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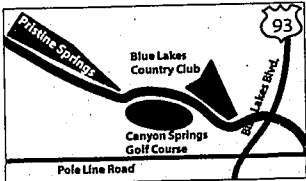
JFAC provides \$10M for Magic Valley water

\$26M package includes money from T.F., water users

By Jared S. Hopkins
 Times-News writer

BOISE — The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee on Tuesday approved a \$10 million pledge toward a complicated \$26 million project aimed at giving Twin Falls more water and helping solve disputes between Magic Valley surface water users and groundwater pumps.

The deal was approved by a 20-0 vote. Under the scheme, the state would loan \$10 million to water users, to be



paid back in \$1 million payments; the city of Twin Falls would give \$10 million; the Idaho Department of Water Resources would spend \$5 million; and groundwater pump-

ery nestled in the Snake River Canyon just west of the Perrine Bridge. The deal includes fish farms, water rights for more than 200 cubic feet per second of water — or more than 129 million daily gallons — and two power plants currently contracted with Idaho Power Co.

In the deal, the city would receive at least 15 cfs — or 9 million daily gallons of water — from Alpheus Creek, where it currently shares a water right. Additional rights in

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A view to the west along the Snake River from the Jerome County rim shows the Pristine Springs trout farm on the horizon. The farm's property and water is up for sale under a \$26 million deal involving the state and Twin Falls.

CSI explores lower tuition

Costs would drop for part-time students, increase for others

By Andrea Gates
 Times-News writer

Part-time students taking fewer than 12 credits at the College of Southern Idaho could get a break on their tuition bills next year.

That savings could amount to a 9.5 percent cut in their tuition costs, according to a proposal released Tuesday by the college.

Full-time students, however, wouldn't get the break. Students taking at least 12 credits would pay 8.5 percent more under the proposal.

The plan — which hasn't been voted on yet by the board of trustees — calls for a \$10 reduction in the cost per credit for part-time students — from \$105 to \$95.

It would also change the definition of full-time students at the school, from those taking 10 credits, to students taking 12. Only students taking 12 credits or more can benefit from federal financial aid.

The proposal is designed to give a break to part-time students with less access to loans, federal financial aid and CSI Foundation scholarships, college officials said.

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T.F. VOTERS APPROVE LEVY



Twin Falls residents line up to register to vote on a \$33 million 10-year plant facilities levy at Morningside Elementary School Tuesday afternoon in Twin Falls.

10-year measure could mean \$33 million for school district

By Andrea Gates
 Times-News writer

A 10-year, \$33 million Twin Falls School District plant facilities levy passed with a comfortable margin Tuesday.

With all votes counted, 65.36 percent of votes cast were in favor of the measure. The levy, which needed to win a supermajority of 60 percent, was the only item on the ballot.

Turnout was light throughout the district, with only 2,933 votes cast. In 2006, about 7,000 voters went to the polls to approve a \$49.7 million bond levy.

The school board still needs to canvass the votes today for totals to be official, said district Clerk Michelle Lucas.

Before voting ended Tuesday night, students at some schools did some entertaining. At Morningside Elementary stu-

dents sang while voters stood at the polls set up at the school. A ribbon cutting was also set Tuesday night for new library shelves replaced through the Parent Teacher Student Organization, said Steve Hoy, the school's principal.

Before the election last month, Superintendent Wiley Dobbs encouraged senior students at Twin Falls High School to vote. The school district also auto-phonned messages to parents reminding them to vote. Dobbs said, The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, which endorsed the levy, sent out an e-mail Tuesday to remind residents to vote.

The levy won in all 11 precincts. The closest total was at Robert Stuart Junior High, where 164 yes votes were cast to 145 no votes.

Taxes from the levy could be used to construct, furnish and equip schools,

More inside
 Find out how Buhl voters decided on a \$600,000 supplemental levy, page D1.

buy school sites, make improvements to existing buildings, buy school buses, pay lease agreements or pay off construction loans for new buildings, according to a sample ballot.

A levy during the past 10 years took in a lot less money from residents — \$6.4 million, compared to the \$33 million capability of the present version.

Dobbs and other school district leaders have maintained the combined tax rate for a school bond levy approved in 2006 and this plant facilities levy won't exceed \$2.38 per \$1,000 assessed property value.

Air Force considers nuclear reactor in Idaho

Craig encouraged plans for reactor in Mountain Home

By Matt Christensen
 Times-News writer

The U.S. Air Force is considering plans to build a nuclear reactor at its base in Mountain Home, according to statements made by U.S. Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne reported on an online military news site.

"The thoughts are, right now, we're talking about Cannon out in New Mexico and Mountain Home up in Idaho," Wynne said, according to Inside-Defense, a Web site that covers military issues.

The Air Force announced earlier this month plans to build a small test reactor, after being prompted to explore nuclear energy by federal lawmakers including Idaho Sen. Larry Craig. The Air Force would also assume operational controls of the nuclear facility it builds.

Air Force officials now plan to partner with the nuclear industry to develop a base-located reactor, though an Air Force spokeswoman downplayed the finality of the location following Wynne's comments, according to the online report.

Craig and Wynne have communicated recently about the plans, however, and have spoken about

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Judge denies motion to exclude Horonzy evidence

But judge questions out-of-state investigations

By Cassidy Friedman
 Times-News writer

Twin Falls police detectives may have been breaking the law when they traveled to other states while investigating murder defendant John Horonzy, 5th District Judge

John Butler told the court Tuesday. But that's not going to help Horonzy, whose numerous motions to suppress evidence were struck down by the judge.

"The acts of the officers," Butler said, referring to trips in 2000 and 2005 led by retired Det. Curtis

Gambrel, "may prove to violate Idaho law." Traditionally law enforcement officers are limited to enforcing laws within their jurisdiction.

But Butler said the way the evidence was obtained "has not been shown to violate anyone's consti-

tutional rights," meaning nobody was coerced or had their privacy violated. The judge allowed the evidence to stand.

Horonzy's girlfriend, Rose Murphy, was found dead in 1997 near the now-defunct Sands Motel in Twin Falls. It took a decade to solve the crime.

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 See a letter sent from Idaho Sen. Larry Craig to U.S. Secretary of Defense Michael Wynne about the proposed nuclear reactor in Mountain Home.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

Weather forecast for Today, Tonight, and Thursday. Includes icons for partly sunny, increasing clouds, and dreazy weather.

MINI-CASSIA Today: Partly sunny, mostly dry and comfortable. Highs upper 40s to near 50.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS The Burley High School Band annual Pops Concert, with theme: "Movie Magic Spectacular"...

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, various speakers on topics important to the community...

EDUCATION Green Your Scene Environmental Symposium, hosted by 48STRAIGHT and the Community Library...

FAMILY Candlelight Tales, 30-minute, "end of day" presentation for preschoolers and early elementary-age children...

GOVERNMENT Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

MURTAUGH CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth, 432-6682. Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Boyd W., 432-5451.

HEALTH AND SUPPORT College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations...

WOODCARVING DAYS, public welcome to come and carve wood, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., 310 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls...

VETERANS OUTREACH Outreach to veterans of Cassia-Minidoka counties, meet with State Service Officer Milt Smith from Boise...

WOODCARVING DAYS, public welcome to come and carve wood, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., 310 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls...

Letter to the editor had typing error The letter to the editor from Gordon Youngblood published on Tuesday's opinion page contained a typing error.

MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE NATION

NEW YORK Officials: Spitzer spent tens of thousands of dollars on call-girl ring

ALBANY — With pressure mounting on Gov. Eliot Spitzer to resign over a call-girl scandal, investigators said Tuesday he was clearly a repeat customer who spent tens of thousands of dollars — perhaps as much as \$80,000 — with the high-priced prostitution service over an extended period of time.



Spitzer

Spitzer and his family, meanwhile, remained secluded in their Fifth Avenue apartment, while Republicans began talking impeachment, and few if any fellow Democrats came forward to defend him.

the Emperors Club VIP call-girl service, with some of the money going toward a night with a prostitute named Kristen, and the rest to be used as credit toward future trysts.

IDAHO Former 'Gilligan's Island' star caught with marijuana in car

DRIGGS — Dawn Wells, who played Mary Ann on "Gilligan's Island," is serving six months unsupervised probation after allegedly having a car loaded with marijuana in her car.



Wells

placed on probation after pleading guilty to one count of reckless driving.

Under a plea agreement, three misdemeanor counts — driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance — were dropped.

FLORIDA Concerned lawmakers consider regulating hallucinogenic herb

TALLAHASSEE — On Web sites last week, mind-blowing powers of Salvia divinorum, come-ons to buy the

hallucinogenic herb are accompanied by warnings: "Time is running out" and "stock up while you still can."

That's because salvia is being targeted by lawmakers concerned that the inexpensive and easy-to-obtain plant could become the next marijuana. Eight states have already placed restrictions on salvia, and 16 others, including Florida, are considering a ban or have previously.

Some say legislators are overreacting to a minor problem, but no one disputes that the plant impairs judgment and the ability to drive. Native to Mexico and still grown there, Salvia divinorum is generally smoked but can also be chewed or made into a tea and drunk.

FOUR-DAY PLANNER

- ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT March 13-16 — "Titanic: A New Musical" presented by The Dixietown Community of Magic Valley, 7:30 p.m. (13, 14, 15) and 2 p.m. matinee (15, 16).

- Planning of Drake Cooper in Boise on "The Fickie Relationship Between Creativity and Media Today", 11:45 a.m., Twin Falls Shilo Inn, reservations required (308-0488).

- BAZARS AND FESTIVALS March 14, 15 — Twin Falls 44th annual Spring Country Bazaar, with handmade gifts by local artists, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (14) and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (15).

- March 13 — Precceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting, 7 p.m., at the home of Doris Finney, 425 Pierce, Twin Falls, 734-5591.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

- March 15 — City of Paul Park fundraiser, includes potato bar with toppings, Art Fair and silent auction, noon to 4 p.m., West Minico Middle School, 158 S. 600 W., Paul, 438-8063 or richann@pmt.org.

- March 15 — The South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) Board of Director's Housing Committee meeting, to discuss low-income housing issues in the Magic Valley, noon to 1 p.m., at SCCAP's conference room, 550 Washington St. S., Twin Falls, 733-9351.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- March 14 — "Christ in the Passover," presented by Susan Mandanville with Jesus, for Lent, 7 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2055 Filer Ave. E., Twin Falls, 733-7820.

EDUCATION

- March 13 — Green Your Scene Environmental Symposium, hosted by 48STRAIGHT and the Community Library, with May Beave on "Mountains and Valleys Uniting for a Clean Energy Future"; Marti "Never Let Me Go" by Kazuo Ishiguro led by Cindy Bjornberg, 7:30 p.m., Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison St. W., books available for checkout at Kimberly and

- Hansen Libraries, 423-4556 or 423-4122. March 13 — Jerome Public Library "Let's Talk About It," with discussion of book "Eva Luna" by Isabel Allende (Chile), 7 p.m., at the library, no cost (library card not required), books available for checkout, 324-5427 or 324-3441.

- EXHIBITS March 15 — "Collecting Masterworks in Archival Prints," first-time showing of local artists' work reproduced on archival materials using time-tested methods, Lion's Gate Gallery, 219 Main St. N., Filer, public invited, no cost, refreshments, 543-4690 or 420-0034.

- FAMILY March 15 — The Knack Free Family event, sponsored by Michaels Arts and Crafts and "powered by Craiyola"; children may create three craft projects: magic wand, door hanger and card, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Michaels Arts and Crafts, 1580 S. Greyview Blvd., Twin Falls, no cost, 735-8006. March 15 — Free Pictures with the Easter Bunny, children and pets welcome, 11a.m. to 2 p.m., Snake Harley-Davidson, 2404 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, bring non-perishable food item donation or donation to the Magic Valley Humane Society, 734-8400 or www.snakehd.com.

- GOVERNMENT March 13 — Board of the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired meeting, 9 a.m., ICBVIO, 341 W. Washington St. N., Boise, (208) 334-3220.

- HOBBIES AND CRAFTS March 15 — An Evening of Pinocchio (Racehorses) with cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd highest scores, 7 p.m., Ageless Senior Center, 310 Main St. N., Kimberly, \$1, (bring your own treats), 423-4338.

- MUSEUMS March 15 — Saturday Program, "Who's who in Your Backyard?" learn about Hagerman Valley ovals from Park Guide Dianna McKeage, 1 p.m., Visitor Center, 221 N. State St., Hagerman, all ages welcome, no cost, (208) 837-4793 ext. 5227.

- OPEN HOUSE March 15 — Dolmary Memorial Library 50th anniversary open house, includes exhibits of past libraries and plans for new addition on display, noon to 3 p.m., at the library, 417 Seventh St. N., Rupert, 436-3874.

nowpa levels chart showing percentage of anglers catching various fish species like Woodruff Salmon, Wildhead, Little Wood, Big Lost, etc.

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Water

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 the future could bring in an additional four to six million gallons per day and ultimately supply the city with enough water for the next 20 years, said Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney.

The funding — a supplemental appropriation to this year's budget — replaces two \$14 million requests for water projects from Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, whose efforts at resolving water issues — including last year's water summit — were commended by lawmakers.

Otter was briefed on the package and supports it, said Wayne Hammon, Division of Financial Management administrator.

Contractors are expected to be signed shortly, according to those involved in the process, and Courtney said the city of Twin Falls is preparing a draft to be ready within the next week. The City Council must sign off on any decisions.
 JPAC Co-Chairman Sen.

Denn Cameron, R-Rupert, told the committee the "economic vitality" in south-central Idaho is dependent on water similarly to how the Treasure Valley needs sufficient transportation methods.

"With the Magic Valley and eastern Idaho, water is just as crucial — in fact, it's more crucial, in my opinion," he told the committee.

The city's initial water would come from the more than 25 cfs at Alpheus Creek. The rest would satisfy the mitigation ruling in providing a total of 10 cfs to Kay Hardy, president of Idaho Trout Company.

"She no longer has claim on the folks up above," Cameron said after the meeting.

Cameron said the package provides the pumps a solution and hundreds of acres would avoid being shut off.

The area pumps still need the approval from their local board, said Lynn Tomlinaga, executive director of the Idaho Groundwater

Association. He said the package will come before the board in about a week.

"This is a pretty big deal, no matter what you think," he said.

It's unclear who the IDWR board will do with the land and remaining water — more than 200 cfs, or about 129 million gallons of water per day — that would not go to the city or for immediate mitigation uses. Idaho Deputy Attorney General Clive Strong, who's been involved in the project's evolution in the last few months, said the hatcheries could remain in operation.

"The assets will be used to leverage solutions to other problems," Strong said after the meeting.

"The purchase would be for all the land belonging to Pristine Springs, which bought the land in 1990.

Wendell Starke, president of Pristine Springs, said there has been an interest from the state for several years, and he understands there might be

better uses for resources.

"I understand the state and city's interest and I am quite willing to help out with the proposal," Starke said.

The additional water will allow the city to create a system to dilute the arsenic and meet federal standards, and likely avoid building a new treatment plant, Courtney said. Courtney said that with the needed upgrades, the city could spend about \$21 million. The source of the money is being determined, he said.

"It's a very significant amount of water," Courtney said. "If it all comes together, and I think it will, it'll be one more piece to the puzzle."

While the water will provide the city with water for the future, efforts will continue to search for water, Courtney said. The city has rights to about 49 million gallons of daily water, and can produce about 32 million gallons at its peak — a figure expected to decline to 27 million gallons per day without any additional sources.

CSI

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"We've been balancing the budget on the backs of part-time students," said Jerry Beck, CSI president.

But Beck also said, "We don't want to discourage people from being full-time."

The CSI Foundation, a charitable arm for the school, gives scholarships to students. Those scholarships are typically given to full-time students and the foundation doesn't give athletic scholarships, said Curtis Eaton, CSI Foundation director.

Eaton confirmed there's no data for the exact number of part-time students that have received scholarships through the CSI Foundation.

But last school year, the foundation handed out about \$750,000 in scholarships and a large percent of that went to full-time students, Eaton said. "We give scholarship assistance occasionally to a part-time student," he said.

Beck and Eaton said they expect the amount of money for scholarships next year to increase based on investments, possibly to \$1 million.

CSI officials said this proposal would have a neutral impact on revenue.

Most CSI students are part-time, and about 35 percent are taking 12 or more credits. About 37 percent of the school's students are taking one to three credits, according to information from CSI.

Students were given surveys Tuesday to gauge how receptive they are to the idea.

"If we hear back from students that it's not a way to go, we'll back out," said Beck.

This proposal is not designed to compete with the College of Western Idaho in Nampa, which is set to open in 2009, Beck said.

Tuition at CWI — \$118 per credit hour — is \$13 higher than CSI currently charges, \$8 higher than CSI would charge with a 5 percent tuition increase, and \$23 higher than the proposed tuition at CSI.

Laird Stone, an unofficial member of the State Board of Education, which oversees tuition setting at the state's four-year universities and colleges, said he's heard briefly about the CSI tuition proposal.

"I think what they're asking for has been well thought out and well planned," said Stone, whose State Board term expired last month.

Horonzy

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Traveling alone in 2000 and accompanied by a second detective in 2005, Gambrel interviewed Horonzy in a Missouri prison. He also interviewed Horonzy's acquaintances and family, which were spread out in Illinois, Tennessee and Montana. In each new jurisdiction, detectives were fish out of water. But the only seizure of evidence — a blood and hair

sample — was carried out by Missouri law enforcement, said deputy prosecutor Julie Sturgill.

A Twin Falls grand jury first indicted Horonzy Feb. 23, 2005, for murder charges based partially on testimony from the detectives. One year after the indictment, Horonzy was extradited from the Missouri prison.

Horonzy's attorney, Public Defender Marilyn Paul, lost

an argument that the extradition violated his constitutional rights.

Horonzy declined to sign a waiver of his extradition rights before coming to Idaho. That led him to forfeit several hearings, included one that would require a Missouri judge to confirm he matched the suspect in the Twin Falls killing.

The judge threw out Paul's efforts to get Horonzy's indictment dismissed and to bar the

prosecutor from using that evidence at trial.

Paul came across records that showed then-Twin Falls police officer Clint Sant had drawn more than one sketch or diagram of the scene. But without knowledge of what may have been in the diagram that was excluded from the trial, Paul submitted into evidence. Paul failed to sway the judge that the missing sketch matters to the case.

Nuke

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Idaho, Craig press secretary Dan Whiting confirmed Tuesday.

"Sen. Craig would love to see a reactor at Mountain Home," Whiting said.

In a letter from Craig to Wynne's Pentagon office dated Aug. 2, the senator encouraged Wynne to "consider nuclear as a preferred

source of electricity for military facilities for which reliability and security of supply are of paramount importance."

The military is one of the single largest users of domestic electricity, Craig said in the letter, and a nuclear reactor could best meet its power demands and reduce its demand for domestic supplies of power. The construction of a 5 to 10 megawatt reactor would be enough electricity to power a typical Air Force base, in addition to surrounding communities.

Officials at Mountain Home Air Force Base were not aware of Wynne's statements, said Sgt. Jasmine Reif, a spokeswoman for the base. Reif said she would find out more

information but did not respond to follow up calls.

Cannon Air Force Base, the other base mentioned, is located near Clovis, N.M.

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Top U.S. commander for Middle East resigns

By Robert Burns
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Navy admiral in charge of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan announced Tuesday that he is resigning over press reports portraying him as opposed to President Bush's Iran policy.

Adm. William J. Fallon, one of the most experienced officers in the U.S. military, said the reports were wrong but had become a distraction hampering his efforts in the Middle East. Fallon's area of responsibility includes Iran and stretches from Central Asia across the Middle East to the Horn of Africa.



Fallon

"I don't believe there have ever been any differences about the objectives of our policy in the Central Command area of responsibility," Fallon said, and he regretted "the simple perception that there is." He was in Iraq when he made the statement.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates told a Pentagon news conference that he accepted Fallon's request to resign and retire from the Navy, agreeing that the Iran issue had become a distraction. But Gates said repeatedly that he believed talk of Fallon opposing Bush on Iran was mistaken. "I don't think that there really were differences at all," Gates said, adding that Fallon was not pressured to leave.

"He told me that, quote, 'The current embarrassing situation, public perception of differences between my views and administration policy, and the distraction this causes from the mission make this the right thing to do,' unquote," Gates told reporters.

Fallon was the subject of an article published last week in Esquire magazine that portrayed him as at odds with a president eager to go to war with Iran. Titled "The Man Between War and Peace," it described Fallon as a lone voice against military action to stop the Iranian nuclear program.

Gates said he did not think it was that article alone that prompted Fallon to quit. Rather, Gates thought it was "a cumulative kind of thing" that he and Fallon had failed to put "behind us."

It is highly unusual for a senior commander to resign in wartime. Fallon took the post on March 16, 2007, succeeding Army Gen. John Abizaid, who retired after nearly four years in the job. Fallon was part of a new team of senior officials, including Gates, chosen by Bush to implement a revised Iraq war policy.

Fallon's departure, effective March 31, is unlikely to have an immediate effect on conducting the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. His top deputy at Central Command, Army Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey, will take his place until a permanent successor is nominated by the president.

Obama beats Clinton in Mississippi Democratic primary

By David Espo
and Charles Bahington
Associated Press writers

JACKSON, Miss. — Barack Obama coasted to victory in Mississippi's Democratic primary Tuesday, latest in a string of racially polarized presidential contests across the Deep South and a final tune-up before next month's high-stakes race with Hillary Rodham Clinton in Pennsylvania.

Obama was winning roughly 90 percent of the black vote but only about one-quarter of the white vote, extending a pattern that carried him to victory in earlier primaries in South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana.

His triumph was widely expected and seemed destined to do nothing to shorten a Democratic marathon expected to last at least six more weeks — and possibly far longer — while Republicans and their nominees in waiting Sen. John McCain, turn their attention to the

Road to the convention

2,025 delegates needed to win the nomination.

Hillary Clinton	1,473
Barack Obama	1,585

fall campaign. Obama picked up at least six Mississippi delegates to the Democratic National Convention, with 27 more to be awarded.

He hoped for a win sizable enough to erase most if not all of Clinton's 11-dele-

gate gain from last week, when she won three primaries.

Obama began the night with 1,579 delegates, to 1,473 for Clinton. It takes 2,025 to win the nomination. Neither of the two rivals appears able to win enough delegates through primaries and caucuses to prevail in their historic race for the nomination, a development that has elevated the importance

of nearly 800 elected officials and party leaders who will attend next summer's national convention as unelected superdelegates.

Obama leads Clinton among pledged delegates, 1,368-1,226. The Associated Press count, while the former first lady has an advantage among superdelegates, 247-211.

Returns from the first few precincts to report showed Obama gaining 60 percent of the vote, to 38 percent for Clinton.

There was little suspense about the Mississippi outcome, and both Clinton and Obama spent part of their

day campaigning in Pennsylvania, which has 150 delegates at stake in a primary on April 22.

Blacks, who have supported Obama in overwhelming numbers in earlier primaries, accounted for roughly half the ballots cast in Mississippi, according to interviews with voters leaving polling places.

About one in six Democratic primary voters were independents, and Clinton and Obama split their support. Another 10 percent of voters were Republican, and they preferred Clinton by a margin of 3-1.

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All Idaho kids should know about firearms

Idaho has the fifth-highest gun ownership per capita in America. So it stands to reason the public schools are involved in teaching gun safety, right?

Not much anymore. Firearms safety classes in Idaho classrooms are one of the casualties of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and its emphasis on intensive preparation for standardized tests.

Lots of other worthy subjects — music, art, physical education and in-school enrichment activities, for example — are also being crowded out of the school day. But it's troubling that many Idaho kids who grow up in gun-owning households don't have any training in how to handle firearms safely.

We're not talking about youngsters who are hunters; they're required to have hunter safety instruction as a condition of getting a license. We're talking about kids who are apt to stumble across a loaded .357 Magnum in the bottom drawer of their parents' dresser.

The National Rifle Association's Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program — supported to the National Safety Council and the Association of America Educators and endorsed by then-Gov. Phil Batt and the Legislature — helped lower child deaths from accidental firearms injuries from 246 in 1987 to 63 in 1994, according to Safe Kids USA. But many Idaho school districts no longer give Eddie Eagle the time of day.

They should, even if firearms safety has to be integrated into their PE curriculum. Physical education classes already are much different than they were 20 years ago, now incorporating recreational activities that students are more likely to continue into adulthood. Whether it's taught for a week or a day, firearms safety instruction could be a useful part of such classes.

And there's no shortage of institutions willing to teach such classes, including the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Basic firearms training is important, but more vital is teaching respect for guns. Elementary school-aged kids see thousands of shootings on TV or in video games, but the victims always get up and walk away. Many children — even in Idaho — simply don't know the power and potential of firearms.

In Idaho, the gun is a tool. Parents wouldn't send their children off to the hills on an ATV or a snowmobile without making sure they knew how to use them. The same is true with firearms. It's time to find a place once again for Eddie Eagle in the classroom.

Our view:
Public schools need to make room in their curricula for basic instruction on firearms safety.

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

Hope is no way to fight recession

Friday's employment report — which was so weak that it had many economists declaring that we're already in a recession — was bad news. But it was actually less disturbing than what's going on in the financial markets.

The scariest thing I've read recently is a speech given last week by Tim Geithner, the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Geithner came as close as a Fed official can to saying that we're in the midst of a financial meltdown.

To understand the gravity of the situation, you have to know what the Fed did last summer, and again last fall.

As late as August the favorite buzzword of financial officials was "contained." Problems in subprime mortgages, we were assured, wouldn't spread to other financial markets or to the economy as a whole.

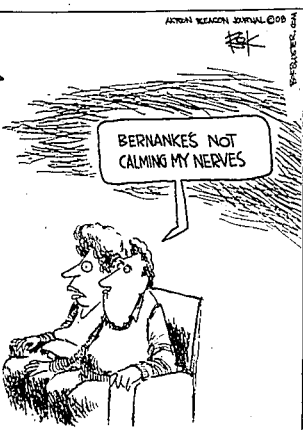
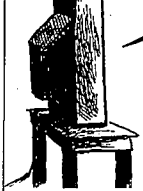
Soon afterward, however, a full-fledged financial panic began. Investors pulled hundreds of billions of dollars out of asset-backed commercial paper, a little-known but important market that has taken over a lot of the work banks used to do. This de facto bank run sent shock waves through the financial system.

The Fed responded by rushing money to banks, and markets partially calmed down, for a little while. But by December the panic was back.

Again, the Fed responded by rushing money to banks, this time via a new arrangement called the Term Auction Facility. Again the markets calmed down, for a while.

But again, the respite was only temporary. Last month another market you've never heard of, the \$300 billion market for auction-rate securities (don't ask), suf-

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ferred the equivalent of a bank run. Last week two big financial companies announced that they had been unable to raise the cash demanded by their lenders. Even Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the giant government-sponsored mortgage agencies long regarded as safe places to put your money, are now having trouble attracting funds.

One consequence of the crisis is that while the Fed has been cutting the interest rate it controls — the so-called Fed funds rate — the rates that matter most directly to the economy, including rates on mortgages and corporate bonds, have been rising. And that's sure to worsen the economic downturn.

What's going on? Geithner described a vicious circle in which banks and other market players who took on too much risk are all trying to get out of unsafe investments at the same time, causing "significant collateral damage to market functioning."

A report released last Friday by JPMorgan Chase was even more blunt. It described what's happening as a "systemic margin call," in which the whole financial

system is facing demands to come up with cash it doesn't have. (A financial joke makes the rounds, via the blog, Calculated Risk: "Who is this guy Margin that keeps calling me?")

The Fed's latest plan to break this vicious circle is — as the financial Web site Interfund.com cruelly but accurately describes it — to turn itself into Wall Street's pawnbroker. Banks that might have raised cash by selling assets will be encouraged, instead, to borrow money from the Fed, using the assets as collateral. In a worst-case scenario, the Federal Reserve would find itself owning around \$200 billion worth of mortgage-backed securities.

Some observers worry that the Fed is taking over the banks' financial risk. But what worries me more is that the move seems trivial compared with the size of the problem: \$200 billion may sound like a lot of money, but when you compare it with the size of the markets that are melting down — there are \$11 trillion in U.S. mortgages outstanding — it's only a drop in the bucket.

The only way the Fed's

action could work is through the slap-in-the-face effect: by creating a pause in the selling frenzy, the Fed could give hysterical markets a chance to regain their sense of perspective. And to be fair, that has worked in the past.

But slap-in-the-face only works if the market's problems are mainly a matter of psychology. And given that the Fed has already slapped the market in the face twice, only to see the financial crisis come roaring back, that's hard to believe.

The third time could be the charm. But I doubt it. Soon, we'll probably have to do something real about reducing the risks investors face.

A plan to restore the credibility of municipal bond insurance would be a start. I also suspect that the feds will have to get explicit about guaranteeing the debt of Fannie and Freddie, which really are too big to fail.

Nobody wants to put taxpayers on the hook for the financial industry's follies; we can all hope that, in the end, a bailout won't be necessary. But hope is not a plan.

Paul Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.

A Bush league denial of states rights

A famed corner of the American West, the Upper Snake River country in Wyoming, lets you gaze up at ramparts of the Tetons, but also gives views deep into the Bushes.

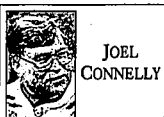
And the latter is not a pretty picture. President George Bush Sr., the self-proclaimed "environmental president," used to visit Jim Baker's nearby ranch and then use the 13,770-foot Grand Teton as a photographic backdrop to pledge that Americans would breathe cleaner air.

Under George W. Bush, the U.S. Secret Service shuts off stretches of roads and river from public access as Vice President Dick Cheney and his cronies can get fishing in lonely splendor.

The Clean Air Act was strengthened under the elder Bush. A fellow Yale man, Environmental Protection Agency boss William Reilly, out-didled conservative White House aides and gave the president his most scenic signing ceremony.

By contrast, the Bush II administration is blocking California, Washington and 14 other states from setting ambitious rules for curbing global warming pollution from cars and trucks.

Reilly is back in the news. He made an 11th hour appeal to current EPA boss Stephen Johnson to approve rules adopted by California



JOEL CONNELLY

to boost fuel efficiency and curb tailpipe emissions. A memo was prepared for Reilly's use at the meeting by Christopher Grandler, deputy director at the EPA's office Transportation and Air Quality. The memo was written as if Reilly were talking to Johnson:

"You have to find a way to get this done. If you cannot, you will face a pretty big personal decision about whether you are able to stay in the job under those circumstances."

This is a choice only you can make, but I ask you to think about the history and the future of the agency in making it. If you are asked to deny the waiver, I fear the credibility of the agency that we both love will be irreparably damaged."

In December, Johnson refused to grant California — and 15 other states — the waiver to enact their own curbs on greenhouse gases. It was the first time such a waiver was refused.

Johnson has stayed on the job, and stonewalled questions about whether he suc-

cumbed to White House pressure in denying the California waiver.

At a hearing last week, the EPA boss was full of bureaucratic bland-speak: "I have routine contacts with members of the administration, including the White House," he told senators.

Johnson resorted to a Cheney-style defense. "I value that ability to have candid conversations," he added. "I don't know what you're hiding." Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., chairwoman of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, shot back.

Hopefully, we'll find out. Boxer has already released internal memos in which the EPA's chief, Robert Anderson, urged technical staff approval of the waiver.

The senator is now trying to get the EPA to fork up e-mails or other documents that will show if the White House, Cheney's office or other officials pressured the decision.

California, Washington and 13 other states are joining in a federal lawsuit challenging Johnson's denial of the "clean cars" rules. The California rules would require the automobile industry to manufacture vehicles that get 44 miles to the gallon by 2020. The standard is more ambitious than a recently enacted federal law requiring an increase to

35 miles per gallon by 2020.

California standards would begin two years sooner than the new federal regulations, and be phased in four years sooner.

The Bush II administration made a big deal, on taking office, that it would heed states rights and curtail "one size fits all" Washington, D.C., nomenclature.

The Bush administration's promises on states rights seem to have gone the route of "missionary conservatism" and not sending U.S. troops to do "nation-building."

In a fig leaf explanation last week, the EPAs Johnson wrote: "While I find that the conditions related to global climate change in California are substantial, they are not sufficiently different from conditions in the nation as a whole to justify separate state standards."

Whatever happened to heeding the advice of agency professionals? Or the precedent of respecting the judgment of on-the-scene political leaders?

Why don't we ever see an official in this country's government resign rather than bend to White House pressure?

The feds could at least have the decency to get out of the way.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Beware when business and government agree

President Bush's unjustified secrecy gives cover to companies to join him in illegalities that muddle constitutional law. A case in point: his assurances to ITT that their vacucling up all of our private communications for him was legal and patriotic.

Hogwash! It was, is and will continue to be about power for power's sake. Having lured ITT and others into illegalities, he now wants to give them immunity of any and all wrongs. Of course, he would be included in that exclusivity act.

It is doubtful Congress will require its constitutional authority and set a hard and fast precedent that the determination of innocence or guilt is the responsibility of the courts, not the president, not Congress. The precedent: lawless spying will not be tolerated, and truth, like religion, is not private property.

President Bush deceived us when talking about the

toriture, habeas issue, or misuse of the U.S. attorneys, or the extraordinary rendition issue, or the secrecy issues, as if each one were an isolated case! Caught red-handed, the president or scyophants said they were honest mistakes! "Honest mistakes" have accumulated to the point of inextinguishability.

Many folks, and I am one, believe that if you attack the president's contempt for law at any point, he will feel the wound at all points of his being. When big business, the executive branch, Congress and courts agree, that's evidence of approaching fascism.

The president did not protect the people against the 9/11 horror; he lied to justify the invasion of Iraq; he punished those who disagreed with him; he violated international laws of warfare, including torture so hideous that it was kept secret until it became another honest mistake: "Bad apples, you know." GRANT UPTAIN Hagerman

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Teaching self-esteem is no way to educate our children

Virtue is the birthplace and foundational force of authentic education. To truly educate, there must be a marriage or partnership between the formation of character and the purposeful training of young minds. Any culture that disregards the cultivation of virtue soon discovers itself a prisoner to poor choices.

In the classical sense, virtue holds the connotation of something synonymous with the word "strength." Abigail Adams states, "Learning is not attained by chance. It must be sought after with ardor and attended to with diligence." Consequently, without strength of character, knowledge cannot take root. If learning is unable to take root, it withers, rendering itself useless. The stage must be set for youngsters to experience a life that is neither random nor useless.

The best manner in which to master virtue is to imitate those who already practice it or who have applied it successfully in the past. Ancient philosophers such as Aristotle, Plato and Socrates rejected the idea of "bad" character. In earlier societies,



READER COMMENT
Becky Baird

a person either had character or did not. To study the lives of noble men and women from history or great literature is to encourage and nurture character development. Gaining virtue by way of the past is a prize worth acquiring.

The study of times past, particularly the unifying themes of classic literature and Western culture, prepare young men and women to think critically. E.D. Hirsch succinctly remarks, "A youngster must learn to think critically if he doesn't have anything to think about." A remarkable consequence of reading fine literature is that a child is not only introduced to characters like himself but to those who are nobler and wiser — urging him to reach higher than he ever thought possible.

An added benefit to the study of the classical sci-

ences is the substantial increase in a young person's vocabulary. Clearly, America's youth cannot practice virtue or principle when they lack the very words to express it. Educational institutions must not cease to contribute to the fund of shared moral knowledge, for the result will surely be societal bankruptcy.

Xavier Charter School rejects the idealistic notion that self-esteem fuels the educational train. Appropriately, it has established an institution of "profound learning" where self-confidence results from students' academic accomplishments, proper conduct and regard for others. Xavier participates in a vision of high purpose, a sense of pride and self-respect, and remains unapologetic about providing rigorous moral and academic training. *Preparing young people for lives of citizenship and personal integrity is, without a doubt, our unending passion and our greatest work — our "Magnum Opus."*

Becky Baird is co-founder and a teacher at Xavier Charter School in Twin Falls.

We are imprisoned by our politics

W^ho Americans are just about the worst people in the world. No, wait. That's not right. Sorry. Drop the "just about" part. We are the worst, period — more larcenous, more assaultive, even more murderers. In short, all around more criminal.

For the first time in our history, we have more than 1 in 100 of our people behind bars — a higher proportion than any other country. Our prison and jail populations now stand at 2.3 million, a record. China, with a population of 1.3 billion to our 300 million, is a distant second with 1.1 million imprisoned. So it follows, doesn't it, that we must be the world's worst people. Surely no nation would incarcerate so many of its own people if its people were so bad that such mass imprisonment was necessary.

After all, it costs a pretty penny to keep people in prison, on average about \$24,000 year. Together, the states spend around \$50 billion a year on corrections, the federal government about \$5 billion.

All of this from a recent report by the Pew Center on the States. Even with crime going down steadily for many years now, incarceration rates have continued to rise, and, of course, the tab right along



TOM TEEPEN

with them. Between 1980 and 2000, to take just one measure, the money we spent on higher education rose 21 percent, the amount spent on corrections went up 127 percent. Five states now spend more on incarceration than on higher education.

Of course, there might be explanations other than that we are just rotten people. The high rates might have something to do with our politics, especially state legislative politics in which candidates try to outbid one another for office in the number of people they would imprison.

The rate also might have something to do with the long hangover we're suffering from the legislative fad in the 1980s for mandatory prison sentences. And those atop the fact that we've already generally imprisoning people longer than most other nations for the same offenses.

And then there's the grotesque disproportion of Hispanic and African-American men in prison compared to white men.

Repeated studies have found that at every step of the process, from police stop to sentencing, minorities are more likely to get the short end of the stick than whites; the results pile up in prisons.

Too, we imprison often for nonviolent, even petty offenses and send parolees back to prison for just technical violations of their parole conditions when no new offense has occurred. And here and there among the states there are three-strike, or even two-strike, laws, which can send someone to prison for life, or nearly life, for hoisting gangified bars at a convenience store.

There is much that could be done to walk us back down from these unwelcome heights without endangering public safety: Alternative sentencing — drug treatment instead of prison in many cases, for instance — shorter sentences in general, electronic monitoring, community supervision, restored judicial discretion.

Some opportunities to chant "We're Number One!" are better passed up than embraced. If we shun this one, we might find that we're not the world's worst people after all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Americans have many reasons to ignore history

Mr. Akagi: Excellent! But you forgot some tidbits.

We all know, during early American colonial times, Britons were killing witches. Witchcraft was considered such a heinous crime because, when the government confiscated the condemned's property and resold it to well-connected families, it proved rather profitable. When this painful employment tool for the judgmental jerks of the community proved a lethal fraud, leaders didn't change the game — they changed the target group and killed the next white female Quaker off the boat.

With this witch-hunt mentality pervading everything we did — and do today — we carved out the wilderness with whiskey and muskets, butchered every tribe we couldn't pacify, kept the British busy until they went home and inflated not one but more than 50 trails of tears.

The newly elected President Lincoln, a ruthless ex-railroad corporate lawyer, supported massive tax increases to sustain the federal government's excesses. No longer able to mollify the South seceded — which it had every right to do. In response, I honest Abe plunged the nation into four years of bloody fratricide. Then, the Yankee scam,

minus Lincoln, refined the crime with 12 long years of theft and murder called "Reconstruction."

Soon, it was the Indians again, the fabricated Spanish-American War, the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection, where concentration camps were used to slaughter thousands. The carnage was so horrible Mark Twain wrote, "Our flag should be the Jolly Roger."

Afterward, it was Pancho Villa, couldn't find him either, but the United States gained control of Mexican oil and it was save the banks in World War I. Next, there was the machine-gunning of labor union camps by corporate gunmen, the pitiless brutalization of our World War I veterans in Washington, D.C., on July 28, 1932, and the Great starvation, sorry, Depression.

No wonder Americans don't study their history. More later.
MARK SCHUCKERT
Twin Falls

N.Y. Times columns are puzzling and offensive

One of the advantages of living in the Magic Valley is that we are isolated from the "big city" pinheads and crazies. Most of us like it that way. Why the Times-News prints op-ed articles from The New York Times is puzzling and offensive to many of us.

In light of the fact that The New York Times has just been

exposed as a biased and hateful newspaper after its handling of the John McCain story, one would think that articles written by writers who obviously hate our president wouldn't be allowed to duck the pages of our local newspapers.

In case you haven't noticed, this is a very conservative part of the world and we like it that way. If somehow you think that we need to be "exposed" to this kind of ranting, believe me when I say that most of us have already been exposed to enough of this kind of hate speech.

Please, help us to keep the Magic Valley as a refuge from the "big city" articles and let us enjoy the fact that life here is different than anywhere else.

JOHN DOHERTY
Jerome

Restaurant cook displays shocking lack of hygiene

My husband and I were regular customers at a local fast food establishment.

Upon entering the business, it took quite some time to have our order taken. We placed our order and, as we were waiting for our food to be prepared, we stood and watched the employee in the background making our food. In the five or so minutes that we watched, we witnessed her licking her fin-

gers several times, continuing to prepare food without stopping to wash her hands.

When another customer mentioned it to the clerk at the counter, she turned around and looked, but did not say anything to the employee.

I continued to watch as she prepared our food, coughed into her arm and then wiped her nose down her arm and hand. I was so disgusted that I requested a refund.

The manager came to the counter with quite an attitude and gave us our money back but did not say anything to the employee or to us to rectify the situation. Several other customers witnessed the events mentioned above and also requested refunds.

I am sure they as well as my husband and I will not be customers in the future.
HEATHER BLACK
Twin Falls

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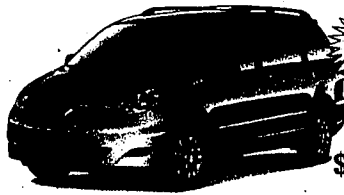
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CSI point guard Galloway commits to Kentucky

Other Golden Eagles preparing for college visits

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Any College of Southern Idaho basketball fan with a working TV likely hasn't seen the last of Kevin Galloway.

Tuesday, the 6-foot-6 sophomore point guard made a verbal commitment to attend the University of Kentucky and play for head coach Billy Gillispie's Wildcats next year. The Wildcats are 18-11 heading into Friday's Southeastern Conference (SEC) Tournament. Gillispie, who

has a proven track record in coaching successful point guards, was named SEC Co-Coach of the Year Tuesday, sharing the honor with the University of Tennessee's Bruce Pearl.

"We're excited for Kevin. He's got a great opportunity. CSI head coach Baret Peery said.

Galloway averaged 8.4 points, 8.6 assists and 4.1 rebounds in one year at CSI after transferring from the University of Southern California. He is the second CSI

player to verbally commit to a NCAA Division I program, as Art Parakhouski committed to Radford University (Va.) prior to the season.

Meanwhile, CSI's remaining seven sophomores are scheduling official visits in preparation for the April 16-May 21 National Letter of Intent signing period. While many schools are courting CSI's sophomores, players are allowed to make only five official visits to Division I programs.



"All of them have great opportunities, and great options, so we're trying to sift through it right now," Peery said.

NCAA Division I All-America candidate Juan Patillo is narrowing his list of choices down, as South Florida, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Arizona, Ole Miss, and Colorado State are all in the running.

Ferry Fields will likely visit Cal State-Northridge, South Florida, Alabama-Birmingham and Montana, while Bocar Ba will also visit Northridge, Cal State-Fullerton and Colorado State.

Pocatello native Nick Hansen is expected to visit Weber State (Utah)

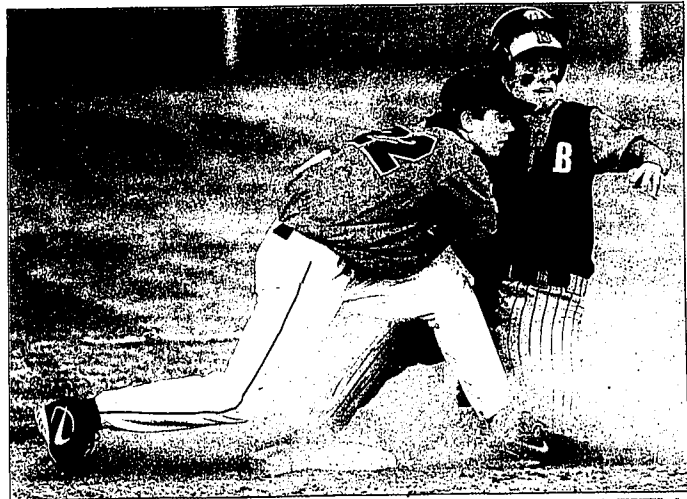
and the University of California-Santa Barbara. Peery is still meeting with Reggie Guyton, Harvey Perry and Joey Shaw to schedule their official visits.

While Peery and his staff remain involved in their players' recruitment, the CSI head coach says he won't try to steer his players in any particular direction.

"I've never told anybody they need to go to school at this particular place," Peery said. "I just try to counsel them and make sure they don't make bad decisions."

Boise State standout and WAC All-Conference First Team member

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Jerome's Nolan McDonald, left, just misses Buhl's Cader Owen as Owen looks for a response from the umpire Tuesday during their game in Buhl.

NJCAA tourney brackets set today

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team should know its destination partner sometime today.

The field for the NJCAA Division I National Championships in Salina, Kan., is expected to be released today, as the No. 7 Golden Eagles and 15 other tournament participants learn who their first-round opponents will be.

Unlike the NJCAA Division I men's national tournament, the women's tournament is seeded, as an eight-member committee will take into account each team's overall record, poll ranking, strength of regional competition, and placement in last year's national tournament. At 30-2, CSI will likely enter with a seeding between No. 5 and No. 7. Undeclared Central

Arizona College is the odds-on pick for the top seed, while single-loss teams Arkansas-Fort Smith, Gulf Coast (Fla.), and Jefferson (Mo.) are likely to round out the top four seeds.

Depending on the outcome of Tuesday's District D and District F championships, which were unavailable Tuesday night, CSI will be one of two or three two-loss teams at the tournament, joined by No. 6 Southeastern Illinois (31-2) and possibly Barton County (Kan.), which entered Tuesday's play-in game against in-state foe Cloud County at 31-2 and tied with CSI at 31-2 in the final poll of the season.

The NJCAA Division I men's tournament bracket will also be completed Wednesday, as two final spots were decided

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Tigers punish Tribe

Mistakes hurt Buhl in home setbacks

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

BUHL — Keenan Allen freely admitted he was nervous about coming to bat with two on and two out. And given Jerome's offensive struggles, the catcher could hardly be faulted for it.

But as he stepped to the plate in the bottom of the fourth inning during the Tigers' opening game of a doubleheader at Buhl Tuesday, he got some sound, reassuring coaching advice.

"Coach just told me to relax, do what you do, and good things will happen," said Allen, who did just that and lashed a two-run single to right field that put Jerome on the board, taking advantage of the first of a myriad of Indian mistakes to help the Tigers post a 10-1 win in the twin bill opener.

Allen finished 2-for-3 with the pair of RBIs, augmenting what was truly a masterful performance from teammate Nate Bobrowski, who scattered

one run and three hits over five innings in his first outing on the mound since Little League. Bobrowski also added a two-run double in the top of sixth to blow the game open, and finished with three RBIs.

"I had nothing to lose out there. Just had to stay relaxed and have fun and that's what I did," Bobrowski said. "I thought I'd do OK but it was better than I expected. At the plate we've been working on rhythm all week in practice, and mine felt good today. (Buhl pitcher Dylan Brooks) gave me something I could rope, and I did it."

Said Jerome coach Tom Bobrowski: "(Nate) had a great game. We're short on arms and he wanted to give it a try and did a great job. We had a tough time executing offensively, but once the guys started rolling a little they loosened up and started swinging more freely."

The Tigers took advantage of eight Buhl errors in the opener, scoring six

unearned runs — a stat that the coaching staff was pleased with given that Tuesday marked the third day, period, that Jerome stepped onto a baseball field.

Indiana senior Gaige Owen picked up the hard-luck loss, yielding four unearned runs in five innings of work. But for head coach Troy Rubier, it's all part of the experience necessary to build for the long haul.

"We started five sophomores and a junior, so we have one of the youngest teams in the conference if not the entire state," Rubier said. "I'm just looking to see how they respond."

That inexperience will be put to the test even further after senior third baseman, Brad Twiss left the game in the second inning with a left knee injury, which he suffered after being cleaned out by a hard slide from a Jerome baserunner. The extent of his injury wasn't immediately known, but Twiss did not return to action and appeared in the dugout in street

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NJCAA Division I Basketball Championships

Women's	Men's
At Blumenthal Center, Salina, Kan.	District O — East Central, Miss. (22-6)
District representatives	District P — No. 6 Southeastern Illinois (31-2)
District A — No. 1 Central, Arizona (31-0)	Men's
District B — No. 2 Arkansas-Fort Smith (31-1)	At Hutchinson Sports Arena, Hutchinson, Kan.
District C — No. 23 Monroe, N.Y. (20-7)	First-round pairings (All Times MDT)
District D — Sauk Valley (22-8) vs. Lake Region St. (25-6) winner	Tuesday, March 18
District E — No. 16 Midland, Texas (28-5)	Vincennes (28-4) vs. No. 4 Salt Lake CC (29-3), 9 a.m.
District F — No. 19 Cloud County (26-6) vs. No. 7 Barton Co. (31-2) winner	Paris JC (28-5) vs. SE Illinois (27-4), 11 a.m.
District G — No. 13 Walters St., Tenn. (29-4)	No. 3 Three Rivers/Highland winner vs. Eastern Wyoming (23-11), 1 p.m.
District H — No. 3 Gulf Coast, Fla. (32-1)	Eastern Arizona (27-5) vs. No. 14 Walters State (31-1), 3:30 p.m.
District I — No. 25 Western Nebraska (30-4)	Shelton State (24-10) vs. Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (26-7), 5:30 p.m.
District J — No. 30 Gulf Perimeter (19-14)	Cowley County/Seward County winner vs. No. 2 Chilopa (32-1), 7:30 p.m.
District K — No. 5 Jefferson, Mo. (31-1)	Wednesday, March 19
District L — No. 11 Trinity Valley, Texas (26-5)	South Plains (28-5) vs. Georgia Penmeter (23-10), 10 a.m.
District M — No. 7 CSI (30-2)	Lake Region St./Indian Hills winners vs. Iowamba (29-2), noon
District N — No. 21 Shelton St., Ala. (28-4)	

Bulldogs freshman Makings debuts with no-hitter vs. Pilots



Kimberly High School freshman pitcher Nellie Makings pitches to a Glenns Ferry batter during their doubleheader Tuesday afternoon in Kimberly.

By Diana Philbin
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — There are pitchers that can go an entire career without throwing a no-hitter.

Kimberly freshman Nellie Makings just doesn't happen to be one of those. Makings made her first varsity start one to remember, tossing a no-hitter against the visiting Glenns Ferry Pilots as the defending Class 3A state champion Bulldogs won their season opener 11-1 in five innings on the 10-run rule.

The only adversity the freshman faced was her own doing and that was in the first inning, due to some first-game jitters. Makings walked the first two Glenns Ferry batters and hit the third batter, catcher Ashlen Gramkow to load the bases.

One more base on balls to Pilots pitcher Inclynn Ferry brought in the Pilots first and only run. And then

like the competitor Kimberly coach Rich Bishop says she is, Makings found her zone and struck out the next three batters. As a matter of record, Makings recorded 11 strikeouts and issued no more free passes to the Pilot hitters. Makings did go on to hit Gramkow twice with pitchers, but was otherwise solid.

"Nelli was just missing some pitches and issued a couple of early walks," said Bishop. "But she has been throwing in the summer and has been in some big games. But this is still a little different when you're playing with the girls you have been watching."

Kimberly senior standout Kassie Newberry was the offensive star, going 3-for-3 with a pair of home runs and driving in seven RBIs. After hitting a home run her first two times at bat, Newberry was close to a third dinger, but got cheated when her line shot to the fence in right

center found a hole and she had to settle for a ground-rule double. Kimberly sophomore Alex Pfeiffer was 2-for-3 with a double and Makings also had a double.

"Everything Kassie is hitting is right on line and hard," said Bishop. "Newberry was a little nervous when the game started due to playing in an unfamiliar position."

"I usually play left field but with Kayla (Hutcherson) hurt, I was in center field," said Newberry. "(Jaclyn Ferry) pitched well and was throwing the stuff you like to hit."

Hutcherson, who is bothered by a lingering injury from football season, will be lost until at least spring break.

"We had some nice hits and when we get Kayla back, we'll even be stronger at the plate," said Bishop.

Glenns Ferry is still looking to find

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST Today: Partly sunny and pleasant. Highs low to middle 50s. Tonight: Increasing clouds. Lows middle 30s. Tomorrow: Breezy and cooler, chance of showers. Highs upper 40s to near 50.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST Today: Partly sunny and pleasant. Tonight: Increasing clouds. Thursday: Breezy and cooler, chance of showers. Friday: Cooling further, mixed showers possible. Saturday: Shower chance possible. Sunday: Gradually clearing skies.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST Today: Partly sunny, mostly dry and comfortable. Highs upper 40s to near 50. Tonight: Becoming mostly cloudy. Lows low 30s. Tomorrow: Cooler and cloudy with increasing showers. Highs middle to upper 40s.

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IDAHO'S FORECAST SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Mainly dry today with comfortable temperatures expected. COOLING UP OVERNIGHT. COOLER TOMORROW WITH PERIODS OF SNOW OR RAIN DEVELOPING.

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REGG MIDDLEKAUF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY "The one thing we're not going to do is send him over there to pitch three innings and hurt his back."

Beckett unlikely to make Japan trip; Lasorda up to old tricks

The Boston Red Sox sound as though they're preparing to start the season in Tokyo without Josh Beckett. The Los Angeles Dodgers sent one manager to China and replaced him with feisty fill-in Tommy Lasorda.

along a Los Angeles split squad for two exhibition games against San Diego this weekend. He left Tuesday for Orlando, where he and a roster of 27 players will fly out on Wednesday.

longest regular-season hitless streak, in 2005. "I don't understand what I need to be worried about," Suzuki said through a translator.

Woods' schedule serves a purpose

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Among regular PGA Tour events, Bay Hill is the only stop Tiger Woods has never missed.

MIAMI — A woman who obtained a restraining order earlier this year in a domestic violence case against New England Patriots star Randy Moss wants the case dismissed, court records show.

Restraining order against Moss dropped

A woman who obtained a restraining order earlier this year against Patriots wide receiver Randy Moss, pictured, has requested that the order be dissolved and the case dismissed.

Wanamaker Trophies from the WGC Championship. Woods, perhaps more than any other golfer, is a creature of habit.

He has won 63 times in his PGA Tour career, yet he has trophies from only 24 tournaments.

Woods has won 52 times at the World Golf Championship that now goes by the name CA Championship.

Rachelle Washington, 35, filed papers March 3 with the Broward County Circuit clerk's office requesting that the order be dissolved and the case closed.

Moss, 31, denied he harmed Washington as she claimed at her ventral hernia seeking medical attention. Moss did acknowledge there was an "accident" involving Washington, but would not be more specific.

The restraining order was issued Jan. 14 after Washington accused Moss of "battering conduct" in a civil domestic violence case. It came just as the Patriots were making their playoff run to the Super Bowl and angling for an undefeated season, which ended in a loss to the New York Giants.



A woman who obtained a restraining order earlier this year against Patriots wide receiver Randy Moss, pictured, has requested that the order be dissolved and the case dismissed.

Larry Fitzgerald agrees to \$40 million, four-year deal

PHOENIX — Two-time Pro Bowl wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald signed a \$40 million, four-year contract with the Arizona Cardinals on Tuesday just before leaving on a South American vacation he surely can afford.

\$17.4 million in 2009. "Those figures left the Cardinals with hardly any room under the salary cap to sign free agents, in addition, the contract locks Fitzgerald through 2011, when he still will be only 28 years old."

Saints special teams star Gleason retires

NEW ORLEANS — Steve Gleason, a scrappy special teams favorite who cemented his place in New Orleans Saints lore with a blocked punt during the Louisiana Superdome's reopening following Hurricane Katrina, has decided to retire.

Browns GM nearing extension

BEREA, Ohio — Cleveland general manager Bill Savage, whose move have brought the Browns back to respectability, is close to signing a long-term contract extension with the club.



TOURNAMENT DEL TACO

Magic Valley's Salsa Region

First-round results March 19

- 1 La Plaza Mexican Restaurant, Buhl
- 4 Fiesta Ole, Kimberly
- 2 Thunderbird Cafe, Hagerman
- 3 Aguilas con el Taco, Burlington

Second-round results March 26

- 1 El Tapatio, Wendell
- 4 El Toro taco bus, Gooding
- 2 El Sombrero, Jerome
- 3 El Taco Loco bus, Wendell

Savory Sixteen Tortilla Region

First-round results March 19

- 1 Tacos el Korita, Buhl
- 4 Blue Lales Country Club, Twin Falls
- 2 Roberto's Mexican Food, Twin Falls
- 3 Mi Pueblo Mexican Bakery, Twin Falls

Second-round results March 26

- 1 Windriders Pub & Grill, Twin Falls
- 4 La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, Twin Falls
- 2 La Casita Mexican Restaurant, Twin Falls
- 3 Dos Hermanos taco bus, Twin Falls

Savory Sixteen line up for Tournament del Taco

By Virginia Hutchins
Times-News writer

It's time for the trial of the tacos. The Savory Sixteen are taking it to the hoop, and one of these Magic Valley eateries will cut down the nets. The rest are one and done. For a spot in the lineup, these

Have your say

Log on to MagValley.com to post comments about these contenders. Registration is free!

Tacos fought off the rest of the local competition on *Times-News* readers' plates. Our readers'

cheering boosted 16 of them high enough to snag a coveted tournament slot.

And these aren't all city tacos. Some strong contenders are playing on small-town menus, so expect some lively action.

The four top seeds — La Plaza Mexican Restaurant, Tacos el Korita, El Tapatio and

Windriders Pub & Grill — lead the four regions, but there are underdogs in the game that just might be in shape for an upset. Analysts are calling Dos Hermanos "great flavor" and El Toro "by far my favorite tacos in the Magic Valley ... simple and delicious."

That's all talk, of course. The

proof is on the hardwood. Right now, the Savory Sixteen are competing to win the favor of our culinary referees on the road to the 2008 taco championship. We dispatched employees from various areas of the newsroom — each one tasting tacos at a pair of Magic Valley restaurants or buses. Next week,

you'll see which tacos emerge as the Appetizing Eight. Throughout March and April, you can watch their progress through each round here in Food & Home.

May the tastiest taco win. *Virginia Hutchins may be reached at 735-3242 or virginia.hutchins@lee.net.*

Taste of Home in your hometown

Cooking school comes to Twin Falls

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

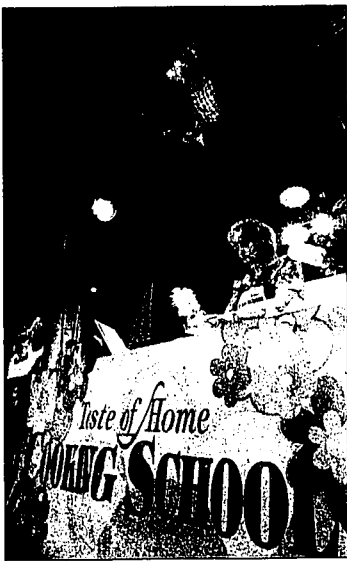
Hey, good lookin', look what's cookin' — tickets go on sale today for the April 12 Taste of Home Cooking School, based on the popular magazine and cookbook series.

The two-hour live event, sponsored by the *Times-News*, will feature cooking demonstrations by the Taste of Home culinary specialists and drawings for door prizes. The night's 10 recipe demonstrations include Herb-Stuffed Roasted Cornish Hens, Avocado Eggs Benedict, Flower Power cupcakes and Italian Herb Frittata, complete with tips on how to recreate the delectable dishes at home.

Every participant will receive a "Taste of Home Cooking School Brand Name Cookbook" and promotional gift bag.

Even though the cooking school lasts only hours, preparations take weeks. Before arriving, Taste of Home sends pallets of supplies — spatulas, measuring cups, mixing bowls — to the event center.

And it's all worth it. Sharon Kerner of Shoshone attended the Taste of Home Cooking School two years ago after her daughter con-



Sannie Renshaw, with Taste of Home Cooking School, prepares a meal during a 2004 class at the Minico High School auditorium. Some of the 650 attendees are reflected in a mirror above Renshaw, who prepared eight dishes for the class that year.

vinced her to go. The event, she said, is a social gathering as much as a cooking demonstration.

"It was just real interesting," she said. "It was nice to get together with a bunch of different ladies."

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Taste of Home Cooking School

- When: 6:30 p.m., April 12. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- Where: Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls
- Tickets: \$10 at the *Times-News* office, 132 Fairfield St., Twin Falls

Making the most efficient use of a home energy audit

By Mary Ellen Slayter
The Washington Post

An eye toward savings

WASHINGTON — Robert Whale knew his 1920s Sears Roebuck bungalow wasn't exactly airtight, but he didn't know just how drafty it was until an energy auditor flipped on the switch to a large fan he had placed in the doorway.

That buzzing coming from an upstairs bedroom? The sound of Whale's heating bills spiraling higher, by way of an air-conditioning unit that hadn't yet been stored for the winter.

The fan was part of a "blower door test," a tool often used in energy audits, in which inspectors analyze a house, looking for where energy is being wasted — and ways it can be conserved.

Lately, consumer interest in such audits has grown along with concern about rising energy costs and the environmental impact that housing choices can have. But are they worth the \$250 to \$500 price tag?

It can be money well spent, said Kateri Callahan, president of the nonprofit group Alliance for Sustainable Energy. "We recommend that people improve the efficiency of their homes — whether they go all-out and hire someone or just do the work themselves."

Energy audits aren't new. Government agencies used to provide them or subsidize them, a practice that fell out of favor during energy deregulation, said Robert Dobkin, a spokesman for the Pepco utility company. For residential customers, "doing these things was left to the commercial marketplace," he said, though Pepco Energy Services still performs audits for commercial customers.

A professional energy auditor inspects a home room by room and recommends changes that could save the homeowners on their energy bills. In this example, made for a home in Washington, a cost-benefit analysis shows how long it would take for each upgrade to pay back the cost of implementation. (Note: Payback time equals cost divided by annual savings)

INSULATION

Ceiling

Recommendation: Add Insulation

Annual savings: \$195

Cost: \$1,362

Payback: 7 years

Floor

Recommendation: Add Insulation

Annual savings: \$99

Cost: \$295

Payback: 3 years

Basement wall

Recommendation: Add insulation

Annual savings: \$72

Cost: \$794

Payback: 11 years

AIR SEAL-UP

Recommendation: Obtain seal-up

Annual savings: \$323

Cost: \$502

Payback 2 years

WINDOWS AND GLASS DOORS

Sliding glass door, poor condition

Recommendation: Replace

Annual savings: \$20

Cost: \$1,302

Payback: 67 years

Basement windows

Recommendation: Insulate

Annual savings: \$19

Cost: \$565

Payback: 5 years

HEATING SYSTEM

Recommendation: Replace with Energy Star model

Annual savings: \$92

Cost: \$3,441

Payback: 37 years

UNINSULATED PIPES

Recommendation: Insulate

Annual savings: \$75

Cost: \$60

Payback: Less than one year

PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT

Recommendation: Install

Annual savings: \$262

Cost: \$219

Payback: Less than one year

WATER HEATER

Recommendation: Replace

Annual savings: \$126

Cost: \$703

Payback: 6 years

Source: Alliance to Save Energy

Local governments and utilities are experimenting with pilot programs offering audits, Arlington County, Va., for example, provided free audits to a limited number of homeowners this year.

A professional can point out things homeowners might not have thought of on their own, such as leaks around electrical outlets or just how much difference storm windows or Energy Star appliances can make. "People don't always understand," Callahan said, and an audit can help them make better-informed

financial decisions.

Professional auditors aren't the only source of information on improving energy efficiency. The Energy Department, for example, has an online tool called Home Energy Saver that walks consumers through largely the same process a professional auditor uses.

Whale said he hired Peter Van Buren, of TerraLogos, to help him prioritize some of the improvement projects he was considering for his Washington house.

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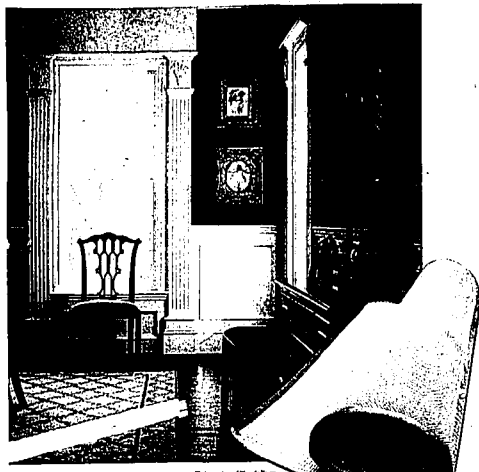


Photo courtesy of Warmly Yours

The electric radiant heating pad can be placed directly under a rug to add supplemental heat to a floor.

An efficient route to toasty toes

DEAR JIM: I want to install electric in-floor radiant heating in several rooms. Can this type of heat be installed easily under carpet or hardwood? I know it is comfortable, but is it an efficient source of heat? —Dana K.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

DEAR DANA: Any type of in-floor radiant heating is one of the most comfortable forms of heat for homes. The warm floor radiates heat to your body providing a similar feeling to standing in the sun on a cold day. Also, by keeping one's feet warm, the entire body feels warmer.

Most in-floor radiant heating is installed under ceramic tile or other masonry floor surface, but some types are designed for installation under low thermal mass flooring, such as carpeting, hardwood or laminate floating floors. When it is installed under these flooring materials, it provides quicker temperature response to changes in the thermostat setting.

Electric in-floor radiant heat is energy efficient. To determine if installing it will lower your utility bills depends upon the type of central heating system in your home and how you use the in-floor heating.

If you have a new efficient gas furnace, it will produce heat less expensively than the electric resistance heating from in-floor heating.

Overall energy savings

from electric in-floor heating can still be realized because its radiant heat allows you to set the room temperature lower and still be comfortable. Also with electric in-floor heating, the temperature in each room is controlled by its own thermostat. This allows you to zone (different temperatures in different rooms) heat your house and save even more energy.

For rooms with carpeting, several companies offer mats or in-floor heating strips or mats that are very thin. They use a mesh or foil material which is easy to install yourself. The manufacturers can help you determine how much heating and the size of the kit your room requires.

Heatizon uses a very safe low-voltage heating screen design which is easy to install. It is only 1/8 inch thick and is stapled in place on the floor. It has a 25-year warranty. A water-thin heating kit by Warmly Yours is designed to be placed between the carpeting and the pad.

Another design by Warmly Yours uses fiberglass-mesh embedded with heating

cables which is ideal for under hardwood flooring. Check with the hardwood flooring manufacturer about the maximum allowable floor temperature to avoid overdriving the hardwood. This kit comes with its own sensitive thermostat for comfort and to protect the hardwood.

Most companies also offer the standard 120- or 240-volt heating cable. This is often embedded in a thinnest base and covered with ceramic tile for bathrooms. It provides very even and steady room temperatures.

DEAR JIM: I have a hygrometer mounted on the wall in my living room and a humidity dial on the furnace return duct humidifier. The wall hygrometer always reads a somewhat higher humidity level. Which is likely correct? —Bob T.

DEAR BOB: The accuracy of inexpensive hygrometers is not always good.

Even the one on your furnace may be off. The best way to set the humidity level is by comfort and the amount of condensation on windows.

The relative humidity near the furnace is often a little lower than in the rest of the house. This is because the air temperature around the furnace is warmer. For a given amount of moisture in the air, warmer air has a lower relative humidity.

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

Seal that grout ... maybe

By Gary Dymalski
Newsday

Q: Do you recommend sealing the grout or ceramic tile that were having put on our basement utility room, which has a washer, dryer, sink and furnace?

A: Sealing the grout depends on the joint. Generally, sanded grout, which contains sand for added strength, is used on joints wider than 1/16 inch, like for larger floor tiles. Non-sanded grout is used on thinner joints, like for tiles used for walls and countertops.

A lot of contractors use a grout that contains a polymer or mix the grout with a liquid latex additive. These additives improve the grout's

flexibility, which prevents cracking and separating, and it also is said to boost stain resistance.

Since this is a utility room and in the basement, I suspect it will be an area that attracts some dirt and debris, especially with your furnace in the room. So, if you have wide joints, use a sponge-type paintbrush to apply any number of commercial grout sealers. Simply dip the edge of the sponge brush into the sealer, then carefully dab it into the joint. Most grout sealers should not be applied to the tile itself, so work slowly.

On thinner joints, I don't think sealing is going to make a difference. It's such a small joint, that any dirt or debris that is trapped should be

easy enough to clean. As for sealing the tile itself, the rule of thumb is that a glazed tile — one with any type of shiny surface — does not need sealing. If you have an unglazed tile then refer to the manufacturer's recommendations. Many unglazed tiles need not be sealed, so lean on the advice of the manufacturer. To be sure, test the tile with a little water. If water beads onto the surface of the tile is absorbed, it's a good sign the tile needs to be sealed. Just a tip: I would not use an unglazed tile in a high-traffic area like a utility room. Pick a tile that is glazed but not overly shiny; less sheen usually translates to better traction and reduces the chances of slipping if the tile gets wet.

Using recycled products as mulch concerns some

By Gary Dymalski
Newsday

Using recycled products as mulch, ground cover and even a base in all-weather athletic fields is a concern for many environmental groups.

According to research, one such recycled product, culled from ground-up rubber tires, might be carcinogenic. Crumbled rubber mulch is being marketed as soft

ground cover for use in playgrounds and near playground structures, such as swings, slides and climbing bars. Another similar product is being used as a base material for artificial grass surfaces.

On one end, most of the research — and concerned groups are quick to point this out — is inconclusive. But these groups also point to the levels of zinc, cadmium and other heavy metals in "tire

crumbs." The material has been found to emit volatile organic compounds (known as VOCs) into the air. Some studies suggest that tire crumbs can be harmful to plants.

So what's a homeowner to do? Before you buy tire crumbs for ground cover in a yard or play area, it might be wise to wait until all the studies are in. For the next few years or so, rely on good, old-fashioned wood mulch.

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While Van Buren questioned Whole about his family's daily habits and the age of various appliances, his co-worker Atticus Doman went from room to room with an infrared camera, scouting out signs of inadequate insulation and drafts.

Such inspections usually take two to three hours, and after they are complete, Van Buren compiles a list of recommendations to improve the home's efficiency, with an eye toward cost-effectiveness.

Residents of older houses usually reap the greatest benefits from energy audits, said Doris Ikle, president of CMC Energy Services, of Bethesda, Md., which sells the Home Energy Tune-Up software that many auditors use, among other energy consulting services.

But that doesn't mean new houses are perfect. "Even the new stuff can be pretty bad," Van Buren said.

Homeowners may not need to pay for every test to benefit. In particular, Ikle said she doesn't consider the blower door test worthwhile for every homeowner, given the cost it adds to the inspection. "You'll pay twice as much for the audit" if it's included, she said, and it will just have to be repeated by the professional leak sealer if you hire one.

Homeowners interested in hiring an energy auditor should use the same diligence they would in hiring any contractor, including checking references, Callaban said.

Friends and family members are one source of referrals. Another possibility: local utility companies. Even if

they do not conduct residential energy audits themselves, they may have a list of recommended local contractors.

If you used a home inspector when you bought your house, find out whether he or she conducts energy audits, as well. Many do so for an additional fee, Callaban said. An energy audit can be particularly cost-effective when tacked on to a regular home inspection during purchase, Ikle said.

The Residential Energy Services Network is primarily concerned with energy ratings, not audits, but many of its inspectors also provide auditing services. Its Web site, www.nresnet.org, includes a list of certified raters searchable by state.

No matter how potentially beneficial the recommenda-

tions are, they won't produce any savings unless homeowners follow them.

It's like going to the doctor, said Tom Jewell, energy conservation coordinator for Dominion Virginia Power. "If you don't go fill the prescription and take the medicine, it won't do any good."

Having a professional come in is sometimes what it takes to motivate people to act, Callaban said.

The Rev. Frances Brown, co-owner of a D.C. home where Callaban's group performed an audit last year, said it was worthwhile for her family. There have been significant drops in their monthly utility bills, she said, and the difference in comfort was immediate.

Go for it, she urged others. "It saves so much money."

Penney has the look, if not name, of Lauren

By Jura Koncius
The Washington Post

CPenney's new brand, American Living, gives customers the chance to buy into a well-loved classic look characterized by pink-and-green madras sheets, faded chintz pillows and chambray shirts.

The merchandise brings Ralph Lauren to mind, and for good reason. Penney's largest launch in history for fashion and home was designed by Global Brand Concepts, a division of Polo Ralph Lauren. Although

Lauren's name doesn't appear anywhere, there is no mistaking the breezy cotton towels and red-and-white checked quilts.

"These are iconic Ralph Lauren-inspired designs," says Jeff Allison, Penney's executive vice president for home. So far, the brand includes bedding, bath towels and rugs, and window treatments. Tableware, area rugs, lighting and furniture are slated to be added in the next year. The products, available at 600 stores and at www.jp.com, are among

Penney's most expensive, with price tags of \$180 for a 700-thread-count queen four-piece sheet set and \$29 for a cotton bath rug that is 17 by 24 inches.

We wonder who the man who epitomizes aspirational American Good Taste would think of this collection. Clearly American Living is at its best when it sticks to bandanna prints, brass curtain rods and black-and-white floral sheets. But it's harder to imagine what Ralph would say about some of the formal draperies layered with valances.

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Bathe your walls in light

By Mary Ellen Slayter
The Washington Post

Sconces, light fixtures attached to the wall midway between floor and ceiling, can serve as primarily functional objects, or they can create a dramatic focal point in a room.

"Sconces lend a very immediate sense of elegance to a space," said Joe Rey-Barreau, an architect and associate professor of interior design at the University of Kentucky. They create "a very soft and comforting light."

Sconces are available in a range of sizes, to match the scale of a room. The average indoor sconce is about 12 inches tall, according to the American Lighting Association, but some are as long as 30 inches.

Traditional brass sconces are still popular, but other finishes have also gained footholds, including nickel, pewter, painted metal and hand-forged steel. More modern styles emphasize simple lines and shapes. Some are designed to tolerate dampness, such as in bathrooms, or even work outdoors. They are frequently installed in groups of two or three.

"In a better sconce, the detail will be there once you start to really look at it," said Jerry Hopp, a certified lighting consultant who handles custom sales for Annapolis Lighting in Maryland. In less-expensive models, the metal is thinner and not as many finishes are available.

More-expensive models are built with replaceable parts, extending their life, Hopp said. Even the hardware may be different. A better sconce will have a better socket, maybe take a 100-watt bulb.

If you're looking to wash your walls in light, here's what you can get for your money.

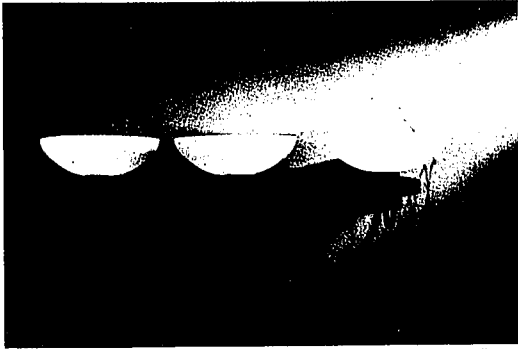
The bargain

If your budget is less than \$50, consider a simple sconce from the Hampton Bay line at Home Depot. A one-light wall sconce in a weathered oak finish with Seavo glass retails for about \$40.

The basics

If your budget allows you to spend \$50 to \$200, you'll have a much larger choice of styles, finishes and manufacturers. "Consumers should be able to find a good wall sconce for no more than \$150," Rey-Barreau said.

One option in this range is



Hubbardton Forge's Vista Triple sconce with glass bowls retails for \$658.

Photo courtesy of Hubbardton Forge



This sconce from Justice Design Group's Sun Dagger collection works indoors and out, and retails for \$250.

The upgrade

Justice Design Group's Veneto Luxe collection, finished with Venetian glass and white nickel, which retails for about \$200.

For \$200 to \$500, consumers can find distinctive designs, durable enough to function outdoors. One option is a cylinder-shaped sconce made of ceramic from Justice Design's Sun Dagger collection. This sconce retails for about \$250.

The splurge

Those willing to spend \$500 or more on a sconce can find one-of-a-kind products, said Rey-Barreau, who is also the educational consultant for the American

Lighting Association. One possibility would be handmade pieces, such as those made by Hubbardton Forge in Castleton, Vt. Hubbardton's Vista Triple three-light sconce, which retails for about \$650, is reversible for up or down light and available in several finishes.

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Using 10 buildings, as examples, author Peter Buchanan in "Ten Shades of Green: Architecture and the Natural World" (W.W. Norton Co., \$24.95, 128 pp.) writes about ways to enliven contemporary architecture while remaining faith-

ful to environmental principles. Through floor plans, sketches, photos and thoughtful text, Buchanan argues that sustainability is good for the planet and for expanding design ideas. The book documents an exhibit of the same name put together by the Architectural League.

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The culture of sourdough bread

By Amy Scattergood
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — There are few things as treasured in home kitchens or professional bakeries as sourdough starter. Bread bakers feed it religiously, on a strict schedule, like pets or children; they carry the stuff with them when they move; they hand down jars of it through generations like heirloom jewelry.

It may look like a forgotten tub of kids glue or paper-mache paste lodged in the back of the refrigerator or slowly bubbling on a counter top, but just a bit of it is enough to leaven a loaf of crusty, fragrant bread and flavor it with the gloriously distinctive tang of sourdough. It's a beautiful, mysterious alchemy that produces gorgeous loaves (round loaves, baguettes, even pancakes) from such simple ingredients — no commercial yeast necessary. But it's just flour and water, wild yeasts and lacto-bacilli; it's not smoke and mirrors.



Whole wheat sourdough pancakes.

The bacteria, from which the starter gets its acidity and characteristic sourness, and the yeasts, which leaven it — and eventually the bread — achieve a balance.

That's the basic idea. But there are as many ways to achieve this as there are bread-baking enthusiasts. Some add a mash of organic grapes to the initial blend; others add cooked potatoes or raisin water or apple peels to help kick off the process. Others swear by only flour and water. And then there's pineapple juice.

In his new book "Whole Grain Breads: New Techniques, Extraordinary Flavor," author and baking instructor Peter Reinhart outlines "the pineapple solution," a recipe that replaces the water in the initial starter mixture with pineapple juice.

It was developed by home baker Debra Wink and fellow members of the King Arthur Baking Circle, who came up with it as a way of avoiding the development of certain growth-inhibiting bacteria.

I made successful starters with organic grapes, potatoes, water and various flours, even the heel of an old piece of my own sourdough bread (following a tip from cookbook author Naomi Duguid). But the pineapple juice method made the quickest, strongest and most reliable starter. It grew into an active, consistently vigorous, bubbling culture that would leaven a loaf of good bread in a little more than a week, as opposed to the two weeks or more it generally took the other starters. No mold, no wacky aromas or strange discoloration, no days of disconcerting inactivity.

Then there's the question of what flour to use, what water. Although you can probably grow a sourdough culture out of almost any flour and water mixture if you wait long enough, it makes sense that the quality of your essential ingredients will contribute to the quality of your starter. Use high-quality, fresh, organic whole grain flours (which carry more abundant wild yeasts and bacteria) and unchlorinated water.

After you mix the initial ingredients, it's just a matter of waiting for the dough to fer-

ment, for the yeasts and bacteria to develop and feeding it regularly and consistently as you would, say, a goldfish. Moving your bowl to a warm part of the house helps, as does stirring your starter a few times a day, as it benefits from aeration.

Eventually, your starter will grow and flourish, fermenting and bubbling, rising and falling as you feed it. No incantations necessary. If you don't want to make your own starter, there are alternatives. Because sourdough starter grows exponentially and bakers often have far more than they need, you can ask for some from a friend — or even from a bakery.

You can also order estab-

lished starter from a number of sources online and by mail, including King Arthur Flour (kingarthurfir.com), breadtopia.com, and Friends of Carl, a group of people who maintain a starter originally begun in Oregon in 1847 (send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Oregon Trail Sourdough, P.O. Box 32, Jefferson, Md. 21755).

Or order a dried culture from Sourdough International's Ed Wood, a retired pathologist and baker who has spent decades collecting wild yeast starters from around the world. Wood has cultures from San Francisco, Egypt, Italy, Bahrain and elsewhere, each, he says, with their own distinct flavor; they're available at yourdough.com. (Note: Wood calls for that jury-rigged proofing box.)

But making your own is a lot of fun. Consider it a science project. You're creating a household pet, in effect; a water-and-flour creature with its own personality.

My kids loved watching the cultures bubble and grow; they even named their three favorites of the 10 different starters in my refrigerator.

Keep your starter in a glass or clear plastic container so you can see the structure as it grows. It will take you about a week to get an active culture, with not much attention required in the first few days, followed by a few days of up to two feedings per day.

After you have a strong and healthy starter, its care is a lot less demanding. Stored in the refrigerator and fed only weekly (or even less frequently), a starter can last indefinitely, alternating and dormant in the cold.

My mother had a Mason jar of starter in the back of the refrigerator, its color and consistency like thick yogurt. I remember her pulling it out, stirring in some water, some



Once the right starter's in hand, the bread is a snap. Whole wheat sourdough loaves.

flour, and then back it would go. Sometimes she'd go months between baking binges.

If you forget, or if your starter begins to look or smell odd (a layer of liquid, called "hooch," usually forms on top of a stored starter; just stir it back in when you feed it), regular and frequent feedings should bring it back into balance. Keep it at room temperature while you recalibrate it. The accompanying recipes call for feedings of equal parts by weight of flour and water.

producing a starter that has 100 percent hydration, according to baker's percentages. If you don't bake regularly with your starter (and even if you do), you'll need to discard some of it each time you feed it. Maybe this is why there are so many creative ways to use excess sourdough starter. Silverton devotes an entire chapter in "Breads From the La Brea Bakery" to nonbread recipes that call for starter, including bagels, onion rings,

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For the weeks I experimented with sourdough starter, my kitchen felt and looked like an alchemist's laboratory. Starters proliferated in bowls and jars on every available surface. I grew green from chesedoths of organic grapes and pots of cooked potatoes; I used bags of stone-ground rye, organic whole wheat, bread and all-purpose flours; I reactivated dried powders under homemade, jury-rigged proofing boxes outfitted with lightbulbs; I stirred and fed starters that I'd begged from a Michelin-starred restaurant, traded at farmers market stalls and received by mail in little plastic bags like a federally controlled substance.

By the end, I had a basic starter I loved (made with pineapple juice and whole wheat flour), rapidly multiplying loaves of amazing bread, an understanding of how truly simple the process is — and an appreciation of why many bakers are so fanatic about their starters as baseball players can be about their socks.

Inside the new kitchens of Boule in Los Angeles, chef de boulangerie Hideofumi Kubota nurtures a starter that can trace its origins back a century to a kitchen in Puglia, about 100 miles from here.

A few streets away, at Bastide, pastry chef Margarita Marzke's starter is one she made (rye flour, malt powder) in Carmel four years ago.

At AOC restaurant in Los Angeles, the sourdough starter is one originally given to the restaurant by former Bill Spenser of Windrose Farms, who made his years ago using La Brea Bakery founder Nancy Silverton's recipe (bread flour, organic grapes).

Silverton, the patron saint of sourdough-bread bakers in this town, says you can trace the starter used in every La Brea Bakery sourdough bread back to the original white starter she made before opening her bakery. Silverton sold La Brea Bakery to Dublin-based LAWS Group in 2001 but is still active in the company.

Making your own sourdough starter is basically a matter of mixing flour and water and waiting for the wild yeasts and bacteria present on the grains to gain footing.

Over the course of about a week and with increasingly frequent feedings of flour and water, a sourdough culture establishes itself within your bowl and reaches equilibrium.

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blini, even dog biscuits and chocolate cake. I've used it as a batter to fry fish.

And a sourdough starter is just as malleable in the jar as out of it. After you've created a strong starter with whole wheat or rye flour, you can easily convert it to a white starter simply by feeding it all-purpose instead of whole grain flour. With all the variables at play in your kitchen and in your life, a trusty jar of sourdough starter may be that one thing that you can rely on: passed among kitchens and between generations, leavening bread after bread. That alone makes it magical.

WHOLE WHEAT STARTER

Adapted from a recipe in Peter Reinhart's "Whole Grain Breads"

Phase 1 (Day 1) Sponge:
 3 1/2 tablespoons (1 ounce) whole wheat flour
 1/4 cup (2 ounces) unsweetened pineapple juice

In a small nonreactive bowl, stir together the flour and juice with a spoon or whisk to make a paste. The liquid can be cold or at room temperature—it doesn't matter. It should be like pancake batter. Be sure to stir until all of the flour is hydrated. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and leave at room temperature for about 48 hours.

Two or three times a day, aerate by stirring for 1 minute with a wet spoon or whisk (the dough won't stick as easily to a wet tool). There will be little or no sign of fermentation activity during the first 24 hours; bubbles may begin to appear within 48 hours.

Phase 2 (Day 3) Sponge:
 2 scant tablespoons (0.5 ounce) whole wheat flour
 2 tablespoons (1 ounce) unsweetened pineapple juice or filtered or spring water, at room temperature

Phase 3 (Day 4 or 5):
 5 1/4 tablespoons (1.5 ounces) whole wheat flour
 3 tablespoons (1.5 ounces) filtered or spring water, at room temperature

Phase 2 Sponge (use all, you should have about 4.5 ounces)

Add the flour and water to the Phase 2 Sponge and stir with a spoon or whisk as before. The sponge will be thicker as you reduce the percentage of water, but it will still be very wet, spongy and sticky. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and leave at room temperature for 24 to 48 hours, stirring with a wet spoon or whisk to aerate at least two to three times each day, as on the previous days.

Within 48 hours, it should be very bubbly and expanded. If not, wait another day or two, aerating as before, until it becomes active. If the sponge was active and bubbly before this phase, it could become active and bubbly in less than 24 hours. If so, proceed to the next phase.

Phase 4 (Day 5 or later):
 7 tablespoons (2 ounces) whole wheat flour
 3 tablespoons (1.5 ounces) filtered or spring water, at room temperature

Phase 3 Sponge (about 3.75 ounces)

Discard or give away 1/2 of the Phase 3 Sponge. In a nonreactive bowl large enough for the mixture to double in size, add the flour and water to the other 1/2 and mix as before. Cover the bowl loosely and leave at room temperature until the sponge becomes bubbly and foamy. It should swell and nearly double in size, but it will fall when jostled because of its hydration. This can take anywhere from 4 to 24 hours. If there is little sign of fermentation after 24 hours, continue to aerate as before and leave at room temperature until it becomes very active. This is your seed culture; you can now proceed to the next step, making the mother starter, or you can cover and refrigerate the seed culture for up to 2 days before making the mother starter.

Mother Starter:
 2 1/3 cups (10.5 ounces) whole wheat flour
 1 cup (8 ounces) filtered or spring water, at room temperature

2 1/3 cup (3.5 ounces) seed culture (about half of what you have)

Combine the flour, water and seed culture in a bowl and mix with a spoon or whisk until the ingredients form a ball of slightly sticky dough, about 1 minute. Let the dough rest for 5 minutes, then knead it by hand for 1 minute (in the bowl), until the dough is fairly smooth.

Transfer the starter to a clean, nonreactive bowl or container large enough to hold it. Once it has doubled in size, cover loosely with plastic wrap and leave at room temperature for 4 to 8 hours, until doubled in size.

Discard the Mother Starter by feeding it for a few seconds, then re-form into a ball, cover tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate. After a few hours, vent any carbon dioxide buildup by uncovering it briefly, then reseal it. At this point, you have a firm starter at 75 percent hydration. This recipe next builds and maintains it at 100 percent hydration. Many sourdough recipes call for a starter that has this percentage, but many don't; check your recipe.

For the next 2 to 3 days, you need to "feed" (add equal parts by weight of flour and water) your starter. This builds its strength and develops its flavor.

To feed your starter, weigh out 7 ounces of starter in a clean bowl, add 7 ounces of cool water and 7 ounces of whole wheat flour. Discard the remaining starter, or give it away. Mix until just combined, cover loosely with plastic and allow to sit at room temperature for 12 hours.

Repeat this process at 12-hour intervals over 2 to 3 days for 10 days. This will give you 21 ounces of "ripe" starter after each 12-hour period. You will discard a lot of starter during this building process, which will seem like a lot of flour and water.

After 2 to 3 days of feeding, your starter is ready to use. Your starter is "ripe" about 12 hours after its last feeding. The starter will about double in size.

If you plan on using your starter regularly, maintain it at room temperature and feed it on a consistent schedule. (You can keep a much smaller amount and feed it once a day instead of twice; just keep the percentages of flour and water the same and the feedings regular.)

If you don't use your starter regularly, refrigerate it; it will



From starters that grow and flourish, you get amazing bread. Whole wheat sourdough boules.

keep indefinitely. You'll still want to feed it regularly, roughly weekly, once a week. To feed it weekly, remove the starter from the refrigerator, discard all but a few ounces and add a few ounces each of water and flour. Stir and let sit at room temperature for a few hours, then return it to the refrigerator. When you want to activate your starter for use, pull it out and feed it regularly at room temperature for 2 to 3 days, using the same technique as you did when you were building it initially.

WHOLE WHEAT SOURDOUGH BOULES

Adapted from "King Arthur Flour Whole Grain Baking." This recipe calls for "ripe" starter. The starter should have been "fed" 12 hours before you make the dough.

For a slightly more pronounced sour flavor, feed the starter up to 16 hours before making the dough.

This recipe also calls for a baking stone and parchment paper, if possible, use a scale to measure the ingredients for the most accurate measurements.

9 ounces (about 1 cup) "ripe" whole wheat starter
 6 5/8 ounces (about 1 2/3 cup) whole wheat flour
 1 1/4 ounces (about 2 2/3 cups) unbleached bread flour
 12 ounces (about 1 1/2 cups) cool bottled or filtered water
 2 1/2 teaspoons fine sea salt

In a large bowl, mix the starter, flours and water (use a spatula, a plastic dough scraper or your hands) until the dough is thoroughly moistened. Cover the bowl lightly with plastic wrap and let it rest 20 minutes.

Sit in the salt, using a spatula or a dough scraper or your hands and knead the dough thoroughly to incorporate the salt. The dough will be very sticky, but do not add flour. The easiest method is to cut and turn the dough inside the metal bowl with a dough scraper, which avoids getting either your counter or your hands overly messy. Cover the bowl again lightly with plastic wrap and let rise for 45 minutes.

Use the dough scraper to scrape the dough from the bowl onto a well-floured surface. With well-floured hands, gently pull the dough out into a rough rectangle large enough to fold in thirds (be careful not to flatten the dough while shaping as you want the dough to be light and airy in texture). Using either your hands or the dough scraper, gently fold the dough in thirds. You would a business letter, brushing off excess flour with a pastry brush or your hands.

Fold the dough into thirds again (starting from the short end). If the dough is resistant to stretching, you may gently pull it so that it is large enough to fold into thirds; just be careful not to tear or flatten the dough. Return the folded dough to the bowl, cover loosely and let rise for another 45 minutes.

Remove the dough from the bowl and repeat the double

folds (folding it in thirds twice), then put it back in the bowl, cover and let rise for another 45 minutes. Meanwhile, heat the oven, bannetons or cloth-lined proofing baskets. (You can make your own by lining medium baskets or colanders with linen tea towels and flouring them.)

Scrape the dough out onto a heavily-floured surface and divide it in half. For the "pre-shape," pinch the edges of each piece of dough together into the center to form a rough round. Let the dough rest on the board, pinched side up, for 20 minutes loosely covered.

Shape each dough into a round by turning it over and gently tightening the surface. Pull the loaf toward you and roll it around, tucking the edges under very gently as you go, cupping your floured hands around the dough as you turn it. (Do not overwork this or the loaf will become perfectly round.) Turn the boule upside down (pinched side up) and place it in one of the prepared bannetons or cloth-lined bowls, pinching the rough edges at the center together to seal the dough. Cover lightly with plastic and let rise until doubled, generally by 2 1/2 to 4 hours. (Alternatively, after 1 hour you can place them in the refrigerator, tightly covered with plastic wrap, overnight or up to 24 hours. Remove from the refrigerator about 3 hours before baking.)

At least 45 minutes before you're ready to bake, place a baking stone in the lower third of your oven and heat the oven to 450 degrees. Place an old cake pan or, even better, a cast-iron pan, in the bottom of your oven. Place a small pan of water on the stove and bring to a boil when you need 1 cup of boiling water when the boules first go in the oven.

When the dough is ready to bake and the oven is hot, turn the boules out of the bannetons or proofing baskets onto a piece of parchment paper. Slash the boules with a straight razor or serrated knife: Holding the blade at a 45-degree angle, make one deep cut—about 4 inches long—in an arc along the top of the boules.

Using a peel or an upside-down cookie tray, slide the parchment paper with the boules onto the baking stone. Using oven mitts and being very careful, quickly pour about a cup of hot water into the pan at the bottom of the oven. (There should be a lot of steam, so you may need to stand back.) Close the door and let the bread bake for 15 minutes. Resist the urge to open the door.

After 15 minutes, turn the oven down to 425 degrees. After 10 minutes at 425 degrees, rotate the loaves for even browning, which you should be able to do by pulling the parchment paper around. (The paper will get very dark, but it will not burn; if you prefer, you can remove it.)

Slide the boules until they are a dark golden brown in color and an instant-read thermometer inserted into the bread reads 210 degrees, 10 to 20 additional minutes. Using a peel or your oven-mitted hands, remove the boules from the oven, get the bread cool on a rack to room temperature. Although it will be very difficult, resist the urge to slice

the bread while it's hot. Store the bread in a loosely closed plastic or paper bag at room temperature for up to 4 days; alternatively, the bread can be frozen, tightly wrapped, for up to 3 months. Do not refrigerate the bread to store (this will cause it to go stale).

Servings: Makes 2 small round loaves, or boules. Total time: 1 hour, plus at least 4 1/2 hours rising time for the dough.

WHOLE WHEAT SOURDOUGH PANCAKES

9 ounces (about 1 cup) "ripe" whole wheat starter (starter that has been fed the night before)
 5 ounces (1 cup) flour
 1/2 cup (1 milk)
 2 tablespoons butter, melted and cooled slightly, plus a little for the pan
 2 large eggs
 3 tablespoons maple syrup
 1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat a skillet or cast-iron pan over medium heat and add a nub of butter. Pour in about one-fourth cup of batter and cook until bubbles form on the surface of the pancake, 1 to 1 1/2 minutes. Flip and cook until the bottom of the pancake is slightly browned, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Repeat, adding more batter to the pan if necessary. Serve immediately.

Total time: 50 minutes. Servings: About 15 pancakes.

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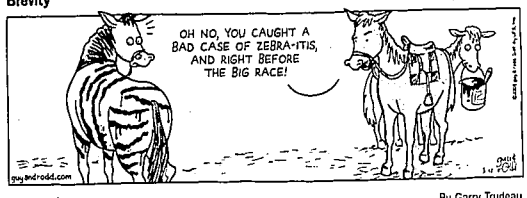
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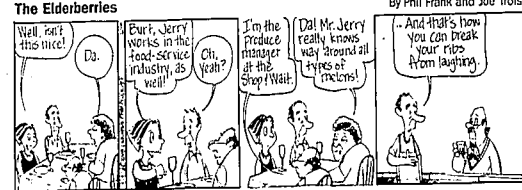
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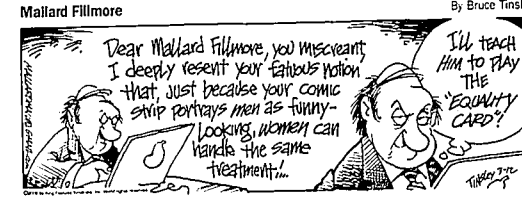
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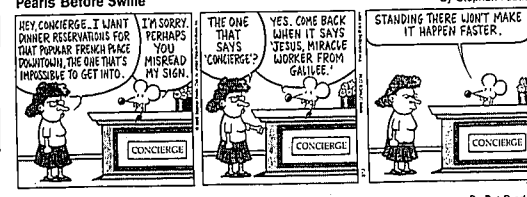
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Capricorn, save your money for awhile

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

You are much too eager to please others, imagining that the key to obtaining what you want is through someone else. You may be barking up the wrong tree.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): That giddy feeling of affection won't last much longer. Take advantage of any opportunity to get close to a special someone. You will be forced to pay more attention to job and career concerns soon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Play spin the bottle and connect with whoever wins the spin. Others will appreciate your flights of imagination and far-reaching idealism. Put your precious heart on the line for a few minutes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Things beyond understanding can be understood. Someone might communicate in terms that are somewhat vague or hard to pin down. Use intuitive faculties to understand what lies beneath the surface.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Valuable ideas or inspirations that come to your notice should be probed while they are fresh in your mind. Follow your intuitions to make a phone call at the most opportune time.

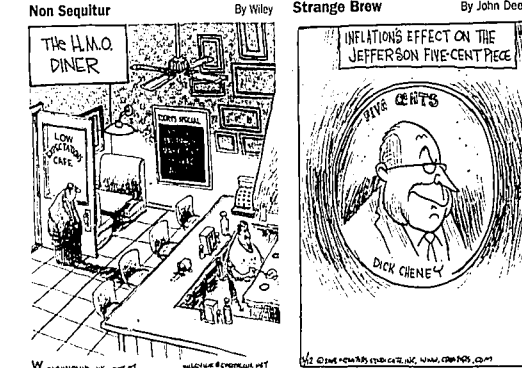
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Ignoring problems won't make them go away. This might be a good day to discuss concerns and ideals amicably. A few sincere phone calls can prevent misunderstandings and a headache later.

TAURUS (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Maintain a steady tempo while an inspiring atmosphere mires your morale. Stay focused on long-range plans for your piggy bank, especially joint holdings. This might be a good time to ask for assistance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Reassess goals and reappraise objectives. These celestial conditions are ideal for exploring alternative health, nutrition or making contact with spiritual people.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Diamonds are forever. It is far better to invest in one piece of very good jewelry than to squander pennies on a dozen pieces of worthless bling. Don't waste your time when lasting romance is on your mind.

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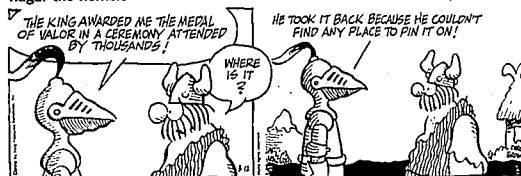
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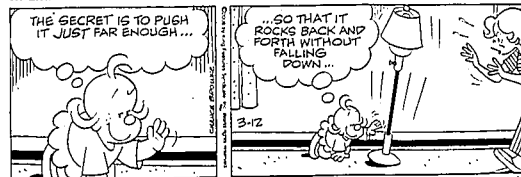
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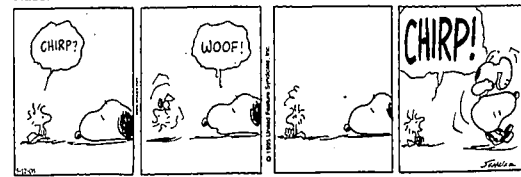
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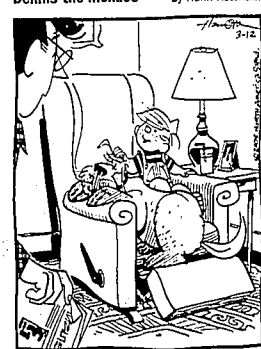
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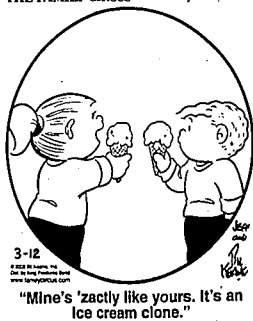
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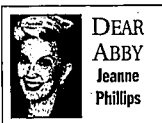
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Bloom is off the rose after Valentine's fiasco

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Ritchie," and I have been together three years. Ritchie wears his penicils, so I was very surprised two days before Valentine's Day to return from a family trip and find a gorgeous vase of professionally arranged flowers and a small heart-shaped box of chocolates on my coffee table.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

him he is greedy and cheap, and the thoughtful thing to do with leftover funeral flowers would have been to take them to a cancer ward at a hospital or to a local nursing home.

I was very impressed, surprised and excited. I asked Ritchie where he got them, and he told me the name of a high-priced florist. I was off work the day before Valentine's Day, so I went out, bought expensive wine and filet mignon and made a fantastic home-cooked meal for him.

intended for me. (It was just so out of character for him to splurge like that. The arrangement must have cost at least \$100.) When he didn't respond, I probed some more. He finally confessed they were from a funeral his parents had attended the day before I got home.

What do you think? Am I overreacting? I'm afraid this may be a deal-breaker.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 12, the 72nd day of 2008. There are 294 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 12, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered the first of his radio "fireside chats," telling Americans what was being done to deal with the nation's economic crisis.

On this date:

- In 1664, England's King Charles II granted an area of land in present-day North America known as New Netherland to his brother James, the Duke of York.
- In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became general-in-chief of the Union armies in the Civil War.
- In 1912, Juliette Gordon Law founded the Girl Guides, which later became the Girl Scouts of America.

In 1930, Indian leader Mohandas K. Gandhi began a 200-mile march to protest a British tax on salt.

In 1947, President Truman established what became known as the Truman Doctrine to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.

In 1958, President Lyndon Johnson won the New Hampshire Democratic primary, but a strong second-place showing by anti-war Senator Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota played a role in Johnson's decision not to seek re-election.

In 1980, a Chicago jury found John Wayne Gacy Jr. guilty of the murders of 33 men and boys. (The next day, Gacy was sentenced to death; he was executed in May 1994.)

Ten years ago: The government reported the rate of new cancer cases among

Americans had inched down for the first time, meaning about 70,000 fewer people than expected were diagnosed between 1992 and 1995.

Five years ago: Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who'd vanished from her bedroom nine months earlier, was found alive in a Salt Lake City suburb with two drifters. Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic was assassinated. Author Howard Fast died in Greenwich, Conn., at age 89. Actress Layne Thurigen died in Los Angeles at age 54.

One year ago: President Bush promoted free trade as a salute to Latin America's woes as he spoke out against poverty during a visit to Guatemala; the president then traveled to Mexico, R.E.M. and Van Halen were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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An everyday cake you won't regret

The Washington Post

This moist coffee cake is a nice addition to any brunch. Adapted from the paperback edition of "The Best Life Diet," by Rob Greene (Simon and Schuster, 2008).

BLUEBERRY YOGURT COFFEE CAKE

12 servings

1 1/2 cups flour
1/2 cup whole-wheat flour

3/4 teaspoon baking powder
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 1/4 cups nonfat plain yogurt
1/3 cup canola oil
1/3 cup plus 1 teaspoon muscovado brown sugar or dark brown sugar
1 large egg plus 2 large egg whites
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups blueberries (may substitute frozen blue-

berries that have been defrosted)
1 cup low-fat granola

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 10-inch round cake pan with nonstick cooking oil spray.
Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and cinnamon in a large bowl, whisking to mix well.
In a separate medium bowl, combine the yogurt, canola oil, 1/3 cup of the brown sugar, eggs and vanilla

About baking with blueberries

Toss the blueberries in a little flour, shaking off any excess, before folding them into this coffee cake batter, and they won't all sink to the bottom during baking.

extract, mixing well.
Make a well in the flour mixture and pour in the yogurt mixture, stirring just until the dry ingredients are moistened. The batter will be lumpy. Use a spatula to gently fold in the blueberries.

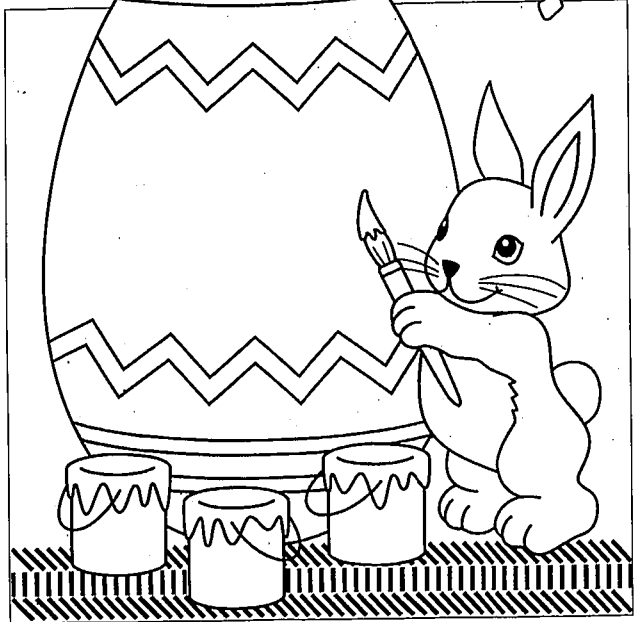


Low-fat and healthful recipes can turn resolutions about healthier eating into reality. Here, Blueberry Yogurt Coffee Cake.

back when lightly tapped with your finger. Serve warm.
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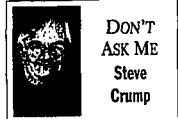
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No more assemblies? Why go to school?

I read an article at the barbershop the other day that said school assemblies are going the way of ink wells and being sent to detention for pulling MaryAnn's pigtails. Blame the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and its emphasis on make-or-break standardized tests, the article said. Schools have to spend so much time getting kids ready to be tested that there's no time left for sloth anymore.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

Sheesh. How's a kid supposed to get through the school week — let alone the school year — without assemblies? School assemblies are tiny islands in a vast sea of curriculum. If a kid turned up at school at 8 o'clock Monday morning knowing there would be no break from (edum) until 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, he or she would never get out of bed in the first place. But standing at the bus stop in sub-sub-freezing weather is somehow tolerable if a youngster sees an assembly on the horizon along about Thursday afternoon.

The topic of the assembly is irrelevant because students don't go to assemblies to learn anything. In fact, the Fourth Grader's Code quite explicitly proscribes enlightenment from such experiences on account that it will detract from mayhem.

In my day, school assemblies were mostly about enrichment — you know, exposing kids to accordion music and dental hygiene. But gradually, the principal tired of scraping gum off the freshmen and declared that assemblies should have no cerebral content whatsoever.

That left pep assemblies — gatherings at which cheerleaders, the pep club, the drill team, various members of the student council and the vice principal would extol the virtues of the school's sports teams; students would run around in funny costumes, and the band would play "Twenty-five or -six to Four" over and over because that's the only song that the tuba guy knows.

I know all about this since I attended Highland High School in Poacello. The mascot is a ram, and for a time I got to portray the back half of the ram at school assemblies and sporting events. I got fired because — not being able to see where I was going — I separated from the front half of the ram during a basketball game and knocked over the visiting team's coach.

Pep assemblies were always held between fifth and sixth periods, and their entire purpose was to encourage students to stomp their feet on the bleachers and expend sufficient energy so that all the sixth-period teachers didn't quit.

Thirty-five years later, I don't recall a thing about my algebra or shop or history classes, but I vividly remember napping underneath the bleachers out of sight of the teachers. And that I overslept after one assembly, and was still napping when the janitors covered the bleachers back. One minute I was asleep on the gym floor, and the next I was wide awake in the principal's office.

I also recall that was the last assembly I got to attend.

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DENIED Voters throw out proposed Buhl supplemental levy

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

After canvassing for nearly three hours, the Buhl School District's proposed one-year, \$600,000 supplemental levy was overwhelmingly defeated by 71 percent of voters.

A total of 402 votes were cast against the proposal, while only 164 were in favor — 566 votes in all. "I think the people have spoken," said Trustee Jackie Frey.

While Dolly Larragan wouldn't say which way she voted, the Buhl resident was impressed with the

turnout, saying it was the first time she has ever had to stand in line to vote.

"By the time I put my ballot in the can, it was almost full," Larragan said. "I suppose that is a good thing."

Polling places included Buhl High School and the Clear Lake Country Club. At 5:30 p.m., only 24 votes had been cast at the club house, which was set up to accommodate Gooding County voters.

"They said it was pretty busy up in town," said Mary Wright, an election worker. "But (at the club) it's been pretty slow."

"I think the people have spoken."
— Buhl School District Trustee Jackie Frey

The district had planned for the bulk of the levy — \$400,000 — to be spent on Popplewell Elementary School. Projects would have included replacing tables and benches in the lunchroom, replacing playground asphalt and cement work around the special education modular. Funds were also designated for technology upgrades throughout the district.

"This no vote is a no-vote of con-

fidence on the school board trustees and specifically the superintendent," said resident Tami Scifres. "I think the community had reservations about giving them (the school board) a blank check. At no time were we ever given any specific guarantees as to where this money was to be spent."

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TAPPING WIND'S ENERGY



Melissa McCoy flies a kite Tuesday afternoon during her College of Southern Idaho elective course on renewable energy. McCoy says it was interesting to see how buildings and terrain affect wind patterns as the class walked around the campus in Twin Falls.

Pet owners concerned about effect of T.F.'s kennel ordinance

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

True, Severen Krenz said, at the moment, she only has four cats.

But that total has been higher in the past, she said, and each time her family has kept and cared for them — even shelling out money for X-rays for a stray cat hit by a car.

So even though she lives in Filer, she said Tuesday, she had a few concerns about an ordinance passed Monday evening by the Twin Falls City Council limiting private residents to four dogs and four cats at one home.

Part of a revised kennel ordinance, the rule was put

in place to try to get a handle on people who feed groups of stray cats or whose cats cause problems around neighborhoods, city staff said Tuesday. But in an e-mail to Twin Falls Mayor Lane Clow, Krenz said the rule will force Twin Falls families to make a hard, unnecessary decision.

"It would be like saying 'Oops, you have too many kids, time to choose which four of the eight you want to keep and the others have to be euthanized,'" Krenz wrote.

The rule was a first in Twin Falls, which has never regulated cats before. And it's a much-needed first, said Twin Falls Animal Shelter

Director Debbie Blackwood, who helped draft the ordinance. People call the shelter all the time with complaints about neighbors who feed large groups of cats, which then become nuisances, she said.

"It's a tough issue to tackle cats, but it's out of control in Twin Falls," she said.

City staff still doesn't seem sure how the ordinance will be enforced. Gretchen Scott, assistant to the city manager, said the topic hadn't been discussed yet. But Blackwood said she expected the process would be driven by complaints, and pet owners who keep their cats indoors likely wouldn't attract complaints. Keeping

them indoors is better for them anyway, she said.

"They're desert creatures," said Blackwood, who added that she has six cats, but lives outside the city limits. "They're not meant to live outside in North America."

The change may not affect too many in the city. Veterinary offices and pet stores contacted Tuesday said most people seem to own two or three cats, with few exceptions.

"There are probably a few people that are going to have to get a license, I guess," said Dr. Connie Rippel with the Magic Valley Veterinary Hospital.

All Krenz is looking for, she said, is at least some feed-

back from the city, and perhaps a program where people currently above the limit can be inspected and allowed to keep their animals. Twin Falls' move, she said, left her worried Filer would follow suit. But Filer Mayor Bob Templeman said no talk of such a change had come up yet. "The town currently requires a license for people with four or more dogs, and only three licenses have been issued."

"The issues we do have are a little bit different," Templeman said. "I don't anticipate it, but you never know."

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Peeping Tom Hollon given fine, jail time

Man fell through roof of tanning salon, says he only drilled one hole

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

Greg Hollon apologized for lying and pledged to join the U.S. Marine Corps on Tuesday as he was sentenced to a fine and five days jail for peeping on tanners at a local salon.

Hollon, a former Gold's Gym employee who snuck into a space above the tanning salon next door to spy on women, claims responsibility for cutting one peep hole. Two other holes were there long before he took the job, his attorney Lynn Dunlap said.

"He was up there doing whatever he was supposed to be doing up there," Dunlap said. "And he saw the other holes and that's what gave him the idea. How they got there or what people were doing with them I certainly can't say."



Hollon

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Congressional staff start series of local meetings

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

JEROME — They weren't Larry Craig or Mike Simpson. But for the crowd filling the Jerome Senior Center, they were enough.

Mike Mathews, representing Sen. Craig, and Linda Culver, representing Rep. Simpson, kicked off three weeks of regional visits Tuesday with a stop at the center, answering questions and informing seniors about tax rebates and other topics.

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TAKE PART

Staff representing Idaho's congressional delegation will hold informational meetings at the following locations this month:

- **Thursday:** Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave.
 - **Friday:** Oakley Senior Center, 103 N. Church
 - **Monday:** Wendell Senior Center, 105 W. Ave. A
 - **March 26:** Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake
 - **March 27:** Filer Senior Center, 222 Main Street
 - **March 28:** Shoshone Senior Center, 218 N. Rail
 - **March 31:** Richfield Senior Center, 130 S. Main
- Each meeting will last from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

A. Yvonne Williams

A. Yvonne Williams, 83, of Twin Falls, passed away Monday, March 10, 2008, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born July 4, 1924, in Oxford, Neb., the daughter of Lester and Hazel Barnes Luke. In her younger years, she resided for two years with the Rev. Ray Mathis in Harrison in the Boy Scouts of America. She grew up and attended school in Nebraska. On Sept. 20, 1941, she met and married the love of her life, Ronald R. Williams. In McCook, Neb. To this union were born two sons, Terry L. Williams on June 7, 1942, and Scott L. Williams on Oct. 8, 1946. The family moved to Twin Falls in 1953. In 1955, she and her husband owned and operated Williams Shoes from 1955 to 1980. Yvonne enjoyed Bridge and was a member of various Bridge clubs in Twin Falls and was also a member of Beta Sigma Phi in McCook and Twin Falls.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald of Twin Falls; sons, Terri (Vickie) Williams of Twin Falls and Scott (Morena)



Williams of Hawaii; grandchildren, Shane Williams of Boise, Travis (Amy) Williams of Hawaii, Tracy Williams of Hawaii, Justin (Camille) Williams of Salmon and Shelby (Jerry) Smith of Filer; along with 12 great-grandchildren, Ashley Sage, Luke, Dustin, Cah, Mackay, Cooper, Abigail, Jansyn, Brooke, Jordyn and Kylie. She was preceded in death by her parents. She will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

A memorial service for Yvonne will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Private interment will follow at the Boise Veterans Cemetery at a later date.

Donald Gary Watson

Donald Gary Watson went to be with his Lord on Sunday, March 9, 2008.

Don was born in Twin Falls on Nov. 16, 1936, to L.O. and Sarah (Fisher) Watson. He started school in Henderson, Nev., and also attended school in Prescott, Ariz., Fairview Country School and High School. Don joined the U.S. Air Force. Upon returning to Buhl, he worked at various jobs around southern Idaho and Sun Valley.

In December 1957, he married Liah Caterson of Wendell. In 1959, they moved to Boise, where he started work for Hood Pipe Line Construction Co. Later they moved to Twin Falls, where he continued working for Hood, installing natural gas lines in different areas in Idaho and Wyoming. In 1968, Don went to work for the Intermountain Gas Co. He was a member of the Operator's Engineer's Union 370 and Plumber's and Pipefitter's Union 648. Don dedicated his life to the Lord and was baptized in 1980. Later, he became a member of the Eastern Baptist Church. He and Liah enjoyed hunting and vacationing with their children and, in later years, going on trips to visit the children and grandchildren.

Don is survived by his



wife, Liah of Twin Falls; five children, Steven of Albuquerque, N.M., Brian (Penny) of Gresham, Ore., Kirk (Teressa) of Kama, Robb (Pleasant, N.M.) and Tina (Buss) McCall of Twin Falls; nine grandsons, Ryan (Grace) Watson of Millard, Md., Justin Watson, Kortie Watson and Tyler Watson, all of Kama, Chase Watson and Travis Watson, both of Gresham, Ore., and Braydon Metcalf and Levi Metcalf, both of Twin Falls; two great-granddaughters, Olivia and Alexandria; his mother, Sarah Watson of Twin Falls; four brothers, Dudley (Joyce) Watson of Kennewick, Wash., DeWayne (Shirley) Watson of Roseville, Calif., David (Mary) Watson of Bountiful, Utah, and Dan (Tidy) Watson of Lenore; and many nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his father, L.O. Watson.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Idaho Lung Association.

Don requested a private funeral service, family only, which will be held Friday, March 14, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, with Pastor Daniel McAttee officiating. A private burial service will be held Monday, March 17.

The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to all the kind and caring people at Idaho Home Health and Hospice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Artell Aslett

Kimberly — Artell Aslett, 91, died at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly on Sunday, March 9, 2008.

He was born Jan. 16, 1917, on Fish Creek Ranch out of Lava Hot Springs, where his parents were farmers. As a young man, Artell worked on going logging, ammunition dumps and road construction in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and California. He and several brothers started Aslett Construction Co. and did jobs throughout Idaho from 1946 until 1959. Artell eventually went out on his own, continuing road construction and working on airports and salvaging missile sites. Artell had been semi-retired since the mid '80s.

Artell married three times; to Katherine A. Peak in 1936, with whom he had a daughter, Marjorie. They divorced. He married Roberta May Young in 1939, and they had



two daughters, Ann and Gloria. Bobbie died in 1972, and Toll married Laverne Peterson in 1980, with whom he spent the rest of his life. He leaves a wife, Laverne; three stepdaughters, Sandra (Ted) Dean of Hazelton, Sharon (Ken) Marchetti of Boise and Denise (Steve) Greene of Washington; from them, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. From Toll's first two marriages, surviving him are three daughters: Marjorie (Tiny) Savala of Colorado Springs, Colo., Ann (Larry) Admire of Hansen and Gloria (Danny) Johnson of Hazelton; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Tell is remembered for his business ability, his generosity and humor. He was admired and loved as Aslett patriarch. He will be missed by us all, but forever in our hearts.

Oleta L. Smith

Malta, Glenda Dean of Caldwell, Katie Gaskill (Gary) of Yulee, Fla., Mary Johnson (Steve) of Lehi, Utah, and Beleta Morrison (Alex) of Nampa; one daughter-in-law, Juanita Smith Matson of Boise; 31 grandchildren; 82 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Burdette Smith; one brother, Austin Muller; and several grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 14, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. with the Rev. Darecy Gritzschel officiating. Burial will be in the Glen Memorial Gardens Home, Ark. Oleta was a farmer's wife, worked at the A & P Tea Company, Burley Processing and at the J.R. Simplot Company. She was a member of the Dues in the Elks Lodge and was also a member of the auxiliaries of the American Legion and the Order of the Eastern Stars.

She enjoyed reading, playing cards, crocheting, knitting and working in her garden. Most important to Oleta was her family. She loved each one of them and was proud of their accomplishments. Survivors include her husband, Hugh B. Smith of Heyburn; her children, Loretta Osterhout (Kerry) of



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Flora Laragan

March 9, 2008. Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Melba A. Weedop

BURLEY — Melba A. Harper Weedop, 81, of Burley, died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at the Warren House in Burley.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

A. Merle Lynes

BURLEY — A. Merle Lynes, 88, of Burley, died Monday, March 10, 2008, in Boise.

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

Robert E. Williams II

JEROME — Robert E. Williams II, 87, of Jerome, died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, in Bountiful, Utah.

Charles Westbrook

Charles Westbrook, 90, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Hlene D. Tilley

Hlene DeBard Tilley, 87, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at the Heritage Retirement Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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Aileen Eleanor Johnston

GOODING — Aileen Eleanor Johnston passed away Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital at the age of 87.

Aileen was born Oct. 26, 1920, in Gooding, to Roy and Daisy Stewart. She attended Gooding High School, where she graduated in 1939. Then she met and eventually married Cleland Johnston on Sept. 4, 1941. They had been married 66 years. Aileen worked for First Security Bank for 18 years and later for Cleland at their business on Main Street, where she worked for almost 20 years. To those who knew her she had a wonderful sense of humor and she loved the game of golf and was an avid bridge player. She is survived by her husband Cleland (CJ, "Kenrick") of Gooding. She is also survived by her sons, Greg Johnston of Camarillo, Calif., and Stewart Johnston of Nampa.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Gooding County Memorial Hospital to the doctors and nursing staff who helped make her final days as comfortable as was possible, and for their care and concern for the family members as they sat by Aileen's side. In addition, Greg and Stewart are grateful to their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for allowing them to be with their mom in the final hours of her life.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 13, at Demary Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

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SERVICES

Genoveva (Eva) Moreno of Jerome, funeral at 10 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Jerome.

Gwen Mae Temple of Hazelton, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Hazelton Cemetery (Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Jay Calvin Looney of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Felipa Diego of Burley, memorial service at 5 p.m. today at the Rupert Foursquare Church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Shirley J. Smith of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

June Naylor of Hansen.

graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls and Sher's Funeral Chapel in Moscow).

Ruth H. Wellhousen of Wenatchee, Wash., and formerly of Hazelton, graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Darlene Jerry Poidexter of Rupert, celebration of life from 5:30 to 8 p.m. March 21 at the Rupert Elks Lodge (Hansen Mortuary Chapel).

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DEATH NOTICES

Flora Laragan

Flora Teresa Sabala Laragan, 88, of Twin Falls died Sunday, March 9, 2008, at her home.

The service has been postponed due to illness in the family. A full obituary with newly scheduled service information will appear at a later date (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Evy Brink

Evy Brink, 74, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, March 9, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Dennis W. Lewis

DECLIO — Dennis William Lewis, 45, of Boise and formerly of Declo, died Sunday,

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Sarah C. Kuzilik

FILER — Sarah Catherine (Cathy) Kuzilik, 66, of Filer, died Wednesday, March 11, 2008, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Charles Westbrook

Charles Westbrook, 90, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Hlene D. Tilley

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County

ARRAIGNMENTS (MARCH 5)
David Peterson, 25, domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 3; \$250 bond.
Steve M. Shirey, 41, Twin Falls; trespass; pleaded innocent; public

defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for April 1; \$100 bond; injury to jail; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 21; \$5,000 bond.
Rafael Soto, 25, Buhl; unlawful possession of a firearm; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 21; \$10,000 bond.

abused Hunt, 19, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for March 21; released on own recognizance.
Shawna L. Statter, 27, Eden; burglary; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; pretrial hearing set for March 21; released on own recognizance.

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LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

House passes

GARVEE bill

The Idaho House passed a bill 42-28 Tuesday that would cap the state's spending in the GARVEE program, a federal program that allows the state to borrow against future highway money to build roads now.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, would lower the debt service Idaho could engage in from 30 percent to 20 percent.

Smith, a former chairman of the Idaho Transportation Board and longtime GARVEE critic, said that costs are lower than when the program began in 2005 because of the economy, and the state has fewer projects than in the past. Smith said the funding would be better served in the state's general transportation fund.

"I don't have any GARVEE doing squat in my district," said Rep. Lenore Barnett, R-Challis, an opponent to the program.

The bill's future is unclear, as Senate Transportation Committee Chairman John McGee, a GARVEE supporter, has indicated he opposes the legislation.

Idaho



Senators OK benefit plan for retired state workers

The Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee passed a bill Tuesday that would require all retired state employees to use Medicare at 65 years of age.

The measure passed by a voice vote, with Sen. Elliot Werk, D-Boise, being the only opposition. The bill goes to the Senate's amending order, where senators are expected to pitch changes.

The measure, sponsored by Sen. Chuck Collier, R-Twin Falls, would mandate that in 2009, retired employee care coverage would not be available to retirees and their spouses if they are eligible for Medicare. A spouse would be eligible for a subsidy if the retiree becomes eligible for Medicare first, until the spouse also becomes eligible.

It would also require state employees to directly retire

from the state in order to receive benefits.

The legislation will reduce the state's estimated Governmental Accounting Standards Board liability from \$442 million to \$136 million. When an employee state's health care, the state has set aside a "liability" or money to fund the health care, similar to a pension plan but the costs are estimated.

IFAC approves funds for Minidoka Dam study

The Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee on Tuesday approved by unanimous vote \$1.4 million to study raising the Minidoka Dam on the Snake River.

The study will be performed by the federal Bureau of Reclamation. The cost of raising the dam has been estimated at between \$100 million and \$300 million.

Lifting the Minidoka Dam by four to five feet could bring in 40,000 to 50,000 acres, a consulting firm studying the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer told senators earlier this session.

— from staff reports

Hagerman open house to discuss rest area reconstruction

SHOSHONE — Local citizens and representatives of organizations are encouraged to attend an open house to discuss the partial reconstruction of the Hagerman rest area, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

The open house meeting will be held from 4 p.m. to

6 p.m. today at the Hagerman City Offices, 19B State St. N., in Hagerman. The meeting is intended to provide information about the proposed reconstruction. Improvements will include replacement of the restroom building, upgrading to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance, replacement

of the sanitary sewer system and resurfacing the parking lot.

The existing facility, at milepost 184 on U.S. 30 south of Hagerman, was built in 1966.

ITD staff will be on hand to explain the proposed improvements, answer questions and gather comments.

Hollon

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Gold's Gym did not return a phone call Tuesday.

Hollon pleaded guilty to malicious injury to property and for trespassing. A tanning salon employee caught him on the floor of a tanning room where he had fallen through the ceiling. Peep holes were discovered over three tanning rooms, and Hollon confessed that he had been spying on tanners for two weeks.

Dunlap argued for a suspended sentence, saying his client had been charged twice previously with minor crimes and that he has already received enough punishment.

"My client shouldn't have

been doing what he was doing," Dunlap said. "He's been publicly humiliated — as he should have been."

Dunlap said Hollon, who now works construction, was prepared to pay \$700 restitution on Tuesday to Gold's Gym and Sunstans tanning salon. Dunlap said later that the only destruction to the ceiling Hollon pleaded guilty to was the one hole.

"He put one hole in right through the air vent," Dunlap said. "The majority of the holes for which he was reportedly involved with existed there long before he was even employed there."

Hollon focused the bulk of his remarks to those two businesses.

"I would apologize for all the lies and deceptions I have created in this matter," Hollon said. "I apologize to put at a disadvantage because of what I may have created."

Magistrate Roger Harris ordered a sentence set not to conflict with Hollon enlisting in the Marine Corps.

For the trespass conviction Harris ordered a \$400 fine, \$750 in court costs and a \$100 fine for the malicious injury to property conviction.

"If Mr. Hollon wants to join the Marine Corps and serve his country I'm not going to get in the way of that," he said.

Meetings

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"It's hard for the congressman and senator to get out during the week, so we're here," Culver said while introducing herself.

It's the third time the pair — along with Sen. Mike Crapo representative Katie Shewmaker, who was absent Tuesday, and Tamara Stricker, a regional coordinator for the Idaho Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors — have done a regional outreach tour, Culver said. The visits, she said, are an easy way to update people on events in Washington, D.C., while providing them with a source for concerns or problems they have with federal agencies.

The group hears everything from simple Medicare questions to veterans asking why they've never received their medals from World War II, Culver said. Tuesday's big

topics also included the switch to digital broadcasting in 2009, and the group warned senators using antennas that they need to get a converter box to keep watching TV.

"Sometimes, you get nothing. But then you get that one, and it's worth it," Culver said.

The Jerome visit tended more toward the quiet, with only a couple of questions during their discussion. But several seniors approached them after the meeting, and many of them said they appreciate the staff visits.

The stimulus tax rebate recently approved by Congress and President Bush came up several times, and Claribel Prince said her main concerns included whether Social Security income counted towards the \$3,000 in income seniors must report to get at least \$300 back. It didn't surprise

her that many saved their questions for after the presentation.

"Some things are personal, and some things you ask for other people you are acquainted with," Prince said.

Kris Shelton, the center's site manager, said she always appreciates the congressional delegation's visits.

"They discuss the issues that matter most to seniors," she said. "It's great to get."

And even if they weren't asked too many questions, Stricker said, the visit was still a success.

"There's no problems, and that's how you've got to look at things," she said.



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Birth/Parenting

Infant Safety and CPR Class

New parents, grandparents, and caregivers learn CPR and what to do if baby chokes. No registration required. Free. Thursday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 25, 6:30-9pm. St. Luke's Downtown Campus Lobby. 660 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. Wednesdays, March 26-April 23, 6:30-9pm. St. Luke's Downtown Campus Lobby. 660 Shoshone Street East.

Happiest Baby on the Block

Learn step-by-step how to help baby sleep better, and how to soothe even the fussiest baby in minutes. Pre-registration required, call 732-3148. \$20. Tuesday, April 1, 6:30-9pm. St. Luke's Downtown Campus Lobby. 660 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, March 13-27, 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. Mondays and Fridays, March 14-31, 9-10am. YMCA City Pool, 756 Locust Street.

Diabetes Education Classes

A series of six classes on diet therapy, medication administration, foot care, and more. Pre-registration required, call 736-6218. Fee is billed to insurance. Wednesday, March 19, 10-11:30am. Dr. Emery's Office, 526-D Shoup Avenue West.

Asthma Education Classes

Monthly education for people with asthma, and their families and caregivers, to help them better understand and manage their condition. Follows the guidelines of the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program and the American Lung Association. Thursday, March 20, 6-7pm. St. Luke's Education Center, Sage Room. 588 Addison Avenue West.

Heartsaver First Aid/CPR and AED Classes

Classroom and hands-on practice in emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression, and choking. Call 737-2007. \$50. Saturday, March 22, 8am-1pm. St. Luke's Education Center, Sage Room. 588 Addison Avenue West.

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Support Groups

Brain Injury Support Group

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30-8pm. St. Luke's Idaho Elks Rehab. 560 Shoup Avenue West, Doctor's Park Complex.

Diabetes Support Group

Tuesday, March 18, 7 pm, South Central District Health.

Living through Cancer Support Group

Wednesday, March 19, 6:30pm, St. Luke's MSTI.

Breast Cancer Support Group

Monday, March 24, 7pm, St. Luke's MSTI.

Colic Support Group

Tuesday, March 25, 6pm. St. Luke's Magic Valley, Doctor's Meeting Room.

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Casualties mount in new wave of attacks

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PAKISTAN

Bombings kill 24, fuel pressure to rethink counter-terror strategy

LAHORE — Pakistan's crisis deepened after two suicide bombings killed 24 people and wounded more than 200 in this normally peaceful city Tuesday, and pressure grew for more dialogue with militants as a new government prepares to take office.

BRITAIN

Proposal for pledge, citizenship ceremony gets mixed reaction

LONDON — The idea sounds simple: Build British pride with a new pledge of allegiance, a new national holiday and citizenship ceremonies for children and immigrants.

NETHERLANDS

Dutch supreme court rejects asylum appeal by gay Iranian

THE HAGUE — The Netherlands' highest court on Tuesday rejected a gay Iranian's last-ditch appeal to avoid deportation to Britain, where he fears authorities will send him back to Tehran and possible execution.

Auction Calendar graphic with 'Auction' in large script and 'Calendar' below it.

Table listing weekly auction events from Wednesday, March 12 to Saturday, March 29, including dates, times, and featured items.

KOBER AUCTION Friday, March 14, 2008

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TRACTORS Case International "7120" MFWD diesel tractor, manual 4x4, cab with air and heater, power shift transmission, triple remotes, 540-1000 Pto, front weights, 3pt hitch, 5.5X30 front dual tires, 12-48x6 rear direct axle duals spaced for beans, approx 2000 hours on overhaul engine (s/n J540017341) - Case International "7140" MFWD diesel tractor, manual 4x4, cab with air and heater, power shift transmission, 4 remotes, 1000 Pto, 14.4X30 rubber, 3pt hitch, approx 2000 hours on new engine (s/n 16260595) - IHC Industrial "2500" Series A tractor, gas engine, manual transmission, 3pt hitch, roll guard canopy, with hydraulic front end loader and heater, power shift transmission, dual remotes, 540-1000 Pto, wide front, 38" rubber, 3pt hitch, front console, Synchro range transmission - 2 pair of 14.9X38 direct axle duals - old Farmall "F-12" tractor for restoration or parts

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BEET EQUIPMENT Farms "916" 6 row beet harvester, 3 ton main tank, all rock gear and new steel chain, top and hydraulic drive - Alloway Top Master 6 row triple drum deetter, studded rubber flats on 2 drums, drag disc scalpers, rear steering, pull type, top and hydraulic drive - 2003 Monson "NG12" 12 row planter, 22" spacing, hydraulic markers, leveling bar, hydraulic lift - Case International model 14 V filter, hydraulic reser, 7' slant, gauge duals, 3pt hitch, 5mler 6' plow packer - John Deere "1600" 16 shank 15' chisel plow, gauge wheels, 3pt hitch - Bittinyon 24 row band spreader, 300 gal tank, hydraulic pump, 3pt hitch - Allied 12 row power harrow, gauge wheels, hydraulic lift, 3pt hitch - 5mler 22' roller with parking tires and transport wheels

OTHER EQUIPMENT Great Plains 26 hole solid stand press weed grain drill, double disc, 7" spacing, hydraulic lift for transport - Case International "5400" press wheel grain drill, 34 hole, double disc, markers, 3pt hitch - Case International "5100" 24 hole grain drill, double disc, seeder, 6" spacing, hydraulic lift - JPT 12' steel flat shredder, gauge wheels, 3pt hitch, 1000 pto, 1000 gal water tank on tandem axle trailer - 300 gal fuel tank on 2 wheel trailer with 12 volt pump - Single axle 40' pipe trailer - Thihook 2 ton slip pldger, pto, hydraulic, for pairs - 200 gal poly tank on front mount frame

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Table listing local entertainment events like 'Orpheum Theatre', 'Poo's Gold', 'College Road Trip', 'National Treasure', 'Rambo', 'The Bucket List', etc.

Large advertisement for D.L. Evans Bank featuring a photo of a woman and child, and text: 'A home is not just bricks and mortar... For over 100 years D. L. Evans Bank has been helping Idaho families bring their home ownership dreams to life.'

Small advertisement for D.L. Evans Bank with contact information: 'Burley 397 North Overland Ave (208) 678-9076', 'Rайley 12 E Bullion Suite A (208) 788-2100', 'Twin Falls 906 Blue Lakes Blvd N (208) 735-8295'.

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Nothing special about this sandwich, sir.

Barton's files suit against county and developer

Casino says county is not abiding by ordinances

By John Sents
For the Times-News

ELKO — Barton's Club 93 casino and hotel has filed a lawsuit in Elko District Court against Elko County and a group planning to build a casino and resort in Jackpot that would compete against it.

The lawsuit comes after Chief Civil Deputy District Attorney Kristin McQueary said in a memo that she believes 113 acres in Jackpot, which are

planned to be developed as the Spanish Bit Resort and Casino, should remain zoned for commercial use.

The property was rezoned as agricultural residential and later commercial before Club 93 discovered an ordinance that requires the property to be included in the Jackpot Master Plan before it is rezoned.

Club 93 disagrees with McQueary's opinion and believes the county is violating the law.

"It is the position of Club 93 that the law was violated," said Richard Barrows, an attorney representing Barton's Club 93. "The county should abide by its own ordinances just like everybody else."

McQueary said she could not comment on Club 93's lawsuit as she has not been served with the complaint.

Club 93 filed its lawsuit against the county, Patrick



A sign advertises Barton's Club 93 on the corner of Shoshone Street and Second Avenue in Twin Falls. Barton's has filed a lawsuit against Elko County and a private developer that plans to build a casino and hotel, which would compete against Barton's in Jackpot.

STEW ARONSON/IN THE PICTURE

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Idaho unemployment rate delayed

BOISE — Unemployment rate data will be delayed for release until Friday due to computer problems at the national office of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The delay also affects the release of Idaho unemployment rate data, which was scheduled for release this week.

Advertising federation to give presentation

The Magic Valley Advertising Federation will present, "The Fickle Relationship Between Creativity and Media Today," at 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls Shilo Inn.

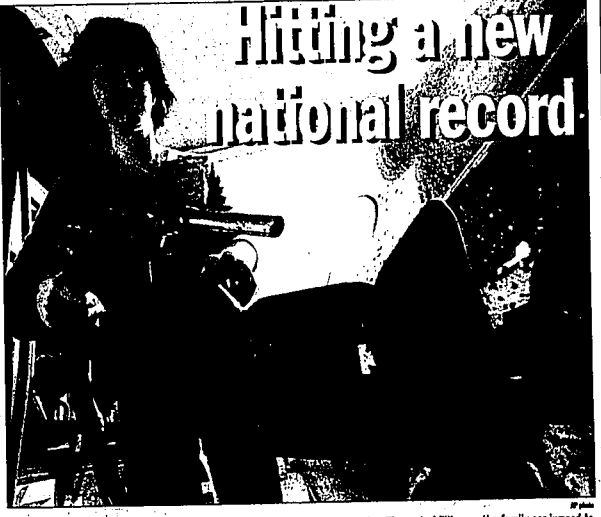
For reservations, call Melissa Crane: 308-0408.

Wheat, corn, soybean futures advance

CHICAGO — Agriculture futures traded higher Tuesday on the Chicago Board of Trade. Wheat for May delivery rose 60 cents to \$12.23 a bushel; May corn added 6.75 cents to \$5.725 a bushel; May oats gained 11.75 cents to \$4.025 a bushel; May soybeans climbed 1.25 cents to \$14.0775 a bushel.

Beef futures traded mixed and pork futures rose on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

April live cattle added 0.15 cent to 89.50 cents a pound; April feeder cattle slipped 0.77 cent to \$1.0235 a pound; April lean hogs gained 0.68 cent to 58.40 cents a pound; March pork bellies increased 1.20 cents to 79.70 cents a pound.



Jennifer Mendelson fills her gas tank at a station near downtown Seattle, Tuesday. The cost of filling up the family car jumped to a record high Tuesday, adding to the challenge consumers already face with falling home values and rising food prices.

Some tourism businesses may benefit from rising prices

By John Wiken
Associated Press writer

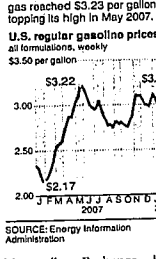
NEW YORK — The cost of filling up the family car jumped to a record high Tuesday, adding to the challenges consumers already face with falling home values and rising food prices.

Gas prices at the pump rose overnight to a record national average of \$3.2272 a gallon, according to AAA and the Oil Price Information Service. That's a tad higher than the previous record of \$3.2265, set last May.

A year ago, rising demand and a string of refinery outages had raised concerns about supplies. Now, the soaring price of crude oil is the culprit, propelling gas higher even though supplies are at 15-year highs.

On Tuesday, light sweet crude for April delivery surged to a new record of \$109.72 on the New York

Pump pressure



Mercantile Exchange before falling after the International Energy Agency cut its forecasts for crude consumption this year. In midday trading, crude futures

fluctuated, rising 23 cents to \$106.13 a barrel but alternating between gains and losses.

Where oil goes from here is anybody's guess. Many analysts expect prices to moderate, while others predict oil could keep rising to \$120 a barrel, or higher. And with demand for gas expected to rise as warm weather arrives, analysts say pump prices will likely spike as high as \$3.50 to \$3.75 a gallon, regardless of what happens with oil prices.

That doesn't sit well with some consumers.

"I've got to say, if they ever go up to \$3.50, that would be the point where I'd feel angry," said Alex Magby, a Morrisville, Pa., resident who was gassing up near his New Jersey restaurant job one recent afternoon. "I'd feel cheated at that point."

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How '07 tax changes affect small business

By Sharon McLoone
The Washington Post

Small-business owners take note: Changes in the tax code this year could add a few dollars to your coffers. But you could be in for colossal headaches if you've been sloppy in your record-keeping.

This filing season, there are a few notable tax changes:

- **AMT exemption increase:** For tax year 2007, the alternative minimum tax exemption reached \$66,250 for a married couple filing a joint return, up from \$62,550 in 2006. The exemption rises to \$33,125 for a married person filing separately, up from \$31,275, and rises to \$44,350 for singles and heads of households, up from \$42,500. Some small-business experts say the AMT can be a hassle for small firms because many small-business people are taxed on their personal income as self-employed workers. If an entrepreneur's income requires use of the AMT calculation, some business deductions aren't allowed.
- **Standard mileage rate:** The rate for business use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck rose 4 cents, to 48.5 cents per mile. Darrel Shinn, president of SSB Tax Professionals in

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Tax tips

- The Internal Revenue Service has information for small businesses: www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html
- The National Association for the Self-Employed has a resource library and question-and-answer archive on small-business taxes, including a step-by-step guide to filling out a Schedule C through the eyes of a small-business owner: taxtalk.nase.org/taxtalk.asp
- Entrepreneur.com, the Web site of the magazine for entrepreneurs, has tax information for small firms and start-ups: www.entrepreneur.com/tax
- AllBusiness.com offers a repository of information, including tax tips, for small firms.
- Nolo, a publisher and provider of legal information for consumers and small businesses, has a list of frequently asked questions about small firms and taxes. Go to Nolo's home page, www.nolo.com, and type "small business taxes FAQ" into the site's search box.

Biggest day in 5 years Fed announcement surges markets

By Joe Bel Bruno
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The Fed promised a \$200 billion booster shot for ailing markets — and Wall Street answered with its biggest bounce in more than five years.

The Dow Jones Industrials shot up more than 416 points, the biggest single-day point gain since July 2002, after the

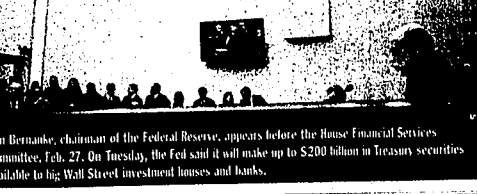
Federal Reserve announced the move as part of a worldwide effort to help struggling banks and mortgage providers.

Hoping to ease the credit crisis, the Fed — acting with the European Central Bank, the Bank of Canada and the Swiss National Bank — agreed to loan investment banks money in exchange for debt, including slumping mortgage-backed securities.

The idea is to create a market for assets that investors have recently been too scared to buy. That freeze in demand had sent asset values plunging and caused huge losses for some of the world's biggest banks.

After a series of hefty losses in stocks, the market hopes the central banks' decision Tuesday might be more

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Ben Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve, appears before the House Financial Services Committee, Feb. 27. On Tuesday, the Fed said it will make up to \$200 billion in Treasury securities available to big Wall Street investment houses and banks.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	21.83	▲ .62	Dell Inc.	19.83	▲ .71	Idacorp	31.44	▲ 1.34
Lithia Mo.	9.50	▲ .43	Micron	6.86	▲ .45	Supervalu	28.19	▲ .38

COMMODITIES

Live cattle	89.90	▲ .15	Apr. Oil	108.75	▲ .85
Mar. gold	974.20	▲ 4.30	Mar. Silver	19.67	▼ 2.2

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CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including Soybeans, Corn, Wheat, and other grains.

COMMODITIES REPORT

POPCOIL - White wheel 13.60 (weekly) 11.55 percent over 13.25 (up 10¢) 14 percent up 14.00 (90¢) better 8.25
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POTATOES

Table of potato prices for various grades and origins including Idaho, Colorado, and Washington.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices for various types of cattle, hogs, and sheep.

METALS REPORT

Table of metal prices for various commodities including gold, silver, and various metals.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and LOSERS sections with columns for Name, Vol, Last, Chg.

INDEXES

Table of market indices including Dow Jones Industrial, S&P 500, and other major indices.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Name: Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Company names made up of initials appear at the end of the list.
Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly report.

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Legal notices section with 'Legal' and 'Legal' icons.

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