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Neighbors protest Cassia plant site

Proposed location draws big turnout

By Kurt Friedman
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Idaho Supreme Potatoes Inc. met last night with a few hundred of its possible neighbors, who are unhappy the company has picked a plant site in their backyard. Organizers of the meeting at the Burley Inn said they planned on talking only to neighbors within half a mile of the proposed plant, but so many attended they were forced to make it an open meeting. "There are probably 500 people within

a small radius that will be affected by this plant," area resident Fred Hawker said. "We're not opposed to you being in the area, but this is the wrong location." One person after another voiced similar sentiments, and each grilled Plant Manager Wade Chapman about wastewater, well water, traffic and even smell. "The traffic out there is already horrible," Kay Holmes said. "You are going to interrupt the way of life we have built out there." Chapman faced the upset crowd and tried to answer every question. "We don't claim to be perfect," he said. "But we listen to our neighbors' complaints, that's why we are here tonight." He asked those assembled to consider serving on a citizens' advisory committee. Please see SUPREME, Page A2

Idaho Supreme cited for environmental violations at east Idaho plant in 1980s

The Times-News

FIRTH — In the mid-1980s, Idaho Supreme Potatoes Inc. ran into some trouble with the state Division of Environmental Quality. A Jan. 19, 1987 "consent order" cited the company with violations of Idaho water quality standards and wastewater treatment requirements. The problems related to the discharge of waste water, and ground water monitoring problems, between Dec. 1, 1985, and Nov. 7, 1986. The agency fined Idaho Supreme

\$1,000 for "failure to submit wastewater application reports for July 1986," and another \$5,000 for failing to restrict wastewater to the land application site on Oct. 31, 1986. "This is before my time," said Plant Manager Wade Chapman, whose family owns the business. "But not everything we have done at the plant has been perfect." He said the company has been "getting better and better" as the DEQ tightens statewide regulations. He said the Firth plant has improved its environmental strategy. "What we do now is correct," he said.

FLU SEASON APPROACHES

Catching your death

Local flu, pneumonia death rates are highest in Idaho

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The death rate for flu and pneumonia in Twin Falls County is far and away the highest in Idaho, largely because not enough nursing home and retirement center residents are getting their shots. "We've been tracking these statistics, and they're striking," said Maggi Muehala, a public health nurse with the South Central District Health Department and director of the Southcentral Health Network. "The death rates in the Magic Valley are the highest in Idaho, and that's

mostly because of Twin Falls County. In 1994, the last year for which numbers are available, the death rate for influenza and pneumonia in the eight counties of south-central Idaho was 48.1 per 100,000 population. Statewide, it was 29.6. And although Twin Falls County has 39 percent of the Magic Valley's population, it had 59 percent of the flu and pneumonia deaths. "That reflects that fact that our population has a higher percentage of the senior citizens, but also the fact that we have such a large concentration of long-

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Licensed practical nurse Candace Whitaker Tuesday discusses the benefits of flu shots with Viasta Novacek, 88, and H.W. Kuper, 79, residents of Woodstone Retirement Center in Twin Falls.

IRS targets taxpayers 'who can't fight back,' GOP says

Tax system critics launch Senate hearing

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — IRS agents struggling to meet collection quotas are targeting lower- and middle-income taxpayers "who can't afford to fight back," the chairman of a Senate committee asserted Tuesday as he began hearings into reports of tax-collection abuses. Sen. William V. Roth Jr., R-DeL., said a six-month investigation by his Finance Committee also had found that tax assessments were being levied to "simply raise the individual statistics of an IRS employee" and that there was a "concomitant" use of tax collection quotas to rate agents or offices. The Internal Revenue Service denied it targeted lower-income families and small businesses for audits — and said agency statistics prove were outdated in 1988.

Democrats said they welcomed a fair and bipartisan review of IRS activities but denounced several recent GOP fund-raising letters seeking to capitalize on criticism of the tax agency. "People want us to do something about the IRS," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi replied when asked during a break in the hearings about one recent letter he sent out. "The issue has a lot of appeal," he said. The treasury secretary and acting IRS commissioner have apologized in advance to taxpayers who might have been harmed in cases that will be aired later this week. "I deeply regret any mistreatment of taxpayers," Secretary Robert Rubin said in a letter to Roth. And Rubin has asked the IRS to describe discipline and corrective actions it has taken in response to abuses.

Democrats also have criticized Republican plans to present current and former IRS agents



Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, right, and Sen. Robert Kerrey, D-Nebr., were among those testifying at the Senate hearing on the Internal Revenue Service.

testifying behind screens and with their voices distorted to disguise their identities. That borders on sensationalism, the Democrats have said. "This is not IRS bashing," Roth said. "We can't fix the IRS without knowing what ails the IRS." "Over the course of the next three days we are going to see a picture of a troubled agency, one that is losing the confidence of the American people, and one that all too frequently acts as if it were above the law," he said. In another specific area, Roth suggested the agency too often allows revenue officers to use false identification. "I'm concerned that it makes them unaccountable," he said. Tax collectors can use registered pseudonyms if they can show they face threats. "Assaults on IRS employees, said to say, are a reality," said IRS spokesman Frank Keith.



Boaters cruise a narrow passage in Lake Powell's Clear Creek Canyon Cathedral in the Desert.

Drain Lake Powell? 'Silly,' say lawmakers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As environmental ideas go, it is one of the biggest and boldest. Drain Lake Powell, a 252-square-mile man-made lake on the Colorado River that attracts 2.5 million tourists a year, as a way to protect the Grand Canyon's ecosystem. While the brainstorm of the Sierra Club received a congressional hearing Tuesday, lawmakers were anything but supportive. They called it "silly" and "monumentally dumb" and promised one after another that it would get nowhere if they had anything to say. And the Clinton administration said it has no plans even to consider paying for an environ-



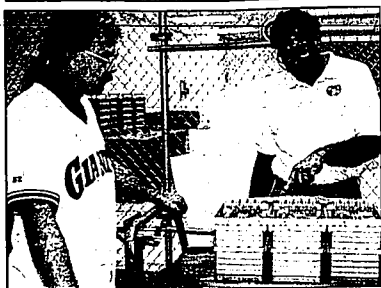
Adam Werbach, although administration officials declined even to speculate. "It would be expensive," said Eluid Martinez, head of the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation, after the hearing, where he had called the proposal "unrealistic."

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Boeing technicians John Pearce Jr., left, and Mike Vawter inspect a Russian Production Computer Tuesday in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

NASA agonizes over Mir decision

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA came under mounting political and public pressure Tuesday to put another American aboard the broken-down

Robert Gross, noted in a recent letter to the House Science Committee that Mir's problems "are occurring at a time when the Russian government may not be in a position to provide adequate financial and technical support to enable the aging space station to operate safely."

Leaders of the science committee opposing sending any more Americans to live on Mir but have left the final decision up to Goldin. The White House also is leaving it up to Goldin.

Goldin wants to review two more safety reports by independent experts and meet with those experts before giving the go-ahead. If Goldin decides it is too risky to put Wolf aboard, NASA will probably still send Atlantis to Mir as scheduled to bring American Michael Foale home after a 4 1/2-month stay and to deliver urgently needed supplies for the space station, including a replacement computer and repair gear.

There are other factors to consider besides safety; namely, foreign policy and the future of the international space station.

It is a debate that's become one of the most agonizing in the history of the space program. The final decision rests with NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin, who has been warned by key members of Congress that he proceeds at his own risk if he sends astronaut David Wolf to the Russian space station for a four-month stay. Goldin is expected to make up his mind today, one day before space shuttle Atlantis is scheduled to lift off with Wolf. "The time has come to say we've learned a lot from it, but we're not going to risk any more Americans aboard," Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., chairman of the House Science Committee, said on NBC's "Today" show. The congressman said it is not worth putting another American on Mir merely "to spend months being an assistant Mr. Fix-it."

The whole country was behind us in Apollo," said Christopher Kraft, retired director of the Johnson Space Center and a key figure in the development of the Apollo and shuttle programs. "Today we live in this world of 'What have you done for me lately' business. That makes it very tough, particularly for NASA." This time, though, NASA is forced to rely on another country's expertise. And that country's space station is breaking down more and more.

Drug trafficker to make FBI most wanted list

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a sealed indictment in hand, U.S. officials are preparing to put one of Mexico's alleged drug kingpins on the FBI's most-wanted list and offer a \$2 million reward for his capture, law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

Ramon Arellano Felix, 33, the head of security for a gang run by five brothers, is named in a sealed federal indictment charging drug conspiracy. "These officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The charges might be made public on Wednesday around the time the FBI adds him to its list of 10 most-wanted fugitives.

The Arellano Felix gang, headed by Ramon's 43-year-old brother Benjamin, controls the smuggling of tons of cocaine and marijuana and large quantities of heroin and methamphetamines into California from the area around Tijuana, Mexico. U.S. officials believe the group may account for 40 percent of the cocaine entering this country.

The \$2 million reward to be posted by the State Department for the capture and conviction of Ramon Arellano Felix is similar to rewards posted in previous cases for foreign suspects.

Clinton threatens to force Congress to consider campaign finance reform

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton threatened Tuesday to call the Senate into a special session to consider a proposed overhaul of campaign finance rules if Republican leaders try to go home for the year without making time for debate and a vote.

"This measure is of the utmost importance, and it deserves full consideration on the Senate floor," Clinton wrote to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi.

The president, whose own fund-raising activities are under investigation, warned, "If any attempt is made to bring this bill up in a manner that would preclude sufficient time for debate, I will call on Congress to stay in session until all of the critical elements are fully considered."

With the Clinton threat in hand, Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota agreed to support the same Lott resolution he earlier rejected Friday. It calls for the Senate to debate a bill co-sponsored by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., before the Senate adjourns for the year and blocks any attempt to bring up campaign finance overhaul legislation before that bill is considered.

"The concern we had (Friday) was that the bill would be offered at the very last day or in the last week, leaving us virtually no opportunity to debate campaign finance reform in any meaningful way," Daschle told reporters. "With the assurance that we now have in this letter, that the president is willing to invoke his authority under Article 2, Section 3 of the Constitution, that fear is no longer a real one."

If the bill is brought up the day the Senate wants to recess, Clinton can simply extend the session, he said. Lott said on the Senate floor that he never intended to wait until the end of the session to bring up the bill. And after listing a number of presidential initiatives pending before Congress,

he issued a warning of his own. "The president has a lot of issues that he would like for us to work with him on," Lott said. "We intend to do that. We do not intend to be threatened or intimidated on this or any other issue."

Just getting the Senate to stay in town is not the answer, McCain said. "We all know the president can call Congress into session all he wants to. He can't make them act," he told the Senate. Praising Lott's prior commitment to bring up the legislation, McCain said, "We don't need letters from the president of the United States," but serious bipartisan negotiation.

"The president is, in my view, playing this for political advantage," McCain said in an interview. "It could be harmful to the bipartisanship that has to be found on this issue."

The bill would, among other things, ban unlimited "soft money" donations to political parties. Such gifts, some worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, have generated screaming headlines this year and have led to a Justice Department investigation of fund raising by Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

The House has similar legislation pending, but White House officials said their focus is on the Senate, in the belief nothing will happen in the House until the Senate approves the measure.

The McCain-Feingold bill is "balanced and effective," Clinton wrote.

Clinton calls global warming conference

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will be host for an Oct. 6 White House conference on global warming, his spokesman said Tuesday.

The conference organized by Georgetown University will bring together scientists, economists, corporate leaders and state and local officials.

The conference will help Clinton prepare for negotiations in Kyoto, Japan, in December over greenhouse gas targets.



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NATION IN BRIEF

Teamsters president: 'I am the victim'

PITTSBURGH — Teamsters President Ron Carey denied any part in an illegal fund-raising scheme to help finance his election campaign and contended Tuesday that he and his union were "ripped off" by unscrupulous consultants.

"If there is a victim here, I certainly am the victim," he said. Carey's campaign manager, Jero Nash, a consultant, Martin Davis, and a third supporter, Michael Ansara, pleaded guilty in a New York federal court last week to conspiring to divert Teamsters treasury money through third-party organizations and into Carey's campaign coffers.

All three are now cooperating with prosecutors and with the election overseer who must decide whether Carey will be disqualified from a rerun election.

Dole speaks out about prostate cancer

WASHINGTON — Bob Dole says he began speaking out about prostate cancer when he realized, how uncomfortable men were using words like "incontinence" and "impotence."

"That's something you don't discuss in public, but it's a matter of your health, and in some cases, your life," Dole said Tuesday in a hearing on the disease before the Senate Committee on Aging.

It was his first appearance as a witness at a hearing on Capitol Hill since leaving the Senate last year to run for the White House. Dole was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1991 and underwent surgery that doctors said rid him of the disease. Now he is campaigning to encourage men over 40 to be tested regularly, appearing, for example, on CNN's "Larry King Live" to talk about the disease.

Juvenile sentenced in 8 Oregon arson deaths

HILLSBORO, Ore. — A mentally disabled 12-year-old boy was sentenced Tuesday to 13 years of state custody for setting a fire that killed eight people.

Ray DeFord, who has a mental age of 7, was found responsible — the juvenile court equivalent of guilty — last month for setting the fire that killed five children and three adults in his apartment complex in Aloha, a suburb west of Portland.

"I'm still convinced he has no idea what he did," Circuit Judge Timothy Alexander said at Tuesday's sentencing. "That's precisely what makes Ray so dangerous."

Compiled from wire reports

Cost-conscious HMOs may make dying more merciful, study says

CHICAGO (AP) — HMOs may be making death more merciful for elderly patients, researchers say.

While the cost-cutting practices of health maintenance organizations are sometimes criticized as harmful to patients, a new study found that Medicare patients in HMOs were less likely to get prolonged, costly — and ultimately futile — care than those with traditional Medicare coverage.

"If we can avoid these kinds of outcomes, which have suffering associated with them, we can improve the quality of caregiving," said Dr. Leslie A. Lenert, the study's co-author.

Skopets said that the data may underestimate the cost of treating HMO patients and that Medicare-beneficiaries who choose HMOs may be people who would decline aggressive care at life's end anyway.

Nationally, about 13 percent of Medicare beneficiaries belong to HMOs.

In the study, based on 1994 data, Medicare patients hospitalized in intensive care units in California were 25 percent less likely to undergo aggressive, highly expensive care that ultimately proved futile if they were HMO members than if they were covered by fee-for-service reimbursement.

The HMO patients did not die at a higher rate while hospitalized and died at an only slightly higher

rate — 8 percent — during the 100 days after release compared with fee-for-service patients.

"This suggests that HMO practices may be better at limiting or avoiding injudicious critical care near the end of life," the authors wrote in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

HMOs treat patients under a prepaid agreement rather than according to the actual cost of care and services. HMOs also reward doctors financially for withholding unnecessary care. Critics argue the cost-cutting incentives in HMOs sometimes deprive patients of treatments they need.

In the study, HMO patients generated \$49 million less in bills for aggressive care that ultimately proved futile. That's nearly 5 percent of all intensive care costs, the researchers said. The study involved 81,494 patients.

Knowing when to turn off a breathing machine or to stop kidney dialysis because a patient is probably beyond saving requires difficult medical judgment, said Lenert, an assistant professor of medicine and molecular pharmacology at Stanford University Medical School.

If a patient fails to improve after five or six days of aggressive treatment in intensive care, he is likely never to recover, according to a previous study in which Lenert participated.

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Clinton to address gay rights group

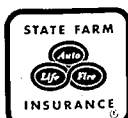

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will be the keynote speaker Nov. 8 at a gala dinner of the Human Rights Campaign, the largest national gay and lesbian political organization, officials said Tuesday.

"President Clinton's participation at this event will be historic," said Elizabeth Birch, executive director of the organization. "The president's attendance will mark the first time a sitting president has participated at a gay and lesbian civil rights event."

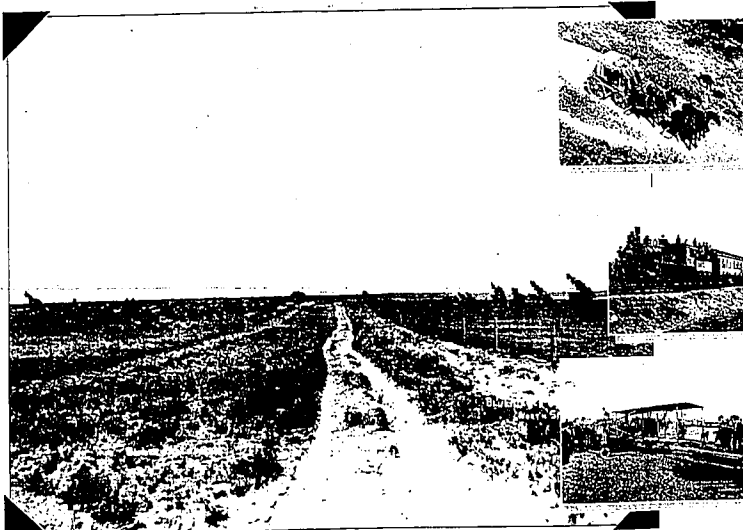
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Prison system becomes big business

MOSCOW (AP) — Idaho's prison system is becoming big business — and more expensive. Even though Idaho has one of the lowest crime rates in the nation, the state's prison population is growing rapidly, the third-fastest in the country, with few signs of slowing down.

"We are becoming a very big business in this state," said James Spalding, director of the Department of Corrections, Monday at a juvenile and adult corrections roundtable co-sponsored by the Idaho Juvenile Justice Association and Idaho Correctional Association.

Targeters already spend more than \$60 million a year on adult

prisons in Idaho, and Spalding said spending needs are quickly approaching \$100 million. There are about 4,100 inmates in the system, and Spalding said the population has been skyrocketing for the last four years.

Within the last 18 months, hundreds of prisoners have entered the system but Spalding's department hasn't added any new staff.

State prisons are at 100 percent capacity, Spalding said, and the state must pay counties to house 200 prisoners. There are also 750 prisoners housed in out-of-state private prisons.

Spalding said he expects another \$8 million increase, 13 percent, from the Legislature for the

department's next budget.

Spalding said Monday's meeting between juvenile and adult corrections officials was much needed because more teenagers are being tried as adults and entering adult prisons.

"The relationship between the juvenile justice organization and ours has never been more key," Spalding said.

Director of Juvenile Corrections Brent Reinke said the juvenile system also has been growing, and his department also will be looking for more state money this winter.

The Legislature expected about 220 juveniles to be transferred to the new department from Health

and Welfare on Oct. 1, 1995. Instead, nearly 600 juveniles transferred to custody of the new agency. In 1996, the department provided services to 936 juveniles, 397 of which were new cases.

On any given day in the last six months, Reinke said, his department has between 460 and 490 youth in custody. With only 139 state beds available, more than 300 spots in private juvenile custody facilities must be paid for.

Idaho Supreme Court Vice Chief Justice Cathy Silak, speaking at the corrections roundtable, said the judicial system also is handling an increasing load.

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Group plans lawsuit to force air cleanup

POCATELLO — An environmental group says air in Power and Bannock counties isn't healthy, but the federal government is not doing enough to improve the situation.

The Portneuf Environmental Council, a Pocatello-based public interest organization, has notified the federal Environmental Protection Agency it intends to sue under the Clean Air Act. Lucio Lucas of the Land and Water Fund, which provides legal aid for environmental groups, said EPA was notified of intent to sue because the federal agency has not listed Bannock and Power as "serious non-attainment" areas because of particulate matter in the air.

Lucas said the main cause of air pollutants appears to be emissions from the FMC Corp. Pocatello phosphorus plant.

St. Anthony man pleads innocent to murder

ST. ANTHONY — Michael Sheridan, accused of murdering Chris Niendorf, said that authorities say was a dispute over dogs, has pleaded innocent and will face trial later.

Sheridan, 49, St. Anthony, is charged with first degree murder and aggravated assault in the July 19 death of Chris Niendorf, 42, died of a gunshot wound to the heart, according to an autopsy report. He was killed at Drummond, a town of less than 20 people 10 miles southeast of Ashton.

Fremont County Sheriff Terry Thompson has said the shooting was a result of fights between the two men and their dogs. Deputies were called to Drummond the night before the shooting over complaints about fights between the dogs.

Panel reassured logging won't hurt trail

LOLO PASS — Advocates for preserving the Lewis and Clark Expedition's historic trail across the Bitterroot Mountains walked away reassured after a meeting with Plum Creek Timber Co. representatives.

They also left with a commitment from Plum Creek's top regional official that logging crews would bypass the area for at least several months while a campaign is pursued to buy an 80-acre parcel that includes part of the trail.

Members of the Idaho Governor's Committee on the Lewis and Clark Trail traveled to the pass along the Idaho-Montana border Monday to see a Plum Creek logging project along Glade Creek. The Lewis and Clark Expedition camped along the stream Sept. 13, 1805, as it undertook its arduous crossing of the Bitterroot Mountains.

Committee members learned of the logging shortly after it began in early September. The project raised concerns that the trail's setting might change dramatically.

Wife faces arraignment on murder charge

GRANGEVILLE — A Riggs woman accused of stabbing her husband to death Sept. 4 will be arraigned Thursday on a second-degree murder charge.

Mary Schenck, 31, was bound over to 2nd District Court on Monday after a preliminary hearing before Idaho County Magistrate Michael Griffin.

Mrs. Schenck originally was charged with first-degree murder for stabbing her husband, James Schenck, in the chest during a domestic dispute at their home. But Idaho County Prosecutor Jeff Payne asked Monday to have the charge amended to second-degree murder.

If convicted, Mrs. Schenck faces from 10 years to life in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Vet, pet owners exposed to rabid bat

OROFINO — A veterinarian and two pet owners were given precautionary rabies vaccinations after being exposed to a rabid bat. The bat was caught by a pet cat Sept. 16 and brought to veterinarian Paul Lang by the pet's owners. Lang said Monday he sent the bat's head to a state laboratory in Boise, where tests revealed the bat was infected with the rabies virus.

The cat owners received a series of rabies vaccinations because they had come in contact with the bat. Lang, who was previously vaccinated, received a booster shot. The cat, which was up to date on its rabies vaccination, also was given a booster shot. Lang said the cat would remain under observation for 45 days.

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Building readies for telescope

BOISE (AP) — The building that will house the first telescope at the Bruneau Dunes Astronomical Complex is being prepared at a factory here.

It will be taken apart, reassembled at the state park, and the Boise Astronomical Society's 25-inch Obsession telescope will be moved inside.

With help from a special electronic camera, the scope will give Idaho students a glimpse at the heavens matching that of the 200-inch Mount Palomar telescope in California, society president Sam Johnson said Monday.

"We want to give kids the wow factor," he said.

The \$15,000 scope, to be working by year's end and open to busloads of schoolchildren next spring, is the first phase of the \$3.5 million observatory and Natural Science Center to be built at Bruneau Dunes State Park, about 60 miles southeast of Boise.

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EDITORIAL

Cookie-cutter solution of testing won't fix schools

Forget pork bellies or gold futures. The real growth commodity of the next few years may be No. 2 pencils.

That's because politicians and educators alike have seized with a vengeance upon the idea of expanded testing in public schools.

Politically, testing is a double blessing. It mollifies parents and editorial-writing scolds who are clamoring for more accountability, while demonstrating that schools are teaching their students something of value.

Sure, up to a point, testing is important. Students should periodically be required to show what they know throughout their academic careers, and schools need test scores to gauge what — and how effectively — they're teaching.

But the national testing that President Clinton has proposed, and the expensive expanded testing that Idaho Superintendent of Public Instruction Anne Fox wants, both are troubling for a couple of reasons.

The first problem is that tests don't necessarily measure what a student has learned. That's why hundreds of Idaho high school graduates who have tested well enough to get through school wind up in college remedial math and English classes, functionally innumerate and illiterate despite their high school diplomas.

That's because those tests they took were designed to be snapshots — not portraits — of a student's academic progress. Real education requires not just test-taking skills, but a capacity to grasp and examine abstract ideas.

The second drawback to ubiquitous testing is that it's a cookie-cutter solution to a specialized problem: making schools fit real needs.

Since colonial days, education in America has primarily been a local enterprise. Taxpayers have supported their own schools, hired their own teachers, imposed their own standards.

If it's really relevant whether eighth-graders in Twin Falls can do math as well as eighth-graders in Germany? We think it's more important that they

can do math well enough to handle algebra and geometry in high school.

The Clintonites and their National Education Association allies, of course, see national testing as a hedge against more rigorous — and accurate — measures of school performance such as testing teachers.

In our view, their national testing program would very quickly degenerate into just another expensive federal exercise in going through the motions without making progress.

A much better idea is the Idaho State Board of Education's ongoing effort to develop new "exitting standards," or tougher high school graduation requirements.

Testing is a part of that, but we agree with Board Member Curtis Eaton that such tests should be limited to two or three grades and be used as benchmarks of progress — not as evidence of a school system's competence.

Exiting standards, in our judgment, would be the ultimate report card of how well a school district is doing its job. And it's precisely that kind of accountability that produces schools that work and students who learn.

Make no mistake: Despite the Idaho Legislature's tentative foray into charter schools, the only short-term way that education is going to improve will be to make existing public schools better.

Developing schools that challenge students and excite parents isn't such a pipe dream. It's done every day in communities throughout the country by private, parochial and innovative public systems.

Still, that won't happen in Twin Falls or elsewhere in the Magic Valley until there's a commitment by the people who run public education that just-god-enough isn't acceptable, and that years of flat-to-declining test scores are a symptom of a problem — not of progress.

So before we put Johnny to work answering more multiple-choice questions, let's make that those tests reflect the real value of the education they're supposed to measure.



Learning in progress: Politicians keep out

Perhaps the most discouraging thing about the skunk-od off over national education testing is that you can only conclude that it never would have become an issue at all if President Clinton hadn't proposed it.

Truly, don't you think that if Steve Forbes or some other Republican figure had come up with this notion, they all would have signed on happily? The problem here is not the idea of national education testing, which is about as controversial as apple pie. The problem is the partisanship that is infesting all kinds of areas where it has no business, including and especially education.

Here are two silly things about this silly debate:

Numero Uno, the R's objection to a voluntary national test to check fourth-graders for reading skills and eighth-graders for math skills because, they say, it is a dreadful federal intrusion into the schools, which should remain under local control at all costs — local control being the buzz all of school politics. These are the same people who tell us that our public schools, under local control, are an utter failure, a complete disaster area, and are not educating our kids, causing us to fall behind the rest of the industrialized world. Do we see a contradiction here?

Numero Two, the objection that our kids are already being tested by a variety of state and private programs is quite sane and not at all silly. These are the other tests when a national test becomes available, is there? Is that real complicated? Some minority representatives have taken against the idea of national testing



makes all the difference. On the other hand, it ain't chopped liver, either. We all know, or have heard of, extraordinary teachers who accomplish amazing things in very poor schools. But short of cloning extraordinary teachers, the next best way to get good schools appears to be spending some money on them.

The amount of money spent per pupil does not exactly track the educational achievements of the kids — it just tracks very, very closely. So, when you're Mississippi, spending \$3,666 per pupil per year (from the National Center for Education Statistics), it's safe to bet that your kids will not be doing as well as those in Alaska, where they spend \$8,963 a year.

And you get variations within states in Texas, where we've been trying to equalize school spending since Patton was a private, there are still differences in expenditures. In Dallas County, the Garland school district spent \$3,992 per pupil last school year, while the Highland Park school district spent \$3,119 per student.

Sometimes think the best thing we could do for our schools is to pass a law saying "Politicians, keep out." Granted, the educational bureaucracy is slow, can become that good old local control) and given to speaking in horrible gobble-peak. But on the whole, I'd rather leave the schools to educators than to politicians. At least the educators aren't looking to score votes with simplistic solutions. The purpose of national tests is to see where the schools are working and where they aren't — and to apply what works where it's needed. That is not a terrible idea.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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LETTERS

Don't miss 'Guys and Dolls'

Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m., Northside Playhouse's production of "Guys and Dolls" returns to the stage at the College of Southern Idaho auditorium for the next four nights. After opening last Saturday with a tremendous audience, Northside Playhouse is ready again to give the Magic Valley another outstanding musical.

Mike Winterholler displays his incredible talents as director in this production of "Guys and Dolls." He is joined this year by newcomers Luri Chandra as musical director and Shari Mauldin as choreographer. Together, the three of these extremely respected and professional directors have put together a production that will take you back to the era of the late '40s to early '50s on the streets of Broadway.

As the show opens, you will instantly be taken into the lives of Sarah Brown, the leader of Saveast-Saint Mission, Miss Adelaide, the famous fiancée (of 14 years) to Nathan Detroit and night club performer; Sky Masterson, the famous gambler and world traveler; and, of course, Nathan Detroit, the leader of the "widest established permanent floating crap game in New York." This show is especially known for its famil-

iar musical numbers such as "Bushel and a Peck," "Luck be a Lady" and the show-stopping song of "Sit Down. You're Rocking the Boat." The entire cast and crew of this production have worked very hard and long to bring this incredible production to life.

You certainly don't want to miss Northside's production of "Guys and Dolls." Sept. 24-27, 1997, at 8 p.m. at the CSI auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for seniors and children. Tickets are available at Larson Arts, Natural Way Health Store, Everybody's Business, in Jerome at Arlene's Flower Garden and from any cast member or at the door.

LIZ RUSSELL-LEE
Twin Falls

Opposing side deserves coverage

I certainly hope that *The Times-News*, in all its wisdom, has made arrangements to give as much space, along with a color picture, to those who oppose the intermodal development, i.e., Dave Denton, Blaine Billman, Mark Stubbs, etc.

Since *The Times-News* is a locally supported publication, it will surely want to remain unbiased in its reporting.

JOAN BRAWLEY
Twin Falls

Stop investigating and govern

The Republicans are back in town. Back in Washington, D.C., that is, after their summer vacation. The summer vacation was occupied by Reps. Newt Gingrich, Dick Army, Tom De Lay flying over Idaho for 20 minutes in a helicopter and then announcing that they had a grand Western visit. The remarkable thing is that they all emerged from the helicopter without bruises from each other.

Now Republican government is back in full swing. They are investigating. They investigate, investigate, investigate, investigate. Now when are they going to commence to govern the country with their majorities?

We have heard about Bellway mentality. The past hearings on campaign financing and the current hearings on campaign financing are a perfect example of the Bellway mentality. No one outside the Washington, D.C., political arena is paying any attention to the hearings. Sen. Fred Thompson from Tennessee was to be catapulted into the presidency.

We were all excited when Thompson announced down their hunt to the four Buddhist nuns who certainly were frightening to behold. Now Fred Thomp-

son says again that what he is looking for is some political relationship to Red China. The Republicans never have been very good at education or geography, but their chairman, Hayley Barber, solicited \$3 million from Ambros Tung Young, a citizen of Taiwan, who, among other things, renounced his U.S. citizenship so he did not have to pay U.S. taxes. Prior to his renunciation of his citizenship, he had been on the Republican 100 elite club.

Mr. Barber met with Mr. Ambros Tung Young on his yacht in Hong Kong Bay, and the loan arranged.

Following the receipt of the solicited Hong Kong money for the Republicans, Mr. Ambros Tung Young was host and guide to Hayley Barber on a trip to Beijing. Now Beijing is the capital of Red China. Geographically, it is in the Orient.

So the Republicans investigate, investigate, investigate and one can only repeat that since there appears to be no need for any active government in the United States currently, there is no great harm being done by the Republicans attempting to gain control of the presidency by consistently being negative and attacking. Never being posi-

tive as to what needs to be done for the country.

LLOYD J. WALKER
Twin Falls

Thanks to all for finding dog

I am writing to express our appreciation to the heartfelt efforts of Tammy Becker, Judge Becker, Laura Savage, Kent McCleary, Detective Rinchart and *The Times-News* in the finding of Wayne Lafferty's dog, Curly.

Curly was found near Wagon Wheel Springs in the South Hills, confused, trying to find his way home. The young men brought Curly to their home in Buhl.

Detective Rinchart received a call from the family and had us accompany him to identify Curly. If Wayne had been living, he would have given a large reward to the family and taken Curly home.

Henry and I saw the good home environment and love that the family was giving Curly and decided Wayne would have wanted the family to keep Curly.

Our sincere thanks to everyone.

WILMA LAFFERTY
HENRY FABELA
Wendell

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By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

LETTERS

Only Realtors will gain

We the citizens were impressed with the 204 signatures on the petitions that Mr. Florence spearheaded. We didn't know that there were so many business people that had their hands in this lead deal.

The petitions that we have signatures on are from concerned citizens who have nothing to gain from the switch yard, intermodal system or the industrial park. What do the 204 business people - mainly Realtors - have to gain from this proposal?

I would like to address this to Mr. Florence: Will you personally guarantee that, if the people out in the city impact zone decide to sell their homes, they will get top dollar for them? I don't think so, as we have already researched this and our homes will be worth half of their estimated value.

We are also sorry that there were a few names on the petition that were not from Twin Falls County, but did you ever stop to think there might be a reason for that? We have families outside the area that may one day inherit this land and these homes, and they have an interest in this as well.

Now we get down to the real issue - "money," and as a real Realtor, that is what you are out for. Whether we like it or not, we are not getting rich by this proposal being put out here, but we do know whose pockets will be getting fatter. This is OK, but why do you have to do it at our expense?

When you fill your pockets, think about what you are taking away from others or do you not have a conscience? We the people have been having a hard time sleeping at nights, but I guess when you have a conscience, you don't get to sleep. I would just like to add in my closure, Mr. Florence, I hope you sleep real good tonight and slip in a few extra Z's for us out here.

GLENDA LENEY
Kimberly
(Editor's note: We accidentally omitted part of Glenda Loney's letter in Monday's paper. We are reprinting the letter in its entirety, with apologies to Ms. Loney.)

F&G stinks like a stunk

The question is, "What do you think of our rules and regulations and any other issues of interest of our Fish and Game Department?" My comment is that the whole organization stinks worse than a stunk.

I say regenerate the Idaho Fish and Game Department. We have very few good birds to hunt, namely the pheasant, the sage hen, the duck. The magpies get all of the pheasant eggs and little ones if they hatch. The magpies and the sea gulls eat all the sage hens' eggs and little ones if they hatch. The magpies, the eagles and hawks get all the little birds' eggs and young. Then there are the fox, the skunks, civic cars, wild house cats, snakes and certain species of fish who have to have their bread and butter to survive. The population of predators should be reduced very much.

We have very few deer because the concentration officers forgot to feed them the last bad winter we had. Now with their controlled hunts, the Idaho Fish and Game Department wants to kill 500 does in one little area. I doubt if there are six does in the whole area. The Fish and Game people have forgot-

ten where deer come from. I don't know who started all this controlled hunt business with drawings, etc., but whoever it was it ruins. Open up the whole state, and we will hunt wherever we want. It should be fair and equal for everyone.

We don't have too many places left to fish where the water is not polluted. Seems as though some people have to live right by our streams and rivers and they think they own it.

The Fish and Game Department wants to make Mormon Reservoir a trophy fishery. I don't know what it means by that. To me it is already a trophy fishery for everyone and should be kept that way. Forget your barbless hooks stuff and other stupid regulations and rules. Make the limit seven fish. Seven is a better number than six.

The reason why the fishing was poor in Henry's Lake this year is because the Idaho Fish and Game Department put screens in the mouth of all the inlets to the lake to stop the fish from going up to spawn. They piled up at the screens and 10,000 pelicans came and ate them all.
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Experience wins in appeals court selection

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt has gone for experience, naming 26-year trial court veteran Alan Schwartzman to the Court of Appeals. Schwartzman will succeed Jesse Walters, named to the Idaho Supreme Court. It will be the second time that Schwartzman succeeds Walters.

In 1982, when the Court of Appeals was formed, Walters resigned his 4th District Court judge job to become the court's first chief judge, and Schwartzman moved from being an Ada County magistrate to district judge, filling Walters' position.

Judge Schwartzman is highly qualified for this position with his all-encompassing knowledge of Idaho law as it applies to our courts,

the governor said.

He said Schwartzman's 12 years as a magistrate and nearly 15 years on the district court bench provide him with good experience for the appeals court position.

A dozen attorneys applied for the position, and the Idaho Judicial Council nominated Schwartzman, along with 3rd District Judge Stephen Drescher, Deputy Attorney General Michael Gilmore and Boise attorney Warren E. Jones.

Batt said the process has produced good nominees.

"Such was the case with this appointment. My selection was extremely difficult as all were highly qualified," the governor said.

Schwartzman trained at Yale, Stanford and New York University. He has been married for 30 years to the former Mary Robison, of the eastern Idaho community of Roberts, and they have two adult children.

Schwartzman presented Batt with a framed copy of part of the Idaho Constitution, with the part where Supreme Court justices are appointed at a salary of \$3,000 per year. It also contained part of the score from Franz Schubert's 8th Symphony, the "Unfinished Symphony," to commemorate their joint love for music.

He called it "symbolic of our unfinished work, both for the governor's office and for the Idaho judiciary."

No salmon have reached traditional spawning grounds

STANLEY (AP) — Although 24 salmon reportedly passed over Lower Granite Dam last month, none have made it all the way back to traditional spawning grounds at Redfish Lake.

That concerns Shoshone-Bannock fisheries biologist Doug Taki. He's part of a staff of five working on the tribe's Snake River Sockeye Salmon research project funded through the Bonneville Power Administration.

The project is a cooperative effort to restore sockeye salmon to the Sawtooth Valley, with the state Department of Fish and Game, National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Forest Service also taking part.

"It's unique that the tribes, the IDFG and NMFS are all doing this project together," Taki said.

The fish are an important part of the tribes' cultural heritage. Indians have relied on sockeye salmon as one of their traditional food sources.

Prior to the signing of the 1868 Fort Bridger Treaty, Shoshone-Bannocks roamed central Idaho hunting and gathering as a way of life. Tribal members still return to central Idaho to exercise off-reservation treaty rights, but have had little chance to fish for sockeye or chinook salmon because of the serious decline in numbers.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Key court battle looms today in Hartwig case

TWIN FALLS — A key court battle in the case of the murder of a Hansen man begins this morning.

Christian Anthony Liebel, 25, is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Gene Hartwig. Liebel faces a preliminary hearing this morning in Twin Falls County court, to determine whether he will face the charge in that court.

The hearing may last all day and part of Thursday.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebs will call to the stand the sheriff's detectives who investigated the homicide after Hartwig's body was found in a field south of Hansen.

The detectives will outline the evidence they have gathered about the case, including blood samples gathered from Hartwig's trailer home and the back seat of his car.

Loebs also will call to the stand the only witness who, police say, can link Liebel to the killing, Arnold Silago.

Silago is a transient who told deputies he rode with Liebel to Boise in Hartwig's car. During the trip, Silago told deputies, Liebel killed Hartwig.

Liebel's attorney, public defender John Olson, probably will question the methods used by sheriff's investigators in gathering evidence, and attack the circumstantial nature of much of the evidence.

The hearing is open to the public, and begins at 9 a.m.

Ordinance change puts Ketchum center closer

KETCHUM — The Bill Janss Activity Center is one step closer to completion, thanks to a decision Monday to amend a zoning ordinance.

The center is proposed as a recreational facility on city land off Saddle Road, named by the Park and Ride Lot. Named after the man who owned the Sun Valley Co. from 1966-1977, the center would function as a community center.

Plans include an Olympic hockey rink, a children's discovery museum, a climbing wall, a gymnasium, an indoor playground, ballet and Tae Kwon Do rooms, a computer room and an art space.

Planning and zoning commissioners agreed to let the definition of "public use" include nonprofit recreational or cultural facilities on city-owned property.

Center organizers are raising money toward a \$3 million goal and hope to have an official training site for hockey players in the 2002 Olympics.

Sun Valley Company announces lift ticket prices

SUN VALLEY — It'll cost you \$52 to ride to the top of Bald Mountain this winter.

The Sun Valley Co. on Tuesday announced lift ticket prices for the 1997-98 ski season.

Adult day lift tickets will increase 52 — 4 percent — from last year, and are up 53 since the 1995-96 season.

Kids will ski for \$29 this year, \$1 more than last year.

Half-day lift passes are \$37 for adults and \$21 for children.

Sun Valley will offer discounts before the Christmas season. Until Dec. 19, adults will ski for \$32 a day or \$26 a half-day. For children, the rates are \$19 and \$16, respectively.

A full-day lift ticket on Dollar Mountain will cost \$24 this year — \$19 before Dec. 20. For kids, it's \$17 and \$10, respectively.

An official season pass will set you back \$1,450 this year, although a variety of discounts are available.

Sun Valley's ski season is expected to open by mid-November. For more information, call 622-2231.

Emergency medical service to speak to Wendell council

WENDELL — Officials working to establish a 24-hour emergency medical service in Wendell will speak at tonight's City Council meeting, which begins at 7 p.m. in city hall.

Krista Merrill, acting director of Gooding County Ambulance Service, and Bob Bailey will talk about Wendell First Response, a new organization seeking to raise money for equipping and maintaining a quick-response ambulance in town. Bailey is president of First Response, an organization of trained emergency medical volunteers.

Tonight's other business includes city crewman Kelsey raising his job with the council because, he said, "I'm retired, I have the time, and I have common sense."

"If you're willing to complain, you'd better be willing to get your feet wet," he said.

Born in Iowa, Craig moved to Twin Falls with his parents in 1940. He attended local schools, but did not graduate from Twin Falls High School; he ultimately earned a high school equivalency certificate at the College of Southern Idaho.

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'80s testing found plutonium in aquifer

None detected since then, government says

BOISE (AP) — Special testing in the 1980s by the U.S. Geological Survey found plutonium in the Snake River Plain Aquifer below the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

Government officials said Tuesday that the concentrations then were minimal and have not been detected since early 1988. They also said, however, that another round of the specialized tests will be conducted next month.

Experts have been aware of the results since the very first positive test

in 1982. But Brad Bugger of the Energy Department conceded that the public spokesmen for the INEEL and its operating contractor, Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies Co., found out about them only recently during formulation of a cleanup plan for the facility's Chemical Processing Plant.

"When we started reviewing the fact sheet that the environmental restoration people were putting together, we saw the word 'plutonium' for the first time," Bugger said. "When it came to our attention, we felt the need to brief

people."

The Batt administration and the INEEL Citizens Advisory Board have been briefed on the situation, he said.

Both Bugger and Kathleen Freer, who runs the state office that monitors INEEL operations, said the plutonium readings were overlooked in the public debate because they were so low compared with concentrations of other radioactive and toxic elements.

"It's balancing keeping an eye on things and not being irresponsible and sounding like it's coming to a water

faucet near you," Freer said. "Other than what has come up in the USGS wells in small quantities, other monitoring groups have not detected anything."

DeWayne Cecil of the Geological Survey said a trace concentration of plutonium was detected in a test well at the Chem Plant in 1982. He said it was the result of the injection well used to dispose of substances by pumping them into the aquifer. That well was closed down two years later.

The other plutonium concentrations, Cecil said, were detected in October 1987 and again in January 1988 in a test well.

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Stanley outfitter Ron Gillett blasts Sawtooth National Recreation Area management at a rally Tuesday. SNRA officials last week closed off a stretch of the Salmon River to boating.

Troubled waters

Stanley residents blast river closure to boating

By Kristan Kennedy
Times-News correspondent

STANLEY — A vocal group of outfitters and locals Tuesday likened a recent Sawtooth National Recreation Area decision to impose floating restrictions on the upper Salmon River to tyranny.

"This is a dictatorship, akin to what we had under Stalin," said The River Company owner Olyvia James, charged with ignoring restrictions on the river last week and floating the river anyway. James' permit has been suspended and SNRA officials are considering revoking it. She also faces three federal

criminal charges. SNRA ranger Paul Ries said.

While James orchestrated Tuesday's rally against the ban, she wasn't the only one highly frustrated.

Ries on Sept. 16 banned boating on a three-mile stretch of the Salmon. Other river stretches have been closed in an attempt to protect salmon spawning grounds.

About 45 young Custer County residents came out to show disdain over Ries' decision and leveled harsh statements against Ries, Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere and the Endangered Species Act.

Triangle C Ranch owner Ron Gillett

said the federal government killed the salmon fishing industry by building dams and the decision to cut off floating would kill any chance of making money on the river. His voice rising, he did not apologize for losing his cool.

"I want them to hear us down in Ketchum," Gillett said of his outburst.

State Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, called for a federal investigation of SNRA management, although she doubted the likelihood of such a request.

She warned the audience to exercise caution when dealing with the federal government.

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Samoan airline eyes Valley route

By Pat Marcanantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The distance between Pago Pago, American Samoa and Twin Falls could get a little shorter.

That's because the owners of a Pago Pago-based airline are studying the feasibility of reviving a Boise-to-Twin Falls route.

David Allen, manager of the Magic Valley Regional Airport, Joslin Field, met last week with Connie Porter, who with her husband Bill owns Samoa Air Service.

But every one, employee or not, sizes the study it is at ground level, and no decision has been made.

Horizon Air discontinued its three daily flights to Boise April 19, saying the route became unprofitable because of low-fare competition from larger airlines. Since then, there has been no regular service between Twin Falls and Boise.

Connie Porter said she is interested in filling an "Idaho niche," picking up routes Horizon Air will drop, such as between Boise to Sun Valley, and other unscraved areas.

When the Porters move to Idaho they'll hold onto an airline they started almost 11 years ago in American Samoa. That business offers scheduled service to the Pacific Ocean island.

A separate company would be created to serve Idaho and probably fly nine- to 13-seat aircraft, Porter said. She predicts a decision in late October with service possibly starting by December. The company already is certified for scheduled airline service by the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Porters also are considering a Boise-to-Twin Falls route, but need more information on its viability, she said.

"It's a difficult one because it's easy to

Have info to share?

If you have information that might help Connie and Bill Porter decide whether to take on a Boise and Twin Falls route or other unscraved areas, email them at samoal@aol.com

Ex-dispatcher files for council spot

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With a filing deadline looming Thursday, a retired police dispatcher has joined the race for a City Council seat currently held by Lance Clow.

Lauren "L.C." Craig, 65, will square off against Clow and another challenger, Ken Czaris.

In other council races, Jeff Gooding is unopposed and no one has filed for the seat occupied by Chris Talkington. In an interview last week, Talkington vowed to run again.

Craig is no stranger to City Hall. Last month, he implored council members not to vote themselves a raise — but they disregarded his advice and upped their monthly salary from \$640 to \$750. The pay raises take effect in January.

Craig Tuesday vowed to forego the raise if elected.

Rather than fight 'em, Craig wants to join the council because, he said, "I'm retired, I have the time, and I have common sense."

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Deadline approaches

Abyrnono who wants to run for City Council had better hurry because the filing deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday.

er. Before that, he spent nearly 20 years with Sentry Security, a private security company. He farms 60 acres and keeps 200 sheep and 19 cattle near the intersection of Orchard Drive and Blue Lakes Boulevard.

Though he's still bawling up on the issues, the No. 1 topic on Craig's agenda is the city's water supply.

"If we grow the same amount in the next 10 years as we've grown in the last 10 years, will there be enough water?" he asked. "If we keep going like it is now, there will be a problem."

To prevent demand from outstripping supply, Craig said he would support water rationing, raising rates, or building a multimillion dollar filtration plant to turn canal water into drinking water.

As a former city employee, Craig has strong opinions about a new policy to lock the police department's doors after normal business hours.

"I would like to see the police department open 24 hours a day," he said.

If elected, Craig vowed to spend time with as many city departments as possible. He lauded the expertise of city workers and said they "need to be protected."

Craig pledged to be receptive to all city residents and bring his own brand of common sense to the council.

"There's not such a thing as a perfect councilman, but there's many, many ways to be a good councilman," he said.

Hearing on county growth tentatively set for Oct. 30

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The public may soon be able to comment on proposed rules to govern rural Twin Falls County growth — including limits on residential development.

The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission has tentatively set Oct. 30 as the date for a public hearing on a proposed ordinance that would put into practice the county's 1995 comprehensive plan.

The proposal is a revised version of rules that were discussed in public hearings a year ago. The commission met Tuesday to work out details and a few unresolved issues.

One issue was the frequent requests from rural landowners to sell farmhouses separate from the associated farm-land. The commissioners agreed to let the county's staff handle such decisions. As long as the split doesn't increase residential density, the commissioners shouldn't need to review the request, they said.

But splitting agricultural land would not be automatically approved. Under the new ordinance, any new home site would have to be at least 40 acres — or 160 acres in some areas.

Some landowners contend they have a right to split their land no matter what the size. But the planning commissioners

want to close that door.

Those who buy big parcels in residential developments may not be allowed to split those lots. Once a development is approved, lot sizes shouldn't change, commissioners said — unless all the neighbors agree and the development plan is amended.

The proposed ordinance also would open about 20,000 acres to rural residential development, with a maximum density of one house per acre.

Owners of "miscellaneous plans" in the agricultural zone from before 1979 would be given two years to meet current subdivision standards.

The livestock ordinance sets limits on density and location of new livestock operations. And it requires all operations with more than 50 animal units to have a permit.

The whole package will be subject to public comment before being turned over to the county commissioners for their action. The county commissioners will hold their own public hearings on the ordinance before it becomes law.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Nokkentved can be reached at 733-9931, Ext. 237.

Wendell offers thanks and extends a welcome

WENDELL—After 15 years at Wendell City Hall, including five as clerk, Raquel Braga has bid adieu to her old life, but at her farewell party in City Hall she talked of the clerk's job and the changes in town since she became a city employee.

"The people you get to meet and work with, including elected officials and state officials who help the cities" were the most enjoyable part of the job, she said.

In contrast, "meeting the needs of the city with the limits put on the budget" was what Braga found most difficult. But with the city growing she hoped the engineering-related problems will improve.

Braga said Wendell's population was 1,500-plus when she began work for the city and has since increased by over 1,000.

She spoke of important changes in town: Last year the city received a federal grant for a new water storage tank and passed a bond issue to replace old lines in its water system. The city has purchased land for a new city hall, added a new police office and increased the police force from three to five full-time officers, increased the city office staff from two and one-half to three full-time positions, and enlarged its sewer lagoon.

She served under four mayors, the latest Mayor Owen Rost.



Wendell City Clerk Raquel Braga, left, Treasurer Marina Barr, center, and Billing Clerk Ellen Bailey converse at Braga's farewell celebration at City Hall. Braga has since moved to McCall, and Barr and Bailey will be sworn in at tonight's city council meeting as clerk and treasurer respectively.

"She is so well informed about city, clerk and state laws," said Rost, a former councilman. "You think you know a lot as councilman but when you become mayor you realize you didn't know so much. Without her I

would have really struggled." Rost joked of giving Braga an 800 phone number so she could Braga at McCall when she will move.

"She's good-natured, more than willing to go the extra mile,

but in the extra hours. She'll be greatly missed," Rost said.

Treasurer Marina Barr and billing clerk Ellen Bailey will be sworn in as clerk and as treasurer respectively by Rost at tonight's city council meeting.

Salem, Ore., and then went to Anchorage, Alaska, to the Alaska Children's Services in 1989. Carol joined him in 1995 to share the duties of chaplaincy at Alaska Children's Services. Kevin received the Alaska Children's Services Employee of the Year Award in 1992.

Burley Elks serve chicken dinner

BURLEY—The public is invited to a chicken dinner to be served from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Burley Elks Lodge, 1340 Oakley Ave.

Advance tickets, available at the Elks lounge, are \$6.95. At-the-door cost is \$7.95.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mystery readers visit Robert Stuart

TWIN FALLS—Robert Stuart Junior High Schools' "Read to Succeed Week" is Thursday through Oct. 1. This year's theme is "A Taste of Adventure."

Students will be treated to mystery readers over the intercom Thursday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Other fun activities planned for the week include a disc jockey at noon Friday and an assembly for all grades with author Gary Paulsen on Oct. 1 at the Roper Auditorium.

A book trivia contest starts Monday, with teams selected from students who have read "Mr. Tucker" by Gary Paulsen. The final competition will be with parents' night at 7 p.m. Monday. Prizes will be awarded.

Internet basics to be discussed

TWIN FALLS—The September Internet users meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Canyon Springs Inn, 1337 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Since this is the first meeting in Twin Falls, the group will begin with some basics and then continue with a question-and-answer period. Part of the meeting will be asking for input on topics for future meetings.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 16. Meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month. All PNT Internet users are invited, please feel free to bring a friend.

Archaeological society to meet

TWIN FALLS—The Snake River Chapter of the Idaho Archaeological Society will kick off its 1997-98 season with a program by Ron James at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Health and Welfare building on Pole Line Road.

James will share updated information and thoughts about the Battle of Little Big Horn site. He is a noted historian and teacher and worked at the site.

Seckel to speak at Thursday meeting

TWIN FALLS—The Rev. R. Kevin Seckel will speak Thursday at the First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. A shared meal starts at 6 p.m.

Seckel is a home missionary and the co-spiritual director for Alaska Children's Services. Seckel and his wife, Carol, felt called to the ministry while teaching school in Delaware, Ohio. They changed vocations and attended the Methodist Theological School from 1974 to 1978. They served first in the Klamath basin in Oregon and then moved to Sirkka, Alaska, where Kevin job-shared at the United Methodist Church on Baranof Island until he was enticed to develop an extension ministry developing a sheltered workshop for recovering people with addictions. He then served in

CLUB PROFILE

TWIN FALLS BRUIN BOOSTER CLUB

Purpose: The Twin Falls High School Bruin Booster Club is a membership comprised of parents, staff and local business individuals who's efforts support and benefit the students at Twin Falls High. The club survives solely by the efforts of members who believe parental and family support is needed in every academic department, club or sporting event going on campus.

Meets: At 7 p.m. the second Monday of every month in the Twin Falls high school teachers lounge.

Dues: \$10 per family per year.

Major projects: Fund-raising efforts have included T-shirt and sweater sales along with the dunk tank during the Western Days Celebration. The Booster

club has been responsible for organizing and paying for fan and student buses to out-of-town activities, sponsoring Elsie and White Day among local businesses and the students and staff at TFHS and purchasing awards, emblems and incentives for several events and students in various activities.

For more information, contact Mary Lou Crane at 734-8577.

Profile your club

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to April Crnich, Community Editor, P.O. Box 548 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

class meets necessary state and local requirements for day care, preschools and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

ACT preparation offered to students

TWIN FALLS—The American College Test test may be the most important test a student will ever take.

The College of Southern Idaho Continuing Education Division is offering an ACT preparation class from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 27 through Oct. 18, in Shields 109. Students will become familiar with the exam format and every question type that occurs on the exam.

Cost is \$50. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2267. Registration may be done in the Taylor Building Records Office.

CPR and first aid classes scheduled

TWIN FALLS—A cardiopulmonary resuscitation and basic first-aid class is planned for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the YFCA. Class includes infant and pediatric CPR.

Cost is \$25 per person. Register by Friday by calling 733-4384. The

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Food Editor: Denise Turner - 733-0931, Ext. 243

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Section C

Turn yogurt into low-fat spread

Q. A while back, I saw you make cream cheese out of yogurt on your television show, but I didn't write down the directions. Can you give me the recipe? — Susan Mitchell, Salem, Ore.

A. Though it looks like cream cheese, it is actually yogurt cheese, which is a wonderful low-fat spread. Specialty kitchen shops sell yogurt-cheese makers, but you don't need one.

Just line a deep mixing bowl with a double layer of cheesecloth. Spoon 4 cups of plain, low-fat yogurt (works better than nonfat) onto the cheesecloth. Gather the ends of the cheesecloth and knot them around the handle of a wooden spoon. Rest the spoon across the top of the bowl so the bundle of yogurt is suspended about 2 inches above the bottom of the bowl; if the bowl isn't deep enough, use a pot or a large jar instead.



ASK
MARTHA
Martha Stewart

Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate 12 hours. The whey will drain out of the yogurt, leaving thick, creamy yogurt cheese, which has a fresh, tangy taste.

Use yogurt cheese as a spread on toast or sandwiches or on a baked potato. Cut a 1-inch by 4-inch piece of lemon zest into very thin strips.

In a small saucepan, combine 2 tablespoons of honey, 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice and the lemon zest. Bring to a simmer, then remove from heat. Meanwhile, coarsely chop about 8 kalamata olives, 8 sun-dried tomatoes, 1 teaspoon chopped flat-leaf parsley and 2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh mint. Drizzle the honey mixture over the yogurt cheese and arrange the olive mixture around it. Serve with thin rounds of sourdough baguette. This serves about eight people.

Q. What is the best way to clean diamond rings at home? — Mrs. Smith, Auburn Hill, Mich.

A. A diamond loses its distinctive sparkle when dirty. Hand lotions, cosmetics, oils from your skin and soaps can all cloud its surface.

Here are two easy ways to clean a diamond ring yourself:

The first method uses mild detergent, such as dishwashing liquid, mixed with toothpaste. Use a soft toothbrush to gently scrub the ring with the sudsy mixture. To rinse the ring, place it in a strainer and run warm water over it. Pat dry with a soft lint-free cloth.

The second method uses a mixture of equal parts household ammonia and cold water. Place the ring in the mixture, let it soak for half an hour, then remove and drain it on paper.

A diamond is the world's hardest natural substance, but it can be chipped by another hard surface. It's always a good idea to remove your rings while doing housework or when in the bathtub. This will help them stay cleaner longer.

Q. What can I get in my rinse water to soften my clothes? — Norma Tulipani, San Rafael, Calif.

A. The detergents we use to wash clothes today are much more effective than the old soaps, but sometimes they leave clothes scratchy and rough.

Several commercial fabric softeners are available in supermarkets. They make clothes softer and reduce static cling. There are three different kinds: liquids, which are added during the washing machine's rinse cycle; sheets, which are used in the dryer; and products that combine detergents and softeners, which are used in place of detergent. The first two types are generally more effective.

Fabric softeners can actually make oily-looking stains on clothes if used improperly, so always read the package instructions. Liquids must always be diluted first — never pour them directly onto clothes. If spots do appear, pretreat them and wash again.

With repeated use, fabric softeners can make your clothes dingy, so it's best not to use them with each load of laundry. A classic household tip is to add white vinegar to the rinse water instead of a fabric softener. Depending on the size of the load, you can add anywhere from 1/8 to 1/2 cup. Vinegar also is credited with brightening colors. It may not be as effective as the commercial brands, but it will help — and it's also less expensive.

Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart, New York Times Syndicate Sales Corp., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, NY 10017. Questions may also be sent to Stewart by electronic mail. Her address is mstewart@marthastewart.com.

Questions of general interest will be answered in this column. Martha Stewart regrets that unpublished letters cannot be answered individually.

The GREAT TOMATO contest

Competition produces a variety from readers, growers — and a mystery

By Cathy Kinkor
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Ebenezer is in full fall, and the results couldn't have waited for. We planned, we built, we watered and we even kept them warm on cold nights.

Finally, at the end of a long, fruitful summer, we have winners — in our largest yet. Third Annual Great Tomato Contest. Drumroll, please.

The winner of the Best Taste category is — apparently, basically — **Mr. and Mrs. Bushall**. We know who brought in the earliest tomatoes and the Best Hot Salsa and the Best Sweet Salsa and the tomato with the Best Color, and the Largest Tomato and the Best Salad. We even know who the Tomato Entree champion is. But we can't tell you who to congratulate for the Best Tasting Tomato in southern Idaho, because we don't know.

Mr. or Mrs. Bushall brought us some lovely, red-ripe tomatoes. Even told us the variety, but didn't include his/her true identity. Someone else brought us a

superb salsa that melted the plastic spoon we put in the bowl to serve it with.

"Kind of a slow burner, that one, eh?" some of the judges agreed.

"Yeah, the smoke in that one is pretty apparent," said another judge.

The salsas were so many, and so good, that the judges divided them into two categories: Best Hot and Best Sweet.

The award for the Best Hot Salsa went to Wesley Hirschhorn of Twin Falls, who said, "I don't really have a specific recipe — I just mix what I want to mix — just by guess and by-golly."

Sometimes he adds a few more peppers, sometimes a tad more cilantro, maybe a touch more or less of garlic. There are usually red onions, sometimes yellow ones. Whatever's on hand, to the tune of

about a gallon a week.

The Crabby Tomato (the recipe, not the cook) won the award Best Tomato Salad. Susan Faulkner, of Gooding, whipped up what has become a



The winners

- 🍅 **Earliest:** Jeff Shewmaker, Jerome, Early Girl.
 - 🍅 **Best Taste:** Mr. or Mrs. Bushall (tell us the variety you brought, what kind of container you brought it in and claim your prize).
 - 🍅 **Best Hot Salsa:** Wesley Hirschhorn, Twin Falls. Several varieties.
 - 🍅 **Best Sweet Salsa:** Lou Harmon, Hazelton, Roma Red.
 - 🍅 **Best Color:** George Walton, Twin Falls, Early Girl.
 - 🍅 **Largest:** Jamie Jordan, Filer.
 - 🍅 **Best Salad:** Susan Faulkner, Gooding, Big Boy.
 - 🍅 **Entree:** Dan Madden, Twin Falls, Super Fantastic, Brandywine and Ruby Treasure.
- For the winning recipes, see Page C6.

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Jamie Jordan displays one of many large tomatoes in her garden in Filer. Jordan had the biggest tomato in this year's contest.



The Crabby Tomato won Susan Faulkner, of Gooding, Best Salad honors for her crab-stuffed creation.

In her book, a tomato can

Jerome man's Easter lily makes an early appearance

By H.R. Wilford
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Fall has arrived with a burst of brilliant colors. Leaves gleam to the ground, an evening chill in the air. The spindly cracks are budding in rows of Idaho's favorite crop. Some hunters are out stalking their prey and others will soon be the center of attention, on Thanksgiving Day.

Autumn must be here — and yet, on East Eighth Street in Jerome, it looks a lot like springtime and Easter.

A tall, stately Easter lily with three huge blossoms is growing in the garden of Jim Jurgens. It has claimed the attention of neighbors and people driving down the street.

"It must think Easter is in September," Jurgens said as he looked at the beautiful plant and laughed.

The Jerome man gave the lily plant to his wife, Elizabeth, as an Easter gift. At that time, it was about a foot tall, and soon died.

"At first I thought I would throw it in the garbage, but then I decided it might as well see what would happen if I planted it in my flower garden. It was just an



Jim Jurgens said he did not plant the Easter lily blooming in his yard intentionally.

old dead stump at that time," Jurgens said. "Nothing happened for a long time. Then, beside the stump, a green plant started to grow. And now the old stump is

varieties for this year's Green Scene, an annual springtime plant sale at the arboretum.

"All those plants mean Smith must cope with an enormous harvest. And cope she does, with the assistance of two jumbo slow-cookers, an eight-tray food dehydrator and three freezers. Using well-tried recipes, she turns out huge batches of tomato sauce, pizza sauce, catsup, chili sauce, dried tomatoes and even frozen tomatoes for use

throughout the year.

Smith specializes in heirloom tomatoes that breed true from seed, rather than the familiar commercial hybrids. Some originated as long as 150 years ago. And some, like Radiator Charlie's Mortgage Lifter, have a colorful history (the story goes that "Charlie" profited enough from the sale of this tomato to pay off his mortgage).

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will there, but beside it is a beautiful plant about 3 feet tall and full of beautiful white lilies. I just never knew an Easter lily would start blooming again in the fall."

Susan Harris, from Moss Greenhouses south of Jerome, said an Easter lily will usually grow quite well outside during the summer and that a fall blossoming can happen.

"A lily is somewhat like a mum," she said. "It blooms in response to the day and night length. That's what triggers it to bloom at a certain time."

Any Easter lily plants that survive the winter will try to bloom again in the spring, Harris noted, adding, "But with our severe winters, there is no guarantee the plant will survive. It would take a very protected area, and the plant would have to be well mulched. They are just not hardy enough for most of our winters."

Having Easter in September has brought many smiles from Jurgens' friends and family. But Jurgens doesn't plan to continue the backwards-holiday observance by giving his wife a decorated Christmas tree for Easter next spring.

"It would be nice, though, if her lily decided to bloom again next Easter, so I could use it for her Easter gift again," Jurgens said.

HOME & GARDEN

Natural pest control arrives in Magic Valley

They're not supposed to be here. Says so right in the "National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Insects & Spiders." Praying Mantids apparently don't read much.



We called them "walking sticks" when we were kids. But there really are insects that answer to that name, and they look for all the world like sticks. They are about as big around as the end of a twig, and their legs are so skinny as to be invisible. They hang onto the twigs, camouflage flung through the day, snatching up prey when they can. They aren't supposed to be here, either. And we haven't seen any so far.

The green and brown mantids are here, however. They're much better than walking sticks and so aggressive that they'll eat just about anything that moves—even each other every chance

they get. Most entomologists say praying mantids and their cousins live all around us, and are only heading in our direction, but local gardeners are reporting mantis sightings now.

Look for a long bodied insect, from 3/8 to 5/8 inches long, with 4 very-rare thin legs. Their front legs will be held out front, as though in prayer. These creatures have so much twist in their necks that they can look over their own shoulders.

Mantids have such strong mouth parts that they easily snap

through armored wasp heads and other delicacies. Those "prayerful hands" have spiny teeth—all the better to grab dinner with. Females will eat the males after mating if the male isn't quick enough to get away, and both eat wasps, bees and caterpillars. The large ones even stalk and eat small frogs and hummingbirds.

They lay hundreds of eggs, in large oval masses on low twigs that will stay just above the snow levels. The adults die off. Next spring, the young hatch into cream-colored mantis babies and eat smaller insects or each other. They don't seem to be picky eaters, either.

Mantids do eat pesky bugs, and are considered beneficial. They are often purchased elsewhere and placed in gardens by well-meaning gardeners, but their own hunger stems their effectiveness as caterpillar killers:

They're often too busy eating each other.

We can't be sure what method of transportation the mantids are using. Some suspect truck and mail shipments of goods—especially since one gardener recently opened a shipment from down south to find a brown mantis inside.

Mantids do have wings, but little is said of their flying ability. Nymphs are dispersed by wind. Once established in a garden, survivors are solitary. One generation matures in late summer or early fall.

Maybe next spring we'll see fewer pests and a couple of praying mantis in our own gardens.

What's bugging your garden? Send your garden questions to Cathy Walworth, in care of The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

A few basic steps will give you a start on a great lawn

Knight-Ridder News Service

It's September, and (pick one): 1. Your lawn survived summer in great shape. 2. Your lawn is thin, weedy and needs renewal. 3. Your lawn isn't one. You're starting from scratch.

Whether you're in situation 1, 2 or 3, you've got about one month to do the basic work that will put the lawn in prime shape so that, that, it's tender, loving maintenance.

The easiest job facing gardeners is situation 1, where a well-established lawn escaped the summer ravages of drought and brown patch.

Such lawns need mainly aeration and overseeding to wake them up. Lawns with major problems need total renovation: digging up with a tiller and sowing new grass seed. And for a new home with no lawn yet, this is prime time to create one.

balance, for growing grass. Test information is available through county agents.

Fertilizer: Fertilizer will push the grass into good growth during the cool days of summer. Use a high-nitrogen lawn fertilizer at the rate directed on the package. This is a better choice than standard 10-10-10 fertilizer, because lawns benefit most from the higher level of nitrogen in specially formulated lawn fertilizers.

Mower: The height of the blade is key. Set the blade so that the grass is mowed about 3 inches high, and mow often enough so that no more than one-third of the blade is removed.

Winning strategy: Dig small bare patches by hand at least two inches deep, then rake it smooth; use a tiller that will go 6 inches or more when making a new lawn or redressing an older one. After seeding, cover large areas, especially slopes, with straw to prevent seed washing away. Rake off the straw gently after grass begins growing.

Lose the game by: Letting leaves pile up and smother young grass in October and November, letting seeds and seedlings dry out during their fragile youth, scalping your cool-season species with the lawn mower, scattering valuable grass seed on ground that hasn't been aerated or loosened with a spade or tiller.

Breast cancer survivor urges monthly self-exams

DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading the letter in your column from Sens. Barbara Mikulski and K.B. Hurd.



As a 45-year-old woman whose 2.7-centimeter tumor was not detected by a mammogram, I wholeheartedly agree with the Mammography Quality Standards Act. However, when I read about mammography being our most powerful weapon in the war against breast cancer, I get angry.

The senators incorrectly stated that early detection is the key to prevention—and I worry that some women may rely too heavily on this weapon. Mammography does NOT prevent breast cancer, and only increases a woman's survival rate if the cancer is detected early.

Support legislation that ensures quality standards for the only tool we have available, but hope in the future more emphasis will be placed on prevention, and finding a diagnostic tool that really does detect breast cancer early in younger women.

While the various agencies decide who should and should not get mammograms and at what age, I urge all women to do a BSE (breast self-exam) each month.

Get to know your breasts, and

if you feel something unusual, have it biopsied—do not depend on mammograms alone.

—A SURVIVOR, IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR SURVIVOR: Excellent advice that I hope all women will take to heart. Survival is literally in our own hands.

DEAR ABBY: I've had it with early birds who imply there's something wrong with people who don't bound out of bed at the crack of dawn.

I am a night owl and my body clock refuses to allow me to go to bed early. If I try, I lie awake for hours.

I naturally fall asleep between 4 and 5 a.m. I was once fired from a job on suspicion of alcoholism because every morning I staggered in late and bleary-eyed. Since my brain didn't start to function until 7, they were sure I had a hangover.

I worked as many hours as everyone else at another job, but I was denied a promotion because, "although your work is excellent, you don't have the drive to get to the office by 7 a.m."

Maybe not. But my boss didn't have "the drive" to stay at work until 10 p.m., as I frequently did.

If you aren't an early bird just like everyone else, you'll never make big money. If you aren't at the office early, you're "not motivated."

I am motivated to work hard, but I work better after noon. I'd be a lot more productive if I were allowed to work with my natural body rhythms rather than against them.

I'm sure I'm not the only night owl who fights a daily battle against the early birds who run the business world. At this point, I'm looking forward to retirement when I can sleep without being ridiculed because I go to sleep late and wake up naturally in mid-morning. I can't wait to get on my own schedule and enjoy life instead of blundering through in a sleepy stupor.

—SLEEPLESS, BUT NOT IN SEATTLE

DEAR SLEEPLESS: According to Dr. Quentin Regestein, director of psychiatry

at the Sleep Clinic at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, your atypical sleep pattern is "delayed sleep phase syndrome."

Contrary to what some people might think, it is not insomnia. The timing of your sleep is the problem, and it's possible that your condition can be relieved, even without drugs.

The business world has become slightly more flexible regarding work hours, but companies cannot accommodate each employee individually. Some workers with atypical sleep patterns find jobs that allow them to work at home or at night.

Since you are experiencing difficulty in the work place because you are out of sync with everyone else, you would be wise to seek treatment. Look in the yellow pages or call a local hospital to find a sleep disorder clinic in your area.

Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send the business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61850-0447. (Postage is included.)

Spices add special flavor to garden-fresh carrots

The Orange County Register

The same cooking technique can be used for parsnips or turnips.

TWO DOZEN CARROTS

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 pound carrots, peeled and sliced 1/2-inch thick on the diagonal (or use baby carrots)
24 whole garlic cloves, peeled; if large cut in half
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme, basil or parsley
24 black olives, imported preferred, drained and pitted (use cherry pitter or place 5 to 6 olives on surface and tap gently with side of large-bladed knife)

Place oil in large skillet over high heat. Add carrots and garlic; sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Toss to coat. Cook 1 minute. Toss and cook 1 more minute. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, or until vegetables and garlic are tender. Add olives, toss and cover. Cook 2 minutes to heat olives. Add herbs, salt, pepper. Toss.



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FOOD & HOME

A few peelings from Shelley woman's spud recipe book

I got stuck behind a spud truck a few days ago on one of the back roads. I just couldn't seem to get around him, and I wanted to drive slower than I wanted to drive. That means the potato harvest has begun.

For the benefit of any newcomer to the area who doesn't know about the potato harvest, let me tell you about it.

Once the potatoes in the field mature, the foliage, leaves and vines, are sprayed with a defoliant. About two weeks after being sprayed, the leaves and vines are pretty much gone and the harvest begins.

Large machines called harvesters dig the potatoes and roll them up onto a conveyor belt, which lifts and moves them past two or three people who are standing on the harvester. The people pick out rocks, clods and remaining vines. The potatoes continue along the conveyor belts and are loaded into trucks for transport to the cellars.

In the cellars, the potatoes move on conveyor belts from the trucks, past more workers who pick out the rocks, vines, dirt clods and other foreign matter. The potatoes move onto a pillar, which piles the potatoes into large stacks for storage until needed.

The harvest must be finished before the ground freezes. If the ground is too cold when the spuds are dug, the potatoes are damaged. Harvest workers put in



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

long hours, sometimes 15 hours a day, to get the harvest completed in time.

Modern potato cellars can hold millions of pounds of potatoes, often stacked 50 feet wide, 200 feet long and 20 feet high.

I recently came across a cookbook titled "Hot Potatoes" that contains probably every potato recipe you would ever need. It contains 26 potato salad recipes alone. The book was written by Dorene Gunn, 1554 North 700 East, Shelley, Idaho. She can be reached at (208) 357-5359, in case anyone wants a book.

"Hot Potatoes" is filled with potato recipes, facts, potato tidbits and trivia. Here are some of Gunn's potato recipes for you to try.

BAKED POTATO SALAD
3 medium potatoes
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons salad oil
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 tablespoon flour
1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1/4 teaspoon celery salt
1/2 cup water
2 tablespoons cider vinegar

1/2 cup diced green pepper
1/4 cup shredded carrot
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
Steam potatoes and 1 teaspoon salt in about 1 inch of water until tender; drain and cool. Peel potatoes and slice 1/4 inch thick; set aside.

Heat oil in skillet; saute onion until soft. Stir in flour, mustard, celery seed and 1/3 teaspoon salt. Gradually add 1/2 cup water and the vinegar; cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils and thickens.

Combine potatoes, green pepper and carrots in a bowl; add sauce, mixing well. Spoon half the mixture into a shallow 8-by-8-inch baking dish; sprinkle with 1/2 cup cheese. Cover with remaining potato mixture and cheese. Bake, uncovered, in heated 350-degree oven 15 to 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and vegetables are hot. Serve hot or cold. Makes 4 servings.

CREAM OF ARTICHOKE SOUP
1 pound Jerusalem artichokes
Juice of 1/2 lemon
2 tablespoons butter
2 onions, sliced thin
1 cup potatoes, chopped small
4 cups stock
1/4 teaspoon onion nutmeg
1 whole clove
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup milk
Peel; thinly slice artichokes; drop in water with lemon juice (to prevent them from turning brown). In kettle, melt butter and

add onion. Add dry artichokes and potatoes to the onion; cover and cook gently 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally until vegetables are tender. Add stock, spices and seasonings; Bring to a boil; cover; simmer 10 to 15 minutes. Discard clove; puree mixture in a blender. Reheat it with the milk. Do not boil.

ITALIAN CHICKEN POTATOES
3 pound fryer, cut up
1 cup tomato juice
2 medium potatoes, diced
1 teaspoon salt
Dash pepper
Dash garlic salt
1 small onion, sliced
1/2 teaspoon oregano

Bake chicken pieces, skin side up at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, or until golden brown. Baste occasionally with pan juices. Add remaining ingredients; cover; bake 30 minutes more until chicken and vegetables are tender. Baste frequently while cooking. Serves 4 to 6.

POTATO BREAD
1 cup milk
3 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons salt
3 tablespoons shortening
2 packages dry or cake yeast
1/2 cup warm water (110 to 115 degrees)
3/4 cup Idaho mashed potato flakes
Flour
Scald milk; stir in sugar, salt, shortening and potato flakes. Cool to lukewarm. In a bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water; stir into potato mixture. Add 3 cups flour; beat until smooth. Add additional flour to form a soft dough. Turn onto a lightly floured board; knead until smooth and elastic, about 8 to 10 minutes. Place in greased bowl. Cover; let rise until doubled in bulk, about 1 hour. Punch down; form into two loaves. Place in greased 9-by-5-by-3-inch loaf

pan; cover and let rise until double. Preheat oven to 400. Bake 10 minutes; then reduce heat to 375 and bake for 30 minutes. Remove bread from pans and cool on racks.

Dixie Thomas Reale welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is 503 W. Eighth, Jerome, Idaho 83338.

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Time to fire up interest in that old furnace

By Nick Harder
The Orange County Register

Bringing cool air in during hot days and pushing cool air out during winter falls largely to your furnace. Unless it's fairly new, you may need to take a serious look at it.

Any furnace that's more than 20 years old should be checked by a professional — and there's a good chance it should be replaced. That's because age and 20-year-old engineering have combined to make it waste more than a third of the fuel it burns. Modern furnaces are significant-ly more efficient in burning fuel. That translates to smaller utility bills.

Give your old furnace a tuneup — most people will have this done by a professional. Here are some things that should be done.

Your old gas forced-air-furnace pilot light may need replacing after all these years. Consider replacing it with an electronic ignition system. It makes it a lot easier to start and a lot safer.

If you have one of those old "dial" thermostats, exchange it

for a digital auto-setback model. It will save you big bucks and furnace wear and tear because it will turn off your furnace when you're gone and regulate its operation at night.

• Make sure your furnace heat exchanger doesn't leak combustible gas.

• If you haven't checked your air-dirt system for leaks for years, now is the time.

If you're shopping for a new furnace, one term you'll come across is "AFUE." That stands for Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency. It's a rating based on a 100 percent system. The higher the AFUE number, the more efficient the furnace. Of course, keep in mind that there is no

such thing as a 100 percent furnace. There are too many variables, such as leaky duct systems or duct systems that are inefficient in design.

You can expect a new furnace with an 80 percent rating to cost about \$1,500, more or less. Furnaces with even higher AFUE numbers could cost twice as much.

Prices can vary substantially, so shop thoroughly. And make sure you're comparing the same types of furnace. If the brand name of your old furnace and the company that did the installing are still around, try that company first. If not, talk with neighbors or try your local utility company.

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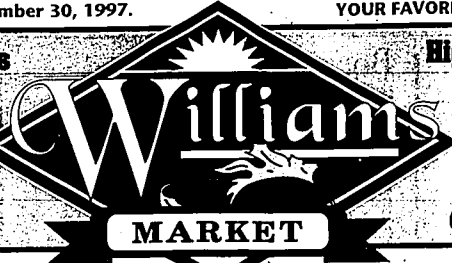
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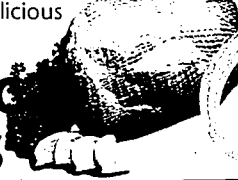
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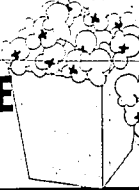
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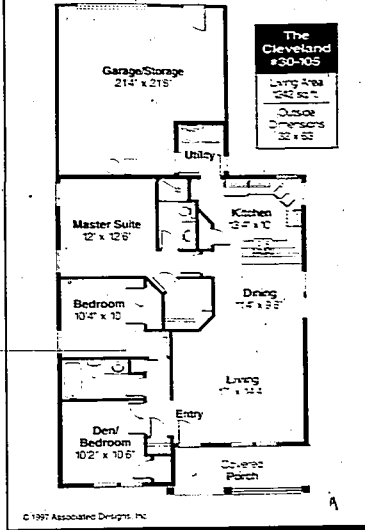
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FOOD & HOME



Cleveland stresses style

Looking at the Cleveland, what you see is a small home with a nostalgic Craftsman flavor. You might assume that it has no garage, but you'd be wrong. The garage is attached to the home at the rear.

A mere 32 feet wide, this plan is designed to fit on a narrow lot with an alley behind. A small community of similar homes could be built on minimal acreage.

The designers have packed a surprising array of popular features into living space that measures in at approximately 1,250 square feet, plus garage. Family living areas flow together from front to back, creating a sense of spaciousness.

Counter and cupboard space is ample in a kitchen that is open to the dining room. There's a small pantry, along with a sunny space for plants in front of the sink.

The front bedroom could be outfitted as a den or home office. A large skylight brightens the main bathroom. The Cleveland's master suite is sizable, but it boasts a private walk-in closet and private bathroom.

For a reverse plan, including scaled floor plan, elevations, section and area's conception, send \$15 to Associated Designers, 1100 Jacobs Dr., Dept. W, Eugene, Ore. 97402. Specify the Cleveland 30-105 and include a daytime telephone number. A return address when ordering. A complete feature list and 170 home plans is available for \$12. Call: 800-534-0223.

Hardwood floors provide insulator to help warm up that winter room

Q: I plan to install efficient in-floor radiant heating. I will replace my wall-to-wall carpeting with decorative hardwood floors for better heat transfer (and allergen relief). What type of hardwood is best? -J.R.

A: Warm floor radiant heating is very efficient and comfortable. Hardwood flooring, often a floating floor, is effective with this type of heat. Special clips make laying a floating hardwood floor a simple do-it-yourself project.

Manufacturers of the most expansive flooring, like Kentucky Hardwoods, use combinations of oak, ash, ebony, pecan, andiruba, rosewood, etc. to create intricate patterns. Only the natural colors of the various woods are used.

First, determine the basic appearance that you want. Hardwood flooring strips are available in widths up to 2.25 inches.

Water planks are attractive, but they tend to create more noticeable gaps between the planks in dry weather. In areas with widely-varying seasonal humidity, strip flooring with a beveled edge treatment is a good choice.

Red or white oak strip flooring is most popular and reasonably priced. Red oak is a little harder than white oak, but white oak is more stable in varying humidity. Maple is harder than either, but it is less stable.

When selecting the flooring, be very specific about the type of wood. Don't just accept cherry wood for example. American cherry is very soft, but Brazilian cherry is the hardest of woods, almost three times harder.

Engineered hardwood flooring is another option for radiant floor heating. It is more stable to humidity changes.

Almost all engineered floors come prefinished with acrylic cured with ultraviolet light - no polluting solvents. Engineered hardwood is usually made from rotary cut lumber which uses almost 100% of the log. Attractive laminated bamboo flooring (Bamtex) is very strong and environmentally clean.

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HOME NEWS

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Because you had a cool summer, business wasn't too hot for appliance stores. Shipments of unit air conditioners and heat pumps were down 4 percent for the first half of the year, reports the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute.

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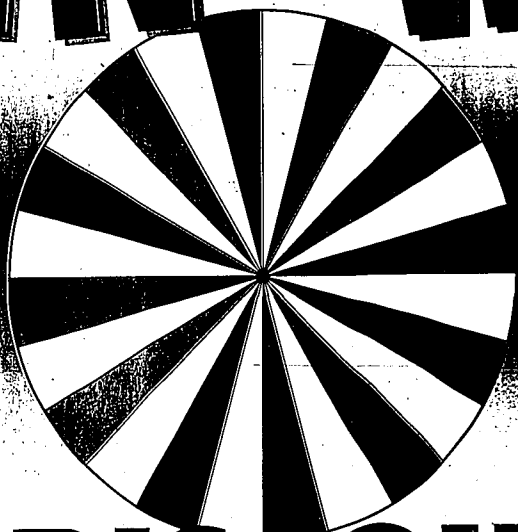
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SPORTS

Ryder

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The parts can be greater than the individual components. "I think on paper we are the underdogs and although we are the defending champions, they look stronger than us," Bernhard Langer said Tuesday. "But in match play anything can happen."

As yet, match play. And alternate-shot play. And better-than play. Throw in the quirkiness of the Valderrama course — which the Europeans know much better than the Americans — and the pro-European gallery and there is all the makings of an upset.

"In match play it doesn't really matter how strong a team it is or how weak a team it is," Ian Woosnam said Tuesday. "I believe that if Seve gets his pairings right, then any team can win this."

Woosnam, who is playing in his eighth Ryder Cup, is a perfect example of the luxury of team play and the unpredictable nature of match play in this competition.

Woosnam has never won a singles match in the Ryder Cup, losing five and halving two. Yet he has four wins and two halves in nine alternate-shot matches and has won nine better-ball matches and one hundred another, losing only once.

"It's all about getting play-

ers to play together who can flow together as a team well."

Woosnam said. "That's the secret, I think."

If Tuesday's practice pairings were any indication, Ballesteros will try to use his veteran's partner to ease his five rookies through the pressures of Ryder Cup play.

Colin Montgomerie, playing in his fourth competition, played with newcomer Darren Clarke and Nick Faldo, competing for a record 11th time, played with rookie Ignacio Garrido. Woosnam and Langer both also went around with rookies, the Welshman playing with Lee Westwood and the German paired with Thomas Bjorn.

The two Swedes — Jesper Parnevik and Per-Ulrik Johansson — played together, despite the fact that Johansson's appearance in 1995 is their only Ryder Cup experience.

Jose Maria Olazabal and Costantino Rocca, two veterans, arranged the top seven players plus the new energy of the other five players makes it very positive," Ballesteros said. "I don't think I could have a better team."

There is that word again — team.

Before dismissing the

European team too easily, consider this:

The European players have been in a total of 35 Ryder Cups compared with 14 for the U.S. players. And while having a losing 11-17 record in singles matches, the Europeans have been overwhelming in the team events, being a combined 33-17-5 in alternate shot and 27-24-6 in better ball.

The U.S. players are only 6-9-0 in alternate-shot play and 9-7-3 in better-ball. They are 5-7-2 in singles play.

There is one other factor that could help the European team squeeze out the 14 points it would need to retain the Ryder Cup on a tie or the 14-1 needed to win it outright — Ballesteros.

If any captain could be worth the extra point that could decide the Cup, it is Ballesteros.

"Seve is very emotional and very excitable," Woosnam said. "He'll be running around like a headless chicken, I think. That's good, and for the young guys to see someone so excited like that just might give them a buzz as well."

And if that happens, the Hamblin approach just might give the United States a surprise.

Ron Sink writes golf stories for The Associated Press.

Albert's accuser: He turned from kinky, gentle lover into brute

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — Mary Albert's accuser testified Tuesday that the prosecutor was a tender, kinky, lover for years before he erupted in a rage of biting, hair pulling and taunting. "You're enjoying this, you enjoy rough sex."

In a voice often crackling with emotion, the woman said Albert liked to wear women's underwear and sought threesomes with men, but she emphasized that violent sex was never part of their 10-year relationship.

Albert's attorney, Roy Black, contended rough-and-tumble sex had become commonplace between them over the years and tried to show that Albert, a night in a luxury hotel room, Black introduced an audiotape in which the woman seemed to be asking a cab driver to divulge damaging information in exchange for money and a car.



Mary Albert

The woman denied that she had ever coached anyone, and said she talked of money and a car was just a joke.

The 42-year-old woman began her testimony by smiling warmly and describing how Albert "would love me very gently" in previous trysts.

The 54-year-old Albert smiled, too, but he did not look at his accuser.

The woman then lowered her voice to describe her last meeting with Albert, a night in a luxury hotel room, on Feb. 12 that led to sodomy and assault and battery charges against the NBC sportscaster.

She said she went to Albert's room in the early morning hours knowing

he wanted three-way sex with her and another man.

"Are you going to surprise me?" she said. Albert asked if going first at the door of his room at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. She said Albert at first didn't seem angry that she had arrived alone, and even gave her an affectionate kiss and a back rub.

But his mood darkened, the said, after Albert put on a videotape showing two men having sex with one woman.

"That's what we should be doing," she recalled him saying in a scolding tone. He kept pointing to a man in the video and chastised her that she didn't find such a partner for them.

Suddenly, she said, Albert grabbed her by the waist and flung her onto the bed and jumped on her back.

She mimicked him in his angry, scolding voice as telling her "I've been a bad girl, and I should have brought somebody."

Volleyball

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Wednesday in Cary.

"Everyone's passing was good," Hamblin pointed out just after the

Maumath, 12-2 overall, 1-2 in the Magic Valley Conference, plays at Castledorf Thursday.

Hagerman defeats Carey, 15-9, 15-11

Purple hitter Camille Karrels recorded eight kills and teammate Tees Allen six. In the second game, Kristen Franzen came in with a score of 8-8 to serve five straight points and

boost the Pirates over the lump. An Allen serve and Karrels kill ended the match.

Carey hosts Shoshone Thursday, while Hagerman plays at Oakley. In June, varsity coach, Hagerman defeated Murtagh in three.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AL BOX SCORES

Table with columns for teams (Twins, White Sox) and game statistics (Runs, Hits, Errors, etc.)

AL STANDINGS

Table showing AL East, Central, and West divisions with team names and records.

NL STANDINGS

Table showing NL East, Central, and West divisions with team names and records.

INDIANS 10, YANKEES 9

Box score for Indians vs Yankees game.

BREWERS 7, RANGERS 4

Box score for Brewers vs Rangers game.

PIRATES 5, METS 4

Box score for Pirates vs Mets game.

ORIOLES 3, BLUE JAYS 2

Box score for Orioles vs Blue Jays game.

ROYALS 6, BREWERS 2

Box score for Royals vs Brewers game.

BRaves 6, Phillies 0

Box score for Braves vs Phillies game.

TIGERS 6, RED SOX 0

Box score for Tigers vs Red Sox game.

RANGERS 14, ATHLETICS 6

Box score for Rangers vs Athletics game.

Marlins 6, Expos 3

Box score for Marlins vs Expos game.

FOOTBALL

Division IAA Pool

Table of Division IAA Pool football games and scores.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing TV channels and programs.

FISHING

Table listing fish movements.

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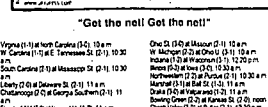
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ASTROS 5, CUBS 3

Box score for Astros vs Cubs game.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Table listing college football games and times.

BRaves 6, Phillies 0

Box score for Braves vs Phillies game.

ROCKIES 7, GIANTS 6

Box score for Rockies vs Giants game.

Reds 6, Cardinals 5

Box score for Reds vs Cardinals game.

LATE AL BOX

Table listing late AL box scores.

LATE NL BOX

Table listing late NL box scores.

MARGINERS 4, ATHLETICS 2

Box score for Marginers vs Athletics game.

Hunger: North Korea braces for a winter with little food.

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Spokane firm hopes camp cookware heats up

The Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Nobody in the Scott family has a particularly passionate fixation on cookware.

But the inflexible raffish didn't sell. And there's some vague reference to "bouncing shoes" that Ian Scott doesn't even want to talk about.

So outdoor cookware is just the way things worked out. "It's the niche that emerged for us," Don Scott says.

Ian Scott, Don Scott and Kathy Scott are Canadian-born siblings and partners in the operation of GSI Outdoors, a distributor of camping accessories, rugged cookware, with a growing following worldwide. "That's where our focus is," said Ian Scott, president of GSI. "I'd say 95 percent of our business is in camping cookware."

Many of the items GSI distributes to the likes of Wal-Mart, REI and LL Bean are designed by the Scotts. Granted, there are only so much you can do with a pot or a cup or a spatula, but subtle variations can make the difference between a low-price seller and something that sits on the shelf.

For instance, GSI offers a variation on the standard interchangeable pot handle that is made up of diamond-shaped cutouts rather than the traditional solid metal ring.

It looks lighter to backpackers.

Then there's the camping espresso maker. "We didn't come up with the idea," says Ian Scott, "but the factory really gave us an exclusive on the product five years ago, and it's really been quite good to us. It really helped us jump to the next level of growth."

"We've had other people try to do the espresso makers, and they've failed miserably," says Don Scott.



Ian Scott and Don Scott are partners in GSI Outdoors, a distributor of camping accessories, mostly cookware, with a growing following worldwide.

"The Scott siblings say they're always been close, so it seemed a natural fit to go into business together 12 years ago." Born in Vancouver, British Columbia, they were in Saudi Arabia for a while, working for various construction companies and projects being directed by a business in which their father was a partner.

Ian Scott eventually found himself in San Diego working for the firm that exported construction materials to the Middle East projects. "But the export market turned bad," says Kathy Scott, "and they were closing down that company."

Ian and Don decided the timing was right to start their own business. The brothers learned of a Mexican cookware factory that was looking for a U.S. distributor. "So we jumped in with both feet, not really knowing what we were doing," Ian says.

Kathy, the company's corporate secretary, soon joined them in the venture.

In the early days, "We shot off in a lot of different directions," says Don Scott, GSI's vice president, "but we kept coming back to the cookware."

"We made some mistakes, then figured out what the formula was to make it work," Ian Scott adds.

The company thrived in San Diego, growing sometimes as much as 50 percent per year. Then a few years ago, the Scotts began looking to relocate. They wanted someplace with four seasons, closer to their Canadian roots.

Spokane filled that requirement as well as offering Washington state's particularly friendly tax climate for wholesale distribution operations.

They moved the company to Spokane in 1995, bringing 13 of their 15 San Diego employees with them. Today, they employ about 20 people.

Sales, which were between \$5 million and \$10 million last year, grew quickly after the move but flattened last year, Ian Scott says.

But they expect a growth rate of about 15 percent annually over the next five years, although the addition or loss of a single major account — a Costco or a Target — could change those numbers significantly.

The company also distributes its products in Europe and Japan. Some manufacturing is done by local companies, and some in Mexico or Hong Kong or China.

The Scotts are focusing much of the current efforts on cookware and utensils made from hard, light, unbreakable plastic featuring a durable material called polycarbonate.

While most of their concepts are not patented, they protect themselves by investing in the tooling for their products they come up with. If you own the tooling, Ian Scott explains, you have a cost advantage over your competitors that is difficult to overcome.

Over the years, the Scotts have learned what deals to make, and what deals to avoid. Ian Scott explains that a project turn sour when a Mexican manufacturer couldn't live up to quality control specifications.

US West offers 1-call service for cell, phone.

The Associated Press

DENVER — U.S. West Communications Inc. has unveiled a service that offers one telephone number for both fixed and mobile phone calls.

With Access Advanced PACS, the number can be dialed in either plain old U.S. West or with toll-free numbers in Trunilo. The service allows customers to call by using either a landline or a mobile phone, and calls are billed at the same rate.

Customers must purchase a PCS line to use the service. U.S. West also charges a fee for the program, which includes several levels of services, including \$22.95 per month for 80 minutes of service time.

U.S. West launched the service in Denver and along the Front Range in Colorado Tuesday.

Iomega plans more storage in disks, drives

The Associated Press

ROY, Utah — Iomega Corp. will announce its new 160-Mbyte hard drive and 640-Mbyte floppy disk on Tuesday, the company says. The new hard drive offers a 66 percent transfer rate of 50 megabytes per second, enough to deliver full-motion video.

The new 160-Mbyte drive is available in a 3.5-inch form factor, which is a standard for most hard drives. Iomega says the drive is designed for use in laptops and desktop computers.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Name	Div	Last	Chg	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol	Vol	Vol	Vol
IBM	4.20	114 3/4	+1/8	114 1/4	114 5/8	114 3/8	114 1/2	204,000	204,000	204,000	204,000
MSFT	0.90	44 3/4	+1/4	44 1/2	44 5/8	44 1/8	44 3/4	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
GE	0.34	27 1/8	+1/4	27 1/4	27 3/8	27 1/8	27 1/4	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
INTC	0.15	34 1/2	+1/4	34 1/4	34 3/8	34 1/8	34 1/4	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
AMD	0.05	14 3/4	+1/4	14 1/2	14 5/8	14 3/8	14 1/2	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

MARKET SUMMARY

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IBM	IBM	IBM	IBM	IBM	IBM	IBM	IBM	IBM
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GE	GE	GE	GE	GE	GE	GE	GE	GE

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Name	Div	Last	Chg
ABT	0.00	24 1/8	+1/4
ADT	0.00	14 1/2	+1/4
AGS	0.00	12 1/2	+1/4
AIG	0.00	15 1/2	+1/4
AJG	0.00	18 1/2	+1/4

INDEXES

High	Low	Name	YTD %	52-Wk High	52-Wk Low
8299.19	8282.19	Dow Jones Industrial	-26.77	-33	+25.60
3225.25	3217.95	Dow Jones Transportation	-29.90	-34	+14.31
92.43	92.38	Dow Jones Utilities	-1.56	-6.4	+3.61

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %	52-Wk High	52-Wk Low
Abernethy	0.00	18	33 1/4	+1/4	-16.1	40 1/2	24 1/2
American Gas	0.41	31	5 1/8	+1/4	-7.8	9 1/2	3 1/8
Bojiac	0.00	10	1 3/4	+1/4	-11.7	2 1/4	1/4

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

There are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the National Market, the 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are listed on page E13. Stocks in bold changed 1 percent or more in price.

Stocks are listed alphabetically by the company's full name (name abbreviations). Company names made up of initials appear at the beginning of each letter list.

Current Annual Dividend Rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.

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AIG	0.00	15 1/2	+1/4
AJG	0.00	18 1/2	+1/4

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including wheat, soybeans, and corn. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

BEANS

Table of closing futures prices for various types of beans, including soybean meal and soybean oil.

GRAINS

Table of closing futures prices for various grains, including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

SUGAR

Table of closing futures prices for sugar, including raw sugar and refined sugar.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock futures prices for cattle, hogs, and sheep.

METALS/CURRENCY

Table of metal and currency futures prices for gold, silver, and various currencies.

FOSSIL FUELS

Table of fossil fuel futures prices for oil, natural gas, and coal.

Dow down 26, investors take profits

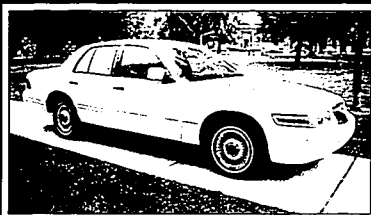
NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks suffered a setback Tuesday, undermined by weakness in the bond market that triggered investors to take in profits. The Dow Jones industrial average finished down 26 at 7570.

Consumer group seeks freeze in cable TV rates. WASHINGTON (AP) — Government regulators are not protecting cable TV customers. Cable rates are going up faster than ever, consumer groups said Tuesday. They urged federal regulators to freeze rates and come up with stronger price controls.

Large table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, assets, and returns.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data, including fund names, assets, and returns.



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COMICS

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

THE MAN AT THE STORE THOUGHT IT WAS VERY FUNNY THAT YOU WEAR OUT SO MANY SUPPER DISHES.

HE SAID HIS DOG HAS HAD THE SAME DISH ALL HIS LIFE...

HE PROBABLY NEVER LICKS THE BOTTOM OF THE DISH.

Hilbert By Scott Adams

I'M PUTTING YOU IN CHARGE OF GETTING ISO 14000 CERTIFICATION.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT AND ISO 9000?

OH, ABOUT 6000. HA HA HA HA HA!!

HEY, I THINK I'LL USE THAT ONE AT THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING!

YEAH, THAT'LL WAKE THEM UP.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

NEVER PLAY ON A GOLF COURSE WHERE THE ROUGH IS CALLED CORN.

GOLF TIPS

Garfield By Jim Davis

HOW'S THE WIFE AND KIDS?

OH... YEAH.

YOU SQUISHED THEM YESTERDAY!

THIS IS WHAT'S KNOWN AS AN "AWKWARD MOMENT".

Hil and Lois By Chance Browne

I'M LATE FOR WORK.

WHERE ARE MY SHOES?

I HEARD THE BUS!

WHEN AM I GOING TO HAVE SOMETHING TO Worry ABOUT?

WAIT! I'M WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING NOW!

GROWING UP WAS EASY.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

AMAZING! EVERYONE IN THE TOWNKENT IS KICKING THE BALL THREE HUNDRED YARDS!

IT'S THE COMPLIMENTARY BALLS...

THEY HAVE A PICTURE OF THE KING ON THEM.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

HAVE YOU NAMED KVACKS DUCKINGS YET?

YES!

MEET WIDDLE DUCKY. I'LL TELL YOU ALL THE WIDDLE DUCKY II WIDDLE DUCKY III WIDDLE DUCKY IV.

I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO BE SICK!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU TODAY, SIR? SHINE YOUR SHOES?... POLISH YOUR CLUBS?...

BUFF HIS DOME.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

THIS IS WHERE I KEEP COPIES OF MY DIVORCE PAPERS.

THE EX-FILES!

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

GLADLY, WHY IS DINNER TAKING SO LONG?

WELL, WE STILL HAVE AN OVEN IN THE KITCHEN, YOU KNOW!

BUT I'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO USE IT!

THE MICROWAVE BROKE!

YES...

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

IT'S THE END OF SRRRRAAL! PLANET DUMPERON!

SOCKHEAD, THE SUPER HERO, IS BEING HER UNUSUAL FEELINGS PREY.

IN THE SINGLE EAR SHE WAS BEING PUNISHED TO THE FLOOR!

SPLAT!

Blonde By Dan Myers & Stan Drucker

LOVEY, COME SEE THE REALLY PROFESSIONAL JOB I DID ON OUR FRONT PORCH IN THE MIDDLEWAY.

ELMO!!!

Pickles By Dan Myers & Stan Drucker

I THINK THE FACT THAT MUFFIN CHOOSES TO WAG ON TOP OF THE TV SHOWS HOW SMART SHE IS.

OH, SURE. FOR ONE THING, THERE'S NO DANGER OF BEING STEPPED ON.

FOR ANOTHER THING, IT'S NICE AND WARM.

IT'S ALSO THE ONLY SPORT WHERE YOU CAN'T SEE THEM.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

THIS ONE IS YOGI.

THIS ONE'S YOGI'S UNCLE PEE!

"Now every rock in that collection has to have a name."

A racing pulse signals lies

Many an ancient Greek husband took his wife's pulse while he queried her about this or that. Belief was her heartbeat would speed up, if she lied. No woman was granted the same privilege when querying her husband, might note: Anyhow, it was the first known application of a modern lie detection routine.

What's left of the Shakers have their own website now.

Q. Where'd the rock group called "The Doors" get that name?

A. From Aldous Huxley's book "Doors of Perception."

Q. Why did the Mongol fighters, as the historical footnotes say, wear silk slits in battle?

A. Silk made it easier to pull the arrows out of their bodies.

Q. Who first came up with contact lenses?

A. An English astronomer named Frederick Herschel invented them in 1827. A Swiss physician, Eugen Fick, and a French optician,

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

Edouard Kahl, first fitted patients with them in 1858. And a Czech technician, Otto Wichterle, created soft contacts in 1942.

Russia's Moscow is closer to Washington, D.C., than Hawaii's Honolulu, and some claim the great advantage Honolulu has over other cities is its great distance from its nation's capital.

Q. Is there any common denominator among successful people?

A. One only, it's claimed — a large vocabulary.

Q. Didn't most people native to the Western Hemisphere use tobacco before Christopher Columbus showed up?

A. They did. On the northern continent, they smoked it. On the south

ACROSS

- 1 Danger handie
- 5 Toward the left, especially
- 10 Wellaway
- 14 Cattle
- 15 Sword
- 16 Cab charge
- 17 Body of knowledge
- 18 Image, pret.
- 19 Do an office job
- 20 Establish by law
- 22 Teacher
- 24 Common
- 26 Uppity one
- 27 Vessel with sails
- 31 Young horses
- 34 Ache
- 35 Call forth
- 37 Notable times
- 39 Timetable abbr.
- 40 Whimpy
- 41 Winnow sash
- 42 Coaster
- 46 Spot
- 47 Staffed-up
- 49 Willow rod
- 50 Cook's items
- 51 Durocher and
- 53 For men only
- 54 Future, especially
- 56 Apostles' number
- 62 Lamb
- 63 Title
- 64 Indiana statesman
- 65 Withstand
- 66 Church of
- 67 Actress Durstin
- 68 Banister
- 69 Transient plant
- 70 Acis
- 71 English composer
- 76 Breaks, as a habit
- 78 Transgressions
- 79 "Pinace"
- 84 Feared
- 85 Tomcat's cme
- 86 Sily
- 87 An ocean abbr.
- 88 Orchestrator member
- 8 Tears
- 9 Defeat
- 10 Friendly
- 11 Cattle
- 12 Singer Guthrie
- 13 Fortnebeller
- 21 Japanese statesman
- 23 Ba and
- 25 Carouse
- 27 Mineral springs
- 28 Charters
- 29 Functions
- 30 Translucence
- 33 Wooden shoe
- 36 Breaks, as a habit
- 38 Transgressions
- 43 Opened wood
- 44 Feared
- 45 Young felines
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Yesterday's Puzzle solved:

64 George Bernard 59 Trage King
60 Frakes 63 Frakes
55 Make recordings 61 — Stanley
56 If not 64 Spread to dry

HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omar

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