SONG...
SOUNDS LIKE A DIAL TONE.
YOU FOLKS GO AHEAD WITH YOUR BUSINESS, WE'RE GOING TO BE HERE FOR A LOONG TIME.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

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WHY DO THEY CALL YOU SIR FORGETFUL?
I CAN'T REMEMBER.

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YOU'VE BEEN SLACKING OFF LATELY, SUNBEAM. YOU'RE NOT AS BRIGHT AS USUAL.
I'M SORRY, SUNBEAM. APPARENTLY I DON'T WANT HER JOB!

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YOU HAVE A FRIEND WHO WANTS TO PLAY ON OUR TEAM?
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I WAS A GOOD BOY ALL DAY, GRANDMA.

"But don't quote me on that."

DEAR ABBY: I've been house-sitting — and paying rent — for a retired couple for the last six months. They are

never new, thinking. Your nephew is young, and his problem could be caused by a number of things — including immaturity, lack of self-control and raging hormones. If you and a good level of communication with him, the first thing you should do is have a talk with him and ask what's really going on.

If he is not having emotional or substance abuse problems, my anger booklet might be helpful to him. It contains constructive information about anger and suggestions for defusing it in healthy ways. It can be ordered by sending a business-sized, self-addressed envelope; plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price).

Why do walrus have tusks?



RANDOM KINDS OF FACINNESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

Walrus use their outlandishly oversized tusks for fighting polar bears (and occasionally each other), and for pulling themselves out of the water. Besides, other walrus think they're sexy.

Walrus mate in the water. The male floats patiently near ice floes, waiting for a female to make up her mind and take a dive.

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ising loop he's called an "Advertisement Conveyancer."

Men's brains are bigger than women's. Women, though, have more gray matter — the stuff you actually think with. In comparison, men have more white matter, which deals with spatial information — the ability to know where you are in relation

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EDITORIAL

Legislature's final days may require overtime

Get ready for a clash of the titans in Boise. The final weeks of the 2006 Legislature could have enough political struggle to make upcoming primaries a spring fling by comparison.

Our view: Legislators must wrestle with a number of issues before adjourning in Boise.

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

Speaking with members of the Idaho Press Club last week, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne began giving his assessment of the 2006 Legislature in early March. Or as he called it, a "midseason overview." Midseason? Usually when March rolls around, especially in an election year, legislators are already ready for home and the primary campaigns.

But not this year. Sixty-five days into the session, some major issues remain unresolved. Adding to the intrigue is the pending showdown between key legislators set for retirement and Kempthorne, who will not seek re-election.

So before the personalities start to spar, it's worth remembering which issues need attention now.

Property taxes — The bills that passed the House last month deserve close scrutiny in the Senate. Most troublesome? The plan to lower local school districts' maintenance and operation budgets, and replace that money with a new half-percent sales tax. Look it up in the dictionary under "tax shift."

School construction — The plan to comply with the Supreme Court ruling on school facility issues passed the House. The bill would dedicate \$25 million in one-time spending to create a public facilities cooperative fund, with \$5.6 million more in 2007. But the provision allowing the State Board to replace a superintendent, if voters don't pass a bond issue, seems draconian.

Sex offenders — Last week, Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, introduced one of the more intriguing bills yet. Under that bill, men under

the age of 21 who have consensual sex with a woman, no more than three years younger could petition the judge to be freed of the registration requirement. Will House conservatives go along?

Road projects — The Joint Finance Appropriation Committee's \$200 million plan for limited Connecting Idaho projects still has to go through the Senate where support may be strong for Kempthorne's pet project. But even if it passes, he's ready for the veto stamp.

Water rights — To the disbelief of many Magic Valley irrigators, the push for aquifer recharge amid strong snowpack figures has gone nowhere. But a new bill printed this week may push for new debate with Idaho's Finance Appropriation Committee. If legislators agree to recreate runoff agreements, don't expect the power company to back down.

Community colleges — Kempthorne has joined efforts with legislators who want to do away with college property tax districts. The new statewide system would be created through the state general fund (see sales tax, county liquor tax, and some property tax and grants. Sheer willpower from Treasurer Valley legislators, Kempthorne and anti-tax groups, could be enough to shove this flawed bill through.

State parks — IFAC members have delayed Kempthorne's \$34 million parks plan, but the governor is right. Investment is needed now on state parks that have been in hold-mode for years.

Coal-fired plants — This issue won't go away for many north Idaho and Treasure Valley legislators, nor should it. Action is needed now by the Legislature on how to act — not react — to proposed coal-fired merchant plants. Expect new bills from House Speaker Bruce Newcomb — heard Tuesday in a House committee — to be the catalyst for action.

Aborted port deal will haunt U.S.

The idea of letting an Arab-owned company, Dubai Ports World, run container terminals at some major U.S. ports struck many Americans as an absurdity. Why not just turn control outright over to Qatar? In late February, a CBS News poll found that 70 percent of respondents were against the deal and only 21 percent in favor.

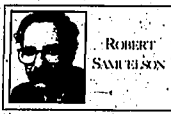
The company's withdrawal last week can be seen as a triumph of public opinion. Or it can be acknowledged for what it is: a major defeat for the United States, driven by self-indulgent politicians of both parties who enthusiastically fanned public fears.

Leadership in a democratic society requires a willingness and ability to challenge and change public opinion when it is based on unfounded information, prejudice or stupidity — as it was in this case. There never was a genuine security problem.

The Dubai company wouldn't have "taken over" the U.S. ports. It simply would have run some terminals. Cargo would still have been handled by American unionized longshoremen, the Coast Guard and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection agency and would still have been responsible for port security.

To be sure, the 9 million or so containers arriving annually in the United States do pose security threats. In congressional testimony, Sen. Patrick J. Leahy of the Council on Foreign Relations outlined one danger: a truck driver, sympathetic to al-Qaida, picks up a container of sneakers in Indonesia; on the way to the port, he diverts the trucks so terrorists can load the container with "dirty" nuclear devices; the container is shipped to Chicago, where it's detonated. Flynn urged more worldwide electronic and radiation scanning of containers at ports of departure. He estimated that screening would require about a \$20 fee per container.

"We need to know what's in the box more than we need to know who is moving them around a container yard," Flynn testified. Both Flynn and James Jay Carafano of the



ROBERT SAMUELSON

Heritage Foundation testified that Congress had underfunded the Coast Guard. No matter. It was a free-for-all on Capitol Hill. Democratic Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer of New York led the fear-mongering. Republicans quickly joined the chorus.

As political theater, the posturing might be harmless. But all the grandstanding — precisely because the criticisms were overblown — damages American interests. It's a public-relations disaster in the Middle East. The United Arab Emirates — of which Dubai is a part — has been a strong American ally, permitting the use of its ports and airfields for U.S. ships and military aircraft. Dubai's ruler, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, is trying to integrate his city-state into the world economy. There's been a building boom of offices, malls and luxury hotels. Dubai has also gone on a global invest-

ment binge that's how it came to own some U.S. port operations.

If this isn't what we want from Arab countries, what do we want? Much bitterness is reported in Dubai, especially among those who are pro-Western. They blame racism. That's understandable and perhaps correct. A Washington Post poll last week found that 46 percent of Americans had a negative view of Islam — a crude proxy for Arabs. (Yes, not all Arabs are Muslim, and not all Muslims are Arabs, but the poll is still suggestive of American opinion about Arabs.)

The ports furore also hurts the United States in another way. It weakens confidence in the dollar as the major global currency. The U.S. trade deficit now exceeds more than \$700 billion into the world annually. To some extent, global economic stability depends on foreigners' keeping most of those dollars. Mass dollar sales could trigger turmoil on the world's currency, stock and bond markets.

People outside the United States hold dollars because they believe the currency maintains its value and offers a wide menu of investment

choices. The message from Congress is that the menu is shorter than people thought. Once any investment is stigmatized — rightly or wrongly — as a "security problem," Congress may act against foreigners.

Every country has the right to protect its security interests. But these interests must be defined coherently and not simply as the random expression of political expediency. That's what happened here, as it did last year when Congress pressured a Chinese oil company (Cnooc) to withdraw its bid for a U.S. firm (Inocon). The more this process continues, the more it corrodes confidence in the dollar.

It will be said that other countries are equally nationalistic and political, so their currencies aren't realistic alternatives to the dollar. Not true. If we initiate the French or Malaysians, the dollar will have compromised its special status.

The irony is that the people who are creating all these risks are the very same members of Congress who claim to be protecting us.

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Legislature creating a double tax with reform

The move in our Legislature to reduce the property tax to increase the sales tax amounts to double taxation for all Idahoans who itemize their taxes. The IRS allows us to deduct either sales or income taxes, but not both. If the Legislature increases the sales tax, we get hit with a double whammy. We have to pay both the sales tax and increased federal taxes because our deduction for property taxes is reduced.

I encourage the Legislature to totally eliminate either the sales tax or income tax. It will save Idaho taxpayers a bundle of federal taxes and will cost the state of Idaho nothing. **DICK FUCHSBER**
Eller

Sawtooth students caught an inspired night

We attended a patriotic night at Roper's Auditorium on March 9 presented by the kindergarten through sixth grades of the schools in Twin Falls.

who served in the military. I would like to thank all of the children for a wonderful evening that I will never forget. It made me feel good to know I was part of this community that cares.

I have lived in Twin Falls since 1941, except for my time in the military; and I am proud to live here.

After the show, the kids handed out homemade thank you cards to every veteran who wanted one. Mine is now hanging in a frame in my home of honor in my home.

Again I want to thank all of you kids for such a wonderful evening. I will forever be in our hearts. **HOWARD TENNANT**
Twin Falls

LETTERS

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The Times-News welcomes letters from readers on subjects of public interest. Because of space constraints, please limit letters to 200 words. Include your signature, mailing address and telephone number. Writers who sign letters

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This man was kind, talented and an outstanding individual whom I will miss very much, as will all of his students, friends, family and anyone else who met him. **SAMANTHA ROPER**
Twin Falls

Daycare reform must go above city
Response to the editorial on March 9 on daycare reform: "At present in Twin Falls City, there are 120 child care providers; the total for Region 5 (twelve counties) is 350. There are probably 30 percent more providers than we know of. This only lists those providers willing to care for Idaho's children who are on site assistance through the Idaho

Child Care Program. To address this issue on a local city level is not feasible as child care providers often live outside city limits. The basic problem underlying the present law is "we need to keep our children safe and healthy." The proposed legislation requires criminal background checks for anyone taking care of children for compensation, excluding relative care, a neighbor watching one family's children.

If we choose to address daycare reform on a city level, we would be ignoring the safety and health of all rural children. It's that fair. **SUSAN BECK**
Twin Falls
(Editor's note: Susan Beck is Community Liaison specialist with IdahoSTARs, Child Care Resource and Referral, Region 5.)

Conspicuous consumption has caused energy crisis
"Survival means the conservation of energy," my colleague would tell our students in wilderness survival school. I've seen that in action, and its truth goes beyond the scenario

of a wilderness survival experience. It is a truth that is very relevant to the circumstances coming rapidly toward us.

Those circumstances are the peaking of oil and natural gas production and the scarcity of other natural resources including water, combined with an ever-increasing human population that is demanding more and more of scarce resources. Those two circumstances are capped by the impacts of the previous two and that is climate change.

Instead of conserving energy and resources, we are urged to consume more. This is the antithesis of what we need to be doing. We keep this up, we will like the cancer cell, consuming our way to oblivion.

When I hear folks say, "We need more energy," I have to wonder what they are thinking. What should be said is, "We need to use energy more wisely, consume it less wastefully." We are led by the Baron-Sempiras of the world to believe that we have an energy crisis; what we really have is a wasteful consumption problem. **BILL CHISHOLM**
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In today's deal you have done well to play in spades, not clubs. Can you take advantage of the extra chances to bring home the spade slam without relying on too much from the clubs?

The answer is yes, so long as you take your chances in the right order.

You win the diamond ace, play a heart to dummy's ace, ruff a heart low, then play the spade ace and a spade to dummy's queen.

When the trumps split, you ruff a low heart with a high trump, pleased to see that suit split 4-3, and draw the last trump while pitching a club from dummy. Now you can pitch two of your clubs from hand on dummy's two good hearts, giving up just one club trick at the end.

This line of play merely denied the hearts to be 4-3. Had you discovered on the third round of hearts that the dummy's queen was 5-2, you would change your plan, hoping the player long in hearts is short in clubs. You would play on clubs by leading initially to the 10 or to the jack, as appropriate.

Hand analysis showing North and South hands with cards like AK983, 1082, 10765, etc.

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South

The bidding: South West North East. 1 Pass 2 Pass 3 Pass 4 Pass 5 Pass 6 All pass

Opening lead: Diamond queen

BID WITH THE ACES

Hand analysis for Bid with the Aces showing South and West hands.

South holds: 93, QJ4, K9753

South West North East bidding table.

ANSWER: Rebid three diamonds. With five trumps and an auction showing that partner has four or more trumps, do not sell out cheaply.

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