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Alicia Ann Murphy and her attorney, Tim Williams, listen as Judge Daniel Meehl sentences Murphy to a life sentence without the possibility of parole for the slaying of her husband, James L. Murphy.

Buhl woman gets life without parole

By Mark Heinz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Alisha Ann Murphy will probably never see another day of freedom.

District Court Judge Daniel Meehl sentenced the 32-year-old Buhl woman to life without the possibility of parole on a first-degree murder charge stemming from the 1995 shooting death of her husband, 36-year-old James L. Murphy. A jury on Sept. 28, 2000 found her guilty of that charge.

Alisha Ann Murphy showed little emotion as Meehl announced the sentence and said it is primarily for the protection of society that she should be imprisoned for life.

But she bowed her head and cried as James Murphy's mother, Ronnie Murphy, turned toward her and chastised her while addressing the court during the sentencing hearing.

"Maybe someday I can, but as of now, I could never forgive you," Ronnie Murphy said while looking at Alisha Ann Murphy and displaying photos of James and Alisha Ann Murphy's son and "daughter." "I want you to remember the pain you put them through."

Alisha Ann Murphy's daughter, Olive, was one of several family members who spoke at the hearing.

"I think Alisha Murphy should stay in jail for the rest of her life," said Olive — who was five years old the night her father died. "I know he wasn't perfect, but he seemed perfect to me. He was everything a kid could want in a dad."

James Murphy's first wife, Kathy Murphy, talked of the last-

ing suffering of Olive and her brother, Jimmy. Kathy Murphy, who is the biological mother of James Murphy's first two children, has adopted Jimmy and Olive.

"Alisha Murphy paved a road to hell for Jimmy and Olive," she said before pointing at Alisha Ann Murphy. "I have worked and I have prayed to help these children heal from their deepest and darkest fear, which is sitting to my right."

"She looks good in orange," said James Murphy's oldest daughter, Tabitha. "I think she should stay that way for the rest of her life."

During the trial last year, prosecutors argued that a violent fight broke out between James and Alisha Ann Murphy late on Dec.

18, 1995. Both were intoxicated, and the brawl began when James Murphy went to the children's bedroom and found his wife apparently trying to strangle their son with a belt, prosecutors said.

The jury concurred with Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb's contention that the fight ended when Alisha Ann Murphy knocked her husband senseless with a frying pan, retrieved a .22 caliber revolver from a back bedroom and returned to the kitchen to shoot him through his open mouth.

Defense attorneys argued during the trial that James Murphy actually shot himself after the fight ended and Alisha Ann Murphy had taken the children and left the house.

That's the story Alisha Ann Murphy sticks to, Loeb said during Tuesday's hearing.

Report: President tackles air safety

Plan focuses on air marshals, doors, but no guns for pilots

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush and congressional leaders are looking at putting more armed marshals on airliners to make travelers more confident that they will be safe from terrorists.

Bush also is planning to require airlines to require pilots to remain in the cockpit and cabin on all jetliners and give the Federal Aviation Administration more oversight over private security companies at airports, administration officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Federalizing the security force at airports was under review; White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

In addition, Bush was expected to order a more robust effort to cross-check information on security personnel with law enforcement data bases, he said.

The president plans to announce his airline safety proposals Thursday in Chicago, one official said. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt and Senate Democratic and Republican leaders Tom Daschle and Trent Lott were invited to attend.

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Idaho agencies will slash payrolls by \$8.5M

The Associated Press

BOISE — State agencies are slashing payrolls by nearly \$8.5 million and cutting another \$7.5 million from direct benefits to citizens to cover the bulk of the 2 percent general-tax budget reduction Gov. Dirk Kempthorne ordered to offset Idaho's weakening economy.

But the governor's plan to cut overall general tax spending by

\$36.2 million includes \$14 million in reduced support for education, which Kempthorne had labeled a top priority in his Generation of the Child, and \$4.4 million in state financing for Medicaid.

Even some within the administration concede that securing the legislative support to actually cut state aid to schools is a long shot at best only weeks before the primary and months before the general election.

And the state has no choice but to pay the medical bills of the poor people covered by Medicaid — a program that was already \$10 million short before the book-keeping exercise of cutting \$4.4 million more.

Those two decisions leave lawmakers looking at imposing deeper cuts in what is left of the general state budget — public school aid and Medicaid account for 57 percent of general tax spending —

or dip into the \$53 million budget reserve fund to cover those commitments.

The state agency cutbacks total only \$35.8 million, about \$400,000 less than Kempthorne calculated. The courts, which constitutionally are not required to abide by any budget-balancing reduction order, agreed to cut just a fifth of what the governor

U.S. sends dual messages to Afghan regime

Combined wire reports

WASHINGTON — With United States air, land and sea forces positioning themselves within striking distance of Afghanistan, the broad outlines of a military campaign to destabilize the country's ruling Taliban and root out the terrorist leader Osama bin Laden are beginning to take shape.

The campaign has likely already begun, with covert intelligence gathering and elite commando units quietly working with opposition forces in the country. Next may come negotiations.

It's official: Jordan returns for two seasons

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The worst-kept secret in sports is out: Michael Jordan will play again in the NBA — and not just for one season, but two.

At 37, months' worth of hints, smiles and winks that kept his fans on edge, Jordan finally announced his decision Tuesday by saying he would play for the Washington Wizards through 2003 and for one his first year's salary to victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Research holds promise for sterile women

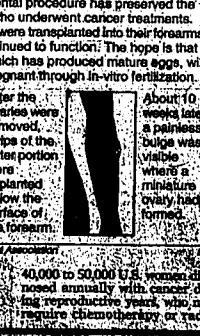
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sections of ovaries taken from two patients were implanted in their arms and continued to function there, raising hopes women can avoid the loss of fertility that often accompanies treatments for cancer and other diseases.

In both cases, the tissue produced clearly visible well-sized eggs, and ovaries, usually in the forearms, just below the elbow. But more important, the tissue appears to be functioning normally and has produced mature eggs and regulates the menstrual cycle. That offers hope that the women, both of whom had been sterile, could become pregnant.

Ovaries transplanted in forearm

Researchers hope an experimental procedure has preserved the fertility of two female patients who underwent cancer treatments. Sections of the patients' ovaries were transplanted into their forearms, where the tissue grew and continued to function. The hope is that the saved ovarian tissue, which has produced mature eggs, will allow women to become pregnant through in-vitro fertilization.



The tissue could be removed before treatment begins, then implanted in the arm after chemotherapy has finished and kept out of the way of radiation.

Thousands of others who take sterility-inducing drugs for ailments such as lupus and rheumatoid arthritis also could potentially benefit, Dr. Kay said.

If pregnancy were attempted, it would be through in-vitro fertilization, and eggs would be retrieved in a simple procedure through a syringe, similar to drawing blood, he said.

Other attempts at preserving fertility include freezing patients' unfertilized eggs, but only a few such cases have resulted in successful pregnancies. Whether such implants will prove as successful is unknown, said Dr. William Kessler, director of reproductive endocrinology at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

Would-be rescuers hailed as heroes

BROOKWOOD, Ala. — Ten coal miners are being hailed as heroes for rushing into a mine to rescue co-workers injured by an explosion, only to be killed themselves by a second blast.

The death toll was confirmed at 13 on Tuesday, making Sunday's disaster the nation's worst mining accident since Dec. 19, 1984, when fire killed 27 coal miners near Orangeville, Utah.

Search teams were at the mine Tuesday, but because of fires more than 2,000 feet beneath the surface and high levels of explosive methane gas in some tunnels, they could not look for the bodies of the remaining miners.

"I wish I could tell you rescue teams were in and everything was wonderful," mine spokesman Dennis Hall said Tuesday. "They are just here on standby."

By small margin, senators vote to support base closings

WASHINGTON — The Senate narrowly endorsed a new round of base closings Tuesday, supporting the Bush administration's bid to shed unneeded facilities and use the money to fight the war against terrorism.

The vote was 53-47, with Democrats giving greater support to President Bush's initiative than he got from his fellow Republicans, many of whom contended the nation shouldn't mothball bases just as it gears up for an extended battle.

It was the first roll call vote taken as the Senate opened debate on the \$343 billion defense authorization bill for the next fiscal year, which begins on Monday.

Poll says 20 percent of drivers admit falling asleep

WASHINGTON — One in five motorists admits having fallen asleep at the wheel in the past year, says the National Sleep Foundation, which is trying to get drowsy drivers off the road.

"I think in our society we are quite used to denying our tiredness," said director Richard Gelula, whose organization commissioned a study. "We believe that sleep is something that we can cheat on."

The National Highway Traffic

Nation in brief

Safety Administration estimates drowsy drivers cause 100,000 crashes each year that result in more than 1,500 deaths and 71,000 injuries. By comparison, 16,653 people were killed last year in alcohol-related crashes.

Tornadoes in Maryland kill students, damage buildings

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Students and school officials sorted through wreckage Tuesday at the University of Maryland, where tornadoes killed two sisters, both students. At least 50 people were injured there and elsewhere in the Washington suburbs.

A 78-year-old volunteer firefighter collapsed and died after helping with the damage. The father of the dead sisters was among the injured.

Several buildings were damaged by the tornadoes that struck late Monday afternoon and mobile homes containing offices were destroyed. Debris, overturned cars and trees were strewn across the campus.

More than 100 cars had shattered windows or had been smashed into other vehicles.

Police fire chemist accused of shocking criminal-case work

OKLAHOMA CITY — An embattled police chemist was fired Tuesday for allegedly performing shoddy work and giving false or misleading testimony in criminal cases, including some in which she helped send men to death row.

Joyce Gilchrist was dismissed by Chief of Police M.T. Berry, who said the decision was based on the recommendations of an administrative panel who heard testimony about Gilchrist's alleged misconduct.

Gilchrist, whose work is being investigated by the FBI and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, has been on paid administrative leave from the Police Department since February, earning a base salary of \$59,528.

She faces allegations in an undetermined number of criminal

cases. Hundreds of her cases are being re-examined.

Pioneer heart patient takes journeys outside hospital

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The first recipient of a self-contained artificial heart has been doing well enough to make trips outside the hospital in a van, his doctors said Tuesday.

"We are trying to make fairly routine trips into the city," University of Louisville surgeon Dr. Laman Gray said. "He absolutely loves doing that."

On Robert Tools' first trip outside the hospital last week, he went to Louisville's Waterfront Park, then had a special request on the way back to the hospital. "He wanted to stop by the White Castle for a cheeseburger," Gray said. He ate some of the burger but wasn't up to finishing it, Gray said.

Scientists: Comet's nucleus more complex than expected

PASADENA, Calif. — Detailed images of a comet taken by NASA's Deep Space 1 probe reveal an unexpectedly complex object with a surface of rugged terrain, rolling plains, deep fractures and very dark material, scientists said Tuesday.

The spacecraft, nearing the end of its useful life, flew within 1,340 miles of comet Borrelly's bowling pin-shaped nucleus on Saturday and snapped two dozen pictures.

The images of the 2.5-by-5-mile nucleus revealed it was spewing three distinct columns of dust.

They also showed that the nucleus' frozen core of dust and ice is coated with a pitch black material, thought to be a mix of organic molecules.

"This was sort of like a Dove Bar the size of Mount Everest," said Don Yeomans, a comet expert at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where results of the flyby were displayed at a news conference.

The three jets of dust are thought to emanate from deep, well-like structures located in bowl-shaped depressions in the nucleus.

— compiled from wire reports

ATTENTION ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES WHO PURCHASED CERTAIN "INDIRECT VITAMIN PRODUCTS" (as defined below) BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1990 AND DECEMBER 31, 1999

PLEASE READ THIS SUMMARY NOTICE CAREFULLY AND IN ITS ENTIRETY

WHY SHOULD I READ THIS SUMMARY NOTICE?
Your rights may be affected by class action lawsuits and/or lawsuits filed by the State Attorneys General pending in the District of Columbia, Arizona, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin (the "Settling States"). Courts in the Settling States have preliminarily approved a settlement agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") providing for partial settlements of these lawsuits, approval of counsel for the Settlement Classes ("Class Counsel"), and scheduled hearings to consider the fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness of the proposed settlements.

WHAT ARE THE LAWSUITS ABOUT?
Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all other similarly situated persons and entities, together with the attorney general of each of the Settling States (the "State Attorneys General"), allege that defendants BASF Corporation, Delich Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd., Elsil Co. Ltd., Aventis Animal Nutrition S.A., (formerly known as Rhône-Poulenc Animal Nutrition S.A.), Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., Roche Vitamins Inc., and Takeda Chemical Industries Ltd. (the "Settling Defendants") and certain related entities have, among other things, unlawfully conspired to fix, raise, maintain, or stabilize the price of, and allocate volumes, markets or customers for, certain vitamin products, and that such conduct violated the antitrust and/or consumer protection laws of the Settling States and injured the Settlement Classes. The Settling Defendants deny any liability.

WHAT ARE INDIRECT VITAMIN PRODUCTS?
Indirect Vitamin Products include (a) vitamin A, asaxanthin, vitamin B1 (thiamin), vitamin B2 (riboflavin), vitamin B4 (choline bitartrate), vitamin B5 (calcium pantothenate), vitamin B6, vitamin B9 (folic acid), vitamin B12 (cyanocobalamin phosphate), beta-carotene, carotenoids, vitamin C, canthaxanthin, vitamin E, and vitamin H (biotin); (b) products containing, or constituted of (in whole or in part), any of the foregoing, including blends and premixes; and (c) products derived from animals that consumed any of the foregoing. Indirect Vitamin Products do not include bulk vitamins or premixes purchased directly from certain manufacturers.

WHO IS IN THE SETTLEMENT CLASSES?
The Settlement Classes include a Consumer Settlement Class defined as all natural persons (excluding the Released Parties) who purchased Indirect Vitamin Products for use or consumption by themselves and/or others and not for resale in any form; and who: (i) were residents of one or more of the Settling States as of October 10, 2000; and (ii) purchased Indirect Vitamin Products from within one or more of the Settling States at any time during the Relevant Period.

You need not take any action to remain in the Consumer Settlement Class and you will be represented by Class Counsel and the State Attorneys General. The Consumer Settlement Fund will be distributed by Class Counsel to charitable organizations and other eligible entities.

The Settlement Classes also include a Commercial Settlement Class for each Settling State except Hawaii. The Commercial Settlement Class includes all persons or entities (excluding government entities and the Settling

Defendants) who, during the Relevant Period, made any purchase of Indirect Vitamin Products for resale, for incorporation into another product for resale, or for use in the manufacture, processing, or development of another product (including the feeding of an animal) for resale, where such purchase was (a) made by a buyer in one or more of the Settling States; (b) made from a seller in one or more of the Settling States; or (c) delivered by or on behalf of the seller to the buyer in one or more of the Settling States if the buyer's principal place of business was in one of the Settling States; provided that the purchase did not include bulk vitamins or premixes purchased directly from certain manufacturers; and, further provided that such purchase was not a "California Purchase" as that term is defined in the Settlement Agreement. Such California Purchases are the subject of similar class action litigation in California. You may obtain information relating to the California litigation by calling 415-956-1253.

You need not take any action to remain in the Commercial Settlement Class and your rights under the Settlement Agreement will be represented by Class Counsel. If you wish to file a claim against the Commercial Settlement Fund, you must submit a claim form so that it is received by the Settlement Administrator on or before January 7, 2002.

If you wish to exclude yourself from the Consumer and/or Commercial Settlement Classes, you must submit a request for exclusion so that it is received by the Settlement Administrator on or before December 7, 2001, even if you have filed your own lawsuit.

WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT TERMS?
In exchange for the release of the claims of the Settlement Classes, the Settling Defendants have agreed to pay up to \$225,250,000.00 (the "Settlement Amount") for the benefit of consumers and businesses in the Settling States.

If you choose to remain in either or both of the Settlement Classes you may, but are not required to, appear in person at the proposed fairness hearings and/or submit comments regarding the fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness of the proposed settlements.

If the settlements are finally approved by the courts, the judgments entered will bind all persons and/or entities in the Settlement Classes who do not timely and properly exclude themselves, and their claims against the Settling Defendants and related entities shall be forever released and dismissed. You are urged to obtain more information as described below in order to preserve your rights.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?
You may obtain additional information concerning the proposed settlements (including hearing dates, claim forms, and requests for exclusion) by (a) writing to the Settlement Administrator: Indirect Vitamin Antitrust Litigation, P.O. Box 8699, Meville, NY 11747-8699; (b) by calling 1-800-424-6661; or (c) visiting the Internet web site located at www.vitamintlitigation.com.

You may direct any other questions you may have concerning the Settlement Agreement or this Summary Notice to either Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel: David Boies III, Straus & Boies, LLP, 10513 Braddock Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22037 or Lead Counsel for the State Attorneys General: Kathleen Harris, Deputy Chief, Antitrust Bureau, Office of the Attorney General of the State of New York, 120 Broadway, New York, NY 10271.

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Pope appears weak as he begins Armenia visit

YEREVAN, Armenia - His hands trembled, he slumped in his chair and aides rushed to his side to offer comfort. Pope John Paul II's stop in Armenia on Tuesday, his fourth day of a foreign tour, offered a new test of the 81-year-old pontiff's frail health.

And as often before, he appeared to rebound later in the day, even waving his cane in the air.

John Paul has sought to make his trip for years and scheduled it now to take part in celebrations by the ancient Armenian Apostolic Church marking 1,700 years of Christianity in this country.

John Paul, who keeps an active travel schedule despite declining health, was stooped as he exited the Air Kazakatan plane at Zvartnots airport.

Hurricane Juliette could hit Baja peninsula this week

MEXICO CITY - Hurricane Juliette, with sustained winds of 35 mph, edged along Mexico's Pacific coast on Tuesday and threatened the tip of the Baja California peninsula, according



Pope John Paul II reads his address during the arrival ceremony at Zvartnots airport outside Yerevan, Armenia, Tuesday.

to the U.S. National Hurricane Center.

The storm, a Category 4 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson scale, has already been blamed for the death of a fisherman. Such storms are capable of causing extreme damage and extensive

World in brief

Flooding

Forecasters said the storm could pass close to Cabo San Lucas at the tip of the Baja California peninsula later in the week.

Former Bosnian Muslim army leader surrenders to tribunal

THE HAGUE, Netherlands - A former Bosnian army commander surrendered to the U.N. war crimes tribunal Tuesday to answer murder charges in the wartime deaths of dozens of Bosnian Croats.

Sefer Halilovic, 49, flew to The Hague from Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, on a special U.N. flight, accompanied by lawyer Faruk Baljagic. Halilovic, the highest-ranking Bosnian Muslim to give himself up to the tribunal, was expected to appear before judges later this week to answer to one charge of murder, a violation of the laws or customs of war.

According to the indictment, issued in July and unsealed after his surrender, Halilovic helped plan and commanded troops that conducted the "Neretva-93" offensive in Herzegovina to cap-

ture territory held by Bosnian Croat forces. Soldiers under his command murdered villagers, including children and the elderly, in Grabovica and Uzdol in September 1993, throwing bodies into the Neretva river, according to his indictment.

Divers work in rough seas to prepare to lift Kursk sub

MOSCOW - An international team of divers was continuing preparations Tuesday to lift the sunken Kursk nuclear submarine, while a barge to hoist it to the surface was waiting out a storm near the Barents Sea coast.

Divers worked slowly in rough seas to clear pout holes through which lifting cables will be run, Russian Northern Fleet spokesman Capt. Vladimir Navrotsky said.

The Kursk exploded and sank in the Barents Sea in August 2000 during maneuvers, killing its entire crew of 118. Russian officials want to raise the submarine to eliminate any potential threat to the environment from its twin nuclear reactors and try to solve the mystery of its sinking.

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EDITORIAL

Magic Valley's economy can weather a recession

Long before the devastating terrorist attacks took place in America, the country and its leaders were nervously contemplating the threat of a recession. Now the question at hand is not whether we can prevent a recession, but how quickly we can escape its punishment.

Far away from the bears on Wall Street, we in the Magic Valley may also be heading into a downturn - though not as drastic as what other areas experience.

The State of Idaho has already administered a \$35 million holdback in spending for the current fiscal year, and further holdbacks may yet come from the governor's office. For the past year, the state's job growth has hovered just above 1 percent, and the high-wage manufacturing sector is looking to cut 2,500 positions in the next 15 months. Those numbers were projected before the Sept. 11 attacks; reality may prove worse than the projections.

Closer to home, tourist revenue is looking to take a dip, according to preliminary numbers. Travel to Sun Valley and other winter recreation areas may not be as attractive to out-of-state travelers. Overall, the confidence level of the average consumer is leaning toward spending less and saving more.

Despite all these symptoms of a stagnant economy, the Magic Valley seems insulated from the most ravaging conditions of a recession. While other cities experienced the 1990s boom of technology-sector growth, our deep agricultural roots endured. Those roots - including food manufacturing and dairy production - may now be the anchor that helps stabilize area income.

As important as our airport is, it's also a stroke of luck that we've never relied much on air traffic in and out of the Magic Valley. Tighter security and safety concerns may keep travelers on the road rather than in the skies. That trend may be more of a boon than a bane for the intermountain region - especially communities that depend on asphalt rather than airways.

The economy of the Magic Valley may not be as diversified as some may wish. Critics of agriculture and dairies commonly voice antipathy for policies that promote growth for those sectors.

But during times like these, we see a local economy that's in tune with our area's natural resources and infrastructure. Sometimes being a remote, rural community has more pluses than we realize.

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U.S. states are feeling recession tremors

On the same day that his brother, the president, went before a joint session of Congress and a vast national television audience to rally the nation for a struggle with terrorism, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush had a more awkward task. He told his constituents that he had reluctantly decided a special session of the Legislature will be needed to slash the state budget in the face of a drastic decline in the economy.

Job Bush acted after his economists warned him that even before they could factor in the effect on the state's \$30 billion tourist industry of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the economic slump threatened to knock a \$673 million hole in his budget. Now, the shortfall could easily top \$1 billion in a \$48 billion budget.

Florida is far from alone. Indeed, while Congress and President Bush ignore the budget constraints that loomed so large until Sept. 11, hastily approving billions for the Pentagon, for recovery efforts in New York City and for bailing out the airlines, state governments are facing the sudden shock of falling revenues and forced spending cuts.

Hawaii, another state heavily dependent on tourism, has seen its governor, Ben Cayetano, call the third special legislative session of the year for October - unprecedented even in wartime - because of its budget crisis. Hawaii may have to use some of its tobacco settlement money and deplete its hurricane relief fund just to get through the current fiscal year.

But it is not just high-tourism states that are feeling economically. Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack last week ordered a \$108 million cut in state spending this year and said he expected next year's budget to be slashed almost twice as much. He



DAVID S. BRODER

warned that there will be layoffs of state employees and that higher education will take a heavy hit in order to protect elementary and secondary school programs. The president of Iowa State University called the prospective reductions "devastating," but Vilsack said the slowest revenue growth in 18 years left him no alternative.

The aftershock of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, which temporarily shut down the airline industry and last week clobbered the stock market, hit state governments at a time when their finances already had been weakened. Last week, the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, part of the State University of New York in Albany, said the growth of state tax revenues in the April-June quarter was the weakest in eight years.

The old economy states of the Midwest and the Plains have been hit hardest, because of the decline in manufacturing and agriculture. But the states reporting serious fiscal trouble also included Arizona, Missouri, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee and Washington. The shock has been spared, and last week, even states such as Colorado and Maryland, which had been reporting healthy surpluses, said the fiscal warning signs are clear.

Unlike the federal government, most states are required to balance their general fund each year. While North Carolina has struggled all year to work

out a tax increase, most states are trying to avoid that option by holding back their spending.

But that has proved to be extremely difficult, because costs are rising in several of the major areas of the state budget. The worst problem is in the Medicaid program for low-income families. Powered by increasing prescription drug costs, Medicaid budgets are rising at double-digit percentage rates in many states.

A large number of states are also reporting record enrollments in their public colleges. A softer job market has influenced more recent high school graduates to continue their education, and fewer of them think they can afford private colleges. So the state schools are being swamped.

And, after dramatic drops in welfare rolls during the long economic boom, more states are beginning to see them inch upward. A Health and Human Services Department report said 18 states saw increases in the number of welfare recipients in the six months ending last March, and the economy has faltered further since then.

In President Bush's home state of Texas, unemployment was reported last week to have hit 4.9 percent, the highest level in three years. August was the sixth straight month in which Texas jobless numbers increased.

Budget analysts in Washington said the fact that so many states are being forced to cut spending in the face of economic worries may increase the pressure on the administration and Congress to provide more stimulus - either by cutting taxes or boosting spending or both. The grass-roots picture is not pretty.

David Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

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LETTERS

Buy American, boycott Mideast

I have seen signs that say "Buy Idaho." Well, I say "Buy American!" I have seen many stores that carry products from Afghanistan and other Middle East places.

Well, I hope that after Sept. 11, the American people will not buy their products or products from any country that harbors terrorists.

Buy American God bless America!
JAMES ADKINS
Twin Falls

Hydro power almost obsolete

I read with interest the opinion of Dennis Avery on salmon recovery which was published Sept. 10 in *The Times-News*.

Avery said, "We almost tore out dams that provide valuable power and irrigation water." What he failed to say was how easily the power and irrigation can be replaced.

Wind power is booming worldwide, even in our region. Near Walla Walla, Wash., 450 wind new generators will generate 300 megawatts of electricity (*The Times-News*, Sept. 9). To get an idea of the magnitude of the wind farm, let's compare it to some Idaho power hydro facilities. Twin Falls generates a maximum of 52.7 megawatts; Shoshone Falls, a maximum of 12.5 megawatts. Upper Salmon Falls is rated at 34.5 megawatts; Lower Salmon Falls Dam at 60 megawatts; Bliss Dam, on a good day, will generate 75 megawatts. These five hydro facilities combined generate about 235 megawatts, still far less than the 300 to be generated by the wind.

South of Walla Walla, gas turbine sales are booming worldwide as well. One company in California, Calpine of San Jose, has firm orders with General Electric for 203 gas turbines which will have a combined installed capacity of 50,000 megawatts. Even in Idaho, we see proposals for the

construction of gas turbine generators. A 1,300-megawatt plant has been proposed for an 80-acre site near Burdick north of Coeur d'Alene. Let's compare it to some other Idaho Power hydro facilities. American Falls Dam flooded 56,055 acres of short-grass prairie and generates 92.3 megawatts. Cascade Dam caused 28,300 acres of prime high-meadow to be flooded and its powerhouse generates 12.4 megawatts.

As for the "irrigation water," the four loser Snake River dams divert no water into canals like Milner Dam. Nor do they store water for irrigators like American Falls Dam. Irrigation water is currently pumped from the top of the full reservoir behind Ice Harbor Dam onto about 35,000 acres of crop land. There will be no less water running past these farms if the lower Snake dams are breached. All we must do is move the pumps to the river bank and pump the irrigation water a few feet higher.

Technology in wind, gas and irrigation has given society reasonably priced options to hydropower dams. I suggest that we proceed with salmon recovery that includes breaching federal dams with confidence that our lights will stay on and our farms will continue to be irrigated.

REED BURKHOLDER
Boise

Prayer causes national dichotomy

How can it be justified for our government leaders from president on down to openly and publicly pray and at the same time tell our teachers not to use the "p" word in school?

Will someone please explain this to me and my daughter, who teaches at O'Leary Junior High?

Isn't it about time we correct this? How do we go about it?

God bless everyone in our nation, yes, even the school children.

ANGIE BURGESS
Twin Falls

Appreciate USA's input

I recently read an article titled "Tribute to the United States, America: The Good Neighbor," written in a Canadian newspaper, author was not listed. After contacting *The Times-News* about the article, I was informed that they already have more than 40 copies of the letter. The paper feels it is a great article but cannot release it due to plagiarism.

After some research, I found out that the article was actually written in the late 1970s. But in light of our country's recent tragic events, it was again being circulated. The article still rings true today.

To paraphrase: America is one of the most generous and least appreciated countries on earth. We have spent billions of dollars helping other countries - ball them out of war, natural disasters and save them from their countries' financial crumbling economies. We have donated and continue to donate to causes such as Feed the World, save this and that and any other worthwhile cause

other countries can conger up.

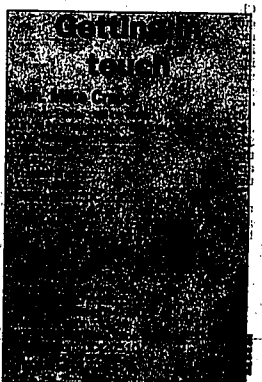
We are a leader in the world with our strong economy, technology developments and growth. We are a thriving country that never asks for help. Yet are there any countries out there that are donating their help? Are there groups out there that are sending relief for our recent terrorist attacks? They say they will supply the United States if we should go to war. Does that mean physically, financially or that they are just not going to stand in our way?

As Americans, we have built a strong country. Not out of want but out of need. I believe that whatever the future holds for America, we will prevail and become an even stronger country. May God bless America, the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Note: My heart goes out to every American that is feeling the pain of the Attack on America. My God bless you and keep you safe. I have a feeling that we are going to have to pray for peace and never give up hope.

LYNNETTE MCKEAN
Twin Falls

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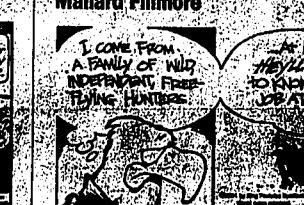
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Deadline looms for council candidates

Thursday is last day to file petitions for those wishing to run.

Challengers, incumbents - B3

The Times-News

November balloting.

Incumbents up for re-election are one-term Mayor Elaine Steele and council members Chris Talkington and Lance Clow.

TWIN FALLS - Thursday is the deadline for would-be city council candidates to turn in petitions for candidacy for the

by businessman and the city's Planning and Zoning Commission chairman Wayne Bohm. Clow is being challenged by another member of the Planning and Zoning

Commission, Sherry Olsen Frank, an accountant. Steele is unopposed so far. The other council members - Please see DEADLINE, Page B3

Twin Falls man listed in critical condition

TWIN FALLS - A 34-year-old Twin Falls man was listed in critical condition at a Boise Hospital late Tuesday following a motorcycle accident Sunday in Twin Falls, according to Twin Falls police.

Daniel J. Donaldson and his passenger, Desereee Green, 22, of Kimberly were not wearing helmets when Donaldson's motorcycle struck the side of a pickup driven by Frank Fartain, 58, of Twin Falls, said Twin Falls police Sgt. Matt Hicks. The accident happened at about 3:22 p.m. Monday in the 1300 block of Highland Ave. E.

The accident was still being investigated Tuesday. Fartain was not injured, and Green was treated for minor wounds and released at the scene of the accident, Hicks said. Donaldson was flown to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

CSI will accommodate military call-ups

TWIN FALLS - As National Guard members and reservists are called up to active duty in the wake of this month's terrorist attacks on America, the College of Southern Idaho is promising to do whatever it takes to help these men and women with their education plans, according to a CSI news release.

"CSI wants to show its support for our men and women of the National Guard and Reserve," said CSI President Jerry Meyer earlier. "Some of those who will be called to active duty are CSI students. Ordinarily, withdrawing from school at this time would mean the student would have to forfeit their costs and credits. But we intend to work on a case by case basis with those who are called to defend our country to ensure that they don't suffer any unnecessary losses."

CSI administrators met with the college's faculty senate and department chairs, receiving unanimous support for the plan.

"Any Guard or Reserve members who are CSI students are encouraged to contact their advisors and CSI counselor to work out educational and financial arrangements, the news release said.

Idaho Power now requires four appointments

TWIN FALLS - Idaho Power Co. announced that its public tour policy has changed since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

Public access to Idaho Power plants was restricted Sept. 11 for nearly a week. Idaho Power has opened its facilities to the public but tours must be called 48 hours in advance by calling the individual plant to be toured. Groups must provide the name of each participant.

Idaho Power said its revised policy does not include the self-guided tours of the company's historic Swan Falls located south of Kama. Those tours do not require appointments. The Bureau of Reclamation continues to restrict public access to its power plants and dams. Sightseers are not allowed to visit to make sure park areas are open.

CSI paramedic program takes applications

TWIN FALLS - Students who would like to enroll in the College of Southern Idaho's Paramedic program are encouraged to apply soon, said professor Gordon Kolk in a CSI news release.

Kolk says the 18-month program will begin in the spring. He describes it as a full time, three-semester program with excellent job opportunities upon completion and certification.

To be accepted, students must have earned their Basic Emergency Medical Technician certificate, or EMT-B. There are also certain other academic prerequisites that Kolk will discuss with those who inquire. The program consists of lectures, labs and clinical internships. Students can choose between earning a technical certificate or an associate science degree. Upon completion of the course, students take a national registry exam. Passing that exam certifies them for paramedic work in most states.

Kolk said the paramedic program has been improved to cover some 2,400 objectives, making CSI's program graduates among the best prepared in the industry. Those interested in applying are encouraged to inquire as soon as possible by calling Kolk at 733-9554 or toll-free at 1-800-560-0274, ext. 10. E-mail inquiries are also welcome at gkolk@csi.edu.

Compiled from staff reports

FIGHTING 'SUSPICIOUS' BLAZE



A Twin Falls firefighter breaks down a door to get at a fire in an abandoned motel behind Honkers bar in Twin Falls Tuesday afternoon. The 'suspicious fire' did significant damage to one unit, but was easily put out by Twin Falls firefighters, said Capt. Jim Hogue. The fire's origin is being investigated by police, but Hogue ruled out an electrical cause. Hogue and the building's caretaker, Don Harris, said the dilapidated building is often used by homeless people.

Air Force offers support for families

The Associated Press

MOUNTAIN HOME AIR FORCE BASE - Air Force officials have begun a host of programs for families of military members called to action in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Airman with the 34th Bomb Squadron were deployed last week to an undisclosed location. Military officials also will not say how many airmen have been sent.

But families can take advantage of a number of assistance

programs. Some are aimed at keeping up family spirits, such as the "Hearts Apart" Morale Phone Calls, which includes two 10-minute phone calls a month from spouses to deployed personnel; and the "Readiness Emergency Sleeping Tool," which takes the photo of a loved one and transfers it onto personalized pillowcases.

Other programs are more practical, such as one that provides eight hours of free child care at the base's child development center or youth center; or

another that gives dependents a free oil and filter change.

Two civilian employees announced the support programs at a news conference Monday. During times of military action, the Air Force provides only the employees' first names.

"Gary" identified as a consultant at the base's family center, described the mood at the base after last week's deployment as "serious, but confident."

In addition to official support

Please see SUPPORT, Page B3

Rallying 'round

TWIN FALLS - Individuals and organizations across the Magic Valley are rallying in support of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania. Here are some of the efforts:

• Students at Morningstar Elementary School in Twin Falls collected \$1,004.78 in pennies to help with disaster relief efforts in New York and Washington, D.C. In support of the students' efforts, Albertson's stepped up as a corporate sponsor and matched what the students contributed.

• Gem State Paper & Supply Company relayed \$1,048 in four hours Tuesday when it hosted a fundraising luncheon for the American Red Cross to help victims of the terrorist attacks.

Top management prepared tenderloin roast, soup, appetizers, spaghetti and salad, and there was a buffet displayed for people to make contributions to the Red Cross. Gem State Paper matched the contributions that were made.

• Gem State Paper challenges all businesses to do the same to help America, the company's Tishar Christiansen said. "Many thanks to our employees and our customers for their generosity in supporting this fund-raiser."

Regence BlueShield of Idaho has teamed up with Blue Shield and / or Blue Cross Plans across the country to donate \$2 million to help efforts in the wake of recent terrorist attacks. The donation will aid families of the vic-

tims, including those from Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield, whose Manhattan headquarters were destroyed.

Scott F. Sorola, president and CEO of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, said the Blues' contribution would also help families of the police and fire department workers

hurt or killed in the disasters. Regence BlueShield of Idaho is the state's leading health insurer, currently providing benefits, services and support to nearly 275,000 members. It has an office in Twin Falls.

• The Idaho Association of Realtors has donated \$10,000 to the Realtors Housing Relief Fund established by the National Association of Realtors to help pay the mortgage and rental costs of families devastated by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of the innocent victims of these terrible acts of terror and to the brave fire, law enforcement and emergency personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty," said IAR President Viki Samuels. "Our hope is that none of the families of these victims, who are dealing with a tremendous emo-

tional loss, will also have to suffer the trauma of losing their homes as a result of this terrorist attack."

Realtors and others who would like to contribute to the fund should call the Realtors Housing Relief Fund at 1-800-874-6500 or access the fund's Web site at relief.realtor.org. Checks can be made to "Realtors Housing Relief Fund" and mailed to the National Association of Realtors, 430 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, 60611.

• Donation stations have been set up at all Moneytree locations for financial donations to the American Red Cross. In Twin Falls, the Moneytree office is at 799 Cheney Drive and is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

• Tele-Servicing Innovations in Jerome is collecting items for the National Food Bank Thursday through Saturday. People are being asked to donate toiletries, socks, soap, crackers, bottled juices and other non-perishable food items to help replenish the National Food Bank. Donations may be dropped off all day Thursday and Friday and until noon Saturday at 233A W. Main St. in Jerome.

The Times-News would like to hear about contributions to relief efforts in the aftermath of recent terrorist attacks. Here's how to contact us: E-mail to twnews@mtv.com, Phone Melissa Morgan at 733-3276, Fax to 734-6538.

Spirit of giving

Former Rupert man makes impromptu \$100,000 donation

By Ruth Streeter Times-News writer

RUPERT - One man's random drive through the back roads of Minidoka County has made a Rupert nonprofit \$100,000 richer.

But Robert Orr wasn't a random traveler. He's a Rupert native and a 1955 graduate of Rupert High School, the last graduating class before the school became known as Minico.

Now a Park City, Utah, resident, Orr was driving back recently from a trip to Boise. He opted to take the scenic route, through Stanley and the Sawtooths, taking the back route into Minidoka County, where he stopped to lay flowers on his parents' graves.

He was then struck with the desire to do something for the hometown he had long left behind.

"This all happened by impulse, really," Orr said Tuesday at the office of the nonprofit Renaissance Arts Center in Rupert.

So he paid Mayor Audrey Newirth a visit, inquiring about projects that needed help. Newirth suggested the massive Wilson Theater and building renovations, and the two paid the project leader a visit.

After talking with Chris Jackson, executive director for

the arts center, Orr, who describes himself as a "project-oriented person" knew he wanted to be involved.

And Orr's vision mirrors that of the project's boosters. "His vision is just what we've dreamed of," said Larry Duff, president of the center's board of directors.

Orr said he left Rupert for California when he was 19 years old. He would later return to Rupert frequently over summer until his mother passed away in 1987. Since then he said he passes through Rupert a couple of times a year.

He is currently chairman of the board for the Salt Lake City company he founded in 1979, Trebor International, an electronics manufacturer.

The company is now owned by Chicago company IDEX. When he sold his shares last year he wanted to do something for small charity-giving, Orr said. About six weeks ago he established the Robert Orr Charitable Foundation.

Then came the fateful drive through Rupert.

Orr's contribution - by far the largest donation the project has seen - will take care of the costly terra cotta ornamentation that will help restore the building's exterior to its original splendor.

The grand plan is to restore

Please see GIVING, Page B3

MESSAGE OF FRIENDSHIP



Photo by LISA M. COLLARD/The Times-News



Taylor Andressen makes a friendship bracelet for a pen pal in New York City with help from her mom, Jan. Andressen said her fellow fourth-grade classmates at Sawtooth Elementary School in Twin Falls were making special matching bracelets for themselves and for students at PS 90 Beekman Hill International School in Manhattan. The project was set up by one of the school's 'art moms' who is a close personal friend with a teacher at Beekman.

Tim Hoffer made his pen pal a bracelet with a 'TP' for Twin Falls and made his with 'NY' for New York.

MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

SERVICES

Truth Gladys Wrigley of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the View 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 550 S. 500 E. Burley; interment will follow at View Cemetery; friends may call from 10:10-4:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Anna Cleta Mills of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Natasha Marie Rodriguez-Faibanks of Kimberly, service at

2 p.m. today at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N., Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Deane (Dee) Fridman of Gooding, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Mildred A.G. Clements of Bountiful, Utah, service at 10 a.m. today at the Val Verde III Ward, 2663 South 50 West, Bountiful, Utah; friends may call from 9:45 a.m. today at the church; grave-

side service at 4:30 p.m. today in the Fingerman Cemetery.

Willie Ray Patterson of Twin Falls, graveside service at 10 a.m. Friday at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls; visitation from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls; burial will be held following services.

Everett Robert Kimball of Twin Falls, memorial service from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Hall, 144 Seestrom St., Twin Falls.

DEATH -NOTICES-

Robert Paul Steele GOODING - Robert Paul Steele, 77, of Gooding died Sunday, Sept. 23, 2001, at his home.

The graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2001, at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. No public viewing will be held at the family's request.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Officials target tire operation

By Loraine Cavener Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - If you've driven by Idaho Tire Recovery Inc. north of Shoshone recently and wondered what is going on, you are not alone.

Concerns over tire piles that seem to breed and multiply during the night were addressed by representatives from Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality and South Central District Health Department and others at a Lincoln County Commission meeting Monday.

In the short term there are no environmental or health threats, said Bill Alford, deputy director of the Idaho Department of Health Services.

The tires could develop health hazards if they catch on fire, Alford said.

A fire at the facility could pollute the air in Twin Falls, which runs just north of the tire recovery operation.

"Used chips pieces for fill have a tendency to spontaneously combust," Alford said.

"If one stack went, that whole mess would go," said Carol Boudreau, planning and zoning administrator.

A large number of tires also presents a potential vector for mosquitoes, he said, referring to water standing in the tires.

In 1992, the facility was granted a conditional use permit for 100,000 tires with a number of conditions including fire lanes, a fire plan with the Wood River Fire District and a restriction on piles of 50,000 cubic feet or less.

The permit was revoked in 1995. Craig Hadden, who owns the property where the tire operation is located, was the owner of the Idaho Tire Recovery at the time.

He said the operation did come into compliance at the time.

Hadden, who still owns the property, later sold the business to Tom Floyd. Commissioners said they do not think a new permit was ever granted to Floyd.

From an aerial photo of the property and from driving by,

commissioners said they are sure there are far more than 100,000 tires on the property.

The facility is out of compliance with fire codes, according to the Wood River Fire District fire marshal, Commission Chairman Jerry Nance said.

DEQ and Health Department officials were hoping to inspect the property, but commissioners were not able to locate a worker with a key to the gate when they called the facility Monday.

Commissioners said they have tried to contact Floyd at his Caldwell headquarters a number of times to see a copy of his permit, but phone calls have not been returned.

In a letter to commissioners from Floyd earlier this year, he said he has a permit filed with Lincoln County Planning and Zoning. But Boudreau said she does not know of a new permit on record since the one that was revoked in 1995.

Commissioners also fear that Idaho Tire Recovery plans bankruptcy and the tires will be left for the county to clean up, they said.

Floyd's letter said the company did file for Chapter 11 reorganization but proposed to keep the Shoshone facility and all 12 employees.

Floyd said no plans of walking away from anything there or changing things," Floyd said.

A cement plant in Durkee, Ore., uses the tires from the facility.

Floyd said the cement plant was closed for several years and recently opened again.

"They have just now started utilizing whole waste tires again, and the inventory will start disappearing over the next several months," he said.

Commissioners said that since Floyd's letter, it appears that more tires have come into the facility than have gone out.

Commissioners have contacted the Idaho attorney general's office for advice about the issue, Nance said.

Times-News correspondent Loraine Cavener can be reached at 438-1351 or lcavener@mt.com.

Obituaries are free and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

BURLEY



p.m. at the Kaysville City Cemetery in Kaysville, Utah.

Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 East 16th Street, on Friday from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. and at the church on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.

MALAD

John W. (Jay) Beager

John W. (Jay) Beager, 83, former resident of Buhi, passed away on Monday, Sept. 24, 2001, in the Oneda Long Term Care Center in Malad.

He was born Jan. 8, 1918, in Buhi, a son of Albert and Grace Beager. His parents were long time residents having lived in Malad, Missouri in 1916. He graduated from Buhi High School in 1937. He married Rachel Collins on Dec. 24, 1939 in Corvallis, Oregon.

He worked for Smith's Dairy and M.H. King Co. in Buhi, later moving to Dillon, Montana where he worked for M.H. King Co. He retired in 1980. Jay and Rachel returned to Buhi to enjoy retirement.

He survived by two daughters, Joan (Jack) Cottrell of League City, Texas and Bonnie (Brend) Howard of Malad, Idaho; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one more due in August.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Rachel and one brother, Lee Beager.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, Sept. 28, at 12:30 p.m. at the West End Cemetery in Buhi. Friends may call at the Farmer Funeral Chapel from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday. Memorials are suggested to the Oneda County Hospital Foundation at 150 N. 200 W. Malad City, Id. 83252.

BURLEY

Agnes T. Kelley Satchwell Meyer

Agnes T. Kelley Satchwell Meyer, returned to her Heavenly Father on Monday, September 24, 2001, at her daughter's home in Gooding, Idaho, following a courageous battle with lymphoma cancer.

She was born December 20, 1901, in Idaho and was the sixth of 15 children born to Agnes Ann Bradbury and Sebastian Cabot Kelley. She is preceded in death by her parents, 10 siblings (Florence May, Lillie Bell, George Alvin, Alberta, Susie, David Thomas, Sebastian, Martha, Velma and Edna); her husband, Dr. William in-law (Doris Jean and Harold Wick); four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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She is survived by her husband-Henry Meyer, siblings-Mary Frances, Edna Ray, Ellen Lewis and Charles Donald, 3 children; Betty Marie Adams (Lyle), William Earnest Satchwell (Twila) Burton (K), Agnes T. Kelley and one step-daughter, Harry Meyer (Denise); 18 grandchildren and 62 great-grandchildren.

Agnes moved with her parents and family to the Albion school on a farm in Albion, Idaho, in 1910, when she was 2 years old and later moved southwest of Albion to a farm where she lived for the next 7 years before moving back to the dry farm where she spent the rest of her childhood years. She was educated in the Albion school and told of walking long distances to school in cold freezing winter weather.

Agnes and Bill lived in Burley and Albion, moving to a second home to Burley in 1948. Agnes worked at several places such as; Burley Sugar Factory, Simplot Potato Processing, the Albion school and retired from Roper Clothing Company as a seamstress. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends to whom she was one of her greatest attributes. She is preceded in death by her husband, William Satchwell and one great-grandfather and friend to all who knew her. She received joy in making numerous quilts, sweaters, hats and other handmade items for her families and friends. Service was one of her greatest attributes. She is preceded in death by her husband, William Satchwell and one great-grandfather and friend to all who knew her.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 27, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 West Grand Street, Burley, with Bishop Don Waymont officiating. Burial will be in the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. and from 10-10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Thursday.

MT. MORRIS, MICH.

Kelley Lea (Moseley) Freeman

Age 36, of Mt. Morris, died Saturday, September 22, 2001, at McLaren Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 27, 2001, from New Covenant Free Methodist Church in Clio, D. Dale Woods will officiate burial in the Freeman Family Mortuary on Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. and from 10-10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral on Thursday.

Survivors include her husband, Warron of Twin Falls; two sons, Josh (Brandy) Thorne and James (Melissa) Thorne both of Twin Falls; one granddaughter, Natalie of Twin Falls and one brother, James (Janice) Ainsworth of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her parents.

JoAnn's request was to be cremated and to have private family memorial services. Cremation services are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions to the JoAnn Thorne Memorial Trust, c/o First Federal Savings Bank, 383 Shoshone N., Twin Falls, Idaho 83401.

available at the funeral home and church.

Kelley was born February 20, 1965, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and Veronica (Osborn) Moseley. She was a member of New Covenant Church. She was assistant coach for the Mt. Morris Youth Cheerleaders and vice president of the Mt. Morris wrestling team. She enjoyed bowling and reading. Kelley was employed at the Motor Services of Eastern Michigan for 9 years, as a legal secretary promoted to administrative assistant.

Survivors are two sons: Ross Gordon Freeman and Zachary David Freeman; one daughter, Erika Lee Freeman; father of Kelley's children: Jason Freeman all of Mt. Morris; father: Charles Moseley and companion (Vonna Duncan of Maui, HI; aunt: Nancy Lee "Nanny" Bartlett; three brothers: Thomas Taylor of Twin Falls, Idaho; Jerry and wife Avis Kalas of Twin Falls, Idaho and Christian George and wife Theresa Kalas of Las Vegas; five sisters: Linda Gary and husband Bill Jones of Myrtle Creek, Oregon; Kathleen Moseley of HI, Farrah and husband Matt Morgan of Seattle, WA; Charie Moseley of Las Vegas and Lynn and husband Eugene Smith of Flint; fiance: John Armstrong and his two children: John Jr. and Justin; George Lee of Mt. Morris; aunts: Sharon Brandt, Kristy McMillan; Uncle Pat Moseley, special friends: Jeanne and Tom; and nieces: Garry Osborn and Raymond Bartlett; grandparents: Juanita and Vern Osborn; and Margaret and Ross Moseley.

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St. Anthony residents face another boil order

ST. ANTHONY (AP) - For the second time in less than a month, residents are being asked to not drink the city's water.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality issued a boil advisory on Monday after tests conducted Thursday showed high levels of coliform bacteria.

Residents spent four days under a boil advisory last month for the same reason. And just like last month, city officials believe the tests are contaminated, not the water.

Woody Anderson, the city's public works superintendent, said sample results have been too inconsistent. He said the tests, which are conducted at different spots across town, would come back negative with the bacteria

during one sampling and positive in another.

The same test that showed high levels of the bacteria last month came from the north side of town, while this month's sample was on the south side of town, Anderson said.

Ryan Urbanc, a water systems engineer with the Department of Environmental Quality, said a contaminated test is possible.

"There are many ways to contaminate a coliform bacteria sample. The slightest thing could set it off," he said.

Anderson said he was unsure what could be contaminating the tests. He said one possibility was that the taps from which they conduct the tests may be contaminated.

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Company examines wind potential

Firm looks at alternative energy

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-news correspondent

SHOSHONE - An alternate cash crop could be coming to Idaho.

Idaho County commissioners on Monday talked about harvesting the wind.

But it's not just talk. Officials from enXco, a wind energy company with facilities in the United States, Australia, Asia and Europe is considering opening up a facility in Lincoln County. The company is looking to bring more of its wind energy machines to locations in the Northwest.

Interested?
If you are interested in the possibility of producing wind energy, contact an alternate cash crop in Lincoln County, Idaho. Call Dave Luck at 503-923-0211. To learn more, visit our website at www.enxco.com. Learn more about the Idaho Wind Power Consortium, go to www.idwind.org.

than 4,000 wind turbines being developed and operating throughout the world.

The company is planning to install two wind-monitoring stations at Notch Butte Farms as early as this weekend, said Dave Luck in a telephone conversation with *The Times-News* Tuesday.

"We want to find out if there is enough wind for a commercially viable project," Luck said.

Luck and other members of his team, who are focusing on wind development projects in the Northwest, are traveling throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Montana to find the strongest winds. "What we look for is the average velocity over the course of a year," he said.

If the monitors show evidence of enough wind enXco would install between 15 and 20 turbines on Notch Butte Farms, he said.

If the experiment at Notch Butte Farms is successful, it could mean a supplemental income for more landowners.

"If you're looking for wind energy to save your farm, we're not going to be able to help you," Luck said.

But enXco is inviting landowners to inquire about the possibility of receiving supplemental income from wind generation on their property, he said. There is no investment for the landowner, who would be compensated for putting up the monitoring towers. A farmer could continue to raise crops around the towers.

If the wind were found to be commercially viable, turbines would then be installed on the property.

Power generated by turbines would be sold to power companies. Income generated would not only benefit enXco, but would benefit the landowner and county taxes, Luck said. When Luck first became involved in power generation in 1985, wind generation was not cost effective, he said.

"Now a wind project can com-

pare with a gas-fired plant," Luck said. "Since gas and oil have gone up, wind is now cost competitive." And the company is putting its money where its mouth is. The two monitoring towers - a \$50,000 investment - have the ability to take a sophisticated sampling of wind.

"It is a fair amount of risk," he said. "We're going to be there ahead of the pack."

Luck will be a speaker in October at the Idaho Department of Water Resources Idaho Wind Power Conference in Boise, where people can learn more about wind generation projects, he said.

Dick Larsen, public information officer for the department commented on enXco's project in Lincoln County.

"For Idaho that is going to be a significant step forward," Larsen said.

Commissioners agreed with Boudreau that wind turbines in Lincoln County could be a good idea.

"If it is feasible they will start looking for other sites in Lincoln County," Boudreau said.

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Alaskans rally around Syrian-born businessman

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) - Help is pouring in for a Syrian-born Anchorage businessman whose printing business was vandalized following the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Mayor George Wuerch pledged that the city would raise \$100,000 in reward money for information leading to those who tore apart Mike Maad's business on Saturday and spray-painted "We hate Arabs" across one wall.

"It's a way for this community to establish very clearly that this is not only a crime against you as individuals and your company," Wuerch said. "But it's a crime against this whole city."

The money also will be used to start a fund to help pay Maad's uninsured losses, including some payroll costs. It is part of a "Not in Our Town" fund started Monday in response to the vandalism at the door.

Workers at Frontier Printing Services on Monday gathered smashed computer monitors and cleaned broken glass. A friend

recovered checks, flowers and consolation from the vandals at the door. The vandalism was discovered

by Maad's son when he stopped by the shop Saturday evening to pick up American flags that Maad, a 20-year Anchorage resident, is distributing in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Maad is a vice president of Bridge Builders, a group that tries to foster understanding among the city's ethnic groups. Maad designed and helped produce 50-foot banners that were signed by thousands of Anchorage residents and sent to New York and Washington.

In a column that appeared in the Anchorage Daily News two days after the terrorist attacks, Maad expressed his "overwhelming sadness and disbelief that such a heinous act of violence could be committed here in the United States or for that matter anywhere in the world."

He said he hoped people in Anchorage and their anger toward the city's ethnic groups. Maad did not paint all Arabs with the same brush.

Anchorage police and the FBI reported little progress on the investigation Monday.

California firefighters make gains against blazes

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (AP) - Despite another day of scorching temperatures, firefighters gained ground Tuesday on wildfires in Southern California, including 200-acre blaze that burned a home and forced the temporary evacuation of residents from 20 others.

The fire near Lytle Creek, that consumed a home, erupted Monday and burned vegetation that had not been hit by fires in 30 years, said Jim Wilkins, an information officer with the U.S. Forest Service. He said the cause was undetermined.

That fire was one of three to strike San Bernardino County, east of Los Angeles, during a hot spell that stretched across



A firefighter watches a home burn to the ground Monday after a brush fire engulfed the property in Lytle Creek, Calif.

Southern California. Record high temperatures were recorded in several inland areas Monday and temperatures

Tuesday again reached above 100 degrees.

"It's extremely hot," Wilkins said. "We are making sure everyone is drinking up a lot of water. They are going through gallons of water a day per man out there."

Firefighters also controlled a blaze in the remote Devils Canyon that was threatening San Bernardino National Forest and about two miles north of California State University, San Bernardino. The school was not threatened.

The cause of the fire was not immediately clear, but Forest Service officials said it appeared to have been caused by shooters firing at power lines.

Father of bum victim doubts Forest Service investigation

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) - Ken Weaver has doubts about the U.S. Forest Service's investigation of the circumstances that led to the death of his son and three other firefighters on the Thirty Mile Fire.

"My concern is that through no fault of my son's, we're dealing with a man who had nearly criminal supervision. If I'm a third that negligent in a car, and kill someone, I wind up in jail," Weaver said.

"I cannot believe they're going to admit to that. Maybe they'll surprise me and come clean."

The Forest Service today is to release a report of its findings and recommendations on the July 10 fire in the northern Cascade Range that killed Weaver's son, Devin, 21, Jessica Johnson, 19, and Karen Fitzpatrick, 18, all of Yakima, and Tom Craven, 30, of Ellensburg.

In interviews, firefighters and managers have cited a number of mistakes and mishaps that day, from not following basic safety rules to ignoring the warning signs of danger to delays in getting sufficient water in the fire early.

Agency representatives will meet with family members of

the dead before making the report public, said Ron DeHart, a spokesman for the Forest Service.

Weaver, Johnson, FitzPatrick and Craven were among 14 firefighters and two campers, trapped on a narrow dead-end road in the Chewack River Canyon in the Okanogan National Forest when what appeared to be a run-of-the-mill 25-acre fire exploded, breaching, cleared fire lines and devouring 2,500 acres of trees in less than three hours.

Six firefighters managed to escape with crew boss trainee Pete Kampen, who drove a van through the flames down the Chewack River Road. They were the last ones out, and the remaining 14, under supervision of crew boss Ellreese Daniels, "a '24-year Forest Service veteran, were caught with no escape."

"They put them down a dead-end road, in front of an out-of-control fire, with (only) hand tools," Weaver said.

"They had kids with 21 days' experience. They'd fought one tiny, little fire before that - their experience in fighting a fire was maybe five days."

Senator mulls tree thinning for fire prevention

WASHINGTON (AP) - In his first hearing as chairman of the forests and public lands subcommittee, Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., heard familiar arguments about whether thinning trees is an appropriate way to reduce wildfire risks in national forests.

The timber industry said removing some trees from forests is a valid way to improve

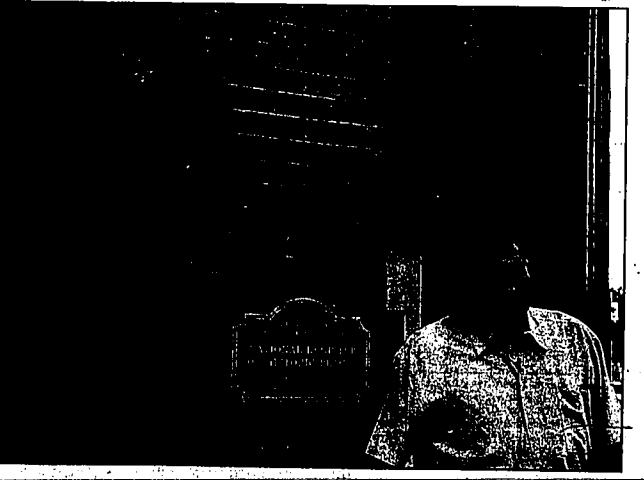
forest health by taking away wood that can provide dangerous fuels for wildfires. Forests, the industry says, are unnaturally dense after decades of fire suppression.

But an environmentalist cautioned that not enough research has been done to be certain that thinning projects improve forest health. "There's a whole variety

of things that cut the other way when you try to mimic the natural distribution of trees with chain saws," said Nathaniel Lawrence, senior attorney for Natural Resources Defense Council.

For example, he said, heavy logging equipment is sometimes used, which compacts soil and forces water to run off too quickly.

Tom Nelson, forest policy director at Sierra Pacific Industries in Redding, Calif., said he and others in the timber industry are talking about "commonsense thinning." To offset costs, he wants to see projects that would allow trees removed from forests to be used for wood products or electricity production.



Utah businessman and Rupert native Robert Orr stands outside the Wilson Theater in Rupert during a visit in which he presented a \$100,000 check to the Renaissance Arts Center, Inc. Backers of the building renovation project say Orr's contribution is by far the largest to date.

Utah lawmakers will redraw political map

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Legislators meeting in special session Tuesday to work out the state's new redistricting plan spent most of the day in caucuses. They were unable to finish their work and adjourned until Wednesday morning. If neces-

sary, the legislators will meet again on Monday.

Republicans, who outnumber Democrats 2-1 in the Legislature, met in closed caucuses to discuss how to redraw the state political boundaries for congressional, legislative and state school board districts.

In revising the congressional boundaries, lawmakers will approve two plans for the state's U.S. House districts - one with the current three districts, another with four in case the state prevails in lawsuit to gain a new congressional seat.

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the entire building in three phases. The terra cotta would take care of the project's first phase except for new windows, Jackson said. The first phase is expected to be completed by summer 2002.

The second phase is to transform the upstairs of the building into a 2,100-square-foot convention center with a

capacity for about 125 people.

The third phase of the project is to complete the interior of the 1920s-era theater. Jackson said the goal is to have the entire project completed by 2005.

Orr said he doubts the theater could survive commercially, but he said it could be a destination for students of the arts and a location for businesses to meet. He'd like to see children use the

theater and learn about the arts, or just have it as a place to go - as he did when a matinee cost \$9 cents.

Occasions such as this "really help the community have faith in itself," Duff said.

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efforts, he added that "squadrons have been flooded with names of volunteers for those needing help with household chores, transportation or maybe just wanting to get involved in a hobby."
"Shelley," a family outreach

Support

manager at the base, said many parents had expressed concern about what to tell their children about the terrorist attacks and the deployment.
"We're telling parents to talk to their kids, to be honest and to admit it when there are no answers," he said.

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Board of Correction selects Beauclair to lead Idaho prison system

BOISE (AP) — Tom Beauclair, acting director of the Idaho Department of Correction since late May, was named director of the agency on Tuesday and vowed to make it "a more friendly environment, a more open department."

Beauclair, 51, was selected unanimously by the three-member Board of Correction, board Chairman Ralph Townsend announced to a standing ovation announced to hundreds of participants at a joint convention of the Idaho Correctional Association and Idaho Juvenile Justice Association.

Eighty-one people applied for the job, and the field was narrowed to three in August. The finalists were Ada County

Sheriff Vaughn Killeen and Dora Schrier, former director of the Missouri Department of Corrections.

Beauclair has overseen the agency's day-to-day operations since being named interim replacement for James Spalding, who resigned in mid-March following disclosures of mismanagement and theft in the correctional industries division.

He previously was administrator of the Division of Field and Community Services, which handles probationers and parolees and oversees the state's five community work centers. Prior to that, the 24-year department veteran was deputy warden at the main state prison south of Boise.

In his new job, Beauclair will supervise more 1,450 employees and oversee seven prisons and five community work centers. Idaho has 5,400 state prison inmates and more than 8,000 probationers and parolees.

Townsend said Beauclair, who has a master's degree in guidance and counseling, was chosen for "his ability to work with people, his high integrity," and the fact that he has extensive experience both with prisons and community corrections programs on which the industry is increasingly relying.

"I think the transition will be easier for him than it would have been for someone outside the department," Townsend said.

He said initial expectations that the board could settle on a new director by the end of July were "perhaps naive." He denied getting any political pressure for a particular candidate, but said the process of evaluating references and consulting with other state agency officials and industry experts nationwide took much longer than he thought it would.

Beauclair, whose first job with the Correction Department was as a correctional officer in 1972, said his first priority would be improving relationships with key groups.

"We need to bolster our credibility externally, both with the media and the Legislature," he said.

And while some degree of confidentiality is necessary in corrections, Beauclair said he would strive to be more forthcoming with "lawmakers" and "more accommodating with the media."

Secrecy in the department contributed to the Spalding's problems. He stepped down after eight years as director upon release of the report on a 22-month investigation by the attorney general's office that found inmates had essentially taken control of the correctional industries program.

The report said they had set up their own inventory tracking system that let them profit by diverting goods. They also intimidated staff and industry drivers to let them visit strip joints,

set up trusts with wives and girlfriends and obtained tobacco, alcohol and drugs and smuggled them back into the prison.

"The report prompted the board to reform the correctional industries program, and Townsend said improvements would continue."

"The department has made a significant change just in the last few months," he said, "and Mr. Beauclair has been a part of that process."

Beauclair said much of the continuing effort would involve changing the culture within the Correction Department, making employees and staff more accountable "in a fair, professional and consistent manner" that also will improve morale.

Prosecutors: Payne made plans to kill

BOISE (AP) — Prosecutors said accused murder suspect Darrell Payne bought handcuffs, camping equipment and night vision goggles before his random arrest on Samantha Maher last year.

During his opening statement at Payne's jury trial on Monday, Deputy Ada County Prosecutor Roger Bourne said Payne bought this equipment to help him evade capture.

But in the opening arguments for the defense, public defender Gus Cahill asked jurors to be careful about listening to the evidence, especially the contention that Payne planned the assault in advance.

Bourne told the jury that police found the .22-caliber pistol used to shoot Maher in the head and two letters in Payne's Oregon hotel room after his arrest.

The letters say Payne had partial memory of raping and killing the girl, Bourne said.

"I have a question for certain: The evidence in this case will be proven beyond a reasonable doubt," Bourne told the jury.

But Cahill said the jury must consider all the facts and understand how to apply the law before making a decision.

"Darrell Payne didn't want Samantha Maher to die that day," Cahill told the jury. "The reality is that we don't know where this happened or how this happened. Keep an open mind until you figure out what happened."

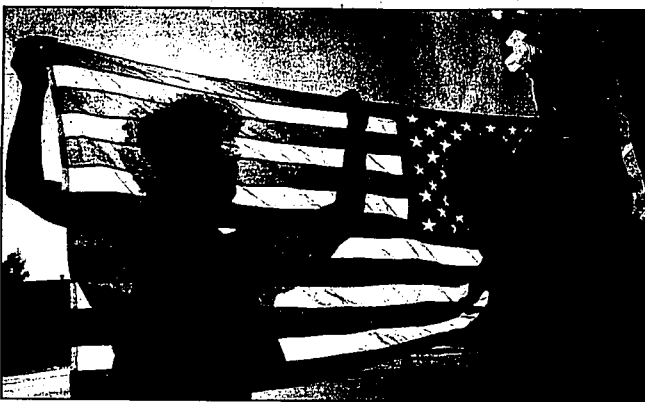
Payne is charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping and robbery in the death of Samantha-Maher, who was abducted July 6, 2000, on her way to class at Boise State University.

He was arrested in a Eugene, Ore., hotel room on July 8, 2000, after he called his wife and told her that Maher's body was on their property, according to previous court testimony.

If convicted of all charges, Payne could face the death penalty.

The trial is expected to continue for at least the next two weeks.

SHRINE SHINES IN IDAHO



JoAnne Rowley of Rowley drapes the American flag around her miniature Statue of Liberty in her business, Furniture City USA. Rowley purchased the statuette about five years ago to display in the store window. Since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the display has become a shrine to those who lost lives and were injured in the attacks. "People have left ribbon, flowers; some come to cry because of what happened on Sept. 11," Rowley said.

Utah city sells 'honorary citizenships' at \$10 to pay anti-U.N. campaign costs

LA VERKIN, Utah (AP) — The City Council has voted to sell \$10 "honorary citizenships" to defray costs from its anti-United Nations campaign.

The largest bills related to the U.N.-free zone ordinance total about \$4,700, and do not include telephone calls, employees' time and faxes, said City Manager Douglas Wilson.

The City Council was presented with the two largest bills at its council meeting last Wednesday. Attorney fees totaled \$3,600 and fees for city spokeswoman Tracie Sullivan amounted to \$1,100.

The expenses were incurred from July 4, when the council first adopted its ordinance declaring the community to be United Nations-free, through the end of August. The city's postage was also approximately \$500 above normal during that period.

Wilson said that after the ordinance was passed, for about four weeks he was busy fielding telephone calls and answering e-mails, taking a majority of his time.

Councilman Al Snow suggested

selling certificates declaring the purchaser to be an honorary citizen of La Verkin.

"This man called me last week from Maryland and inquired about annexing three acres of land he had in Maryland into the city of La Verkin," Snow said. "I told him that wasn't possible but told him maybe we could make him an honorary citizen."

The council agreed with Snow, and voted to sell the certificates for \$10 each.

Snow has no idea how many certificates the city may sell, but he said he has more than 400 people who have requested forms from across the country.

"Quite a few people in La Verkin have requested to be an honorary citizen to show their support for the ordinance," Snow said. "I don't know how much money we will get, but I hope it is enough to pay the expenses. I really don't know what the potential is."

City Council members, blaming the United Nations for environmentalism and other perceived dangers, watered down

their anti-U.N. ordinance in late July to avoid being sued.

The changes were made after Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff and City Attorney Lowry Snow advised them that their original law violated residents' constitutional rights of speech, assembly and equal protection.

The revised ordinance no longer requires residents and businesses working for the United Nations or its supporters to post signs on their property and file reports with the city.

A clause barring the city from contracting or investing with companies with U.N. ties also was deleted.

Instead of banning U.N. flags and symbols from city property, the city now only forbids flying the U.N. flag from the flagpole at City Hall.

The council left intact provisions declaring La Verkin a U.N.-free zone and banning that organization from taxing the city or stationing troops there unless authorized by the state or federal government.

Snowmobiles could remain legal in Yellowstone

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Two of three winter management proposals for Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks would grant skinned a supervisory park ranger, told the Casper Rotary Club on Monday that a supplemental winter use study being done is based on new information being provided by snowmobile manufacturers.

Snowmobile manufacturers sued earlier this year to block a winter use plan that was approved on the final day of the Clinton administration. The supplemental plan being drafted

resulted from a settlement of the lawsuit.

The three latest alternatives include phasing out snowmobiles from Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park over the next couple years, as had been planned before the lawsuit.

Another option would be to allow only cleaner and quieter snowmobiles, but-in-unlimited numbers. The third option would

allow cleaner and quieter snowmobiles in limited numbers every day. Also, groups of snowmobilers would have to follow guides.

The proposals were circulated last week among Wyoming, Idaho and Montana state officials as well as Park Service employees.

Shively said the parks will remain open to snowmobilers this winter and there will be no limits on snowmobile numbers.

One year later, police still search for killer

BOISE (AP) — A year after New York Flight attendant Lynn Henneman was found murdered in the Boise River, police are not any closer to catching the killer and Henneman's parents have little consolation.

"It hurts — it still hurts the same," Henneman's mother, Micki Huisenga, said from her home in Montana. "Sometimes I still think she is going to call, and I know that is not going to happen."

Henneman's father, Ron Huisenga, tries not to dwell on his daughter's death. But, he said, "We want this person caught so he can't do anything like what has happened to Lynn to anyone else."

Henneman, a 38-year-old New York City resident who worked for United Airlines, was spending the night in Boise on a layover on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2000. She went out for dinner alone but never returned to her hotel room. The next day, concerned co-workers called police when she didn't show up for her flight. Her body was found in the Boise River two weeks later.

Detectives continue to check out leads. There were no eyewitnesses, but investigators have searched through more than 600 tips.

Boise Police Detective Dave Smith, the lead investigator in the case, is waiting to hear that a DNA sample of someone, somewhere, matches the sample taken from Henneman.

Smith said investigators have taken about 120 DNA samples from possible suspects. They have compared 89 of them to the sample taken from Henneman's body, but none have matched. The comparison of the remaining DNA samples are expected to be completed by next month.

In addition, the DNA sample taken from Henneman has been placed in a national database with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Anytime someone has a sample taken in connection with a criminal investigation, eventually that sample is checked against the Henneman sample.

"I would love to get that call," Smith said. "I would be tickled pink if I could call Lynn's parents and tell them, there was a match," Smith said.

Accused killer faces 15 years under plea agreement

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Michael A. Williams falls up to 15 years in prison at his Nov. 15 sentencing after pleading guilty to a reduced charge of voluntary manslaughter for a Thanksgiving Day, 2000 slaying at a mobile home park.

Bonneville County Prosecutor Kipp Manwaring said 42-year-old Richard Walker was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time when he was stabbed to death.

Williams, 40, said in court on Monday he had been looking for people outside his home that night when he came upon Walker, who also lived in the mobile home park.

"He just happened to run into this guy," Manwaring said.

Williams was to stand trial in October on a second-degree murder charge. His guilty plea resolves a case that has been in court for almost a year.

Much of the time spent on Williams' case has been used discussing whether he was competent enough to stand trial because of statements he made to investigators about stabbing trees the night of the murder. Also, the former construction worker listed "study for Jesus" as his prospect for employment in court records.

Williams was ruled competent to stand trial in May.

Boise mayor announces bid for another term

BOISE (AP) — Boise Mayor Brent Coles says he wants voters to give him another term to finish what he started in previous years.

Coles made his formal campaign declaration Monday in front of City Hall with his wife and children, business and community leaders on hand.

"We've built the groundwork," said Coles, who has been mayor since 1993. "Now we've got to make it happen, and I need another four years to put it in place."

The city is reinvesting in its neighborhoods, regional planning is under way and Boise has become an ideal community for young people, he said.

"We have a collective vision that I think we agree upon," Coles said.

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Mom awaits unhappy birthday due to late card

DEAR ABBY: I'm going to be 65 soon. Yesterday I got a call from my daughter telling me, "Sorry, I'm going to be late with your birthday card again this year. I don't have time to get one. I'm really busy. We're working on the house, and I got a new job. I'll send you one in a few weeks." My daughter knows how much I love getting cards and being remembered. However, she thinks it's funny when she says, "I got your card, but I can't find a stamp. Maybe you'll receive it sometime next year."

Are there other daughters like mine, or is she the only one? I'd like other daughters and sons to know that when your mother is gone, she's not coming back. Take a little time now, while she's alive, to show her you love her.

Thanks, Abby.

SAD MOTHER IN TEXAS
DEAR SAD MOTHER: Yes, there are other daughters and



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

sons like yours. And you're right, life isn't a dress rehearsal. Every moment is precious.

Knowing how you feel, your daughter appears to have a warped sense of humor and to enjoy withholding what makes you happy. You have described a person who thinks the world revolves around her.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a 15-year-old daughter I'll call Anna. She's a good girl and has a very casual boyfriend, who is also 15. Occasionally they get together at our house to talk. Anna and her dad think she

should be able to visit with her boyfriend upstairs in her bedroom. I feel that even though their relationship is innocent, eventually by Anna will become more interested in boys. Therefore, it's a good idea that all visitors of the opposite sex be entertained in a common living area - like the living room, family room or kitchen. Then, these kids can occasionally be checked on.

Abby, please let me know your opinion.

NOT UPSET YET
DEAR NOT UPSET YET: I agree with you. There is less temptation when everything is out in the open.

DEAR ABBY: With regard to the column you printed about the woman who wore a tongue stud while being interviewed for a job: As a teacher, I talk to classrooms of students about how they dress and what their attire con-

veys to the people who see them. I ask these students: "When you see someone dressed like a policeman, what do you think that person does? When you see someone dressed like a nurse or a doctor, what do you think that person does? If you saw someone walked into a bank with a stocking pulled over his head, what would you think? How about when you see someone wearing a business suit?" etc. Finally, I ask, "What are you trying to say to people when you dress?"

What we wear is a statement to the people around us. How we dress, tattoo, pierce, style our hair and present ourselves is an expression of who we are, and a message to the people we encounter. Do not be defensive if they react to the message you are sending.

DEAR LEA: You make your point very well.

CROSS

1. Use a stiletto
6. Pouchlike telephone
14. Psalmist
15. Ingredient
16. Shallow lake
17. Hog-wild
18. Purchase too much coverage
19. Inconspicuous
20. Forsakes
21. Berry or cherry
22. Baked goods
23. Foot
24. Engine adjunct
25. White peroxide
26. Dodges
27. Group of
28. Skirt part
29. Make over
30. Delavere
31. Detail
32. Peltor, to a
33. Peltor, to a

39. Make ends
40. Wristful
41. Captured GIs
42. Saturated with dry heat
43. Practical
44. Son of Leah
45. Actress Bo
46. White logical
47. Australian
48. gemstone
49. With regret
50. Drawing
51. Gasparrino
52. Balm
53. Husker's pull
54. Skirt part
55. Folders bust

1. Lump of dirt
2. Center of
3. Currier &
4. Earl Swainson's

5. Put on a ruffie
6. Sonnet ending
7. Some quiz answers
8. Lah-o-dah dry heat
9. Speller's test
10. Peltor part
11. French love
12. Kind of book or relief
13. Riffy
14. Pinpoints exactly
15. One of a table
16. Begin anew
17. French love
18. Passenger
19. Decade
20. Prohibition
21. Brief life?
22. Walled down
23. Holiday
24. Forerunner
25. In the heap
26. Deserve
27. Imitated
28. Saturn's wife

37. That man's
38. Wine stopper
39. Bringing up
40. Holiday
41. Colorful grass
42. Images of gods
43. Kalmancu's kingdom
44. Whirlap

47. Touches down
48. William
49. Gibbon's
50. Lisa Obedience
51. Collar or jacket
52. Verne's captain
53. Bridge triumph
54. Ylang
55. Mongrol dog

Today's Puzzle Answer

ACROSS
1. WIFE
2. REAL
3. MARRIAGE
4. AWARE
5. ELIA
6. EPIC
7. FEDERALIST
8. HOME
9. GEM
10. PEARL
11. OCEANIC
12. AREA
13. FIRM
14. TREEB
15. RIFLES
16. SPIRIT
17. END
18. PETAL
19. TRIA
20. ANIP
21. DECOR
22. NAG
23. BIRD
24. ACROSS
25. YULETIDE
26. WIFE
27. REAL
28. MARRIAGE
29. AWARE
30. ELIA
31. EPIC
32. FEDERALIST
33. HOME
34. GEM
35. PEARL
36. OCEANIC
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40. RIFLES
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44. TRIA
45. ANIP
46. DECOR
47. NAG
48. BIRD

DOWN
1. Lump of dirt
2. Center of
3. Currier &
4. Earl Swainson's

Gemini: Today is your day, enjoy it; emphasize writing

IF SEPTEMBER 26TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you seldom do anything halfway, for you fit it all or nothing, especially in connection with romance, love! Capricorn, Cancer persons play major roles in your life, combined with these letters, initials in names: H, Q, Z. Questions concerning partnership, marriage loom large during this cycle. During October social activities accelerate. Plan for party!

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Your efforts will be applauded. Focus on having fun doing what you do best. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play interesting roles. Accent on versatility.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Favorable. Many aspects coincide with long-distance communication and special interest in philosophy, the manic arts. Leo, Scorpio and another Taurus play roles.

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your favor. Accent personality, make special appearances and wear brighter colors. Sagittarian plays dominant role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is your "makeover day." Dress differently-wear hair in new style. You receive compliments; morale zooms upward as result. Scorpio figures prominently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Some of your fondest hopes, wishes could come true. You win friends and influence people. Powers of persuasion are heightened. Elements of timing, luck ride with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll kind of day! Spotlight on Mercury, your "ruling planet." Read and write, emphasis on communication. Fast-moving individual attempts to pull a "fast one."

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Lie low, emphasize diplomacy, willingness to make important concessions to family. High on your agenda will be consideration of where you live, marital status.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Attention revolves around employment, in or out of the home. All is not what it appears on surface. Do not fall victim to self-deception. Fishes represented.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You exude aura of sensuality, sex appeal. Focus on production, promotion and discovering where you belong in connection with career, business. Love plays role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on "protective covering." What appears to be a restriction will ultimately work in your favor. Participate in humanitarian project. Look beyond the immediate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't follow others. Make fresh start, new direction. Older relationships offers advice, unsolicited. Emphasis on original thinking, independence and creativity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Special collection featured - insight on quality. Share creative hobby with Coworker. Question of marriage looms large. Find comfortable living quarters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lunar, cycle high. Circumstances, events turn in

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Relatively few spats lead spouse back home to Mother

Only one wife in every 19 goes home to mother to escape big fight with her matrimonial mate. So reports our Love and War man. He finds the statistic surprising. His files show even the most happily married couples can expect to engage in a serious skirmish about twice a year with lesser quackles every six weeks or so. Relatively few, however, drive the wife back to the parental place.

There's no such Indian as a Blackfoot, tribespeople say. A town so named, yes. And a mountain maybe. And a creek or two. But the Indian and the tribe, singular or plural, is Blackfeet.

When England's King Henry II married Elizabeth of York, that ended the War of the Roses. In commemoration throughout England and Wales at least 400 pubs flourish, all known as the Rose & Crown.

A woman's heart is 20-percent smaller than a man's, typically. Certainly nobody anymore thinks the size of the heart has to do with generosity, although "big-hearted" lingers in the lingo. Lion-hearted as a synonym for courage is a medieval notion long gone, too. Real lions have small hearts.

At Brooklyns, England, in 1911, student pilots drove around the airport in an old rattletrap of a monoplane they nicknamed "The Taxi." The expression spread. Whence, to



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L.M. Boyd

"taxi" a plane.

Q. In those wholes that have teeth, how many teeth do they have?
A. Some two. Some four. Some 36. Some 56.

Q. Why do Americans hold their table forks in the right hand even though the European ancestors of most held their forks in the left?
A. In earlier colonial times,

history records, everybody used the fork with the left hand. However, revolutionaries switched the fork to the right hand, first as a secret signal to one another of their political leanings, eventually as a public proclamation. Those loyal to the King of England found themselves in a curious corner. They had to switch their forks from left to right hand, if they didn't want to be identified as enemies of the revolution.

Q. Where'd we get the word "halo"?
A. Oxen walked in a circle around the old Greek threshers. Their hoofprints made a ring on the floor. Don't recall the Greek word for that, but it gave us

"halo."
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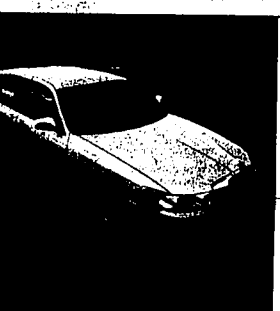


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Recipe was a camp favorite

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

Melodee Bonnes, of Buhl, sent in this recipe that she got from her mother-in-law, Gertrude Bonnes.

"She cooked for the Laurel Pines Christian Camp for many years," Melodee wrote of the woman she called "a sweet mother-in-law."

The recipe, Melodee said, is included in a "cookbook" for the Emmanuel Reformed Church of Paramount, Calif.

STEAK SUPPER

Preparation Time: 10-15 minutes
Cooking Time: 90 minutes
Servings: 4

1 1/2 pounds chuck steak or roast (1-inch thick)

1 (10 3/4 ounce) can golden mushroom soup

1 (1 1/2 ounces) envelope onion soup mix

5 carrots, quartered

2 stalks celery, cut in 2-inch pieces

3 medium potatoes, quartered

2 tablespoons water

Place steak on heavy-duty foil in baking pan. Stir together mushroom soup and soup mix. Spread on steak. Top with carrots, celery and potatoes. Sprinkle water over vegetables. Fold foil over and seal tightly. Bake at 450 for 90 minutes, or until steak is done. Serves 4. This is a meal in itself.

This bean recipe was published in the Baltimore Sun. It's perfect for fall dinners, and a great way to use leftover ham.

BAKED BEANS

1 pound (2 cups) small white navy beans

2 onions, sliced

2 bay leaves

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon pepper

Ham bone and leftover baked ham

2 cups ketchup

2 cups light-brown sugar

1/3 cup vinegar

2 to 3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

1 tablespoon dry mustard

Soak beans, covered, overnight in enough cold water to cover. The next day, drain beans in a colander; rinse under cold water; pour into a 6-quart stockpot. Cover with 5 cups water. Add onions, bay leaves, salt, pepper, ham bone and leftover ham. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 1 hour, or until beans are tender, adding more water as needed. Remove ham bone and bay leaves.

To bake, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Drain beans, reserving liquid. Put beans in a 4-quart baking dish, or Dutch oven. Combine ketchup, brown sugar, vinegar, Worcestershire and mustard; mix well. Pour over beans; stir to combine. Add enough reserved liquid to cover beans. Bake covered, 3 hours. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

NOTE: If you have no leftover ham and have to go out and buy ham and a ham bone, about 1 cup of chopped ham is enough to add smoky meat flavor to the finished beans. For depth of flavor, use a balsamic vinegar or red-wine vinegar. If you remove the top of the baking dish a bit before the end of the cooking time, the beans get a lovely crust around the top edges with sweet, velvety, flavorful beans beneath.

From Shirl Bennett of Twin Falls: "Help! I've lost my recipe for Christmas Pickles. It was made using Red Hot. Does anyone have a copy?"

"Another reader is looking for a beet pickle recipe. This pickle does not have cloves and sugar," the reader wrote. "It is very mild and is vinegar-based - the kind our mother used to make and bottle."

"And Donald Wilson of Wendell is still looking for a green bean recipe. He is growing wide-flat green beans in his garden, and he's especially interested in green beans recipes using garlic. Any ideas? Just send them to me."

Requests for recipe reprints to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 544, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0544. Or by e-mail: denise@timesnews.com. Or by phone: (208) 734-4522 (ext. 243).

Buhl cook knows her dairy products

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Real dairy products - real butter, real cream, cheese - go into Charlotte Stouder's dishes, and her food becomes popular at church potlucks that friends began asking her to make extra to sell.

Two years ago, Stouder started making large batches of cookies, cakes and casseroles and freezing them. Now, when friends need a covered dish for a church supper, they call and order one of Stouder's frozen dishes. The money she makes is donated to the Wendell Presbyterian Church building fund.

"The Wendell Presbyterian Church is in dire need of a larger facility," Stouder explained.

Stouder grew up on a farm in Iowa and learned to cook from her mom, an old-fashioned farm cook who fed threshing crews for years. There was always somebody dropping by for a bite, too, so something was always cooking.

Stouder moved with her parents to California, where she met and married her husband, William, who was a veterinarian for dairies. The Stouders have been associated with dairies since 1965. They packed up the kids and moved to the Wendell area 18 years ago and founded Stouder Holstein Dairy on 450 Barton Road.

Two years ago, the Stouders moved to Buhl, but they still attend church in Wendell. They have three adult sons who are partners in the dairy business and seven grandchildren who are also involved in the family business.

SOUR CREAM COFFEE CAKE

1 cup butter

2 cups sugar

2 eggs

1 cup sour cream

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

Nut mixture:

4 teaspoons cinnamon

4 teaspoons sugar

1 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix together nut mixture ingredients. Cream butter and sugar. Beat eggs. Fold in sour cream and vanilla. Fold in dry ingredients. Place half of the batter in a greased and floured bundt pan. Sprinkle with half of the nut mixture. Spoon in the remaining batter. Sprinkle with the remaining nut mixture. Bake 1 hour.

Charlotte Stouder won the



Charlotte Stouder displays a selection of baked goods she has prepared.

United Dairymen Cookie Contest a few years ago with these treats.
GOLDIE COOKIES
1 1/2 cups sugar

1 cup butter
3 egg yolks
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon salt
Mix everything together. Shape into balls and dip the top of each ball into sugar. Don't

press flat. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 14 minutes.

Deadline approaches for Pillsbury Bake-off

The 40th Pillsbury Bake-off Contest entry deadline is Oct. 15. The contest is offering \$1 million in prizes this year. To receive an entry form, call 1-800-533-1822 by Sunday. Or visit www.bake-off.com. And to get your creative juices flowing, here are two examples of recipes that were selected for the last bake-off.

Michelle Converse Bearns, of Knoxville, Tenn., took a well-loved, familiar idea and created a new version of the sandwich that can be prepared and assembled in 15 minutes or less.

GRANDS TUNA MELTS

2 (6 ounce) cans water-packed tuna, well drained

1/3 cup chopped onion

1/3 cup mayonnaise

1/8 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 (1 1/2 pint) 1/2 ounce can Pillsbury Grands Refrigerated Flat Biscuits (16)

4 ounces (1 cup) Cheddar cheese

Sour cream, if desired

Chopped tomatoes, desired

3 tablespoons desired hot sauce

Heat oven to 350 degrees.



A baked version of tuna melt was a favorite in the Easy Weeknight Meals category.

1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup water
1 1/2 teaspoons instant espresso coffee granules
1 cup Pillsbury Creamy Supreme Chocolate Fudge Frosting (from 16-ounce can)
Whipped cream or Hagen-Dazs Vanilla Ice Cream
Heat oven to 350. Spray 8- or 9-inch square pan with nonstick cooking spray. In large bowl, combine brownie mix and baking powder. Mix well. Add milk, butter, vanilla and chocolate syrup from packet in brownie mix. Mix well. Spread in greased pan. Bring water to a boil in medium saucepan. Add espresso granules. Stir to dissolve. Add frosting. Cook and stir over low heat until melted and smooth. Slowly pour over batter in pan. DO NOT STIR. Bake at 350 for 40 to 45 minutes or until edges are bubbly and cake begins to pull away from sides of pan. Cool 30 minutes. Serve warm or chilled with whipped cream or ice cream. Store in refrigerator.

Jamie Kilar, of Woodbridge, N.J., used convenient baking products to make a pudding cake that's easy to make and even easier to eat.
PEACH NUT FUDGE PUDDING CAKE
(15.8-ounce) package Pillsbury Thick 'n Chewy Double Chocolate Delights
1/2 teaspoon baking powder

Place in medium bowl. Drain tuna, onion, mayonnaise, salt and pepper. Mix well. Spread on half of biscuits. Add tuna mixture, tomatoes and hot sauce. Spread remaining 8 biscuits on top. Top each with sour cream, tomato and lettuce. Makes 8 sandwiches.

FOOD & HOME

Plants need a bath before coming inside

It's fall. A killing frost is just around the corner. My coleus has already registered her disapproval of cool night time temperatures. If your houseplants bring them in now. But first, they'll need a bath.

White flies, aphids, spider mites and mealybugs might have come to visit your houseplants while they enjoyed the sunshine and soft breezes out on your deck. You could use insecticides, but a bath is really all that is needed.

Fill a big bowl with warm water and add a couple of teaspoons of either Palmolive Dishwashing Soap (green) or Amway LDC. Cut a water sponge and wash each leaf and stem, over and under.

Throw out the wash water - into a flower bed. It's completely harmless to plants, and that little bit of soap makes the water "wetter" so it soaks in readily.

Rinse out your bowl with clear water. Rinse water should be a



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

weak tea solution. Let a tea bag sit in clear, warm water for a few minutes - just until it has a little color. The acid in the tea is just enough to rinse off all soap residue, help the leaves close their pores and leave the leaves shiny-clean. Rinse off all plant surfaces just as you washed them. Using the sponge, wipe leaves and stems all over.

If there were any hidden spider mite or aphid eggs, you will have eliminated them with all that washing. Take your plants back inside when they've stopped dripping and enjoy the winter together - pest free.

DEAR CATHY: We want to

move some of our roses and do not know when is a good time. Also, I think one of our roses has gone wild. The shoots that came up this year were long and had no buds at all. What should I do to get this rose back to the hybrid it was designed to be?
-WANDERING ROSE

DEAR WANDERING: I'd wait a month or two to transplant my roses.

Just like anything else that blooms, it would prefer to be dormant before being moved. And you'll have the advantage of being able to cut back the plant when. Easier handling with fewer thorns.

The wild shoots are called "suckers," and they come from under the graft. Dig around in the soil a little until you see the spot where they've sprouted, and cut them off below soil level. Put the soil and mulch back. Your rose will be good as new. Next spring, add Epsom salts to your feeding routine. Magnesium

encourages basal breaks, which is the kind of sprouts you're looking for.
Thanks for writing.

TIP OF THE WEEK: Plant some bulbs for spring color. But do yourself one better: Plant Daylilies for summer color, too. Daylilies are tough perennials that like a lot of sun. They produce stunning blooms and spread nicely, eventually eliminating weeds in their path. Plant daylilies at the same level they were in their pots (look for a dark stain on their stems). Cover with an inch of mulch and keep well watered this fall. Next summer you'll be glad you planted these beautiful flowers to your garden.

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

Book introduces kids to finger foods

By Sara Engram
The Baltimore Sun

Every culture has its favorite finger food. Tricycle Press, the children's book division of Ten Speed Press, is introducing a World Snacks Series to introduce our littlest eaters to bite-sized foods from around the world. First Book of Sushi features colorful

illustrations and rhyming text to inform and charm eaters big and small. A sample: "Miso in my sippy cup, tofu in my bowl. Crab and avocado fill my California roll. I'll take yellowtail hamachi and a red maguro slice. Big fish, yum! I'll take a bite of your futomake has so many grains of rice!" The cardboard book sells for \$6.95.

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Many Americans turn to comfort foods during these trying times

By April Adamson
Philadelphia Daily News

PHILADELPHIA - Tough times call for some serious comfort foods: mashed potatoes with gravy in pools, fried chicken that left a grease trail on the paper plate, ice cream with artery-clogging toppings.

As America reels from the worst national tragedy since World War II, the need for comfort is sending Americans into kitchens to prepare sit-down meals for family or to munch at eateries where they can hunch their cares away.

At Famous 4th Street Cookie Company in Philadelphia, 500 to 1,000 chocolate chip cookies a day are flying off the shelves. At DeLilla's Southern Food stands across the city, black-eyed peas and pecan pie have never been more popular. And Geno's Steaks sent hundreds of cheesesteaks to rescue workers in New York.

Comfort fare is warm, filling, often-homemade - apple pies, potatoes, roasted meats, hearty breads, pasta-laden soups, and desserts. More often than not, it can be traced to the foods Mom used to make.

TRADITIONAL SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN

(2 to 2 1/2-pound) chicken
2 eggs
1 cup milk
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
1 1/2 cups self-rising flour
3 cups lard
Cut the chicken into frying pieces. In a shallow bowl beat the eggs and then stir in the milk, salt, and pepper. Soak the chicken in the milk mixture for 5 to 10 minutes. Roll the chicken in flour, being sure to completely cover each piece. Set aside to dry. In a large cast-iron skillet melt lard over medium heat. When the fat is very hot add the thighs and legs and cook for several minutes. Add the other pieces, being careful not to overcrowd the skillet. Continue cooking until the chicken is golden brown on 1 side (about 5 minutes). Turn and brown on the other side. Reduce the heat to medium low. Cover the pan and cook for 15 minutes. Turn the pieces, cover, and continue to cook for 15 minutes longer. Uncover for the last 5 to 10 minutes so the crust will be crisp. Yield: 4 to 5 servings
-Recipe courtesy Mary Bo Bo's, Nashville, Tenn.

MIDWEST MEATLOAF

2 pounds ground beef
1 small onion, finely chopped
1/2 red bell pepper, chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup fresh bread crumbs
2 eggs, lightly beaten
Salt
Pepper
2 teaspoon chili powder, optional
3/4 cup ketchup or tomato sauce
2 tablespoon mustard
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
4 slices bacon to 350 degrees.
Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and mix well. Gently mound the meat mixture into a metal 9-by-5 loaf pan. Top loaf with 4 strips of bacon. Bake for 1 hour and 10 to 20 minutes. Remove from oven and let sit for 15 minutes before slicing. Yield: 4 servings
-Adapted from a recipe by Cathy Lowe

MASHED POTATOES

2 pounds potatoes, peeled and diced
1/2 stick butter, cubed
1/2 to 3/4 cup heavy cream
Salt and white pepper
Place the potatoes in a pot of salted water and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook the potatoes until fork tender, about 12 to 15 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and drain. Place the potatoes back in the pot and return to the heat. Stir the potatoes, constantly, for 2 to 3 minutes to dry, drain the potatoes. Remove the potatoes from the heat. Add the butter. Using a hand-held masher, mash the butter into the potatoes. Add enough cream until desired smoothness is achieved. The potatoes should still be sort of lumpy. Season the potatoes with salt and pepper. Yield: 6 to 8 servings
-Recipe courtesy Apple Pan, Los Angeles

-Recipe courtesy Emeril Lagasse

APPLE PIE

Crust:
2 1/2 cups sifted flour
1 1/4 teaspoons salt
2/3 cup chilled vegetable shortening
5 tablespoons ice water
Place flour and salt in bowl. Cut in shortening until it resembles coarse meal. Sprinkle ice water over surface (1 tablespoon at a time). Mix lightly until it holds together. Do not over-mix. Cut in half, wrap in plastic and keep in refrigerator until ready to roll.
Filling:
8 cups apples, peeled, cored and cut into eighths
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons flour
2 tablespoons butter, cold
Put apples in large bowl and pour lemon juice over them. In another bowl, mix dry ingredients and add to the apples. Roll out 1 of the dough halves to 1/8-inch thickness. Lay into pie pan with a little overlapping the sides. Put apple mixture into pie shell, mounding higher in the center. Cut cold butter into 1/2-inch cubes and place on top of the apples. Moisten outer edge of bottom crust, place top crust on pie and press down. Preheat oven to 475. When ready to pie in oven, turn temperature down to 450 and bake on lower rack until it starts to brown, about 15 minutes. Turn oven down to 375 and bake approximately 1 to 1 1/4 hours.
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FOOD & HOME

PRESERVING THE HARVEST

Freezing can help with quick meals, store garden goodies

By Kristin Eddy
Chicago Tribune

Much like the North Pole, the refrigerator freezer is a wintry outpost that few people spend time exploring. Some foods make their way into the deepest recesses of the freezer and aren't seen for years. Eventually, a plastic-wrapped parcel, thickly covered with hard frost, is discovered by accident ("What is this? Chicken?") and heads straight for the trash can.

It's not too much to ask that cooks make friends with their freezer, particularly with summer produce almost gone. And let's get serious about making meals ahead. Recipes prepared on the weekend can be parceled into small meals. Company will be even more welcome when a main dish is ready to pop into the oven.

Liquids and sauces expand when frozen, so they should never completely fill their containers—leave a minimum of 1/2 inch of head space.

One way to create an airtight wrap: Place food in a heavy-duty plastic storage bag. Using a straw or your mouth placed at the closing fold, suck as much air as possible from the bag; until the plastic begins to bulge on the sides of the food. You also can seal the bag tightly and snip a small hole in one corner of the bag with scissors, removing the air from there; pinch the hole closed and seal tightly with tape. Machines that will vacuum seal foods are another good method.

Freezing does not kill bacteria, but it stops them from growing. Food should be safely handled before it goes into and after it comes out of the freezer. This means keeping temperatures even, wrapping in airtight containers or bags and thawing foods in the refrigerator, not at room temperature. Frozen food can be thawed outside of a refrigerator if it is kept in its sealed plastic bag and immersed in cold water. The water needs to be refreshed about once every hour.

If the power goes out, leave the freezer door closed unless you are adding bags of ice. If the power has been out more than 24 hours, check each package to see how cold it is. A full freezer

will stay at freezing temperature about 2 days; a half-full freezer about 1 day, according to the USDA. If your freezer is not full, quickly group packages together to form an igloo to protect each other. Place them in a tray; if they begin thawing, the juices won't dirty the freezer.

Food that has partly thawed can be refrozen if it is still cold with intact ice crystals. If it is completely thawed but still cold to the touch, cook or use immediately; refreezing will result in loss of quality.

Freezing slows, but does not stop, the work of enzymes that break down cells in meat and produce. Though freezing prevents food from the dry air in a freezer can alter the color: Red meat turns gray or brown and green vegetables lose some color. Freezing can break down cell walls in foods, making some mushy, others dry. Freezer burn is caused by poor wrapping. The "burned" pieces can be cut away; they do not taint the rest of the product.

Monitor temperature with a freezer-safe thermometer. The temperature should always be kept at 0 degrees or colder. Place food on racks; try not to stack on top of other containers until the item has had a chance to freeze all the way around. Chill foods before placing them in the freezer. Hot or warm items give off steam that will bring the temperature down and lead to erratic freezing.

Toaster waffles are a good idea—and even better when you make and freeze the waffles yourself. These thick waffles are nice with fresh berries.

BELGIAN WAFFLES WITH SPICED MAPLE APPLES OR FRESH BERRIES

Yield: 8 waffles
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 eggs, well beaten
1 cup milk
1 1/2 cups flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
2 teaspoons sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon salt

Whisk together oil, eggs and milk in large bowl. Stir in flour, baking powder, sugar and salt; mix until just blended. Heat waffle iron. Spray with vegetable oil spray or brush with oil. Spoon about 1/2 cup batter (or the amount recommended by the waffle iron manufacturer)

onto hot iron. Spread batter close to edge of grids, using back of spoon. Close lid; bake until waffle is golden brown.

To freeze, allow waffles to cool completely. Place in freezer container or heavy-duty plastic freezer bags, separating each waffle with a sheet of parchment or wax paper. Freeze up to 2 months. To serve, heat frozen waffle in toaster until crisp.

There's nothing that says, "Dig in, folks," like a large pan of rich lasagna. This recipe, from the Chicago Tribune, is loaded with enough great cheeses and juicy meats to make it a generous dish for company.

COMPANY LASAGNA

Yield: 8 servings
White sauce:
1/4 cup each: unsalted butter, flour
1 3/4 cups milk
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
Salt, freshly ground pepper
Lasagna:
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 each, chopped: onion, peeled carrot
1 cup dry red wine
1/2 pound each: ground beef, pork and veal
1/4 pound prosciutto, diced, optional
1/4 cup tomato paste
8 ounces lasagna noodles
3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

1 cup each: shredded fontina, grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons dried Italian herbs
1 can (15 ounces) tomato sauce
For sauce, heat butter in medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Whisk in flour until smooth. Slowly add milk, whisking constantly. Heat to boil, stirring constantly, until sauce is thickened. Add nutmeg, and salt and pepper to taste. Remove from heat; set aside. For lasagna, heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook until golden, about 2 minutes. Add carrot; cook 1 minute. Add wine; cook until reduced by half. Stir in beef, pork, veal and prosciutto; cook, stirring occasionally, until cooked through, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomato paste until combined. Add white sauce to meat mixture; stir to combine.

Remove from heat. Season with salt and pepper; set aside. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Cook lasagna noodles according to package directions. Drain; rinse with Italian herbs in medium bowl. Cover bottom of 13-by-9 inch baking pan with 1/3 of the meat sauce. Top with 1/3 of the noodles and 1/3 of the meat mixture. Repeat the layers of meat sauce, noodles and cheese. Layer remaining meat sauce and noodles. Cover with tomato sauce. Sprinkle on remaining cheese.

To freeze, cover tightly with plastic wrap, then with two layers of heavy-duty foil. Freeze up to 2 months. Defrost overnight in refrigerator. Bake in 350-degree oven until lasagna is bubbly, 50-60 minutes. Or, take lasagna directly from freezer; bake 2 1/2 hours at 350 degrees. Remove from oven; let stand 10 minutes before cutting.

EASY CHOCOLATE CHIP BUTTERSCOTCH BLONDIES

Yield: 16 bars
1 3/4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups packed light brown sugar
1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, melted
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 package (12 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt into medium bowl; set aside. Stir together sugar and butter in large bowl until blended. Add eggs and vanilla; stir until mixture is well combined and smooth.

Add flour mixture; stir just until blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Spoon batter into greased 8-inch square baking pan. Bake until toothpick inserted into center comes out slightly moist, 40 minutes. Cool thoroughly on wire rack. Cut into squares.

To freeze, tightly wrap cooled blondies individually in plastic wrap.

Store in airtight plastic container or heavy-duty plastic freezer bag up to 3 months. To serve, thaw at room temperature.

—Adapted from "Fearless Baking," by Elinor Klivans.

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Frozen foods: How-to and how long?

By Kristin Eddy
Chicago Tribune

Frozen foods remain safe indefinitely, according to the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service. The quality of frozen foods does break down, though. Here are the USDA's suggested maximum freezing times (in months) for 0 degrees:

- Bacon and sausage 12
- Casseroles 12
- Fruit, uncooked or cooked 2-3
- Ham, hot dogs and luncheon meats, cooked 2-3
- Game, uncooked 8-12
- Meat, uncooked ground 3-4
- Meat, cooked 2-3
- Poultry, uncooked whole 12
- Poultry, uncooked parts 9
- Poultry, cooked 3-4
- Hot, uncooked 9
- Steaks and chops, uncooked 4-6
- Spuds and stews 2-3
- Vegetables, cooked 2-3

Freezing fruits and vegetables results in some loss of quality, but they will be fine in pies, casseroles, soups and smoothies. Freeze produce in freezer containers or bags. For more tips from "The Best Freezer Cookbook," by Annalynne FRUIT

Many fruits need to be packed in cold syrup. Dissolve sugar in 1/2 cup water; allow to cool before adding fruit.
Blueberries: Do not wash. Freeze on wax paper-lined trays; once frozen, store in freezer bags.
Cherries (sour): Choose firm, ripe cherries. Wash, stem, pit. Pack in sugar, using 1 cup sugar to 4 cups fruit.
Cherries (sweet): Choose firm, ripe cherries; preferably black varieties. Wash, stem and pit. Pack in sugar, using 1/2 cup sugar to 4 cups fruit.
Peaches: Wash and detach pits. Wash and stem; place in freezer bags.
Chico beans, store in freezer bags.
Melon: Choose fully-ripened, well-colored melons. Wash, stem, remove seeds and pit.

Pack in cold syrup, dissolving 1 cup sugar to 2 1/2 cups water.

Peas: Not recommended for freezing.
Peaches: Choose firm, ripe peaches with no green color. Peel, pit and slice. Pack in cold syrup, 2 cups sugar to 3 cups water. Or pack in sugar, 2/3 cup sugar to 4 cups fruit.

Plums: Choose firm, mature fruit. Wash, halve and pit. Pack in cold syrup, 2 cups sugar to 3 cups water. Or pack in sugar, 3/4 cup sugar to 4 cups fruit.

Spinach: Choose firm, mature leaves. Wash, trim and cut into 1-inch lengths. Freeze on wax paper-lined trays; once frozen, store in freezer bags.

Rhubarb: Choose tender, well-colored stalks. Wash, trim and cut into 1-inch lengths. Freeze on wax paper-lined trays; once frozen, store in freezer bags.

Strawberries: Choose firm, fully ripe, red berries. Wash in cold water (do not soak); hull and slice (slicing improves texture and flavor). Freeze on wax paper-lined trays; once frozen, store in freezer bags.

Chill quickly in cold water. Drain. Cut kernels from cob. Freeze at once.
Herbs: Freeze on trays; pack in freezer bags. Do not blanch.
Peppers: Select firm peppers. Wash, stem, halve or slice and seed. Freeze.
Summer squash: Select young squash with small seeds and tender skin. Wash, drain, slice. Freeze.
Tomatoes: Select fully ripened fruit. Cut a small X in the bottom of the tomato. Plunge into boiling water for 10 seconds. Peel and core. Freeze.

Vegetables benefit when blanched before freezing. Cook in boiling water 30 seconds to 1 minute; drain well. Freeze on wax paper-lined trays; once frozen, store in freezer bags.

Asparagus: Choose young, tender stalks with compact tips. Wash thoroughly in cold water. Blanch small stalks 2 minutes; medium, 3 minutes; large, 4 minutes. Drain, chill quickly in cold water. Drain. Package spears alternating tip and stem ends. Freeze.

Corn: Remove husk and silk. Cook 4 minutes in boiling water.

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FOOD & HOME

Old water heaters bear replacing

DEAR JIM: Our old electric water heater does not leak yet, but we run out of hot water for morning showers. Would a new water heater help and does it make economic sense to get a new one before the old one leaks?

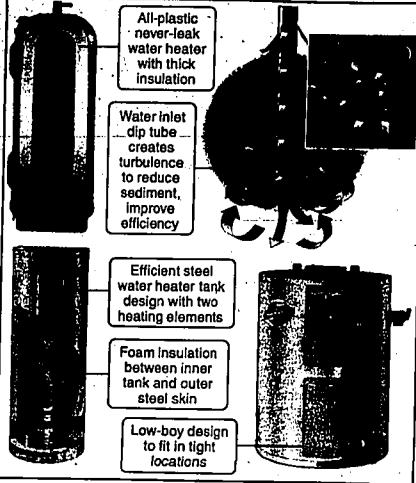
-TOM F.
DEAR TOM: It is often wise to replace an old (at least 10-year-old) water heater with a new super-efficient model. With new designs and better tank insulation, installing a slightly larger model to satisfy all your morning hot water needs will still cut your utility bills.

Older electric water heaters cost more to operate than most people realize. For a typical family of four, replacing an old model at a 0.80 EF (energy factor) with a new one at a 0.94 EF, saves about \$100 per year. During its life, this compounds to more than \$1,000.

Some of the most efficient models also use a "never-leak" design with lifetime warranties. These models have a spherical top, instead of the typical flat top, to provide extra-thick insulation where the water is the hottest.

Never-leak water heaters use all plastic and composite materials so there is no steel-to-rust near the water. The inner tank, made of tough, stable polybutylene, is wrapped with multiple layers of wound fiberglass for strength.

This inner assembly is then encapsulated in thick rigid foam insulation. The exterior shell is made of tough polyethylene plastic that resists dents and scratches.



New efficient electric water heaters never rust. As no anode rod is needed, so it does not create a water odor problem. Some water heaters now include furnace-type setback clock thermostats that can use up to 15 percent less electricity. Others have new efficient electric controls with four settings: normal, scald-resistant, energy-saver, and vacation/cabin. The normal setting allows for the water temperature. To protect children and the elderly, the scald-resistant setting automatically adjusts the temperature. The energy-saver setting monitors your hot water usage patterns and modifies the heating cycles for the lowest utility bills. The vacation/cabin setting lowers the water temperature to 50 degrees to prevent freezing. If space is limited and you cannot install a larger model, some new high-quality models offer 5,500-watt (3,800 or 4,500 watts is typical) heating elements. These powerful 5,500-watt elements provide more hot water quickly. Most steel water heaters have a thin inner glass lining to stop corrosion. Another effective design uses a one-half-inch thick stone lining to extend the tank life. The stone also adds a little more insulation value. Especially in hard water areas, select a model with larger, hand-size sediment clean-out access holes. There are also special dip tube designs that swirl the incoming cold water to keep sediment from building up.

SENSIBLE HOME James Duley

Write for Update Bulletin No. 568 - buyer's guide of 12 manufacturers (55 models) of Super-efficient and never-leak electric water heaters listing water outputs, EF's, warranties, features and a savings/payback chart. Please include \$3 and business-size SASE. Write to James Duley, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Save your furniture from fading

By Ken Shenkopf
 The Orlando Sentinel

QUESTION: We just bought a home where the carpets are heavily faded. We think it is from the sun coming in through a big picture window. We want to be sure this won't happen when we buy new carpeting. Any ideas?

ANSWER: To put it simply, the more exposure materials have to the sun, the worse the problem of fading will be.

Furniture, drapes, art objects, photographs and carpeting are especially affected by sunlight. You may not notice the subtle changes over time, but if you take a close look at furniture or other materials that have been in place in your home for a while, odds are good you will see faded colors. Some materials even suffer from weakened components and a deterioration of stability in their structure. The bigger the windows, the more direct sunlight and the bigger the problem.

The best way to minimize fading - which also happens to be the most expensive way to fix it - is to install insulated windows, special coatings on the windows or operable window shades.

Window glass does a good job of absorbing the ultraviolet light before it gets into the house, but even the small amount that gets through can be damaging. Materials such as cotton velvet, nylon solid, cotton double stitch and nylon print fabrics are more prone to damage. Rayon velvet, on the other hand, is durable in terms of strength and versatility, though its color is affected. Other materials have varying degrees of durability and color fading.

To answer your question, let me suggest that you carefully select carpets and fabrics for your home based on the intended use. If appearance is the most important thing, choose a fabric that will hold its color better. If you are buying a chair that needs durability, forget about color problems and get the material that will stay strong. And obviously, don't put valuable artwork or delicate furnishings directly in front of a big window or under a skylight.

Crescent brings outdoors in

Standing in the Crescent's living room, you almost feel like you're outside. This bright octagonal space has windows on five sides. If constructed in a scenic setting, the room offers a panoramic vista. On the other hand, because the Crescent is only 50 feet wide, it fits on a standard city lot as well.

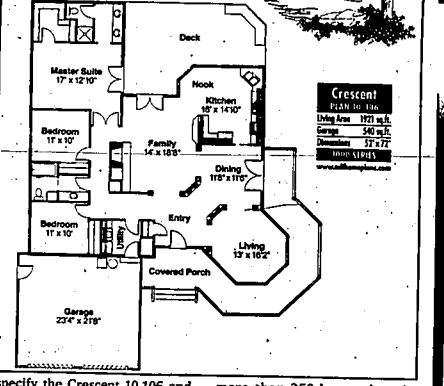
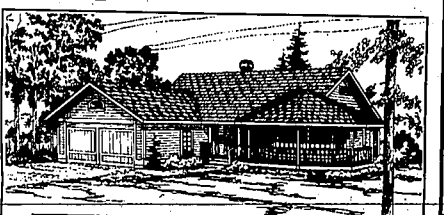
The covered porch creates a festive impression as it wraps around the octagonal living room. The bright entry has a coat closet and sidelights that frame the front door. Columns define the boundaries of the living room, family room and dining room without sacrificing the feeling of openness. But not all of the spaces between the columns are open.

Shelves for displaying family mementos and objets d'art create visual separation between the formal living room and informal family room. A pocket door allows the kitchen to be closed off.

A large, open family room is at the core of this plan. You can get there directly from almost every room in the house. The family room has an eating bar, fireplace and wood box.

Amenities in the master suite include a large walk-in closet and a private bathroom with double vanity, enclosed shower and toilet.

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McCormick's adds five new herbs and spices

By Sara Engram
 The Baltimore Sun

Flavors that once were relegated to ethnic categories have moved onto mainstream menus, creating a taste for expanded herb and spice selections. To meet the

Do-ahead skewers are an easy main dish

By Susan Selinsky
 Detroit Free Press

Petronilla (Nell) Benedict of Lathrup Village, Mich., developed this recipe years ago. For more than 30 years, she and author and instructor has been sharing her cooking knowledge. Her cookbook "Italian Recipes from Nell's Cucina" features recipes from her Sicilian heritage.

- SPIEDINI DI TACCHINO (SKEWERED TURKEY)**
- 18 turkey breast cutlets, about 1/8-inch thick
 - 2 cups (or more if needed) Italian-seasoned bread crumbs
 - 23 eggs, beaten with 2 tablespoons of any cooking oil
 - 18 slices prosciutto, sliced very thin and cut into halves
 - 6 metal or wooden skewers, 68 inches long
 - 4 to 6 tablespoons olive oil
 - 4 to 6 cloves garlic, peeled and cut in half
 - 1/2 cup dry marsala wine or dry sherry cup
 - 1/2 cup chicken broth
 - Dry turkey cutlets with

paper toweling. Place the seasoned bread crumbs in a pie plate. In another pie plate or shallow dish pour the egg mixture. Dip the cutlets into the egg mixture then into the bread crumbs. Place 2 halves of prosciutto on each cutlet and roll up into a cylinder. Slide 3 rolls onto each skewer. Lay side-by-side on a platter and refrigerate 30 minutes or longer to allow the breading to adhere. In a large skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and saute until soft and fragrant. Remove the garlic and discard. Working in batches, add the turkey skewers to the skillet and saute until golden on all sides. Transfer to a platter. If not skewering the turkey, place the rolls in the skillet and saute until golden on all sides, then saute to a platter. Add the wine to the skillet and boil briskly until the flavorful bits clinging to the bottom loosen. Add the chicken broth and the turkey rolls. Bring to a boil, cover tightly, reduce the heat and simmer about 15 minutes. Makes 6 servings (3 rolls per serving).

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Recipes make the most of berries

Bring the steak house home

I was in Idaho City recently with a bunch of friends. Following chamber of commerce maps, we hiked the walking tour of historical sights and antique shops while munching on apples from trees growing wild throughout the town.

One stop involved the whole end of the block. It seemed transported from another world. Yard and house were indistinguishable from each other. Pools, appliances, furniture, dishes, dolls, clothes, bedding, jewelry, figurines, bric-a-brac, books, documents, boxes, baskets, photographs and paintings were piled to the ceiling.

Tunnels led from one room to the next through the array of precious finds. It was an antique hunter's heaven.

The weather was starting to kick up by late afternoon when we got to the cemetery on the hill. Thunder rumbling in the distance added an ominous significance to the place. Although the cemetery is still in-use today, most of the inscriptions on the grave markers offered glimpses into the history of the people who lived in the mining town in the mid-to-late 1800s.

Chokecherry, elderberry and serviceberry bushes, all on the verge of being ripe, grew scattered throughout the cemetery. Coincidentally, I had purchased a copy of "Rocky Mountain Wild Foods Cookbook" by Darcy Williamson the day before in Boise, to get into the pioneer spirit.

I'm passing along a few recipes from that book, perfect for folks who might go into the hills this time of year to pick chokecherries and elderberries.

To get the juice from the fruit, put the fruit into a kettle, add enough water to keep the fruit from burning, heat slowly, then bring to a boil. Open and drupe a juice bag or clean pillowcase over a colander and set it in the sink. Pour the juice - pulp and all - into the bag. Then mash and squeeze the juice out of the pulp into a second clean pillowcase. Wash and empty the bowl as needed. Sometimes I work on juicing a bunch of cherries for several hours as I go about my other chores. This process works for berries and grapes, too. You don't have to deal with the pits. I freeze the excess juice for use later.



VALLEY COOK
Dixie Thomas Reale

Mix pectin with juices and bring to a boil over high heat. Add sugar and boil hard for 1 minute. Remove from heat and pour into sterilized jars. Adjust lids and seal in a boiling water bath for 7 minutes.

ELDERBERRY ANGEL PIE
4 egg whites
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 cup sugar
6 egg yolks
2/3 cup sugar
Dash salt
1/2 cup elderberry juice
1 1/2 tablespoons freshly grated lemon rind
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
Heat a 9-inch pie plate slightly

in a 300-degree oven, then grease lightly with vegetable oil. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Add cream of tartar and beat until uniform bubbles begin to form. Then gradually add sugar and beat until mixture stands in peaks. Spread evenly in pan. Set in pre-heated 300-degree oven and bake for 1 hour. Turn off the oven and leave the door slightly ajar until the meringue shell is completely cooled.

Beat egg yolks slightly in top of double boiler. Add sugar, salt, elderberry juice and lemon rind. Place over slowly boiling water and cook until thick. Remove from heat and chill. Whip cream until stiff. Spread half of the whipped cream on the meringue shell, leaving a margin of about 1 inch. Spread filling on the cream and top with the remaining whipped cream. Chill pie overnight.

CHOKECHERRY CANDY
3 1/2 tablespoons unflavored gelatin
1/2 cup cold chokecherry juice
1 cup boiling chokecherry juice
2 cups sugar
Extra granulated sugar
Soften gelatin in 1/2 cup cold juice. Combine 1 cup boiling juice with sugar and stir until dissolved. Boil slowly for 15 minutes. Skim foam. Beat on high heat. Pour into chilled 8-inch square pan. Let stand at room temperature for 12 hours. Invert on board which has been sprinkled with granulated sugar. Cut into squares. Roll each in granulated sugar.

CHOKECHERRY SAUCE FOR WILD FOWL
2 cups chokecherry juice
1 cup port wine, (can use dark grape juice)
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 cup currant jelly
1 teaspoon arrowroot (can use cornstarch)
Combine juice, wine, cloves and ginger. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Add the jelly and mix well. Add the arrowroot and stir until thickened. Serve with pheasant, duck, grouse or goose.

ELDERBERRY JELLY
3 cups elderberry juice
1/4 cup lemon juice
4 cups sugar
1 package powdered pectin
Place elderberry juice in a saucepan and add lemon juice.

ELDERBERRY TAPIOCA
Serves 4
2 cups water
1/2 cup quick-cooking tapioca
3/4 cup sugar
3 cups elderberry juice
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
Whisking
Boil 2 cups water in the top of double boiler over direct heat. Combine sugar and tapioca, then gradually stir into the boiling water. Return to boil, then place over rapidly boiling water in bottom of double boiler. Cook and stir 5 minutes. Stir in elderberry juice and lemon juice. Cook a few minutes longer. Remove from heat, pour into serving bowl and chill. Serve with whipped cream.

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

Family Features

Juicy, flavorful steaks have made steak house restaurants an American favorite. Now, you can recreate those same savory steaks at home with these easy recipes.

STRIP STEAK WITH BACON AND MUSHROOM SAUCE
5 slices bacon, cut into 1/4-inch pieces
3 cups sliced mushrooms
3/4 cup A.I. Smoky Mesquite or Original Steak Sauce
1/4 cup dry sherry or water
1 teaspoon brown sugar
4 Omaha Steaks Boneless Strip Steaks (10 ounces each)

Cook bacon in skillet until crisp. Remove bacon from skillet; pour off all but 2 tablespoons drippings from skillet. Add mushrooms to reserved drippings in skillet; cook and stir 5 minutes or until mushrooms are tender. Return bacon to skillet. Add steak sauce, sherry and brown sugar; bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Keep warm. Place steaks on grill over medium coals or on rack of broiling pan. Grill or broil 4 to 6 minutes on each side or until internal temperature reaches 140 to 150 degrees F for medium. Serve with mushroom sauce. Makes 4 servings.

NOTE: Brush steaks with additional 1/4 cup steak sauce before grilling or broiling.

SWEET POTATO STEAK FRIES
Sweet Potato Steak Fries
4 medium unpeeled sweet potatoes (yams), scrubbed clean
1/4 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
Salt to taste

Cut sweet potatoes into 1/2-inch-thick lengthwise strips; place in large bowl. Add olive oil; toss to coat. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees F for 15 minutes; turn over. Bake an additional 15 minutes or until tender and golden brown. Sprinkle with parsley and salt. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

NOTE: You may substitute 1 teaspoon dried oregano, basil or thyme leaves for fresh parsley.

TWICE-BAKED PRALINE SWEET POTATOES
4 medium unpeeled sweet potatoes (yams), scrubbed clean
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, divided
5 tablespoons margarine, divided
1/4 cup fat free milk
2 teaspoons vanilla, divided
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup chopped pecans

Bake potatoes on baking sheet at 400 degrees F for 1 hour or until tender. Cut thin slice off top of each potato. Scoop pulp into medium bowl, leaving 1/4-inch-



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Do steak right, with Strip Steak With Bacon and Mushroom Sauce, Sweet Potato Steak Fries and Sweet Potato Cheesecake.

thick shells; mash pulp. Add granulated sugar, 1/4 tsp. of the cinnamon, 2 tablespoons of the margarine, milk and 1 teaspoon of the vanilla to pulp, mix well. Spoon mixture evenly into potato shells. Place on cookie sheet. Melt remaining 3 tablespoons margarine. Mix with flour, brown sugar, pecans, remaining 1 tsp. vanilla and remaining 1/4 tsp. cin-

namon. Sprinkle evenly over potatoes. Bake at 350 degrees F for 15 minutes or until potatoes are thoroughly heated and topping is lightly browned. Makes 4 servings.

NOTE: To make ahead, double all ingredients. Stuff potato shells as directed; do not sprinkle with pecan topping. Place in zipper-style plastic bags; freeze. Thaw in refrigerator when ready to serve. Sprinkle with pecan topping and bake as directed.

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SWEET POTATO CHEESECAKE

1 cup graham cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
2 tablespoons margarine, melted
2 packages (8 ounces each) 1/3 less fat cream cheese, softened
1 cup plain nonfat yogurt
1 can (15 ounces) sweet potatoes (yams), drained and mashed
or 1 cup fresh sweet potatoes, peeled, cooked and mashed
1 1/3 cups packed dark brown sugar

1 large egg
1 egg white
2 teaspoons vanilla
Mix crumbs, granulated sugar, cinnamon, allspice and margarine; press onto bottom and up sides of 9-inch springform pan. Mix cream cheese and yogurt with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add sweet potatoes and brown sugar; mix well. Add egg and egg white; beat on low speed after each addition. Blend in vanilla. Pour into crust. Place on middle rack in oven. Bake at 350 degrees F for 45 to 50 minutes or until center is almost set. Run knife around rim of pan to loosen cheesecake; cool before removing rim of pan. Refrigerate 2 hours or until chilled. Makes 10 to 12 servings.


NOTE: To prepare ahead, bake cheesecake as directed; cool completely. Wrap tightly with foil. Freeze until ready to serve. Thaw in refrigerator.

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FOOD & HOME

Actress puts Sunset Strip home up for sale

By Ruth Ryan
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Actress Alexandra Wentworth, fiancée of ABC political commentator and former White House aide George Stephanopoulos, has listed her Sunset Strip-area home at \$1.75 million.

"I'm selling the house and moving to New York because I'm getting married," Wentworth said. The wedding is scheduled for Nov. 20.

Wentworth, 35, has owned her home for almost two years. She renovated the house, built in the '80s.

"I don't want to sell it, but it's too big to be a pied-terre," she said. "The upkeep would be too high." The couple already purchased a three-bedroom home in the Gramercy Park area of New York City. The home has four bedrooms and four and a quarter baths in slightly more than 4,000 square feet. The master suite has a sitting room and city views. The Mediterranean-style home also has a pool, spa and guest house.

Wentworth co-stars with Whoopi Goldberg in the TNT movie "Call Me Claus," due in December and was in the

Hot property

movie "Jerry Maguire." She met Stephanopoulos in early April. It will be a first marriage for both.

Her mother was a White House social secretary during the Reagan administration; her stepfather was an editor of the *Sunday London Times*; and her father was a reporter for the *Washington Post*.

Stephanopoulos, 40, was considered Washington's most eligible bachelor for almost a decade. He is a former aide to President Clinton.

'Any Day Now' star becomes a first-time homeowner

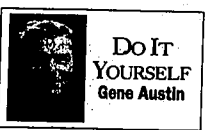
Olivia Hack, who stars on Lifetime's "Any Day Now" as the young Mary Elizabeth or M.E. (Anne Port's character) in flashbacks, has become a first-time home buyer with her purchase of a Burbank house for \$300,000.

Hack, 18, starred as Cindy Brady in "The Brady Bunch Movie" and "A Very Brady Sequel."

The two-bedroom, two-bath home has a rose garden, brick walkway, gazebo-covered spa, pond and white picket fence.

Low-emissivity coatings cut energy costs

QUESTION: I plan to have insulated replacement windows, with two panes of glass and vinyl frames, installed on my house to replace old, single-pane windows. Are windows with just double glazing adequate, or should I get the extra-cost features of low-e coatings on the glass and argon gas between the layers of glass?



Do It YOURSELF
Gene Austin

ANSWER: Low-e (low-emissivity) coatings and argon gas generally add 10 percent to 15 percent to the cost of insulated replacement windows, but they can significantly cut energy costs for heating and air-conditioning. The low-e coatings, which are virtually invisible, and the inert argon gas reduce heat flow through the glass, thereby helping to keep out the sun's heat in summer and reduce heat loss from inside the house in winter.

low-e coatings alone at 30 percent to 50 percent.

There is also an excellent in-depth article on this subject in the October 2001 issue of *Consumer Reports* magazine, which is available at some public libraries. A computer program was used to test the performance of replacement windows, with and without low-e and argon gas, in various climate areas. Replacement windows with low-e and argon yielded the biggest savings in the North — about 12 percent annually.

Replacement windows can take many years to pay for through energy savings, even

though the savings are significant. But these windows have other advantages that make them a worthwhile home improvement. Most replacement windows don't require no painting, have clean sashes that are easy to clean, and can significantly reduce penetration of outside noise into a home. All these assets make me a big fan of replacement windows.

QUESTION: I have warm-air heat and central air-conditioning. Two of the ducts in my basement get so much condensation that it drips on the floor. How can I stop this?

ANSWER: Ducts or pipes that carry cold water or air frequently cause wet vapor or condense on their surfaces. There are two approaches to stop the condensation: Insulate the pipes or run a dehumidifier in the area. Larger ducts such as yours can be insu-

lated by wrapping them with fiberglass wall insulation. The insulation should have a vapor barrier or facing attached to it; preferably foil. Cut strips of insulation to fit around the pipes, with the vapor barrier on the outside. Hold the insulation in place with strong cord or thin wire. Tape joints with high-quality duct tape or packaging tape.

Small-diameter water pipes can be insulated with tubes of foam insulation, sold at most home centers. The tubes have a seam that can be pulled open so the insulation can be slipped over the pipes.

Readers' questions and comments are welcome and should be sent to Gene Austin, the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Box 864, Blue Bell, Pa. 19422. Send e-mail to geneaustin@phillynews.com. Questions cannot be answered personally.

Poor Man's Pie elicits most affectionate response

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

Poor Man's Pie is a slice of Americana. Beverly Brady of Brentwood, N.J., asked for help in finding the recipe. Pilar Busch emailed this recipe, also known as Indiana Sugar Pie, from Adams' "Heartland: The Best of the Old and the New from Midwest Kitchens." Adams wrote that "of all the recipes in my first cookbook, the one that elicited the most affectionate response was the brown sugar pie, which is an old Pennsylvania Dutch favorite."

- POOR MAN'S PIE**
- Pastry for 9-inch pie
 - 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 2 tablespoons cold butter
 - 1 cup sugar
 - Pinch of salt
 - 1 cup heavy (whipping) cream

1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Grated nutmeg

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Roll pie dough out on a floured surface and place in pie pan, trimming and crimping edges. Set aside. Blend the flour, butter, sugar and salt in a food processor until well-combined and smooth, about 5 seconds. Pour into the pie shell. Add the cream and mix gently with your fingers, being careful not to break through the bottom crust. (This may seem too long, but it's necessary.) When done, the center of the pie will be bubbly and still a little wiggly. Cool completely before cutting.

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Q. As the colder weather is approaching, I've been looking at starting an herb garden in the home. A: They are such cheerful and fragrant additions to the kitchen window or any window in your home. You can use many different kinds of pots such as strawberry jars, buckets, clay pots, or even hang some planted in a wire basket lined with sheet moss in your kitchen window. Remember to clip your herbs to keep them compact.

Q. People will be using alternative heat throughout the winter, remind us of safety!
A: According to many safety experts, most home fires are human error:

- Remember to clean chimneys in fireplaces and woodstoves regularly
- Don't place things too close to space and portable heat
- READ manufacturers' instructions about heating equipment
- Take care with your candles - make sure they are in sturdy, non-flammable holders.

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By Linda Gassenheimer
Knight Ridder News Service

Tandoori Chicken, with its delicate blend of spices and intriguing aroma, is one of my favorite Indian dishes. One characteristic of this dish is that it is cooked in a special tandoor oven in most restaurants. Another important characteristic is the ginger, garlic, coriander and cayenne yogurt sauce in which the chicken is marinated and cooked.

For this dinner, I use an easy yogurt sauce. Although not made in a special oven, the meal is my requirement for some great Indian food, mid-week.

All of the spices can all be found in the spice section of the supermarket. The meal contains 695 calories per serving with 14 percent of calories from fat.

INDIAN SPICED CHICKEN

- 3/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 cup non-fat plain yogurt, drained
- 1/4 cup loosely packed fresh mint leaves plus 2 tablespoons, chopped
- 1/2 inch fresh ginger, peeled and chopped (1 tablespoon)
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- Pinch cayenne
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons margarine or butter

- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 medium cloves garlic, crushed

Remove fat from chicken and make 3 or 4 long slits in meat to allow marinade to penetrate. Mix yogurt, 1/4 cup chopped mint, ginger, coriander, cayenne and sugar to make marinade. Divide marinade, reserving half in a separate bowl. Add chicken to half the marinade and let marinate 10 minutes, turning once during this time. Heat margarine on medium high in a non-stick skillet just large enough to hold chicken. Remove chicken from marinade and discard marinade. Add onion, garlic and chicken to the skillet. Brown chicken 3 minutes. Turn and brown 2 minutes. Lower heat to medium. Spoon reserved half marinade over chicken, cover and cook 5 minutes. Sprinkle with remaining 2 tablespoons chopped mint and serve. Makes 2 servings. Serve with Rice and Spinach Pilaf.

- Rice and Spinach Pilaf:
- 1 teaspoon margarine or butter

- 1/2 cup sliced onion
- 5 ounces fresh spinach (about 5 cups)
- 1/2 cup Basmati rice
- 1 cup fat-free, low-salt chicken broth
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Heat margarine in a medium-size nonstick skillet on medium high. Add onion and spinach. Saute 2 minutes. Add rice and saute 1 minute. Add broth, raisins and cumin. When liquid comes to a simmer, lower heat to medium, cover and simmer 15 minutes. Remove from heat, add salt and pepper to taste and serve. Makes 2 servings.

By Steve Petusevsky
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

As the weather cools, my friends host get-togethers just for the fun of it. I like to bring a dish. One standby is a simple eggplant dish, which is sort of a salad but can double as a chunky dip. I developed this recipe by combining elements of a number of my favorite eggplant dishes.

Eggplant is so adaptable. It is one of the most beautiful vegetables with its glossy purple

skin. When you shop for eggplants, look for smooth-skinned ones without bruises or wrinkles. Usually, smaller, thinner eggplants are less mature than big, fat ones so they have fewer seeds. Large tan areas or scars indicate age and mishandling.

Eggplants are low in calories and quite filling. They don't offer much in the way of nutrition, but they have a "meaty" texture great for vegetarian meals.

I call this recipe Steve's

Global Eggplant Spread because it has a multi-ethnic origin. If you have a grill, cook the eggplant halves over medium heat until softened. This will give the spread a smoky flavor. If not, cook the eggplant halves in the oven following the recipe directions.

STEVE'S GLOBAL EGGPLANT SPREAD

- 1 large or 2 medium eggplants
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 roasted red peppers from a

- can, drained and chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 medium red onion, minced
- 1/2 cup minced parsley
- 1/4 cup minced cilantro
- 1/2 jalapeno pepper, minced
- Juice of 1 lemon

If cooking eggplant in oven, preheat to 400 degrees. If using grill, preheat to medium hot. Cut eggplant(s) in half lengthwise and sprinkle with kosher salt. Allow to sit on a plate or in a colander 20 minutes. Rinse with cold water and pat dry. Place unpeeled eggplant halves

on grill or in roasting pan in oven 35 minutes until tender when pierced with a knife. Cool eggplant halves 10 minutes. Meanwhile, place the olive oil, peppers, garlic, red onions, parsley, cilantro, jalapeno, and lemon juice in a large nonreactive mixing bowl. Scoop the cooked eggplant from its skin into the bowl; discard skin. Mix with a fork or wire whisk until well combined. Season with salt. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

Makes 4 servings.

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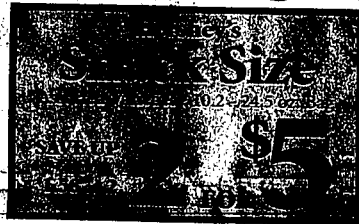
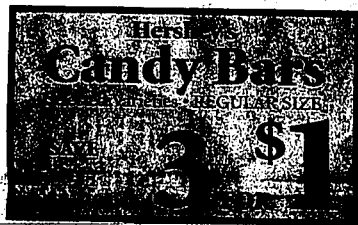
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Section D

Putting it all on the line

Wanted: Young men to labor in relative anonymity, while others get most of the praise for the job you've made possible. Newspapers won't write about you, television cameras won't be trained your way and precious few outsiders will appreciate a job well done. But if you should slip up even once, criticism will find you quickly.

Interested? Here's four who are. Declo's Beau Cahoon, Wood River's Jeff Bolton, Minico's Luke Bair and Buhl's Russell Wiersma are some of the area's best linemen and no, it is not a coincidence that none of them play for teams that are below .500.

"There's not really anything fun about it," Wiersma said of manning the line. "You get yelled at the most and get none of the glory."

So what makes it worthwhile? Why not go out for chess club? "I get to hit every play," Bolton said. "I like run blocking, because that's when I get to pull and pancake people."

"Getting to hit somebody," Cahoon said. "You get to hit people," Bair said.

"You get to mow them over," said Wiersma, who at 6-foot-3 and 215 pounds is the "little guy" of the bunch. "They don't ever expect it. I just hit them in the teeth once and then they respect you."

So, there it is. That's the perk of the job-tension release. Not that they don't fantasize about more.

"One thing I'd like to do is to score a touchdown," Wiersma said. "I just want to do that once. Like, on a fumble return or something. Or maybe if I get quicker, my coach will give me the ball. That would be kinda fun."

So how did they ever choose to play on the line in the first place?

"My size," said Bair, who is listed at 6-5 and 270 pounds. "Because of my size," said the 6-4, 280-pound Bolton.

"I'm big," said Wiersma. "Probably because of my size," said Cahoon, who is 6-5 and 280 pounds. "Also, when I was in the seventh grade and went out for football, I wasn't that good and I couldn't throw."

In other words: the position chose them. And while most of us would rather be set afire than offer up our weights, theirs are listed on the programs every week as almost badges of honor.

"I'm proud of it," Bair said. "I'm not fat, it took me awhile to get that. A lot of work."

"I like being big," Bolton said. "Everybody is always talking about you and kinda scared of you. It's cool being the biggest on the field."

But what happens when these giants match up?

"Ask Beau, who I am," Wiersma said. "That'll probably make him mad."

"He's this kid from Buhl who beat me in wrestling last year," Cahoon said. "I wanna go and kick their quarterback's butt and kick Russell's butt, too."

He'll get his chance Oct. 19 when the rivals meet in their Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference regular-season finale.

"We'll see what happens," Wiersma said. "We'll see."

Cahoon and Bolton battle Friday as Declo (3-1) travels to Halley to play Wood River (2-2). No doubt, it'll be just another day in the trenches, with the game in the balance. The winner of the individual battle almost certainly will win the game.

We will see. *Times-News sportswriter Scott Thompson's column runs on Wednesdays. He appreciates all suggestions, story ideas and tips and can be reached at stomp@magicvalley.com or 677-4044 Ext. 106.*

Highland spikes TF in two

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After a disappointing first game, the Twin Falls volleyball team let Game 2 slip away as well, falling to the Highland Rams 15-5, 15-12 Tuesday at Twin Falls.

Rams' senior setter Katie Rhoades started Highland off right in the match when she served a straight point for the 3-0 lead. She followed with eight points for Highland in the first game and younger sister

Kelsey, a sophomore outside hitter, recorded three early kills in the 15-5 victory.

The second game was a different story as the Bruins (14-8, 2-2 Region III) jumped out to a 3-1 lead behind senior Kim Strunk in the middle. The 5-foot-11 middle blocker helped keep Kelsey Rhoades in check for the remainder of the match.

"We did a good job of adjusting to what they were doing and setting our hitters and defenders in the correct position," Bruin coach Kelly Younce

said. "Kim Strunk does such a good job at the net that it's easy for the back row players - Christie Deagle, Lily Spencer and Briana Allen - to dig."

After falling behind 4-3, Deagle served three straight points on a pair of mishits from Kelsey Rhoades and a stuff block from Strunk as the Bruins eventually built a 6-4 lead.

But the Rams battled back to tie it at 7-7 with Katie Rhoades up to serve. Just when it looked as though the Rams might take Please see VOLLEYBALL, Page D2



Twin Falls outside hitter Christie Deagle belts the ball in the second game against Region III rival Highland. The Bruins lost the match 15-5, 15-12.

Jordan is back

'I am returning as a player to the game I love'

By Chris Sheridan
The Associated Press

Two retirements and two comebacks, and it all boils down to one thing: Michael Jordan is a basketball player.

Not an executive. Not a spectator. Not a pitcher. Not a baseball player. Not a golfer. Not a homebody. Not a retiree.

A basketball player who wants to play basketball again. Simple as that.

"I'm doing it for the love of the game. Nothing else," Jordan said in the first week of September, in all but confirming his return.

He made it official Tuesday, using similar language: "I am returning as a player to the game I love."

He is 36 and will turn 39 in February, but he no doubt believes he can still step onto the court, size somebody up and beat him.

His father, the late James Jordan, called it a "competition problem."

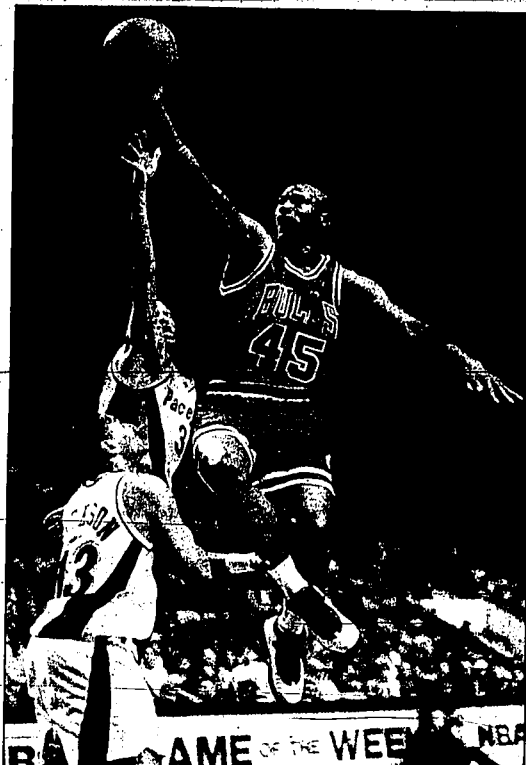
In the three years since he retired from the Bulls, the problem with his competition problem was a level playing field. He played high-stakes golf matches against ordinary men who nonetheless could find themselves his equal if they could shoot anywhere near par.

He talked trade with 28 other team executives whose savvy and smarts are calculated in terms of their knowledge of salary caps, trade exceptions and the other details that NBA executives must master.

The competitive advantage he had enjoyed as a basketball player - simply knowing that he was better - was absent.

Jordan had faded in the public spotlight, pitching spurs drinks, batteries and long distance service to a public far less enamored of him than it was just three years ago.

He sat in his luxury box at Wizards games, smoked cigars, scarfed down steaks and watched his once-impregnable body slowly grow softer as middle age drew



Michael Jordan files to the hoop over Indiana's Reggie Miller and Mark Jackson March 19, 1995, in Indianapolis, Ind. Jordan made his comeback official Tuesday, announcing he will return to play in the NBA and sign a two-year contract with the Washington Wizards.

near. The basketball-viewing public had become enamored of a new generation of stars - the smoothness of Kobe Bryant, the athleticism of Vince Carter, the dynamism

of Allen Iverson. Jordan found himself becoming irrelevant, moving further away from what

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I am happy to welcome Michael Jordan, the player, back to the NBA, although, as commissioner, I'm sorry to lose him in the boardroom.

- NBA commissioner David Stern

He wants to do it, so now we just get on the bandwagon and cheer him on. It's going to be fabulous to see how he performs against the new top guns. I'll take 80 percent of Michael Jordan against anybody.

- Magic Johnson

Michael's return will be wonderful for the sport of basketball. I wish him all the best for this season. I am disappointed, however, that he turned down my standing invitation to play for the champs - the Lakers.

- Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson, Jordan's coach for all six NBA titles with the Bulls

Michael the Magnificent will average 20-plus points per game and take the Wizards from 19 wins to double that total as they challenge for the playoffs.

- ESPN's Dick Vitale

Teammates, friends pay tribute to Wyoming athletes who died in crash

The Associated Press

LARAMIE, Wyo. - A memorial ceremony for eight University of Wyoming runners who died in a car crash last week began Tuesday with a bell tolling once for each athlete.

The small brass bell, normally used to let runners know when one lap is left in a race, was rung on the floor of the university's Arena-Auditorium as about 3,500 friends, family and fellow students gathered to remember the athletes.

"Eight friends, eight teammates, eight coaches, eight sons, eight members of our family, too," Wyoming President Philip L. Dubois said. "They're gone but they'll always be part of our lives."

Killed Sept. 16 on a highway. Please see TRIBUTE, Page D2



Wyoming basketball players Ronell Mingo, left, and Josh Davis take a moment to reflect at a candlelight vigil Sept. 17 in Laramie, Wyo., in remembrance of eight Wyoming track athletes who died in a head-on collision last week.

Bledsoe escapes serious internal organ damage

Injuries will keep Patriots' QB out of next two games

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Drew Bledsoe escaped damage to his internal organs when he was knocked out of Sunday's game, New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick said Tuesday.

Belichick added that Bledsoe could leave the hospital today and still is projected to miss at least the next two games.

"There's no damage that's been detected to any internal organ or ribs or anything like that, or lungs," Belichick said on a conference call. "The chest tube will probably be removed



Drew Bledsoe

(Wednesday). As usual in a game that all continues to go well, my guess is that he'll be discharged in the next day or two." Bledsoe was injured when line backer Mo Lewis hit him full-speed in the fourth quarter of New York's 10-3 victory on Sunday. Although Bledsoe played one more series, he was taken to Massachusetts General Hospital when he became uncomfortable 45 minutes after the game.

Doctors inserted a chest tube to drain internal bleeding. Please see BLEDSOE, Page D2

SPORTS

Wildcats wallop Wood River, Wendell

The Times-News

FILER - Filer rode its strong service game and the performance of Jemas Hymas to topple Wood River 15-8, 16-14 and Wendell 15-3, 15-7 Tuesday in Filer.

Against Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference rival Wood River, Filer (12-8, 5-1 SCIC) missed just three serves and Hymas had nine kills on 15 swings. For the match, Filer hit 438 on 25-of-57 attempts.

Trailing 14-11 in Game 2, Filer coach Ed Richards said the Wolverines managed to tie it at 14-11 before Matt Peterson served two aces for the match.

"It was a good match," Richards said. "We served really well and they're a good serving team."

Facing the Trojans, Kari Brown served six aces as the Wildcats finished a perfect 42-of-42 serving. Wendell did not play Wood River.

The Wildcats get to rest for a big week when they play at Gooding on Monday, face American Falls and Preston on Tuesday in American Falls, then come back to visit Wood River on Thursday.

"It was a tough week," Richards said.

Buhl def. Kimberly 15-11, 15-12

KIMBERLY - Buhl rebounded from its loss at Twin Falls Monday by beating Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference rival Kimberly 15-11, 15-12 on Tuesday in Kimberly.

Sunny Muirhead led the Bulldogs (4-16, 0-6 SCIC) with six kills.

Overall, it was our first real big week for Kimberly coach Denise Mumm said.

Kimberly (4-16, 0-6 league) hosts Declo tonight.

Camas County def. Carey 15-9, 9-15, 15-6

FAIRFIELD - Camas County defeated Carey 15-9, 9-15, 15-6 to sweep their Northside series Tuesday in Fairfield.

Mushers coach Becky Skinner said Annika Backstrom and Sarah Voth both played well in holding off Panthers middle blocker Ginger Bingham at the net.

Camas County won the junior varsity match.

Camas County (10-7, 5-3

Jordan

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made him who he is, wondering if his departure from basketball as premature as it was beginning to feel.

"He had said, after all, that he would have remained in the NBA if the Chicago Bulls had kept their dynasty intact."

They didn't, and he left on someone else's terms.

This will be his chance to make himself matter again. In a way, it's the ultimate competition: The present-day Michael Jordan vs. the memory of the old Michael Jordan.

By the time training camps open Oct. 2, a total of 1,205 days will have passed since Jordan said what has come to be known as his "Final Shot," stole the ball from Karl Malone, dribbled down-court, placed a hand on the hip of defender Bryon Russell, shoved him away and sank a 20-foot jumper - leaving his hand in an extended follow-through for several seconds - to give the Chicago Bulls the last of their six titles.

It was considered the perfect, storybook ending to a spectacular career. Jordan won the NBA championship in each of his final six full seasons, a scoring title in each of the final 10 seasons in which he played all or nearly all of the 82-game schedule.

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But he quickly turned to a new form of competition, a sport he hadn't played since high school basketball.

For a year and a half, Jordan rode buses between small cities in the South, his companions a collection of fresh-faced trading and pitching prospects who were awestruck in his presence.

Jordan reported to spring training in 1995 along with other minor leaguers and discovered the Chicago White Sox were splitting their roster in two - those who said they would perform as regulars in each of the final 10 seasons in which he played all or nearly all of the 82-game schedule.

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Local sports

Northside) hosts The Community School on Thursday.

Murtaugh def. Oakley 15-8, 16-14

MURTAUGH - Lacey Perkins and Annie Adolphsen combined for 21 points serving with four aces apiece to lead Murtaugh over Oakley 15-8, 16-14 on Tuesday in Murtaugh.

Taryn Perkins clipped in four kills for the Red Devils (11-5), who play Oakley again on Thursday.

Murtaugh also won the junior varsity match.

Raft River def. Castelford 10-15, 15-6, 15-9

CASTLEFORD - In a tight match Tuesday night, Raft River overcame the Wolves 10-15, 15-6, 15-9 in Castelford.

Down 0-11 in the third game, Castelford staged a comeback to 9-11, but couldn't complete the win. Overall, the Wolves had 15 kills and 12 blocks, led by LoriAnn Wierzma with five blocks and four kills.

Despite the loss, Wolves coach Randy Maves was satisfied with the match.

"This was one of the best I've coached," he said. "The girls are learning to play hard together. We shouldn't be disappointed about the loss; we played our hearts out tonight."

Castelford (2-11 overall) plays Hansen Thursday night.

Burley def. Blackfoot 13-15, 15-7, 19-17

BURLEY - Melanie Smith had eight kills for Burley as the Bobcats beat Blackfoot 13-15, 15-7, 19-17 Tuesday night.

Aryelle Peterson had seven kills and five blocks for the Bobcats, while Smith also added five blocks.

"We played very well without Amber Aston tonight and she is a very valuable part of this team," Burley coach Hal Strain said.

Burley (10-12) travels to Pocatello on Saturday.

Hansen def. Hanson 15-6, 15-7

HANSEN - The Hansen Huskies' serves needed some ser-

vicer as they succumbed to Hagerman 15-6, 15-7 Tuesday night.

Out of 43 serve attempts, the Huskies managed to score just 13 points. Eileen Freestone and Alicia Stimpson had seven blocks and three kills apiece; Dacia Stimpson played excellent defense with 20 digs.

The Hansen junior varsity won in three games.

The Huskies (3-3) play at Castelford Thursday night.

Gooding def. Glens Ferry 15-8, 15-10

SHOSHONE def. Glens Ferry 15-9, 15-6

SHOSHONE def. Gooding 15-13, 15-2

GOODING - Shoshone swept a tri-set at Gooding on Tuesday as the Indians downed Glens Ferry 15-9, 15-6 before swatting the hosts 15-13, 15-2.

In the other match, the Senators defeated Glens Ferry 15-8, 15-10.

Ayla Wilkins had 10 kills for Gooding and Becca Andrew added 13 service points in the win.

Gooding coach Jenni Koski said a lack of consistent passing doomed the Senators against Shoshone.

"We played well in the first game, but in the second game we did not pass well and Shoshone took advantage of it," Koski said.

Earlier in the night, Goodings freshman team defeated Glens Ferry 15-2, 15-4. In the junior varsity matches, Gooding beat Glens Ferry 15-9, 15-11. The Senators then defeated Shoshone 16-14, 15-12. In the last match, Glens Ferry defeated Shoshone.

Gooding (8-10) travels to Wood River on Thursday.

Dietrich def. Richfield 15-6, 15-9

DIETRICH - Shamee Norman served 10 points leading Dietrich over Richfield 15-6, 15-9 on Tuesday night.

Bryoni Southwick had three aces, and Raysa Parker added one ace for the Blue Devils.

In the early match, Dietrich's junior varsity defeated Richfield 15-5, 15-6.

Dietrich (8-3) travels to Shoshone on Tuesday for a tri-meet with the Indians and Wendell.

Bliss 2, Buhl 1

BUHL - Two late goals by Barnabas Bowler in the second half helped the Bliss Bersers stun Buhl 2-1 in boys' soccer on Tuesday in Buhl.

Both teams were unable to find the net in the first half, but the Indians' Josh Struczek scored on a header in the 55th minute, staking Buhl to the 1-0 lead. Micah Alexander had the assist. But the lead was short-lived; the Bersers responded with two goals in the next 15 minutes. Overall, Buhl had 22 shots on goal, compared to Bliss's 10.

"We played an excellent first half, but had some mental errors in the second," Indians coach Jerry Zinn said. "We fell back into a defensive mode after our first goal, and that hurt us."

The Indians (3-7) play Saturday at Wood River.

Girls' soccer

Jerome 0, Buhl 0

JEROME - Jerome played Buhl to a scoreless draw 0-0 in girls' soccer Tuesday in Jerome.

Jerome (1-8-1) outshot the Indians 27-20.

"We kept it in there for about 30 of the 40 minutes in the second half, but we couldn't finish," said Jerome coach Vince Gibson.

Jerome, which fell to Twin Falls 3-0 on Monday, plays at Wood River on Thursday.

Minico def. Jerome 13-15, 15-7, 15-10

RUPERT - Monica Jensen had eight kills for Minico as the Spartans defeated Jerome, 13-15, 15-7, 15-10 Tuesday night.

Whitney Martin and Kim Childs added five kills apiece for Minico added 5 kills apiece.

Minico (7-7) travels to Madison on Tuesday.

Boys' soccer

ISDB 4, M.V. Christian 2

GOODING - Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind overran Magic Valley Christian 4-2 in boys' soccer Tuesday in Gooding.

Ross Devey and Aaron Schmitt each scored two goals for the Raptors (2-1-5), while MVC's goals were delivered by Luke Tucker and Jim Park.

ISDB faces Wendell on Thursday.

Veteran center retires because of ankle injury

NEW YORK - Luc Langley, a 10-year NBA veteran who won three NBA titles with the Chicago Bulls, announced his retirement Tuesday.

Langley, who played in 25 games for the New York Knicks last season, has an arthritic condition in his left ankle that forced his retirement.

The 32-year-old center averaged 2.0 points and 2.6 rebounds for the Knicks and missed the last 23 games of the season due to the left ankle condition. He was not on the playoff roster.

Langley, a 7-foot-2 center, who was a member of Australia's Olympic team, also played for Minnesota and Phoenix. He averaged 7.2 points and 4.9 rebounds in 567 career games.

He won championships with the Bulls in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

Foursome wins closing scramble at Candleridge

TWIN FALLS - The team of Terry McNew, Jeremy Rossback, John Ash and Travis Ruffing won the annual closing scramble at Candleridge Golf Course on Sunday. The team shot a 50.75 to win the tourney by two strokes. Winning the women's division by six shots was the team of Jeannette Johnson, Kim Jones and Betty Pettit.

The course will host a final chapman-format tournament on Saturday. For more information or to register, call 733-6577.

Buhl Chamber hosts golf tourney on Friday

BUHL - The Buhl Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf tournament at Clear Lake Country Club on Friday. Registration begins at noon with the four-person scramble starting at 1 p.m. The cost is \$80 per team and includes non-members' green fees. Food and drinks will be served afterward.

For more information, call 543-6682.

Tribute

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south of Laramie were Joshua D. Jones, 22, of Salem, Ore.; Kevin L. Salverson, 19, of Cheyenne; Nicholas J. Schabron, 20, of Laramie; Shane E. Shatto, 19, of Douglas; Morgan J. McLeand, 21, of Gillette; Kyle N. Johnson, 20, of Riverton; Justin M. Lambert-Belanger, 20, of Timmins, Ontario; and Cody B. Brown, 21, of Hudson, Colo.

They were members of the men's cross country and track team and died when their sport utility vehicle collided with a pickup driven by a fellow student who was a rodeo team member.

The victim driver, Clinton Haskins, 21, of Maybell, Colo., was the only survivor. Authorities said his blood-alcohol level was 0.16 percent and have charged him with eight counts of aggravated vehicular homicide.

Jennifer Vessa, a cross-country teammate of the eight runners, said the squad always held a prayer before each competition, which ended with, "Give us wings so we can fly."

"These boys have had their prayers come true. They're flying like angels now," she said.

The arena, normally a roller-skating place for concerts and basketball games, was somber during the 45-minute ceremony. The only lights fell on American and Wyoming flags, and a black winged boot with the No. 8 on it, the university's symbol to the fallen athletes.

Athletic director Lee Moon said he was "extremely struck" by how alike the athletes were: competitive, dedicated, caring, active in their churches and each possessing a unique sense of humor.

"They truly had a special passion for their fellow man, and ... they were all Cowboys," he said. "When we leave here today we should all be grateful that these young men all touched our lives."

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Times-News correspondent

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At a board meeting Tuesday morning, Vice Chairman Richard Crowley said the number of candidates had been narrowed to four, who will be interviewed Friday morning. A decision is expected following the interviews.

The vice chairman won't be voting on the issue, because he's one of the candi-

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The four finalists: Derek Byrne, a legislative auditor and controller from Lemhi, Utah; Teresa Charbonneau of Twin Falls, a former BID employee; Crowley, who is also owner of Crowley's Soda Fountain and General Store in Twin Falls; and Midge Fisher, regional director of Silver Sage Girl Scouts.

The BID is also in the process of electing board members to open positions. Crowley said nominations have been turned in and ballots were to be mailed immediately. A board vote to waive the 14-day time limit — and make it seven days to return the

marked ballots — was spurred by Crowley's concern over having the new board members at the first board meeting of the fiscal year.

"It involves one-third of the board members," Crowley said.

Nominees for the one open seat representing Old Towne on the BID board are: Ryan Horsley of Red's Trading Post, Robert Clancy from BrCo Inc. and Greg Willis of Willis Toyota. Willis, the current board member, is eligible for re-election.

Nominees for the three seats up for election to represent downtown are: David Higginson of Wells Fargo Bank, Tom

Ashenbrenner of Price True Value Hardware, Scott Baumer from Christian Bookstore, Jim Adams of Jensen Jewelry, Jim Wagenman of Native Skin, Marly Shaw of The Cookie Basket, Debra Gates from Home Health Professionals, Tim Obenchain of Obenchain Insurance, Keith Brown of Claude Brown Furniture, Jan Knudson of Magic Valley Bank, Steve Garner of R & S Garner Enterprises, Gordon Curtis of The Times-News, Willis and Horsley.

On that slate, only Curtis is a board member. Please see DIRECTOR, Page D6

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Gooding-born man gains IACI post

GOODING - A Gooding-born man who has held leadership positions in both private industry and state government was named vice president for natural resources by the Boise-based Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry.

Dick Rush succeeds Brent Olmstead, who resigned the IACI position Aug. 31 to organize a new state professional association, Milk Producers of Idaho.

"This is an important position for businesses in the natural resource industries," said Steve Ahrens, IACI's president. "Some of the toughest, most complicated public policy issues the business community has to deal with are in the environmental area."

Rush said environmental issues can have a "make-or-break" effect on Idaho businesses.

"IACI members provide many thousands of Idaho jobs, and in a softening economy, those jobs are especially important," Rush said. "Idaho's businesses are facing new challenges right now, and I look forward to working with them to keep our state strong."

Rush's resume includes state executive director of USDA Farm Service Agency; state director of Idaho Department of Agriculture; IACI's vice president of legislative affairs; Basic American Foods sales manager; Idaho Wheat Commission administrator; general manager of Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Development Enterprise; and Boise Cascade Corp. manager of container-board sales service.

Rush holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from the University of Idaho, and a master's degree in agricultural economics from the University of California-Davis.

Washington Federal Inc. posts 24 cent dividend

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The dividend will be payable Oct. 26 to common shareholders of record on Oct. 5.

This is Washington Federal's 75th consecutive quarterly cash dividend, the company said.

General Mills says orders for food products are strong

MINNEAPOLIS - General Mills is not seeing a slowdown in orders for its food products following the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, the company - which has operations in the Magic Valley - told shareholders Monday at its annual meeting in Minneapolis.

Steve Sanger, chairman and chief executive, said orders have remained strong and that food companies generally survive turmoil in the stock market in uncertain economic times.

But he said he couldn't answer the three questions foremost on shareholders' minds.

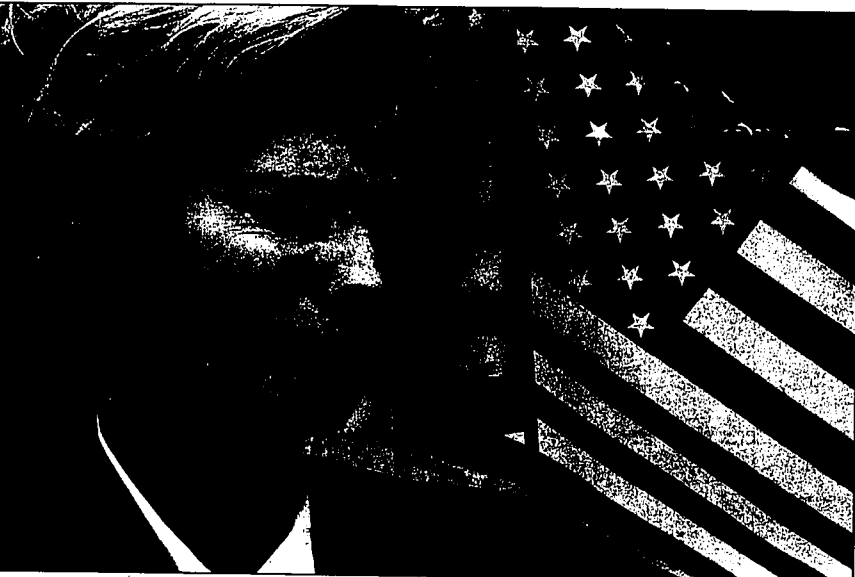
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The \$10.5 billion deal, proposed 18 months ago, has been delayed while the FTC explores competitive issues for certain Pillsbury products with General Mills and International Multifoods would share the Pillsbury brand name. Multifoods is to buy several Pillsbury dessert and baking mixes that the FTC decided would have allowed General Mills to dominate markets with its Betty Crocker brands.

The shareholders rejected a petition from an investment group calling on the company to label genetically modified foods, and they politely listened to an animal activist appealing to the company to stop sponsoring circus events.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Workplace terror



A flight attendant cries at a memorial service at Dockweiler State Beach near Los Angeles International Airport last week. Many have vowed to return to work as a tribute to those who died. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 have hit flight attendants particularly hard, raising increasing concerns about job safety, as well as threatening job security as U.S. airlines counter financial losses with job cuts.

Job security, safety weigh heavily on flight attendants

Los Angeles Times

The veteran flight attendant closes her eyes but can't shake the image. She is inside that plane, plowing into the World Trade Center.

She tries to explain, then chokes on the words. Tears come easily. Sleep eludes her. She doesn't eat. Her head pounds.

After 29 years of flying cross-country for United Airlines, Joyce Berks-Fitzhugh can't go back to work. Not yet. Maybe not ever.

Another United crew member, a four-year veteran Theresa Wekld, worries herself sick over a different matter: job security. She wonders about how deep the cuts will go and whether they

will be enough to save the airline.

Along with personal grief, the nation's 100,000 flight attendants are struggling with two life-altering traumas: workplace terror and massive job cuts.

"Both are happening on an unprecedented scale and simultaneously," said Michael Buckley, a spokesman for the AFL-CIO transportation division. "There's no question it's a very, very difficult time for flight attendants."

Airlines were already in trouble before Sept. 11. Now many are a short step from bankruptcy. With a few exceptions, U.S. carriers large and small have cut service by 20 percent or more. Announced layoffs or job cuts

have reached about 80,000, and the numbers are still climbing.

Such deep, industry-wide cuts would be wrenching enough on their own. But now they are falling on a work force that is already shaken to the core.

The terrorist attacks set off a period of soul-searching that has led hundreds, perhaps thousands, of flight attendants to rethink their job choice.

"I'm definitely looking into a new career," said Eleanor Bell, a 12-year American Airlines employee and mother of a 3-year-old.

"Maybe court reporting. Something stable, with regular hours."

"It's not just out of fear. I don't think it's going to be the same kind of job. The level of service

will change. The security will be much tougher. It's not going to be as much fun anymore."

Others, determined to stay in the jobs they love, have taken a longer view of the attacks — as one awful event that will change the business but not destroy it.

"I lived through the Vietnam War and helped with the evacuees," said Dottie Malinsky, a Northwest Airlines attendant for 35 years. "I went through the hijackings in the '70s. I volunteered to fly to Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War."

"The business changed after all of those other events. Now we have another shift in the paradigm of the world, so I guess

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Delta joins other U.S. airlines with job cuts, schedule reduction today

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines will join almost every other U.S. airline today when it announces job cuts and a reduction in its winter flight schedule.

The Atlanta-based airline would not say Tuesday how many of its 82,000 employees will lose their jobs as a result of a crisis in the airline industry after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

Delta plans to trim its work force with voluntary leaves, early retirement incentives and furloughs, company spokeswoman Cindi Kurczewski said.

"We've been looking at alternatives to furloughs, but I can't say there won't be any," Kurczewski said. "Our concern all along has been that we appropriately identify cost reductions in the least painful way."

Other U.S. airlines have announced about 80,000 job cuts since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, with AMR Corp., parent of American Airlines, and UAL Corp., parent of United Airlines, each

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Delta and Dallas-based Southwest Airlines are the only major airlines that have not announced job cuts.

Delta, the largest employer in metro Atlanta with 32,000 workers, has sizable worker bases at its other hubs - Cincinnati, Dallas-Fort Worth and Salt Lake City; the latter is its only direct flight destination from the Twin Falls airport. The airline also has extensive operations in Orlando, Fla., New York and Los Angeles.

Company spokesman Tom Donahue said Delta has lost about \$1 billion since the terrorist attacks. The airline will get about \$600 million from the \$5 billion cash relief approved by Congress last week, Donahue said.

The direct aid granted by the government helps Delta meet its immediate financial obligations, but with passenger demand forecast to remain depressed for at least a year, the need to reduce costs remains a financial imperative, Donahue said.

Delta had deeper cash reserves before the attack and is less undervalued, which management says gives it more latitude in cutting costs.

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The Associated Press

LEWISTON - The drought that left Idaho producers with their second smallest winter wheat crop in a decade this year has slowed planting next year's crop to a crawl.

"Harvest is over, and new seeding is just not happening very rapidly," said Jeff Becker, manager of McGregor Chemical Co. in Lewiston. "Fall work is progressing very slowly. If we just had an inch of rain happen, I'd be so busy I wouldn't know what to do."

Farmers have planted only a quarter of the winter wheat they normally have in by now in northern and southern Idaho. They are behind, though not as far, in the eastern part of the state as well.

It has been the eighth driest year for northern Idaho in the 120 years records have been kept. The region has seen just 6.5 inches of precipitation this year. Nine is normal. The last measurable rain was over a month ago.

Irrigation supplies in southern Idaho were being cut off early because reservoir storage was gone.

"We're into a severe drought situation," Ken Holmes at the National Weather Service said.

While yields on the 2000 crop were average, drought and a depressed market convinced growers to harvest just 710,000 acres. The last time there was less winter wheat acreage was 1991.

So far, only three percent of the winter wheat has been planted in northern Idaho and just 2 percent in southwestern Idaho. The average is 11 percent and 9 percent respectively. In eastern Idaho it was running 34 percent. Only in south-central Idaho is planting ahead of average at 51 percent.

The Agriculture Department this week reported 81 percent of the topsoil statewide was short of moisture, and input nearly 70 percent of the state's pasture and range in poor or worse condition.

ConAgra earnings report pleases analysts

Knight Ridder News Service

OMAHA, Neb. - Well pleased by the earnings report, analysts say the financial analysts.

The chairman, president and CEO of Omaha-based ConAgra Foods guided his company to its best first-quarter performance in its history. The company - which has various business operations in the Magic Valley - reported earnings that exceeded analysts' expectations, despite a softening economy much worse by this month's terrorist attacks.

ConAgra reported profits of \$188.4 million for the three-month period ending Aug. 26, on \$7.6 billion. Meanwhile, the numbers represent a 7.7 percent increase in sales and a 56.7 percent increase in profits over the first quarter of fiscal year 2000.

With many investors seeking stability after the World Trade Center attack and the dot-com bust, experts say ConAgra is positioned for growth.

"It's pretty amazing," said a Midwest Research food industry analyst Christine McCracken of Santa Monica, Calif., who owns between 50 and 100 shares of ConAgra stock. "Eleanor Rohde-Cortright has handled the past year or two very well. The amount of change at ConAgra during his tenure is shocking - he's basically transformed the company."

Rohde was named chief executive in 1997.

In the first-quarter earnings, income per share was 2 cents higher than a year ago, at 36 cents a share, and exceeded the mean earnings estimate by the Nelson Information/Thomson Financial by 4 cents a share.

The biggest contributor to the strong showing was the packaged foods segment, which has been the beneficiary of increased spending on product development over the past year. Sales by the segment, which includes products such as Bumble Bee tuna and Butterball turkeys, grew 32 percent over year-ago numbers to \$3.6 billion. Meanwhile, sales within the refrigerated foods and agricultural products segments were virtually unchanged.

Jeff Kanter, a New York-based food industry analyst with Prudential Securities, said ConAgra's long-term investments are beginning to pay off for the nation's second-largest food company, which has more than \$27 billion in annual sales and employs 80,000 people worldwide. Kanter owns no ConAgra stock.

"This quarterly report is a step in the right direction," Kanter said, noting that the agricultural products segment continues to be a drag on ConAgra as a whole.

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MONEY

Consumer confidence plunges in September

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumer confidence plunged in September to its lowest point since early 1996 as this month's price list... Americans' concerns about the future of U.S. economy...

September 11 differed slightly, there was no reversal in the downward trend of the index... Mark Zandi, the chief economist at Economatics, questioned that interpretation...

Attendants

Continued from D4 we'll have to shift-and-deal-with it. The people who survive in this job are the ones that can roll with the punches and be flexible... The vast majority of crew members find themselves somewhere in the middle, searching for balance...

tant crew members by shifting schedules. With service cut by 20 percent to 25 percent, many planes flying half full, they can afford to... That right calculation shows how remarkably the industry has changed from just six months ago...

Qwest progresses on long-distance plan

DENVER (AP) - Qwest Communications International Inc. may re-enter the long-distance telephone market in at least one state by the end of March... Steve Davis, a Qwest senior vice president, also said Tuesday that the company is on-track to ask the Federal Communications Commission for permission to sell

long-distance service in one state by year's end and up to 10 others by the end of January. He would not say which state will be the first... The Denver-based Qwest, which provides intrastate phone service, must prove to federal regulators its network and markets are open to competition to get

permission to re-enter the long-distance market in its 14-state region... FCC has 90 days to make a decision once the request is made. If the FCC grants approval, Qwest will start offering long distance service immediately... We're ready to go," Davis said.

Qwest was required to sell its long-distance business last year when it bought former Baby Bell US West for \$44 billion. FCC guidelines prohibit a Baby Bell from offering long distance in its region unless state regulators deem it has improved customer service and allowed competitors to use its network.

OPEC strains to reconcile plunging crude prices

VIENNA, Austria - The facade of OPEC unity showed signs of cracking Tuesday as the cartel's delegates tried to control their alarm at dropping crude prices with their pledge to provide enough oil for a weakened world economy now reeling from terrorist attacks in the United States... Delegates of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries expressed diverging views about what to do when they officially meet today in the Austrian capital to reassess their current output...

able even as the United States and its allies prepare for military action against Afghanistan and forces loyal to Osama bin Laden, the main suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks on New York and Washington - and many energy analysts expect it to renew its existing production quotas... Yet none of its member countries have populations that are overwhelmingly Muslim, and their governments are wary of appearing too eager to accommodate the U.S. effort in a campaign that many Muslims perceive as a war against Islam.

Stocks end session with small gain, despite fluctuations

NEW YORK (AP) - Stock prices fluctuated but nonetheless showed signs of stability Tuesday as investors looked for bargains after last week's precipitous drop... The major indexes closed modestly higher, having withstood several waves of profit-taking from Monday's big rally... Analysts were generally pleased with Wall Street's performance and noted that just holding stocks would be good news, given stocks' recent volatility... "It's very important that we stabilize. You had a big day Monday after a complete sellout the week before. I'd be very happy to see the market go sideways for a couple of weeks to regain its breath," said Will Braman, chief investment officer for John Hancock Funds.

Conférence Board report showing consumer confidence this month at its lowest level since January 1996, falling to 97.6 from 114 in August. The numbers are closely watched because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the economy... Analysts hesitated to attribute much to the market's reaction to the data, saying the results weren't surprising in view of the September terrorist attacks... "We're still seeing buying and that's a step in the right direction," said Bryan Piskorowski, market commentator at Prudential Securities.

Director

Continued from D4 Incumbent, and he's eligible for reelection. However, pay assessments in both Old and downtown and so are on both ballots, according to Karla Williams, BID secretary... Several unions on the bottom of the ballot are a copy of a section of the organization's bylaws which refers to businesses who cannot vote if they are delinquent in paying their assessments... BID board member Steve Soran raised the issue, and the quotation at the bottom of the ballot was seen by the board as the simplest solution... Tuesday: BID business from Tuesday: * The Octoberfest celebration, set for Oct. 5-6, has games, music

and vendor location all settled, according to Williams... But there's a hitch... Christine Hanifan was hurried, after her business, Christine's Clothier, was not listed on the Octoberfest map and that no attractions were planned for her block... Board members are considering solutions... * Over \$400 has been spent by Historic Old Towne to repair benches BID leaders believed were broken by skateboarders... Williams said the breakage seems to have been done either late Saturdays or Sundays; reports have come in on Mondays... She added it has happened over the past three weekends with a total of five benches destroyed... "It has been brought to the attention of the police," she said.

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Workers hope for life amid smell of death at 'the pit'

By Mike Kelly
Night Rider News Service

NEW YORK - The rotting smell squeezes your eyes, poisons your tongue, twists your nose, worms through your hair - then settles in that corner of your emotional memory that never lets you forget.

The smell of death. The pit. Ground zero.

To truly understand the mangled destruction - and mass murder - of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, you need to see and smell this place the rescue workers now call "the pit."

Imagine a debris pile of

Godzilla-like proportions - five stories high and seven stories below ground, stretching over a moonscape four blocks long by three blocks wide. Even two weeks after the tragedy, workers have barely begun to delve into the estimated 120 million tons of rubble.

Imagine steel girders and pipes tangled like knotted hair. Or a police car crushed so mightily that its chassis has squished out from under its body, like a bug under your shoe. Or fires boiling from deep caverns. Or a flagpole broken off one building and thrust into the skin of another - 50 yards away.

Then, imagine the stench of

thousands of victims, their bodies trapped when each of the 110-story trade center towers crumbled. Authorities say more than a million body parts may eventually be recovered here.

"Smell that?" said Port Authority Police Lt. Brian Tierney, as the wind shifted and the acrid odor swept over. "There it is again."

Tierney is normally assigned to the Port Authority police contingent at the George Washington Bridge, now commands teams of Port Authority police officers who comb the rubble of the trade center in search of any sign of victims, including 37 Port Authority cops.

The cops and firefighters who come here each day for 12-hour shifts still call this a "rescue operation" - an important verbal distinction because it implies that someone might still be alive.

Indeed, Port Authority police search teams, who go into the pit with shovels, two pairs of gloves each, pick axes, helmets, flash lights, goggles, and mountain-climbing harnesses and ropes, will eagerly tell you they still believe they might find survivors even 14 days after the Twin Towers toppled - even 13 days after the last survivors were pulled from the pit.

"I try not to count the days,"

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Rescue workers carry bodies of victims as their efforts continue Monday at the site of the World Trade Center towers' attack in New York.

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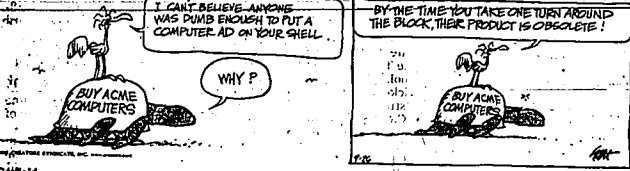
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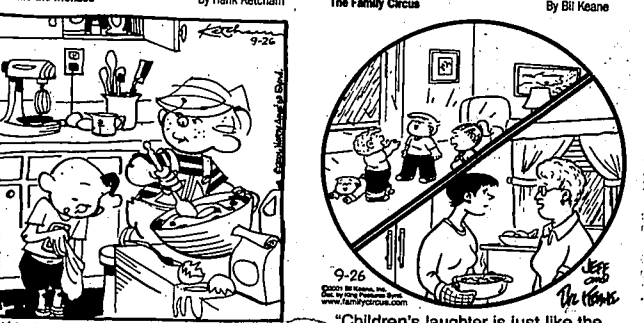
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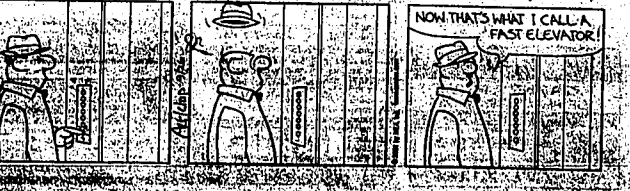
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AMERICA ON ALERT



Rescue workers continued their efforts Monday at the site of the Sept. 11 World Trade Center attack in New York.

Pit

Continued from E1. said Port Authority Officer Vincent Zappulla Jr. Added his colleague, Bill Connors, his knees covered with sand from crawling in the pit. "Our friends are in there."

and body parts. Envision side streets still smothered in gray dust, with special "wash stations" on sidewalks that once were home to outdoor cafes. Picture grim-faced workers walking by a poster in a corner phone booth of the smiling sex doctor, Dr. Ruth Westheimer.

Mayor insists New York is safe, urges return to life without fear

NEW YORK (AP) — As New Yorkers voted in primaries for his replacement Tuesday, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani encouraged residents to move beyond the World Trade Center terrorist attack and get on with life. "Life is risky," he said. "You can decide to live your life afraid of that happening, or you can decide to live your life the way Americans live their lives, which is unafraid. There's no reason to have this increased fear."

Giuliani, who is barred from running for a third term, discouraged New Yorkers from casting a write-in vote for him, urging them instead to vote for the candidates on the ballot. But he has left the door open to trying to extend his stay at City Hall to oversee the city's recovery.

Many New Yorkers, enamored with Giuliani's performance following the Sept. 11 attack, seemed inclined to keep the mayor in office for a third term.

attempts at normalcy," said Thiery. "You'll be here, looking at the rubble, and then you'll see a guy walking by eating a hot dog and drinking a soda."

"When they aren't dodging loose rubble that might cover deep caverns licked by fires still smoldering below, rescue teams must look out for the tractor-grappler cranes that lift debris onto dump trucks.

"You try to find an ironworker that's operating a crane," said Port Authority Officer Tibor Toth of East Brunswick, N.J. "You try to get a relationship so we can work together. He pulls off some steel, then we go down and dig."

Many rescue workers' hands are cut — this from sifting by hand for bodies through mounds of pulverized concrete laced with razor-like shards of steel.

Officer Harvey Jarratt rolled up his sleeve to display a 5-inch gash.

Others tell of all manner of rocks or pieces of steel piping that routinely clunk off their plastic hardhats as they crawl under shifting rubble or explore tunnels. Port Authority Police Sgt. Antonio Scannella even fractured his left kneecap trying to run with other workers from a wall that suddenly caved in.

"I got caught in the stampede," he said.

Scannella turned to look at the pit. A plume of white smoke curled from a mound of twisted steel and broken wall.

"We still have many more places to look," said Scannella. He picked up a bottle of Gatorade, took a sip, then bit into a granola bar.

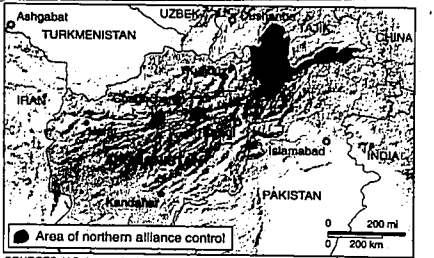
Then headed back to the pit.

Saudi Arabia severs ties to Taliban

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — But sealing Afghanistan's isolation, Saudi Arabia formally severed relations with the hard-line Taliban government on Tuesday. Stung, the Taliban denounced the Saudi move as intolerable to all Muslims and accused it of siding with "the infidel forces."

Controlling Afghanistan

The civil war between the northern alliance, Afghanistan's opposition, and the Taliban militia, which occupies 90 percent of the country, has intensified as the United States readies for possible military action against the Taliban.



SOURCES: U.S. Agency for International Development; ESRI. "The holy warriors are quite prepared," added the statement, faxed to news organizations in Pakistan's capital, Islamabad.

next move. His statement also was faxed to news organizations in Islamabad.

In the two weeks since suicide attackers used hijacked planes to topple the twin towers of the World Trade Center and smash a wing of the Pentagon, many Islamic nations have agreed to support the emerging U.S.-led anti-terror coalition. But the prospect of American retaliation against Afghanistan has stirred anger in much of the Muslim world.

In a drumbeat of rhetoric, bin Laden and his Afghan hosts have sought to exacerbate anti-American sentiment and portray the showdown over the exiled Saudi millionaire as a battle between the West and Islam. American and European officials, including President Bush, have worked equally hard to counter that view.

In the rugged mountains of northern Afghanistan, where the opposition alliance is battling Taliban troops, reports say heavy fighting erupted Tuesday around Mazar-e-Sharif, a city that has been in Taliban hands since the late 1990s.

Leftover land mines may endanger troops

The Washington Post

Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia still possesses dozens of Stinger anti-aircraft missiles left from the 1979-1989 war against the Soviet Union, but Pentagon officials and other defense experts say an estimated 10 million land mines buried during the Soviet occupation would pose an even greater threat to U.S. forces.

As he goes to be a tremendous source of information, the Stingers, said retired Marine Col. Edward Badolato, who helped manage the clearance of mines and other explosives from Kuwait after the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

The United States provided about 1,000 Stingers to Afghan rebels fighting the Soviet Union during the 1980s, and an estimated 100 to 200 are believed to remain in Afghanistan, where the Stinger, a shoulder-fired guided anti-aircraft missile, can hit aircraft flying as high as 10,000 feet with a heat-seeking high-explosive warhead.

Anti-personnel mines are widely distributed across Afghanistan, Badolato said. In addition, lightly armored U.S. Special Forces and other infantry units the Defense Department may use to conduct operations against terrorists in Afghanistan are particularly vulnerable to the shrapnel blasted by exploding mines.

Afghanistan is the most heavily mined area of the world, according to reports by the Red Cross and the U.S. military. "Any time you have mines, it's worrisome," said retired Lt. Gen. R.L. "Sam" Wetzel, a former commandant of the Army's infantry school.

"I remember carrying five dead guys out of a minefield in Korea."

An Army study published this year noted that 16 United Nations employees have been killed and an additional 20 injured while involved in tightly controlled mine-clearing work in Afghanistan. Those workers removed a total of 13,642 anti-personnel mines and 536 anti-tank mines last year, according to the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

The damage is even worse in wartime: About one-third of the 68,000 casualties suffered by the Red Army in Afghanistan during its decade of fighting there were inflicted by various kinds of mines, according to a 1998 study in the U.S. Army's journal on military medicine.

With almost all U.S. veterans of the Vietnam War now retired, the Army lacks many medical specialists seasoned in handling mine injuries, that 1998 study also observed. The military has studied mines closely in recent years because of their widespread presence in the Balkans, where the U.S. military has been on the ground since 1995. But American servicemen have suffered surprisingly few mine casualties, mainly because of extensive "mine awareness" training required of all U.S. soldiers before deploying that includes practice patrols.

Former terrorism expert headed WTC security

NEW YORK (AP) — John P. O'Neill was something of a new man when he strode through the Plaza Hotel's grand doors on Sept. 8.

"Almost all of the (terrorist) groups today, if they choose, have the ability to strike us here in the United States," O'Neill said in a 1997 speech. "They're working toward that infrastructure."

A dedicated counterterrorism expert, O'Neill had been criticized recently over the temporary loss of a briefcase containing secret documents, but the Justice Department declined to press charges over the security breach. He moved into private life with a mix of reluctance and anticipation.

He would have been looking at new technology constantly. Safir said. "John always believed that we were a high-priority target and worried about it all the time, as we all did. And John was someone to take seriously when he told you he was worried."

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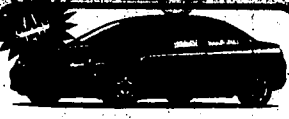
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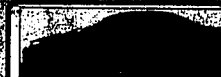
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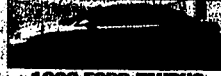
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