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Family and friends of Hannah Bates watch a slide show during a funeral service for her Tuesday in Hagerman. Bates passed away Saturday after fighting cancer for the past six years.

Hagerman remembers graduate in her own style

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

A local coach and sports standout sailed across the basketball court for the last time Tuesday at Hagerman High School.

Six men clad in pink wheeled a shiny casket carrying 20-year-old Hannah Brooke Bates across a plastic covered gymnasium as hundreds of community members sat quietly on bleachers and folding chairs filling the basketball court.

Bates died Saturday from a rare type of cancer, Ewing's sarcoma, after a six-year battle with the disease.

She was a star player on Hagerman's basketball and volleyball teams, and went on to coach the Hagerman Junior High School volleyball team to an undefeated season in November, according to Times-News reports.

Bates overcame huge challenges with a lot of strength and determination. Even after losing her leg from cancer, she was driven to get back in the game. Only months after an amputation, Bates cantered back onto the volleyball court with a prosthetic leg and courage that inspired the local community.

"It's awesome to play again," Bates told the Times-News in September 2003. "That was my goal, to get back into sports."

During the funeral, Bates'

coach, Luanne Axelson, said she was 'in awe of Bates' strength.

"She had a better jump shot than most girls on two legs," said Axelson.

When Bates removed her prosthetic during games, the remaining portion of her leg was often raw and blistered, said Axelson. "It looked awful ... Not once did she complain. What a fighter."

"That strength was like magic and drew peers, community members and even referees to her side. High school basketball players on the boys' team had shaved their heads to honor her, Axelson said.

"She was one in a million,"

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Paul Madison wore a pink scarf during the service in tribute to Hannah Bates. Pink was her favorite color and a number of the 400 or so people who attended the service wore the color.

Owyhee Co.
nuclear plant
may be
suspendedDeveloper hasn't paid
permit application fee

The Associated Press

BOISE — Owyhee County officials say they are poised to suspend the permitting work on a proposed nuclear plant because the developer hasn't paid the \$50,000 fee required to process the permit application.

Mary Huff, the county's planning and zoning administrator, said Alternite Energy Holdings Inc. has ignored three requests for the payment.

Huff said county commissioners sent a letter to the company Monday warning that if the payment was not received within 10 days, the conditional use permit application would be suspended.

"We're not going to continue to hold this and beg for fees," Huff told The Idaho

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Obama takes
delegate lead

McCain still leads GOP

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama powered past Hillary Rodham Clinton in the race for Democratic convention delegates Tuesday, scoring outsized primary victories in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia on a night of triumph.

"Tonight we're on our way," he told cheering supporters in Madison, Wis. "But we know how much further we have to go on."

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Republicans

1,191 delegates needed
to win the nomination.
John McCain 789
Mike Huckabee 241

Democrats



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Barack Obama 1,210
Hillary Clinton 1,188

ICL scolds Otter for
bighorn sheep policyEnvironmental
group calls it a 'top
down approach'By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

The state is creating an environment for more lawsuits over bighorn sheep, the Idaho Conservation League said in a letter mailed this week to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter.

The governor is using a "top

down approach" to manage the state's bighorn sheep, the group wrote, by asking the state departments of Fish and Game and Agriculture to develop

a plan to keep the species separate. ICL wants the public to have a say in developing a policy.

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Otter

Man with MV ties killed in plane crash

Plane went down in Oregon field

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

The son of a couple formerly from Burley who spent every vacation on a family ranch in Glens Ferry was killed Friday morning when their plane crashed in an Oregon cornfield.

Why the plane that Riley Bunn, 32, of Stayton, Ore., and two others were flying started to sputter and spin out of control from about 3,000 feet remains under investigation, Linn County

Sheriff Tim Mueller said in a press release.

Riley's parents, Greg and Denise Bunn, graduated in 1969 and 1971, respectively, from Burley High School before they married in Boise. After having Riley and his siblings, they moved on to Oregon. But they always came back to visit their Magic Valley family, which stretches from Glens Ferry to Burley, and felt their roots were here, said Riley's aunt Karlene Bunn of Burley.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Thursday

Snow and strong winds at times
High 38Partially clearing skies
Low 20Partly cloudy
37/16

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Passing snow showers, strong winds and reduced visibilities. Highs near 30.
Tonight: Chilly with partially clearing skies. Lows, teens.
Tomorrow: A few clouds overhead. Highs, lower 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Cancellation: "The Love Doctor" speed dating meets salsa hosted by Motion with Rhythm has been cancelled due to illness.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and host-night, various speakers on topics important to the community, noon, Golden Corral, 1823 Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, 312-5057.

Jerome County Historical Society board meeting, includes review of plans for June 14, 15 Live History Days, 5 p.m., City Library, 100 First Ave. E., 324-3604 or 324-5641.

Jerome Gun Club monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Snake River Elks Club, Highway 93, 733-6045.

EDUCATION

College of Southern Idaho Open House, with displays and information booths for all age and education groups; includes tours of the campus and live, interactive classroom/lab demonstrations, 4 to 7 p.m., Taylor/Student Union Building (follow flashing light to Community Education Center), Twin Falls, free refreshments and variety of door prizes, 732-6441 or csmeon@csi.edu.

EXHIBITS

Sally Machilis' "Books of a Tolwan Autumn", 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 732-6655.

FAMILY

Candlelight Tales, a 30-minute, "end of day" presentation for preschoolers and early elementary-age children (may wear pajamas), 7 to 7:30 p.m., in the Storytime Kiva, Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964 ext. 109 or jhills@tffid.org.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 7425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4058.

DeMurray Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St., Rupert, 436-3874.

Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 733-2964.

Deco City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116 W. Main, 654-2124.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 18th St., 679-8158.

Murtztag City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth, 432-6682.

Murtztag School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W., 432-5451.

Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 152 S. 600 W., 438-4101.

Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger Drive, 487-2755.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations: CSI gym, Goiding ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Burley Outreach Center gym, no cost, 732-6475.

Fit and Fall Pro Fitness Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988.

SilverSneakers Fitness Program, innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries' unique health and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bridgeview Great Room (north entrance, third floor), Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of event.

MORNING BRIEFING

HOLLYWOOD

Writers agree to end 3-month strike, going back to work today

LOS ANGELES — Striking Hollywood writers are going back to work.

The Writers Guild of America said its members voted Tuesday to end their devastating, three-month strike that brought the entertainment industry to a standstill.

Writers will be back on the job today after voting in Beverly Hills and New York.

"At the end of the day, everybody won. It was a fair deal and one that the companies can live with, and it recognizes the large contribution that writers have made to the industry," Leslie Moonves, chief executive officer of CBS Corp., told The Associated Press.

Moonves was among the media executives who helped broker a deal after talks between the guild and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents studios, collapsed in acrimony in December.

Residuals for TV shows and movies distributed online were the most contentious issue in the bitter dispute involving the 12,000-member union and the world's largest media companies and other producers.

Screenwriter sues Mel Gibson over payments for 'Passion of Christ'

LOS ANGELES — A screenwriter has sued Mel Gibson and his production company, claiming he was misled by the actor-director into accepting a small payment for writing "The Passion of the Christ," and was refused extra money when the film became a blockbuster.

Benedict Fitzgerald claims

FOR LOVERS ONLY



A couple take their own picture during a pre-Valentine celebration Tuesday in suburban Tagay City east of Manila as part of the Annual Lovapalooza event. The Lovapalooza was entered in the Guinness Book of Records in 2005 with 5,300 couples kissing each other at the same time.

that when he was asked to write a script about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, Gibson told him the movie would cost between \$4 million to \$7 million, according to the lawsuit filed Monday in Superior Court. Fitzgerald also alleged Gibson promised he wouldn't receive any money from the film and any profit would be distributed to people who worked on it.

Gibson stated he didn't want "money on the back of what he considered a personal gift to his (Roman Catholic) faith," the lawsuit said.

Fitzgerald, who shared screenwriting credits with Gibson, claimed he agreed to "a salary substantially less than what he would have taken had he known the true budget for the film," which the lawsuit claimed had an estimated budget of \$25 million to \$50 million.

The 2004 movie went on to gross several hundred million dollars.



Gibson

NEW YORK
Taxi driver plays cupid to lonely New Yorkers this Valentine's Day

NEWYORK — Finding your better half this Valentine's Day could be as easy as hailing a taxi — especially if Ahmed Ibrahim is in the driver's seat.

The 53-year-old cupid cab driver, as he refers to himself, has spent the past few years playing matchmaker to lonely New Yorkers, setting up more than 70 dates. Nineteen have led to relationships that lasted more than a year.

Ibrahim planned to decorate his yellow cab with red and white hearts and roses for Thursday.

"I've organized so many dates, and it really makes me feel good about it," Ibrahim said. "I've not had one complaint."

Ibrahim said he offers his matchmaking services to passengers he evaluates by listening to conversations and asking a few questions. He then exchanges phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

IRAQ

Speaker threatens to disband parliament

BAGHDAD — The speaker of Iraq's fragmented parliament threatened Tuesday to disband the legislature, saying it is so riddled with distrust it is unable to adopt the budget or agree on a law setting a date for provincial elections.

Disbanding parliament would prompt new elections within 60 days and further undermine Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's shaky government, which is limping along with nearly half of the 40 Cabinet posts vacant.

The disarray undermines the purpose of last year's U.S. troop "surge," — to bring down violence enough to allow the Iraqi government and parliament to focus on measures to reconcile differences among minority Sunnis and Kurds and the majority Shiites.

MEXICO

Auction of Shakira's wardrobe raises money for Colombian children

MEXICO CITY — Ever paid \$3,000 for underwear? That's what one fan forked over for one of Shakira's bras. Another admirer shelled out \$14,000 for the privilege of meeting the pop sensation and receiving front-row seats at a future show in Toronto.

The two bids were among the highest offered for 40 items that Shakira donated to an Internet auction for her Bare Feet Foundation, which is building a school for impoverished children in northern Colombia.

Another popular item: a shiny lavender skirt with turquoise-and-coral beading that she wore while singing "Hips Don't Lie," which fetched more than \$1,000.

— The Associated Press

FOUR-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Feb. 14 — Buhi Art Council's Valentine's Day Dinner and Performance: Wine and Cheese reception, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Maroed Day Spa, Renaissance Office Plaza, Venice building, 706 N. College Road; dinner, 7 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Alrum Lobby; and Walt Wagner in performance, 8 p.m., C.S.I. Fine Arts Center recital hall, Twin Falls, \$60 for non-members and \$50 for members, 543-2888.

Feb. 15 — Hypnotist Marc Savard in performance: an "entertainment only" show, 7 p.m., Buhi High School auditorium, open to the public, \$5 advance tickets and \$7 at the door, limited seating, 543-8262 ext. 103.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Feb. 14 — St. Paul's Lutheran Church 27th annual Pancake and German Sausage Supper: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. lunch and 5 to 8 p.m. dinner, 1301 N. Davis, Jerome, free-will donation, 324-2842 or sjones@magick.com.

Feb. 16 — Expedition Inspiration for Breast Cancer Research 3rd annual Moonlight Snowshoe Celebration: includes silent auction and limited live auction emceed by Mike Murphy, 6 p.m. optional guided snowshoe (different ability level routes) and 7 p.m. champagne "ice bar," "tapas style" dinner and auctions, Ekronom Golf Club, Sun Valley, use of snowshoes complimentary of Elephant's trail, reservations for Feb. 4 and 5, 2008, (208) 726-6546 or tickets at www.expeditioninspiration.org.

CHURCH EVENT

Feb. 15 — Cowboy Church-Jerome, 7 p.m., NorthRidge Fellowship Church, 456 Golf Course Road, Jerome, (3.5 miles south of

Wal-Mart, exit 168 off I-84), (208) 644-1480.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Feb. 14 — The Magic Valley Symphony League meeting: to plan for the spring symphony season; anyone interested in supporting the symphony is welcome, 10 a.m., in the home of President Elaine Bowen, 268 Heyburn Ave. W., Twin Falls, 734-5323.

Feb. 14 — Magic Valley Advertising Federation monthly meeting and lunch: with guest speaker Steve Anzures, area manager of The Buckle, speaking on "Relationship Marketing," plus insights into his personal success story, 11:30 a.m. check-in and 11:45 a.m. program, former location of LensCrafters, Macy's corridor, Magic Valley Mall, Twin Falls, members \$10, member/guest \$15 and non-members \$25 (four lunch choices provided by Garibaldi's; reservations by today), 308-0488.

Feb. 14 — Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting: 6:30 p.m., at the home of Carol Qualen, 1114 Estridge Way, Twin Falls, 733-6810.

Feb. 15 — Members of the Twin Falls High School graduating class of 1947: luncheon, open to all 1947 classmates, 1 p.m., Jokers, 1508 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, cost of meal, 733-7410 or 420-9435.

Feb. 16 — Beta Sigma Phi annual Valentine Luncheon: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Riley Creek restaurant, Twin Falls, 734-5591.

Feb. 16 — Magic Valley Rambles' A's meeting and lunch: a car club dedicated to the preservation of Ford automobiles built from 1928-1931; any interested may attend, 2 p.m., Idaho Joe's restaurant, 593 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, 731-7353 or Nelsonbundy@aol.com.

Feb. 16 — Magic Valley Cattle Association annual dinner and dance: featuring special speakers and dancing to Strings Attached, 7 p.m., 733-0931, ext. 2.

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6 p.m. hottest social hour; 7 p.m. New York Steak dinner with business meeting; and 9 p.m. dance to follow, Turf Club, Twin Falls, \$25 per person or \$48 per couple, 324-7975 for reservations.

EDUCATION

Feb. 16 — "A Day in the Life of a Picture Bride," a costumed introduction/presentation by Park Guide Dianna McKeague of the "Yamakido," 1 p.m., Visitor Center, 221 N. State St., Hagerman, no cost, all ages welcome, 837-4793 ext. 5227.

FAMILY

Feb. 16 — "Uniform Dinner," honoring EMIs, paramedics, military personnel (past or present), members of VFW, or anyone employed by the local or Idaho State Police or fire department (and families); sponsored by Snake River Chapter of DeMolay in Jerome, 5 to 8 p.m., Jerome Masonic Lodge, 225 E. First Ave., no cost for uniformed guest and family, "plate to go" available for night workers, (208) 324-0164.

HOME AND GARDEN

Feb. 15-17 — The 2008 Home and Garden Show: more than 100 exhibitors from Idaho and surrounding states featuring products for inside and outside the home; special showing by Kimberly Nurseries; financing experts on hand; and food court area open, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (15-16) and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (17), Expo Center, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, 737-6008 or 737-6004.

SPORTS

Feb. 17 — CANCELLED Jerome Gun Club Sporting Clays Shoot: due to weather and snow at the range; next scheduled shoot March 1, 733-6045.



SEASONAL PERCENTAGE	% of Avg.	% peak	Oakley	112%	81%
Watershed	112%	82%	Salmon Falls	108%	76%
Big Lost	112%	82%			As of Feb. 12
Upper Snake Basin	101%	70%			

A comparison of basin snowpack, this day, with a 30-year average.

** as indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

CORRECTIONS

Monday's story on random drug testing misidentified George Brown with the Southern Idaho Partners Against Drugs.

Tuesday's story and several previous stories about the city of Twin Falls' drinking water misidentified a representative of J-U-B Engineers. Mark Holzen presented the firm's study to the City Council.

The Times-News regrets the errors.

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Tribute

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said her friend Sherman King, 23, from Wendell. King said he remembers when the young men shaved their heads. "She had cancer and you never heard her complain. She was always upbeat."

Bates' skill and drive also made her a great coach, said Axelsson. "She was a giver of life. She knew how to seize the moment."

Bishop Jay Houser told the funeral audience that Bates

had written an online blog before her death. Her last entry, he said, showed that the young woman with a penchant for pink, zebra print and changing hair styles, was also staying strong for her family, friends and community. Houser read from Bates' blog, in which she said she was often an "actress," tired of being sick, but not regretful of her disease.

Pallbearers placed Bates' casket in front of a chiffon curtain garnished with flow-

ers below a raised basketball hoop.

Pictures of her smiling illuminated a large, white screen beside the casket. From rock-climbing to parascending to posing with friends in her hospital bed, Bates seemed to often flash her strength for the camera.

In December 2006, her health was looking up. Five years after being diagnosed with cancer her friends and family gathered at a small café and filled it with flowers.

"I feel great," Bates said during that gathering. "I mean, sometimes it's been a challenge, because of my schedule, but really, we all have busy schedules that we have to work with."

But in the end, Bates' family said in her obituary that she won the game of her life against cancer.

"You are a shining example of what every parent wishes their daughters were," Bates' parents said in her funeral program.

Crash

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For that reason Riley's parents decided to hold their son's funeral this Friday among family at the Glenns Ferry chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Glenns Ferry with his grandparents was his second home. Karlene Bunn said, "Whenever they went on a vacation they went to the grandparents on their ranch. He loved it. He loved going to his grandparents. That was his home away from home." Riley Bunn and his family were remarkably tall like their father, who played basketball for four years in the 1970s at Boise State University. Riley's sister played for Oregon State University and then a pro team in Athens, Greece. But Riley, who played sports throughout school, found his true love was flying.

Riley and his former wife moved to Utah and had three children ages 4, 6 and 8. It was there that he started flying, his aunt said.

Riley, however, was not piloting the Lancaster single engine, low-wing plane that is classified as an experimental aircraft, the deputy said.

Riley, the pilot and a third man had left the Salem, Ore., airport shortly before the crash en route to Kamath Falls, Ore., where they intended to continue on to their destination: a hunting convention in Utah.

Three men working nearby said they heard the engine sputtering and saw the plane spinning out of control as it dropped behind a stand of trees, the press release says.

The men rushed to the crash, which was about five miles northeast of Albany in a harvested cornfield, where they found all three occupants dead. A deputy arrived shortly thereafter and confirmed the men died on impact.

Cassidy Friedman can be reached at 735-3241 or cfridman@magicalvalley.com.

Nuclear

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Statesman. "The company needs to decide if they want to go forward with this project."

Alternate Energy CEO Don Gillispie disputed the county's version of the facts. He said the company is waiting for the county to send an invoice and set up an escrow account to keep the money.

In an e-mail to the Statesman, Gillispie characterized the issue as a miscommunication between the parties.

Lynchburg, Va.-based Alternate Energy Holdings is considering building a \$4.5

billion, 1,600 megawatt nuclear power plant near the Snake River and the city of Bruneau.

Obtaining a conditional use permit is required before the company can pursue details of the projects. Company officials have said they intend to file a license application with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission later this year.

But county officials say the company must first address local needs. Huff said this week to resolve differences.

Critics of the project say the company's

inability to pay the fee should be a signal for county officials to stop their work.

The Snake River Alliance discovered the unpaid fee after filing a public records request with the county.

"Until AEH starts to comply with the law, the alliance believes Owyhee County should halt any and all work relating to this power plant permit or any other work relating to the power plant proposal and return the application to AEH as county ordinance requires," Andrea Shipley, executive director of the Snake River Alliance, said in a statement.

Campaign

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Obama added, celebrating eight straight victories over Clinton, the former first lady now struggling in a race she once commanded.

The Associated Press count of delegates showed Obama with 1,210, Clinton had 1,188, falling behind for the first time since the campaign began. Neither was close to the 2,025 needed to win the nomination.

His victories were by large margins — he was gaining about 75 percent of the vote in the nation's capital and about two-thirds in Virginia.

By contrast, Clinton was attempting to retort her campaign in the midst of a losing streak. Her deputy campaign manager resigned, the second high-level departure in as many days.

Campaigning in Texas, where she hopes to triumph on March 4, she said she was

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looking ahead, not back. "I'm tested, I'm ready. Now let's make it happen," she said.

In all, there were 168 Democratic delegates at stake in primaries in those states and the District of Columbia.

Republican front-runner John McCain won all three GOP primaries, adding to his insurmountable lead in delegates for the Republican nomination.

"We know where either of their candidates will lead this country, and we dare not let them," he said of the

Democrats. "They will paint a picture of the world in which America's mistakes are a greater threat to our security than the malevolent intentions of an enemy that disposes us and our ideals."

McCain spoke before supporters in Alexandria, Va.

McCain's victory in Virginia was a relatively close one, the result of an outpouring of religious conservatives who backed former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee.

There were 113 delegates at stake in the three GOP races.

The AP count showed McCain with 789 delegates. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who dropped out of the race last week, had 288. Huckabee had 241 and Texas Rep. Ron Paul had 14.

It takes 1,191 delegates to clinch the nomination, and McCain appears to be on track to reach the target by late April.

Sheep

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"Instead of telling the public what is best for a few, the state should ask the public to roll up their sleeves and craft a workable solution," wrote John Robison, ICL's public lands director.

The governor's office had yet to receive the letter Tuesday afternoon, said Jon Hanlan, Otter's press secretary, and so could not comment.

However, Otter is expected to make an announcement soon on the state's bighorn policy, which state agency officials say is mostly finished.

Following a year of lawsuits and political posturing over bighorns, the plan is likely to be contentious.

A judge closed grazing allotments last year after environmental groups sued, saying massive bighorn die-offs happened after contact

with disease-carrying domestic sheep.

The governor quickly asked the state agencies to find short-term solutions before sheep are turned out on grazing allotments this spring — and before more lawsuits are filed.

Anti-grazing group Western Watersheds Project has hinted at suing the U.S. Forest Service if it doesn't do more to protect bighorns in the South Hills. Southern Idaho sheep ranchers fear a judge could close allotments there.

Cassia County commissioners and sheep ranchers have asked Otter to remove bighorns from federally managed grazing lands in southern Idaho. But state officials say the anticipated plan will likely leave bighorns in the area and include measures to keep the species from mingling,

including shooting sheep that interact.

Meanwhile, Otter has formed a working group of state agencies, ranchers and environmentalists to form a long-term state policy. Committee members have said ranchers and the environmental groups are having a hard time finding common ground.

Bighorn populations have declined since their reintroduction to the state in the 1970s. In 1930, the state had about 6,500 bighorns. Today, the number is closer to 3,500. Scientific field studies are yet to prove domestic sheep are to blame for the die-offs, but there is strong evidence that indicates bighorns die from pneumonia carried by domestic sheep.

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In Jackson, Wyo., housing subsidies help keep middle income residents in town

By Mead Gruber
Associated Press writer

JACKSON, Wyo. — After spending his day in front of a middle school classroom, teacher Brook Yeomans sometimes jumps on his skateboard for the short commute to his home, a two-story, coffee-colored townhouse with views of the vast Wyoming mountains.

The home is the equivalent of real estate gold: He and his wife Jessica recently purchased it for \$230,000, a far cry from its \$750,000 market price.

In most of the country, the two-income couple would be unlikely candidates for subsidized housing, but in this Rocky Mountain resort town, where the median home price is \$1.2 million, officials have made it a top priority to keep public employees and other middle-income residents living in town, and if that means subsidizing families with incomes up to six figures, so be it.

"We were so lucky," said Yeomans, who has a 2-year-old son and is expecting his second child this month. "Affordable housing has basically allowed us to have a family here. Because I can guarantee you that the minute we had a kid, if we couldn't find a place to live, we would have probably moved somewhere where we could."

Towns like Jackson are increasingly relying on affordable housing programs to stay vibrant while the wealthy snap up million-dollar vacation properties with sprawling views of the craggy, snow-capped mountains. In one ski town, the city manager — who earns \$125,000 a year — lives in subsidized housing.

Christine Walker, director of the Teton County Housing Authority in Jackson, said the goal is to prevent people from having to commute from more affordable towns nearby. Since the wealthy are using the homes as vacation destinations, they aren't living there full time, so the communities would win in the off-season without a steady population.

"This place will turn into Disneyland if we don't have anybody that actually lives here," Walker said. "It's like, 'OK, lights out,' and the whole work force will just commute in, work here during the day. And then, 'lights out,' and travel back."

School officials credit the program with helping recruit and retain teachers like Yeomans. The starting salary for a teacher in the Jackson area is about \$50,000 a year.

"We see what we call a 'churn' after about six to eight years," said Pam Shea, superintendent of Teton County School District. "Once the people who've been here for a while, if they are not able to obtain housing, they will move away or to our neighboring communities."

Home prices in Jackson, Aspen, Telluride and Vail are still on the rise. In 2003, the median home price in Jackson was \$542,000. The figure crested \$1 million for the first time in April and reached \$1.2 million at year's end.

One reason is the towns are hampered in by public land and have little room to grow. Add a ski area or two — and in Jackson's case, quick access to

Grand Teton and Yellowstone national parks — and you get a textbook case of small supply, big demand and soaring prices. A couple with two children in Jackson can make up to about \$130,000 a year and still hold more than \$260,000 in assets and still qualify for deed-restricted housing. The program limits property

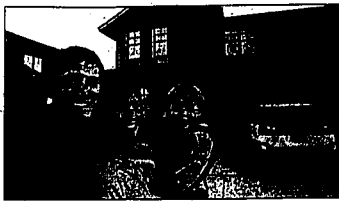
appreciation and requires homeowners to sell the home back to buyers selected by the housing authority. As many as 72 families put in for a drawing for each home that becomes available.

In Telluride, Colo., even the town manager lives in deed-restricted housing.

Frank Bell makes \$125,000 a

year but said he wouldn't have taken the job a few years ago if the town hadn't allowed him to buy a 2-bedroom, 3-bath deed-restricted house at the Telluride ski area.

"The word 'affordable' can be a little bit oxymoronic," he said. "Most people wouldn't think of a \$600,000 home as affordable."



Brook Yeomans, left, his wife, Jessica, and son, Nico, outside their home in Jackson, Wyo. Brook recently won the real estate lottery — paying just \$230,000 for a county-subsidized town house that on the open market would be worth at least \$750,000.

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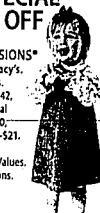
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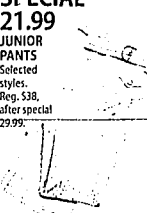
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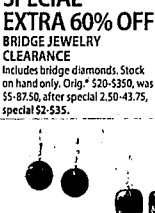
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Proposal to curb waste in government contracts would not apply to work in Iraq, Afghanistan

By Lara Jakes Jordan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A Bush administration plan to crack down on contract fraud has a multibillion-dollar loophole: The proposal to force companies to report abuse of taxpayer money will not apply to work overseas, including projects to secure and rebuild Iraq and Afghanistan.

For decades, contractors have been asked to report internal fraud or overpayment on government-funded projects. Compliance has been voluntary, and over the past 15 years the number of company-reported fraud cases has

declined steadily.

Now, the Justice Department wants to force companies to notify the government if they find evidence of contract abuse of more than \$5 million. Failure to comply could make a company ineligible for future government work.

The proposed rules, which are in the final approval stages, specifically exempt "contracts to be performed outside the United States," according to a notice published last month in the Federal Register.

Critics including the watchdog group Taxpayers Against Fraud said the overseas

exemption raises suspicions. "I hate to sound cynical, but what lobbyist working for a contractor in Iraq wanted this get-out-of-jail card?" asked Patrick Burns, spokesman for the government watchdog group.

"I'm not saying that's the way it went — I'm just suggesting that the most logical line to draw," said Burns. "I think somebody's got some explaining to do."

The Justice Department, which pushed for the self-reporting requirement, called the overseas exemption a mistake that should be fixed before the plan becomes final.

"We do not agree with also excluding contracts performed entirely outside the United States," Assistant Attorney General Alice Fisher wrote Jan. 14 in a letter otherwise supporting the new rules.

"These types of contracts, which in many cases support our efforts to fight the global war on terror, need greater contractor vigilance because they are performed overseas where U.S. government resources and remedies are more limited," Fisher wrote.

A spokeswoman for the White House Office of Management and Budget, which oversees federal pro-

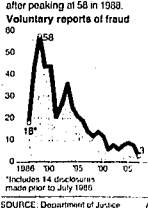
curement policy, declined to answer questions about the planned exemption of overseas contractors from the beefed-up requirements for reporting fraud.

"This is a proposed rule," OMB spokeswoman Jane Lee said. "We are currently reviewing the public comments that were submitted."

Following the U.S.-led invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, the United States poured billions of dollars into projects to secure and rebuild the two nations. With the money came the fraud. At least \$14 million has been lost in bribes alone over the last five years in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Companies silent on contract fraud

The number of company-reported fraud cases on government-funded projects has steadily dropped after peaking at 58 in 1998.



Senate approves legal immunity for telecom companies in eavesdropping legislation

By Pamela Hess
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Tuesday approved new rules for government eavesdropping on phone calls and e-mails, giving the White House much of the latitude it wanted and granting legal immunity to telecommunications companies that helped in the snooping after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Protection for the telecom companies is the most prominent feature of the legislation. "Something President Bush had insisted on as essential to getting private sector cooperation in spying on foreign terrorists and other targets. The bill would give retroactive protection to companies that acted without court permission."

The House did not include the immunity provision in a similar bill it passed last year. House Republicans now want to adopt the Senate bill, which would avoid contentious negotiations to work out differences between the competing legislation.

About 40 lawsuits have been filed against telecom companies by people alleging violations of wiretapping and privacy laws.

Bush promised to veto any new surveillance bill that did not protect the companies, arguing that it is essential if the private sector is to give the government the help it needs.

The president called the Senate bill a good piece of legislation that allows the intelligence community to monitor communications of foreign terrorists while protecting Americans' liberties. He urged the House to pass the bill and send it to his desk without delay.

The Senate bill provides "fair and just liability protection to those private companies who have been sued for billions of dollars only because they are believed to have done the right thing and assisted the nation after the September 11th terrorist attacks," Bush said.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers said Tuesday he still opposes retroactive immunity.

"There is no basis for the broad telecommunications company amnesty provisions advocated by the administration," Conyers wrote in a letter to White House Counsel Fred Fielding asking for documents about the wiretapping program. The documents have been withheld from Congress.

The 68-29 Senate vote Tuesday to update the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act belied the nearly two months of stops and starts and bitter political wrangling that preceded it. The two sides had battled to balance civil liberties with the need to conduct surveil-

lance on potential adversaries.

At issue is the government's post-9/11 Terrorist Surveillance Program, which circumvented a secret court created 30 years ago to oversee such activities. The court was part of the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, a law written in response to government abuse of its surveillance authority against Americans.

The surveillance law has been updated repeatedly since then. Congress hastily adopted a FISA modification in August in the face of dire

warnings from the White House that changes in telecommunications technology and FISA court rulings were dangerously con-

straining the government's ability to intercept terrorist communications. That law already extended once, expires Feb. 16.

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EDITORIAL

Time for some ground rules

The Perrine Bridge is the nation's only major span where unrestricted BASE jumping is permitted year-round.

You're perfectly free to do what 27-year-old Richard Heaton III of Macon, Ga., did last Wednesday night: Strap on a parachute and jump in pitch darkness into a 500-foot-deep canyon aiming for a sliver of land between an icy river and a wall of jagged rocks without so much as a flashlight to find your way home.

Heaton died — not from the fall, but from exposure — and now even ardent BASE jumpers are saying it's time to draw the line.

Thousands of folks BASE jump from the bridge every year — many of them for the first time. There are no rules; no one is required to check parachutes or ensure wind conditions are safe or even leave a note saying when they went over the rail.

Thus the death toll continues to mount.

Twin Falls and Jerome counties don't regulate BASE jumping because they lack the resources to enforce any rules. And BASE jumping generates lucrative tourism, so there's no pressure from the City of Twin Falls or its business community to curtail the activities.

But both counties spend significant tax dollars helping rescue BASE jumpers — or collecting their remains from the canyon floor.

Regulation or even a ban on BASE jumping is feasible, of course. Fences and screens would be cheap and effective.

But before that happens, BASE jumpers themselves should act:

- They should let someone know what they're doing. Perhaps they could set up a registry near the bridge. If a jumper goes missing authorities would know where to look — and have basic information such as contact numbers for friends or relatives if things go wrong.

- They should do more to help newbies.

Perhaps with government help they could post signs with advice for the less experienced: Don't jump after dark, or alone, or in bad weather.

- They should work with the counties to establish a way to call for help — something like the freeway emergency call-boxes that ring through to 911.

BASE jumpers are individualists by nature, but if they value the freedom offered by Idaho and its famous bridge they'll police their own ranks. If not, the days of unlimited jumping will have to end.

Our view:

Continuing deaths at Perrine Bridge will result in restrictions on BASE jumping.

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



What would a Democratic presidency be like?



DAVID BROOKS

There's a big difference between the Republican and Democratic campaigns: The Republicans have split on policy grounds; the Democrats haven't. There's been a Republican divide between center and right but no Democratic divide between center and left.

When you think about it, the Democratic policy unity is a mirage. If the Democrats actually win the White House, the tensions would resurface with a vengeance.

The first big rift would involve Iraq. Both Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have seductively hinted that they would withdraw almost all U.S. troops within 12 to 18 months. But if either of them actually did that, he or she would instantly make Iraq the consuming partisan fight of the presidency.

There would be private but powerful opposition from Arab leaders who would fear a return to 2006 chaos. There would be irate opposition from important sections of the military, who would feel that the U.S. was squandering the gains of the previous year. A Democratic president with few military credentials would confront outraged and highly phobic colonels screaming betrayal.

There would be important rifts from now and then and military experts. In his latest report, the much-cited Anthony Cordesman, describes an improving Iraqi security situation that still requires "strategic patience."

and another five years to become self-sustaining.

There would be furious opposition from Republicans and many independents. They would argue that you can't evacuate troops just as Iraqis are about to hold national elections and tensions are at their highest. They would point out that it's insanity to end local reconstruction and Iraqi training just when they are producing results. They would accuse the new administration of reverse-Rumsfeldism, of ignoring postwar realities and of imposing an ideological solution on a complex situation.

All dreams of changing the tone in Washington would be gone. All of Obama's unity hopes would evaporate. And if the situation did deteriorate after a quick withdrawal, as the National Intelligence Estimate warns, the bloodshed would be on the new president's head.

Therefore, when a new Democratic administration considered all these possibilities, its members would part ways. A certain number of Democrats would conclude that rapid withdrawal is a mistake. They would say that the situation had changed and would call for a strategic review. They'd recommend a

long, slow conditions-based withdrawal — constant, small troop reductions, and a lot of regional diplomacy, while maintaining tens of thousands of troops in Iraq for the remainder of the term.

Which brings us to second uproar: They'd scream: This was a central issue of the campaign! All the troops must get out now!

The president would have to make a terrible decision.

Which brings us to second domestic spending. Both campaigns promise fiscal discipline, as well as ambitious new programs. These kinds of have-your-cake-and-eat-it-too vows were merely laughable last year when the federal deficit was running at a maulageable \$163 billion a year. But the economic slowdown, the hangover from the Bush years and the growing bile of entitlements mean that the federal deficit will almost certainly top \$400 billion by 2009. The accumulated national debt will be in trillions of dollars of the \$10 trillion mark. With that much debt, the primary-season spending plans are simply ridiculous.

It'd be 1993 all over again. The new Democratic president would be faced with Bill Clinton's Robert Rubin vs. Robert Reich choice: either scale back priorities for the sake of fiscal discipline or blow through all known deficit records for the sake of bigger programs. Choose the former, and the new presi-

dent would further outrage the left. Choose the latter and lose the financial establishment and the political center.

This is the debate that Democrats have been quietly rearguing during the entire Bush presidency. The left wing of the party is absolutely committed to winning it this time. It will likely demand the clean energy subsidies and the education spending, the expensive health care coverage and subsidies to address middle-class anxiety. But no Democratic president can afford to offend independent voters with runaway spending. No president can easily ignore the think tank establishments, which is rightfully exercised about the nation's long-term fiscal health.

It would be another brutal choice.

As William J. Stutz of Harvard Law School wrote in *The Weekly Standard*, the Democrats have conducted their race amid unconstrained "Yes We Can't" unreality. Because the Democratic candidates appear to agree on so much, they've never tested each other's policy proposals or exposed each other's assumptions. But governing means choosing, and reality will be unkind. The artificial unity between the Democratic center and the Democratic left would be smashed by the hard choice of 2009. My guess? The centrists would win.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students featured in photo need sportsmanship lessons

I noticed a story in the Magic Valley section of the Feb. 9 edition that I want to comment on.

We attended the Twin Falls-Jerome basketball game Friday night. Given, we have what may be a classic rivalry between the teams, but some things occurred that crossed the line.

I was particularly troubled when, after the National Anthem was played, a large group of student body and Bruin supporters turned their backs and looked the other way as the opposing team was announced. At this point, I found myself watching the people more than I watched the game.

Some Jerome fans demonstrated their disrespect emphatically with some of the officials' calls and a few other things. We're far from perfect, but my attention was drawn many times to a group of student body that was directly

across the court from me. Many times, they yelled at the referees and at our players as they passed by in an "any thing but friendly" and taunting way. I was actually embarrassed for them.

Officer Thueson of the Twin Falls Police had to remind them at least once that they were out of line and had to show one of them back his seat after pouncing out onto the floor in an aggressive and threatening way. Oh well, I thought, kids will be kids.

Then, this morning (Feb. 9) on the front page of Section B was a group of boys that caught my attention many times during the game as being among the most unruly of the bunch. They were being showcased for wearing camouflage to honor servicemen. Servicemen may have been pleased that the boys wore military clothes to the game, but I don't think anyone was very "honored" by their conduct at the game.

I don't see anything wrong with a little rivalry, and I don't

think things will ever change much, but let's try to keep it a little more "sportsmanlike" on both sides.

Tiger fan,
JOHN CROZIER
Jerome

Study of evolution is vital to public health

The bedrock principle of modern biology is evolution. Some say evolution is just a theory, an unsubstantiated hunch. However, gravity is also "a theory." But both gravity and evolution stand on a solid foundation of observation, experiment and confirming evidence. The National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine recently published a 70-page book called "Science, Evolution and Creationism." It explains just how important evolution is and discusses the overwhelming evidence supporting it.

Evolution is not only central to understanding how life exists today but also understanding just where it is head-

ing in the future. Discarding evolution in science education would put everyone's health in danger. How to predict and prevent communicable diseases such as influenza and SARS depends on an understanding of evolutionary processes.

Those going into the medical professions especially need to study evolution. How do antibiotic resistances originate and spread? This is fundamentally a question of evolution. We need to make sure health care does not make things worse so understanding the evolution of viruses is critical. Altering the evolutionary arms race between pathogens and hosts involves vaccines.

How can we cure cancer or put an end to the AIDS crisis? Answers will be found by medical professionals who understand the role that evolution plays in the immune system.

The list goes on and on. Where did it all begin? Charles Darwin — he laid

the foundation for modern evolutionary theory; the bedrock principle of modern biology. Further, no biologist has been responsible for more changes in the average person's worldview than Charles Darwin. The tools he created for the understanding of life through the sciences will benefit everyone.

February is the month in which he was born. We should all take this opportunity to remind ourselves about the importance of a sound science education.

WILL WHITE
Twin Falls

Help is available for kids hooked on drugs, drinking

In this world, there are a lot of teenagers that take drugs, and smoke. A lot of them just plain don't care about doing anything. They are depressed or whatever. Please, teenagers, do not take drugs, drink or smoke. Take care of your health. Please say no to them. Treat

your body with respect. If someone offers you drugs, cigarettes or a drink, say "no." Get out of there.

Friends don't let your friends take drugs, drink and drive, or smoke. Parents, please teach your kids right from wrong, too, and tell them how much you love them and you don't want anything to happen to them. Set an example in your kids by not smoking, etc.

Remember, kids, your parents love you a lot; please respect them. I help your kids, because there is a lot of help out there. Look to Jesus for help. Teenagers, don't waste your lives away, because it's not worth it. Let your parents know how much you appreciate them.

I would like to see a community support center for the mentally ill, all the teenagers in the Magic Valley, from the hours of 3:30 p.m. to 10 at night, and also in the summer.

LYNNETTE EISENBRANDT
Twin Falls

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The skinny on America's diet mayor and the rebirth of OK City

If anyone still doubts the correlation between obese America and our fast-food culture, consider Oklahoma City, where the mayor has asked residents to join him on a diet.

The city best known to many Americans as the site of Timothy McVeigh's horrific act of terrorism in 1995 is also the fast-food oasis of the nation and the eighth fattest, with an obesity rate of 25 percent.

Mayor Mick Cornett is hoping to change that. On New Year's Eve, he challenged citizens to lose 1 million pounds and launched an interactive Web site where people can sign on and track their weight loss (thiscityisgoingnude.com).

As of this writing, 14,688 dentists, including interlopers from 40 countries, have lost 27,153 pounds, or about 13.5 tons.

Sitting in his office in downtown Oklahoma City,



KATHLEEN PARKER

Cornett looks more like a GQ model — or like the news anchor he was until 1999. Lean and chiseled, he's 38 pounds lighter than a year ago. By the end of February, he hopes to make his goal of losing 42 pounds, from 217 to 175.

Cornett is losing about one pound per week — and the old-fashioned way. No carb-counting, no fat-gram calculus, no miracle shakes, sugar busters, pills or pulleys. He simply cut his calories from about 3,000 to 2,000 per day and plays tennis three days a week.

That's it. Non-genius. Know that you have to burn

more calories than you consume or risk getting fat, but fast-food nation is also quick-fix culture. Real, sustained weight loss takes patience, discipline and commitment, not a calculator.

Cornett, who has always struggled with weight, says he wants to remove the "blanket of shame" from excess poundage. People will talk about their erectile dysfunction or sexually transmitted disease in a skinny minute, but they won't talk about their flab. Now that's personal.

The OKC diet isn't an isolated initiative, but is part of this rebirth after the Bombing, which receives upsurge of attention around here. The overhaul actually started in 1993 with a voter-approved penny sales tax that would last five years (later extended) to fund everything from downtown redevelopment and

river restoration to education improvement.

The Bombing broke city momentum only temporarily. The sales tax raised more than \$309 million and went toward nine projects, including a sports arena, ballpark, trolleys, dams and building renovations. Today, the formerly desolate downtown boasts seven hotels where there used to be one, and thousands of residents are moving back into the inner city.

Thus, dieting is just another piece of a cultural shift toward a new self-image and higher standards in quality of life. Civic pride seems endemic to the city's DNA. I've yet to meet a local who can't rattle off a series of statistics and accomplishments unique to the city.

They'll tell you, for instance, that OKC is the 12th-fastest-growing large city in the nation and has been ranked by Forbes mag-

azine as one of the best cities in which to find a job. The city has added 65,000 new jobs since 2004.

Also, air quality has always met EPA ozone standards, unlike a majority of American cities, which makes OKC attractive to new industry.

The drinking water was voted "best-tasting" in the nation last year by the American Water Works Association.

OKC is also, apparently, a great place to open a squat "it" go-bike. The fast-food business model works well here because land is cheap and people drive everywhere. OKC is the third largest geographically in the nation (behind Jacksonville, Fla., and Anchorage, Alaska). Taco Bell alone has 40 restaurants here and boasts 35,000 visits per day.

Cornett is tackling that factoid, too, talking with Taco Bell executives about

co-promoting a tomato-based "fresco" alternative to the usual sour cream and guacamole fixings.

As part of OKC's new identity, the city is also trying to change from sprawling and automobile-centric to pedestrian-friendly and, as a result, more fit than flabby.

To that end, citizens approved bond issues to install 350 miles of new sidewalks and also to build new gymnastics in all 47 inner-city elementary schools.

In a time of cynicism and partisanship, it is refreshing to find a community so united in common goals where everyone walks the walk.

There must be something in the water that makes it taste so good.

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How would Jesus vote?

Texas populist, humorist, agitator and agriculture commissioner Jim Hightower scornfully dismissed the middle of the road as where you find "yellow stripes and dead armadillos."

As America's debate over religion and values has gotten more extreme, rancorous and racist, however, many have found themselves asking, "What would Jesus think?"

Jim Wallis, best-selling author and voice for progressive evangelism — argues that not an oxymoron — argues that "a new moral center" is forming, a powerful force for healing.

And, argues Wallis, politicized, conservative Christianity is on the ebb.

"The religious right is being replaced by Jesus," he said in an interview. Wallis is promoting his new book, "The Great Awakening: Reviving Faith and Politics in a Post-Religious Right America." It's high time a nation rooted in both faith and reason deserves to hear more than insults exchanged by the extremes.

Is there a refuge equidistant between the anti-gay pastor the Rev. Ken Hultschman and the Christian-bashing Dan Savage of The Stranger?

In Wallis' view, Christian evangelism is broadening its agenda to include such issues as the warming of God's Earth, the HIV/AIDS plague in the Third World and the slaughter of innocents in Darfur.

"With the old religious right leaders, it's like they are standing in a river and shouting 'Stop! Stop!'" he said.

"They have argued that there are only two moral issues: abortion and gay marriage."

"It does take away their power. The extreme positions have been the litmus tests. The purpose is to win elections, not to save the lives of babies."

Also, Wallis and a number of faith and political leaders are challenging the other extreme. They are telling the secular left to be more tolerant.

"Whenever the Democrats nominate, I am going to press hard to make abortion reduction a plank in the platform," he said.



JOEL CONNELLY

"They have to move beyond a woman's right to choose. I don't think abortion rights people should oppose that. They should be FOR abortion reduction, dramatic abortion reduction."

He cites, as model, a "Reducing the Need for Abortions Initiative" sponsored in Congress by Reps. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., and Tim Ryan, D-Ohio. It would increase access to contraception and seek to reduce teen pregnancies, along with provisions that assist women and assure help in raising a child.

"We are offering policy solutions that promote life and support parents beyond the birth of their new child," DeLauro said in introducing the proposal.

Common ground on abortion would seem tough, night impossible to realize.

All major Republican presidential candidates, except Rudy Giuliani, have run on a commitment that the Supreme Court's landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision should be overturned.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., often identified as a "moderate," has campaigned with Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Tom Coburn, two outspoken abortion foes. Coburn once declared, "I favor the death penalty for abortionists and other people who take life."

But there has been outreach from some corners of religious conservatism.

The Rev. Rick Warren, author of the best-seller "The Purpose Driven Life," stirred controversy but went ahead with Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., to speak at an AIDS conference at his Sacred Heart Church in California.

Other so-called "megachurches" cited by Wallis are moving beyond litmus test issues. They are trying to forge a new agenda, he said. "Trying to follow the footsteps of Jesus is central to their approach. They are becoming more engaged with their communities."

In turn, Obama used a conference of Sojourners — a group founded by Wallis — to directly confront secularists who demand that all reference to religion be purged from the nation's public life.

"The discomfort of some progressives with any hint of religion has often prevented us from effectively addressing issues in moral terms," Obama declared.

"Some of the problem here is rhetorical: If we scrub language of all religious content, we forfeit the imagery and terminology through which millions of Americans understand both their personal morality and social justice."

"Imagine Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address without references to the judgment of the Lord or the King. I have a dream" speech without reference to "all of God's children."

What's the benefit of finding common ground?

I hope, we will no longer see "Tim a Values Voter" buttons, with the message that some Americans have values and others do not. Hopefully, too, the country can renew its sense of community and a real respect for life.

The late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin pioneered the idea of "a consistent ethic of life" and coined the phrase "a seamless garment" to describe how believers should respond to threats to life and the dignity of others.

The cardinal's words appeal to the evangelist.

"It's the consistent ethic of life he talked of," said Wallis. "I care about abortion. I am concerned the abortion rate is too high. But I am deeply concerned about Darfur. I am concerned that 3,000 kids will die today of hunger. I stand with the Catholic bishops in their opposition to the death penalty."

"The consistency ethic will challenge both the left and the right, and the selective ethics on both sides."

Joel Connelly is a columnist for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

QUOTE

"This is an entirely new dimension in criminal culture."

— Swiss police spokesman Marco Cortesi on thieves who stole paintings by Cezanne, Degas, van Gogh and Monet valued at \$163.2 million.

"I consider this incident a coup attempt against the state by Reinado and it failed ... This government won't fall because of this."

— East Timor Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao on rebel soldiers shooting and seriously wounding the country's president and opening fire on him.

"You know, it's been 43 years since the first and only time that a jazz artist got the album of the year award. I'd like to thank the academy for courageously breaking the mold this time."

— Jazz musician Herbie Hancock on winning the album of the year Grammy award for "River: The Joni Letters."

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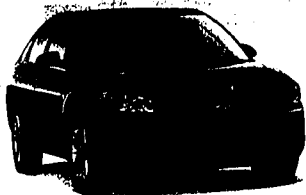
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COUNTDOWN



Twin Falls seniors Kelly Wiesman and Amber Petersen aiming for Class 5A title.

5A

Confident Bruins shooting for title

By David Bashore • Times-News writer

Last year Twin Falls exited the Idaho Center empty-handed after losing the girls Class 5A state basketball tournament third-place game to Vallivue. This year,

it's safe to say the expectations are higher. In a reputation contest, the

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First-timers: Tigers' eyes on the prize

By David Bashore • Times-News writer

Usually if you've never been to the championship level, there's no shot of winning it at the first time of asking.

But this is a high school state

tournament, one of the only places where a particular group can be a debutant and a favorite to win the

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4A



Jerome's Jerome Burnham is hoping to help the Tigers claim the Class 4A title.

3A

Unbeaten Bulldogs poised for deep run

By Mike Christensen • Times-News writer

One positive can from Kimberly's shocking early exit in last year's Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament.

When the Bulldogs missed out on 2007 Class 3A state tournament despite having an unbeaten regular

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Slipper still fits: Wendell girls return

By Mike Christensen • Times-News writer

There's just something special about February for the Wendell girls basketball team.

After putting on the Cinderella

slipper in 2007, the Trojans are back at state again.

Last year's team went just 6-13 in the regular season before grabbing

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2A



Wendell's Jeri Fleming has the Trojans back at state for the second straight year.

1A

Tigers, Pirates hope defense wins title

By Mike Christensen • Times-News writer

How does Richfield plan to defend its Class 1A state championship? Well, with defense. After all, that's what has carried to the Tigers to a 20-3 mark

and a Magic Valley Northside Conference championship. Richfield coach Steve Kent said

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MAGIC VALLEY NORTHSIDE TOURNEY

The Carey bench erupts as the buzzer sounds at the end of the Panthers' upset victory against Richfield in the Magic Valley Northside championship game Tuesday night in Shoshone.



Carey knocks off Richfield

By John Derr
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Undeclared no more. Richfield's perfect season came to a crashing halt on Tuesday as Carey turned the tables, forcing the defense and beating the press to take the Magic Valley Northside Conference championship with a 59-51 victory.

Carey led by 21 points at the break then held off a furious rally to earn the victory.

"We were ready for them. We hit lots of intensity, were jumping around and ready to go," said D.J. Simpson, who paced the Panthers with a game-high 17 points.

The Panthers were able to find holes in the Tiger press early, fueling a 25-3 first-half

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GREAT BASIN WEST TOURNEY

Pebble lifts Spartans in OT thriller

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Logan Parker's desperation 3-point bid clanged off the rim and fell into the waiting arms of Minico senior Ty Pebley.

Pebley hunched around the ball and grinned as time expired, his 10th rebound — to go with a game-high 21 points — securing an emotional 57-54 overtime win over Jerome in the opening round of the Great Basin Conference West boys bas-

ketball tournament on Tuesday.

He scored the Spartans' (15-6) only two buckets of the overtime period as Minico escaped despite blowing an eight-point lead with less than two minutes left to go.

"Ty made all the big plays tonight, and he's been doing that for us all year," said Minico coach Mike Graef. "He's not the most physical player on our team but he might be the most talented."

All night Pebley was a step ahead of the Jerome defense,

which was otherwise rock solid. But the Tigers (13-8) were made to pay for being just behind Pebley for most of the game.

"It was great defense by Jerome, but one step and you get an open look," said Pebley. "I got some great passes and the layup was there for me a lot."

But it was almost all for naught, as Jerome sophomore guard Kameron Pearce nearly single-handedly

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Searle, Burley whip up on Wood River

By Zach Kyle
For the Times-News

BURLEY — There was no whoops or high-fives in the Burley locker room after the Bobcats polished off the Wood River Wolverines 70-38 to open the Great Basin Conference West tournament. Instead, the players changed quietly as a nearby radio reported the other conference tournament matchup between Jerome and Minico was headed into overtime. With that game in the balance and Burley's next opponent undecided, one thing was clear: With the win over Wood River, Burley's chances of earning the No. 1 seed are already over.

"It's going to be really tough," Burley coach

Jack Bagley said. "Both Minico and Jerome are having great years. The hardest part of the state tournament is just getting out of our district. Both of those teams are playing really well. We definitely want to be playing our best basketball now."

Burley guard Ben Searle shot 50 percent from the floor and made three 3-pointers to lead all scorers with 23 points against the Wolverines. He said Jerome and Minico are as tough of opponents as Idaho has to offer.

"Whoever we play will be good and tired," he said of Thursday's upcoming game. "We should be well-rested, and hopefully we can get a win."

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NASCAR puts former champs on 6-race probation following wreck

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — It began with crunched fenders, harsh words and maybe even a punch in the face. But the final result was just a slap on the wrist from NASCAR: a six-race probation for Tony Stewart and Kurt Busch.

Heading into Sunday's Daytona 500, it's beginning to look like NASCAR officials were serious when they said they will cut drivers some slack on their bad behavior this year.

"We're still working into letting the drivers develop and vent in



Stewart

know what we mean.

The punishments to Stewart and



Busch

confirm that Stewart actually punched Busch during the first of

their two meetings with officials, as is widely believed. Pemberton inferred that Busch's penalty was for what happened on the track and Stewart's was for what happened afterward.

"The accident was a racing incident," Pemberton said. "How they conducted themselves after the accident and coming onto the pit road and from there through the rest of the evening is why the penalties were equal."

Equally light, that is. However, in granting Busch and

Stewart some leniency for their mistake, officials also made it known that the term "probation" will mean more this year than it has in the past.

Probation has been a murky issue for NASCAR, as officials have necessarily punished a driver more harshly if he or she was on probation. NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said that's going to change.

"We're starting the season by putting them on probation and we're also going to redefine what probation means," Hunter said.

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NFL commish Goodell to meet with Specter to discuss Spygate

NEW YORK — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell and Sen. Arlen Specter are to meet Wednesday to discuss the Spygate case involving the New England Patriots.

The NFL said Tuesday the afternoon meeting will take place in Specter's office in Washington. The Pennsylvania Republican has asked Goodell to explain his decision to release tapes of the 2002 Super Bowl, when they went back to 2002.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick was fined \$500,000 and the team was fined \$250,000. The Patriots also forfeited a first-round draft pick.

Specter's challenge to Goodell came two days before the Super Bowl. Lost by the Patriots to the New York Giants, the Specter is to meet Wednesday to discuss the Spygate case involving the New England Patriots.

The top-ranking Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee questioned the quality of the NFL investigation that followed the illegal taping of the New York Jets' defensive signals in the opening week of this season as well as the commissioner's decision to destroy video evidence used by the Specter. He has raised the possibility of congressional hearings if he wasn't satisfied with Goodell's answers.

In defending the destruction of the tapes, Goodell said "there was no purpose to them at all." Specter said Goodell's response "didn't make any sense at all" and also questioned whether there might have been illegal acts in the 2002 Super Bowl, when they beat the Philadelphia Eagles.

The punishment went beyond the confiscated tapes. The tapes and notes dated from last year and the NFL says in October that Belichick acknowledged that he had been spying since he became New England's coach in 2000.

Vikings' Udeze has form of leukemia

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Minnesota Vikings defensive end Kenechi Udeze has a form of leukemia, which is cancer of the blood and bone marrow, a person with the team confirmed Tuesday.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the information. The Vikings declined to comment, but they issued a statement from coach Brad Childress that didn't specifically address Udeze's condition.

"We respect the privacy of Kenechi. The thoughts and prayers of the entire Minnesota Vikings organization are with Kenechi and his family," the statement read.

NHL

Richard Zednik's condition upgraded to good; Panthers return to the ice.

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — Upon hearing Richard Zednik's recovery from a life-threatening cancer operation could last six to eight weeks, Ollie Jokinen checked his calendar. That would be the payoff time in the NHL.

Sports Shorts

T.F. Muni opens today

And suddenly, the Florida Panthers have a huge source of postseason motivation.

Zednik continued what some termed a remarkable recovery Tuesday when his condition was upgraded to good and he was moved out of the intensive care unit at Buffalo General Hospital. That was just two days after Jokinen's razor-sharp skate blade sliced the 32-year-old forward's neck, cutting his carotid artery and stopping just shy of his jugular vein.

As Zednik recovers, so do the Panthers, who returned to the ice Tuesday, albeit still somber and shaken, yet somewhat uplifted by the continued good reports about their teammate.

"We've got 24 games to go," Jokinen said. "If we do our jobs, there is a possibility Richard's going to play with us and join the team in the playoffs. The doctor says in eight weeks, there's a possibility he could play this year. So every game now, it's going to be big, big, big."

Zednik playing again this season is a real long shot. Doctors in Buffalo have already told him next year is the realistic return target, and on Tuesday, Dr. Sonya Noor — who operated on the forward Sunday night — said she's recommending he not resume strenuous activity for three months.

Twin Falls — Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course opens today. Tee times are available one day in advance, or Friday for weekends and holidays. Cars will not be allowed until the further notice.

T.F. spring soccer sign-ups open

Twin Falls — The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department will offer spring soccer sign-ups Feb. 11-29. The league is for boys and girls in grades K-7. Teams will play twice a week, starting April 7. The cost is \$15 for those in city limits and \$25 outside city limits. Jerseys are \$10. Volunteer coaches are needed. To register, visit the parks and recreation office or call 736-2265.

Baseball, softball rules clinics near

Twin Falls — The 2008 state baseball and softball rules clinics will be Feb. 18 at Twin Falls High School. The softball clinic begins at 6 p.m. with baseball following at 7. The clinic is mandatory for any umpires wishing to officiate during the 2008 high school season. Contact District IV commissioner Craig Mills at 678-7144 or 678-6665 with any questions.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

2008 Real Dairy Shootout: Girls state basketball schedule

Class 5A

At the Idaho Center Thursday, Feb. 14
Game 1: Post Falls (19:3) vs. Highland (17:15), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Valley View (15:15) vs. Mountain View (13:0), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Twin Falls (17:5) vs. Eagle (17:6), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Coeur d'Alene (20:3) vs. Centennial (22:1), 8 p.m.

Class 4A

At Timberline High School, Boise Thursday, Feb. 14
Game 1: Skyview (12:11) vs. Bonnevile (22:2), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Hillcrest (17:6) vs. Middleton (20:4), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Rosalia (12:13) vs. Lakehead (7:14), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Jerome (23:1) vs. Bishop Kelly (18:5), 8 p.m.

Class 3A

At Middleton Thursday, Feb. 14
Game 1: Sugar Salem (21:3) vs. Priest River (19:3), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Fruitland (21:1) vs. Shelley (19:7), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Kimberly (21:0) vs. Vologs (17:2), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: Clear Lake (17:3) vs. Walsea (14:9), 8 p.m.

Class 2A

At Bishop Kelly High School, Boise Thursday, Feb. 14
Game 1: Challis (15:3) vs. Grangeville (20:2), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Wendell (14:9) vs. West Side (16:18), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Soda Springs (12:10) vs. Melba (13:12), 6:15 p.m.
Game 4: New Plymouth (16:6) vs. Firth (15:10), 8 p.m.

Class 1A

At Columbia and Nampa High Schools, Nampa Wednesday, Feb. 13
Game 1: Lapwai (20:3) vs. Rft. River (16:7), 1:15 p.m.
Game 2: Mackay (16:8) vs. Wallace (6:15), 3 p.m.
Game 3: Garden Valley (19:4) vs. Dietrich (15:9), 6:15 p.m.

Game 4: Richfield (20:3) vs. Tri Valley (14:11), 8 p.m.
At Nampa
Game 5: Hagerman (20:3) vs. Kendrick (20:4), 1:15 p.m.
Game 6: Rockland (12:6) vs. Greenleaf (15:8), 3 p.m.
Game 7: Kootenai (8:12) vs. Carey (12:8), 6:15 p.m.
Game 8: Genesee (14:9) vs. Cascade (20:3), 8 p.m.
Note: Visit magjvalley.com/blogs for complete state schedules.

Bruins

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Bruins might have only the fifth- or sixth-best team in the eighth-second field. But after dominantly dispatching Highland on the road in the Region Four-Five-Sc championship, they're quietly confident of pulling off the shock of all shocks.

"If we come prepared, we can win it all," senior Kelly Vriesman said. "I think (this season) has shown us that any team can win at any time, and if we can show up like we did at Highland we can win."

It's a difficult scenario to argue against given the past five games. Four wins of 14 or more points dominated around a loss to 23-1 Jerome, the Class 4A favorite, indicate a stark upswing in momentum for the Bruins.

From the potential omen department, the last time a senior named Vriesman wore a Twin Falls basketball jersey at the Idaho Center came when big brother Brett and the Bruins celebrated the boys' championship two

years ago.

"That's something Kelly is keen to replicate, if for no other reason than getting one up in the family rivalry. It would be amazing, because my sister played (for Twin Falls) a while ago, and Brett will brag about how he's the only one who's done it," Vriesman said. "So it'd be nice to get a little bit of bragging rights back."

Most coaches might pull kids aside at first mention of such a lofty goal, if only to avoid generating bulletin-board material or karmic backlash, but it's music to Twin Falls coach Nancy Jones' ears.

"That's how I want them to think. We're not going through the loser's-bracket scenario at all. Why even go if you're not expecting to clean house?" Jones said. "That's how you play is bulldozing off the game, and we've got two great games to build on. The thing for us is that we have to play three great games in a row. Three games is a real mental

challenge."

But before any talk of a championship can come, the Bruins have to get through Thursday, when they'll face a tough match-up against No. 4 Eagle at 6:15 p.m.

Much like Skyline, The Mustangs have a good interior presence and an active perimeter, either of which will do damage if left unchecked. But with Amber Peterson's ability to slow down the inside game as well as a defense which has been flying about the 3-point arc in recent weeks, the Bruins haven't had to alter their game plan very much in preparation.

"They're a really active team and they work hard," said Jones. "But I think we match up well against them ... I like our chances."

The physical quality is there, but it's the mental aspect that's hurt the Bruins in the past.

"To that end, Jones listed "your X game" as one of the things her players must "pack" with them for the trip

to Nampa. At Monday's practice, the team went through a series of mental exercises before a ball was shot.

It's out of the ordinary for a typical practice, but this isn't a typical practice, nor is it a typical week. It's the last week of the season and everyone knows it. Even Jones, who is as competitive as they come, has talked about adding perspective to the week.

"We've been doing a lot with imagery, having your best game in your head and seeing what it feels like ... this is all mental. Some coaches make the mistake of dealing with the physical all the time and when that breaks down, things are going left," Jones said. "Even I've been a bit nervous, but this is what we've been working for all year. We need to go out there and let go, and enjoy it a bit, and have fun. And winning is fun."

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Bulldogs

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season, the flame was fanned for this year.

"The girls coming back from last year that missed out on that opportunity, they've been hungry since last to get there."

After beating Declo 49-41 last Wednesday for the SCIC tournament title, the 21-0 Bulldogs — the only remaining girls basketball team in the state with an unblemished record — punched their ticket to state, where they'll face a 17-2 Kellogg squad in Thursday's first round at Middleton High School.

Some may cite Kimberly's lack of previous state experience as a concern. Not so, according to coach Rich Bishop. "We have state experience," he said.

And he's right. Nearly every member of the Kimberly roster was either on the 2007 state championship softball squad or competed in the state volleyball tournament with the Bulldogs this past fall.

"They know the expectations and know there's a little bit more pressure in a state tournament setting," said

Bishop of his players. Against Kellogg, the key will be stopping 6-foot-2 junior post Amanda Seeling. A three-year starter, Seeling averages 17.8 points, 12 rebounds and two blocks a game.

But Bishop believes his team is prepared to limit Seeling's effectiveness after having success against similar players this season.

The Bulldogs big three of Alex Pfeiffer, Kayla Hutchesson and Kassade Newberry give Kimberly plenty of offensive firepower. Pfeiffer and Hutchesson each average 14 points per game with Newberry scoring 13 a night. But offense isn't Bishop's concern.

"We have some girls that can score and I think we'll score some points, but ultimately, the key for us will be defense and rebounding," he said.

Limiting teams' second-chance points and playing consistently on the defensive have led to wins for Kimberly this season, while the Bulldogs' few close contests grew out of struggles with those two areas, according to Bishop.

Trojans

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The Canyon Conference's state berth with upsets of Kellogg, Henry and St. Paul. This year Wendell had a more respectable 11-9 regular-season mark, but again was an underdog to Valley, which spanked the Trojans 67-40 on Jan. 22.

Undaunted, Wendell went to Kellogg in Thursday's conference tournament and then took down the Vikings twice, rallying from 10 points down the final quarter of the conference championship game to claim a one-point victory.

"Valley's as good as anyone we played this year," said Wendell coach Delon Huse. "So it's very special to get it done."

Led by juniors Jack Lancaster and Jont Fleming, senior Whitney Gines and

sophomore Kristian Brandsma, the Trojans are ready to do something they didn't do during last season's match-ups with state.

"We feel we're capable of winning this year," said Huse. "We feel like we're one of the better teams in 2A." While last year's team was just thrilled to make state, this year's squad is much better from top and bottom and more prepared for a deep run.

The Trojans open state tournament play Thursday against a 14-8 West Sound.

With just three wins standing between Wendell and a 2A state title, Huse knows what his team needs to do. "Play tenacious defense and box off on the boards," he said. "If we do those things, we'll be fine."

Class 1A

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he believes his squad and Magic Valley Southside champion Iargerman are the two best defensive squads in the state. They're not bad on the offensive end either.

The Tigers opened their season on Jan. 8 in a rivalry game against Tri Valley. While Cassie Wood and Angela Carey are gone from last year's team, they are back in the lineup. If Iargerman can get past Kendrick, "things looks pretty good for us," said Axelsson of the following rounds.

While Dietrich IV's top title is Iargerman's bulk, it's an intense defense, to be precise. That type of play will be paramount to earn an opening-round win over 20-4 Kendrick. Led by point guard Morgan Lo Wolff and forward Kait Smith, Kendrick is looking to make its season appearance in eight seasons. But if Iargerman can get past Kendrick, "things looks pretty good for us," said Axelsson of the following rounds.

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Tigers

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championship in the same breath.

Despite not having a single player with state basketball experience, District IV champion Jerome is adjusting to having both roles at the same time. The Tigers sport a 23-1 record and have wins over three of their seven rivals in the chase for Class 4A glory.

But don't let Jerome coach Brent Clark that his team's the favorite, because he doesn't necessarily see it that way.

"We might be the favorite if you just go by records, but you have to look at experience," Clark said. "Bonneville is back, Hillcrest is back, Middleton, Bishop Kelly, they have all been here before."

Capsules

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Richfield Tigers (defending champion)
Record: 20-3
Coach: Steve Kent (7th year)
Road to state: Defeated Dietrich 59-39 in subdistrict semifinals; defeated Carey 45-31 in consolation championship game. Lost to Hagerman 31-25 in District 4A championship game.

Players to watch: Gabe Muehlbauer (6-7); Mitchell Kent (6-7); Kimberly Twichell (5-7)
Notes: The Tigers, who took last year's state championship by beating Garden Valley, are making District 4A coaches' favorites to repeat, two of their three losses have come to Hagerman, the only team in the area with a defense to rival Richfield's. But with a tough state tournament road ahead, the Tigers will have to improve on their shooting if they want to emerge with a successful defense of their crown.

Tri-Valley Titans
Record: 14-11
Head coach: Robert Wells (2nd year)
Road to state: Beat Neats in District Three play-in game; lost to Cascade 45-39 in first round; beat Council 38-36 in consolation round; beat Rimrock 42-12 in consolation semifinal; lost to Greenleaf 40-29 in third-place game.
Players to watch: Alyssa Brown, freshman forward (14 post, 8 gpg); Andre Southwick, junior guard (8 gpg).
Notes: This is the first time Tri-Valley has qualified for the girls state basketball tournament since Cambridge and Midwest High secured their athletic programs. "Hopefully we are not satisfied with just being (at state)," Brown said. "We want to try to win some games."

Hagerman Pirates
Record: 20-3
Coach: Louise Axelsson (4th year)
Road to state: Defeated Hansen 60-39 in subdistrict semifinals; defeated Rft. River 56-46 in subdistrict championship game; defeated Richfield 31-25 in District 4A championship game.
Players to watch: G. Shambray, point guard (15 gpg); G. Chaucer Axelsson (15 gpg).
Notes: Hagerman boasts many of the same players that won the state volleyball championship in the fall. The Pirates were ranked as high as No. 1 in the season, and boast one of the best offenses in the state. They took two wins out of three against defending champion Richfield this season, including a sluggish in the district championship. The pieces are there, but Axelsson and Pendley will have to continue to make outside shots to make a run at the title.

Kendrick Tigers
Record: 20-4
Coach: Lisa Wolf (14th year)
Road to state: Beat Prairie 41-37 for third and first District Two berth.
Players to watch: Sarah Smith, sr.; F. Breanna Steigars, sr.; F. Morgan Jo Wolff, jr.; G. Myah Deeds, jr., P. Kendrick. The Tigers are back in the field after getting upset at districts last year by Clearwater Valley, a loss that halted a streak of state appearances. Smith, a 5-8 post, is averaging close to 19 points a game while Wolf, the coach's daughter, is a capable guard.

Kendrick went so straight to the end of the year before cooling off a bit. It was upended by Genesee in the district semi. Its biggest deficiency is poor postplay shooting in tight games, Wolff said.

Rockland Hawks
Record: 12-6
Head coach: Vern Nelson (12th year)
Road to state: Beat Clark County 45-34 in District 1A tournament; beat Mackay 27-20 in state game.
Players to watch: J. Barker, Sr. (10.9 gpg); Janie May, Sr. (8.5 gpg); Whitney Woodworth, Sr. (12.5 gpg).
Notes: The Bulldogs aren't just just 5-9 at their peak, but they didn't stop them from holding a sizeable

margin team to 26 points in the district tournament final.

Greenleaf Friends Academy Grizzlies
Record: 16-8
Head coach: Bruce Johnson (2nd year)
Road to state: Beat Council 53-40 in District Three first round; lost to Cascade 50-23 in semifinal; beat Hesperia 40-34 in consolation championship game; defeated Valley 40-29 in third-place game.

Players to watch: Michelle Gooding (18 points, 12 rebounds); Katie Moore (13 points); Karamba Stevens (defensive standout); Tammy Perker (defensive standout)
Notes: The Grizzlies are making their fourth straight appearance at state, and it's the fourth trip for senior Michelle Gooding. Greenleaf won just one game in their previous three trips, a 46-43 consolation bracket win over Oakley in 2006. The Grizzlies play four seniors and seven juniors. "We weren't really sure we could make it back this year, so the girls are pretty jacked," Johnson said.

Kootenai Warriors
Record: 6-12
Head coach: Mike LaFontaine, first season with Kootenai girls, 10th overall.
Road to state: Beat Clark Fork 33-26 in semifinals; beat Wallace 43-21 in title game of District One tournament; lost to 1A Minn. in the district title game the previous three seasons.

Players to watch: Hannah Myron, 5-7 post (10 gpg, 10 rpg, 4 stg); 2 gpg; Christine Griesmer, 5-7, stg (2 gpg, 2 stg, 4 gpg); Emily Frank, 5-10, sr. (11 gpg, 11 rpg); Haleigh Haden, 6-3, sr. (7 gpg, 8 rpg).
Notes: Kootenai is making its straight trip to state, and 11th in 12 seasons, but the first under LaFontaine, who coached the Warrior boys the past two seasons. "Kootenai lost twice to Kendrick and once to Lapwai, both state 1A qualifiers."

Carey Panthers
Record: 12-8
Coach: Lane Durschi (2nd year)
Road to state: Defeated Shoshone 44-40 in subdistrict semifinals; lost

to Richfield 45-31 for subdistrict championship; defeated Dietrich 53-40 for second place. Lost to Rft. River 72-55 in District Four third-place game.

Players to watch: G. Jennifer (50 gpg); G. Jessica Perker (50 gpg).
Notes: Steady and unpectacular is the best way to describe the Bulldogs' girls basketball team. Not one particular facet of the game jumps out to beholders as Carey's specialty, yet the team continues to find ways to win games. This is a deceivingly good team that, if it can raise its game that little bit extra, could make some noise in Nampa.

Genesee Bulldogs
Record: 14-9
Coach: Lucas Rae (1st year)
Road to state: Lost to Lapwai 54-38 in District Two title game.
Players to watch: Nikki Long, jr., P.; Jordan Udy, sr., G/W; Tim Johnson, sr., F.; Elia Ghiglieri, sr., PG.
Notes: Rae, who was a grad assistant for Gonzaga men and lead assistant for one season at Division II Emporia State in Kansas, began his coaching on a month of the season with a stress fracture. Freshman Brooke Dahmen stepped in as her replacement and stepped in the starting lineup as the shooting guard once Ghiglieri returned at the start of the new year.

Cascade Ramblers
Record: 20-3
Head coach: Pat Sartori (5th year)
Road to state: Beat Tri Valley 45-39 in first round of District Three tournament; beat Greenleaf 50-23 in semifinal game for state berth; lost to Kendrick 45-34 in District 1A championship game.
Players to watch: Nellie McGlashen, senior guard (18 points per game, 9 rebounds per game, 4 assists per game); Jessica Thompson, senior post (16 gpg); Natasha Andreas, senior guard (5 gpg, 3 gpg).
Notes: McGlashen is a versatile player who can ramble on team rebounding, points, rebounds and assists. While McGlashen and Thompson provide the bulk of the offense, Cascade coach Sartori usually goes to nine players receiving minutes.

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5 easy ways to a greener home

By Ariel Hansen • Times-News writer



Inman

Maybe you want to do your part to save the planet, or maybe you just want to save a few bucks. Either way, going green at home can be cheap, easy and effective. At Mary Inman's Twin Falls house, the retiree does little things every day to reduce her bills and reduce her impact on the environment. While her effort may seem extreme, it takes only a few seconds to change a light bulb or turn down a thermostat, and any

household can make small, inexpensive changes in moments a day. "If you're thinking green, and I do, you find it fun to think of all the little things you can," Inman said. "It's just automatic once you get used to it."

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1 Pull out that plug

Have you ever pulled an unused cell phone charger out of the socket and been surprised how warm it is? Devices like chargers and AC/DC adapters use electricity whether devices are plugged into them or not. So when you're not charging your camera's batteries, pull the plug.

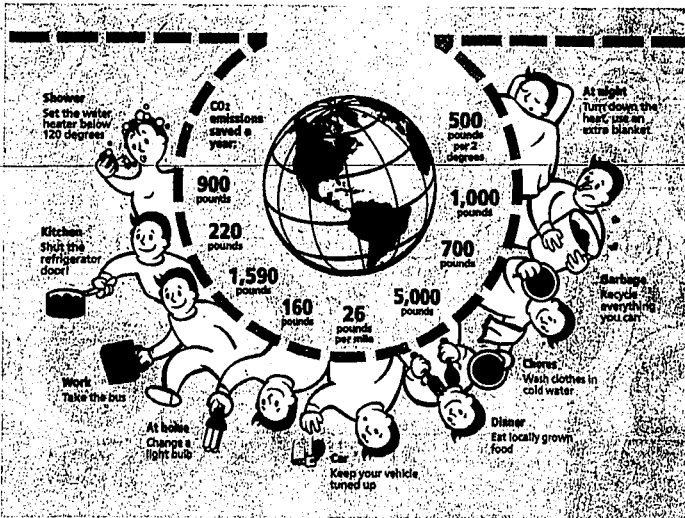
Some devices like computers and DVD players have "standby" modes that use less electricity than at full function: The clock may still be on, and use of a remote control or mouse will bring the screens up or begin playing the disc.

Other devices, like microwaves or televisions, may appear to be off (the turntable isn't going around, the picture and sound aren't on) but they are still pulling a little electricity. The only way to ensure that these devices stop running your meter forward is to unplug them. (Many devices with batteries will save settings like time and channel selections even when unplugged.)

At Inman's house, the television is plugged in only during the afternoon and evening when she watches it, and her computer is fully powered down when she isn't using it. "It takes five minutes to get warmed up again, but I wait."

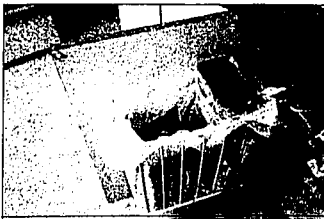


Plugged in, chargers continue to draw electricity even when they are not connected to your cell phone or other rechargeable device. Don't forget to unplug.



Other easy green tips

- Bring reusable shopping bags to the grocery store (leave them in the car between trips so you don't forget) and eliminate all those thin plastic grocery bags.
- Cloth napkins instead of paper will reduce your garbage, and they often don't need to be washed after every use.
- Wrap insulation around your water heater and hot water pipes to help them stay warm with less electricity use.
- Keep a blanket on the couch; instead of turning up the heat when you settle down to watch a movie, cuddle under the blanket instead.
- Recycle. In Twin Falls, cardboard, newspaper, aluminum and tin cans can be recycled in the blue bins that are picked up with the trash (or in the big bins in the parking lots of some supermarkets), and many other recyclables can be taken to recycling centers. In addition to the items recyclable in Twin Falls, glass and plastic can be recycled in the Wood River Valley.
- Plug the cold leaking into your home by sealing drafty window frames or using insulated drapes.



For less trash and great plant food, make your own compost pile. Keep a container under the sink, and empty it into a pile in your yard. Turn the pile over and add fall leaves or other dry material to create a rich soil that will nurture your garden or flowers.

2 Greening up your greenery

To save water and help your outdoor plants, use water collected indoors or install a water-saving drip system like Inman's. She uses it around the base of her house and in her vegetable garden during growing season.

Native plants are adapted to local conditions, so they use less water and need less attention than foreign plants. Desert plants, which are tolerant of drought, can be just as pretty as tropical plants, so talk to your local nursery about species that will go with your landscaping and use less water.

Save your vegetable and fruit table scraps in a compost bin on your kitchen counter (remembering to keep protein sources like meat, dairy and eggs out of the bin, because they won't decompose properly and might attract vermin). Attractive and well-sealed bins are available to keep odors minimal. Southern Idaho Solid Waste has lots of tips for the composting household, including how to build the pile, when to turn it, what to add to it, and when it is ready to add to your garden or flower beds. (Slw.org or 432-9082.)

If you are designing a garden and wish to have path lighting, consider using solar lights that collect energy during the day and use it to light your way at night. Planting trees on the west and south sides of a home help shade it during the summer, keeping cooling bills down, and trees and hedges on the north side block winter wind, keeping heating bills down. Plus, one tree can filter 60 pounds of pollutants from the air each year.

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Instead of relying on harsh chemical cleaners, consider the old standbys that your grandparents probably used — white vinegar, bleach, hydrogen peroxide and ammonia. Don't forget to read the warning labels.

3 Clean, green and water-saving

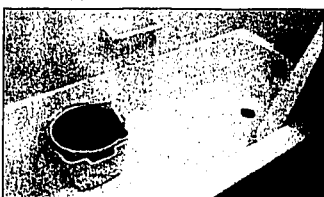
Rather than cleaning with commercial products that may contain harsh chemicals with fragrances and additives, go back to proven, old methods used by households for hundreds of years: bleach, ammonia, hydrogen peroxide and white vinegar.

They clean just as well as the commercial products, Inman said, and have less negative impact if they get into the soil or groundwater.

As you're washing after a meal, use the same wash water on several lightly soiled dishes rather than new water — you'll save soap, too. Use buckets to catch the water as your shower warms up, and you'll gain many gallons to wash clothes or fill the toilet bowl (or to water plants, if you don't use a water softener).

A higher-cost way to save water with every flush is to buy a low-flow toilet like Inman's. If you're replacing or you are building a new bathroom, these efficient fixtures cost a little more than traditional toilets but save hundreds of gallons of water a year.

"It uses a third of what everybody else flushes, only one third," she said. "We are getting, if we're not already in, a water crisis. I just do not want to use any more water than I have to."



Buckets are a great way to capture the water wasted while a shower warms. Use that water in the toilet, in the washing machine or to water plants for dramatic savings.

Green in Gooding

Save money while saving energy at the same time: It's a phenomenon that's noticeable with even a simple change of light bulbs.

Instructor Dean Richardson can introduce you to renewable energy technology including wind, solar, micro hydro, geothermal and biomass in "Go Green: Save Energy & Money," a College of Southern Idaho North Side Center class. He'll show a breakdown of the money and energy savings that are possible when you follow a simple three-step program.

Even small changes can make a difference in the world, class promoters say, and you can use your savings to finance your own production of green power.

The class will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. March 5 at the North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding. The fee is \$20. Register: 934-8678.

Turn to the crackling comfort of a gas fireplace in your home

DEAR JIM: I plan to install a gas fireplace myself for additional heat in a large family room. I want an efficient one, but one which also has realistic flames. Is a direct-vent design my best option? — Jeff W.



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DEAR JEFF: New gas fireplaces are very efficient, probably more so than your existing furnace, and they produce substantial heat output. Most models should be able to easily produce enough supplemental heat to keep even a large family room comfortably warm. The best design for you is only slightly different when set up for propane instead of natural gas.

You obviously have done your homework, because a direct-vent gas fireplace is the best design for your needs. This is particularly true if you plan to install it yourself because a direct-vent fireplace does not require a tall chimney. You can do the entire installation except for the gas line connection. Many local codes require a qualified installer, licensed plumber or pipe fitter to do this.

Direct-vent fireplaces draw the combustion air from outdoors and exhaust the hot gases back outdoors. The combustion process is totally sealed from the room air for efficiency and com-



This European style (taller than wide) opening direct-vent gas fireplace has a unique stacked campfire log set.

fort. A concentric multi-valved vent pipe is used. The warm exhaust gases go out the center pipe and combustion air comes in the concentric pipe around it. This preheats the incoming air.

There have been significant advances in the gas log designs to create realistic flames. On some models, it is difficult to distinguish the gas flames from real wood log flames. Since the glass front is sealed, you will not hear much of the sound of the burning flames, though. Visit several fireplace dealers to observe the flames for your personal preference.

The heating capacity from

a direct-vent fireplace can be as high as 40,000 Btu/h (Btu per hour). In order to keep your family room from overheating, select a thermostatically controlled model. Some models have two-level burners so the gas logs can be fired at a lower heat level during mild weather. When comparing heating capacities, pay attention to whether the specifications are for the gas input or the actual output heat capacity.

Some models have a built-in or optional blower. For your large room, this would be a good option. If your area experiences power out-

ages, select a model with millivolt controls and a piezoelectric igniter or battery backup. A thermocouple in the flame produces millivolt electricity to keep the controls operating during an electricity outage.

Room air will still circulate through it without the blower running.

Since you are going to install the fireplace yourself, select a zero-clearance model. The fireplace cabinet has double walls and insulation so it can be placed near lumber in the wall. This greatly simplifies the installation process. Always maintain proper front clearances when it is running.

DEAR JIM: During summer and fall, we have a musty smell coming from the furnace/air-conditioner cabinet. The smell goes away during winter. What is causing this, and how can we stop it from happening each year? — Jane B.

DEAR JANE: The most likely cause of the smell is blockage in the drain from the pan under the cooling coil. If water and dirt build up in the pan, it will mildew and create an odor. It can also cause it to rust.

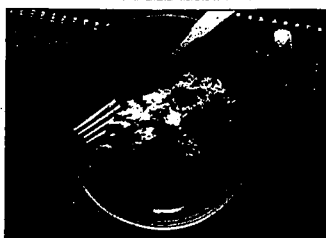
Turn off your furnace and shut off the electric power to the unit.

Remove the side cover and clean out the pan and the drain line. It would not hurt to wipe it down with a cleaner which kills mildew and mold.

Send inquiries to James Dulley, 6906 Hopulgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.



Foodie finds
Seeking out rare ingredients in the southern Idaho market. Next week in Food & Home



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Dinner in 40 minutes

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

stuffing
1 tablespoon unsalted butter, cut in pieces

This vegetarian recipe can be a side dish or, when paired with a crisp green salad and some coconut or saffron rice, a main course. The combination of natural, sugar-free peanut butter, olive oil and plain yogurt makes a rich curry sauce for the chunky vegetables. It's best to use a curry powder that is not hot or super-spic.

Adapted from "Kwanzaan: An African-American Celebration of Culture and Cooking," by Eric V. Copage (William Morrow, 1991).

SOUTH AFRICAN VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

4 servings

1 large yellow onion
1 medium clove garlic
3 medium zucchini
3 medium yellow squash
1/2 cup sugar-free natural peanut butter
1 1/4 cups plain nonfat yogurt (do not use Greek-style yogurt)
1/4 cup olive oil
3/4 cup store-bought shredded carrots
1 teaspoon curry powder, preferably Jamaican or West Indian
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 cup crushed dried herb

Finely chop the onion, mince the garlic and cut the zucchini and yellow squash into 1-inch chunks. Combine the peanut butter and yogurt in a large measuring cup, mixing until it is a uniform tan color. Position an oven rack in the upper third of the oven; preheat to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a large shallow casserole dish or gratin dish with nonstick cooking oil spray.

Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook for 3 to 5 minutes, stirring often, until they have softened. Add the remaining vegetables and cook for 2 minutes, then add the curry powder, salt and cayenne pepper; cook for 1 minute, stirring to mix well. Remove from the heat; add the peanut butter-yogurt mixture and toss to coat evenly. Transfer to the casserole or gratin dish and sprinkle with the crushed stuffing; dot with the butter. Bake for 20 minutes; the top should be golden brown and the casserole should be bubbling audibly. Some of the vegetables will be crisp-tender. Serve hot.

Per serving: 505 calories, 18 g protein, 35 g carbohydrates, 34 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 9 mg cholesterol, 448 mg sodium, 7 g dietary fiber.

Dinner in 15 minutes: Minute Steak

By Bonnie S. Benwick
The Washington Post

I'm betting this will find a semi-permanent spot in any omnivore's weeknight rotation. The sauce is sweet and tart, thanks to dried cherries, wine clements and Dijon-style mustard; some of it is used to glaze the onions and the quick-cooking, lean steak, with more served at the finish.

Non-meat-eaters would like this sauce on a baked sweet potato or grilled portobello mushrooms. The meat can be cooked on a gas grill or under the broiler.

Serve on top of baby arugula leaves lightly dressed with olive oil. Adapted from "Rocco's Real Life Recipes: Fast Flavor for Every Day," by Rocco DiSpirito (Merchid Books, 2007).

MINUTE STEAK WITH CHERRY-MUSTARD GLAZE

4 servings

1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup dry red wine



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1/2 cup dried tart cherries
1/2 cup sugar
3 medium red onions
1 1/2 to 2 pounds thinly sliced top-round minute steak, cut into serving-size pieces
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard

Combine the vinegar, water, red wine, dried cherries and sugar over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar, then remove from the heat and let rest for 3 minutes.

Meanwhile, cut the onions into rings

about 1/2 inch thick. Season the beef generously on both sides with salt and pepper.

Transfer the cherry mixture to a blender or food processor and puree to form a thick, almost-smooth sauce. Add the mustard and pulse to combine; season with salt and pepper to taste. Reserve about 1/2 cup of the sauce and place the remaining sauce in a large mixing bowl. Add the onions; toss to coat evenly.

When ready to cook, preheat a large grill pan over high heat. Use tongs to transfer the onion rings to the grill pan and cook for 2 minutes, turning them over once.

Meanwhile, add the beef to the sauce in the mixing bowl and turn to coat on both sides. Move the onion rings aside in the grill pan and use tongs to add the beef to the pan. Cook for 2 minutes, then turn the meat and onions over and cook for 2 to 4 minutes, moving them around in the pan, until evenly done.

To serve, drizzle the reserved sauce over the beef; divide among individual plates, along with the onions. Serve hot.

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When you're in the mood for love

By Karen Page and Andrew Dornenburg
Special to The Washington Post

Forget the scientific debates about aphrodisiacs. Valentine's Day is right around the corner, and you and your date will want to eat something with your wine. Given their centuries-long associations with heightened sensuality, you might as well take advantage of the placebo effect, if nothing more, of ingredients such as shellfish, strawberries and chocolate.

But any possible aphrodisiac could be rendered not just impotent, but downright unappetizing as a result of the wrong wine pairing. We pity any poor reader in need of menu advice who turned to the December issue of Men's Health magazine, where an article titled "Have Sex for Dessert" recommended a glass of resveratrol-rich red wine followed by an appetizer of shrimp cocktail. Gulp. There's nothing sexy about the clashing flavors of red wine and shellfish.

Don't risk a turnoff. With the right pairing strategy, you'll find pleasure throughout the meal.

It's fine to start with a shrimp cocktail, but serve it with a dry white wine, such as a Muscadet or New Zealand sauvignon blanc. Horsedish is a classic aphrodisiac, and for a horsedish-dominant cocktail sauce we found two excellent pairings: the lighter-bodied, crisp 2007 Saint-Clair Vieux Chole; Sauvignon Blanc (\$18), from New Zealand's famed Marlborough region, and the more powerfully grapefruit-driven 2007 Seifried Sauvignon Blanc (\$18), from the sunnier Nelson region.

Or, better yet, pair that shrimp starter with the most romantic wine around: a classic glass of champagne. Year after year, the N.V. Champagne Bollinger Special Cuvée Brut (\$55) is consistently impressive. The bottle we enjoyed the other night was characteristically rich and full in body, yet dry and crisp with peachlike fruitiness.

If the occasion calls for saying it with flowers in a big way, pour the crisp, delicately fruity yet luscious 1999 Perrier-Jouët Fleur de Champagne Brut (a true splurge at \$140). A bottle of this lighter-bodied, chardonnay-dominant cuvee, launched in 1969, was one of our wedding presents. It was a gift we found all the more apt after we learned that Perrier-Jouët was founded nearly two centuries ago by Nicolas Perrier, a noble house who had fallen in love with the Champagne region of France — and with each other. In their honor, artisans hand-paint the distinctive white anemone flowers that decorate each bottle. If you're planning to pop the question and want an equally momentous champagne, consider an even bigger splurge: the superb apricot-and-peach-noted 2000 Perrier-Jouët Fleur de Champagne Blanc de Blancs (\$350).

For a main course, serve a few perfect slices of rosy red meat — whether rare filet mignon or lamb T-bone, with its own tender filet on one side and strip loin on the other — accompanied by glasses of lush, velvety



red wine.

Take your pick of one of three recommended red blends, listed from lightest to heaviest in body: The N.V. Sokol Blosser Medterra (\$18), named in honor of the little-known Roman goddess of wine and health, is a brightly fruity blend of predominantly pinot noir (contributing cherry flavors) with syrah and zinfandel (adding spice notes). With an herbal pesto sauce, we preferred the 2004 Hall Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$49), featuring a cinnamon and chocolate aroma and a kiss of merlot (5 percent), or the eucalyptus-noted, 2005 Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz (\$27), which provided a delicious coupling of the two grapes.

Looking to linger over a cheese course? Put out some ripe fresh figs with creamy mascarpone, accompanied by a sweet wine. A honeyed peach cider, the 2006 Heller Estates Riesling Icewine (\$59), pairs as nicely with this combination as it does with blue cheese.

In fact, with the latter you can pour our longtime favorite 2006 Quady Elysium California Black Muscat Dessert Wine (\$17 for a half-bottle), a heavenly, sweet wine with dark cherry and blueberry flavors that can do double duty with the chocolate dessert you'll inevitably want to serve.

We know that chocolate releases endorphins and that endorphins make people happy. So a warm dark chocolate fondue into which you dip whole strawberries or, say, bite-size chunks of frozen cheeseecake should make you very happy. Paired with a glass of Elysium, which is Greek for "heaven," the combination will have your head in the clouds. No need to find the perfect Valentine's Day card, either; just write your beloved's name in the heart on the label, and present the bottle as a keepsake.



Boise chef Jonathan R. Mortimer is author of a cookbook, "The Idaho Table," and is working on a book using Snake River Farms' Kobe-style beef.

Bring China to your kitchen

Times-News

Celebrate the Chinese New Year by learning to cook all those steaming dishes you usually order to go in little square boxes.

Boise chef Jonathan R. Mortimer — owner of Mortimer's Restaurant in Boise and Franco Latino in Eagle — will teach a class titled "Chinese Cooking 101" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$50.

The evening's menu: vegetable egg rolls; smoked pork fried rice; sweet and sour seafood stir-fry; egg drop soup; and almond chicken with pan gravy.

Mortimer graduated from the Horst Mager Culinary Academy, traveled in search of new techniques and returned to his home state in the early 1990s to apply the cooking styles of the world to foods indigenous to Idaho, a Rudy's announcement said.

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These cornflake cookies are chewy

By Julie Rothman
Special to The Baltimore Sun

Wilma Stoffe of Knoxville, Tenn., was looking for a recipe for cookies like the ones her mother made many years ago using cornflakes, peanut butter and sweetened condensed milk.

She remembered that the cookies were "sticky, very tasty and somewhat chewy," but neither she nor her mother could remember exactly how to make them.

Double Iverson of Pasadena, Calif., thinks she has the recipe that Stoffe wants. She got it from a call-in radio show when she lived in California in the 1980s.

These rich little goodies certainly match the description.

They are almost irresistible: my son and his buddies didn't even wait for them to cool before devouring them. Iverson says her kids like them even better made with Rice Krispies in place of the cornflakes. Maybe next time, I'll try that.

PEANUT-BUTTER-CORNFLOAK-FLAKE COOKIES

- 2 (14-ounce) cans sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 6 cups cornflakes
- 1 (12-ounce) package chocolate morsels
- 1 cup chopped nuts

Preheat oven to 350

degrees. Mix condensed milk and peanut butter until smooth, then add cornflakes, chocolate morsels and nuts. Drop by the teaspoonful onto well-greased or parchment-lined cookie sheets.

Bake for about 10 minutes, until golden brown. Allow to cool on pan for 2 minutes, then transfer to wire rack.

Makes 5 dozen to 6 dozen cookies.

Per serving (based on 5 dozen): 121 calories, 3 grams protein, 6 grams fat, 2 grams saturated fat, 14 grams carbohydrate, 1 gram fiber, 6 milligrams cholesterol, 67 milligrams sodium.



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Household products are going green

By Carol Polsky
Nowaday

How about a biodegradable dish rack made out of cornstarch? (No, it won't dissolve in sink water, only in landfills.) Or a sustainably harvested cork cutting board, or one of bamboo? Or a temperature-controlled butter dish that no longer uses batteries?

The products — seen recently at a New York preview of some of the new (or newish) products to be presented at the mammoth 2008 International Home and Housewares Show in Chicago in March — may seem less than life-altering. But they are further indication that green design — and marketing — is going mainstream.

"Green is not a fad in this business; it's a trend that's here to stay," says Peter Giannetti, editor of the industry newsletter HomeWorld. Although buying green sometimes means higher prices now, he says costs will drop as the production becomes more mainstream and manufacturing efficiencies kick in. "Green provides an added bonus, but consumers will not choose green over functionality, utility and value."

The green label is just one more way to differentiate a product in a vast competition to draw the consumer's eye in the \$72.7 billion U.S. housewares market. At the trade show preview, these products vied with a multitude of kitchen gadgets, cookware and bakeware, air purifiers, brooms, wine decanters, vent brushes, vacuums, insulated grocery bags, retro-style popcorn and doughnut makers, aerogenic flower and herb growers, showerheads, murtin shakers, coffee and tea makers, and digital pen presses.

Objects were stylish and quick, functional and indulgent, demonstrated by anonymous marketers and by reality show celebrity Tre Vicens, who modeled one of the Bravo show "Top Chef," who cooked his trademark scallops in Chantal pans (copper lined to carbon steel for "restaurant performance searing").

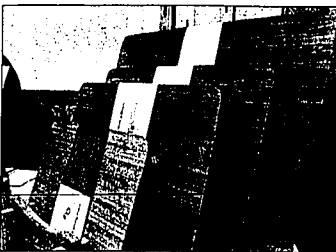
Some were the brainchildren of the inventors and promoters such as Ken Phan of Texas, who took seven years to develop the BraBall, a patented plastic cage to machine-wash bras without their becoming lumpy. (Beware the cheap knock-off imitation sold on the market, she says: "I didn't just put out a product. The BraBall is part of me.")

Patrick Raymond of New York City has risked his all on his Shower Bow invention, a device to push out a shower curtain for a roomier washup. He revamped his product after "an environmental review" to cut packaging and transportation costs for a new lower "eco-friendly price."

Lifetime Brands, a major product development and marketing company and the Chicago trade show's largest single exhibitor — showed off its silicone baking molds, its Cuisinart Rocking Santoku knife in Damascus steel, a



Michael Murray, who directs Bambu's U.S. operations while its founders live in China near the bamboo forests and factories, cautions that some companies' "greenwash" claims for their products — or make poorly supported claims of eco-friendliness in hopes of getting a premium price.



Cutting boards by Bambu.

spice rack with mini "wine bottles," two-way graters, a personal paper shredder, chicken fryers and a cutlery set with bidet-style recipe holder. Double line squeezers were from a new line of products, in association with a Mexican company, Vasconia, aimed at the growing Hispanic market.

"Some innovations are truly inventions, some are improvements, and 80, 90 percent are really small, incremental improvements to existing products," says Bill Lavaroff, senior vice president for product development and design at Lifetime Brands. "The top level is reserved for something like an iPod, a lightbulb, true inventions that create new markets and change the way people live. Those are few and far between."

The green design movement, however, is a "huge opportunity and something that is inevitable for all companies," he says.

Lifetime Brands will have a major introduction later this year of a new line of products

with a new sustainable material: "Our expectations are quite large. It will be revolutionary for our industry."

He adds, "We're depleting substantial resources into new green products. ... We intend to be one of the first companies in our industry with a substantial amount of product using sustainable materials."

Bambu showed its sustainably grown bamboo bowls and tableware — with an emphasis on striking design. New items include cutting boards, kids' utensils and single-use bamboo plates for children (with a dishwasher-sitting atop a globe and the words "Make friends with the Earth").

Michael Murray, who directs the company's U.S. operations while its founders live in China near the bamboo forests and factories, cautions that some companies' "greenwash" claims for their products — or make poorly supported claims of eco-friendliness in hopes of getting a premium price. "You're going to find a lot of

companies in the marketplace who jump on the green bandwagon" without any notion of originality. I call it green veneering."

But with growing awareness, and growing mass marketing of green products, prices will come down and demand will grow. "From last year to this year, tens of millions of people are at least a little more aware they can make a difference—in the world," he says, "and that will be a snowball effect for the future."

Meanwhile, companies were proud to offer their own versions of green. At Chantal, a line of ceramic bakeware was dubbed Pure because it is no longer given added color, which cuts the manufacturing process — and its environmental impact — in half. At Casabella Holding LLC, Joan Scire, East Coast sales manager, showed off the reusable microfibre mops in the WayClean line, and the spray bottles inscribed with recipes for homemade nontoxic cleaning solutions.

And in this case, green won't cost a lot. The Casabella biodegradable dish rack will cost only \$7.99.

Chanting and cheese making

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Sunday in Family Life

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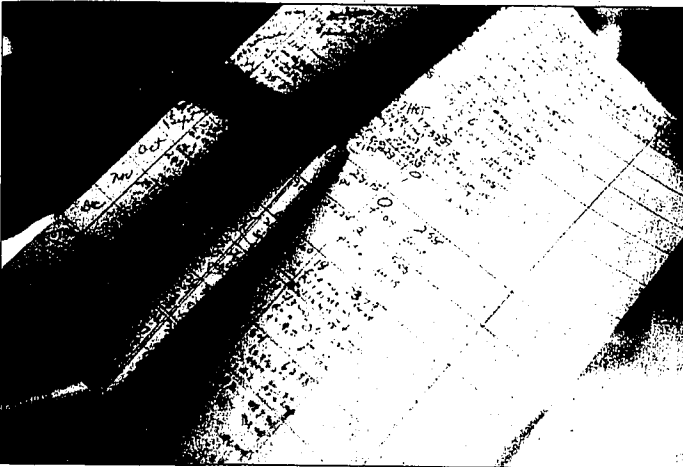
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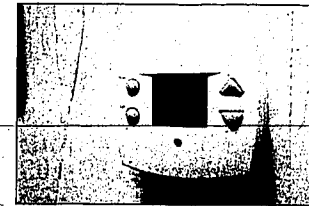
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5 easy ways to a greener home



Mary Inman of Twin Falls keeps careful track of her utility bills, comparing month to month as the years go by. The measures she has taken to make her home 'green' have resulted in impressive savings: Electricity runs her an average of \$20.12 a month, with gas at \$33.94 and water at \$3.69.

Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News



Simply turning the thermostat down a few degrees can save lots of energy over the course of a year, and a programmable thermostat makes this easy. Set it to warm the house before you rise in the morning, and to cool as you climb into bed at night.

4 Turn it down

When snow is falling and your breath turns to vapor outside, it's tempting to go indoors and turn up the heat. If you resist that temptation and reach for a sweater instead, you can save tens or even hundreds of dollars on your winter heating bill, and emit hundreds of pounds less of the gasses that contribute to climate change.

Just a few degrees can make a big difference.

Inman sets her thermostat at 66 degrees during the day and 62 degrees at night, and doesn't heat her home's bedrooms when she's not in them.

"Oh, I've got lots of blankets and flannel and stuff," she said. "You can always layer in winter."

Or, for \$40 to \$100 per unit, a programmable thermostat can adjust your home to match your schedule without you risking cold toes in the morning. These thermostats can result in a 10-15 percent savings on heating bills.

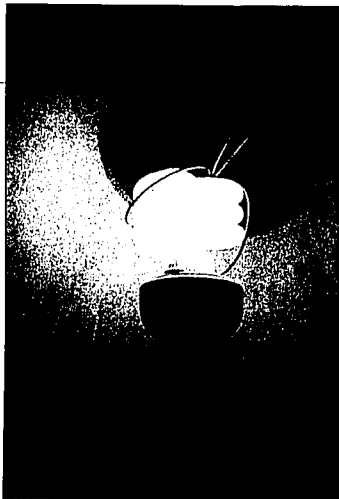
Byron Defenbach of Intermountain Gas Co. said the average cost to heat space and water for the average home in the Twin Falls area is \$69.50 a month, projected for the 12-month period starting October 2007. (For information on how to save with Intermountain, visit Intgas.com.) The heating bills for Inman's home, which is less than 1,000 square feet, run her \$33.94 a month, averaged over the year.

"The proof is in the bills I get," she said. By saving on her monthly heating bill, Inman was able to afford a central air conditioner that keeps the home cool in summer — comfortable, but not chilly. "I'm just as judicious with that as I am with the gas heat."

Starting in March, Idaho Power will offer an incentive program to homeowners to improve the efficiency of their heating and cooling systems. Find out more in your next power bill, visit Idahopower.com/heatingcooling or call (866) 692-9176.

Inman also uses an energy-efficient water heater and has turned it down to 120 degrees (the lowest recommended temperature). That's still hot enough to make a nice warm shower, she said. And as other appliances fail, she plans to purchase the most energy-efficient models she can afford. Energy Star appliances use 10 percent to 50 percent less electricity than standard appliances; replacing a 10-year-old refrigerator with a new, energy-efficient model could save you \$100 a year.

Another cheap way to use less heat? Wash clothes with cold water — many detergents are developed to work with cold water, and hot is a requirement only for greasy or heavily soiled items.



It might seem like a lot to shell out between \$4 and \$15 for a light bulb. When you consider that compact fluorescents use five times less electricity and can last 10 times as long as a traditional incandescent bulb, though, the higher initial cost suddenly seems like a small price to pay.

5 Use compact fluorescents

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Then think about how often incandescent bulbs burn out, and consider that the fluorescents last up to 10 times as long. The fluorescents also use five times less electricity.

"I haven't had a light bulb burn out; they just last and last and last," Inman said. She has replaced the incandescent bulbs in her house one at a time as they've burned out over the past few years, but she has yet to replace a compact fluorescent, she said.

Compact fluorescents cost between \$4 and \$15 each, often with discounts on packs of multiple bulbs. "It's an investment, but people are always having sales on them," Inman said.

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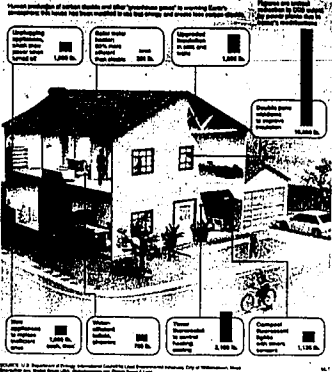
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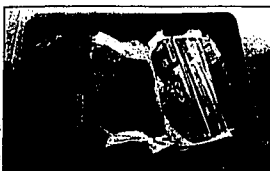
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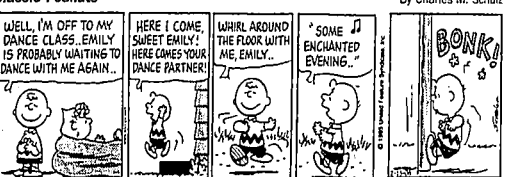
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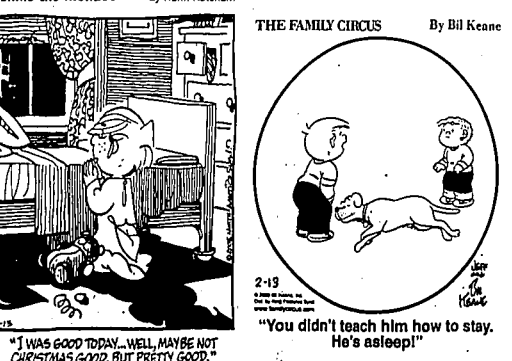
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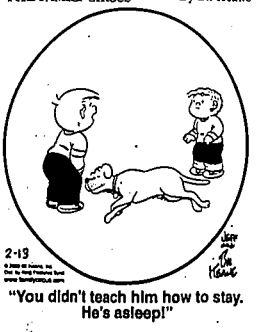
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Dear old friend who's nursing grudge won't let go of pain

DEAR ABBY: When I recently moved to Ohio, I left behind a group of dear friends. One of them, "Cheryl," and I talk on the phone almost every night. Everyone in this group got along beautifully. We had great times and have fabulous memories of growing up together. Ten years ago, while I was away at college, the group had a falling out having to do with Cheryl. It was silly and childish—it was over a "boy." It was soon forgotten and apologies were offered. But Cheryl held a grudge and refused to speak to any of the others.

Abby, more than a decade has passed. We're all married now, with kids and jobs. I love Cheryl dearly, but she refuses to reconcile. She's extremely sensitive, and the mere mention of the subject starts her whining about the "mistreatment" she endured. So even though I'm far away, once again, I must listen to her constant complaint that she has no friends except me. She's upset that I moved away. I'm tired of splitting my time between her and the rest of my friends when I return for a visit.

How can I convince Cheryl that there is a group of girls who miss her terribly and just need her to grow up enough to forgive and forget?

—TORN
IN DAYTON, OHIO
DEAR TORN: Young girls



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

can be very cruel. It would be interesting to know the details of what this group of "friends" did to Cheryl when they turned on her, because whatever they did left her unable to trust any of them again. If they really "miss her terribly," then they should be the ones telling her so—not you.

Because her neediness and self-pity have become more than you care to handle, before you are turned off completely, you should let Cheryl know that you no longer want to discuss "ancient history." And because you appear to be her only friend—and a long-distance one at that—you'd be doing her a favor to suggest that she get counseling to help her move beyond the past.

DEAR ABBY: I have met a man, "Alvin," who is the love of my life. He is divorced; I have never been married. Alvin has a 16-year-old daughter whom he adores, and she does not approve of our relationship. We want to be married, but he says it

has to be OK with his daughter.

If Alvin really loved me, would he let her stand in the way of our happiness?

—WAITING FOR APPROVAL

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DEAR WAITING: He might—if he felt guilty enough about the breakup of his marriage to her mother. My question to you is, do you love Alvin enough to postpone any wedding plans until his daughter approves, or is out on her own—which ever comes sooner?

DEAR ABBY: I have something I would like to know just for the sake of curiosity. When my mother became pregnant with me, she was married—but not to the man who impregnated her. Does this make me a bastard? I am not going to be devastated if the answer is yes—I just want to know for the knowing.

—AM I OR AM I NOT, COSHOCTON, OHIO

DEAR ARE YOU OR ARE YOU NOT: The answer to your question is no. Because you were born within the bonds of wedlock, you are as legitimate as the next person.

B.S.: The term "bastard" went out of style at least two decades ago. A better term would be "love child."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Former test pilot Charles E. "Chuck" Yeager is 85. Actress Kim Novak is 75. Actor George Segal is 74. Actress Carol Lynley is 66. Singer-musician Peter Dinklage is 66. Actress Stockard Channing is 64. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 64. Actor Bo Svenson is 64. Singer Peter Gabriel is 58. Actor David Naughton is 57.

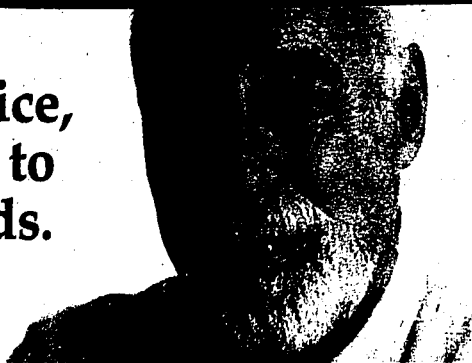
Rock musician Peter Hook is 52. Actor Matt Sallinger is 48. Singer Henry Rollins is 47. Singer Freedom Williams is 42. Actress Kelly Hu is 40. Rock musician Todd Harrell (3 Doors Down) is 36. Singer Robbie Williams is 34. Rhythm-and-blues performer Natalie Stewart (Floetry) is 29. Actress Mena Suvari is 29.

THOUGHT

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Love, passion, compost on V-Day

Im as green as the next guy, but environmentalists can be a real drag.

Fact is, they're killjoys of the first order, absolutely determined to banish fun and replace it with macrobiotics, recyclability and — that most dreaded of ecological catch-words — sustainability.

Witness the following hint: the University of Idaho Sustainability Center put out for Valentine's Day:

• Buy organic, certified fair trade chocolate to support plantations that do not use child labor or harmful pesticides, and pay a living wage to workers.

I'm all for that, but fair trade chocolate makes up a tiny fraction of America's chocolate supply. Our environmentalists want you to cease eating Snickers, Milky

Way, M&Ms, Hershey bars, Tootsie Rolls, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and roughly 97 percent of the Valentine's Day chocolates sold in the United States. Why not ban Valentine's Day kissing too? Lipstick, after all, contains lead.

• Go paperless by sending an e-valentine.

And why not propose by e-mail while you're at it?

• To keep carbon emissions low, cook a romantic dinner at home rather than drive to a restaurant. Look, I'm a guy. Any dinner I cook at home will not be romantic.

• Sending roses to your beloved? Be careful not to send pesticides as well. Since many of the worst pesticides arrive on imported flowers, look for organic flowers grown as close to home as possible.

• Good morning, I'd like to order a Valentine's bouquet covered with bugs, and if possible, grown in *Madagascar*.

• Reduce waste by packaging your gifts in reusable containers. "I'm recycling my grandmother's engagement ring by giving it to you, my dear. And since it's being used again, I wrapped it up in this coffee can."

... Speaking of good times, here are some notable findings of Ritz Crackers survey of fun in America:

• Women are more fun than men according to both male and female respondents.

• Respondents ranked public speaking as fun as watching reality TV.

• Watching awards programs (Grammys, Oscars, Emmys, etc.) on TV ranked fourth among fun things, behind snakes, gambling and dieting.

• Before he withdrew his candidacy for the Republican nomination, Rudy Giuliani was voted the most fun presidential candidate to be around (39 percent). Barack Obama led the Democrats (35 percent). Mitt Romney was voted the least-fun candidate, at 7 percent.

• Forty-two percent of Republicans reported having fun every day, compared with 35 percent of Democrats.

• Forty-three percent of those who live in rural areas say they have fun in a typical day, compared with one-third of city-dwellers.

• "Having a good meal" ranks higher on Americans' fun index than kissing.

• On the same index, in-laws were ranked more fun than men. And you wonder why we need Valentine's Day.

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Paul kindergartner left on school bus

By Rich Greene
For the Times-News

PAUL — A 5-year-old Paul Elementary School kindergartner student went missing Monday afternoon, only to be eventually found asleep on a parked bus in the Minidoka County School District bus garage in Rupert.

Wendy Durfee received a frightening phone call for any parent Monday, when her son Briley's day care center called to ask why the boy was missing his after-school program.

As far as Durfee knew, Briley should have followed his daily routine of boarding a school bus after

being let out of Paul Elementary, after which he's taken to Alice's Wonderland Childcare in Heyburn until his mother is off of work.

Briley did board the bus at Paul Elementary at 3:15 p.m., but fell asleep on his way to day care. He wasn't discovered until a maintenance worker found him after Durfee called the district's transportation department three times.

Alicia Bywater, transportation supervisor for the district, said the standard protocol of bus drivers walking their busses after a completed route was not followed and an investigation is pending.

Durfee said she received the call from the day care center around

4:20 p.m. and Briley was not found until right before 5 p.m. She said her thoughts immediately turned to worries her son was kidnapped.

"It's not fun when you don't know where your child is," Durfee said.

Briley's grandmother, Patricia Gallegos, said the family does not want anyone to get in trouble, but hopes no other families will ever be put in this situation.

"We put a lot of trust in our bus drivers and maybe they should take the little details such as walking through the bus a little more important," Gallegos said.

Bywater said, while it is protocol for bus drivers to walk up and down their busses before leaving, there is

no way of telling if they do.

Five of the district's 65 school buses are equipped with a special "No Child Left Behind" alarm designed for that purpose. Once the engine is shut off, bus drivers must walk to the rear of the bus and open and close the emergency door to stop an alarm from going off.

Bywater said purchasing more buses with the special alarm would help prevent a future problem. She said the last time a similar incident occurred was three to four years ago.

Rich Greene is a staff writer for the South Idaho Press.

KICKING THE WINTER 'BLAHS'



Tyler Byrke, a student at Lighthouse Christian School, winds up to shoot the ball as he and other students use the rock sculptures in Twin Falls City Park as goals Tuesday afternoon during their P.E. class. "We didn't have a gym to use for today so we brought them over here," said teacher Tobie Helman. When the weather warms up permanently, Helman said the students will start using the athletic complex at the location of their new school on Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.

Officials prepare for disasters

Elderly at particular risk in weather emergencies

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

More than a foot of snow is on the ground, the power's been out for three days and you've got no heat source.

Who's going to help you? If you're elderly, maybe no one, said officials who met Tuesday in Twin Falls to play out a weather disaster scenario aimed at helping agencies better prepare for disasters.

A large population of elderly singles lives in rural Twin Falls County, where rescuers may not be able to reach the most vulnerable in a severe winter storm. Even elderly residents in town could be in trouble.

"Our special-needs populations would be cause for concern," said Jackie Frey, director of the county's disaster services department. "Only one nursing home in Twin Falls (Bridgeview Estates) has a generator." Even if rescuers are able to reach the elderly, as many as 70 percent

can die while being transported during disasters, said Frey, who was involved in Hurricane Katrina rescues.

Following Tuesday's meeting of public, government, health care, power company and clergy representatives, officials are hoping people will be a bit safer.

Steve Hayward, a state disaster planner, led the exercise, which helped agencies identify shortcomings in their preparedness plans and better ways to work together to ensure community safety.

Plans for a network of shelters already exist, disaster protocol is in place at police agencies and the hospital is prepared for the worst. But finding a way to reach older folks, especially outside of towns, could be the biggest challenge if a weather emergency strikes.

"We have tremendous amounts of elderly and single people in our rural areas," said Twin Falls County Commissioner Terry Kramer, "that

Brace yourself

For more information about preparing for weather emergencies: <http://twinfallscounty.org/dlr/disaster.htm> or 736-4234.

we'd probably have to mobilize tractors ... to make sure the little old lady down to the lake has heat."

Rural is an advantage in some cases, Frey said. Many area families have multiple vehicles, including some four-wheel drive, that could help them or neighbors reach shelters.

"The better our citizens are prepared in the get go," Hayward said, "the better our response effort."

The county's Local Emergency Planning Committee meets each month.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Hollon pleads guilty

A former Gold's Gym employee pleaded guilty on Tuesday to sneaking into Sunations tanning salon next door to the gym and peeping on patrons.

Greg Hollon confessed to misdemeanor malicious injury to property and invasion of privacy for poking holes through the Sunations ceiling and spying in women on tanning beds.

Hollon was charged Nov. 2 with felony malicious injury to property. That charge was reduced to a misdemeanor after prosecutors realized he had not caused \$1,000 in damages — the statutory minimum amount of

damage for a felony.

Applications accepted for Filer School Board

FILER — Members of the Filer School Board have accepted the resignation of John Probst.

Greg Hollon, who was serving as school board chairman and has been the district's Zone 5 Hollister representative since 2005, said he would be leaving this week to take employment in Alaska. Consequently, the school board is looking for qualified individuals interested in filling the vacant position.

District Business Manager Kermit Lefr said the seat will come up for election again on May 20. "It's a three-year term and if they so choose, appointees can run for a full term at that time," he said. Candidates must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen living in

Zone 5 for no less than 30 days before being appointed. Applicants must submit a letter to the district office, 700 B Stevens Ave. Filer, ID 83326, stating qualifications and the reasons they want to serve as a trustee, as soon as possible.

Reimer attorney argues for venue change

All the media attention in attempted second-degree murder defendant Deborah Reimer's case will make it impossible for Reimer to get a fair trial anywhere in the Magic Valley, her attorney Keith Roark wrote in a motion.

Roark, who was scheduled to argue for a change of venue Feb. 6, will instead make his case March 11. Roark's written motion offers only a brief argument for a venue change.

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Legislators submit new plan for naturopath licensing

By Neta Poppino
Times-News writer

In state Sen. Chuck Colner's eyes, Idaho's naturopathic community had plenty of time to sort itself out.

But it didn't. So it's up to legislators to fix the state's licensing board for the physicians, Colner, R-Twin Falls, said Tuesday.



A Senate bill authored by Colner and eight other sponsors would completely dissolve the current Idaho State Board of Naturopathic Medical Examiners and replace it with a group built around tighter restrictions. Naturopathic doctors focus on diet, changes, acupuncture, homeopathic remedies and other nontraditional approaches to medicine.

The current system, adopted in 2005 when the board was created, only grants licenses to physicians who pass a national exam only available to graduates of the five major North American naturopathic schools. The board has spent the past two years trying to write acceptable rules that would allow it to license other physicians as well. But after its latest attempt was rejected by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee last month, Colner and other committee members decided to tighten the regulations on themselves.

"I've never seen a group as dysfunctional as this one," said Colner, who added the bill was drafted as an alternative to simply tossing the whole board out.

The bill, introduced to the committee on Monday and sponsored by two-thirds of its members, would give Idaho Gov. CL "Butch" Otter sole control over licensing people to the licensing board, name passing the Naturopathic Physician Licensing Exam (NPLEX) as a requirement for all who seek a license and drop providing its own exam from the board's duties.

Colner said the bill, developed with input from the Idaho Chapter of the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians, strives to hold naturopaths to the same standard used in all 15 states that currently license them. Colorado, Massachusetts, New York and North Carolina

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Nelden E. Johnson

WENDELL — Our beloved husband, father and grandfather, Nelden E. Johnson, passed away Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Nelden was born March 9, 1936, to Ethan and Thelma Johnson in Santa Quiln, Utah. He was the fourth of six children. He spent his younger years working on the family farm raising crops and working livestock. He enlisted in the Navy just shy of his 18th birthday and served as a fireman aboard the aircraft carrier, the USS Philippines, during the Korean War. Nelden spent 12 years in the Navy and another 15 in the Army National Guard as a tank commander. He loved his country and proudly served here at home and abroad. While stationed overseas in Japan, he met his bride-to-be, Kayoko. They celebrated 49 years of marriage last August and were looking forward to the 50th.

After living in Japan and starting a family, they decided to move back to the United States. His family grew while living in Utah and in 1969, they moved to Idaho to raise their four boys in Wendell. They'd stumbled upon the town of Wendell while traveling home to meet Nelden's parents who lived in Salem, Utah. They fell in love with the area and made plans to move here someday. Upon arrival, Nelden and his wife, Kayoko, rented a home on a small acreage west of town. A few years later, they built a house in town where they have lived ever since.

Nelden was a nature lover and spent much of his time with his family pursuing outdoor activities. He enjoyed taking them hunting, fishing and camping. Hagerman Valley and the surrounding areas was just a big playground for him and his family.

He would take time playing cards in the yard with his boys or helping out with the Boy Scouts. He was a good provider for his family. A roof over their head, a hot meal and warm clothes was his mantra. Feeding and clothing four growing boys was no easy task. Nelden would always tell them the key to a good life is education. He would always tell his sons he wanted them to have a better life. Nelden always said he had a lot to show for in his life when his family was together. He was always ready with a joke or tall tale. He loved books and was an avid reader. Sitting around and visiting with family was better than anything on television. Nelden enjoyed working in his yard and garden. Growing his own food and vegetables was something he looked forward to each year.

Nelden retired from the Twin Falls Canal Company in 2002. He was a skilled welder and worked at the city shop for 29 years. He envisioned his retirement as an endless fishing adventure with occasional visits to kids and grandkids. He never got to travel much after retirement due to his and his wife's physical condition. He cared for his wife until his death. He never regretted taking care of his bride and wished only for her well-being if he was called to heaven before her.

Nelden is survived by his wife, Kayoko; one brother, Vern of Grand Junction, Colo.; one sister, Marie Simpson; four sons, three (Hobbs) of Twin Falls, Donnie (Cathy) of Jerome, Christopher (Amber) of Boise and Miles (Lori) of Nampa; 10 grandchildren, Karissa, Chad, Kade, Adrian, Kennan, Natalya, Seth, Adam, Leif and Emmeline.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell. Services are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell. Chapel.

Robert Scott

BUTTE — Robert Scott, age 30, of Buhl, passed away Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at his residence.

He was born March 4, 1917, in Mercer, Mo., one of six children of Bert and Verne Wildman Scott. He was raised in Kansas and graduated from high school in Jewett, Kan. in 1934. He married Ruby Johnston at St. Francis, Kan., in 1940. They had three daughters, Arildith, Meredith and Sandra. Robert and Ruby farmed in the Washington County, Colo. area until 1947. In the spring of 1947, they moved to Twin Falls County. Over the years, he farmed various properties, always learning and improving his skills. He was a good husband, father, friend and neighbor. It seemed as if he could fix anything.

A special hobby he and Ruby shared was "rock hunting." This led to laborious work and eventually creating his own silver mountings for the rocks he polished. Each year, he donated several "treasures" to the Castleford Men's Club for its annual auction. Bob and Ruby retired to a home and one acre west of Buhl in 1981. They referred to it as "Senile Acres." They planted a multitude of fruit trees and always raised a large garden every year. This produce was used to include family, friends and neighbors.

Bob leaves behind Ruby, his wife of almost 68 years; daughters, Arildith (Hubert)

Monzel, Sandra (Fred) Schauer and their special fourth daughter, Carolyn (Hubert) (Fred) Thatcher. Their daughter, Meredith, passed away in 1991, leaving a terrible void. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Dennis Monzel, Marlene Monzel and Charles Schauer; and six great-grandchildren, sister, Lois Oplinger; and brother, Max Scott, both of Kansas; brothers-in-law, Carroll Johnston and Jack Selfert; sister-in-law, Clara Johnston, all of Colorado; as well as nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by three sisters, Ruth Cain, Kathleen Graffis and baby Blanche Elizabeth; others, Clark Oplinger (brother-in-law); Marjorie Scott (sister-in-law); Lois and Clyde Harmon Selfert, Lowell and Anna Johnson (brothers and sisters-in-law); Kenneth Johnston and Kenneth Johnston (brothers and sisters-in-law).

A special thanks for all the support of friends and neighbors and a very special thanks to Idaho Home Health and Hospice and Dr. Dan Nofziger.

There will be no formal service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Castleford Quick Response Unit, Idaho Home Health and Hospice or a charity of choice.

Arrangements are by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Gladys Larson DeBerg

WENDELL — Gladys Larson DeBerg, age 90, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at Sun Bridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Gladys was born Jan. 6, 1918, in South Dakota, the daughter of Gunter and Mary Ross Larson. It was Sept. 1, 1937, that she married Delos DeBerg in South Dakota. Mrs. DeBerg moved to the Wendell area in the 1950s.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol (Kurt) Alberti of Wendell and Paulette (Ted) Rautio of Winlock, Wash.; son, Roland

(Charlene) DeBerg of Loyalton, Calif.; 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, LaVerne; and her husband, DeLois DeBerg.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the New Life Community Church in Wendell. Interment will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. Viewing will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. prior to the service on Saturday at the Church. Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

BURLY —

Guinevere Rhoton Patton, 85-year-old resident of Burley, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at Aspen Grove Assisted Living in Burley.

She was born Sept. 6, 1922, in Shumway, Ariz., the daughter of James E. and Della Brinkerhoff Rhoton. She was the eldest of seven children.

She lived her early years in Shumway and finished high school in Mesa, Ariz. She attended Glia Junior College (Eastern Arizona Junior College) in Thatcher, Ariz. She met Dale Kenneth Patton in Mesa, Ariz. They were married on Feb. 20, 1944, in Holbrook, Ariz. Their marriage was later sealed in the Mesa LDS Temple on June 25, 1950. They settled in Phoenix, Ariz., and raised their three children, Nelda, Dale Jr. and Patricia. Gail was a stay-at-home mom.

She loved to quilt, crochet and do embroidery. She served faithfully in the LDS Capitol Ward in Phoenix in many callings. She especially



Jessie Apodaca

JEROME — Jessie Apodaca, 92, of Jerome, passed away Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, in Twin Falls.

She was born Sept. 22, 1915, in Teacaltec, Jalisco, Mexico, the daughter of Rafael Luis Garcia and Refugia Hernandez. She spent her early childhood in Colorado and then settled in Jerome in 1938, where she was married and raised her family. Jessie enjoyed reading and loved to watch western movies. She enjoyed all of God's creations. She especially loved her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and the time she spent with them. Jessie will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother and aunt who was always there for her family and friends.

She is survived by her four children, Mary Luna of Jerome, Joe Apodaca of Greensburg, Pa., Barbara



Emma Jean (Conrad) Harris

WENDELL — Emma Jean (Conrad) Harris, 77, of Wendell, went home to be with the Lord and into the waiting arms of her beloved God on Sunday evening, Feb. 10, 2008.

Jean was born Feb. 18, 1930, on a farm north of Buhl. She was the fourth child born to Charles Bert Conrad and Hazel Amanda (Frazier) Conrad. She began school at North View, moving to Castleford in 1936 and graduating Castleford High School in 1948. Jean attended a year at Linfield College in Oregon, where she pledged Kappa Alpha Phi. On Oct. 29, 1949, she married the love of her life, Cliff Harris, at her home in Castleford. They were blessed with two children, a daughter, Linda, and a son, Ted.

For 10 years, Cliff and Jean farmed in Jerome and, in 1961, moved to a cattle ranch outside of Wendell. They retired from the ranch and moved into town in 1982. She worked a total of 30 years at



enjoyed her work in the Relief Society.

After her husband's death in 1985, she began caring for her mother, Della. She eventually moved to her mother's home in Mesa. Following the death of her mother, she moved to Dale Jr.'s home in Winslow, Ariz. She later moved to Burley to be with Patty and her family. Gail was treasured and dearly loved by her family and friends.

She is survived by her brother, James Franklin (Leslie) Rhoton; her children, Nelda (Arthur) Keith, Dale Jr. (Carol Ann) Patton and Patricia (Alan) Cardon; 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Moon Valley Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 11650 N. 35th Ave. in Phoenix, Ariz. A viewing will precede the service beginning at 10 a.m. The family suggests that memorials be directed to the LDS Church Perpetual Education Fund.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Zamarripa of Twin Falls and Esther Contreras, also of Twin Falls. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren, Vicki, Mae, Norma, Bubby, Mikole, Stephanie, Ron, Toni, Monica, Genia, Nick, Mike, John, Susa, Fernandito, Gustavo, Wendy, Anthony, Michelle, Danielle, David and Chris; 45 great-grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Hilda Bateman and Patrice Slagel; and many, many nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 36 years, Antonio L. Apodaca; six sisters; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held Friday evening, Feb. 15, at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome, beginning at 6 p.m., with a vigil and prayer service at 7 p.m., with Father Ron Vickers presiding. A graveside committal service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, in the Jerome Cemetery, 900 W. Ave. 1 in Jerome.

the Wendell Western Auto, Farmers National Bank and the Wendell Department Store until 1992 when she retired. Jean was active in the First Baptist Church of Jerome and was a member of G-H Leader and Wendell High School drill team adviser. Jean was a wonderful cook and all of her family had favorites which she happily would whip up for them.

Jean is survived by a daughter, Linda Harris of Jerome; son, Thomas Harris of Graham, Wash.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Frances (Gene) Feldheger of Seattle, Wash. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cliff; and two brothers, Charles Leo Conrad and William Everett Conrad.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the First Baptist Church, 308 First Ave. E. in Jerome. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel and from 10 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church.

SERVICES

Antonia Roberta Atwood of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Crossroads Bible Church, 1550 Parke Ave. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Joseph "Joe" Peter Trau of Rupert, memorial funeral Mass at 1 p.m. today at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Plina Grace Palmer of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 10 a.m. to noon today at the mortuary.

Robert "Bob" Jackson of Gooding, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Gooding United Methodist Church (Demaray Funeral

Service, Gooding Chapel).

Daniel Newirth of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 8th St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Hazel Williams Rickman of Flagstaff, Ariz., and formerly of Buhl, Castleford and Bellevue, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Nativity Church in Flagstaff, Ariz. (Norvell Owens Mortuary in Flagstaff, Ariz.)

B. Myrtle Harder of Jerome, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Jerome.

Judith Ann "Judy" McFarland of Twin Falls, rosary prayer service with a memorial service following at 2 p.m. Saturday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Wayne A. Burke

BOISE — Wayne A. Burke, 72, of Boise and formerly of Heyburn, died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the LDS Bel Air Ward Chapel, 3555 S. Cole Road in Boise; visitation from 9 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church; burial at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the Parkview Cemetery in New Plymouth.

Riley G. Bunn

STAYTON, Ore. — Riley Greg Bunn, 32, of Stayton, Ore., and formerly of Burley, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, in a plane crash in Oregon.

The funeral will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at the Glenns Ferry LDS Church; visitation will be from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtry Chapel in Mountain Home).

Aubrey E. Cummins

MURTAUGH — Aubrey E. Cummins, 86, of Murtaugh, died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

The funeral will take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Murtaugh LDS Church; visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Linda K. Medford

EMMETT — Linda K. Medford, 60, of Emmett and formerly of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at the Emmett hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by the Patter Funeral Chapel in Emmett.

Audrey Kelley

GOODING — Audrey Kelley, 72, of Gooding, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Edward L. Gregg

JEROME — Edward L. Gregg, 65, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Dorothy J. Eames

HEYBURN — Dorothy Jean Eames, 81, of Heyburn, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at Countryside Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen

Funeral Home of Burley.

Charles E. Wake

BURLEY — Charles Eldred Wake, 89, of Burley, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Verla P. Austin

KIMBERLY — Verla P. Austin, 83, of Kimberly, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Allen Davis

FILET — Allen "Ray" Davis, 78, of Filet, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Rosetta Steele

HOLLISTER — Rosetta Steele, 75, of Hollister, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Willard Ihler

Willard Ihler, 91, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Max MacFarlane

Max MacFarlane, 85, of Twin Falls, died at Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at BridgeView Estates.

Arrangements will be announced by Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY Arraignments (Feb. 11)

Bryant D. Zamierlas, 20, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 22; \$10,000 bond; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 25;

\$500 bond. Lisa F. Cruz, 39, Pocatello; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Feb. 22; \$5,000 bond; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 25; \$1,500 bond.

Jared A. Jensen, 27, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 25; \$500 bond. Armando J. Jacob, 18, Hansen; provide false information to an officer, violation of no contact order; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 25; released on own recognizance.

Buhl man to celebrate 90th birthday

BUHL — Floyd Walden of Twin Falls will celebrate his 90th birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Lincoln.

Courts, 1310 Main St. in Buhl. Walden was born on Feb. 12, 1918, in Huntsville, Ark. He has been a resident in the Buhl and Twin Falls area since 1943 and currently lives in Twin Falls with his wife, Clyda. He was a baker for 35 years and was with Erb Brothers Market prior to his retirement.

Children include LaVerne (Duane) Kendrick of Buhl, Leanne (Danny) Cope of Twin Falls and Lynn (Marvin) Hedberg of Twin Falls. He has six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The event is being hosted by his family. The family requests no gifts. Refreshments will be served.

Rupert women honored at 85th birthday celebration

RUPERT — Gwenivere "Gwen" Jenks McCombs of Rupert will be honored at an open house for her 85th birthday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Heyburn LDS church, 530 Villa Drive. Birthday greetings and well-

wishes can be sent to her at 200 W. 500 S., Rupert, ID 83350. Gwen Jenks was born Feb. 3, 1923, in Logan, Utah. She graduated from Heyburn High School and married Don J. McCombs on Dec. 17, 1941. She lived in Rupert, Declo, Paul, and then in Rupert since 1961. McCombs was an accomplished seamstress and an excellent cook and loved gardening. She spent her time serving others. She served a mission for the LDS church in

1955-86 in Tempe, Fla., and then served a Family History Mission in 1991-92 in Salt Lake City. Her children include LouAnn (Bill) Koolmer of Kearns, Utah; Terrance Don McCombs, deceased; Daryl (Wanda) McCombs of Aberdeen; Ramon (Janet) McCombs of Torquerville, Utah; Dee (Kathryn) McCombs of Rupert; and Jeanne McCombs of Boise. She has 34 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren.

Annual Lincoln Day Banquet held Feb. 22

The Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee will hold its annual Lincoln Day Banquet on Feb. 22 at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

A social hour begins at 6 p.m., and a prime rib dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. Special invited guests include Gov. C.L.

"Butch" Otter, Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, and Reps. Mike Simpson and Bill Sali.

To RSVP or purchase tickets: Mike Matthews, chairman of the Republican Central Committee, 705-7312, or one of the banquet co-chairmen, Katie Shewmaker at 731-1267 or Linda Culver at 733-8578.



Wellness Watch

Asthma Education Classes

Free classes for people with asthma and their families and caregivers will be held the third Thursday of each month throughout 2008. Classes follow National Asthma Education and Prevention Program, and American Lung Association guidelines. Sponsored by St. Luke's Magic Valley, South Central District Health, and the Asthma Coalition of Idaho. Call 737-2007 for more information and to pre-register. Thursdays, February 21-December 18, 6-7pm. St. Luke's Education Center, Sage Room 588 Addison Avenue West

Special Events

4th Annual Race to Safety

Sponsored by Safe Kids Magic Valley and Modern Woodmen. Proceeds benefit Safe Kids Magic Valley and the purchase of safety seats and bicycle helmets for local children. Call 737-2432 to register a team.

Tuesday, February 19, 6pm, Nazz Kart, 320 3rd Avenue South

Volunteer Spiritual Care Program:

Annual Training Session

Individuals (ordained and laypersons) interested in an outreach ministry to visit patients in the hospital are encouraged to attend this annual training. Lunch is provided. Pre-register by calling 737-2834. Thursday, February 28, 9am-3pm

St. Luke's Education Center, Sage Room 588 Addison Avenue West

Birth/Parenting

Childbirth Refresher Course

Review of childbirth preparation, breathing techniques, and a video tour of the Women and Infants' Center. Pre-registration required, call 732-3148. \$20

Wednesday, February 13 and Thursday, February 28, 6:30-9pm. St. Luke's Downtown Campus Lobby, 680 Shoshone Street East

Cesarean Childbirth Course

Topics include cesarean deliveries, non-conforming labors, hospital procedures, and pain management. Pre-registration required, call 732-3148. Free.

Wednesday, February 20, 6:30-9pm

St. Luke's Downtown Campus Lobby, 680 Shoshone Street East

Prepared Childbirth Course

A series of five classes designed to prepare expectant mothers and their support person for labor and childbirth. Pre-registration required, call 732-3148. \$60

Thursdays, February 21-March 20

Tuesdays, February 26-March 25 6:30-9pm, St. Luke's Downtown Campus Lobby 680 Shoshone Street East

Healthy Living/Screenings

Parkinson Disease Exercise Group

This program uses "soft" exercise to help delay the progression of symptoms and provide for a more active and comfortable life. Call 737-2126 for information. Free.

Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 14-28, 11am-noon. Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive North

Squeaky Joints Arthritis Aquatics Class

People with arthritis and related conditions are invited to attend. Call 734-2336 for information. \$3 per session or \$30 for a 12-session pass.

Monday and Fridays, February 15-29, 9-10am. YMCA City Pool, 756 Locust Street

First Aid and CPR Classes

Classroom and hands-on practice in emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression, and choking. Call 737-2007. \$50

Saturday, February 23, 8am-1pm. St. Luke's Education Center, Sage Room 588 Addison Avenue West

Lifeline Services

Helping you live independently and safely at home. Locally monitored at St. Luke's Magic Valley. Call 737-2065.

Support Groups

Brain Injury Support Group

February's topic is "Stress Management Issues and Techniques," presented by CSI nursing instructor, John Brannen BSN, RN. Tuesday, February 19, 8:30-9pm

St. Luke's Idaho Elks Rehabilitation 580 Shoup Avenue West - Doctor's Park Complex

Diabetes Support Group Meeting

Tuesday, February 19, 7pm, South Central District Health

Living through Cancer Support Group

Wednesday, February 20, 8:30pm, St. Luke's MSTI

Breast Cancer Support Group

Monday, February 25, 7pm, St. Luke's MSTI

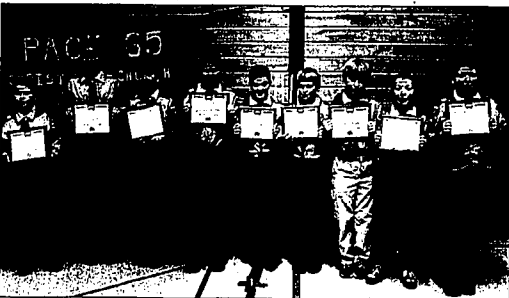
Calico Support Group

Tuesday, February 26, 6pm, St. Luke's - Doctor's Meeting Room

If you require special accommodations, call 737-2166 or TDD 737-2990. Servicio de intérpretes disponible por favor comuníquese con Melina Rodriguez Coordinadora de Accesibilidad 737-2166

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ARROW OF LIGHT



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An Arrow of Light ceremony for Pack 65 was held Jan. 22 at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls. From left, Jacob Ray III, Jason Tuma, Jordan Stephens, Hayden Bowman, Alex Sharp, Cody Watkins, Colton Herzog, John Toupin, and Tyler Holland.

Valley

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He has told a judge that because the Times-Herald covered the story for the greater Magic Valley, he also intends to seek a venue outside the 5th Judicial District altogether.

Reimer was charged with firing two shots at her ex-boyfriend while he showered in his Ketchum home. She was brought into custody in early November on a \$1 million warrant and was being held in

the Gooding County jail.

M-C Democrats elect delegates

BURLEY — The Minicassia Democratic Party elected delegates and alternates to vote for presidential nominees at the Idaho Democratic Party Convention in June in Boise. Cassia County delegates are Heidi Torrealday, Ben

Glover and Patricia Correa. Alternates include Connie Eatough, Desyree Vaughn and Deanna Davis.

Minicassia County delegates selected are Nick Cozaks, Kathy Gosnell and Damian Rodriguez, with alternates Mary Frances Cozaks, Ellner Bingham and Kevin Kaufman.

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Plan

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are also looking at using the NPLEX, he said, and a reformed board could later expand the standards.

Idaho Association of Naturopathic Physicians representative Dr. Karie Jonak said the changes would spell the end for most naturopathic physicians across the state. Rather than attending the NPLEX schools, she said, many naturopaths in Idaho attended other schools across the country that were cheaper and more accessible.

A 1956 court case securing naturopaths' right to practice will keep doors open, current licensing board president Dr.

Laurence Hicks said, but supply companies and malpractice insurers may not want to work with unlicensed doctors. Maybe 25 of the state's 100 or more naturopaths came from NPLEX schools, he said, and that's a generous estimate. "Why would they want those few people licensed... but not want to protect the people from the other hundred?" Hicks said.

The committee will likely hold a hearing for the bill next week.

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Lawmakers nix job-security provision in teacher pay plan

BOISE (AP) — Lawmakers and public schools chief Tom Luna have dumped the most controversial part of a pay-for-performance plan for Idaho's teachers.

During a roughly half-hour meeting on Tuesday involving Luna and leaders of both the House and Senate, the participants agreed to

abandon the so-called "category 4 contracts" that foresaw teachers giving up existing job protections in order to qualify for some bonuses.

Now Luna is crafting a new package whose merit provisions include paying teachers more if their students show improved academic performance, and giving more

money to educators qualified to teach subjects that are in great demand.

Idaho schools would also develop new teacher performance assessments, to better monitor educational quality, according to elements of the revamped proposal outlined by lawmakers to The

Associated Press.

"The category 4 issue is not going anywhere this year," said Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley and one of the original proponents of a plan that linked teacher accountability to better pay.

The previous \$45 million Idaho State Teacher Advancement and

Recognition System, or "ISTARS," developed by Luna called for all teachers to be eligible for \$4,400 in pay increases for teaching subjects that are in great demand and if their students performed well on the Idaho Standards Achievement Test. That's atop base salaries ranging from \$31,000 to \$49,000.

Lawmakers balk at drug treatment facility

BOISE (AP) — Lawmakers worried about Idaho's flagging economy balked Tuesday at a plan by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter to turn a prison warehouse south of Boise into a drug-treatment facility.

Other plans to convert the Idaho Correctional Center building that has provided space for prison industries into a therapy center with classrooms and beds for 304 drug-addicted inmates.

But the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee opted to hold off on the so-called "Prison Industry Enhancement," or PIE, conversion, at least until its members have more information on projected state tax revenue.

At January's end, tax revenue was \$1.6 billion, or \$36 million behind forecasts for



the current fiscal year, state economists said last week. That has lawmakers who oversee the budget wary of supporting fiscal year 2009 programs, especially if they require future spending.

Otter's proposed prison conversion is projected to include up to \$1.7 million in ongoing annual costs.

"This is not taking the PIE conversion off the books forever, but we do want to see revenue projections," said Rep. Darrell Boz, R-Caldwell.

Wayne Hammon, the governor's budget chief, said he

likely will provide updated tax revenue projections to the budget writers on Thursday. Hammon said his presentation will include reasons for funding the prison project, as well as paying for the governor's \$78 million plan to raise state employee salaries by 5 percent while cutting their medical benefits, and spending \$20 million to analyze aquifers across Idaho, an effort meant to help manage the state's water.

All three items remain among Otter's top priorities, even if revenue for the year starting next July is projected to be tight.

"There most likely won't be money for everything in the governor's budget," conceded Hammon. "We want to demonstrate how our priorities fit in with the new numbers."

Budget writers on Tuesday did sign off on a plan to cover some \$2.2 million related to the 500 inmates sent by the Department of Correction to Texas and Oklahoma prisons, by using money the agency received but hasn't spent in the current fiscal year.

They also approved spending an additional \$237,700 to expand the prison agency's virtual prison program, which oversees out-of-state inmates, and about \$1 million to create 64 additional segregation cells at the Idaho Maximum Security Institution and the South Idaho Correctional Center. Those will be used for problem offenders, including gang leaders who have been in altercations, including a standoff with guards and SWAT team members in September.

Anti-hunger group pushes for grocery tax break

BOISE (AP) — Anti-hunger advocates are trying to persuade state legislators to enact a tax rebate on groceries to Idaho's poorest residents out of worry that a broader tax relief push is doomed for a second straight year.

The Idaho Interfaith Roundtable Against Hunger wants the state to expand the credit so about 120,000 Idaho residents who don't earn enough money to qualify for the existing \$20 rebate can get it in coming years.

The group has collected 1,461 signatures in 21 legislative districts backing its plan. It distributed cookies decorated with the two numbers on Tuesday at the Capitol Annex to illustrate support for its effort.

"We just want to come away with fixing this crucial flaw," said Vivian Parrish, a leader of the effort. "The policy is unjust and needs to be changed."

Lawmakers and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter failed to agree last year on a plan to expand the tax credit to ease the 6 percent tax burden residents now must pay on their food.

A renewed effort died in the House Revenue and Taxation committee on Feb. 4.

In addition to increasing relief for people who get it now, the bills that have been stymied would have extended some relief to people who don't file returns.

Currently, Idaho residents who meet state income tax filing requirements of \$8,750 for individuals and \$17,500 for married couples get the tax credit. Those who are older than 62, blind, or are disabled American veterans also qualify.

That leaves about 18 percent of couples earning less than the \$17,500 tax requirement who don't get it.

Idaho officials estimated last year that extending the existing grocery tax credit to all low-income Idaho families would cost about \$2.4 million annually.

The Interfaith group argues that even people who receive food stamps should qualify, because more than two-thirds of them must supplement those benefits by purchasing additional food.

"Grocery tax relief is available for everybody — except the people who need it the most," said Sandy Berenter, president of the Congregation Ahavath Beth Israel synagogue in Boise.

Lankford attorneys poised to offer defense in 1983 murder trial

WALLACE (AP) — A retired sheriff testified that former Idaho death row inmate Mark Lankford told him in 1984 how he dragged the bodies of the couple he is accused of murdering into a wood-covered grave.

Former Idaho County Sheriff Rodger Laughlin said Monday that he and a pilot were flying Lankford to the state penitentiary in Boise in 1984 after Lankford had just been sentenced to death.

"He was quite talkative," Laughlin testified, the Lewiston Tribune reported.

Laughlin was among the last witnesses to testify before prosecutors rested their case Monday. Attorneys for Lankford can now begin laying out their defense strategy

regarding his role in the 1983 slaying of the Texas couple.

Lankford and his brother, Bryan Lankford, were convicted in the beating deaths of U.S. Marine Capt. Robert Bravence, 27, and his wife, Cheryl, 25, who were vacationing in Idaho and had stopped at the Sheep Creek campground on the South Fork of the Clearwater River on June 21, 1983, near Grangeville.

Mark Lankford was sentenced to death; Bryan Lankford is serving a life sentence.

Mark Lankford was granted a new trial last year after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled he must be retried or released because of a jury instructions error.

Laughlin told prosecutors about the conversation he had with Mark Lankford after learning Lankford's 1984 conviction had been thrown out.

According to previous testimony, the Lankfords used the Bravences' van to take their bodies to the Summit Flats area of Idaho County. They were buried near where authorities later found Mark Lankford's Chevrolet Camaro hidden under brush.

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Yours, mine and ours

Study shows couples aren't always honest about money

By Elise Ambrose
The Baltimore Sun

Many of us have a curious relationship with money. It's a subject more taboo than sex. Bring a sweetheart into the mix, and it becomes a strange "menage a trois." Indeed, turns out, we frequently hide our finances from the person we hold most dear.

Nearly half of the adults in a serious relationship have committed "financial infidelity," says Yahoo, which conducted an online survey of 1,750 people last month.

This means they lied to a mate about the cost of a purchase or hid the purchase to avoid fighting about it. (Closets and car trunks are frequent hiding spots.) About one out of 10 has a savings account that a spouse doesn't know about, and slightly more people secretly run up credit-card debt.

"It's almost like money is the third rail in the relationship. It's the charged one," says Dayana Yochim, author of "The Yahoo Guide to Couples and Cash."

Women are more likely than men (55 percent to 41 percent) to cheat, Yahoo found. They also are more likely to break up with someone for lying about finances.

"Women are less confrontational than men," says Larin Rowley, a Yahoo columnist and author of "Money and Happiness." Little white lies about money might seem worthwhile to women, she says, if they can avoid an argument.

The Yahoo findings are further evidence that men and women approach money differently.

"For women, it's all about security," Yochim says. "You

see that in the way they invest their money, as well. They tend to stick with safe investments where they won't lose money — bonds and CDs. "Men are about opportunity. They're sort of looking for the next hot stock. They tend to trade more frequently."

Not surprising, such differences in attitude can lead to conflicts. Money is often the root of breakups. It doesn't have to be. Discussing finances early can reduce friction later.

Honesty is the best policy when it comes to money. Timing is important, too. It's best not to be brutally frank during a heated quarrel. Honesty is best served cool.

You and your mate need to discuss your financial goals and worries calmly. If one partner feels financially insecure, for instance, you might agree to set aside six months in living expenses in a high-yield savings account instead of two months, Yochim says. "The goal here is a resolution, unless you like sleeping on the couch," she says.

It is equally important to men and women to have some financial freedom, where they can spend money without being judged, Yochim adds.

One way to achieve this is to agree upon a certain sum, say, \$100 a week, that each can spend with no questions asked, experts say. It can't be too high. Yahoo found that people tended to agree that anything less than \$500 was the most "you could spend without talking to a partner first."

Sometimes money issues are a symptom of a deeper problem.

If you have a mate with extreme money issues — he doesn't spend a penny or she can't save a dime — you need to dig deeper into the cause of this. Attitudes about money are usually rooted in childhood, Rowley says.

Levin says loading nuclear-tipped missiles on a bomber was a 'significant failure'

By Barry Schweid
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee said Tuesday the loading of nuclear-tipped missiles on a B-52 bomber at a U.S. air base last August was an unprecedented and significant security failure.

"This event is really a wake-up call," Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., told Air Force officers assembled for a committee hearing. "As long as the United States has nuclear weapons they must be handled with the utmost security and attention."

Several other senators echoed Levin's concerns even after the witnesses acknow-

ledged the incident reflected poor performance.

"This was the result of a lack of attention to detail and lack of adherence to well-established Air Force guidelines, technical orders and procedures" and some two dozen personnel have been removed from their jobs, Lt. Gen. Daniel Darnell, director of Air Force operations and planning, told the committee.

Still, there was virtually no chance of a disaster because the nuke, or pylon, carrying the six missiles was not powered up, Darnell said. "There was never an unsafe condition," he said.

And it was "very, very unlikely" plutonium from the warheads could have been released if the plane had crashed in an accident, said former Air Force chief Larry Welch.

Three investigations explored the incident in which the B-52 was inadver-

tently loaded with six nuclear-tipped cruise missiles and flown from Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

The warheads were supposed to have been removed from the missiles before the missiles were carried to the Louisiana base.

Dozens of recommendations to improve security have been adopted, Darnell said. But Levin said most of the 132 recommendations produced by the three investigations have not been implemented.

Levin, noting that each warhead had 10 times the power of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, in World War II, called

the loading of nuclear-tipped missiles on the bomber "a significant failure."

"While historically there have been nuclear weapons accidents, with varying degrees of severity, no breach of procedures of this magnitude has ever occurred," Levin said.

He called inattention to security, "with few exceptions," pervasive within the Defense Department.

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., blamed "carelessness and lack of discipline," and Sen. John R. Thune, R-S.D., said, "This illustrates everyone is human, but we cannot tolerate mistakes." Thune said he was concerned that attention to nuclear safety would ebb as time passes.

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East Timor declares emergency following attack on president

By Anthony Dettach
Associated Press writer

DILI, East Timor (AP) — Armored U.N. vehicles guarded East Timor's leaders Tuesday under a state of emergency declared after rebel soldiers critically wounded the Nobel Peace Prize-winning president and fired at the prime minister's convoy.

The army chief blamed the United Nations — which oversees a 1,400-member international police force — for failing to protect the coun-

try's two top leaders and demanded an outside investigation. But the U.N. deputy head for East Timor said President Jose Ramos-Horta had wanted his security to be provided by national authorities. Ramos-Horta was airlifted to an Australian hospital where surgeons said Tuesday he was "extremely lucky to be alive" after they opened for three hours to remove bullet fragments and repair chest wounds.

"His condition remains extremely serious but by the

same token, stable," Dr. Len Notaras, the general manager of the Royal Darwin Hospital, told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. "The next few days will be the telling point."

East Timor, a poor Southeast Asian nation of 1 million people, won independence from Indonesia in 2002 after a U.N.-sponsored ballot. It has struggled to achieve stability since an outbreak of violence in 2006, when 37 people were killed in clashes between security forces.

East Timor's army commander, Taur Matan Ruak said he wanted to know how foreign forces had failed in their primary task of providing security.

"How is it possible that our transporting armed people have entered the city ... without having been detected?" he asked journalists.

But Finn Reske-Nielsen, the U.N. deputy head for East Timor, said that Ramos-Horta wanted his own security to be provided by national authorities and therefore there was no U.N. police pro-

tection" during Monday's attack.

Ramos-Horta, who shared the 1996 Nobel Peace Prize for nonviolent resistance during 24 years of Indonesian occupation, was shot in the chest and stomach



Reinado

on the road in front of his house in an apparent coup attempt by a group of disgruntled soldiers.

His guards returned fire, killing wounded rebel leader Alfredo Reinado — who was blamed for the 2006 violence and vowed publicly just two weeks ago to try again to destabilize the government.

Gunmen attacked Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao's motorcade an hour later.

Experts: Executions of alleged Sept. 11 plotters at Guantanamo possible

By Michael Melia and
Andrew O. Sekely
Associated Press writers

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — If six suspected terrorists are sentenced to death at Guantanamo Bay for the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. Army regulations that were quietly amended two years ago open the possibility of execution by lethal injection at

the military base in Cuba, experts said Tuesday.

Any executions would probably add to international outrage over Guantanamo, since capital punishment is banned in 130 countries, including the 27-nation European Union.

Conducting the executions on U.S. soil could open the way for the detainees' lawyers to go to

U.S. courts to fight the death sentences.

But the updated regulations make it possible for the executions to be carried out at Guantanamo.

David Sheldon, an attorney and former member of the Navy's legal corps, said an execution chamber at Guantanamo would be largely beyond the reach of U.S. courts.

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whom we believe to be in the Twin Falls area. We do not know her name, but we do know she was born between 1932 and 1936.

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Australian Aborigines Gill Hill, left, and her daughter Amanda embrace Wednesday as they watch dedications in central Sydney, following the prime minister's apology to Australia's indigenous people.

Australian Parliament apologizes to Aborigines for 'indignity and degradation'

By Rohan Sullivan
Associated Press writer

CANBERRA, Australia — Aborigines organized breakfast barbecues in the Outback, giant TV screens went up in state capitals, and schools allowed students to watch the telecast of Australia's apology Wednesday for policies that degraded its indigenous people.

In a historic parliamentary vote that supporters said would open a new chapter in race relations, lawmakers unanimously adopted Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's motion to on behalf of all Australians. "We apologize for the laws and policies of successive parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians," Rudd said in Parliament, reading from the motion.

Aborigines remain the country's poorest and most disadvantaged group, and Rudd has made improving their lives one of his government's top priorities.

As part of that campaign, Aborigines were invited for the first time to give a traditional welcome Tuesday at the official opening of the parliament session — symbolic recognition that the land on which the capital was built was taken from Aborigines without compensation.

The apology is directed at tens of thousands of Aborigines who were forcibly taken from their families as children under now abandoned assimilation policies. "We apologize for the laws and policies of successive parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these our fellow Australians," the apology motion says.

"To the mothers and the fathers, the brothers and the sisters, for the breaking up of families and communities, we say sorry."

"And for the indignity and degradation thus inflicted on a proud people and a proud culture, we say sorry."

The apology ends years of divisive debate and a decade of refusals by the previous conservative government that lost November's elections.

Celebrating 90 Years

John R. (Jack) Nielsen of Twin Falls will be honored at a open house February 16, 2008, in celebration of his 90th birthday.



Jack was born in Malad, Idaho, on February 13, 1918. He married the love of his life, Helen Hall, on April 3, 1947. Their home was always in Twin Falls, except for 20 years spent in Desert Hot Springs, California.

His children include Jackie (Larry) Lumley of Littleton, Colorado, and Jerry (Keith) Petersen of Twin Falls. He has two grandchildren, Jeremy (Aynsley) Petersen and Kaylan Petersen.

Friends and family are invited to attend the open house on Saturday, February 16th, at 2053 Heyburn Ave. East, from 2:00 pm till 5:00 pm. The event is hosted by his daughter, Geri, and sister, Edythe Widmer.

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Stocks rise after offer of aid to bond insurers (AP) Wall Street finished mostly higher Tuesday after billionaire investor Warren Buffett offered to help out troubled bond insurers, easing some of the market's concerns about further deterioration in the credit markets.

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Building decline stops Residential construction increases for first time in almost a year

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

For the first time since the housing market began to slip in 2007, southern Idaho is once again seeing an increase in building activity.

January building permits in Twin Falls, Jerome and Burley all show a slight increase compared to the same time in 2007.

Last year was one of the worst years for builders, with housing starts declining more than 50 percent compared to 2006.

Although the increases in Jerome and Twin Falls barely registers an increase of half a percentage point, the National Association of Realtors

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says the increase could be indicative of a bottoming out in the local markets.

"Three consecutive months of low-to-average growth usually indicates that local (housing) markets have sold off home surpluses and buyers are once again confident in making the investment," according to a report by the association.

Although local realtors and builders both say it is too early to tell

Building permits

Year-over-year residential building permits for January	2007	2008
City		
Twin Falls	12	19
Jerome	8	9
Burley	8	8

*City of Burley residential building permits for 2007 were unavailable.

If the market will return to pre-2007 numbers — when Twin Falls officials were approving an average of 40 permits for new homes each month — they say there is a noticeable increase in residential building activity.

"Oh, yeah. Those numbers are up everywhere around here," said Gary Pawson, with the Burley city building department. "It's really picking up here."

Twin Falls reported an increase of 7 permits to a total of 19 issued permits last month, while Jerome — which saw the smallest decline in 2007 — experienced an increase of one building permit.

"It's hard to say if we have bottomed out yet or not," said Tony Hughes, president of the Magic Valley Builders Association. "It's too early to tell if we are coming out of it, and I agree with the realtors that we will have to wait and see what happens in the next three months."

Another rescue effort

New program to help homeowners threatened with foreclosure

By Martin Crusinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration, trying to deal with a worsening housing slump, announced a new initiative Tuesday aimed at helping homeowners about to lose their homes. For qualified homeowners, it will put the foreclosure process on hold for 30 days.

Dubbed "Project Lifeline," the new program will be available to people who have taken out all types of mortgages, not just the high-cost subprime loans that have been the focus on previous relief efforts.

The program was put together by six of the nation's largest financial institutions, which service almost 50 percent of the nation's mortgages.

These lenders say they will contact homeowners who are 90 or more days overdue on their monthly mortgage payments. They will be given the opportunity to put the foreclosure process on pause for 30 days while the lenders try to work out a way to make the mortgage more affordable to the homeowner.

"Project Lifeline is a valuable response, literally a lifeline, for people on the brink of the final steps in foreclosure," Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson, said at a joint news conference with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson.

He said the goal was to provide a temporary pause in the foreclosure process "long enough to find a way out by allowing homeowners and lenders to negotiate a more affordable mortgage."

Paulson said that the new effort was just one of a number of approaches the administration was pursuing with the mortgage industry to deal with the country's worst housing slump in more than two decades.

In December, President Bush announced a deal brokered with the mortgage industry that will freeze certain subprime loans, those offered to borrowers with weak credit histories, for five years if the borrowers are unable to afford the higher monthly payments as these mortgages reset after being at lower introductory rates.

"As our economy works through this difficult period, we will look for additional opportunities to try to avoid preventable foreclosures," Paulson said. "However, none of these efforts are a silver bullet that will undo the excesses

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Idaho Real Estate Commission meeting

BOISE — The Idaho Real Estate Commission's regular monthly meeting will convene at the Idaho Real Estate Commission office at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 21 at 633 North Fourth Street in Boise. The agenda is available upon request by calling (208) 334-3285.

Advertising federation to give presentation

The Magic Valley Advertising Federation will present "Relationship Marketing."

The presentation will be held at noon on Feb. 13 at the Magic Valley Mall. The location is near the southwest entrance.

The cost is \$10 for members; \$15 for guests; and \$25 for non-members. Check-in will begin at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, contact Melissa Crane, program chair, at 308-0488.

\$30 billion auction to combat credit crisis

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve, seeking to combat the effects of a serious credit crisis, said Tuesday it had auctioned \$30 billion in funds to commercial banks at an interest rate of 3.010 percent.

It marked the fifth in a series of auctions that so far have pumped \$130 billion in money into the nation's banking system.

The Fed's hope is that the increased resources will keep banks lending and prevent a credit squeeze from the current economic slowdown.

The 3.010 percent interest rate is the lowest rate for any of the five auctions held so far.

CRAFT MALL SOUGHT FOR BUHL

Mall could reopen vacant building

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

From painters to clay potters and quilters to weavers, the Magic Valley has plenty of skilled crafters. A proposed craft mall in Buhl could give these workers a way into the marketplace.

The idea, being explored by the Buhl Chamber of Commerce, is to allow those with crafts, antiques and other home-based business goods to come together under one roof.

The craft mall would provide a storefront that will be managed by a manager and a few shop keepers.

"Those interested would need to keep their space stocked and decorated but it would give crafters a chance to sell their goods without having to be there; which would give them more time to make their goods," said Buhl Chamber member Sandy Gleason, who is helping to organize the mall. "The mall would be broken into three areas: one area for crafts, another area for home-based businesses like Avon, Tupperware and Watkins and in the back we would like to have antiques."

At this time, the former King's department store located on 907 Main Street, is being considered as a possible location for the craft mall.

"The number one thing we've got to do now, is to get

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A proposed craft mall in Buhl would be broken into three areas: one area for crafts, another area for home-based businesses like Avon, Tupperware and Watkins and in the back would be antiques. It would be located in the former King's department store located on 907 Main Street in Buhl.

GM posts record U.S. automotive loss

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. reported a \$38.7 billion loss for 2007 on Tuesday, the largest annual loss ever for an automotive company, and said it is making a new round of buyout offers to U.S. hourly workers in hopes of replacing some of

them with lower-paid help. GM's annual loss of \$38.7 billion largely was due to a third-quarter charge related to unused tax credits.

The earnings report and buyout offer came as GM struggles to turn around its North American business as the economy weakens.

GM Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said

that the company made significant progress in 2007, reducing structural costs in North America, negotiating a historic labor agreement and growing aggressively in Latin America and Asia.

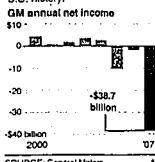
During a conference call with analysts and media, Chief Financial Officer Fritz Henderson said 2008 will be difficult, but the company

sees the potential for significant earnings increases by 2010 or 2011 once it reduces its work force and labor costs and transfers retiree health-care costs to a UAW-run trust.

The Detroit-based automaker said it was offering a new round of buyouts to all 74,000 of its U.S. hourly workers who are represented by the United Auto Workers.

GM record loss

General Motors posted a record loss of \$38.7 billion for 2007 — the fourth largest annual loss in U.S. history.



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What to expect today in business

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department releases retail sales report for January, business inventories for December.

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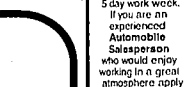
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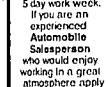
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When West leads the spade king against five diamonds, dummy's ace wins and South discards a club. Because declarer must develop the heart suit, he should not touch trump yet, since he will need trump entries for heart leads. The first heart lead probably rides round to the 10, and West can do no better than force South with a spade. South leads another heart and West is in once more. Again, his best option is to continue the forcing game by leading another spade.

South ruffs, then leads a third heart, discovering the 4-2 split and ruffing in dummy. At this point there appears to be an inevitable club loser at the death, but a trump play puts South back in hand to lead the fourth heart for dummy to ruff. Another trump is won by South, who cashes his last trump and the long heart.

On the last of these tricks, West is squeezed in the black suits, being unable to keep the master spade as well as the guarded club king. This declarer wins the last two tricks, losing only the two hearts.

If either defender leads a club when in with a heart, declarer should play on the natural assumption that West holds the club king. That gives declarer two club tricks in one and avoids the need for a squeeze altogether.

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♠ K Q J 5 4
♥ A 10
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♣ K 9 8 4

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Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
1 ♠ 1 NT Pass
2 ♠ 3 Pass
3 ♠ All Pass

Opening lead: Spade king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ K Q J 5 4
♥ A 10
♦ 7 2
♣ K 9 8 4

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: Give preference to three hearts rather than going past three no-trump. In context, the doubleton A-10 is almost better support than three small trumps, so make sure you let partner know you have a let holding in hearts. This keeps the auction lower than raising clubs — sometimes partner will have only a three-carder there.

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