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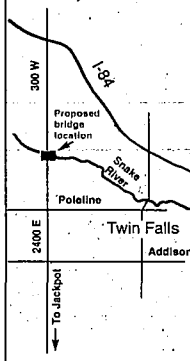
Bridge site proposed



Building another bridge across the Snake River could cost \$78.6 million. Some critics say a new bridge isn't needed because the Perrine Bridge isn't expected to reach its capacity for another 20 years.

Snake bridge proposal

W&H Pacific, a consulting firm working for the Idaho Transportation Department, has proposed this bridge location for further study.



Crossing plan might still be hard to get off ground

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Officials have a proposed site for an alternative Snake River bridge.

But the bridge still faces obstacles: a \$78.6 million price tag and the threat of significant environmental impacts on the canyon.

Any new bridge crossing will have very large environmental impacts and will cost a lot of money, consultant Andy Mortensen said Tuesday.

Mortensen works for W & H Pacific, a consulting firm hired by the Idaho Transportation Department last year. The firm has been looking at several possi-

Bridge meeting

A public meeting will be held Monday to discuss the Snake River Crossing Study and a proposed alternative bridge crossing at 2400 East near Filer in Twin Falls County to span the canyon. The bridge would connect with 300 West on the canyon's Jerome side, and could connect with an alternate traffic route planned to skirt around

several locations for a new crossing. Consultants working on the project have suggested a bridge crossing at 2400 East near Filer in Twin Falls County to span the canyon. The bridge would connect with 300 West on the canyon's Jerome side, and could connect with an alternate traffic route planned to skirt around

Twin Falls. But this is not the only option. "We're not saying, 'You have to build it there,'" Mortensen said. "We're just saying that this is generally about the right area."

Using survey results and public comment, the transportation department and W & H Pacific screened crossing alternatives and narrowed 12 site options for a bridge, with three top choices and nine feasible routes.

The 2400 East and 300 West project would cost an estimated \$78.6 million to construct, which includes the roadway and material costs.

Several other options, all sever-

al miles west of the Perrine Bridge, were estimated to cost \$67 million to \$100 million. But the project still hinges on the cost and environmental impact factors.

The IDOT has to figure out if there would be local, state and federal support to fund the project, Mortensen said.

At this point, the funding is not there. Also, the state would have to conduct an environmental study to determine the bridge's geological and other impacts on the canyon.

Local support will also be a major factor, Mortensen said.

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Guns-in-school bill debuts

TF lawmaker hopes for better results

By Michael Joumeo
Times-News writer

BOISE — After a long summer of toil, a Twin Falls legislator is putting his work to the test.

Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, unveiled his bill aimed at keeping guns off of Idaho school campuses Tuesday in a meeting of the House Judiciary and Rules Committee.

He's hoping the new legislation will become law. Last year, Hansen watched a similar version of his bill move through both houses of the Legislature, only to be vetoed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne.

Kempthorne wasn't troubled by the idea behind the bill, but he was worried that technical aspects of the bill might not stand up to court scrutiny. In fact, Kempthorne mentioned in

What's next?

The House Judiciary and Rules Committee will debate Rep. Randy Hansen's guns-in-school bill over two more committee hearings. Then with the committee's consent, the bill would move to the House floor and, if approved there, it would go to the Senate. If the Senate approves the measure it would go to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne for his signature, or veto.

his State of the State address earlier this month that he hoped to see a strong gun bill come across his desk.

To fix last year's problems, Hansen worked to build a consensus with an unlikely coalition of educators, law enforcement representatives, gun rights advocates, and lawmakers.

The new bill includes several key changes that the Judiciary and Rules Committee will examine in full hearings on the bill.

A key difference is wording. This year's bill makes it illegal to possess a weapon on any campus, or any school-sanctioned event off campus. Last year's rejected bill simply banned carrying on one's person a firearm in a school building or at a school-sanctioned event.

"The changes make a world of difference," Hansen said.

This year, Hansen also has expanded the types of weapons banned. Previously only handguns were covered. The new bill includes any "deadly or dangerous weapon" which includes "everything down to a knife with a 1/2-inch blade," he said.

The new bill also gives employees the right to search all students or minors and their possessions and lockers if there is reason to suspect a violation.

The bill also allows several exemptions for peace officers, contracted school security and lawful gun carriers, who have

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Experts warn of pilot fatigue; hearing set

Newsday

An exhausted flight crew lands a Boeing 757 on the wrong runway in Los Angeles. A DC-10 taking off from Hong Kong narrowly misses a mountain after the first officer, on duty for 12 hours, punches the wrong information into a navigation computer. A Boeing 777 lands at Detroit without ever getting clearance from the tower.

"We all sat there in stunned silence. We could not believe what we had just done," a member of the 777 flight crew wrote. "Fatigue was definitely a factor."

These calls and mistakes like these don't make the news. But the files at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's aviation safety reporting office are full of reports from pilots too tired to use good

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Storm paralyzes East Coast

Winter weather stops candidates, other travelers and closes schools

The Associated Press

A surprisingly fast-moving storm blanketed the East Coast with up to 2 feet of wind-blown snow Tuesday, closing airports and schools, paralyzing the nation's capital and leaving North Carolina looking more like North Dakota.

"The snow has completely covered my car. It's gone, I can't even see it," Thomas Allen said in Raleigh, N.C.

The storm even intruded on the presidential campaign. Most of the candidates flew to New Hampshire after the Iowa caucus, but Republican Alan Keyes got stuck in Detroit, unable to fly into Boston.

The storm — known as a nor'easter — drove northward along the coast, with moist air from the ocean colliding with cold air over the land. During the morning, snow fell from South Carolina all the way to Maine.

The storm raced into the Northeast with a speed that surprised forecasters.

"We knew it was coming. It just decided to hit us a day earlier," said National Weather

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'Fred' watches Carolyn Gill shovel a path to the street Tuesday in Easton, Pa.

Clinton targets national debt

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Clinton said Tuesday that the budget will send Congress Feb. 7 will propose paying off the entire \$3.6 trillion national debt by 2013 — two years earlier than had been expected even a few months ago.

At a news conference, the president attributed the opportunity for a speedup to an economy that is even stronger than had been forecast, resulting in higher tax revenues and lower expenses, and to his own austere budget policies.

At the same time, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office issued revised estimates projecting that the federal budget surplus over the next 10 years is likely to top \$1.9 trillion — substantially larger than it had predicted as late as last December.

The CBO also acknowledged that, contrary to previous estimates, congressional Republicans managed to keep from draining any of the surplus in the Social Security trust fund in fiscal 2000, even though they breached the overall budgetary spending caps that Congress set in 1997.

The agency's estimates showed that, instead of dipping into the Social Security fund by \$17 billion, as it had projected in December, the lawmakers actually would end up with the trust fund a further \$23 billion surplus in the government's operating budget.

Republicans quickly called a news conference to proclaim victory in their battle to prevent any further drain on the Social Security trust fund.

"It turns out that we are right (and) the other side was wrong," Senate Budget Committee chairman Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., said.

Tuesday's developments set the stage for another yearlong skirmish in the battle over what to do with the burgeoning federal budget surplus: that the government is now projecting for the next decade. The latest projections are also expected to be converted quickly into cannon fodder in this year's presidential and congressional election campaigns.

Republicans want to continue boosting defense spending and to enact sweeping new tax cuts, for those with the heaviest tax burdens — mostly individuals and couples in the middle and upper income brackets.

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Tuesday's Northeast snowstorm happened when a powerful low pressure system similar to a hurricane crashed into a mass of cold Arctic air.

Cold air freezes moisture into snow

- 1 Air cools over Canada, moves southeast into U.S.
- 2 Cold air meets humid wind coming from ocean, causes heavy snowfall

Rotating storm resembles a hurricane

- 1 Air is pulled toward low-pressure center
- 2 Storm rotates counterclockwise like a hurricane
- 3 Lines of snowfall form at outer edges like hurricane's 'storm bands'

Near the storm's wheel center

- Waves up to 25 ft.
- Wind up to 70 mph

Impacts provide moisture for snow

- 1 Humid air moves north
- 2 Warm Gulf Stream current keeps air at about 60°F

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie
 High: 26 Low: 13
 Mostly cloudy today with fog early. Partly cloudy tonight. Fog early Thursday, then mostly cloudy, high 25.

Treasure Valley
 High: 40 Low: 28
 Partly cloudy today with fog early. Partly cloudy tonight. Fog early Thursday, then mostly cloudy, high 40.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 37 Low: 21
 Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of snow. Partly cloudy Thursday, high 33.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 37 Low: 21
 Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of snow. Partly cloudy Thursday, high 30.

Northern Idaho
 High: 32 Low: 24
 Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of snow. Mostly cloudy Thursday, high 34.

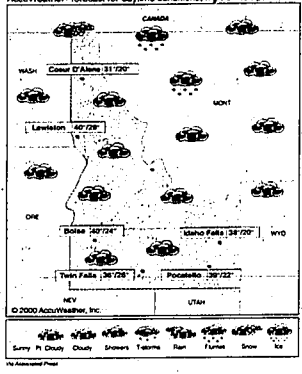
Northern Utah
 High: 40 Low: 24
 Mostly cloudy today and tonight with chance of snow. Partly cloudy Thursday, high 38.

Northern Nevada
 High: 37 Low: 24
 Partly cloudy today with fog early. Partly cloudy tonight. Fog early Thursday, then mostly cloudy, high 35.

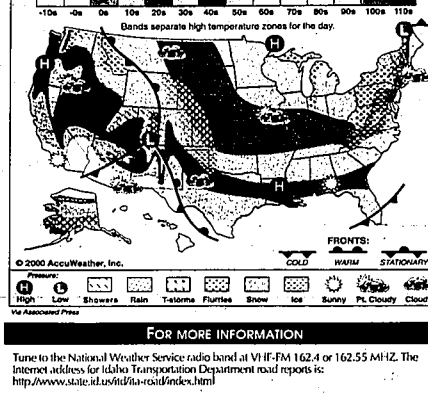
MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High: 36 Low: 26 Fog early, then partly cloudy. Same tonight.	High: 35 Low: 25 Mostly cloudy.	High: 30s Low: 20s Mostly clear.	High: 30s Low: 30s Increasing clouds.	High: 30s Low: 30s A chance of rain.

Idaho weather



National Weather



YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 45 34	Yesterday in Twin Falls .14
Last year 27 21	Month to date: 1.00
Normal 37 19	Normal mo. to date: .94
	Year to date: 1.06
	Normal year to date: 3.99

Idaho	Highs/Lows
Boise	Max 49 Min 38
Burley	46 35
Coeur d'Alene	28 27
Grangeville	m m
Hailey	m 33
Idaho Falls	36 29
Lewiston	37 36
Malad	42 33
McCall	34 24
Pocatello	41 31
Salmon	32 19
Stanley	36 19
Sun Valley	m m

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	60	44	0
Anchorage	30	29	.15
Atlanta	36	22	0
Boston	33	24	0
Chicago	55	38	0
Dallas	22	16	0
Denver	32	21	0
Des Moines	27	20	0
Detroit	28	0	0
Houston	64	33	0
Indianapolis	33	24	.01
Kansas City	33	24	0
Las Vegas	65	61	0
Los Angeles	60	58	.06
Memphis	37	19	0
Miami Beach	66	48	0
Milwaukee	16	10	0
Minneapolis	17	10	0
New Orleans	51	35	.01
New York	42	27	0
Oklahoma City	40	30	0
Omaha	30	21	0
Phoenix	78	36	0
Pittsburgh	21	10	0
Portland, Me.	27	13	.46
Portland, Ore.	44	19	.28
Reno	44	37	0
San Diego	28	22	.02
San Francisco	50	32	.22
Seattle	48	40	.10
Spokane	40	28	.02
Washington	28	28	0
Yuma	79	58	0

Canadian Cities

City	Temp
Montreal	27
Ottawa	43
Toronto	40
Vancouver	28

Surplus

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However, Clinton, who has announced plans for modest new spending programs in his fiscal 2001 budget next month, wants lawmakers to keep the lid on most government outlays and use most of the savings to pay off the national debt.

"Now is not the time to let up on a strategy that is plainly working," the president told reporters at a news conference intended to call attention to the improved prospects for debt reduction. He asked the Republican majority in Congress "to put politics aside and join me."

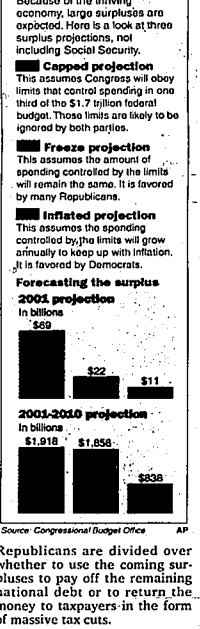
Clinton also used the impromptu news conference to claim credit for the improved budget picture and to divert attention from the new CBO estimates, which support GOP assertions that Republicans succeeded in "protecting" the Social Security surplus.

Republicans made what they called "saving" Social Security a major political theme last year. For most of the last 40 years, the government has been borrowing from the Social Security trust funds to finance some of the deficit in its day-to-day operating budget.

The Republicans also took credit for the continuing improvement in the budget picture and for the progress that the government has been making in using part of the surplus to pay off the national debt.

However, Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., told reporters that

Surplus projections



Woman describes elevator ordeal

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — A woman who along with another passenger survived a terrifying 40-story plunge in an Empire State Building elevator recounted her harrowing ordeal Tuesday.

"We were on our way down when, all of the sudden, the elevator just dropped — like a bungee jump," said Shamika Peterson, 20, who started her date-entry job two weeks ago.

She was taking a short break from work Monday when a routine ride became a near-death experience.

"I was scared, terrified," she recounted. "I thought I was going to die."

Peterson boarded the elevator at the 48th floor and was joined

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judgment or remember routine procedures, with mistakes ranging from missed radio calls to missed mountaintops.

"It's a big problem," said Dr. Stanley Mohler, director of aerospace medicine at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

"They've tried for 30 years to adapt flight schedules to human sleep requirements and failed."

The issue of pilot fatigue and government regulations that put few limits on duty time will be raised by the National Transportation Safety Board at a hearing today in Little Rock, Ark., on the June 1999 crash of American Airlines Flight 1420 in Little Rock. Eleven people were killed when the MD-80 slid off the runway and split open after it hit a lighting tower.

Bridge

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If the public says no to the idea of a bridge, then the project will be held up, Mortenson said.

But the question has been raised, both by residents and officials, whether the Magic Valley really needs another bridge.

Project engineers have said the Perrine Bridge is not expected to exceed traffic capacity until well beyond the year 2020 and the Perrine Bridge's structural capacity should also last another 50 years before any major rehabilitation will be required.

But Twin Falls' population is expected to double by 2020, and a new bridge or some kind of

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permission from a local school board to carry a weapon.

Other exemptions would cover any adult in lawful possession of a weapon, locked and secured in their vehicle, or any person in lawful possession of a weapon in a private vehicle while dropping off children or school employees at a campus or school-sponsored event.

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Storm

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Service meteorologist Tim Morrin in New York.

It was the third snowfall in a week for some states, but for much of the region it was the first major storm in a season that has seen little snow. It was also the worst snowstorm to hit the area since the blizzard of January 1996.

Most federal agencies shut down in Washington. Legals and meetings were called off in Delaware, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, and Delaware Gov. Thomas Carper had to postpone his State of the State address for

the second time in a week because of snow.

Schools were closed from South Carolina to Maine, including nearly all schools in New Jersey and Maryland.

Fourteen inches of snow had fallen by early afternoon at Petersburg, Va., and snow piled up in 4- to 5-foot drifts outside Richmond. A foot had fallen at Jaffrey, N.H. The Baltimore-Washington International Airport got more than six inches. Ten inches had accumulated outside Philadelphia at King of Prussia, and New York City measured 6.

YOW, THAT'S COLD!



Braving the onslaught of surging surf, Sheila Fitzpatrick, 34, of Aydtlett, N.C., and Chrystal Kendrick, right, 29, of Grandy, N.C., get soaked near the Kitty Hawk Pier Tuesday during high tide on the Kitty Hawk oceanfront. High northeast winds have created heavy surf at the same time snow was beginning to fall on the Outer Banks. For more, see page A1.

Energy secretary says strategic reserve won't be tapped to ease high fuel prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite soaring fuel prices and tightening supplies, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson on Tuesday ruled out using the U.S. strategic reserve to help ease the price spiral, which has included a sudden jump in the cost of heating oil.

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, Richardson said he hasn't decided against seeking elective office again in the future. But the former congressman says he now

prefers an "executive-type position" — possibly a hint at his feelings about speculation that he could become Al Gore's running mate.

Richardson said while the administration is concerned about increasing oil prices, "the market should dictate prices" and not government intervention. "I do not anticipate triggering the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Those (stocks) are used for emergencies."

As Richardson spoke, Pres-

ident Clinton at the White House announced he would boost heating oil assistance for low-income families under a program administered by the Health and Human Services Department.

The move, aimed largely at New England where there is heavy reliance on oil for heating, came as a winter blizzard dumped 10 to 16 inches of snow on the Northeast — and just a week before the critical New Hampshire presidential primary.

Clinton says parts of agenda have good chance of passing

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, handicapping prospects for congressional approval of his legislative agenda, said Tuesday there is "some significant chance" for passage of an increase in the minimum wage, a patients' bill of rights and tougher gun controls.

Beyond that, he said there is "a better than 50-50 chance that a lot of the investments I have proposed will eventually prevail." In particular, he mentioned his proposal for \$5 billion worth of tax incentives over 10 years to encourage investment in depressed areas under a program he calls "New Markets."

The president will outline his agenda at 7 p.m. MST Thursday in his final State of the Union address, presented before a joint session of Congress.

Last year, Congress ignored

the three initiatives that Clinton singled out as having a significant chance for passing this year: background checks on weapon sales at gun shows, an increase in the minimum wage beyond \$5.15 an hour and a patients' bill of rights to strengthen consumer protections in dealing with managed care health insurance programs.

To drum up public interest about Clinton's speech, the White House created a State of the Union Web site with a history of the presidential address, a children's page and a place to send ideas to the president. The House Budget Committee has created its own Web page of "White House budget leaks" tallying the growing price tag of Clinton's proposals. As of Tuesday, it said Clinton would expand spending by \$30.4 billion next year.

Yale ponders 'bad hair days'

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Bad-hair-days affect not just what's on your head, but what's in it. A Yale University study of the psychology of bad hair days found that people's self-esteem goes awry when their hair is out of place. They feel less smart, less capable, more embarrassed and less sociable.

And contrary to popular belief, men's self-esteem may take a greater licking than women's when their hair just won't behave. Men were more likely to feel less smart and less capable when their hair stuck out, was badly cut or otherwise mussed.

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Feds assume new duties in hopes of improving foster care program

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prompted by moving rates of neglect and abuse, the federal government seized new powers Tuesday to protect the nation's half-million foster children and push states to find them permanent homes more quickly.

Under federal rules that will take effect in March, federal health officials will, for the first time, interview children and foster parents to check for signs of abuse or neglect, conduct inspections at state agencies and monitor programs for recruiting adoptive parents.

States would also be required to conduct criminal background checks on prospective foster and

adoptive parents. Those states cited for doing a poor job protecting children could lose up to 14 percent of their federal child welfare funds each year. "This regulation demonstrates a critical and significant shift in holding states accountable for children's safety and permanency while promoting their well-being," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said.

The new powers were granted to Shalala's department in recent laws passed by Congress that shifted the focus in foster care to protecting children from abuse rather than making their return to their biological families the first priority.

More than 540,000 U.S. children are in foster care — many removed from homes because of abuse and neglect. Most return to their parents, but others stay in foster care because of continuing threats. Lawmakers began acting in 1997 to give the government a greater voice in the \$7.5 billion a year foster care system. They were moved in part by harrowing tales of neglect and abuse in some state programs.

Correction:
This display that ran in Sunday's paper was incorrect. This is how it should have appeared.

Court orders family to let grandmas visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elian Gonzalez's Florida relatives must make the boy available for a meeting with his Cuban grandmothers Wednesday at a neutral site, the Justice Department ruled Tuesday. The grandmothers pressed their insistence for the boy's return and pleaded with Congress not to force U.S. citizenship upon him.

"He is only a 6-year-old boy. And he's a Cuban," said Mariela Quintana, the child's paternal grandmother. Clinton said he would not rule out a veto if Congress passes the citizenship bill.

Many thanks to my family, relatives and friends for your presence at my open house provided by my children. Also for the many cards, flowers, many cards received by mail & telephone calls helping to make my 80th Birthday a memorable one. I have many fond memories that I'll always treasure.
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Iowa progress pleases Bush, but he misses home

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — George W. Bush wonders aloud whether his "moment in time" has come.

If his father had been re-elected president in 1992, if the younger Bush had stumbled in the 1994 Texas governor's race, he says he would not be running for president today.

"If I hadn't quit drinking, I doubt I would be here today," Bush said aboard his campaign plane as he flew east for the sprint to the New Hampshire primary after his victory in the Iowa caucuses.

The hourlong interview with four reporters touched on topics both personal and political, from his expectation that this week will be one of the most intense of the campaign, to his longing for his own bed and the one reminder he carries with him wherever he goes: his feather pillow.

"I rest better, and I'm more comfortable, and I'm happier with the pets and with the routines that I'm comfortable with," Bush said, his starchy red tie loosened around his neck, a jacket emblazoned with a Texas Lone Star zipped around his chest. "This is the longest I've been away from my house and my family probably ever."

Accompanying his wife, Laura, napped nearby. His best friend Don Evans sat in the seat across the aisle.



Republican presidential hopeful George W. Bush listens to a question in a television interview after an early morning arrival at the Manchester Airport in Manchester, N.H., Tuesday. Bush gained 41 percent of the vote in a field of six in the Iowa Republican caucuses Monday night.

The flight attendant aboard the private jet served the governor his favorite — but pie, and when Bush needed another pick-me-up, he swiped a plum out of a fruit basket.

Ready for sleep, he stuffed his ears with orange foam ear plugs and jokingly modeled dark ski goggles he wears to block out the light.

And, yes, a man driven to run for president can have mornings when he'd just as soon linger in bed. "Sometimes I have to light the fire up," he said. I didn't

sleep well last night for whatever reason, and got up and was slightly grumpy. But I managed to power through."

On the political front, Bush said he was pleased by getting 41 percent of the vote in Iowa, although he conceded that publisher Steve Forbes finished a respectable second at 30 percent. But Bush still saw the race in New Hampshire as being against Arizona Sen. John McCain, who has concentrated on the state. Looking ahead to a possible general election matchup against

Al Gore, who won the Democratic caucuses in Iowa, Bush said: "No one thinks he is a pushover." He said that if Gore gets pushed too far to the left in the primaries, the vice president will "change his stripes in a minute" to become more moderate in the general election.

Asked if he would ultimately join his father, former President Bush, among the leaders of the country, Bush nodded.

"I've always been a person who aimed for first," he said. "I welcome it, and I don't fear it."

Yet he concedes that luck and timing brought him to this point.

"Had my Dad won the presidency in '92, I would not have run for governor in '94, and had I not run for governor in '94, it is very unlikely I'd be sitting here," Bush said. "I'm sure there are some things that have happened that are very fortuitous, but maybe that's what it takes to become the president after all. Maybe there is a moment in time."

Another factor was his decision to quit drinking alcohol after a boozing night in 1996 celebrating his 40th birthday.

"For me, drinking crowded out my energy, it competed with my affections," Bush said. Asked if he ever misses it, he replied: "Occasionally, but not now. I don't miss chewing tobacco now, but there used to be some longings in the past."

Polls show Gore, McCain lead their parties

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Al Gore leads Bill Bradley among Democrats in several fresh New Hampshire polls and is tied in another, while John McCain has

an edge over George W. Bush on the Republican side. The polls were taken too early to reflect public sentiment on the results of the Iowa caucuses on Monday.

Hatch finishes last in Iowa, withdraws from the race

WASHINGTON (AP) — A last-place finish in the Iowa caucuses persuaded Orrin Hatch to drop out of the Republican presidential race.

The Utah senator had hoped to capitalize on his political experience, repeatedly stressing his record as a four-term senator and chairman of the committee overseeing judicial appointments. But few voters were interested.



Orrin Hatch Withdraws from race

Hatch, who received just 1 percent of the Iowa votes, planned to announce his decision at a news conference Wednesday in the hearing room of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

He left Iowa without making a public appearance and before all the votes were counted Monday night. He had planned to hold a news conference Tuesday in Washington, but a snowstorm paralyzed the city and delayed his announcement.

"He's not taking any calls. We've even having trouble getting him on the phone," spokesman Paul Smith said.

Hatch jumped into the GOP race only last summer, months or years after some other contenders were actively building their campaigns. He asked for one million donors to give him \$36 each to raise \$36 million, but received only about \$2.5 million from 15,000 contributors.

He had hoped his Senate experience would help him in the race.

"All these other (GOP candidates) are making grandiose promises, but three of them have never been elected to anything," Hatch said last week, referring to fellow conservatives Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes and Gary Bauer. "They have, no clue how to work with Congress."

Forbes came in second in Iowa to George W. Bush, and Keyes finished third. Bauer, who was fourth with 9 percent of the votes, continued campaigning Tuesday in New Hampshire, site of next week's first-in-the-nation primary.

He said of Hatch: "I can't say I'm too sad to see him go since I want everyone to go but me. But he's a good man and I'm glad he was there." Iowa State University political science professor Steffen Schmidt said Hatch's message never caught on with Iowa voters.

"The fact that he's had a lot of experience in the Senate wasn't really that exciting or enough to make people want to switch over to him," Schmidt said.

Quitting the presidential race frees Hatch to focus on his reelection campaign to the Senate seat he has held since 1977. Utah legislators last year changed state law to allow Hatch to run simultaneously for president and the Senate.

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Uncle Sam tells America it's time to shape up

WASHINGTON - Like a demanding gym teacher with a very loud whistle, Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala exhorted Americans on Tuesday to get off the couch and start walking, running or doing something - anything - that resembles exercise.

With more and more people loosening their belts to accommodate a widening girth, Surgeon General David Satcher and Shalala recommended that people start eating more fruits and vegetables and that adults engage in moderate physical activity for at least 30 minutes a day. They recommended that teens engage in 20 minutes of vigorous physical activity three or more times per week.

"If we work together, if we dedicate ourselves to this national agenda, America will become an even healthier nation 10 years from now," Shalala said. Satcher and Shalala enlisted

Nation in brief

members of the U.S. women's World Cup championship soccer team to help launch a campaign to improve the collective health of the country.

Study: Surgery drops among mentally ill patients

CHICAGO - A study of 113,000 heart attack victims found that people with mental illnesses are much less likely to receive a bypass, angioplasty or other common, aggressive treatments.

Previous research has found smaller disparities in cardiac treatment for women and blacks. The researchers in the new study suggested that for the mentally ill, bias among doctors is at play. "These differences in procedure rates could be used as a marker for potentially larger dif-

ferences in the health care system," said Dr. Benjamin G. Druss, an assistant professor of psychiatry at Yale University.

Firefighters remove woman with makeshift crane

PHILADELPHIA - An 840-pound woman who was injured in the rowhouse she hadn't left for three years was taken to a hospital by firefighters who used a mattress and pulleys to lift her out of a second-story window.

The woman, in her 50s, had gotten up from bed and fallen. Her injuries weren't serious, but she was having trouble breathing and paramedics determined Monday she should be taken to

the hospital.

13-year-old girl pleads guilty in half brother's death

ST. PAUL, Minn. - A 13-year-old girl pleaded guilty Tuesday to third-degree murder in the beating, stabbing and drowning of her 3-year-old half brother, prosecutors said.

A sentencing hearing in Juvenile Court is scheduled for Feb. 10 and few details on the case were released due to her age. Under Minnesota law, the girl could not stand trial as an adult because she is under 14 and she can't remain under court jurisdiction past her 19th birthday.

- compiled from wire reports



Laticia Erwin holds her 2-month-old son, Devonte Erwin, in Aberdeen, N.C., as she talks Monday about being without a home.

Homeless plan upsets residents of golf village

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP) - This quiet village known as the site of one of the nation's premier golfing events is balking at housing something else - the homeless.

Some residents of Pinehurst object to a church-led plan to offer temporary shelter to homeless families in the midst of their sedate golfing and retirement community of 8,000.

"I don't have a problem with the homeless," said Linda Cox, a businesswoman and leader of a petition drive against the proposal. "I'm against putting a shelter in a residential neighborhood."

Pinehurst, site of the 1999 U.S. Open golf tournament and in line to hold the 2005 competition, is one of the state's wealthiest communities. Retirees live in homes surrounded by hedges, brick walls or white picket fences.

The dispute began when two churches located across the street from the gold-domed Pinehurst Hotel and Country Club offered to house up to 14 people for about four weeks in the year. They would be part of a program that rotates homeless from one church to another around the county.

The candidates would be families with children who were screened to weed out derelicts, drunks and drug addicts, said officials at the churches, the Community Presbyterian Church and the Village Chapel.

But what started as an attempt to provide emergency housing for needy families has evolved into a battle over how exclusive Pinehurst should remain.

Known for its contoured, hump-back greens, the 97-year-old Pinehurst golf club is a jewel of the county, attracting wealthy businessmen and sports fans alike.

Some 60 percent of the county's tourist trade is tied directly to the golf, according to Caleb Miles, chief executive of the Moore County tourist bureau. Having the 1999 Open was expected to generate \$40 million in revenue for the area.

The Rev. Ben Bishop, senior pastor at Community Presbyterian and himself a Pinehurst Country Club member, said he well knows the village's atmosphere of privilege and wealth. "You go five miles in either direction, and you're in the poor areas of eastern North Carolina," Bishop said. "We are an enclave." Bishop said housing the homeless is part of the Christian mission. The village government shouldn't interfere with church activities, he said, except to ensure safety.

Opponents fear that offering transients places to stay - however temporary - might be followed by begging or violence, destroying the area's quality of life.

"I think it's just ignorance in general," said Laticia Erwin, 30, as she smuggled her 2-month-old son, Devonte, at the day center of a shelter in nearby Aberdeen, Ms. Erwin, a four-year Marine Corps veteran, left her baby's father and has been relying on church-organized housing while she prepares to become a paralegal.

Prosecutor accuses former senator of bribery; has tape

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - Former Gov. Edwin Edwards was videotaped handing a roll of cash to a state senator during an investigation into riverboat gambling in Louisiana, a prosecutor told jurors Tuesday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Letren outlined his case in court against Edwards in a two-hour opening statement, accusing the

flamboyant gambler and politician of using "power, notoriety and his fame and his influence" in a multimillion-dollar extortion scheme that corrupted the licensing process for Louisiana's riverboat casinos.

Letren said that a videotape clearly shows Edwards handing the cash to state Sen. Cleo Fields.



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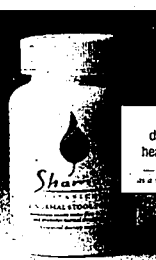
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EDITORIAL

Don't let lobbying decide who gets Carla Reed's job

Many people were surprised by Monday's announcement that Twin Falls County Commissioner Carla Reed was resigning, but Gary Grindstaff wasn't among them.

The former county GOP chairman has been working the phones and polishing his resume for weeks in a bid to fill Reed's seat - even as Reed was denying any intention of resigning.

Maybe Grindstaff, a 59-year-old Buhl farmer, is the right person for the job. Maybe he isn't. What's certain is that he shouldn't be the only candidate for the \$35,776-a-year job.

Toward that end, the Twin Falls County Republican Committee should cast a wide net and open the process to public scrutiny. The committee will narrow the field of applicants and Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will make the final decision, but it's an appointment in lieu of an election.

Whoever winds up in office will have a prelude to a political roller coaster when the next election rolls around. Thus, the process of filling Reed's shoes should be fair and open - not insider trading.

Grindstaff was perfectly within his rights to begin lobbying for the job before Reed announced her resignation. In similar fashion, the county's Republican Committee will be perfectly justified in expanding its search

for qualified candidates.

Loyal party service is one quality that the Republican Committee should look for, but there are others: knowledge of the issues, business experience, education, willingness to listen and exemplary moral conduct.

As for Reed, it's a little disappointing that she misled our reporter in a Jan. 13 interview. Asked if she was leaving the committee, she replied, "I have no intention of resigning."

By Monday, she was singing a different tune. By quitting time Friday, she'll be gone. Grindstaff, who currently chairs the GOP's Magic Valley region, appears to have known for weeks.

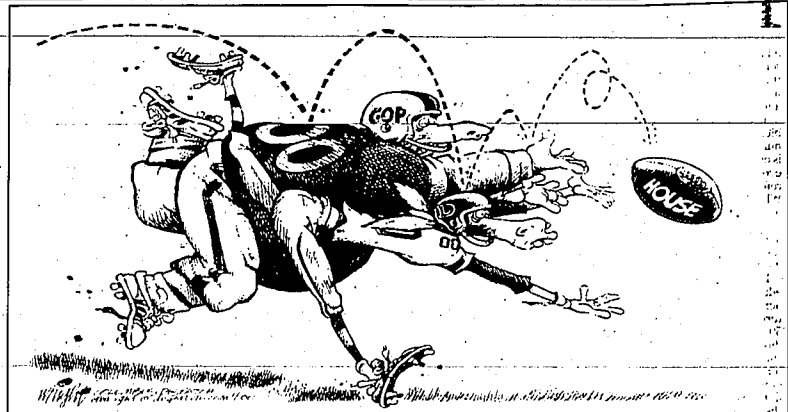
The question is who will succeed her in office. A county commissioner's job should be a public service position, not a soft landing pad for a GOP Brahmin.

The last time there was an opening on the commission, the Republican Central Committee had its pick of good candidates. In the end, Bill Brockman was chosen from a field of six to replace Dennis Maughan in the county's east-end seat.

That was in November, so the memory is still fresh. With careful prospecting, local Republicans should unearth similarly qualified candidates to represent the county's west end. It shouldn't be a one-horse race.

How to apply

Any interested candidate from the west end of Twin Falls County should send a cover letter and resume to the Twin Falls County Republican Central Committee, P.O. Box 1733, Twin Falls, ID, 83303.



Al Gore is in the driver's seat now

Six months ago, having dinner with Iowa Democratic Attorney General Tom Miller and several of his friends, I mentioned that the night before, I had seen Bill Bradley get a warm reception at a front-porch gathering of longtime Democratic activists at a Victorian home in downtown Des Moines. When I gave them the name of Bradley's host, I noticed an exchange of knowing glances around the dinner table.

Miller was an early supporter of Al Gore, as were some of the guests. But others were uncommitted and at least one was a Republican. The explanation for their expressions of amused disdain was simple: Bradley's host, unbeknownst to me, was a well-known maverick, a local Don Quixote, who had tilted at many a windmill without notable success. I took note of their response, but still thought to myself that there was room for an upset in Iowa, given the lackluster campaign Gore was running at that time. It would be another two months before he shook up his organization, moved his operation from Washington to Nashville, and shed the vice presidential mantle of automatic succession to begin campaigning hard against Bradley.

I have thought back to that evening in recent days, because it was about that time that the Bradley camp made the strategic decision to mount an all-out challenge to Gore in Iowa. That decision came back to haunt the former New Jersey senator Monday night, when he was routed by Gore in the Iowa caucuses. Bradley now faces an imperative to hold off the vice president next Tuesday in the New Hampshire primary, lest he come under intense pressure to abandon the race and permit the Democrats to focus on defeating the GOP in November.



DAVID S. BRODER

The Bradley gamble was not a bad one when he made it. He had grown up in neighboring Missouri and had hometown boosters who were eager to help him in Iowa. In 1988, Dick Gephardt of St. Louis won the Iowa caucuses, doing so well that Al Gore gave up the fight before the votes were cast. But this was not 1988, and this was not Dick Gephardt. This was the legate of the Clinton administration, armed with seven years worth of hard-earned IOUs from core Democratic constituencies. Although one United Auto Workers leader showed up at that front-porch gathering for Bradley in Des Moines, most of Iowa labor followed the endorsement of the national AFL-CIO and lined up behind Gore. The teachers did the same thing, rewarding Gore for his constant attention to their issues.

The result was that Bradley had to go outside the mainstream of Democratic Party activists to find support, from people like the host at this front-porch gathering. The support was there, especially in the university towns and among business and professional Democrats. But he was never able to crack the core of the Democratic Party in Iowa - its labor and farm adherents.

And it turned out that the fringe players who volunteered to help him did not have the organizational skills - or the muscle - the unions and teachers supported for Gore. That left it to Bradley's own rhetorical abilities to mobilize peo-

ple who were not traditional caucus-goers, something he proved ill-equipped to do.

Bradley's natural style is conversational; that is what made him so appealing on that Des Moines front porch. But to get thousands of people to leave their homes and storm the caucuses packed with discipline, Bradley took more than good conversation. It took inspiration and command, and Bradley did not supply those qualities.

A few hours before the caucus results came in, I spoke with one of Bradley's lieutenants in Des Moines, who knew quite well what lay ahead. "We'll be all right, once we get the hell out of here," he said.

New Hampshire is different - and it may be better for Bradley. The primary there turns less on organizational resources and more on the genuine appeal of the candidates. Independents can and perhaps will play a bigger role.

The late Paul Tsongas, the recent candidate whose appeal Bradley most closely echoes, won New Hampshire over Bill Clinton in 1992 - and not just because he was from Massachusetts. There is an idealistic streak in New Hampshire Democrats that responds to candidates like Tsongas and Bradley. But Tsongas was spared having to campaign in Iowa. In 1992, Iowa's own Sen. Tom Harkin was running, so no one else went into the state. Bradley had no such excuse. "In a two-man race, the press would never let you skip Iowa," a Bradley strategist told me - and he is probably right. But Iowa was an expensive detour for Bradley and a huge boost for Gore. The Veep is in the driver's seat now.

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LETTERS

Hogs? Not in my backyard!

We want to extend our thanks and appreciation to so many of you that have expressed strong opposition to the proposed hog factory in the Raft-River area. It is so hard for us to think that one person, namely Mr. Ron Aechs, would want to come in and try to destroy and divide our community which has taken so many years to build up. The Raft-River community is a very strong and active group of many fine people, and they will do all they possibly can to stop this factory from coming about.

We are not opposed to his plan to put in a hog factory, but he needs to put it in an area that is much more remote - an area that can accommodate the size of his proposed plan and will not affect the quality of life for families.

He claims that his plan will work perfectly and that we will not be affected. A plan of this size has not been built before; therefore, there are too many unknown factors to deal with. The life expectancy of the project is for 20 years or less. What happens to the waste problems that have accumulated and who is going to clean them up? Who is going to make the water and ground clean again?

We have farmed in the Raft-River area for 29 years. Raised our family on our family farm and have enjoyed a good quality of life. We live downwind and down drainage from the proposed pig factory. One can only imagine what would happen to our property value of our farm and the health factor that would come about.

Do we want Cassia County to become the "pig" county of the state and discourage other clean and progressive businesses from coming in? Let us all continue to work together, help each other, so that we may all progress and keep the family farms together.

DEL AND CAROL GARNER
Malta

We want services, not cops

I feel compelled to make public a growing concern I have with the Hazelton City Council. In a nutshell, I have questioned the council's decision to establish a city police force. Also, the council has made decisions which have negatively affected my business.

Hazelton employs two certified police officers. One patrols Hazelton between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., while the other one performs city maintenance (they switch duties each week). The council has never explained to me, or anyone else that I know of, how they are going to get the city maintenance done with one man. There have been several cuts in services that the city has historically performed. The council's answer seems to be that the cut services are the property owners' responsibility (such as maintaining alleys). The council also claims that the city is simply growing too large for it to continue performing some of its historical services (I count four new homes).

I do not believe that the city can afford the salaries they are paying for a police force without further cuts in services or raising fees. The council's No. 1 priority of providing law enforcement for eight hours a day is coming at the expense of other city services. I expressed this opinion at several council meetings. Afterward, I found out that the city is now purchasing heating oil for the City Hall from an out-of-town supplier instead of my business. The mayor assures me that their decision was made prior to my comments made at their council meetings. However, nothing was ever said to me about the decision until I contacted the mayor.

This situation is a prime example of the council not discussing their decisions with the citizens of Hazelton.

KERM DOUGLAS
Haze

Let's change waterfowl season

Has your waterfowl season ended and left you feeling cheated? The last couple of weeks I have checked the fields we hunted earlier in the season and now they are full of ducks and geese.

In response to my recent observations, I made a phone call to Fish and Game suggesting the possibility of extending the waterfowl season due to the recent climate changes in our area. I was informed it would take more than just my phone call to get the ball rolling. My suggestion to them was to change the season altogether - perhaps opening the season Nov. 1 and closing Feb. 1. This would make a lot more sense in our area.

If I am not the only hunter that feels this way, please take a part by sending your comments to Idaho Fish and Game, Attention: Carl Ellis, Jerome, ID 83338. If you read the Farmer's Almanac, you will find the forecast for November and December 2000 to have warmer temperatures and be drier than normal. We all know what that means to a waterfowl hunter - the northern flights will be late again.

BRUCE PETERSON
Twin Falls

Driving advice

Have you thought that the 55 Alive - a mature driving class, is not for you? Think again. I just finished the very informative course taught by Virginia Cummins, whose life has been involved*

around driving and driving skills. I was impressed and learned a lot of interesting information and improved my own driving skills. I also was interested in reducing the support was there, especially in the university towns and among business and professional Democrats. But he was never able to crack the core of the Democratic Party in Iowa - its labor and farm adherents.

Pet peeves: (1) If you are going to make a right-hand turn, get in the far right side of the road, not swinging out. (2) If you are headed straight ahead in a two-lane street at a stoplight, don't be in the right lane when you can turn right on a red light) and then drive straight ahead and try to beat out the other person (who was in the correct lane when the lanes turn into one lane (Falls and Blue Lakes headed east). Thanks.

CAROLYN D. BAIRD
Twin Falls

OSHA wants our guns

In November of last year, the Clinton administration attempted to rip off yet another one of our individual freedoms. In a frightening move, another one of Glick Willy's "diverse" cabinet members, Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, initiated a letter through the Occupational Safety and Health Administration which stated, in effect, that anyone working (earning a living) in his or her home would be subject to OSHA rules and regulations. The act applies to "any workplace within the United States, including a workplace

located in the employee's home." This directive would quite literally open the door of your home to federal safety inspections.

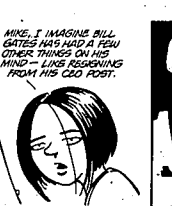
It is another one of our government's more brazen acts in direct defiance of our Constitution, and if implemented, that authority would give our new breed of OSHA commandos the OK to march through the front door into your homes to look for whatever might hurt you - hot coffee spills, paper cuts, hand balance trauma, computer stress, paper clip punctures, guns.

The very idea files in the face of our rights guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment. Fortunately, enough informed Americans became aware of the letter. Safety in the home workplace, what better excuse to check on your guns? What better opportunity to verify gun possession prior to confiscation?

Folks, be aware. Get off your complacent, euphoric, profferity-ridden butts. Find out what's happening to your freedoms - and why. No tyranny has ever willingly given back freedom. We only get one shot at this, you know.

JACK LINTELMANN
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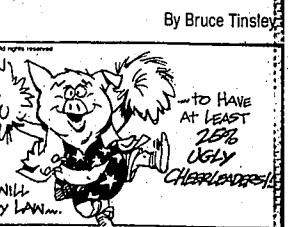
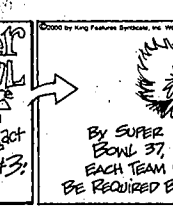
By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Public schools need a full overhaul, not a minor patch

Is the education system in America working? Not if you look at student test scores. In 1998, the National Center for Education Statistics reported that American high school seniors scored almost last among the 21 countries that participated in the international exam in math and science.

The education problem resembles a math problem that has numerous possible solutions. There is one fundamental principle, however, that should be part of any reform proposal: accountability. Whether the reform takes the form of charter schools, vouchers or even class-size reductions, teachers and administrators should be held responsible for improving the quality of education.

Let's for a moment define the education of America's children as our nation's primary business venture. In this analogy, imagine our 50 state governors as a board of directors, local governments as shareholders, school administrators as the CEOs, teachers as the employees, student achievement as the "product" and parents as the paying customers. From a business perspective, consumers expect a good product for their money. The shareholders expect results. If the CEO and the employees do not produce results, the consumers will look for the product or service elsewhere. The board of directors will voice their concern to the shareholders, who will then either pull their investments or go looking for a new CEO.

Why should this be the case in public education? While one can argue whether or not standards should be national or locally based, reality teaches us that some basic skills have to be taught. Unfortunately, these skill needs are not currently being met. A 1998 survey by Public Agenda, a New York-based non-profit research firm, noted that four out of five employers and professors assessed recent high school graduates as "poor" or "fair" in writing, grammar and spelling. Two-thirds felt the same about math skills.

Furthermore, the Information Technology Association of America reported in 1997 that the shortage of capable workers, especially in information technologies is "expected to scale back company growth, increase outsourcing of information technology work to companies overseas."

LISA J. MORROW

Instead of holding our students accountable for achievement, many schools are socially promoting children who have failed to master even the most basic skills. This practice is a disservice to students in the long run, as its forces children to spend the rest of their lives catching up to an international array of competitors who have the basic skills that today's employers are seeking. Viciously, this cycle will repeat itself from one generation to the next unless changes are made. Fortunately, some states are embracing change and giving children the opportunity to maximize academic achievement statewide.

In Florida, Gov. Jeb Bush and Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan have created the "A+ Plan for Education" plan, which adds accountability into the system. When students receive report cards, schools also receive a report card on their performance on the state's achievement tests. If a school receives a grade of "D" or "F" for two consecutive years, parents are offered vouchers or "opportunity scholarships" to move their children to public or private schools of their choice. The program gives public schools the opportunity to improve or, failing that, gives their students the choice to leave.

Adding accountability into the education equation has been one of the most important untapped variables in reform. School choice can enable kids to move away from schools that don't teach standard skills early in their education, to an environment where they can learn before it's too late. Yes, yesterday's public school system is something that we've grown accustomed to, but it's also broken.

It is imperative to embrace change when the system isn't working anymore.

Let's allow education to adapt to our new environment - an environment filled with diversity, changing technology and a new global marketplace.

Lisa J. Morrow is an intern in the Washington office of the National Center for Policy Analysis, a Dallas-based research organization that studies and comments on vital public policy issues.

We need good sportsmanship

As parents, we are appalled when children take guns to school and shoot their fellow students. We don't understand why violence has become "a way of life" in the schools. Yet we will go to a sports event at the school and show no concern for the bad behavior and unsportsmanlike attitudes shown toward players and referees by coaches and players alike. We have come to expect this type of behavior.

I have been to several high school basketball games lately and am so disappointed by the behavior of coaches and players. It is very evident that the attitude displayed by players toward the referees and opposing players is directly linked to the attitude of the coach. Bad behavior has become "a way of life."

Fouls are a part of the game, they happen without much effort. There are even fouls that take place in order to "stop the clock." Then there are fouls that are intentional that border on violent. I have watched players push referees because they didn't like the

call made. I have watched players intentionally pushed into a wall just to get the referees' attention. I've watched coaches holler at referees; get mad about calls and act like real jerks just because they didn't like a call. After such behavior, what can the coach say to the players when they lose it on the basketball floor?

As parents, we should take a stand against such behavior by coaches that teach our children to be disrespectful to authority and other teams. Sports should teach children to play well, be respectful to authority, follow rules and win or lose with dignity. We should expect the coaches of teams in all sports to be examples. They should teach respect, obedience to rules and how to play with dignity. You can win or lose with dignity, but bad behavior is never a winning situation for anyone involved.

If the sports program and coach your child is involved with teach these things, encourage them to keep up the good work. If not, say something and don't be sorry for your silence when your child is

hurt at the hands of unsportsmanlike players. Encourage good behavior and change a way of life.

JOYMAE STONE
Jerome

Welcome relief
Gov. Dirk Kempthorne made an excellent State of the State address. He spoke of our real economic and social issues and problems. He did not discuss the computer.

The computer and Internet craze affects only TV, newspapers, telephone companies, school

boards, library directors, city councils, President Clinton and playboys
ALVIN HOLMES
Burley

Looking forward to reunion
Graduated in 1950 from Twin Falls High School. Can't wait for the 50th reunion this year. My Twin a lot. Both daughters were born there. Sister and her husband now living in Kimberly. Twin Falls is a very nice place to live.
RONALD GLANS
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U.S. anti-terrorism plan faces opposition

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Afghanistan's ruling Taliban and the hard-line leaders of Pakistan have rebuffed U.S. appeals to crack down on terrorism, and one militant group warned Tuesday of a violent backlash if they tried. On a visit to the region last week, a top American envoy urged the outlawing of a group blamed for hijacking an Indian plane last month and that steps also be taken

to bring terror suspect Osama bin Laden to justice. Pakistan response undercuts U.S. public rejection of India's charges that Pakistan had a hand in the hijacking and attacks aimed at India. And in neighboring Afghanistan, Taliban leaders have refused to hand over bin Laden, charged in the United States with masterminding the deadly bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya

and Tanzania in 1998. Of particular concern to the United States is Harkat ul-Mujahadeen, the successor to a Pakistani-based organization that has been declared a terrorist group by Washington. A spokesman for a sister organization, Harkat ul-Jehad, warned of violence if the government tried to close the group's offices in Pakistan.

Church may allow divorcees to remarry

LONDON (AP) - The Church of England, established by the much-wedded King Henry VIII, took a step Tuesday toward approving remarriage for divorcees - an issue that may be of keen interest to Britain's next king. Recommendations published by a group of bishops, if adopted by the church's governing General Synod in 2002, could

make it easier for Prince Charles to contemplate marriage to his longtime love, Camilla Parker Bowles. "If these proposals win acceptance, the church will not simply marry anyone who turns up and asks to be married," said the Right Rev. Michael Scott-Joynt, bishop of Winchester and chairman of the bishops' working party on remarriage.

Among the conditions: Divorced people should be honest about the reasons for the failure of their previous marriage, adequate provision should be made for supporting children, the new relationship should not be the cause of breaking up the previous marriage, and "a reasonable time" should have passed since the divorce.

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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Local woman pleads innocent to robbery

POCATELLO - A Wendell woman charged in Tuesday to four federal counts bank robbery. Marcia Hartwig, 52, made her plea in U.S. District Court in Pocatello. Her trial was set for March 14 before U.S. District Judge Lynn Winnill.

Hartwig is charged with robbing four Idaho banks last year, starting with the May 6 robbery of First Security Bank in Gooding. She is also charged in connection with bank robberies in Mountain Home, Pocatello and Idaho Falls that followed during the next seven months.

Hartwig, who remains on house arrest while awaiting trial, faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

Blazing Lighters defendant pleads guilty to charge

TWIN FALLS - A defendant in the Blazing Lighters drug paraphernalia case will not go to trial. With about a month to go before his trial, Curtis Allan Trowbridge, 49, pleaded guilty Tuesday to possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to deliver. In exchange for the guilty plea, a charge of delivering drug paraphernalia was dropped.

Trowbridge will be sentenced March 13.

A co-defendant in the case, Joel T. Campos, goes on trial today on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Campos is already serving up to five years in prison on a conviction on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

The two were charged in November 1998 after an undercover operation at the store by Twin Falls police. The case was dismissed once by a judge at preliminary hearing, but it held up the same time around before a different judge.

With the jury now ready, Suits trial to begin today

BURLEY - After two full days of jury selection, the trial for Dr. Charles Wiley Suits will get under way today.

In a process usually completed in a single morning, a jury for this high-profile case was not chosen until Tuesday afternoon. Opening arguments will kick off at 9 a.m. at the Cassia County Courthouse.

It's been more than a year that Suits was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Prosecutors say Suits entered into a drug deal in December 1998 with an undercover agent.

Principals to update board on progress with goals

TWIN FALLS - A several-month series of presentations by Twin Falls School District principals will begin this evening before the School Board.

Principals will update board members on a number of the remainder of the school year on progress in meeting individual building goals set by each school. Principals Craig Ainsworth, from Robert Stuart Junior High School, and Teri Popplewell, from Oregon Trail Elementary School, will give their presentations today.

In other business, the School Board is scheduled to hold an executive session for Superintendent Terrell Donicht's annual evaluation.

The board meets at 7 p.m. at the school district's administrative offices, 201 Main Ave. W.

Guides offer Box Canyon tours every month now

BUHL - If you missed Saturday's first tours at Idaho's newest state park, your next chance will come in February.

Guided tours of the 11.1 M. Hardy Box Canyon Springs Preserve will be held the third Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. People can also visit the park anytime, although park officials stress living caution near the canyon rim.

To get there from Interstate 84, take exit 155 in Wendell and turn left. Go west 3.2 miles and turn left at 1500. Go west 4.5 miles south to the signed parking lot on the right side of the road.

For more information call Malad Gorge State Park at 837-4505 or The Nature Conservancy at 726-3007.

Compiled from staff reports

Bean grower sues company for payment

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A local bean grower says a bean company owes it more than half a million dollars.

The bean company says that figure is way too high, so a jury will soon decide who gets what.

The trial between Griff Inc. and Curry Bean Co. moved into its sixth day Tuesday and closer to a jury verdict in a case

involving hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Griff sued Curry Bean in March 1999 following a dispute between the companies over payment for a shipment of beans.

Griff is trying to prove that Curry Bean owes it more than \$500,000 for a shipment of beans that it says was never paid for. Griff says the beans were delivered to Curry Bean in June 1996, but by November 1998 no payment had

been received. Richard Griff, of Griff Inc., testified Tuesday that he has spent more than 2,000 hours analyzing records to track down the shortfall.

Curry Bean, however, contends that the \$500,000 amount is far above what it owes Griff, defense lawyer Richard Bevan said.

Curry Bean received the beans in 1996 but didn't sell them until a year later when the selling price was lower,

and payment is given at the time of selling, not the time of delivery, he said.

The difference between the two amounts reaches a few hundred thousand dollars.

The trial, which continues today at 9:30 a.m., is expected to end Friday.

Times-News writer Brian Haynes at 733-0931, Ext. 238, or by e-mail at bhaynes@magicalvalley.com

CHIM, CHIM CHEREE



Brooks Bartholme uses a brush to clean a chimney on a house on Trotter Drive in Twin Falls. Bartholme, a student at the College of Southern Idaho, works for Plew's Heating and Air Conditioning part-time. Fire officials recommend periodic cleanings of chimneys to reduce the risk of fire.

Activist might seek county job

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

BUHL - A long-time political activist says he'd like to replace a departing Twin Falls County commissioner, though he concedes he's a long shot.

"I'm contemplating running for that seat," Bill Chisholm said on Tuesday.

Chisholm, 53, of Buhl, has been a visible and outspoken campaigner for environmental issues for many years - most recently a failed push for a moratorium on confined animal feeding operations. He has run unsuccessfully for various political offices, including the seat that will be vacated by the resignation of

Commissioner Carla Reed. Reed is a Republican, and her replacement legally must also be a Republican, living in the western part of Twin Falls County.

The county's Republican central committee will select a slate of nominees, from whom Gov. Dirk Kempthorne will choose one to serve out the final year of Reed's term.

Chisholm lives in Reed's district, but he said he would present himself as an independent or a Democrat - not as a Republican.

In addition to that obvious obstacle, Chisholm also acknowledged facing formidable competition from the only other announced candidate,

Gary Grindstaff. "My guess is that if he wants the job, then it's probably his," Chisholm said.

Grindstaff, 59, a Buhl-area farmer, is the GOP's former Twin Falls County chairman and its current regional chairman. He also is a member of the party's state executive committee.

Reed, 56, resigned from the commission on Monday, saying she had bought a J C Penny Catalog Sales business in Hailey. Friday will be her final day on the job.

Grindstaff submitted his resume to GOP leadership Monday night. Mike Mathews, the county GOP chairman, said on Tuesday he had received no

other resumes for the \$35,726-a-year job.

Grindstaff, who left Tuesday for a trip to Colorado, was an unsuccessful candidate for the same commissioner job several years ago.

"I just want to be a good citizen and do my part," Grindstaff said.

Reed was appointed to the board in 1997, taking Brent Reinke's place. Reinke resigned to head the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections in May 1997.

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New state license plate to benefit SNRA

By N.S. Nokkientved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Early next month, vehicle owners will be able to show their support for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Starting Feb. 9, the state will offer a new license plate to benefit the 755,000-acre recreation area.

U.S. Forest Service officials who manage the area are pleased and excited, Sawtooth National Forest spokesman Ed Waldapfel said. The plates will

call attention to a special part of Idaho.

And the plates also will help generate some money to pay for operations and maintenance of existing facilities, such as picnic tables and restrooms, and some new developments, he said.

Bob Hayes, the Sawtooth Society's executive director, said the license plate "is a wonderful way to voluntarily support that incomparably beautiful part of the state many people consider Idaho's crown jewel."

The plates offer an alternative for those who may oppose



The mandatory recreation fees required at many SNRA trailheads, Hayes said. Please see PLATEB, Page B3

Cassia bighorn debate might slow reintroduction

By Michael Jounes
Times-News writer

BOISE - Key state legislators are working to slow the progress of a proposal by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to reintroduce bighorn sheep to Cassia County.

And in the short run, that could slow a fast-track plan to bring the trophy biggame animal back to the Albion Mountains southeast of Burley by early February.

Members of the budget-writing Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee said the Legislature's environment committees should review the reintroduction plan, before JFAC members look at

the financial end of the proposal. "The idea is to slow this down to get public comment on the whole thing," Sen. Cecil Ingram, R-Boise, former chairman of the Senate's Agricultural Affairs Committee, said during a JFAC meeting Tuesday.

A Mini-Cassia member of JFAC also said the Legislature should take a careful look at the plan. "Everyone who's affected or at least potentially affected by this ought to have an opportunity to voice their concerns," said Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert. JFAC members voted Tuesday

morning to recommend the environment committees take up the issue. JFAC's vote might have been

"Everyone who's affected or at least potentially affected by this ought to have an opportunity to voice their concerns."

- Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert

premature, or it might have prompted quick action by Fish and Game. Fish and game representatives

started talking about the plan Tuesday afternoon with Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, chairman of the Senate's Resources and Environment Committee. Neither Noh nor Ingram were sure whether the bighorn reintroduction would affect domestic sheep ranchers, the leading critics of the

reintroduction. She says reintroduction is too risky to do without more information.

"It would be nice," Bell said of the prospect of bringing big horns back to Cassia County's rocky ledges. "But the sheep ranchers are on their back."

After a public hearing last week, Fish and Game said it was hoping to release 30 California bighorn sheep in the hills of Cassia County by early February. That timetable hinges on the weather, and permission from the seven-member Fish and Game Commission, which meets Thursday in Boise.

Fish and Game officials were planning to take their recommendations to the commission Thursday.

Candidate jumps into Elko fray

Helps gather shovels to aid rebels in their fight against the feds

The Associated Press

BOISE - Congressional candidate Dennis Mansfield and supporters have collected 21 complete shovels and one missing its wooden handle to bolster Nevada residents' conflict with the U.S. Forest Service regarding a primitive road just south of the Idaho border.

The conservative Republican contender for the 1st Congressional District seat held by Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage is helping round up 10,000 shovels to bring to Elko, Nev., by week's end. Activists want to rebuild the road at a washed-out crossing on the Jarbidge River where threatened bull trout swim in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

Mansfield said when the county wanted to repair the washout, the Forest Service balked at the work.

"So volunteers came forward, 800 strong," he said at a news conference Tuesday. "After they were done reconstructing the road, a D9 bulldozer was brought in."

The Forest Service "made their way through the very watery way they were supposedly trying to save from silt. They drove the D9 back and forth, tearing out the work of 800 separate people with shovels."

County crews set about to rebuild the road in 1998, but the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection halted it after two days. The bull trout later were designated threatened.

A federal judge issued a restraining order, preventing any volunteer work crew with hand implements from any activity there. Although authorities feared a gathering last October there would turn violent, the 100 or so participants instead held a barbecue.

Local officials contend the Forest Service did as much damage obliterating the county's work.

"It's a clarion call to all of those of us who are tired, and to a certain degree, sick of dealing with the Forest Service," Mansfield said. "They should not be impacting a county's ability to be able to travel on the roadways that have been used."

Supporters with donated shovels from Montana and northern Idaho will pass through Twin Falls on Friday to Wells, Nev. and finally Elko where a parade is planned.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Gooding County might have found a taker for tuberculosis hospital land

By Almee Wilson Times-News correspondent

GOODING - The building couldn't find a taker, but the land might. Gooding County commissioners might have a line on a party interested buying the land that is used to house the state's tuberculosis hospital.

President of LDS church to visit Jakarta

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Mormon church president Gordon B. Hinckley will meet with Indonesia's president in Jakarta on Friday, the first visit of a Mormon leader to the world's most populous Muslim nation.

hospital property. Crews are tearing down the vacant hospital building, after several attempts to find a building buyer proved unsuccessful. In other business: County Planning and Zoning Administrator Judy Daubner reviewed requirements for serving on the planning and zoning board. Members are required to attend two-thirds of regular board meetings.

Indonesia, where more than 2,000 people have been killed in a year of fighting between Christians and Muslims, the government has banned most foreign missionaries, particularly those outside mainstream Christianity. "It's a very big deal," said Chad Emmett, a geography professor at Brigham Young University who served a church mission to Indonesia in the 1970s and has helped coordinate Indonesian members for the visit. Emmett and others have raised \$2,000 for Indonesian members to travel to Jakarta for Friday, Jan. 28. About 16 husbands were expected from across the main island of Java, where most of the church's 5,200 members live. The move is important both for the church, which has been reaching for more members in Asia and the Islamic world, and for Wahid, who has emphasized religious tolerance since his election in October. In fact, church officials began cultivating a relationship with Wahid well before he took office.

Commissioners held a tax hearing on property located on Montana Street in Gooding. Taxes have not been paid since 1995, and County Treasurer Fae Christopherson reported she has been unable to find the owner. The county will now begin the process to take possession of the property for future sale. Commissioners approved a liquor license for the Lincoln Inn cafe allowing sale of wine by the glass and beer by the can.

DEATH NOTICES

Emery, 83, of Newberg, Ore., and formerly of Rupert, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2000, in Newberg, Ore. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2000, at Attrell's Funeral Home in Newberg, Ore.

Adelia May Graybill TWIN FALLS - Adelia May Graybill, 72, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2000, at her home. Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2000, at the Eighth Ward LDS Chapel at 667 Harrison St., with Bishop Doug Barnum conducting. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

James S. Keel Jr. of Burley, graveside services at 11 a.m. Friday at the old Twin Falls Cemetery. A viewing and memorial is from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Eighth Ward LDS Chapel, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert. Audrey M. Price of Twin Falls, graveside services at 2 p.m. Thursday at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Robert H. Hughes MOUNTAIN HOME - Robert H. Hughes, 87, of Mountain Home, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2000, at the Elmore Medical Center Hospital. Services are pending and will be announced by Summers Funeral Homes, McMurrey Chapel, in Mountain Home.

Glenda Jo Hoobler of Filer, memorial services at 2 p.m. today at the Filter Church of the Nazarene, 315 Yakima in Filer. Concluding the services, there will be a remembrance gathering Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2000, at her home. Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2000, at the Eighth Ward LDS Chapel at 667 Harrison St., with Bishop Doug Barnum conducting. Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

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Sentencings Ryan James Deuter, 18, 222 E. Main St., Hagerman; hunting ducks without valid license; pleaded guilty; \$25 fine, \$71 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Michael F. Yerby, 54, 642 Spruce Circle, Gooding; no dog license; pleaded guilty; \$5 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Marrriage licenses Loyde Franklin Martinez and Linda Lawrence Martinez. Douglas Steven Boesiger and Candace Marie Cheney. John Herman Giese and Alta Marie Stover. Steven Walter Chandler and Joella West. Brian Wade Wickham and Judy Lynn Rowland. Thomas Fredrick Royce and Theresa Sue Bybee. Jaime Aguilar Perez and Teresa Lee Lutz. Lynn Theodore Irace and Jessica Lynn Sumner. Edgar Galvez Martinez and Sheila Marie Cheney. Sterling T. Roe and Mandi Marie Peterson.

Brooke A. Bjorn, 14, 523 N. Fillmore, Jerome; under the influence of controlled substance; arraignment continued Thursday; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Joquin Chavez, 27, 363 E. Avenue A, Wendell; driving without privileges; status hearing Thursday; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Ricardo Lopez-Villa, 18, 2210 California St., No. 3, Gooding; driving without privileges; resisting, obstructing officer; pleaded guilty; public defender appointed; arraignment continued Thursday; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Sagrario Rodriguez-Gomez, 19, 213 Colorado St., Gooding; forgery (two counts); preliminary hearing Feb. 8; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Kristie R. Ruhter, 20, 833 Second Ave. E., Jerome; possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; court trial Feb. 24; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Karen Daily Schmidt, 19, 240 Earl Drive, Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance; pleaded innocent; arraignment continued Thursday; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Randy D. Smallwood, 44, 208 W. Ave. G, Jerome; driving under the influence; sentencing Thursday; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Vernon G. Solis, 40, 1748 Skyline Drive, Twin Falls; leaving the scene of property damage accident; Thursday, 2000; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Montie L. Stafford, 33, 1257 E. 2600 S., Wendell; driving under the influence; arraignment continued Thursday; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Amber K. Vanbrocklin, 16, 1864 E. 3400 S., Wendell; possession of controlled substance; transferred

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TWIN FALLS

Mary Ellen Plautz

Mary Ellen Plautz, 67, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital, of natural causes. She was born April 9, 1932, in Clay, New Mexico, the daughter of Troy and Irene Vance. She is of Caldwell, Idaho. She married Frank Plautz of Avoca, Iowa, on August 20, 1956. During their marriage, they resided in Iowa, Idaho, Nevada, and finally decided to retire in Twin Falls, Idaho. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and will be sorely missed by her survivors, as her family was her major concern throughout her life.

Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. She was born July 9, 1916, in Avon, Utah, the daughter of Frank and Elenore Bankhead Rock. She attended schools in Paradise, Utah. She married Roy B. Burnham on November 20, 1934, in Brigham City, Utah, and their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple. He preceded her in death in April of 1967. She married Orval Hymas in November of 1970, in Paradise, Utah, and he preceded her in death in January of 1971. She later married Merrill Cooper in November of 1973, in the Logan LDS Temple. He preceded her in death in April of 1988. An active member of the LDS Church, Phyllis served in various capacities. She was also a member of the daughters of the Utah Pioneers. Phyllis loved quilting and crocheting.

Cremation will take place under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, Idaho. At her request, no funeral or services will be held. She wished no fanfare, only to be remembered for a life well spent, thinking only of others to the end.

Survivors include two daughters: Gail (Marvin) James of New Mexico, and Debbie (Robert) Moss of Salt River; three sons: Bruce (Virginia) Burnham of Arizona, Harold (Joyce) Burnham of Texas, and Jeff (Elvira) Burnham of Oklahoma; five step-sons: Randal Heaps, Lyle (Sue) Heaps, Wayne (Helen) Cooper, Paul (Tara) Cooper, and Lynn (Jolene) Heaps; four stepdaughters: Rozara Varney, Charlotte Galey, Dorothy (Norman) Taylor, and Linda (Maurice) Piche; a brother, Arch (Marge) Rock; two sisters, Ann (Dewey) Beck and Beth Anderson, all of Utah; and 16 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, a sister, and three brothers.

Kathryn Tophom

Kathryn Tophom, 79, of Twin Falls, died Monday, January 24, 2000, at Desert Rose Retirement Center. She was born September 11, 1920, at Ely, Nevada, to Harry and Josephine Burke Borcheri, early settlers of the Shellbourne Ranch and Cherry Creek area. On June 12, 1937, she married Gunnard Tophom.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 29, 2000, at Paradise LDS First Ward Chapel in Paradise, Utah, with Bishop Guy Ray Pulsifer officiating. Burial will be in the Paradise Cemetery. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 2000, at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main Street in Burley, and at the church from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. prior to the funeral on Saturday.

Surviving is a son, Kenneth (Sandra) Tophom of Twin Falls; a brother, Irvyn Borcheri of Sacramento, California; grandchildren, Michael Beezley, Michael Tophom and Gregory Tophom, all of Twin Falls; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gunnard; her parents; and a sister, Dorothy Concolos.

A lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ely, a funeral mass will take place there at 11 a.m. Friday, January 28, 2000. A rosary service will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 27, 2000, at Mountain Vista Chapel in Ely.

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In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in her name to the Alzheimer's Association. Donations may be mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

RAFT RIVER



Phyllis Cooper

Phyllis Cooper, 83-year-old Raft River, Idaho, resident, died Monday, January 24, 2000, at the

baking, cooking, and preserving the many fruits and vegetables from the garden.

She is survived by her husband, Lawrence; a son, Larry (Judith) Baker, and granddaughter, Hillary, of Twin Falls; sisters, JoNel Doyal of Huggins and Shirley Cunningham of Kerville, Texas; a brother, Jim (Mildred) Brock of Horseshoe Bend, Idaho; a special brother, Glen Brock of Pocatello, Idaho, who she raised after the death of her parents in 1946; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family burial will take place Friday, January 28, 2000, at the Filer Cemetery, under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A public memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Friday at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, with Father Brian Thom officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be given to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center - Foundation Remembrance Rose Garden, P.O. Box 2231, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303, or to the charity of the donor's choice.

KULA, HAWAII



R. Beryl Lemmon

R. Beryl Lemmon, 86, of Kula, Maui, Hawaii, died on January 23, 2000, of a long-term illness. Lemmon was a long-time Twin Falls resident and businessman. He was one of the developers of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce's Industrial Park, off Eastland Drive South in the early 1960s. In 1973, a city street in the industrial park, Beryl Avenue, was named to honor his civic contributions. Lemmon was owner of Idaho All-Phase Products, which produced ingredients and supplements for the animal feed industry. Beryl was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls.

Beryl was born August 15, 1913, in Cozad, Nebraska, to Roscoe and Lillian Lemmon. He was married 36 years to Eva E. Lemmon, until her death in 1974. In 1973, he married Catherine Lemmon in Twin Falls. In 1978, they moved to Kula, Maui. Beryl was owner of Kula-Maui Farms, which raises flowers.

He is survived by his wife Catherine Lemmon of Kula, Hawaii; his sister, Phyllis of Twin Falls; his daughter Annette Roberts, of Lakewood, Colorado; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Don.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, January 29, at the Walluku Chapel on Maui. A memorial service will also be held at 10 a.m. January 31, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cozad, Nebraska.

Mary Louise Baxter

Mary Louise Baxter, 79, passed away suddenly on January 23, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. She was born on November 13, 1920, in Brady, Texas, to Roy Wight and Hazel Mae Thornton Brock. She married Lawrence Baxter on February 23, 1944, in Brady. While Lawrence was in the service, they lived in Colorado and Texas. Following his discharge, they moved to his hometown of Challis, Idaho. In 1954, they moved to Filer, where they have since resided. Louise enjoyed camping, fishing,

Well-loved nurse recovers from car crash

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News Writer

RUPERT — A well-known Rupert nurse-practitioner, whose care and personality have been the topic for many Magic Valley residents — is undergoing therapy herself after a Jan. 10 car crash.

Alpha Mahler's car hit a patch of ice, ran off the road and rolled over in a field, trapping her for about 45 minutes before someone found her.

The accident happened at 7 a.m. at 200 N. and 160 W., when Mahler was on her way to work in Kimberly. Mahler honked her horn to get attention, but no one spotted her until close to 8 a.m., when daylight revealed her predicament. Rescue workers extricated her, Mahler said.

She had suffered multiple pelvic fractures and was taken to

St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, where she spent several days in intensive care. Now she is undergoing intensive physical therapy.

She is able to get around with a walker, and she expects a full recovery, she said. She could come home within a week but will continue to see a physical therapist for a long time.

"While my injuries have been serious, I've been doing quite well," she said.

"I can feel the love and prayers of friends and family," she said. "It's been very helpful. I feel encouraged."

Encouragement is something she has given many times to others. Mahler and her friend Hildegard Holy, also of Rupert, had formed a musical duo and played often at assisted living centers and senior centers throughout Magic Valley. Mahler

plays the piano, and Holy plays the accordion.

"They always looked forward to having them play," said Vicki Manning, the assistant manager of Highland Estates in Burley. "It lifts their spirits."

Highland Estates residents would stand up past their usual bedtime when they knew Mahler and her partner were coming after dinner, Manning said.

"She sparkles when she smiles," Manning said. "People look forward to visiting with her. She's better than Prozac."

Manning found Mahler's injury ironic.

"Here she is, out of all people — she's therapeutic, giving of her time and thoughts — here she is having to go through this," she said.

Those for whom Mahler performed miss her, Manning said. So do her patients at Family

Medical Center in Kimberly, office manager Pam Lowder said.

"I love having her work here," Lowder said. "We miss her and her patients miss her."

Besides her work at the medical center and her musical ministrations, Mahler also has done volunteer work to aid elderly people.

"She made house calls all over Rupert," Lowder said.

Mahler checked in on people, took their blood pressure and made sure they were OK, Lowder said.

"It is wonderful she takes the time out to help these people," she said. "I'm sure everyone is feeling her absence."

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LORRAINE CAVENER/PHOTO NEWS
Nancy Kunau presents the Minidoka County School District's Maturation Program to fifth-graders at Acaquia Elementary School. Kunau, the district's school nurse, is presenting the program to all district fifth- and sixth-grade students this week. Parents attended the program with their children. The program teaches children to accept puberty as part of the normal development process.

L.A. school board votes to abandon toxic site

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Unified school board voted 5-2 Tuesday to abandon a toxic site where the nation's costliest high school was under construction.

Interim Superintendent Ramon Cortines had asked board members to delay their vote for 60 days to give the Los Angeles Unified School District more time to study alternatives to scrapping the school.

The Belmont Learning Complex was supposed to be the crown jewel of the nation's second-largest school district, with room for 5,300 students in a desperately overcrowded part of downtown. Instead, construction was halted after the district spent \$170 million because of environmental concerns.

The complex was built on an old oil field, and officials fear it

could be contaminated with hydrogen sulfide and methane gas that could form explosive pockets under the foundation.

The debate over Belmont is one of the biggest issues in the beleaguered district, which recently lost its superintendent, in part, because of the Belmont debacle.

Board members took up the issue Tuesday at an emotional meeting. Stacy Torres, a senior at the old, overcrowded Belmont High School, urged board members to complete the new campus for the next student body.

"We are tired of hearing unmeaningful words and false promises," she said.

County Supervisor Gloria Molina, who represents the area, however, urged the board to delay action until a study is done on the costs of cleaning the site.

"This is a community that has

been waiting on empty promises for decades," Molina said. "If this is a board that does not have the integrity to live up to the promises of the past, how can we trust the promises of the future?"

In October, an expert panel set up just to decide what to do with the school voted 4-3 to recommend that it be completed, with provisions made to deal with possible environmental problems.

The commissioners who voted for completing the project said starting over at a new site would cost far more, push back the opening of a new school many years and force thousands of students to be bused from the area to other campuses.

Last week, interim Superintendent Ramon Cortines proposed transforming the school into an administrative office and warehouse, because environmen-

tal regulations for adults are not as strict as they are for children.

District employees who work near Belmont under Cortines' plan said they feared for their safety. Neighborhood residents and students, upset by overcrowded conditions and long bus commutes to other schools, held rallies urging completion of the high school.

The teachers union opposed its completion based on safety concerns and criticized the district staff for the expense, which could surpass \$200 million.

Day Higuchi, president of the union that represents 42,000 teachers, counselors, psychologists and other professional staff, said the money used for Belmont could have built four high schools or 50 kindergartens through third-grade schools to ease crowding elsewhere in the district.

Judge again sides with government on downsizing Nez Perce reservation

LEWISTON (AP) — A district judge has reaffirmed his ruling the Nez Perce Indian Reservation was diminished when the tribe sold much of its land at the turn of the century.

Fifth District Judge Barry Wood issued the ruling in response to a request by the U.S. government to clarify an earlier ruling on the reservation boundary.

Nez Perce leaders argue Wood again misapplied a U.S. Supreme Court ruling regarding the Yankton Sioux Reservation in South Dakota to their case.

In November, Wood held that a 1893 land sale agreement reduced the reservation to just a fraction of the land the tribe originally inhabited. That was part of a ruling rejecting the tribe's 12-year-old legal battle for much of the water in the lower Snake, Clearwater, Salmon and Weiser rivers.

In Friday's ruling, Wood first deals with the U.S. government's assertion it did not know diminished water in its case in the tribe's water claims case.

Geographic scope of the on-reservation fishing right was brought up in numerous court documents from the tribe and the government, Wood wrote.

And the Treaty of 1863 and the land cession of 1893, which first created the reservation as it is known today and the second sold off much of the land inside it — were considered, he wrote.

In light of a recent U.S. Supreme Court case that unanimously agreed the Yankton Sioux reservation had been diminished by a similar land sale agreement, he could not conclude differently.

"It is inconceivable that the government would buy the ceded land for the primary purpose of opening it up to settlement but intended to allow the tribe to reserve what would essentially be the rest of the water," Wood wrote.

"It seems to this court that the Supreme Court has the final say on the issue of diminishment. The 1998 Yankton Sioux decision would supersede all previous court decisions on the

topic," he said.

Of important note is the congressional act that allowed land to be sold to homesteaders on the Yankton Sioux reservation also allowed the sale of land on the Nez Perce ground, he wrote.

Wood includes an excerpt from the annual report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for 1894, which says the agreements will restore about 880,000 acres to the public.

"How could the land and water be both restored to the public domain of the United States, yet still be part of the reservation, two totally different sovereigns," Wood wrote.

Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee Chairman Samuel Penney said Wood is in error once more. The issue already is before the Idaho Supreme Court and he hopes that panel will require Wood to consider information that distinguishes the Yankton case from the Nez Perce.

He added his tribe's case is based on treaty-based fishing rights rather than land.

Citizens refuse to pay property taxes

GRANGEVILLE (AP) — Idaho Citizens are being faced with a group of people living near Kamiah filing documents with the county saying they will no longer pay property taxes.

The county attorney says those people appear to be acting on a legal technicality.

"Our big concern is that people that are filing these things understand the effect of not paying their taxes," County Attorney Joseph Wright said. "I don't think they even know what they're doing most of the time. These people are free to file whatever they want to file, but they're not going to stop the tax bill from coming."

The county clerk's office received a record number of allodial title and uniform commercial code filings in 1999, about 30. Most of them were filed in the last two months of the year, Clerk Rose Gehring said.

Allodial titles, part of the Old English common law, maintain the person has sovereignty and is exempt from taxation and gov-

ernment regulation. Although they are not legal in Idaho, county officials began seeing these documents in 1997 from people who had bought property in James "Bo" Gritz's Almost Heaven development north of Kamiah.

Wright said Leonard Michael

"Our founding fathers wanted to tax us, not on our lands or on our labors."

— Leonard Michael Molesworth, Kamiah resident

Molesworth of Kamiah appears to be behind the upsurge in filings, apparently holding classes for people.

Molesworth said he is telling people how he filed the documents. The idea, he said, is that the county and state have no right to tax private property.

"Our founding fathers wanted to tax us, not on our lands or on our labors," Molesworth said.

"The taxes to run the government was to be through tariffs."

Molesworth, 55, said he has no legal background but has researched property rights issues. He also said he has no connection to the group of people that recently sent the county a self-minted silver coin they claimed is worth \$10,000.

"They told us to take their taxes out of that and put the rest on account," Wright said. The county sent the coin back, saying it can accept only U.S. legal tender for debts.

A former computer programmer with IBM, Molesworth moved to north-central Idaho recently from Las Vegas. He said he has met Gritz but does not have any formal or business connection with him. He did not pay taxes on his property, which he values at more than \$1 million, in 1999, and does not intend to pay them in the future.

The county can seize property after three years for delinquent taxes.

Kemphorne focuses on dentistry this month

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kemphorne signed a proclamation declaring February "Seal Idaho 2000 Month" in cooperation with a statewide program to provide free dental sealants for Idaho children.

"Thanks to the wonderful services of our dental professionals throughout Idaho, we have a program where second graders

will, at no cost to them, in a strictly voluntary program, have the opportunity to have this sealant applied to their teeth," Kemphorne said Tuesday.

Dr. Scott Kido, project director for Seal Idaho 2000, estimated each child will receive about \$120 in free dental care. A child's permanent teeth are cleaned, a

sealant applied and, when it is dry, the teeth are protected against cavities.

"This is probably the biggest project the Idaho State Dental Association has attempted," Kido said. "I think it's going to work out great."

The program is part of Kemphorne's Generation of the Child initiative.

In Butte, Mont., which had never contained more than about 100 people, the sealant was applied.

Testimony indicated Morgan sent the four warrants allegedly to pay off her tax debts and those of her parents, Robert and Iva Chapple, and brothers Don and Brad Chapple. She sent twice the amount owed and apparently hoped to receive millions of dollars in refunds, according to the Department of Justice.

Feds call for commercial paragliding flight operator

KETCHUM (AP) — The Ranger District wants to issue a special use permit for a person or business that can provide commercial tandem paragliding flights from the summit of Bald Mountain.

The selected permittee will operate as an outfitter and guide on the district.

Ketchum District Ranger Kurt Nelson said tandem paragliding flights off Bald Mountain were allowed under a similar special flight permit from 1995-1999 by Sun Valley Paragliding.

"As it is obviously a specialized activity requiring a level of

skill, a commercial operation provides a means for the average citizen to enjoy it," said Nelson.

Nelson said the flights will originate near the summit of Bald Mountain in approved locations. Landing locations also will be approved.

"I'm in the same boat as Hatch in a lot of ways," she said in an interview Tuesday. "I don't have as much money and the odds are pretty tough but I feel strongly about what I would want to do as a U.S. Senator."

But for now Graham, the only Democrat to hold statewide elected office, says she has to protect and shepherd the state's

tobacco settlement before she can consider her own political future.

The attorneys who represented the state in its lawsuit against the tobacco industry have filed a lien seeking 25 percent of the nearly \$1 billion settlement as payment for their services. Graham said the tobacco companies, not the state, should pay those fees.

Court convicts Rexburg woman in tax scheme

POCATELLO (AP) — Rexburg resident Karen Morgan has been convicted in federal court of submitting nearly \$7 million in false claims for tax refunds against the United States.

Morgan was convicted on Monday.

U.S. Attorney Betty Richardson said the southern Idaho jury found Morgan guilty of submitting four bogus comproller vouchers to the Internal Revenue

Service in Jan. 1996, accompanied by letters demanding tax refunds. Morgan said the Internal Revenue Service did not honor the documents, nor did the agency send Morgan any money.

Witnesses at the two-day trial testified that Morgan got the counterfeit warrants at a Jan. 1996 seminar held by Montana Freeman figure Leroy Schweitzer. They were drawn on a closed account at Norwest Bank

in Butte, Mont., which had never contained more than about 100 people.

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Other items were admitted as evidence Monday as Gonzalez's trial began its third week.

Gonzalez, 46, faces life in prison without parole if convicted by a Lincoln County jury of the first-degree murder of Marshall and the first-degree attempted murder of Officer Don Eddy Jr. on March 25, 1998.

Plates

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Flow from the plates would be administered by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. The society, Parks and Recreation and the area ranger would work together to identify needs. But the money also should be spent on other services, such as emergency medical services, Hayes said.

"There's lots of flexibility and lots of opportunities to do good," she said.

New plates will cost \$35 in addition to regular fees. Of that, \$10 would go to the SNRA and

\$25 would go to the Idaho Transportation Department.

The Legislature last year changed the law for special plates, giving only \$10 to the transportation department. But the law did not include the SNRA plates, but because the plates had not yet been created.

Hayes said the society is working with legislators to correct that, so more of the money would go to the SNRA.

The plates will also be available with a personalized message at \$60 plus regular fees. The plates will be available in

all 44 county assessors' offices.

The nonprofit Sawtooth Society initiated, designed and will market the special license plate. The final design was selected from four designs by the votes of more than 300 people.

The society also is offering free one-year memberships to any non-members who buy one of the new plates.

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Legislators reject proposal to help dentists cope with substance abuse

BOISE (AP) — A proposal by the Board of Dentistry to use \$24,000 of its professional licensing and examination fees to help dentists deal with drug and alcohol abuse was rejected on Tuesday by legislative budget writers.

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Administration analysts said the contract the board has with Southworth Associates to operate the program calls for termination if the program if the cash was not approved.

that the students will return to Idaho to practice.

The dentistry substance abuse program was similar to those offered by the Board of Medicine for doctors and the Board of Nursing for nurses. Officials said six dentists had already gone through the program, and they estimate that at any given time 10 percent of dental professionals in Idaho are impaired.

—LEGISLATIVE LOG—

Introduced in Senate

SB1300 (State Affairs) — Requires state and federal flags at public buildings to be flown at half staff for deaths of law enforcement and rescue personnel.

SB1301 (State Affairs) — Specifies what material can be incorporated in agency rules.

SB1302 (State Affairs) — Makes technical changes in the Administrative Procedures Act.

SB1303 (State Affairs) — Exempts draft reapportionment plans from public disclosure.

SB1304 (State Affairs) — Repeals laws that exempt contingent on the endowment reform constitutional amendment that was voided by the Supreme Court.

SB1305 (State Affairs) — Makes technical change in Lottery law.

SB1306 (Judiciary and Rules) — Increases values and adds exemptions from levy in judgments.

Introduced in House

HB427 (Revenue and Taxation) — Clarifies the method of determining the assessable value of some low-income housing projects for property tax purposes.

HB428 (Revenue and Taxation) — Clarifies that a partial title holder not occupying a property is not considered an "owner" qualified for a homeowner's property tax exemption.

HB429 (Health and Welfare) — Adds the drug ketamine — an anesthetic with psychedelic properties — to controlled substance Schedule III and moves the cannabis-related drug dronabinol from controlled substances Schedule II to Schedule III to control.

Form with federal regulations.

HB430 (Agricultural Affairs) — Clarifies that licenses are required for seed dealers who condition, label or sell seeds.

HB431 (Agricultural Affairs) — Clarifies that only certified seed potatoes may be offered for sale, sold, delivered under contract or distributed in Idaho.

HB432 (Agricultural Affairs) — Repeals the state commercial fertilizer law and adopts the Idaho Fertilizer Act of 2000 to replace it.

HB433 (Agricultural Affairs) — Allows the sale of restricted-use pesticides to an unlicensed person as long as the pesticide is applied by a licensed applicator.

HB434 (Agricultural Affairs) — Increases the bonding requirement for licensed brokers, dealers or commission merchants of farm produce.

HB435 (Agricultural Affairs) — Authorizes the director of the Department of Agriculture to use the title secretary of the Department of Agriculture for the purposes of international trade.

HB436 (State Affairs) — Allows for the employment of an investment manager for the Endowment Fund Investment Board.

HB437 (State Affairs) — Moves the Division of Veterans Services from the Department of Health and Welfare to the Department of Self-Governing Agencies.

HJR1 (State Affairs) — Proposes a constitutional amendment changing the name of the Public School Fund to the Public School Permanent Endowment Fund.

— Compiled from wire reports

Driggs couple faces drug charge after police raid home Sunday

DRIGGS (AP) — An eastern Idaho couple faces a Feb. 7 preliminary hearing on charges of possessing and intending to sell 2.5 pounds of cocaine.

Simon Sarabia, 43, and his wife, Leticia, both of Driggs, were jailed in Teton County in lieu of \$100,000 bond each.

In addition to the drugs, estimated to be worth \$37,000,

authorities seized a large amount of cash and several firearms during the raid on the couple's home Sunday afternoon.

Sarabia was on probation for felony aggravated battery, subjecting him to a warrantless search at any time.

Police said the couple's children have been staying with family members since the raid.

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Idaho moves to make Veterans Services a self-governing agency

BOISE (AP) — House and Senate committees on Tuesday began the process of changing the Department of Health and Welfare's name and removing the Division of Veterans Services from the agency's umbrella of authority.

"They don't want their names associated with the word 'welfare.' They never have," Stone said.

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Ideas for using screens

The folding screen is a versatile, useful piece of furniture. USING SCREENS

• Set a screen beside an armchair or rocking chair to form a cozy reading nook.

• Use a screen to turn a portion of a bedroom or living room into a home office, or to make a separate sitting area.

• Place a screen in front of shelves containing photo albums, valuable books or a CD collection to shield them from the damaging effects of direct sunlight.

• Use folding screens to conceal television and stereo equipment or home office cords when not in use.

• A screen in the corner of your entryway or kitchen can hide winter boots, summer beach towels, sports equipment.

• Position a screen against the wall behind a bed for an instant headboard.

• Screens are perfect for limiting visitors' views of a renovation or project in progress. They also gently designate a room as being off-limits to party guests.

• Set up a screen to cover the bottom portion of a window, much like a cafe curtain. The screen offers privacy while letting light in. With a screen in place, you don't have to look at a busy street, but you can still admire tree branches and sky.

• Outside, a screen is all you need to lend a front porch or terrace the feeling of a secluded retreat. And a screen may block the breeze just enough to keep several taper candles burning through dinner.

• A beautiful folding screen can be used in many ways.

IDEAS FOR MAKING SCREENS

• My favorite materials for folding screens are salvaged architectural pieces such as shutters, windows and doors. Scour flea markets and tag sales, and check with the staff at a good hardware store for advice on how to link the panels. Double-action hinges fold in both directions to make a screen more flexible, but some larger, heavier screens should be linked with single-action hinges for stability.

• If you come across an old screen, revamp it. Replace fabric panels, give it a new coat of paint or cover flat panels with maps, wallpaper or sheet cork, turning a screen into a bulletin board.

• A simple wood-paneled screen is easy to make, using five 1-by-12-inch stock pine boards. Have your lumberyard cut the boards to the length you desire. Solid wood is heavy, so a shorter screen (3 to 4 feet high) is easiest to manage. Sand the wood, prime it, then lightly sand again. You can give the screen a unique appearance by painting all the panels the same color, or use several slightly different colors. Join the boards with 3/4-inch double-action hinges. Screw the hinges into the edges of the boards 12 inches from top and bottom. Attach rubber-ball "feet" to the bottom of each board to protect floors from scratches.

• A fabric-covered screen is light and mobile. For the panels, use heavy-duty artist's-canvas stretchers, which you'll find at art-supply stores. Cut two pieces of artist's linen (also available at art-supply stores) for each panel, adding 2 inches all around. It is easiest to stretch and staple the fabric along one side of the frame, then the opposite, for good tension across the face of the panel. Then stretch and staple along the top and bottom edges. Repeat on the reverse side of the panel. Trim any excess fabric, and cover the stapled edges with twill binding tape attached with fabric glue. Connect the screen panels with double-action stainless-steel hinges.

THE BASICS

School teacher fights trend of fewer people knowing cooking skills

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - If the current trend continues, many say, future meals will be eaten in a restaurant or ordered out because nobody except professionals will know how to cook. Judy Schroeder, a family and consumer science teacher at Twin Falls High School, has taught consumer science (it used to be called home economics) for 23 years. And she's well aware of the problem. Through the years, she has watched the no-cooking trend develop.

In the early days, 40 to 50 percent of the kids who enrolled in Schroeder's classes didn't know how to cook, she said. Now the percent of kids who don't know how to cook is closer to 70 percent.

If this trend continues, there may come a day when nobody will be able to cook their own meals. Everybody will have to go to a restaurant, have their food delivered or buy frozen TV dinners.

The causes of the failure to teach children to cook are complex, Schroeder said. Causes range from an economy, which requires both Mom and Dad to work to the many distractions demanding the attention of young people - television, computers, the Internet.

The fast-paced society is also at fault, with people running from one activity to the next. Kids, these days, are pretty much on their own, Schroeder said.

Families are not eating meals together, but are dining out more often. Fast food is becoming the norm.

The idea is that if families would set aside a couple of

evenings a week to eat dinner together and rotate meal cooking responsibilities, it would help motivate kids to learn to cook. Or one person could do the cooking and someone else could do the clean-up.

Meals could once again become the time when the family shares cares, interests and thoughts. The meals don't have to be complicated; simple dishes are often the best tastings, Schroeder said.

An encouraging trend she has seen in the past few years is that boys now make up nearly a third of the enrollment in her cooking classes.

Schroeder offers the following quick-and-easy recipes to get kids started cooking. She said the first step is washing your hands.

BREAKFAST PIZZA
1/2 pound cooked sausage
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

4 eggs, beaten
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 can refrigerated rolls
1 pound thawed uncooked hashbrowns
1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese
1/4 cup milk
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Diced onion and green pepper
Pat rolls into place on a pizza pan or cookie sheet to form a circle. Spoon cooked sausage over crust. Sprinkle with potatoes, cheese, onion and peppers. Beat eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Pour over remaining ingredients. Bake at 375 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Top with catsup or salsa, if desired. Serves 4.

BEEF AND NOODLE CASSEROLE
1 pound ground beef

... there may come a day when nobody will be able to cook their own meals.



Judy Schroeder, a home economics teacher at Twin Falls High School, oversees her Nutrition and Foods class. Far left, Mandi James, senior; Alicia Martinez, junior; Christina Cortes, sophomore and Sayaka Muraki, junior, make fried rice for their foreign foods lesson.

2 packages (3 ounce each) Oriental or beef-flavored Ramen noodles
1/4 teaspoon ginger
2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
2 tablespoons sliced green onions

Brown ground beef over medium heat, breaking beef into small pieces. Remove beef with a slotted spoon. Pour off fat. Season beef with one packet of seasoning from the noodles. Set aside. In the same skillet, combine 2 cups water, vegetables, noodles (broken up), ginger and remaining packet of seasoning. Cover and simmer 3 minutes until noodles are tender, stirring

occasionally. Return beef to skillet and add sliced green onions. Makes 4 servings.

IMPOSSIBLE PIES

Taco Pie
3/4 pound ground beef
1 package taco seasoning mix
1 3/4 cup milk
3 eggs
Grated cheese
Chopped onion
Chopped green chilies, optional
3/4 cup Bisquick mix
Sliced tomatoes
Cook and stir beef and onion till brown; drain grease. Stir in seasoning mix. Spread in pie pan which has been sprayed

with vegetable oil spray. Top with chilies. Beat milk, baking mix and eggs until smooth. Pour into pie pan. Bake 25 minutes at 400 degrees. Top with tomatoes and cheese. Bake until knife inserted in center comes out clean, another 8 to 10 minutes.

NOTE: Variations to the Impossible Pie include a Beef and Mushroom Pie, where you omit the cheese, onion, chilies and tomato and substitute sliced mushrooms, garlic salt, 1/2 cup sour cream, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Or a Cheeseburger Pie, where shredded cheese, chopped onion and sliced tomatoes are substituted.

Chinese New Year: Another reason to celebrate



Contemporary Chinese dishes for new year celebrations feature rice, fish, vegetables and dips.

Feeling the post-holiday blues, now that millennium celebrations have come and gone? Take a cue from Chinese-Americans and revel in lunar New Year festivities, which begin Feb. 5 and usher in the Year of the Dragon.

It's easy to host a Chinese New Year party with simply sensational recipes from TV personality, restaurateur and cookbook author Ming Tsai. Chef Tsai, star of "East Meets West with Ming Tsai" on the Food Network, chef/owner of Blue Ginger restaurant in Wellesley, Mass., and author of "Blue Ginger, East Meets West Cooking with Ming Tsai" (Clarkson Potter), is a first-generation Chinese-American who appreciates his cultural heritage.

Chinese New Year was always the favorite holiday for feasting, Tsai reminisces. At home, tables were overflowing with a multitude of delectable dishes.

For your Chinese New Year celebration, Tsai developed recipes that are inspired by tradition but fit more readily with contemporary cooking and eating.

STEAMED MARINATED HALIBUT FLASHED WITH GINGER OIL
Makes 4 servings
4 skinless halibut fillets, 1 inch thick (about 6 ounces each)

1 1/3 cups Citrus Dipping Sauce (see recipe in Tips for Dips)
3 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions and tops
1 tablespoon naturally brewed soy sauce
2 tablespoons canola oil
2 tablespoons silvered fresh ginger root

Place fish in single layer in shallow nonreactive dish. Pour in Citrus Dipping Sauce; turn fish over to coat both sides. Marinate 30 minutes at room temperature, turning over once. Drain fish and discard marinade; arrange in single layer on heatproof plate that fits in bamboo steamer or on wire rack placed in wok or large skillet with cover. Pour enough water into wok to measure 1/2 inch below steamer or rack; bring to boil. Place plate with fish in steamer or on rack. Cover and steam 8 to 10 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork. Remove fish to serving platter. Sprinkle green onions and soy sauce evenly over fish; set aside. Heat oil in small saucepan over high heat until almost smoking. Add ginger, cook and stir until ginger is crisp and lightly browned. Pour ginger and oil evenly over fish. Serve immediately.

RED-BRAISED DUCK WITH BABY BOK CHOY
Makes 4 servings
1 3/4 cups naturally brewed soy



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1 cup dry red wine
3/4 cup Shaoxing or dry sherry
3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 bunch green onions (whites cut into 3-inch lengths; tops cut into thin slices and reserved)
8 cloves garlic, smashed and peeled
4 dried red chilies, smashed
1 piece (2-inch) fresh ginger root, cut in 1/4-inch thick slices
Please see CHINESE, Page C7

FOOD & HOME

Rose societies can be invaluable if you're of a mind to grow

It's too early. That's the trouble with a January thaw. Makes a person think it's spring, or at least it is, and time to get seeds started.

Sure looks like it's time to start the seeds. But unless you've got windowsills in full sun on all sides of your house and support all those sprouting flowers and vegetables till mid-May, better think again.

Mother's Day is our benchmark frost-free-it's OK to put-it-outside date. Second Sunday in May. That's a good four months away. Most seed packets talk about sowing six weeks before the last frost date. So the best you can do for right now is maybe take a newspaper tray, fill it with a good potting soil and sow yourself some nice, bright marigolds in it and sit it in your best window sill. Marigolds will grow and bloom happily in the garden. It's really time to start the garden.

For now, turn the garden catalog pages slowly, order more



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Whitworth

seeds and bare root plants - and take out your calendar and count backwards six weeks from Mother's Day.

Dear Cathy: I'm moving to Colorado, Zone 4, and want to put roses in my new garden. Is it important to buy roses from a company from the colder zones? I've seen the rose I want both in North Carolina nurseries, as well as Canadian. Is there a difference in root stock?

-Rosy All Over

Dear Rosy: Those are great questions. I do prefer to buy from the smaller nurseries up north.

Most often they grow roses on their own roots, which make them harder in cold climates. That's because a lot of growers offer roses that are grafted onto rootstocks, and when you lose the graft to winter, you've lost the rose. Some northern growers sell roses hardy to Zone 2. So, if you want to grow great roses, start out with great roses.

When you're tempted by less-hardy roses, and you will be, remember that mulching and water are the secrets to winter care. Mulching to keep the roses cold all winter, and water to make sure the roots aren't drying out.

The best rose-picking advice I can give you: Go to your local Rose Society, or the American Rose Society (www.ars.com) and join. When you do, you will get the ARS Handbook, which lists all roses on the market today and their hardiness rating, 1-10 (and there are no perfect 10s). That little booklet is worth its

weight in gold. You also get a monthly magazine, "The American Rose," which is check-full of good rose care.

Tip of the Week: If your kids have participated in your composting efforts, they probably found the whole thing pretty boring. After all, the results don't come overnight. Try a little magic: a small-scale - and much faster - composter they can put in a sunny window. Cut the top off a gallon milk jug and paint the jug black. Next, punch holes around the sides of the jug to promote air circulation. Now for the fun part. Gather up grass clippings, leaves and kitchen scraps, making sure everything is chopped fairly fine (or in the case of leaves, well crumbled). You can put the orange peels through the blender first. Throw everything into the jug and add a couple of handfuls of garden soil - not potting soil, which is sterilized, but real dirt, com-

plete with soil organisms. Put the jug in a sunny window sill. Let the kids give the mixture a good stir every couple of days and sprinkle it with water if it seems to be drying out. Before too long (with luck, before interest wanes), the material in your

miniature compost bin will begin turning into actual compost.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper, or e-mail her at cutwo@berhighway.net.

Tile gets chance to shine on the outside

By Robert Smaus
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - No one questions the place in the bathroom or the kitchen, but in the garden? Once found outdoors primarily on big Spanish-style estates or used sparingly around the waterline in swimming pools, colorful ceramic tiles are now brightening gardens in ordinary neighborhoods, sometimes used in extraordinary ways.

Garden makers have discovered all sorts of places to use ceramic tiles outdoors - around entries, on door frames and window sills, on planter boxes, covering outdoor fireplaces and kitchens, on the risers of steps, inserted into paving, on fountains and even covering garden benches.

"Tiles can put an individual stamp on a garden," said landscape architect Andrea Gardner of West Los Angeles. "They say that this is not just another bird-of-paradise and ficus garden. It's fun to bring the color of tile out into the landscape."

The tiles used outdoors run the gamut from traditional Spanish-inspired tiles to contemporary glass mosaics to antiques from the 1920s through the 1940s. Even broken tiles have found a home in the garden.

And while broken tiles cost almost nothing, antique tiles can cost as much as \$200 each. Installation can run from \$5 to \$20 a square foot, or do it yourself.

Mark and Jan Hilbert's landscape at their contemporary Spanish-style home in Newport Beach, south of Los Angeles in Orange County, was literally designed around their valuable collection of cement, Hillside, plaques, urns, and one old bench - all of which have embedded antique Malibu or Clay Craft tiles.

Hillside is a general term given to the cement and tile work of several companies in the Los Angeles area in the 1930s and 1940s. In designing their



ANN JONASSON/Los Angeles Times

landscape, Mark Hilbert made sure there were enough niches, nooks and crannies to display all the important pieces in their collection.

In the back yard of their 1950 Modernist home in Los Angeles Silver Lake neighborhood, landscape architect Mark Beall and architect Mark Weiz built an amazing BBQ-outdoor kitchen counter using broken tiles and broken plaques. They even embedded teacups in the back splash that now have plants growing in them like they were little projecting balconies.

The broken tiles came from bargain bins at tile stores, but

they had to buy whole plates and then break them up.

They built the tile counter on sheets of special cement board made for mounting tiles that was fastened to a sturdy frame of steel studs. They say tile work is not hard to do yourself.

This outdoor kitchen is just outside the real kitchen, and according to Sheri Hirschfeld, a designer at Ann Sacks Tile in Los Angeles, outdoor kitchens and entertaining areas are the hot new place for tiles.

"Tiles help the indoors spill outdoors and tie the two together," she said.

Homemade bread can be easy, delicious

By Joe Stumpie
The Wichita Eagle

Making bread can be as complicated or simple a process as you want it to be. I prefer simple.

CUBAN BREAD

5 to 6 cups of fast or all-purpose flour
2 packages yeast or regular yeast
1 tablespoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
2 cups hot water (120 to 130 degrees)

Sesame or poppy seeds, optional
Place 4 cups flour in a large mixing bowl and add yeast, salt and sugar. Stir until well-blended. Pour in hot water and beat with 100 strong strokes. Gradually work in remaining flour (using fingers if necessary), 1/2 cup at a time, until dough takes shape and is no longer sticky. Sprinkle work surface with flour. Knead for 8 minutes, until dough is smooth, elastic and feels alive under your hands.

Place dough in a greased bowl, cover with plastic wrap or a clean towel, and place in a warm place (80 to 100 degrees) such as an unheated oven until doubled in bulk, about a half-hour. Punch down dough and separate into two pieces. Shape each into a round and place on a baking sheet that's been greased and sprinkled with

cornmeal. With a sharp knife, slash an X on each loaf and, if desired, sprinkle with sesame or poppy seeds. Place on middle shelf in an unheated oven. Turn oven to 400 degrees and cook

about 45 minutes, or until loaves are a deep golden brown. The bottom crust should sound hollow when thumped. Makes 2 loaves.

Source: "Bernard Clayton's New Complete Book of Breads."

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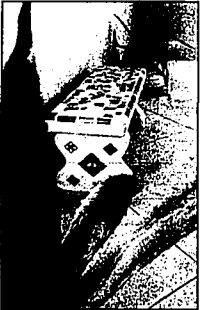
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Left, a teacup is embedded in the outdoor kitchen of Mark Beall and Mark Weiz. Above, Mark and Jan Hilbert's Hillside collection includes a bench from the 1930s that has embedded antique Malibu tiles.

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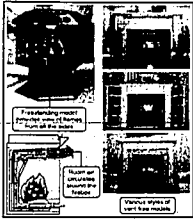
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FOOD & HOME

Vent-free gas fireplaces are easy, efficient

Dear Jim: To cut costs, I plan to add a fireplace to my living room myself, so I am looking at vent-free gas models for simplicity. What design and comfort features should I consider and are they safe to use?

—Mark G



Vent-free gas fireplaces are not tough to install yourself.

Dear Mark: Vent-free gas fireplaces are very easy to install yourself. It's wise to have a plumber attach the gas line or propane tank through a 99.9 percent efficient, making one an inexpensive source of heat.

Depending on your level of do-it-yourself skills, there are many options. For the most technically challenged, purchase the complete

package with gas logs, firebox and decorative real wood or contemporary mantel/surround. If you are handy with tools, build a custom surround and mantel yourself.

Two-sided see-through models, often mounted beneath a bar, and corner models take up little floor space, yet provide plenty of heat. A three-sided cove model provides a focal point for people

to relax around. You can completely install one of these models in two hours or less.

In addition to style, the primary features to consider are the controls and whether you need an optional blower. Hand-held remote controls, for on/off and temperature control from your easy chair, are most convenient.

If you need one for supplemental heat for the entire room, an electric blower option makes sense. You are going to install a snug or cove model, more for the ambiance of the flames, a blower is probably not needed.

By far the majority of states and localities allow vent-free fireplaces to be used in homes. Always check your local codes before installing one in your house. Many homes already have a vent-free gas heater — the kitchen range. When cooking a large holiday dinner, it probably burns more gas than a fireplace would.

Around 1980, all vent-free gas logs, fireplaces, heaters etc. included an oxygen depletion (detection) sensor — ODS. If the oxygen level in the room drops to

18 percent, ODS shuts off the gas automatically. One of the newer models also include optional built-in carbon monoxide (CO) detectors for extra safety.

Built-in, super-hot catalysis are becoming more common in gas fireplaces. These work like a catalytic converter in your car to reduce pollution. By using a catalyst hidden up inside the firebox, the dancing gas flames can be made to look more like real wood flames while emitting very little CO.

The key to safe operation is to follow the manufacturer's usage guidelines. A vent-free fireplace should be used for supplemental heat only. Install the proper size (gas usage) log set for your climate and airtightness of your house. Do not use it continuously or while you are sleeping.

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The Corbin's master suite features access to the deck, and has a private bathroom with a walk-

in closet, a raised spa and compartmentalized toilet and shower. The upstairs bathroom, shared by occupants of the two big bedrooms, has two lavatories. A utility room and powder room are equally convenient to the Corbin's kitchen and the two-car garage.

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Knightrider News Service

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Caught in a power struggle: Electric providers may have avoided the Y2K bug, but the industry's rush toward competition is making our power system less reliable, an Energy Department task force says. The task force examined power disruptions during peak electricity demand last summer in Chicago, New York City, Texas and other areas in the mid-Atlantic and Gulf Coast states.

The meter is running: The Consumer Electronics Association says the average American household spends \$1,000 per year on electronics — double the amount spent on furniture, toys or sporting goods. Which is why electronics companies are scrambling to come out with newer and better products.

Doing your homework: Though the number of Americans who telecommute has multiplied over the last decade, a survey by the American Management Association found that most companies provide no advice or support for these employees. The AMA offered some advice to ease telework difficulties, such as providing adequate hardware, software and remote access capability.

—Compiled by Marc Schogol of the Philadelphia Inquirer

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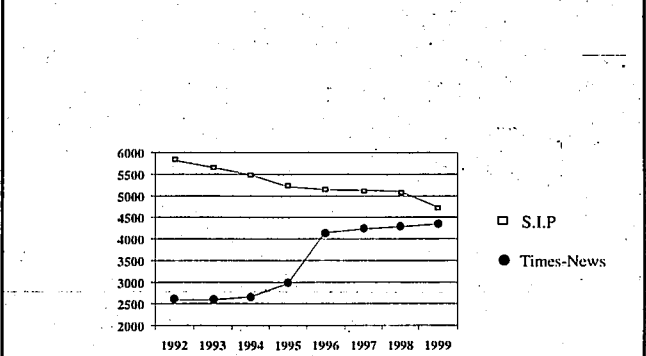
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The versatility of eggs is amazing. They are nutritious, economical and above all delicious.

Eggs have been reviled in the past for their high cholesterol and potential to harbor bacteria. But more recently they have been somewhat rehabilitated, in part because studies have shown that the cholesterol from foods such as eggs (the yolk of a large egg contains about 215 milligrams) doesn't seem to raise people's blood cholesterol to the degree that saturated fats do, according to the American Dietetic Association's "Complete Food & Nutrition Guide."

To cook fried and scrambled eggs or omelets with ease, use a pan with a smooth surface, nonstick if possible. Heat the pan and use butter or oil as needed to prevent sticking. Eggs can be cooked sunny side up (without turning) or flipped and cooked "over easy" (quickly cooked on the second side) or "over hard" (until the yolk is very firm).

Scrambled eggs are beaten with a whisk and cooked fairly quickly in a small amount of fat. Depending on your preference, you may want to add water, milk or cream to the eggs before cooking. Eggs can be cooked tabletop per egg helps maintain tenderness. The water turns to steam and fluffs the egg curds. For large curds, resist the temptation to overstir while scrambling. Wait until the eggs begin to coagulate (set) and then stir with a rubber spatula or wooden spoon. Remove from the heat when the eggs are still slightly wet; they will finish cooking in the time it takes you to turn them out on the plate and serve.

Omelets are basically scrambled

Egg safety

According to the Egg Nutrition Center of the American Egg Board, scientists estimate that only 1 of every 20,000 eggs produced in the U.S. contain the bacteria salmonella. This means that the likelihood of finding an infected egg is about one in 20,000, or .005 percent. Still, it is better to be safe than sorry. Treat eggs and all recipes made with eggs as you would other perishable products, and observe the following Egg Board guidelines for safe egg handling:

1. Buy refrigerated grade A or AA eggs with clean, uncracked shells. Discard any that crack on the way home.
2. Keep eggs refrigerated at 40 degrees or below in their cartons on a middle shelf in the refrigerator, not the door.
3. Use a clean utensil to remove any shell pieces that fall into the eggs, when cracking them open.
4. Cook eggs in dishes until the whites are set and the yolks begin to thicken; they don't have to be hard.

bled eggs that are allowed to set without stirring. The most common type is a rolled omelet (also called a French omelet), which usually is filled with cheese or vegetables before it is rolled onto a plate. Flat omelets are not folded over, but instead flipped and cooked on both sides, such as an omelet on a Spanish potato tortilla. A third type is a souffled or puffy omelet, which is made by separating the whites from the yolks, beating them until stiff and folding them back into the yolks. It is baked in the oven to finish.

To successfully hard-cook eggs, put them in a small saucepan, cover with cold water and add a pinch of salt. Cover the pot and heat it to a boil over high heat. As soon as the water boils, remove from the heat; let the eggs stand

5. Cook scrambled eggs, omelets and fritatas until there is no visible liquid egg remaining.
6. Cook other dishes like French toast and Monte Cristo sandwiches, crab cakes, pasta dishes, quiches and casseroles until there's no done at the center (160 degrees).
7. Cook eggs or use a pasteurized egg product when making eggnog, ice cream, hollandaise sauce and other recipes calling for raw eggs.
8. Keep eggs and egg dishes in the refrigerator as much as possible, allowing no more than two hours at room temperature for preparing and serving.
9. Divide leftovers into several small containers and refrigerate right after a meal so they'll cool quickly.
10. Wash hands, utensils, equipment and work surfaces with hot soapy water before and after preparing eggs and all other foods.

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in the water 15 to 20 minutes. To peel, roll an egg on its side, crushing the outer shell. Then put it under cool running water and peel off the shell.

Poached eggs are cooked in simmering water with vinegar and salt, which help the egg whites coagulate before they have time to spread. For eight eggs, fill a saucepan with 1 quart of water, 3 tablespoons vinegar and 1 teaspoon salt. Heat water to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Quickly and carefully break eggs one at a time into a small bowl and slip them into the water. When the egg whites are firm and the yolks are done as desired (soft, medium or hard), lift the eggs out with a slotted spoon.

Egg yolks are used for the curd

filling and egg whites for the meringue in this twist on a classic lemon meringue pie. The updated meringue technique is based on the American Egg Board's recommendation for safe handling of egg whites.

ORANGE MERINGUE PIE

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/3 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 3/4 cups freshly squeezed orange juice
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 prepared 9-inch chocolate cookie or regular crust
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon water

Combine 1 cup of the sugar with cornstarch and salt in 4-quart saucepan. Whisk in 1 1/2 cups of the orange juice and lemon juice. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and sugar is completely dissolved, 10 minutes. Remove from heat; whisk in butter. Stir in egg yolks and remaining orange juice. Return to heat, simmer, continuing to whisk constantly, until mixture is very thick, about 5 minutes. Pour into prepared shell; cool completely.

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine egg whites, remaining 1/2 cup sugar, cream of tartar and water in top of double boiler. Cook over simmering water, beating with portable mixer on medium speed, until whites reach firm temperature of 160 degrees, about 10 minutes. Pour into large bowl; beat on high speed until whites stand in soft peaks; about 2 minutes. Spread meringue on top of cooled filling, covering fill in completely. Bake 8-10 minutes, until meringue is golden. Chill until set, about 3 hours

Efforts continue to create truly black tulip

By Joan Jackson
Knight Ridder News Service

Except for black aphid on plums-and-black-spot-on-roses, the color-black gets little attention in the garden. But Dutch hybridizers are working on their own specialty - the elusive black tulip.

"Many have tried. A few have come close. But none has succeeded," says Salley Ferguson, of the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center in Brooklynn, N.Y. "Call it the Holy Grail of the tulip world."

Back in the 1850s, when Alexander Dumas wrote "The Count of Monte Cristo" and "The Three Musketeers," he also created a mini-story with his novel "The Black Tulip."

Ferguson explained, "The central theme of that book, the quest to hybridize the elusive and undoubtedly valuable 'black' tulip has persisted in the imagination of flower lovers everywhere."

Alas, no truly black tulip exists to date - nor is one ever likely. The simple reason: It's impossible.

"To be truly black, the color would have to be absolutely devoid of any hues or overtones of other colors," says Frans Roozen, technical director of the International Flower Bulb Center in Hillegom, the Netherlands.

In nature this happens only with death. No living leaf or flower is truly black.

Stall, what a challenge. Roozen says that "very serious efforts to hybridize a black tulip have been made over the years," with some stunning results: "What is possible, and what has already been done well is to create

ate tulips that are a deep, dark purple. Close to black, very, very close, but not really black."

However, that doesn't mean there are not tulips sold as black tulips. When deep purple tulips and other "black" flowers are cast against a green

backdrop in bright sunlight, the overall effect is black.

The top "black" tulips are Queen of Night, a single late tulip that is a very deep velvety maroon, and Black Parrot, a parrot tulip whose exterior is deep purple, inside blackish purple.

By next summer, when the bulb catalogs are issued, you will be able to find Black Parrot in the mail-order catalogs of Old House Gardens, (734) 955-1486, and White Flower Farms Bulb Queen of the Night and Black Parrot cost less than \$1 each through the catalogs.

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— Frans Roozen, International Flower Bulb Center

Chocolate mousse cake is a wonder

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

"We asked the Captain's Tavern, in Pinecrest, Fla. for the recipe for the wonderful Chocolate Mousse Cake served at the restaurant. Paul Galadza kindly provided the recipe. Though you will spend a minor fortune on the ingredients, this cake is not intimidating to make, and the result is a spectacular special occasion dessert.

CAPTAIN'S TAVERN CHOCOLATE MOUSSE CAKE

- Crust**
- 1 9-ounce package chocolate sandwich cookies (the restaurant uses Oreos)
 - 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted
- Filling**
- 2 pounds chopped semi-sweet chocolate
 - 1 cup light corn syrup
 - 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
 - 6 egg yolks
 - 4 cups heavy whipping cream
- Chocolate shavings and additional whipped cream (optional)
- To make the crust: Finely grind

cookies in food processor. Add melted butter and pulse to moisten. Press onto bottom and halfway up sides of a 10-inch springform pan. Refrigerate.

To make the filling: Melt the chocolate, corn syrup and butter over a double boiler or very low heat, being careful not to scorch the chocolate. Stir often. (Or place the chocolate, corn syrup and butter in a heavy, 2-quart glass bowl. Microwave on high for 2 minutes and stir. Continue to heat in 30 second intervals, stirring, until chocolate is melted.)

Meanwhile, beat the egg yolks and 2 cups of the heavy cream by hand until incorporated. Briskly whisk the egg yolk-mixture into the melted chocolate. Cook, stirring, over low heat, for 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and let cool.

To assemble: Whip the remaining 1/2 cups heavy cream until stiff. Fold it into the cooled chocolate mixture. Pour into prepared pan and refrigerate overnight. Serve with shaved chocolate and additional whipped cream. Makes 16

servings.

Q. When I was in Florida, I ordered shepherd's pie made with ground beef at an Irish restaurant. I would like to make this dish at home.

—Colleen Seliz Whittier, Calif.

A. There are as many versions of shepherd's pie as there are of meatloaf, I'm sure. My Irish grandmother made hers with minced lamb, and topped it with mashed potatoes mixed with bacon bits or colcannon (potatoes mashed with cabbage). For special occasions, she used a puff pastry crust. This is a basic recipe upon which you can build.

SHEPHERD'S PIE

- 2 pounds ground beef
- 3 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 2 tomatoes, chopped, optional
- 1 cup beef stock or bouillon
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 5 medium potatoes, boiled and

mashed

- 1 tablespoon butter
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Crumble the ground beef into a skillet, add the water, and saute, until it breaks up into chunks of meat, until it is no longer pink. Drain and reserve. (This method will remove most of the fat from the meat and keep it soft.) In the same skillet, heat the oil over medium and add the onions and Sauté until lightly golden. Add the tomatoes if desired and cook another 2 to 3 minutes. Add the stock or bouillon and seasonings. Return meat to the skillet, and continue cooking over medium heat for 5 minutes. If mixture seems too thin, stir in 1 tablespoon cornstarch dissolved in a tablespoon or so of cold water. Spoon 9-inch pie plate or 1 1/2-quart casserole. Top with the mashed potatoes, piped on or scored decoratively with a fork. Dot with butter and bake uncovered for 35 to 40 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

Enjoying fruits in food is easy - and good for you.

By Carolyn Jung
Knight Ridder News Service

Fruit is a beautiful thing - colorful, versatile and full of vitamins. Indulge in some great fruit with this recipe from "Fruit" (Periplus), by New York food writer Suzie Smith.

KIWI FRUIT SPONGE CAKE

- 1/2 cup superfine sugar (or whirl granulated sugar in food processor until fine)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour, sifted

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 ounces unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream, whipped
- 5 kiwi fruit, peeled and thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 8-inch round or square cake pan and line with parchment paper. Combine eggs and sugar in bowl. Using electric mixer, beat until pale and thick, 5-7 minutes. Fold in flour and salt in two batches, folding in

butter with last batch. Transfer to prepared pan and bake until cake feels firm in middle, 25-30 minutes. Allow cake to cool in pan 5 minutes before turning out onto wire rack to cool. When cake is completely cool, cut horizontally into 4 even layers. Spread bottom-layer with 1/4 of cream.

Top with layer of kiwi fruit slices. Repeat layers of cake, whipped cream and kiwi fruit. Serve cake immediately or store, covered, in refrigerator.

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The Washington Post

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- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) finely chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1 large mango, peeled and diced
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon salt

Over medium heat in a small saute pan, heat oil. Add onion and cook 3 to 4 minutes. Add curry powder and cook, stirring, about 30 seconds. Remove pan from heat. Transfer the curried onion mixture to a blender, add the mango and process until fine. Add mayonnaise and sour cream and, on lowest speed, blend until smooth. Taste and salt. Cover and refrigerate. Serve with carrots, celery, cucumber and jicama sticks and sugar snap peas.

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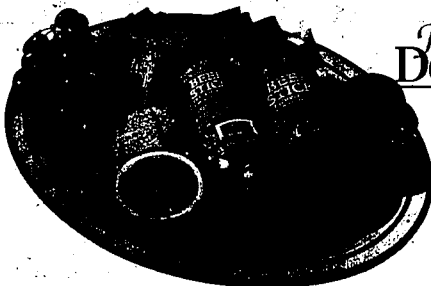
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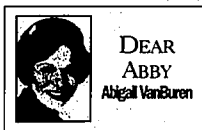
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Host confronts latecomers, and none too soon

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing concerning a problem I had with all the time. We have relatives who can never be on time for anything. This is not a big deal at a barbecue, but for a sit-down holiday dinner it's a real headache. Some of the actual comments I have received: "How late can I be before I inconvenience everyone?" "We'll be late - hope your dinner won't be ruined." "Dinner at 4? We might make it by 4 or 5." "We can't make it that early. Back dinner off an hour, will you?"



DEAR ABBY: I'm the villain! But only to the third of the family who is always late. The "late ones" were even late for their mother's surprise birthday party. Abby, was I too rude, or were my assertive statements justified?

rest of the family for dessert and coffee - and whatever was left of the leftovers. DEAR ABBY: This is in reference to the item in your column that if the three wise men had been three wise women, they would have asked directions and arrived on time. In the interest of historical accuracy, it should be pointed out that the three wise men DID ask directions - from King Herod. It's possible that a great number of babies might have been spared if they hadn't. WILLIAM ROBINSON, SOLON MILLS, ILL.

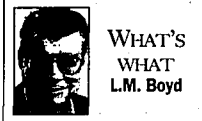
three wise men DID ask for directions. As a result, Herod was tipped off to the birth of the Messiah, necessitating the flight of Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus to Egypt. It also caused the deaths of thousands of innocent children. Little wonder that men have been afraid to ask for directions ever since. - LLOYD AND KATHY RAPPLEYE, MESA, ARIZ.

I used to juggle the time around, trying to suit everyone, which is impossible. Or I would tell them that dinner was a half-hour earlier than it actually was. The late ones would STILL be late. Finally, I had had it. I responded, "No, you won't ruin my dinner, because we are eating at 4." "Oh, you won't inconvenience anyone, because dinner is at 4, as planned." "You can't make it at that time? Sorry. We'll miss you."

DEAR WILLIAM: You are not the only person to point out that the feminist joke I printed was historically inaccurate. Read on: DEAR ABBY: We had to write in response to the letter from the Burleson, Texas, reader. You need to study your Bible (Matthew, Chapter 2). The problem with the joke is that the

Ford suggested habit for successful people

The dieter who plans to keep a food diary might do well to write a daily item about the weather. So suggests a weight clinic expert. Those who keep such journals, says this specialist, have learned they eat much more on rainy days.



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

A. From the name of the Aztec war god - "Mexitli." Curious how so many peoples have had war gods. They far outnumber peace gods, must say. The modern Hebrew dialect spoken by Israelis is not a precise revival of an ancient language. It's only about 100 years old. Q. Among the larger animals on earth, which are the most numerous? A. Humans, as previously reported. And they're getting numerouser. Q. Why don't symphony musicians tune their instruments before they get to the concert hall so we don't have to listen to all that squeaking and squawking?



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People comment, "This seems like a new you." Make your fresh start, your views are new, you succeed if independently. Leo-Aquarius persons figure in scenario. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Focus on cooperative efforts, city hall business, partnership and marriage. Perfect reputation, avoid one who flirts with the law. Capricorn represented. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Burden lifted, you deal with those involved in politics. Maintain humor, emotional equilibrium. Promise of journey will be fulfilled. Gemini involved. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Obstacles placed in your path by cautious people. Maintain calm attitude, decorum. You are going to work, do so with style, grace. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Very active, featuring change of plans, travel, variety of sensations. You will be sensitive to degree of being psychic.

Q. Who was the "Crow" alluded to in "Old Crow" whiskey? A. All I know is Dr. James C. Crow, a Scottish chemist and physician, accidentally found the formula for sour mash whiskey around 1835 when he added leftover mash to a new batch. If he's not the honoree, it must be the bird. It was the original Henry Ford who said, "Getting ready is the secret of success." Some think a national capital ought to lie at the geographic center of its nation, but insofar as I know, Spain's Madrid is about the only one that so qualifies. Q. Where'd Mexico get that name?

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FOOD & HOME

Slow cooker makes pork chops easy

These pork chops, from Karol Hines of Kirby Hawk, N. C., were featured in Taste of Home magazine. As a first-time mom, Hines says she loves the convenience of this mouth-watering main dish, which she starts during naptime for a no-fuss supper.



Take advantage of your slow cooker to prepare Tangy Pork Chops.

TANGY PORK CHOPS
 4 pork chops (1/2-inch thick)
 1/2 teaspoon salt, optional
 1/8 teaspoon pepper
 2 medium onions, chopped
 2 celery ribs, chopped
 1 large green pepper, sliced
 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) stewed tomatoes
 1/2 cup ketchup
 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
 2 tablespoons brown sugar
 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 beef bouillon cube
 2 tablespoons cornstarch
 2 tablespoons water
 Hot cooked rice, optional
 Place pork chops in a slow cooker. Sprinkle with salt (if desired) and pepper. Add the onions, celery, green pepper and tomatoes to bowl; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 1 1/2 hours. Remove breast quarters to serving platter; cover loosely with foil and keep in warm oven. Cook leg quarters 15 minutes longer; remove and keep warm with breasts. Strain cooking liquid; skim off fat. Return 4 cups liquid to Dutch oven; bring to boil. Add bok choy; simmer 8 minutes or just until tender. Arrange bok choy around duck. Add green onion tops to liquid; bring to boil. Pour about 1/3 cup liquid over duck and bok choy; serve with remaining liquid, if desired.

on low 5-6 hours. Mix cornstarch and water until smooth. Stir into

liquid in slow cooker. Cover and cook on high for 30 minutes or

until thickened. Serve over rice, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Chinese

Continued from C1
 2 star anise pods
 1 (5-pound) fresh or thawed duck, quartered and trimmed of excess fat
 8 baby bok choy (about 1 1/2 pounds), cut lengthwise in half
 Combine soy sauce, wine, sherry, sugar, white parts of green onions, garlic, chilies, ginger, star anise and 3 1/4 cups water in Dutch oven or large deep saucepan; bring to boil. Add duck, skin side down. Return to boil; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 1 1/2 hours. Remove breast quarters to serving platter; cover loosely with foil and keep in warm oven. Cook leg quarters 15 minutes longer; remove and keep warm with breasts. Strain cooking liquid; skim off fat. Return 4 cups liquid to Dutch oven; bring to boil. Add bok choy; simmer 8 minutes or just until tender. Arrange bok choy around duck. Add green onion tops to liquid; bring to boil. Pour about 1/3 cup liquid over duck and bok choy; serve with remaining liquid, if desired.

combine remaining 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch, 2 tablespoons soy sauce, red wine and 2/3 cup water; set aside. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in hot large nonstick skillet or wok over high heat. Add beef and stir-fry 2 minutes; remove. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil to same pan; reduce heat to medium-high heat. Add leek, garlic and remaining 1 tablespoon ginger; stir-fry 3 minutes. Add asparagus; sprinkle with salt and stir-fry just until heated through. Stir in beef and soy sauce mixture; cook, stirring, 1 minute, or until sauce boils and thickens. Serve immediately.

1/4 cup naturally brewed soy sauce
 1/4 cup balsamic or Chinese black vinegar
 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh ginger root
 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
 1 teaspoon sugar
 Combine all ingredients in small bowl, stirring until sugar dissolves. Use as a dipping sauce for egg rolls, pot stickers or other appetizer dumplings.
 NOTE: Unused dipping sauce can be covered and refrigerated for up to one week.

Remove to serving bowl; stir in mint. Use as a dipping sauce for spring rolls, egg rolls or as a marinade for fish.

TRADITIONAL MANDARIN FRIED RICE

Makes 4 to 6 servings
 3 tablespoons canola oil, divided
 3 eggs, lightly beaten
 1 cup chopped green onions and tops (about 1 bunch)
 2 teaspoons finely chopped garlic
 1 teaspoon finely chopped fresh ginger root
 5 cups cold cooked rice
 2 to 3 ounces fully-cooked ham, diced (1/2 cup) or 3 ounces 1a chang (sweet Chinese sausage), cooked and diced.
 3 tablespoons naturally brewed soy sauce
 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
 Heat large nonstick skillet or wok over medium-high heat until hot. Add 1 tablespoon oil; swirl to coat pan. Pour in eggs. As eggs begin to set, push cooked portion towards center of pan, allowing uncooked portion to reach bottom. When set, turn eggs over; cook second side until done. Remove and cut into small pieces; set aside. Heat remaining 2 tablespoon oil in same pan over medium heat until hot. Add green onions, garlic and ginger; stir-fry 1 minute. Add rice, ham, soy sauce, cooked eggs and pepper. Mix lightly to combine; heat through.

CITRUS DIPPING SAUCE

Makes about 2/3 cup
 1/3 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice
 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
 4 teaspoons naturally brewed soy sauce
 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
 1/4 cup canola oil
 1/4 cup loosely packed fresh mint leaves, minced
 Combine citrus juices and soy sauce in small nonreactive

GINGERED BEEF WITH LEEDS AND ASPARAGUS

Makes 6 servings
 1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 2-inch lengths (or 1 package (10 ounces) frozen cut asparagus, thawed)
 1 pound boneless beef top sirloin steak
 2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch, divided
 4 tablespoons naturally brewed soy sauce, divided
 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh ginger root, divided
 2 tablespoons dry red wine
 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
 1 large leek (white part only), washed and julienned (about 2 cups)
 1 teaspoon finely chopped garlic
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 Place asparagus in steamer basket set in large saucepan of boiling water; cover and steam 4 to 5 minutes or until tender-crisp. Cool in large bowl of ice and water; drain well and set aside. Cut beef into thin slices; coat in mixture of 2 tablespoons each cornstarch and soy sauce and 1 tablespoons ginger. Let stand 5 minutes. Meanwhile,

TIPS FOR DIPS

Dipping sauces are wonderful with prepared dumplings. Below are some sauces you can create from scratch.

GINGER DIPPING SAUCE

Makes about 1 cup
 1/2 cup thinly sliced green onions

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FOOD & HOME

Memorable New York food critic dies at 79

Candy recipe uses spuds

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

Edward Yeatts of Miami asked for help finding a 1940s recipe for a candy known as peanut logs that uses potatoes. Caryl Garrett said she was introduced to the recipe when she lived in Tennessee.

Vintage recipe collectors know the same dough is used for quite a few other candies — mini potato shapes rolled in cinnamon sugar for St. Patrick's Day are a Philadelphia area staple. Add coconut to the dough, shape it like little eggs and dip in melted chocolate for an Easter treat.

PEANUT LOGS

1 small potato, about the size of an egg
3 tablespoons butter or margarine

About 1 pound confectioners' sugar
Smooth or chunky style peanut butter

Peel the potato and boil until very tender. Mash until there are no lumps, then add the butter or margarine. Stir in confectioners' sugar until you have a mixture the consistency of pie dough. Sprinkle confectioners' sugar on a board and roll the dough into a long, thin rectangle. Spread with peanut butter, leaving a 3/4-inch margin on the long sides. Roll up from one long end, as you would a jelly roll. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate until firm. Cut the roll into 1/4-inch slices with a sharp knife or pinch into log-shaped pieces. Refrigerate in an airtight container. Makes about 36 servings.

Q. Do you have a recipe for broccoli and cheese rice? I tasted the rice at a wedding reception in Illinois but the caterer would not share the recipe.

—Esther Lopez, Miami
A. There are so many variations on this casserole that I can't begin to know what was in the version you tasted. This one is the classic, from "Eat Time at the Masters," compiled by the Augusta, Ga., Junior League. I like to substitute 4 ounces of coarsely shredded cheddar cheese for the processed spread, plus salt to taste. Some cooks use pimento cheese spread rather than plain. For a true Southern touch, top with crumbled Ritz or cheese crackers just before baking.

CLASSIC BROCCOLI RICE CASSEROLE

1 medium onion, chopped fine
1 rib celery, chopped fine
2 tablespoons butter
1 10-ounce package frozen chopped broccoli, cooked and drained well
2 1/2 cups cooked rice
1 can condensed cream of chicken soup
4 ounces Cheez Whiz
Dash of Tabasco
Pepper

Sauté the onion and celery in the butter until tender. Combine with the broccoli, rice, undiluted soup, cheese, Tabasco and pepper to taste. Pour into a greased 1 1/2-quart baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Makes 6 servings.

Harvest cake is a favorite

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

A Harvest Cake recipe was the request of Ann M. McDonald of Baltimore, who wrote that the cake had apple slices and spices and was the favorite of her family. Doris K. Greene of Jarrettsville, Md., responded with a recipe, which she says is as follows:

HARVEST CAKE
4 cups peeled, diced tart apples
2 cups sugar
3 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
2 eggs
1 cup vegetable oil
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chopped walnuts

In a large mixing bowl, mix peeled, diced apples with the sugar. Let stand one hour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan. In a medium bowl, mix together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Set aside. Beat eggs and combine with oil and vanilla. Add egg mixture to the apple mixture. Stir in the flour mixture until well blended. Stir in the walnuts. Pour into tube pan and bake for 1 hour. Test for doneness with a toothpick. Frost with confectioners' sugar icing.

By Karen Matthews
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Craig Claiborne was one of America's most emphatic epicures, a critic who once enjoyed a \$4,000 dinner in Paris with a friend and escorted readers from the delights of a deli sandwich to the splendors of haute cuisine.

Claiborne wrote more than 20 books in three decades as a New York Times food editor and the newspaper's occasional restaurant critic, including his own cook book and an autobiography, "A



Craig Claiborne

Feast Made for Laughter."

He died Saturday at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital. No cause of death was given. Claiborne was 79.

In 1957, Claiborne, who grew up eating biscuits and fried chicken in his mother's Mississippi boarding house, became the first male food editor at the Times.

Responsible in some measure for the American mania for food that developed in the last few decades, Claiborne took readers around the world, discovering ingredients and recipes and making them accessible to home cooks.

He also said he was the first restaurant critic with a formal education in food, which he received at the Swiss Hotelkeepers Association school in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Before Claiborne, restaurant reviews often pleased advertisers more than diners. As reader interest in eating out rose, Claiborne

acted as a food reporter in reviews and columns.

Not all his research was done in others' kitchens and restaurants. His Long Island home was often a laboratory for recipes and guest quarters for great chefs from the United States and abroad.

A lifelong bachelor fond of formal dining and elaborate parties, Claiborne described himself as shy and something of a loner.

Yet his 70th birthday was celebrated in Monte Carlo with a three-day bash topped with a black-tie dinner for more than 200 people, among them more

than 60 restaurateurs and chefs.

Perhaps his most famous meal was shared with just one person, his longtime collaborator Pierre Franey, in November 1975, at Chez Denis in Paris. The tab: \$4,000.

The pair had bid \$300 in a public television fund-raising auction for the prize, donated by American Express, for dinner for two anywhere at any price. They shared nine wines, including an 1855 Medusa, to accompany 31 dishes, sensuously described in a front-page Times story. Hundreds of readers complained about the excess.

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Section D

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“We’d be watching film on Mondays from the previous Saturday’s game, and my teammates would say, ‘Man, you’re a freak. They made you up in the laboratory or something.’”

—Tennessee Titans All-Pro defensive end Leon “The Freak” Kearse, on how he acquired his nickname at the University of Florida

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

Men’s college basketball

Men’s college basketball

Northern Arizona at ISU

Wrestling

Jerome at Twin Falls

Burley at Buhl

Minico at Blackfoot

Girls’ basketball

Bonnevillie at Minico

Northside Conference Tournament at Shoshone

Shoshone vs. Camas County, 6 p.m.

Carey vs. Dietrich, 7:30 p.m.

Boys’ basketball

Century at Burley

Bonnevillie at Minico

Twin Falls at Jerome

Burley Fr. at Declo

IN BRIEF

Minico wrestlers overtake the top

TWIN FALLS — Two Minico High School wrestlers have overtaken the No. 1 spots in their respective weight divisions in the latest statewide rankings re-released by independent wrestling authority Rocky Barlett.

With Minico’s signature Red Halverson Memorial Tournament a little more than a week away, Jesus Tamayo has battled his way back to the top of the 119-pound ranks, reclaiming the honor from Pocatello sophomore Shiloh Armstrong. Spartan teammate K.C. Uscola was named the state’s best this week at 160 pounds.

Minico’s improved showing in the individual rankings increased its team stock from 10th in the state to second among A-1 programs.

In the A-2 classification, Kimberly was also on the move this week, jumping up from 10th to seventh.

For complete team and individual rankings for all three classifications, please see Scores and Stats on page D3.

Region III girls’ tourney seeds, dates set

TWIN FALLS — Seeding and early-round pairings have been determined for this year’s Region III girls’ basketball tournament, which begins Saturday.

Three games take place on Saturday to open the tournament: top-seeded Jerome hosts No. 7 Century, No. 3 Highland hosts No. 6 Burley at 7 p.m., and Minico hosts Twin Falls at 8 p.m.

Second-seeded Pocatello receives a first-round bye, but hosts the winner of the Highland-Burley game next Monday, while the winner of the Jerome-Century contests takes either Minico or Twin Falls on Tuesday.

The tournament continues through Feb. 8, with an if-necessary game tentatively scheduled for Feb. 10.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Camas, Dietrich come out on top

By Ryan Bevan
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone Indians and Carey Panthers waited for the winners of Tuesday’s A-4 Northside Conference tournament matchups to determine their opponents in tonight’s showdown.

The No. 4 seed Camas County Lady Musersh defeated fifth-seeded Ketchum, 53-49 to advance against No. 1 and host Shoshone at 6 p.m. Second-seed Carey plays No. 3 Dietrich Blue Devils, who ran away from Richfield, 53-27.

Ketchum and Richfield await the losers in each of those meetings.

In JV action, Dietrich defeated Camas County 41-30 and will face the winner of Carey and Shoshone for the championship on Friday.

Camas County 53, Ketchum 49

A second half transition and a dominating third quarter boosted the Lady Musersh over Ketchum Tuesday, 53-49 in Game 1 of the Northside Conference tournament on Tuesday.

“We made a good second half adjustment,” said Camas County coach Matt McLam. “We also did a nice job of hitting free throws down the stretch.”

The Lady Musersh were led by senior Kandice Blodgett with 17 points. Senior Lindsey Woodcock dominated down low for the Cutthroats, posting a game-high 30 points on the night.

Ketchum made a run late, but could not get their shots to fall and fell into foul trouble, ruining the Cutthroats’ chance of a comeback. Camas hit four straight free throws late to ice the victory.

DIETRICH 53, Richfield 27

A strong first quarter for the Lady Blue Devils proved too much to handle Tuesday for Richfield, as they could never overcome a 16-5 first quarter deficit, falling 53-27 in Game 2 of the A-4 Northside tournament in Shoshone.

“Richfield is a young team,” said Dietrich coach Gene Shaw. “We had good pressure on them in the first and got a good lead, that was the ball game right

there.”

Dietrich would go on to win by a commanding 26 points, 53-27. The Blue Devils were led by Rashell Astle who had 13 points. Michelle Ward led all scorers with 19 points for Richfield, including two from three-point range.

“We’re capable of beating all of these teams,” Shaw said. “But if we come on a bad day we’ll get beat.”

Declo makes a comeback

By Matt Peterson
Times-News writer

DECLO — Senior Night for the Declo girls’ basketball team Tuesday meant more than just balloons, flowers and a few pre-game hugs.

Led by Brandi Matthews’ 14 points and 13 rebounds, all three of the Hornets’ senior starters scored in double digits as Declo rallied for a huge fourth quarter and handed Valley a 55-46 loss in Declo.

Senior starters Amanda Blakeslee and Danielle West added 14 points and 12 points, respectively, in the win.

The victory earned the Hornets (13-7 overall, 3-1 conference) a first-place Canyon Conference finish and secured home-court advantage for the first game of the district tournament.

The win also gave Declo some measure of revenge. In the two team’s last meeting Jan. 13 in Hazelton, the Vikings came out on top, 56-51.

“We wanted revenge (tonight),” Matthews said. “We had an off night last time and we wanted to come out and show we could play.”

Trailing after each of the first three quarters, the Hornets entered the final period trailing 38-34. A quick three-pointer from Blakeslee and a short jumper from West to begin the period, however, gave Declo its first lead since late in the first quarter, 39-38.

After twice swapping baskets, the Hornets took the lead for good, 43-42, on a Blakeslee jumper with 4:37 remaining. The home team proceeded to outscore Valley 12-4 in the final four minutes — including six consecutive free throws in the game’s final 41 seconds — to seal the victory.

“Brandi and Danielle and Amanda came out that first half of the fourth quarter and played really well,” said Declo head coach Kim Johnson, adding that her team managed to capitalize



Valley senior guard Kyle Beem passes to her teammates during Tuesday night’s game against Declo. The Hornets won the contest 55-46 to clinch the Canyon Conference title — and home-court advantage in next week’s district tournament.

on several Valley miscues down the stretch.

The Vikings (1-2 conference) got a game-high 17 points from Kyle Beem in the loss. The 5-foot-5 senior came out on fire, hitting

14 of her team’s 28 first-half points.

In the second half, however, Declo’s defenders allowed Beem only one field goal and a free

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Agassi, Sampras renew rivalry in Aussie semifinals

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — At a moment when Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras are playing arguably the best tennis of their lives, they will meet a round top soon in the Australian Open semifinals.

It is the final before the final, a match that could set up the tournament for an anticlimactic finish.

The women final would be infused with greater drama if Jennifer Capriati and Lindsay Davenport, Olympic champions who took different paths to reach the same juncture, were to meet for the title. Instead, they will face each other in the semifinals.

Reaching the semis on the other side of the women’s draw

Australian Open

Wednesday were three-time defending champion Martina Hingis and 1998 runnerup Conchita Martinez.

Hingis crushed Arantxa Sanchez-Vitarico 6-1, 6-1, and Martinez edged a 6-3, 4-6, 9-7 winner over Elena Likhovtseva, who had previously knocked out Serena Williams.

Agassi and Sampras both are anticipating the high voltage that courses through all their matches, a charge that emanates from their days in the juniors and intensifies year by year as the stakes rise and they edge closer to the end of their careers.

On this occasion, Agassi will

be seeking to become the first player to reach four straight Grand Slam finals since Rod Laver swept them all in 1969. For Sampras, history awaits as he tries to win his 13th major title and surpass Roy Emerson.

“Once 6 o’clock, 6:30 comes around, you get the nerves going and you feel like, ‘This is it,’” Sampras said. “We are always a little nervous in the beginning of the matches, but once we get into it we are fine.”

Yet, there is a fear that Sampras senses against Agassi and no one else.

“He stands on the baseline and is basically looking you in the eye and saying, ‘Ace me!’ And if you don’t ace him, he is going to pounce on that second serve,” Sampras said.

Declo, Oakley climb in latest high school basketball poll

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Local sports fans who don’t check in with this week’s Idaho Associated Press boys’ high school basketball polls won’t be missing much.

The tournament continues through Feb. 8, with an if-necessary game tentatively scheduled for Feb. 10.

In Class A-1, voting by the state’s sportswriters and broadcasters continued to rank Centennial No. 1, with Pocatello a close second.

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Neither team has lost a game this season, with the Patriots riding a 16-0 unbeaten streak through Tuesday night and the Indians enjoying their own 14-0 mark.

Lake City (12-2) held tight at No. 3, followed by Meridian (11-3) and Skyview (13-4).

None of those five teams has

lost a game since the most recent poll was released on Jan. 18.

In Class A-2, Snake River (14-1) defeated Bear Lake and West Side to remain No. 1, and Bishop Kelly (13-2) and Sugar-Salem (13-3) held firm at No. 2 and No. 3.

Former No. 4 St. Maries (7-5) lost twice in the past week however, dropping games to Lakeland and Orofino, and fell out of the poll entirely. Lakeland (8-3) moved into the fourth spot, and is followed this week by new

No. 5 Kellogg (8-3).

The Class A-3 ranks may have seen the most shuffling of the bunch. Malheur (12-1) continued to edge out Valley (13-1) for the state’s top spot with seven first-place votes to five. But third-ranked Ririe lost twice and dropped to No. 5, propelling Idlewild (10-1) up a notch to No. 3 and Declo (10-4) into fourth.

Once-beaten Mackay (10-1) once again garnered all 12 votes in Class A-4, but second-ranked

Richfield is making a strong case for itself with a 14-2 overall record. The Tigers beat Bliss, Ketchum and Dietrich handily in the last week.

Notus (9-3) maintained its No. 3 ranking with a win over Maranatha Christian, while Clark Fork (8-5) and Oakley (8-5) swapped spots to assume No. 4 and No. 5 in the poll, respectively.

The next poll comes next Tuesday.



American Pete Sampras gets set to serve during his match Tuesday against fellow American Chris Woodruff at the Australian Open Tennis Championships in Melbourne.

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SPORTS

Raft River holds off Murtaugh in double OT, 85-63; Jerome wins again

The Times-News

MALTA - In the 37th minute, Raft River's Bruce Stead drained a three-pointer at the buzzer...

Tucker Johnson missed a three-point shot from the iron that would've won it for the Red Devils in the second overtime...

Raft River (3-2 Southside, 9-6 overall) travels to Castledorf on Friday.

Bonneville 74, Minico 50 RUPERT - The Bees made good on nine of 14 tries from beyond the three-point arc...

Declo 64, Gooding 45 CODDING - Declo blitzed the Senators in the first quarter then stayed close the rest of the way...

Box continued from D1 can rustle you up some. In less than an hour, I had him 18 fight...

knockout with a left hook in the fifth round. In 1959, Fullmer captured the NBA middleweight belt...

Fullmer's reign ended in 1962 in a 15-round defeat to Dick Tiger. After the rematch ended in a draw in 1963, the two met in a third and final bout...

Fullmer turned pro in 1951, and scored knockouts in 14 of his first 16 professional fights while competing primarily in the West...

Local sports

Filer added 12 for Minico. "We got behind, and they got on a tear," said Minico coach Blair Garner...

Filer 49, Kimberly 42 KIMBERLY - After trailing by 13 at halftime and 17 early in the third quarter, the Bulldogs fought over on defense and held SCIC rival Filer to seven field goals in the second half...

The Bulldogs closed to within three points with two minutes left, but turnovers ended their hope of a comeback.

Kimberly (5-2 conference, 6-8 overall) hosts Declo on Friday.

Declo 64, Gooding 45 CODDING - Declo blitzed the Senators in the first quarter then stayed close the rest of the way, defeating Gooding 64-45 Tuesday night...

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The Senators (1-6 SCIC, 2-13 overall) travel to Wood River Friday.

Wendell 52, Shoshone 43 WENDELL - Shoshone and Wendell both got off to a slow start Tuesday night, combining for only nine points in the first quarter...

Wendell (2-5 SCIC, 6-9 overall) hosts Glens Ferry Thursday.

Castledorf 67, Hagerman 50 CASTLEDOF - The Wolves outscored Hagerman 21-4 in the first quarter en route to a 39-18 lead at the half and a decisive 67-50 win Tuesday night...

The Wolves (6-0 Magic Valley conference, 10-4 overall) host Raft River Friday.

Picking up her third personal midway through the second quarter, she spent the rest of the half on the Valley bench.

The Vikings opened the game with solid inside shooting and managed to build an early lead on the back of a 9-2 run...

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Oakley 81, Hansen 63 No details of this game were made available to The Times-News.

Girls' basketball Jerome 65, Hillcrest 36

JEROME - The gymnasium lights went out at halftime, but the Tigers lit the Knights ablaze in the second half on Senior Night in Jerome Tuesday.

Jerome's offense picked up after the halftime break, which was extended by 15 minutes due to a brief power outage.

Blackfoot in its regular-season finale on Thursday, with the chance to avenge its only loss of the season.

Wendell 47, Buhl 30 BUIH - Jen Collins hit four of her six three-pointers in the third quarter to stretch Wendell's lead to double-digits entering the final period.

"We played a clean game," said Buhl coach Joe Shepard. "We just didn't hit our shots."

the trend continued through the third, as Valley finished the quarter with a 38-34 lead.

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points, while Collins ended with 18. Buhl (3-7, 3-17), Wendell and the rest of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference next play in the SCIC Tournament, which begins Monday.

Wood River 50, Glens Ferry 39 HAILEY - The Wolverines bolted out to an early lead as they rolled over Glens Ferry 50-39 Tuesday night.

Blackfoot 75, Burley 23 BLACKFOOT - The Broncos ran out to a 34-5 halftime lead and never looked back, pasting the Bobcats (2-10 Region III, 4-15 overall) with their 10th straight loss on Tuesday.

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as the first-year Valley High School wrestling team beat Class A-3 peer Glens Ferry 42-33 before losing 48-27 to the Kimberly junior varsity.

Gooding sweeps home tri-meet GOODING - The Senators pushed their unbeaten win streak in duals to 13 games Tuesday night with wins over the Twin Falls Juniors and the Hazelton JV 45-15, and Wendell 45-31.

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SPORTS

Pacers burn Suns for 14th straight victory

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - After losing three consecutive road games, the Pacers defeated Phoenix 93-87 Tuesday night for their 14th straight victory in Conseco Fieldhouse. Reggie Miller led Indiana with 24 points, including four free throws in the final 24 seconds that helped Indiana hold off the Suns after they had reduced an 18-point deficit to one. Clifford Robinson led the Suns with 24 points and Jason Kidd had 22.

Hawks 96, Bulls 89
ATLANTA - Isaiah Rider scored 28 points and Dikembe Mutombo had 14 points and 23 rebounds to lead Atlanta past Chicago.

In a game between the two worst teams in the Central Division, the Hawks put together their first two-game winning streak since Dec. 8. Elton Brand, who fouled out with 1:01 remaining, led the Bulls with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

Heat 115, Celtics 89
MIAMI - The Miami Heat ran off 16 consecutive points in the



Sacramento's Chris Webber, left, and Charlotte's Brad Miller fight over the ball in the first half of Tuesday's game at the Charlotte Coliseum in Charlotte, N.C. second period for a 25-point lead and coasted past Boston. Sacramento's Voshon Lenard scored 21 points and Alonzo Mourning 20 for the Heat, who shot 55 percent, including 9-of-13 on free throws.

with a victory over Charlotte. Chris Webber had 30 points and Sacramento shot 53 percent in its first victory in Charlotte in nearly 10 years.

The Kings, starting an eight-game Eastern swing, shot 56.17 from 3-point range, including their first three in the fourth quarter.

Cavaliers 116, Pistons 107, 0T
CLEVELAND - Brevin Knight found his range just in time and Bob Sims scored a career-high 31 points as Cleveland snapped a five-game losing streak. Knight, who missed his first four field-goal attempts, scored 12 points in the fourth quarter and four more in overtime on 7-of-8 shooting. The Cavs called after blowing a 19-point lead.

Jerry Stackhouse, forced to carry the scoring load with star Grant Hill injured, scored a season-high 38 points for the Pistons.

Spurs 105, Clippers 82
SAN ANTONIO - Tim Duncan scored 24 points and San Antonio collected its fourth quarter with a 19-run to beat Los Angeles. David Robinson added 22 points for the Spurs. Both Duncan and Robinson pulled down 13 rebounds.

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Mavericks 117, Warriors 103
DALLAS - Michael Finley scored 30 points, 22 in the first half, as Dallas completed a sweep of the four-game season series against Golden State.

The game was marked by the third-quarter ejections of Shawn Bradley of Dallas and Mark Davis and Vontae Cummings of Golden State.

Antawn Jamison's 33 points and career-high 21 rebounds paced the Warriors, who've lost 14 of 16.

Timberwolves 92, Rockets 84
HOUSTON - Kevin Garnett scored 27 points, including two key baskets late, as Minnesota held on to snap Houston's six-game winning streak. Garnett kept the Rockets from getting too close on a jumper with 1:58 left for a 87-78 lead and his basket with 35 seconds left to make it 90-82.

Garnett added 15 rebounds and Terrell Brandon scored 26 points with eight assists.

Prada takes challenger

finals opener

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) - Prada of Italy accidentally bumped AmericaOne a minute before the start, then fouged off a late surge by the United States boat in the first race of the America's Cup challenger finals. Skipper Francesco de Angelis and his crew won by 24 seconds Tuesday despite having to make a 360-degree turn as a penalty for the collision as the boats were jockeying for position. He also had to counter maneuvers by AmericaOne helmsman Paul Cayard, who was behind by 28 seconds after the fifth of six legs but virtually even halfway up the final 3.5-mile leg with the wind coming from behind the boats.

The second race in the best-of-9 series to determine the finalist against the champion New Zealand is scheduled for Wednesday. The United States held the Cup for 132 consecutive years before losing to Australia in 1983. The beginning of the challenge in the 1980s had been delayed 24 hours by heavy winds and rough seas. It finally began with moderate wind of 14 knots that diminished later in the race.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

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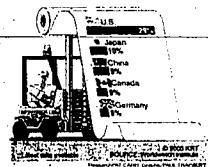
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The paper makers
Share of world production by top producers worldwide of paper and paperboard, 1997:



**BRIEFLY
IN MONEY**

**AT&T profit beats
quarterly estimates**

WASHINGTON - AT&T Corp., the largest U.S. long-distance telephone company, said its fourth-quarter operating profit fell 16 percent, as a rise in wireless revenues failed to offset slower growth in its long-distance business.

AT&T said it earned \$1.84 billion, or 57 cents per share, on an operating basis in the fourth quarter, down from \$1.80 billion, or 68 cents per share, a year ago. Revenue rose 5.9 percent to \$16.34 billion.

The results beat the average Wall Street forecast of 55 cents per share.

In its main business, AT&T said long-distance revenues from business customers increased 6 percent to \$6.3 billion in the fourth quarter, while revenues from its consumer long-distance business fell 4.5 percent to \$5.4 billion.

AT&T officials have said the long-distance business has become increasingly competitive and is trying to reduce costs, including cutting jobs. AT&T took a pretax charge of \$804 million in the fourth quarter, partially to cover severance costs of 2,800 employees who left in the fourth quarter.

**Wells Fargo announces hike
in quarterly stock dividends**

SAN FRANCISCO - Wells Fargo & Co. Tuesday announced an increase in its quarterly common stock dividend to 22 cents per share from 20 cents per share. The dividend is payable March 1 to stockholders of record Feb. 4.

Wells Fargo said its last dividend increase was effective June 1, when the dividend was raised from 18.5 cents per share. The company has about 1.6 billion shares of common stock outstanding.

Wells Fargo (NYSE: WFC) is a \$218 billion diversified financial services company with branches in Halley, Ketchum, Jerome and Twin Falls.

**Deadline changes for items
for print in YourBusiness**

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News this week changed its deadline for submission of news items to print in the Sunday Money section's YourBusiness column.

For the upcoming Sunday edition, the deadline for YourBusiness submissions is noon today.

Next week, the deadline will return to the customary noon on Thursday.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Hooking into the big network

**Twin Falls Clinic
joins Blue Cross
preferred providers**
The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Blue Cross of Idaho has added Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital to its network of "preferred provider organizations."

"While Clinic physicians have historically participated in Blue Cross of Idaho's PPO network, the addition of the Clinic itself

offers increased access to hospitalization for the Twin Falls community," said the health insurer, which says it insures nearly 25 percent of the state's population.

Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center now are both available as in-network facilities. The clinic already was a provider in Blue Cross of Idaho's traditional and HMO networks.

"It was the next logical step for us as we move to enhance our services to our patients and community," Mike Arehart, the Clinic's administrator, said in a statement.

"We believe the addition of the PPO relationship to our traditional and managed-care participation will enable us to more fully serve the patients in our region."

Linda Baird of the Twin Falls School District said the district is pleased with the addition.

"We have over 200 employees in the PPO plan now, and this will probably boost our enrollment even further," Baird said in the Blue Cross release.

The announcement came just in time to serve Lamb Weston Inc., one of the Magic Valley's largest employers. About 850 employees and their families

now can access both Twin Falls hospitals through the Blue Cross of Idaho PPO network, Blue Cross said. Blue Cross of Idaho and a Blue Cross company in Washington joined forces to administer benefits for Lamb Weston's more than 2,500 employees in both states.

Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital has 21 physicians, a full-service laboratory and X-ray department, an integrated oncology department and a hospital with 44 licensed beds and an intensive-care unit. Physician specialties include family practice; internal medicine; gastroenterology; rheumatology; endocrinology; cardiology; ear, nose and throat; general and vascular surgery; and plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Blue Cross of Idaho says it provides its customers access to the state's most comprehensive provider network. Offerings include traditional, preferred-provider and managed-care plans for customers under age 65, as well as supplemental and managed-care programs for Medicare recipients.

TOUGH TIMES AHEAD



Pedestrians pass a Foot Locker in New York Tuesday. Venator Group Inc. will slash 3,700 jobs and close 358 stores, the latest move by the company formerly known as Woolworth to restructure its business in an attempt to boost sales and profits.

Winding down at the Foot Locker

Parent company will slash staffing, close 358 stores around the country

The Times-News and Bridge News

NEW YORK - Venator Group Inc., parent of the Foot Locker sports clothing chain, said Tuesday it plans to shut 358 underperforming stores and lay off 3,700 workers, or about 30 percent of its staff.

It wasn't yet clear Tuesday whether the Foot Locker store in the Magic Valley Mall is on the list for planned closure.

The New York-based company, which emerged from the ashes of Woolworth Corp., said it expected the cuts to boost its pre-tax earnings by about \$50 million beginning in fiscal 2000.

The stores being closed include 123 Foot Locker, Lady Foot Locker and Kids Foot Locker stores, 27 Champs Sports stores and 208 Northern Group stores.

Venator operates more than 4,000 retail stores in 15 countries.

The moves allow Venator to focus on its athletic business and positions the firm with the

opportunity to return to operating profits, said company CEO Dale W. Hilpert.

The stores being closed include 123 Foot Locker, Lady Foot Locker and Kids Foot Locker stores, 27 Champs Sports stores and 208 Northern Group stores, which includes the disposal of all of the Northern Getaway and Northern Elements stores in the United States.

Venator will consolidate the managements of Kids and Lady Foot Locker into one organization and reduce the worldwide Foot Locker divisional staff. It will close the Champs Sports dis-

tribution center in Maumelle, Ark.

Sales support and corporate staff will be cut by more than 30 percent, and corporate offices will be moved into Foot Locker headquarters in mid-town Manhattan.

Venator will take a roughly \$53 million after-tax restructuring charge associated with the moves announced Tuesday. This will amount to roughly 39 cents per share and will be included in the company's fourth-quarter earnings report.

Venator Group is the leading provider of athletic footwear and apparel.

Time to centralize

J.C. Penney moves to consolidate purchasing for stores

Knight Ridder News Service

PLANO, Texas - J.C. Penney Co. is centralizing its buying functions in Plano for its 1,150 department stores - including ones in the Magic Valley - which will free store managers to improve customer service and merchandise presentation, the retailer said this week.

That process, which starts next month and is expected to include all merchandise categories during the first quarter of 2001, was the focus of a three-day meeting in Dallas last week attended by nearly 1,500 regional, district, merchandise, marketing and operations managers.

The sessions were led by Vanessa Castagna, executive vice president and chief operating officer of J.C. Penney stores, merchandising, catalog and e-commerce. She called it a "dynamic meeting." "The energy was fantastic. I've gotten 50 or 60 e-mails just today from store managers who are excited."

Castagna said the changes are "fundamental" and "very comprehensive" and go well beyond what was started two years ago when about 1,700 jobs were eliminated as the retailer moved more of the buying decisions to headquarters from its stores.

This time, changes will not require staff cuts, she said. The approach used then was an improvement, but "still did not enable timely fashion-right, customer-focused assortments."

"Ultimately, customers will find more of what they want from J.C. Penney, and less clutter, in a variety of shopping environments that meet the needs of their busy lives," Castagna said. These changes will build on the three ways Penney reaches its customers: stores, catalog and Internet, she said.

The transition is "massive," Castagna said, "and that's why it will take a year."

Under the current system, Penney store managers control about half of the merchandise they carry, which creates inco-

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MONEY

Higher fuel costs pinch consumers Stock close a little higher

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) - Alex Terentino feels fuel suppliers have him over a barrel - twice over.

Terentino has seen the amount he pays for home heating go from 50 cents a gallon to \$1.85 a gallon in a matter of weeks, while his bill for natural gas at his Stamford butcher shop has doubled in the last month.

"You've got no choice. You've got to pay," said Terentino, one of many consumers across the country who complained about the sudden and rapid rise in fuel costs.

With much of the Northeast gripped by frigid temperatures during the past week, the use of home heating oil took a sharp increase, leaving some areas with shortages.

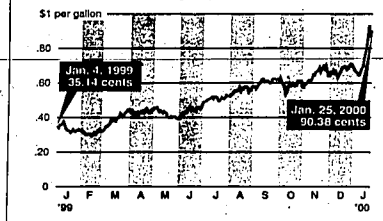
Answering the pleas of officials in several states, President Clinton on Tuesday ordered the release of emergency home-heating assistance funds for thousands of poor families in Alaska and the Northeast states that "have experienced the greatest hardship." Clinton said officials were still trying to figure out the total cost of the fuel subsidies.

In Connecticut, retail prices shot up at least 10 cents a gallon to between \$1.70 and close to \$2 per gallon. In Massachusetts, the average retail price rose to \$1.74 a gallon Monday, up 57 cents from a week ago and more than double what it was this time last year. And in New Hampshire, retail prices jumped from \$1.22 per gallon to \$1.71.

Truckers are also feeling the pinch because of sharp increases in the costs of diesel fuel. In New

Heating up

The wholesale price of heating oil has risen sharply of late and consumers have been feeling the pinch as retail prices have soared.



Source: New York Mercantile Exchange

York, the retail price of diesel fuel rose from a low of \$1.349 per gallon to a high of \$2.059 per gallon on Tuesday to Monday, according to the New York State Motor Truck Association.

Industry analysts say the sudden price increases have been caused by several factors, including the recent cold snap, low petroleum supplies and a decision by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to extend existing oil production cuts past an original March deadline.

By George Beranek, an analyst with Petroleum Finance Co., a private consulting firm based in Washington, D.C., said, "It has not reached the stage where suppliers are not getting what they need." Officials in several states are

investigating accusations of price-gouging.

"We have clear indications that there are surcharges on bills, nondelivery of product, possible anti-competitive actions and lack of required notices of shortages - all of which may show violations of law," said Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal.

Thomas Prescott, of Johnny Prescott and Son Oil Co. in Concord, N.H., said any shortage is one created to make money.

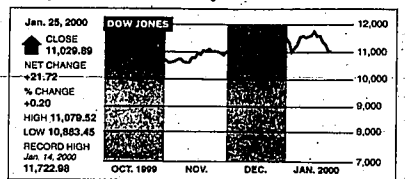
"There is no war in the Midwest, no refineries are down, there is no major explosion in the market," he said. "It is a normal winter in terms of degree days, and a cold snap of six to eight days should not force prices up one nickel."

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks ended a volatile session mostly higher Tuesday as investors rewarded companies that released strong earnings reports for the final quarter of 1999. Market averages fluctuated as the threat of rising interest rates convinced many investors that corporate profits may be pinched later this year.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 21.72 to close at 11,029.89. The blue-chip index dropped as much as 124.72 points earlier in the session and appeared headed for its sixth consecutive decline before finishing higher.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose to 1,410.03, and the Nasdaq composite index gained 71.33 to 4,167.11.

Daily markets roundup



Investors struggled to chart a course Tuesday as the latest reports of robust corporate profits were nearly overshadowed by

growing worries that rising interest rates will make it difficult for companies to repeat their solid performances.

Consumer confidence surges in January

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumer confidence soared in January to the highest level recorded since the index began in the 1960s. "People looking for confirmation that the consumer confidence bubble will soon burst have a further reprieve," said Lynn Franco, research director for the Conference Board, which reported the measurement Tuesday.

The confidence index, a key indicator measuring the force behind the economy, rose 1.44 in January, up from 141.7 in December. It was the highest level in the 32 years that the business-financed research group has been keeping the measurement. The performance was stronger than expected.

Consumer sentiment is closely watched by economists since spending by consumers makes up about two-thirds of the nation's total economic activity.

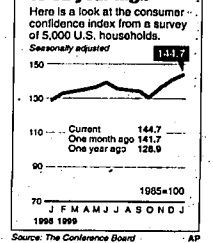
"Consumers have every reason to be optimistic. There is just nothing going wrong," said Mark Zandi, an economist at Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

"Unemployment is as low as it ever been, wage growth is robust and accelerating, and that's important of all is the booming stock market," he said. "Until the stock market cools, confidence will not weaken and consumers will not stop spending."

Both components of the confidence index improved - consumers' assessment of current business conditions as well as their expectations for the future. The monthly survey of 5,000 U.S. households reported 47 percent of those responding rated the current business environment "good" and 54 percent said jobs were "plentiful."

"An expanding global economy and a robust job market suggest

Confidence soars to 32-year high



that consumer optimism and consumer spending could rise even further in coming months," Franco said.

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Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Lists various stocks and their performance.

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Table with columns for Fossil Fuels, Oil, Gas, and Coal. Includes prices for various energy sources.

Hailey firm buys building company

HAILEY - POWER Engineers Inc., an Idaho-based consulting firm with offices in Hailey and Boise, announced Tuesday the purchase of Hailey-based building company...

POWER said it provides engineering and related services to the transmission and distribution, power generation, telecom, fiber optic, semiconductor, food processing, health care and pulp and paper industries.

States file lawsuit against Publishers Clearing House

ST. PAUL (AP) - Minnesota and 25 other states have now sued Publishers Clearing House, claiming false advertising by the sweepstakes giant that sends its "Prize Patrol" minivan out on Super Bowl Sunday.

Christopher Irving, director of consumer affairs at Publishers Clearing House, said the allegations and said the majority of people who return their sweepstakes entries do so without understanding the odds.

Penney

Continued from E1. Penney's merchandise assortment, distribution and replenishment functions will be integrated into the new process.

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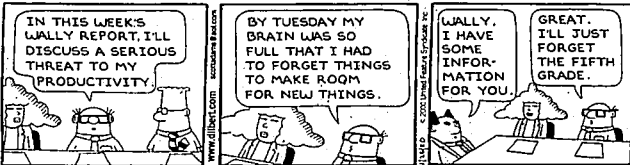
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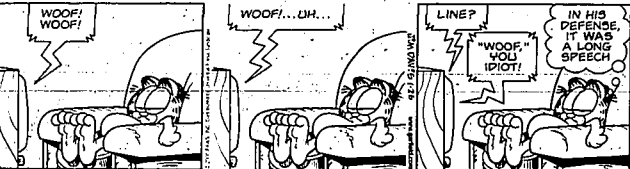
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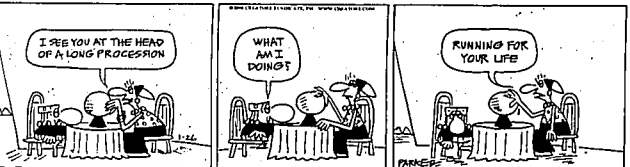
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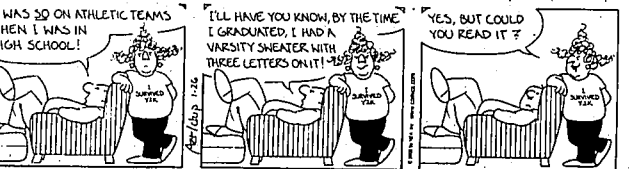
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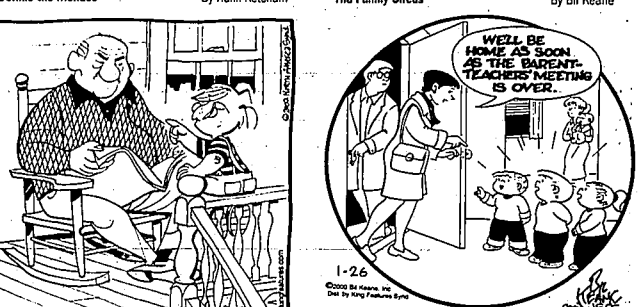


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Budget writers slash \$2.6M more, cite administration objections

BOISE (AP) — Over the stated objections of the Kempthorne administration, legislative budget writers on Tuesday slashed another \$2.6 million from the governor's modest spending blueprint as they continued to amass cash for their own priorities.

In a series of votes, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee cut \$1 million from the amount Gov. Dirk Kempthorne wants to spend on housing prison inmates in county jails and a private prison in New Mexico.

And then the House-Senate panel slashed \$1.5 million from the emergency appropriation Kempthorne said was needed to cover health care costs for the people of the state paid program. Costs through December were running more than 10 percent higher than expected, in



some part because more children are being found eligible as they apply for another health care subsidy.

Administration analysts suggested that the reductions would likely have to be made up in the 2000-2001 budget since bills the governor's proposals would have covered will be pushed into the next fiscal year that starts July 1.

Medicaid analyst Judy Rowbury said the governor had been looked at the committee proposal and was skeptical because "we're

setting ourselves up for a shortfall in June."

The state already has 400 inmates housed in New Mexico and 350 more in county jails with plans to send another 100 to New Mexico next week, 100 more in March and the final 100 in May before opening the new \$50 million prison in July and bringing all of them back. The cost is running between \$27 and \$40 a day per inmate.

On Monday, the committee made another pair of major cuts in general tax spending, freeing up \$1 million Kempthorne had committed in the budget he presented last week. Members also did some shifting so they could divert \$1.5 million to the state building fund, where home district construction programs are born.

The governor's proposal to bank the \$54 million surplus as a hedge against any future economic downturn appeared to be spurring efforts to reduce the \$1.8 billion budget plan. Lawmakers had spent months conjuring up ways to spend the surplus and are now looking for cash elsewhere to finance pet projects.

At the same time, however, Kempthorne's plan to sock away the surplus was not being overlooked.

The state already has a \$36 million balance in its reserve fund so banking, rather than spending, the huge surplus has spawned talk of tax cuts. Some key lawmakers were considering accelerating the phase-out of the so-called marriage penalty as a way to head off more

drastic proposals. Kempthorne had budgeted \$1.25 million for the second year of the eight year phase-out. Eliminating the provision totally would cost another \$1.2 million with the result being a \$1.75-week tax savings for some 150,000 married couples.

House leaders also remained interested in creating a special loan fund — possibly \$25 million — that school districts could tap to fix health and safety problems in their buildings. It is an alternative to Kempthorne's proposal to issue bonds for the repairs and head off trail on a school district lawsuit trying to force the state to finance local building needs.

In both cases, the districts would repay the principle. The legislative alternative would involve no interest. The gover-

nor's plan would have the state pay the interest.

That strategy for the surplus, however, would still leave no cash for any other initiatives — something the budget committee seems bent on trying to fix.

The escalating cost of the Medicaid program — always an aggravation to lawmakers — prompted budget writers to set up a special four-member sub-committee to look into the coverage of the government-subsidized plan compared to private insurance coverage people with higher income levels have available to them.

In just the last 10 years, the cost of the Medicaid program has soared from \$143 million to \$500 million — a third paid by the state — as beneficiaries rose from less than 37,000 to over 82,000.

Women find showcase at Sundance

And female directors produce much more than just chick flicks



Lisa Krueger, director of 'Committed,' rises to applause as she is honored by the group Women in Film at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, Saturday. Festival organizer Geoffrey Gilmore recalled a friend's sour reaction to the news that the event would showcase more films than ever by female directors. "Anyone who thinks these are a bunch of chick flicks is really making a mistake," Gilmore said.

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — A friend of Sundance Film Festival organizer Geoffrey Gilmore reacted adversely to news that the event would showcase more films by female directors than ever.

"My friend said, 'Great, that's a whole lot of romantic comedies. I'm going to have to sit through,'" said Gilmore, co-director of the nation's top independent film festival, which runs through next weekend.

"That's a wrong assumption about the record slate of 29 films by women out of the 113 feature movies Sundance is showing, Gilmore said. The lineup by female filmmakers is bold, diverse, edgy and — in some cases — not remotely romantic.

"Anyone who thinks these are a bunch of chick flicks is really making a mistake," Gilmore said.

Among the field:

- Mary Harron's brutish, bloody "American Psycho," the adaptation of Bret Easton Ellis' novel about a 1980s Wall Streeteer whose hobby is serial murder by ax, pistol, chain saw or nail gun.
- "The Virgin Suicides," a darkly comic tale of a group of spirited sisters in a repressive family. The director is the daughter of filmmaker Frank Capra.
- Gurinder Chadhra's "What's Cooking?," a skillfully layered love song to Los Angeles told through the turmoil of four ethnically diverse families as they prepare for Thanksgiving. The movie was a featured feature for the festival's opening night last week.
- Karyn Kusama's "Girlfight," about a high school senior who bucks her father and embarks on rigorous training as an amateur boxer.

"If you could open a dictionary to the word 'director' 40 years ago and it had a picture, you would probably see some white guy with a mustache and boots," said Lisa Krueger, director of "Committed," a Sundance film starring Heather Graham as a jilted wife on a bold quest to

stretch her life back together. "Now the picture looks like 500 different people, men and women."

Krueger was honored at the festival over the weekend by the group Women in Film, which called her a pioneer for "Committed" and her previous Sundance feature, "Manny and Lo."

"We just want progress for women in film," said Carol Savoic, vice president of the group's board. "We don't want to take over the world. And we are seeing progress. Women are doing so much better at Sundance. That's a big step."

Film schools are turning out

more female graduates, and more women are moving into upper studio management, but women generally say they have a harder time than male directors finding money to make their movies.

Valerie Breiman said it took almost six years to finish her Sundance entry, "Love and Sex," a screwball comedy starring Famke Janssen.

"It's great just to see the excitement among all these women who made movies and got them here," Breiman said. "We're all just kind of jumping up and down. I hope it's not just a fad. I hope women will be able to continue to make more and more movies."

Financial success ultimately dictates whether a male or female director will be able to continue to make movies and graduate from low-budget independent films to costlier productions. Exceptions such as Penny Marshall or Mimi Leder aside, Hollywood rarely considers female directors for big-budget pictures.

"Somehow, men are seen as more able to marshal the armies of film production," said Gale Anne Hurd, producer of "The Terminator." "Many women I know don't have the larger-than-life presence a lot of male directors have, but that doesn't have anything to do with whether they can direct."

"When you've got 200 people on a set waiting for a leader, leadership is not necessarily about being General Patton."

Legislators want all special receipts spent on fisheries

BOISE (AP) — Legislative budget writers on Tuesday clearly directed the Fish and Game Department to spend cash from a \$2 set-aside from every fishing-hunting and fishing only license on fisheries improvement projects.

But the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee did not attack the validity of retaining the seven special funds financed with earmarked amounts from sportsmen's fees.

The committee voted unanimously to increase spending from the special fund for construction, repair and rehabilitation of hatcheries and fishing waters to its maximum for this year, nearly \$450,000.

Legislative budget analysts maintained last summer that the department had failed to comply with the 1990 law earmarking \$2 from each fishing license for improvements because it was not spending the full amount collected each year for that purpose.

But at the same time, they pointed out that the set-asides — some of them pre-empted by an agency budgeting and led to micromanaging for a department that has been up against the financial wall since the mid-1990s.

Interim Director Jerry Mallet maintained that the set-aside — just like any other fund — was kept on a running balance, positive or negative, and that cash spent in excess of revenues in the first five years was simply being recovered in the last four years.

But legislative budget analysts maintained that lawmakers intended all the annual set-aside revenue be spent and that additional cash be diverted for improvements as well. Keeping a running balance to reclaim amounts spent in excess of revenue in the early 1990s undercut that intent, he said.

While the department spent the annual receipts from the set-aside and more during the initial years, it began cutting back when cash became tight to keep overall operations afloat.

But special-interest groups from bird hunters and salmon anglers to landowners have spent the better part of the last two decades convincing lawmakers

containing similar photographs, police reports stated. When questioned, Evans reportedly told investigators he had taken the pictures but none of the boys were from Idaho.

Some of the pictures were taken in Cache Valley in 1997 when Evans was a Utah State University student. Cache County Sheriff's investigators identified several of the boys in the photographs.

Evans was charged in May with four counts of sexual exploitation of a minor. He pleaded guilty to all four charges in August.

Following his conviction, another 13-year-old victim came forward. The boy was reportedly able to identify himself in one of the photographs.

Evans has been charged with aggravated sex abuse of a child.

Former Idaho teacher heads back to court for new charges

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — A former high school teacher from Idaho faces an additional sex abuse charge stemming from his conviction last August for sexually exploiting four teen-agers.

Christopher Roy Evans, 29, is currently serving up to 15 years at the Utah State Prison for four counts of sexual exploitation of a minor.

He was back in court Monday after another alleged victim came forward.

Police in Nampa, Idaho were contacted in February when a Fred Meyer photo processing lab found explicit pictures of young boys on a roll of film Evans brought in for developing, according to Cache County Sheriff's reports.

Evans was teaching high school in Nampa at the time.

Officials then searched Evans' home and found a photo album

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Internet offers new pipeline for short indie films

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) — Two years ago at the Sundance Film Festival, Jason Reitman found only a modicum of interest in his short-film entry.

This year, he found an eager buyer for his new short subject amid bidders hungry for quick-hit entertainment to distribute on their Web sites and through other new channels.

The 22-year-old Reitman, son

of "Ghostbusters" director Ivan Reitman, signed with AtomFilms, which acquires shorts to broadcast on its Web site and sells its movies to run in theaters, airplanes and on television.

The short-subject movie, once mainly a lab exercise for directors to show their talent in hopes of breaking into feature films, is becoming an end in itself as technology creates different

ways to deliver material to viewers.

Interest in short movies is hotter than ever at Sundance. Internet buyers are cutting deals with directors of the 50-plus short films showing through next weekend and are being inundated with videos from short movie-makers whose features did not make the festival cut.

The festival includes seminars

on distributing or marketing films over the Internet. There's an interactive lounge showcasing new entertainment technology. Companies such as Mediatip.com and Films.com rolled the festival to meet with filmmakers and hunt for Web site content. AtomFilms' staff cruised Park City in a recreational vehicle where directors could drop off videos for the company to consider.

Newspaper: Court had ordered three boys away from house where they died

SPOKANE — Three young boys who died in a house fire weren't supposed to be living there with their mother, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

Under a court order from the Spokane Tribe of Indians, the boys were supposed to stay with other relatives because of their parents' history of alcohol abuse, domestic violence and depression. The Spokesman-Review reported.

The boy's mother, Janisetta Shealey, violated the court order when she took the children from the home of her half-sister a week before the Jan. 16 fire. Anthony Allen Jr., 6, Malcolm Allen, 5, and 2-year-old William Allen died as a result of the blaze.

"I knew it was wrong. I knew I wasn't supposed to have them, but what was I going to do? They wanted to go home," Shealey said. "I know for a fact that if they had been there, this wouldn't have happened."

West in brief

Police: Man bought gun for murder
SANPOINTE — A Clark Fork man accused of planning to kill his estranged wife's boyfriend has been charged with conspiracy to commit first-degree murder.

Michael P. Eversole, 29, was arrested Sunday after he bought a gun, according to court records. Authorities say he intended to kill Troy Mitchell.

"A patrol officer picked up on it and contacted investigators," Bonner County Sheriff's Capt. John Valdez said. "They did some undercover work and got some admissions on this person on tape."

Court acquits sergeant of charges
FORT HALL — Two years after he lost his job for allegedly using excessive force, former patrol sergeant Robert

Woody said he has been vindicated, but at a price.

Woody, a Navajo tribal member, was acquitted in U.S. District Court on a civil rights violation that stemmed from an incident with a man in Fort Hall during an arrest two years ago. Woody said that while it was nice to have his name cleared, "they dragged my name and reputation through the mud and discredited me. They kicked me out on the street."

Woody was put on investigative leave after the incident by acting Police Chief Paul Maimier and later terminated by the new chief, Vernon Alvarez.

But Alvarez said that Woody was terminated on an unrelated matter.

Woody said his family was refused government contract services such as medical insurance as a result. That was particularly harsh, he said, because his daughter receives leukemia treatments in Salt Lake City.

The court found Woody innocent of all allegations by the suspect and other tribal officers.

Avalanche victim remains serious
IDAHO FALLS — A 46-year-old Minnesota man remains in intensive care Thursday after being hit by an avalanche on the Targhee National Forest last weekend.

But officials at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center declined to detail the injuries Ray Schoenfelder suffered when the snowmobile he was riding near the LionHead area on the Idaho-Montana border apparently triggered the avalanche on Saturday.

Although avalanche forecasts were low to moderate, National Forest spokesman Bill Davis said Schoenfelder apparently hit an unstable pocket of snow on a steep slope.

"You can play all day on slopes that

are 20 degrees and have a great time, but when you move to those steeper slopes, you need to really pay attention," he said.

Teen-ager faces murder charge
BLAOKFOOT — A Bingham County teen-ager has been charged with first-degree murder in the weekend slaying at a mobile home park.

Angel Reyes, 17, was charged as an adult with the shooting death of Jose Raul Gomez, 40, who was being held in the Bingham County Jail pending a Feb. 3 preliminary hearing.

Gonzalez was shot twice in the chest and once in the wrist with a .22-caliber handgun early Sunday morning, Sheriff Doyle Holm said, apparently after arguing with Reyes sometime before.

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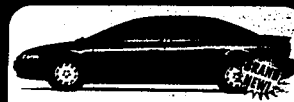
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