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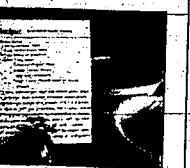
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Idaho to DOE: Dig up waste

Kemphome, others press department to 'live up to' agreement, remove radioactive material

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Gov. Dirk Kemphome and two of his predecessors who dealt with the Department of Energy on their watch, as say the federal agency needs to deliver on promises to remove nuclear waste buried above the regional aquifer.

The DOE disputes assertions that it is obligated to dig up and remove from Idaho buried plutonium contaminated waste at the Idaho National Engineering and

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Environmental Laboratory near Idaho Falls. The agency says it is looking at a number of options that would leave the waste in the ground. Covering it and immobilizing it are among its options.

"That is totally unacceptable," said former Gov. Cecil Andrus Tuesday.

In 1991, then-Gov. Andrus negotiated an

agreement with the DOE that addressed the buried waste.

The DOE agreed to use one acre called Pit 9 at INEEL's waste burial ground to determine how to safely retrieve buried nuclear waste.

His original agreement intended that all buried waste be removed, Andrus said. The agreement was subsequently amended to use Pit 9 to address how to remove the "hot spots" in the burial area and later determine what to do with the rest of the waste.

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Now the DOE is asking the state to extend Pit 9 deadlines — again. By 1997, the DOE already had poured \$83 million in the project and still had not started digging up the waste. The DOE earlier this year requested seven- to 13-year extensions of various phases of the Pit 9 project.

"If I were still governor, I would put

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CHANGES AT CANCER CENTER



Ladene Fletcher, a radiation therapist, measures Doris Hanson's position on the linear accelerator at the cancer center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The hospital has leased the cancer center to Boise-based St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute.

Hunters find dead wolf near Glens Ferry

The Times-News and The Associated Press

GLENN'S FERRY — It shouldn't come as a surprise that wolves might be moving as far south as the Glens Ferry area, an area rancher and member of the state cattle association said Tuesday.

But a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officer said it was too early to know all the implications of a dead wolf being found there.

An adult gray wolf has been found near Glens Ferry, the apparent victim of a gunshot wound, FWS officers said.

Bird hunters reported the dead animal last Friday, after finding it on U.S. Bureau of Land Management property about 4 miles northeast of King Hill near Chalk Springs.

The wolf was found in a high-public use area.

It was probably inevitable that wolves would end up there, said Glenn's Ferry-area rancher Ted Hoffman, the president-elect of the Idaho Cattle Association.

"They've been following the deer and the elk down out of the hills onto the winter range on our private property in the central part of the state since the wolves arrived," he said. "This is something the cattle association predicted during the hearings before the wolves were put here, but the experts told us it wasn't going to happen."

FWS Special Agent Scott Bragonier said it could be possible that the wolf had followed deer and elk, which have been driven in great numbers into the low country by a harsh winter. But it was too early to tell Tuesday whether the wolf was wandering alone or had been part of a pack that moved into the area, he said.

The animal was not wearing a radio tracking collar that officials have put on some wolves, he said. The condition of the carcass —

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Mountain States takes over hospital facility

By Sandy Miller
The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Back in the late 1980s, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute and the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital talked about building a regional cancer center together.

When those discussions fell through, Magic Valley Regional decided to build its own cancer center.

The hospital administrator John Bingham estimated a cancer center at Magic Valley Regional could generate between \$480,000 and \$600,000 a year, but said "it's the patient care issue that's driving our project, not economics."

Today, Magic Valley Regional has decided to lease its 10-year-old cancer center to Mountain States for the same reason — to

About Mountain States Tumor Institute

St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute has been providing cancer services in the Magic Valley for more than 20 years, including oncology support services at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital — now known as Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Downtown.

In 1971, with help from a federal grant, Mountain States became the first comprehensive cancer care and referral center for the region focusing on cancer education, screening and prevention programs.

By 1973, Mountain States opened its Breast Cancer Detection Center in Boise. Today, there are such centers serving patients in the Boise and Meridian community and a mobile mammography unit serving southwestern Idaho.

Boise is home to Mountain States' largest facility, and it provides a full range of cancer services, including surgery and bone marrow transplants. Nampa is the location of its second-largest facility. Mountain States also provides more limited services in McCall, Meridian, Caldwell and Ontario/Fulland area along the Idaho/Oregon border.

Source: St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Web site

improve services for cancer patients.

"We need better oncology coverage," said Magic Valley

Regional Chief Financial Officer John Groesbeck. "They've got the reputation and the programs to help patients."

Revenue, leases

Magic Valley Regional and Mountain States recently signed two lease agreements — a 10-year lease agreement with two 5-year options for the space at the hospital and a two-year lease agreement for the equipment at the hospital.

Mountain States is paying the hospital \$153,956 a year for the space, and \$137,500 a year for the equipment. The leases went into effect Jan. 1.

Magic Valley Regional and Mountain States will share in the cancer center's profits and losses, with Magic Valley Regional taking 40 percent and Mountain States taking 60 percent.

Mountain States will only be billing for cancer services, Magic

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Landmark schools bill becomes law

The Associated Press

HAMILTON, Ohio — President Bush sat at a school desk Tuesday and signed the most far-reaching federal education bill in nearly four decades, a \$26 billion plan to broaden academic testing, triple spending for literacy programs and help children escape America's worst schools.

"We've spent billions of dollars with lousy results," the president said. "Now it's time to spend billions of dollars and get good results."

With his signature, Bush fulfilled a campaign promise.

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PRICELESS CARGO



Daut, 6, hugs a bag of wheat that was his 'gift of Finland' Tuesday in Zari, a town in the Abdullah Gan region of northern Afghanistan. Residents in the area are in dire need of aid due to the difficulty of the terrain. For more on Afghanistan and the war against terrorism, please see pages A2, A3 and A4.

Depression treatment exploded in 1990s

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The number of Americans treated for depression soared from 1.7 million to 6.3 million between 1987 and 1997, and the proportion of those receiving anti-depressants doubled, researchers say.

The researchers attributed the sharp increases to the emergence of aggressively marketed new drugs like Prozac, the rise in managed care and an easing of the stigma attached to the disease.

The study found that the share of patients who used antidepressant medication climbed from 37 percent to nearly 75 percent. At the same time, the proportion who received psychotherapy declined from 71 percent to 60 percent.

While an increase in treatment for depression was

"the size of the increase was larger than I think most people in the field expected," said Dr. Mark Olfson, an psychiatrist at Columbia University and the New York State Psychiatric Institute who led the study. Studies since 1997 suggest the trend continues, he said.

The study was an analysis of two national surveys. The findings appear in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

The publicizing of newer anti-depressants that have fewer side effects — such as Prozac, which was introduced in late 1987 — has helped make patients more willing to seek treatment, the researchers said. This publicity has included pharmaceutical industry efforts to market the drugs directly to consumers and public-awareness campaigns about depression.

FDA scrutinizes food industry security

WASHINGTON (AP) - To protect the food supply, America's farms, restaurants and supermarkets should consider criminal background checks on employees, take care to safeguard water supplies and keep a close eye on the salad bar, the government says.

The Food and Drug Administration also suggests in its new guidelines that the food industry watch for employees who stay at work after their shifts end and restrict access to comput-

er control systems, laboratories and sensitive areas of processing plants.

The guidelines were put together in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, with advice from the food industry. Companies are not required to follow them.

"These are essentially best practices that everybody can look at and say, 'Am I doing as much as I can be doing?'" said Joseph Levitt, FDA's food safety chief.

The only known terrorist attack

on U.S. food occurred in the 1980s, when a cult in Oregon contaminated salad bars with salmonella bacteria. Experts say fresh produce may be the food most vulnerable to tampering because it is often eaten raw and is subject to little government inspection.

FDA is issuing similar guidelines for importers that include detailed suggestions for transporting and storing food. Companies are advised to use locked and sealed containers for

transporting food.

Both versions of the guidelines are being published today in the Federal Register.

Consumer advocates say that voluntary measures aren't enough to protect the food supply, and there's a renewed push in Congress to consolidate the government's inspection services to give the FDA and Agriculture Department more legal authority. Neither agency has the power to force companies to recall tainted products.

Whew! Asteroid passes undetected 'close' to Earth

LOS ANGELES (AP) - An asteroid large enough to wipe out France hurtled past the Earth at a distance of a half-million miles just days after scientists spotted it.

The asteroid, dubbed 2001 YB5, came within 520,000 miles of Earth on Monday, approximately twice the distance of the moon.

Dozens of asteroids pass close by the Earth each year, though 2001 YB5 was closer than most. On Friday, for instance, an asteroid known as 2001 UJ92 will pass with 11 million miles of Earth.

Asteroid 2001 YB5, estimated to be 1,000 feet across, was traveling about 68,000 mph relative to the Earth when it zipped past.

"It's a fairly substantial rock. If it had hit us at that sort of speed, you would be taking out a medium-size country, France, I suppose, or Texas, or something of that order," said Jay Tate, director of the Spaceguard Centre in Wales.

Astronomers with the NASA's

NASA reconsiders space station plans - A5

Near-Earth Asteroid Tracking program discovered 2001 YB5 on Dec. 26. Soon after, astronomers calculated the asteroid's orbit and determined there was no danger it would strike Earth.

Had it been on a collision course, it would have created "one of the worst disasters in human history," said Steven Pravdo, the NEAT project manager at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

"What could we have done about it? The answer is not much," Pravdo said.

As astronomers become aware of more asteroids flying close to Earth, they seek a standardized way of alerting the public to the hazard they might pose. Among programs already in place is the Spaceguard Centre's Comet and Asteroid Information Network, which began work Jan. 1.

HUMANITARIAN MISSION



Ray, back to camera, a master sergeant from North Carolina, talks with a Kandahar, Afghanistan, grocer about food supplies in the city Friday. With fighting waning, U.S. Special Forces teams are talking with residents and surveying community needs to help local authorities plan for rebuilding the city.

Theory seeks to explain star formation

WASHINGTON (AP) - A half billion years of utter blackness following the Big Bang, the theoretical start of the universe, was broken by an explosion of stars bursting into life like a fireworks finale across the heavens, a new theory suggests.

An analysis of very faint galaxies in the deepest view of the universe ever captured by a telescope suggests there was an eruption of stars bursting to life and piercing the blackness very early in the 15-billion year history of the universe.

The study, by Kenneth M. Lanzetta of the State University of New York at Stony Brook challenges the long held belief that star formation started slowly after the Big Bang and didn't peak until some five billion years later.

"Star formation took place early and very rapidly," Lanzetta said Tuesday at a NASA news conference. "Star formation was ten times higher in the distant early universe than it is today."

Lanzetta's conclusions are based on an analysis of what is called a deep field study by the Hubble Space Telescope. To capture the faintest and most distant images possible, the Hubble focused on an ordinary bit of sky for more than 14 days, taking a picture of every object within a small, deep slice of the heavens.

The resulting images are faint, fuzzy bits of light from galaxies near and far, including some more than 14 billion light years away, said Lanzetta.

Man holding shoe disrupts Vegas flight

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A passenger holding a shoe punched a flight attendant and opened the rear door of a Southwest Airlines jet as it was about to take off for Las Vegas, authorities said.

"His words were that everybody on the plane was going to hell," passenger Michael Fitzhugh said. "You could see the panic of the passengers."

Police at the Los Angeles airport arrested David Bono, 36, of New Orleans, on Monday for investigation of interfering with a flight crew.

Ruling limits help for carpal tunnel sufferers

WASHINGTON - In a victory for employers, the Supreme Court made it more difficult for workers to demand special treatment when they suffer partial physical disabilities such as carpal tunnel syndrome.

Tuesday's unanimous decision in the case of a former assembly line worker narrows the scope of the landmark civil rights law that protects the disabled. It was the latest in a series of Supreme Court rulings that set boundaries on who is covered by the 1990 Americans With Disabilities Act, and why.

Disability cannot be measured solely on the ability to do certain tasks at work, the court ruled Tuesday. Whether someone is disabled also must depend on the ease with which they perform "activities that are of central importance to most people's daily lives," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote for the court.

Into that category the court put walking, seeing and hearing, among other things. The court said it does not extend, as a lower federal appeals court held, to the ability to perform some manual tasks on the job.

Former labor secretary sets sights on governorship

BOSTON - Former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich is entering the race for governor of Massachusetts, a campaign adviser said Tuesday.

Reich, a Democrat and professor of social and economic policy at Brandeis University, planned to formally announce his candidacy Wednesday, the adviser said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Reich left President Clinton's Cabinet in 1997 and has never

Nation in brief

run for elective office. Republican acting Gov. Jane Swift, Massachusetts' first woman governor, is seeking reelection this fall.

Son describes fatal fight involving father at rink

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - A 12-year-old boy whose father beat another man to death at a youth hockey practice defended his dad on the witness stand Tuesday, saying he saw him land only three quick blows.

Thomas Junta, 44, fidgeted with his hands and sometimes bit his lip as his son, Quinlan, testified at the closely watched manslaughter trial. The sixth-grader's eyes could just barely be seen over the microphone in the witness box.

Junta has said he acted in self-defense when he beat Michael Costin, 40, into unconsciousness after an argument over rough play at their sons' hockey practice in Reading in 2000.

The boy's testimony was consistent with that of two prosecution witnesses who said they saw Junta hit Costin in the head three times. But two other prosecution witnesses said Junta landed many more blows - at least 10, by one account.

Doctor prescribed drug for boy who crashed plane

TAMPA, Fla. - A 15-year-old student pilot who killed himself by crashing an airplane into a skyscraper was prescribed an acne medication whose links to suicide and depression have been the subject of federal inquiries, law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

A prescription for Accutane, used to treat severe acne, was found at the home of Charles J. Bishop, Pinellas County Sheriff's Maj. Sam Lynn said.

"We are aware that he had a prescription," Tampa police spokeswoman Katie Hughes said. "We don't know if he was taking it, how long ... We don't know those details."

The Food and Drug Administration says 147 people taking Accutane, which affects the body's central nervous system, either committed suicide or were hospitalized for suicide attempts from 1982 to May 2000.

There has yet to be any conclusive evidence, however, that the drug causes depression or suicide, and the manufacturer maintains it is safe.

Comedic actor Avery Schreiber, 66, dies

LOS ANGELES - Avery Schreiber, the portly, mustachioed comedian who struck gold when he teamed with Jack Burns in the 1960s and was a master of both broad and percussive comedy, has died. He was 66.

Schreiber, who had been in declining health recently, died Monday of a heart attack at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

The comedy team of Burns and Schreiber was best known for his taxi cab routine, with Burns as the talkative passenger, a conventioneer who punctuates his marathon sentences with a rapid-fire "huh? huh? huh?" Schreiber played the long-suffering caddy.

"Avery was my dearest friend and comedy partner for 40 years," Burns told the Los Angeles Times Tuesday. "He was an extraordinary talent. More than that, he was probably the most gentle, kind and compassionate person I have known."

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NATION

U.S. soldiers screen prisoners

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP) — American soldiers are questioning al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners in Pakistan to identify those with enough knowledge of Osama bin Laden's terror network to merit being moved to U.S. custody, military officials said Tuesday.

Pakistan are screening prisoners in Pakistani custody, and some will be moved by air or overland back into Afghanistan. This indicates a deeper U.S. military involvement inside Pakistan than was disclosed previously.

could not discuss any British role in interrogation or transfer of al-Qaida or Taliban prisoners. Neither would he discuss bin Laden's whereabouts.



Navy Airman Alyssia Schnauer, from Dumas, Texas, taken a few minutes to rest after a chemical weapons drill Tuesday before returning to work on planes aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt in the Arabian Sea. The planes are used to fly combat missions over Afghanistan. There is no port call planned until the ship begins its journey home.

Convicted terrorist IDs training leader

SEATTLE — Convicted terrorist Ahmed Ressaam has again provided crucial evidence in the U.S. government's effort to bring terrorists to justice, this time identifying a captured Libyan paramilitary trainer as the man who ran Osama bin Laden's terrorist camps.

explosives and bomb-making materials—in his rental car. Ressaam said he planned to detonate a powerful suitcase bomb inside the Los Angeles International Airport shortly before Jan. 1, 2000.

said. He met Arabs from Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Yemen and Algeria, as well as recruits from Turkey, France, Germany, Chechnya and Sweden.

U.S. carrier drills crew, prepares for possible chemical attack at sea

ABOARD THE USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (AP) — Thousands of U.S. sailors aboard this aircraft carrier drilled Tuesday to prepare for any possible chemical weapons attack, donning gas masks and locking down the ship.

the ship, seal doors to prevent the spread of the chemical and wear gas masks. Emergency officers explained how sailors should respond in different situations, treat themselves with atropine injections if infected and wear safety clothing.

World War II, are the "poor man's nuclear weapon," said Marcantel, "capable of delivering devastating results" for those who want to use them.

Waste

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them in lateral straps and bludgeoned them to the point that they would meet the deadlines" or "to work with contractors who could, Andreus said.

Defining waste
Transuranic waste and spent nuclear fuel are two different types of nuclear waste.

at the Radioactive Waste Management Complex (INEL). The waste was buried in 20 pits and trenches — many unlined — dug in the shallow desert soil. Pit 9 covers about one acre. From 1967 to 1969, the government dumped about 110,000 cubic feet of plutonium-contaminated waste in Pit 9, then covered it with about six feet of soil.

agreement deadlines. She said Kempthorne made it sound as if the DOE hasn't made any progress. It has in numerous areas, including 104 out of 107 milestones set in 1991, she said.

Police release traffic-stop video of Sept. 11 hijacker
PIKESVILLE, Md. (AP) — A videotape of one of the Sept. 11 hijackers being pulled over for speeding two days before the attacks was released Tuesday by Maryland State Police, who said there were "no red flags" to justify detaining the man.

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above ground. "I believe the buried waste is probably a bigger threat to the aquifer than the spent fuels that are stored safely," Batt said this week.

Defining waste
Transuranic waste and spent nuclear fuel are two different types of nuclear waste.

all plutonium contaminated waste. "I've said many a time that we must not allow this situation to continue," Batt said. "By the first deadline they hadn't turned a spoonful of dirt."

Trace amounts of plutonium have been detected in the aquifer at INEL, but not at levels that present an immediate health or environmental concern, the state's INEEL Oversight Program says.

There were no circumstances to question the gentleman more than we did," Mitchell said. On the tape, Catalano can be seen telling Jarrah he was pulled over for going 90 mph in a 65 mph zone. After a few minutes, Catalano returns and tells Jarrah the fine is \$270, gives him a few instructions on how to pay the fine and tells him he is free to go. Jarrah is never seen in the tape.

"No red flags at all," Catalano said. "It was a routine traffic stop."

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Sean O'Keefe

New boss: NASA cost overruns won't drag space station down

WASHINGTON (AP) — NASA's new administrator, Sean O'Keefe, said Tuesday the billions of dollars in cost overruns facing the space station program are manageable — and not at the expense of everything else.

On the job for just five days, O'Keefe said he doesn't know yet whether some of the National Aeronautics and Space

Administration's field centers will need to be closed or whether the number of shuttle flights to the international space station will need to be reduced to save money.

"It's all on the table. I'm not wed to any solution," he said.

O'Keefe, a former budget official, said the recent recommendations of an independent panel to scale back the international space station are

"a good point of departure."

The task force suggested reducing the number of workers in the program, curbing back the number of shuttle flights to the orbiting outpost and, at least for now, keeping the space station crew at three rather than aiming for the seven originally envisioned.

A lifeboat and a habitation module needed to increase the number

of astronauts on board are in limbo under White House orders.

"My fondest hope is that this will be a short-term kind of objective in the next 18 months to two years," O'Keefe said in his first meeting with reporters. He said he wants to "make sure we got it right" before moving forward with any expansion plan.

NASA does not know with certain-

ty how much the space station ultimately will cost the 16 participating nations. The U.S. share alone has grown from an estimated \$17.4 billion in 1993 to roughly \$30 billion because of launch delays and unreasonable budget caps set by Washington; the task force reported in November.

The space agency's overall budget currently stands at \$14.8 billion.

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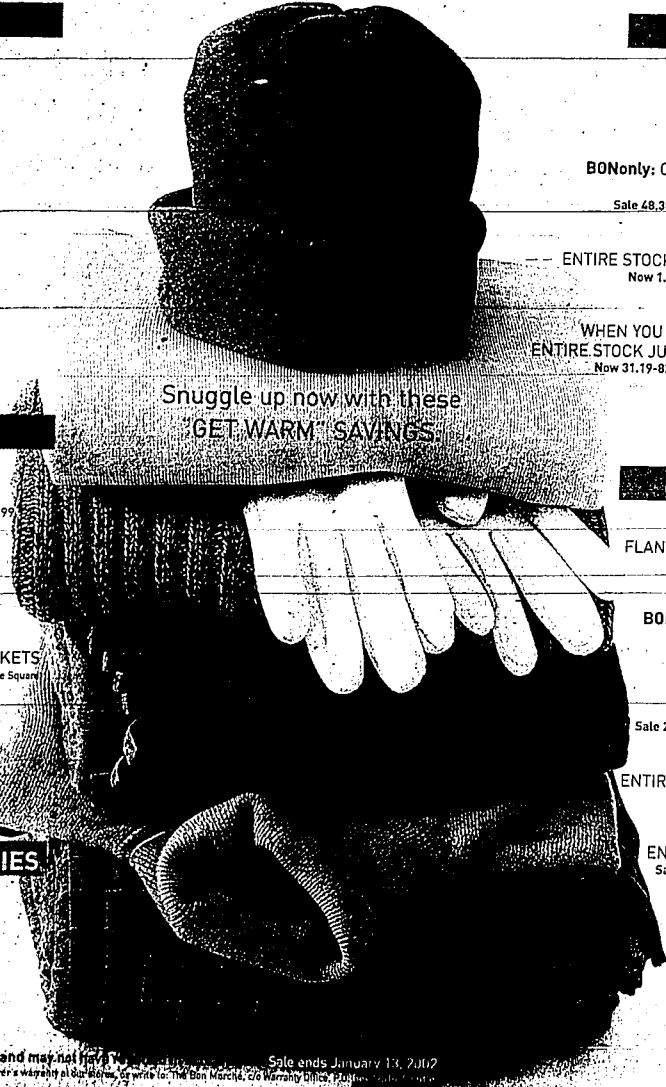
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EDITORIAL

Indian tribe gains little by taxing media

Idaho's Indian tribes, like all prominent institutions, want favorable news coverage. But at the rate the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe is going, news coverage of any kind could become a rarity.

The tribe announced last week it wants to charge media organizations \$150 a year for access to the Fort Hall reservation. Tribal leaders want the media to observe a 1992 tribal law requiring annual business licenses for any vendor on the tribe's land.

Somehow, tribal leaders have decided that gathering information in their community is no different from selling shoes. So they want all reporters, photographers and TV camera technicians who visit the reservation to be licensed.

Media outlets that don't buy the \$150 annual license can buy a permit for \$25 a day.

The tribe apparently means business. Recently tribal officials had two reporters kicked off the reservation for not having the license.

Indian tribes certainly can write ordinances governing business practices on their reservations. But the supreme law of the land is still the U.S. Constitution. Someone needs to remind the tribal leadership that certain freedoms in the Constitution are exempt from license.

As the First Amendment promises, "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..."

If the tribe requires a license to exercise the constitutional right to a free press, what's next? A tariff on church attendance? Ticket sales for public meetings? A poll tax on elections?

Taxing the First Amendment could never withstand a court challenge. But even if it were legal, trying to license news reporting would still be foolish.

By sticking the media with a fee, the tribe risks widening the gulf between the reservation

and its neighbors. There aren't many media organizations in southeast Idaho, and the potential revenue from licensing them is minimal. There is little to gain from such a policy, except bad public relations.

And that's a shame, because the Shoshone-Bannocks need good public relations. They've complained that their viewpoint doesn't get much of a forum in the media. A license fee surely won't help.

Shoshone-Bannock leaders should throw out this idea and encourage, not discourage, media coverage on the reservation.

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LETTERS

Shelter group loves animals

I am responding to the Jan. 3 letter written by Robert Powers regarding the new animal shelter.

I am one of the community citizens that attended the first meeting held last January. When I saw the announcement for the meeting and its purpose in the paper, I knew it was a goal I wanted to donate my time to and, like most people with busy lives, I'm pretty selective about how I use my free time.

Much to my dismay, from the very first meeting, there was an extremely small group in attendance, including Mr. Powers, who were so very contentious that I felt they were wasting my time as well as that of many other "community citizens" who were there for the sole purpose of building a new shelter. I was not there to argue about who was going to control what. I am glad that because I and most of the group felt so strongly about building a new shelter, we stuck it out.

We made decisions based on majority votes. The majority of those in attendance refused to get involved in the power trip continually brought up by the same few people and, after several community meetings, the small, contentious group left. We finally got things moving instead of having to spend our precious time listening to all the bickering put on by a handful of people.

It is very clear that those who continue to attend the "build the shelter" meetings aren't there for any power or control. We love animals.

We want to build a new shelter for them. We want them to have a better chance of finding loving homes to live out their lives.

JANET THOMAS
Twin Falls

Article inspires reader

The story of the Idaho Youth Ranch by Times-News writer Nate Johnson was inspiring. The story was about a wayward

youth (Ron Ashley) who was helped by James R. Crowe, a Methodist minister who, according to the article, started the ranch on a shoestring. Mike Jones is presently the chief executive officer and president.

A very interesting story, Nate Johnson. **WILLIAM HORNADAY**
Hagerman

Word choice shows ignorance

This year, I made only one New Year's resolution. It was not to be upset by any display of stupidity by people in authority. It lasted only one day until I saw that the name of the Twin Falls Clinic was to be called the downtown campus.

A campus is defined as the grounds and building of a college or university. Is that large complex on West Addison the main campus? I suppose those people walking around with stethoscopes are teachers and the head administrator is the dean. I have to conclude that the spokesmen for the institution, the ones devising this language, are the class clowns.

I pray, as do all the residents of southern Idaho, that the management of the hospital is not characterized by the ignorance shown in its choice of words.

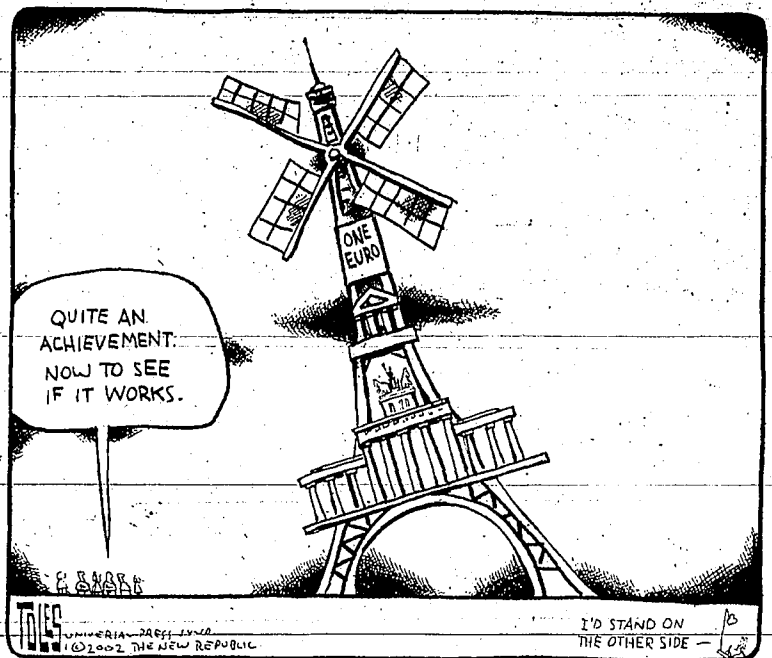
JULIE DOMOWITZ
Castelford

T-N editorial proves insightful

To The Times-News: Thank you for the Dec. 26 editorial addressing complaints about the security measures taken by Gov. Kempthorne to protect our State Capitol Building and the people who work and visit here each day.

I appreciated the insightful editorial, and I could not agree more. Keep up the great work!

ALAN G. LANCE
Boise
(Editor's note: Alan Lance is the attorney general for the state of Idaho.)



Europe's new bland currency

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - Europe's new, all-inclusive currency, the euro, looks like Monopoly money. It has bland colors, bland artwork and no distinctive nationality. If a carrier pigeon were instructed to take a euro home, the bird would not know where to go.

The pro-euro arguments sound good. Non Europeans will have to change their currencies only once. Prices will stabilize because consumers can more easily compare costs of items and services across borders. Confusion will be lessened as people won't have to figure in their heads, or on calculators, the price difference, say, between items for sale in Spanish pesetas and French francs. Still, I will miss the pictures of kings and queens, revolutionaries and marvelous architectural triumphs on the old money.

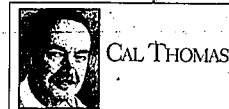
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A silver strip looks like a zip-tab for easier package opening. It is one of sev-



eral attempts to make the money difficult to counterfeit, though counterfeiters appear undeterred. Bogus euros hit the streets within the first 24 hours of the currency's release.

An old bicycle stands in the lower left corner. The more distinct colors and design make the note pleasing to the eye and connect the bearer to history. The lines on this legal tender appear to have been drawn by an architect. They recall those grand intersecting arcs I tried, but failed, to create in geometry class. The note is signed by the bank's chief executive. The euro is signed by no one, perhaps because its creators wish to be able to deny authorship.

On the reverse of my 10-pound note are two depictions of Belfast's beautiful City Hall, an architectural delight. Highlighted is the triangular frieze over the entrance, a home to ancient-historical and mythical figures worthy of our attention.

Thirty million people in 12 nations are laying aside the currencies they grew up with in favor of the euro. They have no choice. The old money, like old Europe, is fading away and will no longer be legal tender, except in Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland and also in Britain, where Gov continues to save the Queen and the Pound Sterling.

Some are benefiting in other ways from the money change. The euro was a boon to French prostitutes, who used the new currency to "massage their rates upward," as the London Times delicately put it. Winners on the French version of "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?" will now be paid in euros, earning them six and one-half times more money than the 1 million French francs they might have expected to take home. Vive la France, but the death of the franc and the other currencies are cause for some traditionalists to mourn.

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

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Euro coins are slightly more attractive. A 50 "cent" Irish euro resembles a gold Sacagawea American dollar. (Cents in what sense, anyway? Not as fractions of dollars or French francs, once called centimes.) On one side is a "map" of Western Europe with some stars and vertical lines. On the other is the Celtic harp.

How did the Irish get permission to stamp that musical instrument and symbol of national pride on this coin?

Contrast this with the beautiful old money. My 10-pound sterling paper note from the Northern Bank (established in 1824, thank you) is a work of art. On it is J.B. Dulpont of Belfast (1840-1921), inventor of the pneumatic

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Doonesbury flashback

By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

Biologists deserve spot on endangered list

DENNIS T. AVERY

Conservation is not a legitimate excuse for any government employee to betray the public's trust. Will the biologists who perpetrated this hoax even get an official public reprimand?

that is still under way. However, Western congressmen and senators are threatening oversight hearings on the incident. Jim Buck, a Washington state representative, is calling for the firing of the two state employees involved. "We have watched friends lose their homes and property because of the ESA in the name of species preservation. Then to have something like this come up—people are hopping up and down mad," Buck said.

The government biologists apparently climbed onto a bandwagon that's all too popular with environmental activists. It started with the Tellico Dam, which was being built in Tennessee in the 1970s. Activists claimed that the dam site was the only habitat in the world for a tiny fish called the snail darter. By the time the dam was built—after years of delay—snail darters had been found in a large number of other locations.

In the 1990s, the federal government put much of the nation's Northwest national forests off-limits to logging—supposedly to protect the northern spotted owl. Activists said the owls were becoming rare because the old growth forests in which they nested were being cut down. In reality, the owls were rare in the old growth forests because there weren't many rodents living under the big trees. Historically, spotted owls have nested in old growth, and hunted for rodents and other small game in the nearby new growth

created by frequent forest fires. America's publicly owned parks and forests are a wonderful national asset. However, they belong to all the people, not just to the few "deep ecologists" who want all human activity barred from their boundaries. Hiking, camping, fishing, birdwatching—even hunting and snowmobiling—are legitimate recreational activities in appropriate places.

There's no question that we now worry more about wildlife conservation than timber production. That's even a legitimate concern—but the conservation must be global in scope. After the "spotted owl reduction" in U.S. logging—on what had been some of the most productive and sustainable forests in the world—Asia began buying more of its timber from tropical forests in Indonesia and Myanmar. We protected spotted owls that weren't really endangered, at the cost of endangering many tropical wildlife species. And American workers paid the piper with

lost jobs. It is famously hard to fire government employees. Let's understand, however, that this government-sponsored hoax could have cost hundreds of thousands of us our recreation opportunities. It could have cost the jobs of thousands of other people—loggers, furniture makers, canoe craftsmen, mountain-bike salesmen and the employees of outdoor-equipment firms like L.L. Bean. Conservation is not a legitimate excuse for any government employee to betray the public's trust. Will the biologists who perpetrated this hoax even get an official public reprimand? We'll keep you posted, but don't expect to hear about it on the 6 o'clock news.

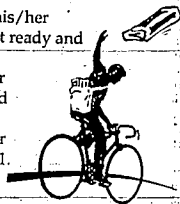
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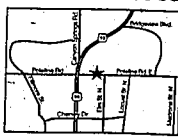
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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Veterans' clinic holds open house

TWIN FALLS - The veterans Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Twin Falls has moved into its new building and an open house is today.

U.S. Representative Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, is scheduled to attend, as is Wayne Tippets, director of the VA Medical Center in Boise, said Jim Sola, medical center spokesman.

"It's four times as big as the place we have been renting," said Sharon McCracken, volunteer coordinator. "We're happy to be here and to give service to the vets in the area."

Commanders of veterans' organizations, city officials, state representatives, and others have been invited to the open house, from 1 to 3 p.m. today at 260 Second Avenue East. The event is sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

McCracken said CBOC provides outpatient care to all eligible, enrolled veterans from the Magic Valley and surrounding communities.

The clinic offers basic medical and mental health care, including primary care, routine follow-up care, office visits for management of chronic medical illnesses and acute minor illnesses, medication management, and non-emergency office visits, she said.

She added that care at the CBOC is scheduled by appointment only. "Only patients enrolled with the Twin Falls VA Outpatient Clinic will be scheduled for services," she said.

Centennial commission will meet tonight

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Centennial Commission will meet tonight at 7 at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce office located at 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

According to new Chairman Ken Edmunds, the commission will address recent organizational and structural changes discussed during last week's executive meeting.

The commission plans to set up separate standing committees to cover the centennial's events, fundraising and marketing. A legacy committee may also be formed at the regularly-scheduled meeting.

Panel seeks project ideas for lakes, reservoirs

HAILEY - The Blaine County Waterways Committee is inviting boaters and others to suggest ideas for projects needed on Magic, Little Wood and Fish Creek reservoirs, as well as Alturas and Pettit lakes.

Blaine County seeks \$17,000 in boater registration to fund docks, restrooms and garbage facilities, signing and the Sheriff's Marine Patrol program overseeing 44,000 surface acres of water.

The past few years have seen improvements at Hot Springs Landing Docks for West Magic, East Magic and Moonstone Landing have been ordered. It's anticipated that this year's application will focus on repairs and improvements at Alturas Lake's Smokey Bear boat access.

To offer suggestions, contact Mary Austin Crofts at the Blaine County Recreation District at 788-2117 or Curtis Miller at the Blaine County Sheriff's Office at 788-5555.

People for Pets holds annual meeting tonight

TWIN FALLS - The People for Pets Humane Society of the Magic Valley annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. today in Room 115 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The meeting is in conjunction with the "Build a Shelter" meeting.

- compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average
Upper Snake River	83 %
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Republicans devise plan for safe schools

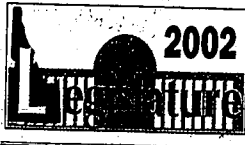
By Julia Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Republicans unveiled a five-point plan Tuesday to fix unsafe schools that includes reducing the percentage of voters required to approve bond levies from 66.7 percent to 60 percent.

The plan is a response to 4th District Judge Deborah Ball's orders to the Legislature last February to help school districts replace or repair unsafe buildings.

Initially lawmakers reacted to the judge's edict by setting aside \$10 million to help out school districts that proved they had unsafe buildings.

Voters in five school districts, including Minidoka and Wendell, have taken advantage of the program.



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But that action was only a stop gap, and on Tuesday Deputy Attorney General and Mike Gilmore warned the Senate Education Committee that if the Legislature doesn't find a solution this year, the judge will.

"And if the courts get into the building

business, instead of a \$20- or \$30-million problem, we'll have a \$700-million problem," said Sen. Steve Smylie, R-Boise.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne even chided lawmakers in his state of the state address Monday, saying, "Let's get the courts out of the business of determining what's best for our schools."

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, noted that the lawsuit that brought the courts to this point was filed more than 11 years ago.

The Legislature appointed a two-man committee last session to come up with long-term solutions. Its plan includes extending the interest payment program for one more year, requiring schools to keep up on maintenance over time and giving the state the power to shut down unsafe buildings.

But also, the committee posed the idea that school districts that are considered poor in terms of tax base would be eligible for state help in a new funding formula.

Noh said all local schools, with the exception of Blaine County Schools, would qualify as "poor" districts.

First, though, according to the new plan, at least 60 percent of voters in poor districts would have to do their part by approving bond issues. The state constitution requires a super majority of voters to approve bond issues.

An amendment would require at least 66.7 percent of lawmakers in each house to approve it. Then a simple majority of 50 percent plus one of the voting public would have to approve it before it becomes law.

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Global knowledge



Lisa Harris gets a hug from teacher Curtis Asay after she won the geography bee competition at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls on Tuesday.

O'Leary students put geography skills to the test

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Lisa Harris was crowned the geography bee champion of O'Leary Junior High School Tuesday.

Bringing to the competition nerves of steel and a lifelong passion for reading, Harris, a seventh-grader, lasted two hours to emerge victorious over 22 other students for the first round of the 14th annual National Geographic Bee held at the school.

"I was amazed to win because I didn't think I studied that well," she said. "It was really cool."

Paul Remaley, eighth-grade social science teacher, said that while the competition is fun, it serves an important function to raise students' awareness of geography.

"Social sciences and world geography are very important parts of a student's knowledge base," he said. "These are the things kids need to know throughout their life."

National Geographic designs the questions that cover topics

The key question

The winning question in Tuesday's O'Leary Junior High School geography bee: "Which large city on a gulf coastal plain in Texas was flooded in June 2001 due to rains brought by tropical storm Allison?"

Answer: Houston

ranging from world and physical geography to cultural issues to plants and animals of the world, and then mails them to the school.

Although Harris said she prepared for the bee throughout the holiday break, she admitted that most of her studying was done the night before the test with the help of her dad.

Margie Atkins, a seventh-grade geography teacher, said students are allowed to study questions from previous geography bees. However, it takes a longtime interest in geography to accumulate the necessary knowledge to be successful in the competition.

Indeed, some of the questions even had the teachers stumped. "This may have been the



Linda Wolla reacts to a question during the competition.

toughest batch of questions I've seen," Atkins said.

Harris will advance to the state bee in Boise after successfully completing a written test containing around 80 multiple-choice geography questions. She said she'll study plenty in the next couple of days.

The student winning in Boise will then be flown to compete in Washington, D.C., against 49 other students for a \$25,000 college scholarship grand prize. Second and third place winners will receive college scholarships of \$15,000 and \$10,000, respectively.

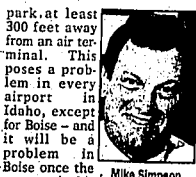
Simpson says security measures need review

By Karen Bosselk
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson said Tuesday that Congress must review some of the security measures it passed hastily in the wake of September's terrorist attacks for the sake of American civil liberties.

"Some of the things we did were probably an overreaction," the Republican told about 50 members of the Sun Valley/Ketchum Rotary Club.

Among the measures that should come under scrutiny, he said, is one requiring cars to



Mike Simpson

park at least 300 feet away from an air terminal. This poses a problem in every airport in Idaho, except for Boise - and it will be a problem in Boise once the new terminal is completed, he added.

Friedman Memorial Airport in Hailey has been able to get around the stipulation by searching each of the cars that come into the airport parking lot.

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"We need to review and individualize some of the security measures and allow each airport to devise their own security plan," Simpson said.

Expanded powers given U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to wiretap cell phones and conduct searches without the person present will also be scrutinized, Simpson assured listeners. Fortunately, he added, such measure have a sunset clause whereby the powers will expire

Simpson in Twin Falls

U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson is scheduled to be in Twin Falls today to:

- Speak at a Small Business Development seminar at the College of Southern Idaho at 8 a.m.
- Speak at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the West Coast Hotel at noon.
- Attend an open house for the Department of Veteran Affairs' new Twin Falls outpatient clinic at 260 Second Ave. E. at 1:10 p.m.
- Meet with a group studying the possibility of an ethanol plant in the Magic Valley at CSI's Taylor Building, Room 277, at 3 p.m.

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Canal Co. reviews water year

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Canal Co. shareholders Tuesday recapped the 2001 water year, a time of tricky irrigation management because of a meager water supply.

The year's accomplishments included progress on improving water quality in Rock Creek. Brian Olmstead, who handles water quality projects for the company, said that since 1981, Rock Creek sediment levels dropped from 600 milligrams per liter to 27 milligrams per liter in the summer of 2001.

He outlined progress on other Snake River tributaries and shared notes areas that still need improvement. He also encouraged continued conservation measures.

"Do whatever you can to keep your soil on your farm," he told growers.

The canal company received a good financial report and lauders from auditors Van Engelen CPA's & Co. for good cost control measures in 2001. The company kept personnel and administrative costs down to help offset the expense of renting water and the smaller receipts from power plant sales. Both scenarios were triggered by a short water supply.

The company has raised shareholder fees from \$18 a share in 2001 to \$19 a share in 2002. It has set a \$4.76 million operating budget for the new year, down by more than 5 percent from \$5 million in 2001. The company is expecting about \$4.61 million in revenues in 2002. The use of about \$146,000 in reserves is budgeted to make up the shortfall between the operating budget and projected revenue.

Chuck Goiner, a member of company's board of directors, updated for shareholders progress on the agreement reached with upstream groundwater users over water rights. The agreement will be worked out over the next two years without the threat of litigation.

"We're meeting monthly. We're meeting without attorneys," he said.

Deputy Idaho Attorney General Clive Strong and Idaho Department of Water Resources Director Karl Dreher are attending the meetings, Goiner said. Attorneys representing the parties will be brought in when it comes time to put words on paper, he said.

John C. O'Connor, owner of Farm Management Inc., publicly commented on going for bringing back the deal he did and not spending money on a court fight. Coiner is the company's lead negotiator on the issue.

The company announced a proposal to redraw board representation districts. The change is proposed to make it simpler for shareholders to know which district they are in, company manager Victor Albert said. The proposal will be voted on at next year's shareholders meeting. Time is being given for shareholders to consider the option, he said.

Finally, Twin Falls Canal Co. and the Balanced Rock and Snake River conservation districts recognized that they have made water quality improvements through farming

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933. Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

HEYBURN



Sheryl A. Dean

Sheryl A. Dean, 50-year-old Heyburn resident passed away Sunday, January 6, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, Idaho.

She was born March 15, 1951, in Fontana, California, the daughter of Thomas and Lucille Hansworth. She attended school in Fontana, California and Southern Utah State, Cedar City, Utah. She married Dennis Dean in October 20, 1979, in Rupert, Idaho.

She worked for the Grand Teton National Parks for 3 years and for Ore-Ida Foods/McCain for 28 years. She enjoyed substitute teaching and going to school activities with her children. She also enjoyed golfing, camping, going on trips, especially to Mesquite, Nevada, with her family.

She is survived by her husband Dennis, three sons Michael, Gregory and Jeffrey of Heyburn, Idaho, her mother Lucille Hansworth of Rupert, sisters Peggy (Jim) Stone of Heyburn, Cyndi Hainsworth, Sedona, Arizona; mother-in-law Doris Falmberg of Heyburn; step-mother-in-law Olive Dean, Fountain Valley, California; step-sisters-in-law Ronnie (Eric) Zust, Chesterfield, Mo.; and Yolanda (Norm) Pedervill, Fountain Valley, California, and many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father Thomas Hansworth, father-in-law Lloyd Dean, step-father-in-law Joe Palmberg, sister and brother-in-law Sharon and Steve Thibault.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, January 11, 2002, at the Paul 3rd Ward 300 South 500 West, with Bishop Kay Calmull officiating. A viewing of friends and family will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2002, at the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 East Main and 1 hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

Buhl
Elsie Faye Robinson, 84, a resident of Bridgeview Estates, Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away on Monday, January 7, 2002, of complications associated with Alzheimer's. The viewing will be held from 1-5 p.m. Wednesday at Farmer Funeral Chapel. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, at the First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main, Buhl. The family will greet friends one hour before the service at the church.

Faye was born September 30, 1917, in Dallas, South Dakota. She was the older of two daughters to Herman and Agatha Weirich. She received her formal schooling at Wendell High School where she graduated in 1935. While attending Albion State Normal School, from which she graduated in 1936, she met Richard Carl Robinson. They were married on January 27, 1943, in Boise, Idaho.

women's circle president, and she was a longtime member of two bridge clubs, served on the election board, and was a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

Within and outside of the classroom, Faye taught by example. Her children, grandchildren and students learned the difference between right and wrong, the significance of a superior work ethic, and the importance of honesty through her daily interaction with others. Her dedication to education was evident in every aspect of her life. Gifts to her grandchildren were educationally oriented, and each child received a check from her at a certain milestone in life.

She leaves her husband of 58 years, Richard (Dick) Robinson of Bridgeview Estates, Twin Falls. She is also survived by two daughters: Sarah (Mrs. Bob) Webster of Parma, Ohio and Jill (Mrs. Steve) Hinton. She adored her grandchildren, Keri (Mrs. Matt) Pascoe, Nampa; Jay Webster, Parma; Riley and Lisa Hinton, Idaho.

Other survivors include her sister, Lynn (Mrs. Ward) Muller, Port Orchard, Washington; sister-in-law, Pearl Hickey, Nampa; three nephews, Reed Muller, Port Orchard, Washington; Joe Robinson, Tucson, Arizona; Duane Nampin, Nampa; and niece, Judy Cash, Escondido, California.

Her parents preceded her in death. Her family's great appreciation to the staff of Bridgeview Estates. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 1111 South Orchard Street, Suite 200, Boise, Idaho 83705 or the Buhl First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 453, Buhl, Idaho 83316. Funeral arrangements by Farmer Funeral Chapel, Buhl.

To the first grade teacher

To your clean hands, I now commend
This child with lipstick-kiss on ear -
And hope you find him such a friend
As I, who kept him awfully near.

He knows so little - Teddy bears,
And white-railed bed, and cookie jar
And yet is wondering about the rest -
Including seas and stars.

And now it comes - the words, the books
And what "goes into," "adds" and "borrows" -
I will take care of his today -
You, Mrs. Robinson, his tomorrow.

By Elizabeth Henley

RUPERT



Leonard O. Wren

Leonard O. Wren, age 77 of Heyburn passed away Sunday, January 6, 2002, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

He was born December 29, 1924 at Stone, Idaho, the son of Ralph and Elsie Gurney Wren. He was educated at Stone, Idaho, and served his country in the United States Navy as Seabee from 1943 to 1946. On May 28, 1949, at Tremonton, Utah, he married Clara Cagle who survives.

Mr. Wren enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, woodworking and wood craft, was an avid reader who enjoyed browsing through book stores. He was a member of River Rangers of Rupert and unions and Bows of Jerome square dancing clubs and a life member of the National Rifle Association. He was a Christian.

In addition to his wife Clara, he is survived by his three sons, William O. and Dennis Wren of San Diego, CA, Thomas L. and Cindy Wren of Twin Falls, Idaho, Ralph O. and Cynthia Wren of Burley, Idaho. Three sisters, Cagle of Winnemucca, Nevada, Dora Thomas of Anchorage, Alaska, 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Paul Wren, brothers, Irvin and Clyde Wren and parents.

Should friends desire, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carol Smith, 153 E. 100 N., Rupert, Idaho 83350.

BOISE



Scott Michael Peterson

Scott Michael Peterson passed away January 7, 2002, at home with his family after a long and courageous fight with muscular dystrophy.

Scotty was born on October 23, 1986, at St. Lukes Hospital in Boise, Idaho. Scott attended school at Silver Sage Elementary, Lake Hazel Middle and Meridian High. He enjoyed playing video games, sci-fi movies, comic collecting, skiing, swimming, jet skiing and his favorite television shows "NASH and Star Trek". Scotty touched so many lives in his short time here with us. Our family is so very thankful of our times together. Our vacations in McCall, the Oregon Coast, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and Sea World. One of Scotty's best and made possible by Make-A-Wish foundation. Scotty taught all of his family that neither what trials we go through in our lives there is a way out of humor in everything. He will be remembered by all of us for his tremendous courage.

Scotty is survived by his parents, Michael and Vicki Peterson (McMillan); brother and sisters, Brett Smith, Megan Peterson, Shelley Peterson, Kim Gels and brother-in-law and Cindy Mueggler of Twin Falls and Harold McMillan of Twin Falls. Many Aunts, Uncles and cousins also survived him.

Scotty was preceded in death by his grandparents, Blaire Peterson and Marjorie Smith.

Scott's family would like to invite everyone that is able to join us Friday, 4 p.m. January 11, 2002 at The Cathedral of the Rockies, 1110

West Franklin St., for a celebration of Scotty's life.

Scott's family would like to give a special thanks to a few people who made a huge difference in Scotty's life: special friends Darin Robbins, Matt Millensifer, and Michael Furey. We would also like to give a special thanks to the pediatric nurses at St. Luke's, Dr. Henry Thompson, and Judy and Ed with Hospice care. Memorial contributions should go to the MDA and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Scotty we love you.

SUN CITY, ARIZ.



Zelma Adamson Warberg

She was a devoted wife, a wonderful mother, and a lady with unquestionable class. Zelma Adamson Warberg of Sun City, Arizona died December 27, 2001, of complications from pneumonia and desert fever.

Born in Utah, on December 15, 1913, she was the daughter of Miss Provance and then Utah's Beauty both in 1931. She completed her high school education in Provo, Utah, then studied for two years at Brigham Young University. Following her educational pursuits, she moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. She married Robert M. Warberg in 1947 and was involved with, and supported him in his business as an agent for Allied Van Lines as well as his numerous civic activities. She was also active in her own part in both civic activities and as supporter and volunteer in numerous school activities while her children were receiving their education in the Twin Falls school system. Her individual civic activities included the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Jayceettes, and the Rotary Anne's.

She was secretary of the Ladies Golf Association of the Sun Lakes Country Club, of which she and her husband were charter and founding members.

She is survived by her husband and her two sons, Brett W. Warberg who resides in Atlanta, Georgia with his wife Mary, and Larry D. Warberg with his wife Karen, lives in Salem, Oregon. She has four grandchildren, Kim Warberg and Kara (Mrs. Carl) Sanders both of Salem, Oregon; Hilary (Mrs. Christopher) Barr of Burford, Georgia and Brooke (Mrs. Sean) Fedigan of Wappingers Falls, New York. She has a grandson, Tony Thompson of Los Angeles, California.

While she loved her children dearly, she had a special relationship with all her grandchildren. Her fondest memories were of the times she had her grandchildren, taking them to feed the swans at Sunset Memorial Gardens, swimming at Bass Lake or Nat-Soo-Paw, doing various arts and crafts projects or simply enjoying a root beer at a local drive-in. She had a deep involvement in the lives of her grandchildren and served as a role model for them all. Those five grandchildren blessed her with three great-grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

She enjoyed golf and gardening. Proud of her Scottish heritage, it was not unusual for her, when she hit a love of food. Kim Warberg and her shoes and wade in to retrieve the errantly hit ball. She did, however, draw the line when she hit a ball into the Snake River. She had a wonderful sense of humor and loved a good laugh, even at her own expense. She passed that sense of humor on to her children who were only too happy, from time to time, to practice those skills on her.

She also passed many other attributes on to her children, including a strong value system, a deep commitment to community and country and she was a devoted mother. Most of all she passed on the ability to maintain a strong, committed relationship with one's mate. In that regard, she was a shining example.

Along with her immediate family she is survived by two brothers and one sister, A. W. Adamson, Provo, Utah, Clifford Adamson, Nampa, Idaho, and Eva Pederson, also of Idaho, Idaho. She was preceded in death by her brother Roy Adamson, and her sister and best friend, Joyce Wells. She never wanted to be anything more than a good wife, mom and grandmother. She was all of that and more. But to those who know her, she was first and last a lady. She touched many lives during her 89 years. Everybody who knew her recognized her as someone special, and she was simply and truly that. A celebration in honor of her life will be held this spring in Twin Falls.

Regulators will investigate Astaris buy-back agreement

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will investigate whether a buy-back agreement struck between Idaho Power Co. and Astaris LLC when regional energy costs were soaring is still reasonable now they have subsided.

Commission staff last week asked the board to consider repeating the current rates for one that more accurately reflects current costs. That could save Idaho Power customers millions of dollars.

"Because Idaho Power is incurring substantial costs on a going-forward basis and because these costs may be passed on to ratepayers, we find it essential to process this case in an expedited fashion," the commission said in its Tuesday order.

Under the agreement reached in March - amid spiraling electricity prices - Idaho Power is paying Astaris an average price of \$159 per megawatt-hour, for 50 megawatts Astaris agreed not to use and sell it back to Idaho Power so it could meet a generation shortage at the time.

Astaris operated a Pocatello-area elemental phosphorus plant, but shut it down last month. The St. Louis-based company still is obligated under a 1997 contract to buy 120 megawatts from Idaho Power through March 31, 2003.

Once Idaho Power's largest user, Astaris filed suit in December, saying it no longer needs that electricity.

Since the March agreement, market prices dropped from about \$280 per megawatt to a current rate of under \$50.

SERVICES

Phillip H. Higgins of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at the Gooding First United Methodist Church - (Demaray's - Gooding Chapel).

Zola Georgina Olsen Dick Morrison of Jerome, service at 1 p.m. today at the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 520 North Lincoln, Jerome; visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the church; interment to follow in the Jerome Cemetery (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Eleanor J. Woods of Burley, prayer vigil with rosary at 7 p.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., Burley; funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Little Flower Catholic Church; friends may call from 6 p.m. until the time of the rosary Wednesday and from 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Nellie Elsie (Lickley) Lattimer of Jerome, service at 11 a.m.

DEATH NOTICES

John Ellis Thomason
WENDELL - John Ellis Thomason, 58, of Wendell died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Services are pending and will be announced Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Gilbert W. Valentine
GOODING - Gilbert W. Valentine, 87, of Gooding died Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2002, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Betty Shaud
JEROME - Betty Shaud, 76, of Jerome died Tuesday, January 8, 2002, at Valley View Health Care in Boise. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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Water worries remain for valley

Jerome County Sheriff's Office will close Thursday

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

Irrigation show
The 2002 Idaho Irrigation Equipment Show continues today, running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Best Western Burley Inn and Convention Center. The event is free to the public.



Wayne Hafner of Fresno Valves and Castings Inc. demonstrates to Clair Allen how a check-valve works at the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Show Tuesday in Burley.

BURLEY - While the amount of recent snowfall in Mini-Cassia could lead people to believe that drought worries are in the past, experts warn that may not be so. Speakers at the opening session of the Idaho Irrigation Equipment Show Tuesday in Burley said the water situation is looking a lot better than it did a year ago, but they cautioned against thinking that irrigators no longer need to conserve.

"It may look snowy outside, but conditions are not as good as we'd like," said Mark Croghan, hydraulic engineer for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Even though reservoirs fill up, not all storage rights fill, he said. "It can improve or it can get worse. We don't know yet. We had a good increase in water content during December but now it is below average again."

With several months left for snowpack to increase, it is hard to predict Croghan said.

"We only have about 38 percent of the snow we need for the season," he said. "We can't say the drought is over yet."

While drought conditions are uncertain, power rates look like they will stay the same, a Bonneville Power Administration official said.

"BPA's rate is stable for the next five years," said Judy Ulrich of the BPA.

The BPA's rates are based on cost and not market, she said.

"We are projected to stay lower than market," Ulrich said.

Ric Gale, vice president of regulatory affairs for Idaho Power Co., explained why electricity rates went up last year. Gale called it the "perfect storm," saying there were a "series of events aligned to create a catastrophe." Those events included deregulation in California and the interconnected western grid.

"Their problems became our problems," Gale said.

A downturn in economic growth also contributed to rate increases, he said.

Idaho Power officials were in a complete scramble mode to try to alleviate record rate increases, he said. The Idaho Power irrigation buyback program was one measure taken to help that situation, he said. But the buyback was a one-shot program not likely to be repeated this year, Gale said.

Eastern Idaho, Western Wyoming and Utah are in the most drought-prone area of the country, he said.

After a lengthy explanation of what weather people have been predicting, he summed it up: "What they're really saying is they don't know," Mohlmer said. There's no strong indication we'll be coming out of the drought in the next three to six months."

The power company is gearing up for a conservation program in the spring, he said.

"Ultimately we need to keep the lights on at a reasonable cost to our customers," he said.

Wrapping up the morning session was the weatherman - Mark Mohlmer of the National Weather Service, who attempted to forecast the weather for the upcoming farming season.

JEROME - The Jerome County Sheriff's Office in the Jerome County Courthouse will be closed Thursday for the installation of digital drivers' licensing equipment and to train employees to use the system.

The office will reopen on Friday at 8:30 a.m.

County will host workshop on subdivisions, zoning

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls County commissioners will present an Idaho Subdivision and Local Planning Act workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 2 in the Third Floor Conference Room at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

Valley In brief

The attorney team of Will Herrington and Jerry Mason draw from their combined 40 years of experience in this field to present a workshop directed at assisting planning and zoning commission members, elected local officials, developers, engineers and attorneys in this field. The workshop will focus on subdivisions; livestock containment ordinances; and meeting and process procedures for zoning activities.

Cost is \$30 per person. Registration may be done by calling Jody Galan at 736-4068.

-Compiled from staff reports

Simpson on Sept. 11: 'I'm reminded every day'

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - It's been four months since three planes ripped into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

But U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, still wants to talk about it, and so do his constituents.

Simpson jumpedstart his talk to the Sun Valley/Ketchum Rotary Club Tuesday with a tale related to the terrorist attack.

Sun Valley Councilman Latham Williams asked him to end the session by recounting where he was when the plane tore apart the Pentagon.

Simpson said he was in his office discussing an agricultural bill coming up for debate when he heard what he thought were women giggling outside his office.

"My first thought was that 'How stupid a pilot was this?'" he said, recounting his first glimpse of the smoking World Trade Center on TV.

He canceled a press conference scheduled to lambaste the District of Columbia for dumping sludge into the Potomac River

and building a bridge near bald eagle habitat. Then he contemplated the possibility of a terrorist attacking the Capitol Mall, "a perfect runway," before he was evacuated to a friend's house four blocks away.

"I drive by the Pentagon every day. And every day I drive by is a reminder of what happened," he said. "But I never talk about September 11 without reminding people that these were radicals who did this. We can't hold anything against a religion or people. We don't want to repeat the mistakes we made with the Japanese in World War II."

Simpson added that one of the most touching e-mails he learned of was from a sailor aboard the USS Winston Churchill in the Persian Gulf. The captain of a German destroyer asked permission to pass by and when it did, Simpson said, the ship was flying the U.S. flag and every sailor aboard was at attention on deck as if to signify, "We stand with you."

"People ask me, 'When will we get back to normal?' This is the normal of the future - increased security," he said.

"I drive by the Pentagon every day. And every day I drive by is a reminder of what happened."

-U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson

Rupert Citizens Advisory Committee takes shape

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Residents now have one more way to reach city officials.

Seven people were selected to serve as members of the first Rupert Citizens Advisory Committee at a meeting held Monday night.

John Cooper, Elton "Pete" Ford, Santos Garza, Roberto "Bob" Nevarez, Ray Stockton, Elizabeth Burr-Jones and Frank Rodriguez Jr. were selected from a pool of 11 applicants.

The committee will address complaints about any city issue. Its members will serve a one-year term while others will serve for two years, to create staggered

terms. Eventually all members will serve two-year terms.

Mayor Audrey Neiverth said she would notify those who had been selected and set up an organizational meeting for 7 p.m. Jan. 21. Each person will receive the committee guidelines, which have been approved by the City Council, to make sure members are willing to serve under those terms.

The committee would choose a chairperson and secretary and start work at the Jan. 21 meeting, Neiverth said.

The council will confirm the committee members at Tuesday's council meeting.

Neiverth, City Administrator Roger Bagley, City Attorney Rick Boliar, Councilmen Steve Barrick

and Layne Rutschke and Police Chief Ken Fedders all voted in the selection process. Each voted for seven people and the top vote-getters constituted the new committee.

Rutschke said the group was a good mix of people with representation from many parts of the Rupert community, including seniors, business people and the Hispanic community.

Garza, who also attended the meeting, said she was happy Rupert has put something in place. Jerome and Burley are still talking about forming similar committees, Garza said, but have not moved ahead with anything.

"See what Rupert can do," Garza said.

Burley City Councilman Curt

Mendenhall said the idea of an advisory committee has not come before the City Council. Mayor Jon Anderson said he also did not know of any plans for a committee to tackle police or city issues.

"That's what you have a council for," Mendenhall said. Another committee is "an extension of bureaucracy we don't need."

Mendenhall said Burley has its share of complaints, but the council tackles complaints one-on-one to come up with a solution, a system that seems to work well for Burley.

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Extra-curricular activities might be costing too much

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Are athletic directors practical when scheduling games?

That's the question Cassia County School Board Trustee Deb Critchfield asked at Tuesday's board meeting.

Money is tight, but it's business as usual in the district, Critchfield said. After looking at some of the sports schedules, she saw how far some teams are traveling, some of those distances multiple times in a season, she said.

She asked if people are really looking for ways to cut spending. Sports may not be the only culprit, Critchfield said. All extracurricular activities with travel expenses may need to be examined. Critchfield said every one needs to give a little bit.

Superintendent Mike Chesley said there have been no cutbacks mandated for extracurricular

activities. The district is waiting to hear what legislators are doing regarding school funding before responding "with a knee jerk reaction," he said.

However, groups are being told they can travel if they raise the funds on their own, Chesley said.

Curriculum director Dan Gillett said the board tightened up on travel expenses even before this year.

Critchfield's comments stemmed from discussion at a previous meeting about cutting one non-conference game from sports schedules next year to cut costs.

Some athletic directors have already cut a game from the schedule this year, said Bruce Bowen, board chairman.

The board also approved several new policies and changes in old policies.

In Policy 940, regarding the naming of buildings, the board discussed the definition of a "major donor." The board agreed

to leave the words "major donor" in the policy; the board will be responsible for deciding who a major donor is.

Policy 610 deals with graduation requirements. The board reinstated a section saying students must have a composite grade point average of 2.0 to graduate. The section had been omitted, although schools have been enforcing it, Gillett said. It has been in the student handbook.

In Policy 551, regarding student discipline, the board added a section saying any student who uses, sells, transmits, traffics or possesses drugs can face expulsion.

The board also approved Policy 605, dealing with curriculum standards from the State Department of Education.

In other business Tuesday:

- Chesley reported he and Jim Peterson, director of finance and operations, would meet with Burley city officials late this

week or early next week to discuss a pending land acquisition.

- Two additional student teachers will be working in the school district, bringing the district total to six.
- The board approved allowing Gaylen Smyer, director of the Cassia Regional Technical Center, to serve a central office administrative internship during the second semester of this school year.
- The board accepted a letter of resignation from Lisa Beams, a half-time third-grade teacher at Dworshak Elementary School.
- Chesley said another teacher also teaching half time in the third grade at Dworshak will move to full time to fill Beams' position.

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Rising Declo musician comes home for performance

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

DECLO - A rising musical talent has come home to perform in Cassia County.

Chris Hartwell, who has been cultivating his musical skills on the East Coast, has mixed feelings about performing in his hometown.

"I've been playing shows in D.C. and getting used to performing, but this is different. I'll be playing in front of my parents, my teachers and my friends. I'm excited to show them what I've been up to, but it's also nerve wracking," Hartwell said.

Hartwell, a 1995 graduate of Declo High School, started making up songs in his freshman year at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Inspired by his roommate, who was already pursuing a musical career, Hartwell began to write music.

He would usually sit down at the piano and find a chord structure he liked, then build a melody line and add lyrics, Hartwell said. When he had a few songs, he brought them out for public review at university events, coffee shops and clubs in Washington.

Though he majored in communications and public relations, Hartwell took several music classes on the side, which aided in his songwriting. These classes helped him understand why certain musical figures worked and gave him ideas for refining his techniques.

"I started thinking things like, 'Maybe a dominant seventh chord would work here.' Upon before I didn't know what that was," he said.

Hartwell's songwriting skill grew at college, but he learned basic music technique in Declo. He took piano lessons from Don Royster and voice lessons from RaNelle Knowles, residents of the Mini-Cassia area. Both were excellent teachers, though he was not always the best student, Hartwell said. Hartwell's mother forced him to take piano lessons, telling him he would have a heresomedy. Hartwell is grateful now and wishes he had applied himself more as a child.

"I didn't learn half as much as I should have," Hartwell said.

Having received his college degree, Hartwell plans to move to Salt Lake City, Utah, and find a day job while continuing his musical career at night.

Hartwell performs

Chris Hartwell will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Declo High School auditorium. Admission is \$3. Hartwell's debut album, "All I Fear," will be on sale at the show for \$7. The album is also available at The Book Plaza in Burley and online at www.chghartwell.com.

He hopes to find other musicians of a similar musical bent to collaborate on his work. Some of his songs would work well with a guitar or percussion of some kind, he said.

Hartwell produced his album, "All I Fear," in his one-bedroom apartment in Washington during the summer of 2001.

When writing the music, Hartwell would often add the vocal line last, improvising until it clicked. In some songs he sings with himself, harmonizing with his own voice.

"A lot of times I'd play the original vocals, listen to it and say, 'This needs something,'" Hartwell said. If those cases he added a vocal track, not writing out the harmonic line, but simply



Declo resident Chris Hartwell sings "Disillusioned," a song from his new album. Hartwell has been writing songs and performing in Washington, D.C., for the last several years.

singing the notes which came into his head.

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practices. Recognized were Tom Tverdy of Deep Creek, Leonard Crimser of Cedar Draw, Gary Allen from west of Rock Creek, and Rick Sievers from east of Rock Creek. Jim Brennan was

inducted into the Water Quality Hall of Fame.

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Legislature

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Noh said he would favor the reduction to a 60-percent majority only if it goes with a full package such as the one discussed Tuesday.

"After listening to Mike Gilmore, I'm convinced this is the Legislature's last opportunity to resolve this issue," he said. "I believe that reducing the majority required to pass a bond issue is an element in satisfying the judge's requirements."

But Mini-Cassia Republicans see it as a way to once again lean on property taxpayers.

"The wisdom of Idaho's constitution is that it provides a safeguard against a majority easily voting a property tax increase on

the minority," said Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley.

Retired teacher Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, said he doesn't see the reason for the reduction because most Magic Valley schools have "stepped up to the plate" in recent years with a super majority approving new building construction in most districts.

An architect of the plan, Sen. Darrel Doide, R-Nampa, said he does not view the 60-percent majority as a crucial part of going forward with a plan to appease the judge.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Idaho schools may face \$25 million hit

By Bob Flek
The Associated Press

BOISE — With the governor's warning that his budget will reflect the erosion of Idaho's economy over the past 10 months, lawmakers braced for details of the most austere state spending blueprint in 18 years.

"I need to see how he fits it all together," Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, said.

Cameron has no illusions that when it is put together on Wednesday the budget will total less than the one they passed a year ago. There is no choice if this year's record tax cut is to survive unscathed as the governor said and nearly all in the nation's

most Republican Legislature want.

But Kempthorne indicated in his State of the State address Monday night that the price of preserving tax relief is significant cuts in many state agencies. It also will mean an unprecedented reduction in state aid to schools this year and no real increase in support for next school year.

There also will be tough policy decisions on health care for the poor — decisions that likely will anger politically influential health care providers.

The plan pinches school districts, leaving them to absorb about \$25 million in cost increases mandated by state law. That cash would come directly from the discretionary funds the 114 districts use to buy classroom supplies and pay utility and other bills. Local school board members say it could prompt them to



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ask residents for property tax hikes to avoid crowding classrooms or cutting programs.

The Legislature has never reduced state aid to public schools after setting it. But it did essentially freeze the aid amount from the 1982-1983 school year to the 1983-1984 year during the last budget crisis.

As closely calculated as some lawmakers believe the governor's budget will be, failure to make the politically hard choices like cutting school aid could force rolling back the tax cut. Amid dire predictions for the state's near-term financial future from regional economists, lawmakers have worried that the administration would put too bright a face on the economic future, creating expectations that cannot be met and leaving the state no choice but to cut back budgets again next fall.

But while lawmakers have been assured the budget plan is based on a reasonable estimate of tax collections, the governor admitted he still needs to use cash from the budget reserve fund to avoid raiding it.

Some lawmakers also expect him to raid other special funds to complement what could be a revenue growth projection of around 4.5 percent. The State Tax Commission projected 3.3 percent growth last week. After accounting for the effects of the tax cut, the administration has estimated revenue growth for the current budget at 1.4 percent.

The law limits withdrawals from the budget reserve in any year to half the total balance — in this case about \$27 million.

That and 4.5 percent revenue growth would generate enough cash to finance a budget about \$30 million short of \$2 billion. This year's budget started at \$4 billion more than \$2 billion, and the budget cuts dropped it about \$10 million below.

Buhl enlarges itself, alters classification

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Despite concerns from residents, City Council members voted Monday to annex several acres of property into city limits and change the zoning classification of that property.

Property owner Earl Gray, a Salt Lake City resident, requested the zoning on 21.54 acres be changed from R3 to R4 to allow him to build houses four to an acre instead on one to an acre.

The land is located in the city's impact area. Once the property is annexed it can be connected to city services—building one house on one acre makes for too many septic tanks, he said. If the city did not annex the property, Gray said.

"I want to build nice homes on large lots and have city services," he said. "I think Buhl could use a nice housing project and hopefully it would bring some extra jobs to the area."

Homeowners adjacent to the property presented concerns Monday that echoed the same concerns voiced last month at a planning and zoning hearing.

Peggy Thomas has lived in the area for 23 years and is concerned that apartments might be built if the zoning is changed to R4. Thomas also had concerns about sewer, water, traffic, drug, property value, bus routes and police protection.

The City Council is considering modifications to its zoning codes that would allow multi-family dwellings in R4 areas.

"Farm land was already there when we moved in and we accept that, but I am concerned about a drug problem if apartments are

built," Brian Rodig said. "We already have a problem with the established apartments in the area."

Gray assured homeowners that he has never considered apartments.

Grant Atkinson and his mother have a small dairy nearby. "It is unconstitutional," Atkinson said. "The city has no power, the land is in the county."

Atkinson said he has communicated with the state attorney general, county commissioners and city prosecutor about blocking the request for the zoning change.

In other business, the City Council tabled another recommendation from the planning and zoning commission to modify the city's zoning codes.

The modifications include reducing the minimum lot size required to build a residential unit and allowing multi-family dwelling in R4 areas.

"The city is sneaking around to make these changes and is pushing hard to get it done fast," Peggy Thomas said during a second public hearing Monday. "I think they are trying to pull the wool over our eyes."

Planning and zoning clerk Tom Gannon denied that allegation. "No one was sneaking and the zoning modifications was initiated about three years ago," he said.

Gannon said the city must start now to make density uniform throughout the city.

The next regular council meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14 at City Hall.

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Redistricting panel tests different plan

BOISE (AP) — The citizen panel realigning Idaho's political boundaries adopted a new legislative map on Tuesday with population differences between districts greater than the Idaho Supreme Court recently found unconstitutional.

The 4-2 vote, with Democrats Earl Shurtliff and Tom Stewart of Boise in opposition, approved a plan with an 11.79-percent deviation between the least populated and most populous of the 35 districts.

A plan approved by the Idaho Commission on Redistricting last August was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court on Nov. 29 because its deviation was 10.69 percent.

Without a rational state policy to justify the disparity, the court unanimously said the plan violated the Equal Protection Clause's one-man, one-vote standard of representation.

"This plan may well be unconstitutional," said Coeur d'Alene attorney Ray Givens, the third Democrat on the bipartisan committee. "But politics is the art of the possible, and the people of Idaho need us to make a decision."

The commission also voted to retain Idaho Falls lawyer Tim Hopkins to help draft a document detailing the legal reasoning behind the plan in the event of an expected lawsuit. It will explain why members felt it was acceptable to exceed 10-percent deviation while still dividing counties more than would have been necessary based purely on population.

One of the new districts pits Republican Sens. Stanley Williams of Pingree and Senate Judiciary Chairman Denton Darrington of Declo against one another.

The same district, which would select two members of the House, includes four incumbents: House Speaker Bruce Newcomb of Burley and Reps. Scott Bodke of Oakley, Dennis Lake of Blackfoot and Wayne Kendall of Aberdeen.

COLOSSAL CAULDRON



Salt Lake Olympic committee President Milt Romney, right, announces the unveiling of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games cauldron at the Rice-Eccles Olympic stadium on the University of Utah campus Tuesday. The cauldron stands 117 feet high and is made of glass and steel. Opening ceremonies for the Winter Olympics are one month away.

Son: Church historian betrayed privacy pledge

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A son of the late Mormon historian and Twin Falls native Leonard Arrington says portions of his father's personal diaries were read, copied and circulated by a church historian despite his father's instructions that only his children were to have access until 2024.

Richard Turley, managing director of the church's Family and Church History Department, said in November that he had read excerpts of the journals as part of an investigation to determine if they belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

The statement came during discussions between Utah State University and the church over ownership of documents at Arrington gave the school. The dispute was settled, with a small portion of the documents being turned over to the church.

The church's history department has since placed its microfilm copy of Arrington's journals in a "secured facility" to which neither Turley nor his staff has access.

Carl Arrington said he is disappointed with the church's "apparent breach of the deed" signed by his father, who died in February 1999.

"If the church can't abide by the agreement, the microfilms and all copies of his diaries should be immediately returned to the family," Arrington said in a

telephone interview from his New York home.

He was quoted in a copyright story in *The Salt Lake Tribune*.

Turley said Friday that during the November meeting he learned the family viewed his actions as contrary to Arrington's wishes and he took steps to rectify the matter.

He said his staff routinely reads restricted materials donated to the church's archives and makes copies for the department's internal use.

"The term 'restricted' means restricted from the public," Turley said. "If you are talking about doing it internally, I don't think that would be unusual."

However, Arrington had specified on an Aug. 25, 1982, acquisition sheet documenting the gift that "use of (his) diaries and Xeroxing and duplication of same is restricted to everyone until 25 years past the death of the donor."

Arrington did not sign a section of the document allowing an exception to the church's staff. Instead, he wrote in, "No. I assign no rights to the Historical Department."

George Daines, attorney for the Arrington family, said Arrington's journals don't contain "some big bombshell."

"Susan (Madsen, Arrington's daughter) has reviewed them and hasn't found anything that might be troubling to the church," he said.

Utah congressman won't seek another term

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — U.S. Rep. Jim Hansen, a conservative Utah Republican who as chairman of the House Resources Committee worked to keep western lands open for mining and ranching, said Tuesday he will retire at the end of this year.

Hansen, 69, said he will not seek re-election to a 12th term in the House of Representatives.

"With the aid of a great staff, good colleagues and wonderful constituents, I feel we have served the people well and hope my work has been acceptable," he said in a statement. "After a lot of thought, I feel it is time to move on."

Hansen hasn't faced a serious Democratic challenge in more than a decade, and Republicans said his loss will be felt.

"I'm saddened to see him go. I hope he'll reconsider," said Scott Parker, executive director of the Utah Republican Party. "He's in tune with what's close to the district's heart. He's protected Hill Air Force Base. His battles to protect Utah's farmers and ranchers and landowners was a great benefit to our state."



Rep. Jim Hansen

Gov. Mike Leavitt called Hansen, "the most influential elected official in Utah in the last two decades. With his departure, Utah will lose a champion."

And Rep. Jim Matheson, the only Democrat in Utah's congressional delegation, said Hansen will be missed.

"It is hard to imagine a Utah political scene without him," Matheson said. "He has been a powerful voice for Utahns in Congress."

But environmentalists shed no tears about Hansen's decision. "We look forward to his replacement being a better steward of natural resources, not only in Utah, but in the West," said Owen Lammers of the group Living Rivers.

He is truly an embarrassment to the state of Utah."

Hansen wasn't surprised by the reaction. "I hope they're dancing in the streets," he said. "I've saved the environment from the environmentalists."

Hansen is credited during his years in Congress with saving Hill Air Force Base near Salt Lake City from base closings in 1995.

As chairman of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, Hansen helped repeal the nearly blanket gift ban for congressmen.

He also was a vocal opponent of President Clinton's use of the

Antiquities Act to create national monuments, including the Grand Staircase-Escalante Monument in southern Utah.

Hansen's district covers counties in northern, western and southwestern Utah, and a corner of Salt Lake County including Salt Lake International Airport. The district will be picking up more of Salt Lake County beginning in the next election after reapportionment from the 2000 Census.

State House Majority Leader Kevin Garn said he will seek the Republican nomination to succeed Hansen.

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Utah's first black mayor takes office

SOUTH OGDEN, Utah (AP) — George Garwood Jr. has taken his oath of office as mayor of South Ogden, thus becoming Utah's first black mayor.

"He's always been a politician. He's outgoing and mingles with anyone on the block. We had our battles, but he always won them," Garwood's brother Steven said during the ceremony.

Also on hand were several other Garwood siblings, Fredric, Edward and Elaine Loden, and their 80-year-old mother, Wanda Garwood, who came from Atlanta for the ceremony Monday.

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MORNING BREAK/WEST

Grandfather finds little love from teen-ager

DEAR ABBY: My wife died two years ago. Since then, I have had health problems that make it difficult to live alone. I tried an assisted-living complex, but when I added up the expenses, my son suggested I move in with them. I thought it was a good idea because I would rather give them the money...



DEAR ABBY: My son and I don't understand how they have raised this selfish, inconsiderate, insolent, demanding brat...

Abby, there are no rules, no discipline, no punishment, no guidelines whatsoever in their home. I can't take her behavior any longer. I want to move out at the end of the month. What do you think? -HAD IT IN DENVER

DEAR HAD IT: Please don't blame your granddaughter for this situation. In a household where there are no rules, no discipline, no consequences and no guidelines, her attitude and behavior are logical.

It is possible that a better living arrangement for you might be to share a home or apartment with someone closer to you in age. Your local area agency on aging may be able to steer you in the right direction. However, before you make any hard and fast decisions about changing your address, I urge you to have a frank talk with your son and daughter-in-law about the reasons you're making the move.

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for more years than I can remember, and have always wanted to read the very first letter that appeared in your column. Would you print it again?

-AIMEE IN MACEDON, N.Y. DEAR AIMEE: With pleasure! The letter appeared 46 years ago today, on Jan. 9, 1956. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to a paper for advice before, but need help desperately and cannot talk to my family or friends about my problem. I am a private secretary to a well-known executive in the Bay area. I have been employed by him for five years. You may think this sounds cheap, but we are deeply in love. His wife speaks to him only when she wants money and he has no respect or affection for her.

He has told me repeatedly that I am the woman he loves, but we can't consider marriage because it would ruin him financially and socially. In addition to an excellent salary, he has given me an automobile, a fur coat, and he pays my rent. When he takes and he pays my rent. When he takes and he pays my rent. When he takes and he pays my rent...

DEAR CONFIDENT: I think your boss is a super salesman! He did a terrific job when he convinced an intelligent girl like you to give a decent, respectable life of her own to be available when he whistles. Of course he won't marry you. Why should he? He is getting the whole show for the price of the amusement tax.

Judge's order halts logging plan

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) - A federal judge has barred the Forest Service from moving ahead with a proposal to log thousands of acres of burned timber from the Bitterroot National Forest.

U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy, in a decision filed late Monday night, agreed with a coalition of environmental groups that the Forest Service violated its own procedures in approving the logging plan without possibility of administrative appeal.

The government proposed logging about 46,000 acres of timber burned in the Bitterroot National Forest during the 2000 wildfires. The Forest Service maintains its proposal is an effort to restore the forest. Logging roads would be closed, trees replanted, and the dead trees - a potential fuel source for future blazes - would be removed.

Officials await effects of spill

LEWISTON (AP) - Water intake systems along the Clearwater River remained idle Monday and biologists closely monitored threats to human and ecosystem health after a truck rolled and spilled diesel fuel.



Absorbent pads and plastic booms contain some of the 6,000 gallons of diesel fuel spilled into the Clearwater River about nine miles east of Kootenai, during cleanup operations Monday.

Officials said at least 6,000 gallons of the red fuel, rarely used in the stream, which provides a majority of the drinking water to Kamiah, Orofino and Lewiston. The river is also home to threatened and endangered fish species such as bull trout, wild fall chinook and wild steelhead.

There was no evidence of fish kills downstream from the spill site, said biologists from the Idaho Fish and Game and the Nez Perce Tribe. Regional Fish and Game fisheries biologist Ed Schriever said it may be a few days before fish begin to display the effects of the spill.

"It's an irritant to the gills and the skin and takes a few days to manifest itself to the point it begins to kill fish," he said.

A hazardous material team that responded to the spill Sunday deployed floating deflector booms in an attempt to contain as much of the petroleum as possible.

The cleanup efforts are being led by the Idaho Bureau of Hazardous Materials with assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, local governments and the Nez Perce Tribe.

Lawsuit says mines made Idahoans ill

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Eight people from northern Idaho's Silver Valley have sued mining companies, contending the industry poisoned the region's air and water with lead that has damaged the health of as many as 100,000 area residents.

The lawsuit and could not comment in detail. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has already spent \$212 million to clean up the 21-square-mile former Bunker Hill mining complex in Kellogg, Idaho. Late last year, the EPA proposed a \$359 million, 20- to 30-year cleanup of mining pollution throughout the basin.

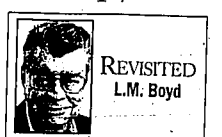
It's the latest twist in a convoluted legal saga that pits federal, state and tribal governments, mining companies and various interest groups against each other. The lawsuit was filed Monday by eight current or former area residents in First District Court in nearby Coeur d'Alene. It seeks

Many Idaho business and political leaders have spoken against that expansion, fearing the Superfund designation could scare away economic development.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'ACROSS' and 'DOWN' sections. Includes 'TMS PuzZles' logo and 'Tuesday's Puzzles Solved' section.

Charles Darwin gets improper credit for phrase

It was not evolutionist Charles Darwin but western writer Zane Grey who popularized that cliché "survival of the fittest." Q. Was there ever a faithful husband among the kings of France? A. One, King Louis XVI, possibly. He was beheaded on Jan. 21, 1793, although not even in France was the fidelity of a king a capital offense.



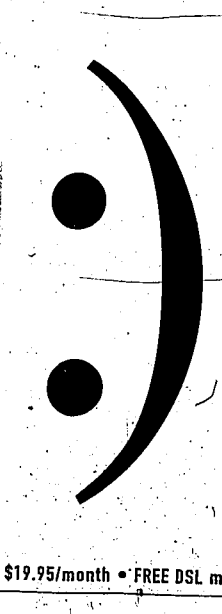
REVISITED L.M. Boyd ever. They say the same of honey. Waiver, toast and honey, please. Q. What African animal is the most dangerous to hunters? A. The smallest of the big five: elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard. That's right, the leopard. Q. Which breed faster, hamsters or rabbits? A. Hamsters, by far. In theory, a hamster can produce 100,000 offspring a year, a rabbit only 1,000. Only? Q. What sort of catfish swims upside down most of the time? A. Surface feeders.

Things will come around, Gemini

IF JANUARY 9TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you hold responsible position in humanitarian project. You travel more than most persons, and through journey you could meet the "love of your life." In individuals play major roles in your life; could have these letters, initials in names; I, R. Current cycle relates to travel, variety experiences and marriage. Next year, you change residence and could be involved in jewelry business.

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr to mystery and intrigue. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attention revolves around living quarters, marital status. Domestic adjustment necessary; you could actually change residence or marital status. Major wish fulfilled tonight! AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You gain prestige; be sure you get your fair share of profits. Got promises in writing. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Maintain forceful demeanor. You obtain legal documents and will get financial support.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You make rousing comeback. What seemed a sure setback will be emerging in your favor. Focus on organization, recognition of priorities. Love relationship "smolders." CANCER (June 21-July 22): People find you appealing, and some say so in bold manner. Imprint style, keep opinions open. You get sudden news concerning change and travel. Aries plays key role. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take initiative; locate quarters that provide comfort and safety. Don't wait for others. Be in charge of your own destiny. You exult sex appeal; don't play games with emotions. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on marital status and "direction of your life." You are due for some serious "soul searching." You could encounter future mate. If married, addition to family is imminent. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Learn difference between generosity and extravagance. You can earn money today in medium of entertainment. Give full play to intellectual curiosity. Scientific figures prominently. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Repair work necessary at home, including fixtures, roofing and plumbing. Question of marital status dominates. Don't attempt to escape the "inevitable." Be positive about legal records. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be questioned concerning the "unknown." Instead of being afraid, exploit information. Read and write, delineate subtle clues relating



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Iranian trial begins behind closed doors

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - The trial of 15 Iranian dissidents charged with plotting to overthrow the Islamic establishment began behind closed doors Tuesday at the hard-line Revolutionary Court in Tehran.

Outside the courthouse, some 20 family members of the defendants staged a sit-in demonstration in below-freezing temperatures to protest the closing of the trial to the public. They said they were prevented from entering the court.

One defense lawyer said he was barred, but that colleagues were able to attend, and another said he had resigned to protest court procedures.

Inside, the list of charges were read to the defendants during a hearing that lasted three hours, said defense lawyer Amir Hossainbadi. He said he was not legally allowed to comment further.

Marges Mohammadi, the wife of accused activist and writer Taqi Rahmani, called the trial a mockery of justice.

"There is nothing valid about this trial," she told reporters. Mohammadi said her husband had been charged with "apostasy" or renouncing his religion, which carries the death sentence in Iran.

The defendants are mainly writers, journalists and university professors from the liberal National Religious Alliance. Most were arrested in March for attending a meeting at the home of a prominent political activist, and some were arrested later. If convicted,

they could face long prison terms.

Defendants include opposition leaders Habibollah Peyman and Ezzatollah Sahabi, and journalist Reza Aijani, who recently won an award from the Paris-based Reporters Without Borders.

Mohammad Ali Jedari-Foroghi, the lawyer for Rahmani and Aijani, said he had handed his resignation to the court on Tuesday because he was not shown the indictments or allowed to meet with the defendants.

Iran has been caught up in a power struggle between religious liberals and conservatives that intensified after the 1997 election of the reformist President Mohammad Khatami.

The popular president was re-elected last year for another four-year term.

Since last year, the hard-liners have illegally closed down nearly every liberal publication, jailing and intimidating journalists, academics and activists. They have also jailed legislators who dared to criticize the heavy-handed tactics.

Iranian reformers and international human rights groups have criticized the trial. In a statement ahead of the trial, Reporters Without Borders said it was worried the accused were not getting a strong defense.

"We have full reason to fear that these journalists will not be given a fair trial. To date their advocates have not had access to their clients' files nor even to the indictment," the group's general secretary, Robert Menard, said in a written statement Monday.

Sharon attacks Palestinian-Iranian ties

JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Ariel Sharon called Iran the "center of world terror" and said Tuesday a recently captured arms shipment showed that Iran and the Palestinians were collaborating to strike at Israel.

Israel said it would soon release documents that show the Palestinian Authority was responsible for the 50 tons of weapons captured by Israeli commandos last Thursday on a cargo ship in the Red Sea. "We have all the evidence and it will unfold, and we will present it soon," said Sharon adviser Daniel Ayalon.

The Palestinian Authority insists it had nothing to do with the arms shipment and said its senior security officials would question those accused by Israel of trying to smuggle the weapons.

While Mideast violence has dropped sharply since Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Dec. 16 speech calling for an end to attacks against Israel, the dispute over the weapons-laden ship has kept the two sides exchanging heated words.

The weapons included 62 Katyusha rockets that could reach Israeli cities from Palestinian areas in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher described as "credible" the Israeli allegations that the Palestinians were trying to smuggle the weapons.

"We have some of the evidence," Boucher said, adding that U.S. diplomats had examined a number of the weapons. "The quantity and quality of these weapons are of serious concern," Sharon said that if the



Palestinian school girls pass a painting of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at the Jabalya refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. The Palestinian Authority said Tuesday it will question government officials accused by Israel of trying to smuggle Iranian arms to the region.

the weapons to the Palestinians for \$10 million - far below their actual worth - in hopes it would allow Iran to threaten Israel by proxy.

At a meeting Sunday, Israel demanded the Palestinian Authority punish those involved in the shipment. U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni was present at the meeting, the Israeli military official said.

Israel has accused Arafat himself of direct involvement in the arms shipment, saying an operation of this magnitude, involving millions of dollars worth of rockets, rifles and anti-tank missiles, could not have taken place without the approval of Arafat, head of the Palestinian Authority.

"The great danger (to Israel) are those relations that were developed between the Palestinian Authority and Iran," Sharon told some 200 visiting American Jewish leaders. "Iran at the present time is the center of world terror."

Iran has denied involvement with the weapons shipment. Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi, speaking Monday on Iranian television, said Israel was making the allegations to "intensify a crackdown on the Palestinian intifadeh," or uprising. The Palestinian Authority has acknowledged that the Palestinian captain of the weapons ship, the Karne A, is in its naval unit, but has denied links to the shipment.

"The Palestinian Authority is not interested and does not want any form of escalation in this situation," Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo told a news conference.

Firefighters save town from blaze

MILTON, Australia (AP) - Firefighters and water-dumping helicopters from the United States saved a tiny coastal village from fast-moving flames on Tuesday as officials declared that the worst of 16-day bush fires had passed.

"For now, the peak is over," New South Wales fire chief Phil Kopperberg said of the emergency, which had burned 170 homes but caused no casualties.

However, some fires still raged in forests and hundreds of firefighters remained on duty. "Every bit of burning bush, twig, branch, whatever, has to be detected and ... completely suppressed," Kopperberg said.

The biggest wildfires burned in the Shoalhaven region, about 120 miles south of Sydney. As many as 2,000 people were ordered to evacuate several towns on Monday.

"We were only able to grab photographs, important documents, the dog, the cat and the family," said resident Julie Bayliff. "There was lots of smoke and the winds were fierce."

By Tuesday morning, some fire fronts changed direction because of shifting winds and many people returned.

Officials call off plans to restore da Vinci artwork

ROME (AP) - Museum officials in Florence shelved plans to restore Leonardo da Vinci's unfinished masterpiece "The Adoration of the Magi" after tests showed the painting was in "good health."

"There will be no restoration done, at least not for now," Florence's art superintendent, Antonio Paolucci, said Tuesday.

Controversy broke out in the art world last year when plans were announced to refurbish the painting. Scores of international art experts said they were worried the work would damage the painting.

ArtWatch International, a restoration monitoring group, had urged museum officials to postpone the project.

"Culture has won a battle," ArtWatch's president, James Beck, said after the restoration was scrapped.

Paolucci denied officials caved in to the controversy, saying extensive diagnostic testing had always been envisaged to determine if the work was needed. The test results showed the painting to be in "good health," he said.

The tests also turned up a few surprises. One believed to have been painted on wood, the sepia-toned work was in fact on a canvas and then pasted onto a wooden panel.

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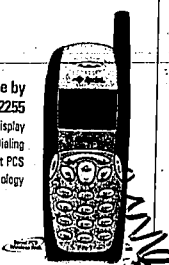
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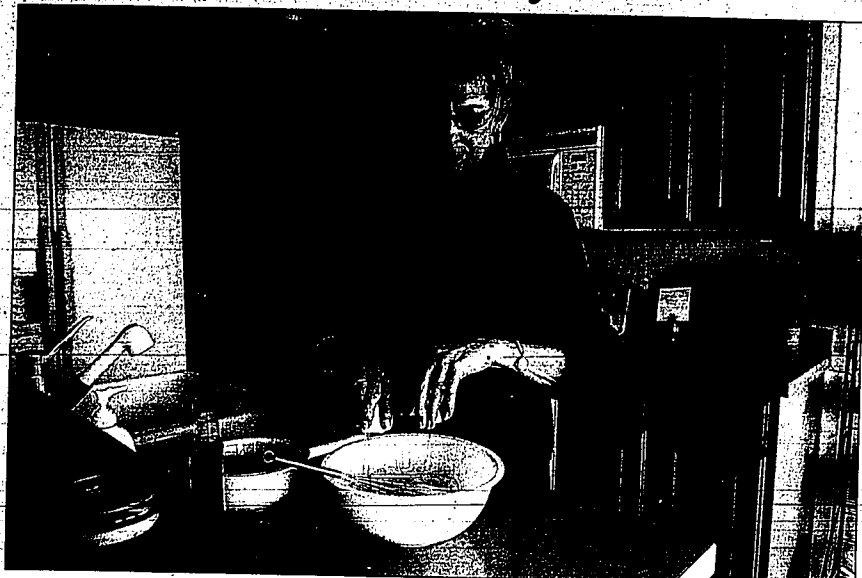
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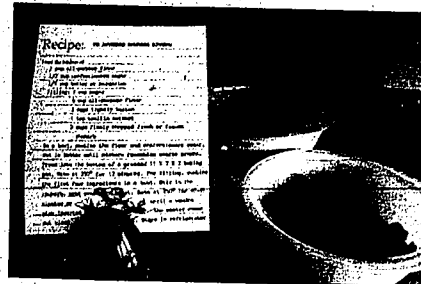
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Section C

Rhubarb for your hungry masses



Above, Fran Mason cracks an egg into her 'Go Anywhere Rhubarb Squares' recipe. Mason collects rhubarb recipes. Above right, the recipe for Mason's squares is easy to follow.



Who feeds your face?

We're looking for area cooks to feature in our cook's profile segment of Wednesday's Times-News. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to be interviewed and photographed and would be willing share some recipes, please let us know. Write to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0548. Or call 733-0931, Ext. 243. Or e-mail to: denise@magvalley.com. Tell us a little about yourself, and include your name and phone number.

for 12 minutes. To make the filling, combine the eggs, sugar, flour and vanilla in a bowl. Stir the rhubarb in and pour over the warm crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Store in the refrigerator.

RHUBARB STRAWBERRY CRUMB PIE

Filling:
1 egg
1 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon vanilla
3 cups fresh rhubarb, chopped into 1/2-inch cubes
1 pint fresh strawberries, cut into halves
1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell
Topping:
3/4 cup flour
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup rolled oats or quick-cooking oats
1/2 cup butter or margarine
Beat the egg in a large bowl. Add the sugar, flour and vanilla. Mix well. Fold in the rhubarb and strawberries. Pour into the pie shell.
To make the topping: Combine the flour, sugar and oats in a small bowl. Cut in the butter till it is crumbly. Sprinkle over the top of the filling. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Then turn the temperature down to 350 and bake for another 35 minutes till the crust is golden brown and the filling is bubbly.

the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Mix well. Add chips last. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 4 to 5 dozen moist, soft cookies.

GO ANYWHERE RHUBARB SQUARES

Crust:
1 cup flour
1/3 cup powdered sugar
1/3 cup butter or margarine
Filling:
1 cup sugar
1/4 cup flour
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups finely chopped fresh or frozen rhubarb
Mix flour and powdered sugar in a bowl; then cut in the butter or margarine until crumbly. Press into a greased 11-by-7-by-2-inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees

Jerome woman collects recipes that favor the tart vegetable

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Fran Mason cooks rhubarb, lots of it. She estimates that she has collected a hundred or more rhubarb recipes over the years, and hopes to write a rhubarb cookbook someday. Born in Nebraska, Mason moved to Magic Valley as a baby more than 60 years ago. She learned to cook from her mother, a farm wife who routinely fed thrashing crews on the farm. Mason said her mother loved to bake and used Sundays as an

excuse to make bread, rolls, pies and other treats. Mason, the middle child, learned to cook helping Mom feed the hired hands and harvest crews on the farm. Mason and husband, Kenneth, have two sons. One lives in the area and one lives in Meridian. A 1-year-old grandson also lives in Meridian, and another grandchild is expected soon. Mason has always had rhubarb growing in her garden, but she recently moved into a new house. For the first time in years, she has no rhubarb plants

in her yard. No problem. Years ago, she planted rhubarb at her brother's and sister's homes. The rhubarb in the sister's garden "grew like crazy," so Mason has plenty of rhubarb starts available. Plus, friends and relatives keep her well supplied. Rhubarb is fairly easy to grow, Mason said. "It starts and water." It will multiply after a few years and is a fairly hardy plant.

RHUBARB COOKIES

1 cup shortening

1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh rhubarb
1 cup coconut
3 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
2 cups vanilla chips (like chocolate chips, except white)
Cream shortening and sugars together. Add eggs and vanilla. Mix well. Add rhubarb and coconut and mix well. Then add

Dinner and the games: Unite families around the table

Family Features

Dinnertime is the perfect time to celebrate the Olympic Winter Games as a family. Bringing the family together is important to five-time Olympic Gold Medalist Bonnie Blair. As a busy mother of two, she knows dinnertime is more than just a meal on the table. It's a family main event. Blair's family eats together each night of the week, and she works hard to bring her family together. "Even though families are constantly on the go, it's important to take time out of dinner to catch up. Plus a good meal provides individuals with the energy and stamina needed to keep up with any busy lifestyle," Blair said. Get into the spirit of the Olympic Winter Games with these easy-to-prepare recipes for your family, and cheer on the U.S. Olympic Team.

Serve with fresh fruit or vegetables plus fresh baked rolls from refrigerated dough to complete this satisfying chicken dinner.

CROSS-COUNTRY CHICKEN AND POTATOES
1 package (5.25 ounces) Betty Crocker au gratin potatoes.
3 cups cut-up cooked chicken, turkey or ham (about 1 pound)
2 1/4 cups hot water
2/3 cup milk
2 cups frozen cut green beans
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 can (2.8 ounces) French-fried onions, if desired
Heat Potatoes, Sauce Mix, chicken, hot water, milk and beans to boiling in 10-inch skillet

over high heat, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat; cover and simmer about 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender. Stir in cheese.
Let stand 5 minutes. Sprinkle with French-fried onions. 5 servings.

Pick up a ready-to-serve bag of salad greens and a loaf of crusty bread to serve with this hearty main-dish soup.

SNOWBOARDERS' BOWL
1 package Betty Crocker Hamburger Helper cheeseburger macaroni

2 cups frozen broccoli cuts
2 medium carrots, sliced (1 cup)
1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
Shredded Cheddar cheese, if desired
Brown beef and onion in Dutch oven over medium heat, stirring occasionally; drain well. Stir in hot water, uncooked Pasta, Sauce Mix, broccoli, carrots, thyme, salt and pepper. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly.
Reduce heat; cover and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occa-

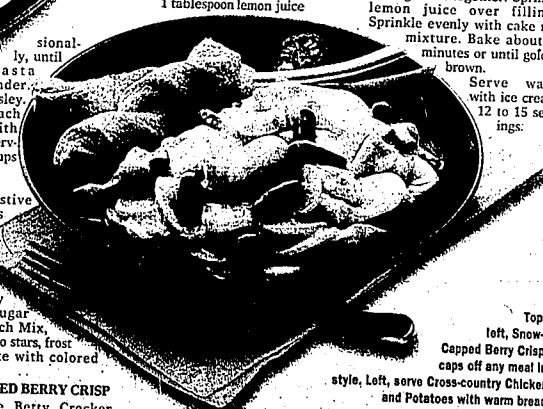
sional-ly, until pasta is tender.
Stir in parsley. Garnish each serving with cheese. 8 servings (1 1/4 cups each).
Add festive cookie stars that kids will love. Start with Betty Crocker Sugar Cookie Patch Mix, cut dough into stars, frost and decorate with colored sugar.
SNOW-CAPPED BERRY CRISP
1 package Betty Crocker

Celebration Ideas

- Celebrate the Games by having the kids dress up for the event. Moms and Dads can, have fun with this too. Have each family member come to the dinner table dressed in winter sports gear. For instance, have the kids come for dinner in a hockey jersey or skating costume. Adorn each member of your family with a gold medal by attaching red, white and blue ribbon to a gold-foil-wrapped chocolate medallion.
- Transform a child's ice skate into a creative table centerpiece by inserting a vase into the boot to hold red, white and blue flowers, flags from different countries and decorative ribbon. To top up the boot, cut a foam ball in half, place out side down and insert the skate blade into the foam. Decorate the table with pine cone skiers. Take a pine cone; add wide eyes at the top and pipe eyes on the sides for arms. Wooden sticks with round ends can be used for the poles.



Bonnie Blair



Top left, Snow-Capped Berry Crisp caps off any meal in style. Left, serve Cross-country Chicken and Potatoes with warm bread.

FOOD & HOME



Soup's on.

Photo courtesy of Taste of Home

Cayenne adds extra zip to scrumptious soup

Taste of Home

There's nothing like a steaming bowl of soup to bring your family to the table in a hurry. That's what Lisa Mast, of White Cloud, Mich., has found. With a few simple side dishes, her Spicy Cheesburger Soup is a full meal. Featured in Taste of Home magazine, the dish taste terrific with the cayenne, too, if you like a milder flavor.

SPICY CHEESEBURGER SOUP

- 1 1/2 cups water
- 2 cups cubed peeled potatoes
- 2 small carrots, grated
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 tablespoon beef bouillon granules
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

1 pound ground beef, cooked and drained

2-1/2 cups milk, divided
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
8 ounces process American cheese, cubed

1/4 to 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper, optional
1/2 pound sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled

In a large saucepan, combine first nine ingredients. Bring to boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer 15-20 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Stir in beef and 2 cups of milk. Heat through. Combine flour and remaining milk until smooth. Gradually stir into soup. Bring to a boil. Cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat. Stir in cheese until melted. Add cayenne, if desired. Top with bacon just before serving. Makes 6-8 servings (about 2 quarts).



Photo courtesy of Taste of Home

When company's coming, try Make-Ahead Spinach Manicotti.

Main dish makes enough for family, pleases company

Taste of Home

This cheesy main dish was shared by Christy Freeman, of Central Point, Ore. Her recipe, published in Taste of Home magazine, is prepared the night before. She uses a pastry bag to stuff the uncooked shells for delicious, fuss-free manicotti.

MAKE-AHEAD SPINACH MANICOTTI

- 1 carton (15 ounces) ricotta cheese
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese, divided
- 3/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, divided
- 1 egg
- 2 teaspoons minced fresh parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/8 teaspoon garlic powder
2 jars (28 ounces each) spaghetti sauce with meat
1 1/2 cups water
1 package (8 ounces) manicotti shells

In a large bowl, combine ricotta, spinach, 1 cup mozzarella, 1/4 cup Parmesan, egg, parsley, onion powder, pepper and garlic powder. Combine spaghetti sauce and water. Spread 1 cup sauce in an ungreased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Stuff uncooked manicotti with spinach mixture. Arrange over sauce. Pour remaining sauce over manicotti. Sprinkle with remaining mozzarella and Parmesan. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 40-50 minutes or until heated through. Makes 6-8 servings.

Temperamental ficus trees enjoy a good bath

Ficus are funny trees. Here, we pamper them indoors, trying not to kill them, even hoping they'll grow a few inches a year. In Central and South America ficus are used as street trees. It's enough to make a Yankee gardener weep.

We usually attempt to grow ficus benjamina in our living rooms to fill and soften tall, otherwise empty spaces. They are, however, finicky.

Oh sure, all the plant books say these little trees are easy to grow. That's if you rule out their tendency to drop a couple bushels of leaves if you move them from one spot to another. Or repeat them. Or let an insect infestation get away from you. Or maybe open a window.

As a rule of thumb, ficus trees like medium to bright light and normal household temperatures.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

They don't approve of drafts (their leaves will drop, but then you might have guessed that), and they like the top of the soil to dry out a little before they are watered again.

Common complaints from ficus owners include trees being victimized by spider mites, aphids and scale, in that order. All can be avoided or cured with a gentle bath. For the tree, not you.

The bath water should be a bowl of tepid water with a few

drops of Amway LOC or Palmolive green dishwashing soap added. Gently sponge the soapy water over all leaf surfaces, as well as stems, to make sure you sponge away scale and insect eggs. Rinse with a tepid, weak tea solution. Be sure to cover the carpet underneath with a close-fitted old towel to save a carpet cleaning bill later.

DEAR CATHY: I read your recent column regarding the care of winter birds. You missed one very easy way to give the birds fresh water. We always put our heated dog bowl out for the birds. We seldom have more birds at the water than at the feeders. We do have to brush it out every few days, but it is worth every bit of the effort. Right now we have to fill our bowl two or three times a day, due to the dozens of

birds that visit daily. We have been doing this for years.

-BIRD FANCIER

DEAR FANCIER: Thank you for writing. I'm sure the birds appreciate fresh water all winter in your yard. But I'm concerned about the cleanliness of the water from the dog's point of view.

I asked Zsigmond Szanto, DVM, about it. He says that dogs can get sick from drinking water that is contaminated with fecal matter. Since birds are never potty trained, it's probably a good idea to put such a water source up high enough so that Rover can't reach it.

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

Pro-football player swaps pigskin for paring knife

By April Adamson
Philadelphia Daily News

PHILADELPHIA — Most Sundays, Brian Mitchell has to spend a few hours playing football with his fellow Eagles. But when it's time for dinner, the Louisiana native's post-game passion kicks in.

"You don't boil ribs, no way," said Mitchell, a 5-foot-10-inch, 221-pounder, as he navigated the kitchen of his Philadelphia apartment one recent evening. "You slow-smoke them on the grill."

For Mitchell, cooking Southern comes as naturally as, well, playing football. He grew up in Fort Polk and Plaquemine, La., Cajun country. His Plaquemine home was a stone's throw from the Mississippi, where, as the youngest of seven, he'd fish for bass and catfish with four older brothers and two older sisters.

In Louisiana, children learn to cook about the same time they learn to walk. For a man, cooking is not only commonplace, it's expected. Today, Mitchell, 33, is the greatest kick returner in NFL history — and a part-time chef to



Brian Mitchell

Red beans, gumbo, etouffee, barbecue. He made his own grills. He took over, cut the grill out and took them outdoors.

Mitchell's life from birth beloved father, Blanche Mitchell, cooked for 20 years in the Army and then spent his later years whipping up etouffee and crawfish at a Louisiana grill restaurant, until his death in 1991.

Every Sunday at Mitchell's childhood home was like a holiday. "My mom always cooked enough food in case someone stopped by," Mitchell recalled.

Sophonia Mitchell had seven kids. While the kitchen space in Mitchell's Philadelphia apartment is tight, he has free reign in the kitchen of his Virginia home,

where he cooks at a spacious center island for his wife, Monica, and son, Willie, 13, and daughters Bria, 7, and Maia, 23 months.

SMOTHERED CHICKEN

- 2 to 10 pieces of chicken (Mitchell prefers thighs but wings or legs also work)
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- McCormick's Season Salt, to taste
- Pinch Cajun seasoning salt
- 1/2 stick butter
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 1 bell pepper, diced
- 2 chili waters
- 1 1/2-ounce can cream of mushroom soup
- 2 heaping tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon Kitchen Bouquet

Clean and dry chicken pieces. Rub with dry ingredients (cayenne pepper, both seasonings). Brown coated chicken in frying pan without butter; chicken fat will grease the pan. Remove chicken from pan. In a smaller frying pan, saute onion and pepper in butter until golden brown. Place chicken and browned veggies into a stockpot on medium heat. Add water, mushroom soup, flour and Kitchen Bouquet. Bring to boil

SHRIMP ETOUFFEE

- 1/2 stick butter
- 2 medium onions
- 1/2 green pepper, diced
- 1/2 red pepper, diced
- 1/2 yellow pepper, diced
- 3 pounds shrimp, cleaned and deveined
- 2 10-ounce cans cream of mushroom soup
- 1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
- Cajun seasoning
- McCormick's Season Salt, to taste

Red pepper flakes, to taste. Melt butter in a stockpot on medium heat and add diced veggies, sauteing for 5 minutes. Add shrimp. Cook until shrimp turns pink (about 4 to 5 minutes). Add soup, tomato sauce and Cajun seasoning. Mix well, making sure to break up soup until it reaches a creamy consistency. Add the season salt and pepper flakes. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce to low heat and cook 15 to 20 minutes. Serve over white rice with green beans, corn and sweet peas or salad.

Clip and save this year's most requested recipes

By Beverly Bundy
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

This ever-popular Amish sourdough starter and resulting cake and bread are big with readers. The 221 and 224 recipes are from "Heartland" by Marcia Adams. The cake recipe is from "The King Arthur Flour 200th Anniversary Cookbook."

FRIENDSHIP STARTER

- 2 cups unbleached-all-purpose flour
- 2 cups warm water
- 1 package active dry yeast
- 2 cups milk, divided
- 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 cups sugar, divided
- Day 1: In glass or ceramic bowl, combine first 3 ingredients thoroughly. Leave on counter uncovered; don't refrigerate.
- Days 2, 3 and 4: Stir well with wooden spoon.
- Day 5: Stir and add 1 cup milk, 1 cup flour and 1 cup sugar. This is called feeding the starter.
- Days 6, 7 and 8: Stir with wooden spoon.
- Day 9: Stir and add another 1 cup milk, 1 cup flour and 1 cup sugar. Stir well.
- Days 10 and 11: Stir well.
- Day 12: Ladle 1 cup starter

into each of 4 containers and refrigerate. Use one to make the bread recipe that follows, keep one to use another time and give the other two to friends. (If you're making the cake, you'll need 2 cups for the recipe.) Date the jars, and every 10 days, remove the starter from the refrigerator, transfer it to a bowl and feed it the usual combination of 1 cup each of milk, flour and sugar.

Leave it out of the refrigerator uncovered for 2 days, then either bake it or divide it among friends. Always save some for yourself.

Friendship Cake:

- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups Friendship Starter
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine oil, sugar, eggs and vanilla and beat until light. Add starter and beat until smooth. Blend dry ingredients together

and fold into starter mixture. Pour into greased bundt pan and bake for 40 to 45 minutes.

Variations: Just before baking, fold in up to 2 cups chopped nuts, diced apples or applesauce, or raisins. For a chocolate version, substitute 1/2 cup cocoa for cinnamon and nutmeg, and add any other ingredients at your own discretion. Some possibilities are chocolate chips, minced orange peel and rum or mint extract.

LA MADELEINE'S TOMATO BASIL SOUP

- Serves 8
- 4 cups (8 to 10) tomatoes, peeled, cored and chopped, OR
- 4 cups canned whole tomatoes, crushed

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Family Features

What better way to make those special people feel extra special this Valentine's Day than with a sweet treat made just for them?

RED VELVET DREAM TORTE

- 1 package Duncan Hines Moist Deluxe Red Velvet Cake Mix
 - 1 package (6 ounces) milk chocolate chips, melted
 - 1 (8-ounce) container frozen nondairy whipped topping, thawed
 - 1 can Duncan Hines Creamy Home-Style Cream Cheese Frosting
- Chocolate shavings, optional
- Preheat oven to 350 F. Prepare, bake and cool cake according to package directions for two 8-inch round baking pans. For chocolate hearts garnish, pour melted chocolate chips into heart-shaped molds or spread melted chocolate to 1/8-inch thickness on waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Cut shapes with heart cookie cutter when chocolate begins to set and lose its shine. Refrigerate until firm. Push heart shapes out of molds and refrigerate.

To assemble torte, split each layer in half. Place one split layer on serving plate. Spread one-third of whipped topping on one layer. Repeat with remaining layers, making sure to place bottoms of each layer together, leaving top of cake plain. Frost sides and top of cake with frosting. Garnish with chocolate hearts and shavings (see below) if desired. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Makes 12 servings.

How to make chocolate shavings: Start with a large block or bar of good quality chocolate. (White and milk chocolate are softest and curl most easily.) Hold the chocolate with a paper towel and using a vegetable peeler shave the narrowest side of the



Photo courtesy of Duncan Hines

Above, Red Velvet Dream Torte is perfect for your valentine. Above right, Brownie Gems will please any special guest. Right, 'I'm Nuts About You' Chocolate Truffles say it all.

block. The chocolate will curl best if the room or the bar is slightly warm. Keep refrigerated in a covered container until needed.

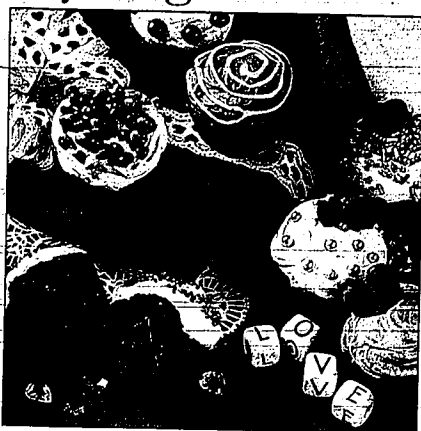
BROWNIE GEMS

- 1 package Duncan Hines Chocolate Lover's Double Fudge Brownie Mix
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons water
- 28 chocolate Hershey's Kisses,

unwrapped

1 container Duncan Hines Creamy Home-Style Classic Vanilla or Milk Chocolate Frosting

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray (1 3/4-inch) mini-muffin pans with vegetable cooking spray. Combine brownie mix, oil, eggs, water and fudge packet in large bowl; stir with spoon until well blended, about 50 strokes. Drop 1 heaping teaspoon of batter into each muffin cup; top with candy.



brownie muffins from pan. Remove to cooling racks. Cool completely. Frost with Classic Vanilla or Milk Chocolate Frosting. Garnish as desired. Makes about 28 Brownie Gems.

More Gem center ideas: Replace candy kisses with candy milk chocolate peanut butter cups, chocolate chips, peanut butter chips, dried cherries or candied cherries; proceed as above.



Cover candy with additional teaspoon of brownie batter. Bake 15-17 minutes or until set. Cool in pans 5 minutes. Carefully loosen

I'M NUTS ABOUT YOU CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES

- 1 can Duncan Hines Creamy Home-Style Milk Chocolate Frosting
- 2 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup pecan halves, divided usage
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 3 tablespoons shortening

Combine frosting and sugar in

large mixing bowl. Stir until thoroughly blended. Chop 1/3 cup pecans; set aside. Cover each remaining pecan with 1 tablespoon frosting mixture. Roll into 1-inch balls; set aside. Place chocolate chips and shortening into microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at medium (50 percent power) for 2 minutes; stir. Microwave additional 30-second intervals, if necessary; stir until smooth. Dip one candy ball into chocolate mixture until completely covered. Allowing excess chocolate to drip; remove with candy dipping fork or slotted spoon to waxed paper-lined baking sheet. Sprinkle top with chopped pecans. Repeat until all candy balls are covered. Refrigerate 5-10 minutes or allow to stand until chocolate mixture is set. Makes 3 dozen truffles.

GOURMET FUDGE TRUFFLE BROWNIES

- 1 package Duncan Hines Chocolate Lover's Walnut Brownie Mix
- 1 tablespoon milk
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips, divided usage

Preheat oven to 350 F. Prepare and bake brownies according to package directions. Allow to cool 30 minutes or refrigerate 15 minutes.

For Truffle layer: In a microwave-safe bowl combine milk, butter and 1/3 cup chocolate chips. Heat on high power for 20-30 seconds. Stir until chips are melted and mixture is smooth. Spread over top of cooled brownies. For glaze: In separate microwave-safe bowl heat remaining chocolate chips on high power for 20-30 seconds. Drizzle melted chocolate over top truffle layer. Chill before serving. Makes 16 brownies. Over-the-top ideas: Before chocolate glaze has set, top with almond slivers or coffee bits.

Let warm soup comfort you on a cold winter night

By Renee Enns
Chicago Tribune

During a cold winter, a bowl of hot soup is the culinary equivalent to a reassuring pat on the shoulder: With soup on your side, everything's going to be all right.

If you prefer, any assortment of canned or frozen vegetables also can be used; just add with tomatoes and beans. You may need to add additional broth or water.

TOMATO-BEAN SOUP WITH PASTA

- Yields 6 servings
- 1 cup acini di pepe or any small soup pasta (see note)
- 2 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 2 cans (14.5 ounces each) vegetable or chicken broth
- 2 cans (15 to 19 ounces each) cannellini or black beans
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes

Dinner tonight

- 1/4 cup red wine
- 2 teaspoons Italian herb blend
- 1 bay leaf, optional
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 4 kale or Swiss chard leaves, coarsely chopped
- Grated Parmesan cheese

Prepare pasta according to package directions. Meanwhile, heat oil in large saucepan over medium heat. Add garlic and onion; cook until fragrant, about 5 minutes. Reduce heat. Add broth, beans with their liquid, tomatoes with their liquid, wine, Italian seasoning, bay leaf, salt and pepper. Simmer 20 minutes. Add chard leaves; cook until slightly wilted, about 5 minutes. Ladle soup into bowls; add pasta. Pass Parmesan at table.

NOTE: Acini di pepe, ("peppercorns") are tiny soup pasta; Prince brand makes them. But any tiny pasta will work here.

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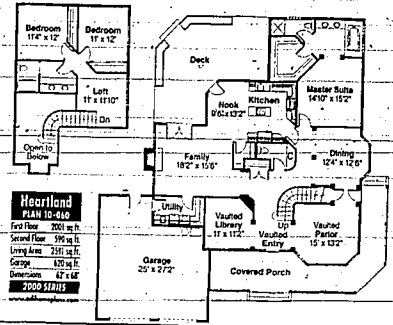
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FOOD & HOME



Heartland home offers own welcome — no mat needed

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Family activity spaces are at the rear, well away from the formal rooms. The family room has a fireplace and is spacious enough to accommodate an entertainment center and an assortment of comfortable couches and chairs. French doors open onto a large deck. A

pass-through utility room is accessible from the family room and the garage. The large country kitchen features a sunny nook, walk-in pantry and cook-top work island.

Columns in the sumptuous owners' suite mark the entrance to the luxurious bathroom. Features include a huge walk-in closet, enclosed toilet and shower, an oversized tub illuminated by glass blocks and a dual vanity.

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Butterball offers a different sort of girlie-calendar model

The Washington Post

Tired of calendars from your dry cleaner or gas station? The women of the Butterball Talk-Line may have good news for you.

Sure, they're not fashion models, and they're old enough to have cooked a passel of turkeys in their time and they're all fully dressed.

But the women who grace the pages of this free, very retro, limited-edition Ladies of the Talk-Line calendar are the home economists and dietitians who dish out turkey preparation tips to more than 100,000 callers

each holiday season on the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line.

To receive a calendar (complete with recipes and discount coupons) while supplies last, mail a postcard with your name and address to Butterball Ladies of the Talk-Line Calendar, P.O. Box 2061, Rock Island, Ill. 61204-2061; or call the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line at the new number (1-800-BUTTERBALL).

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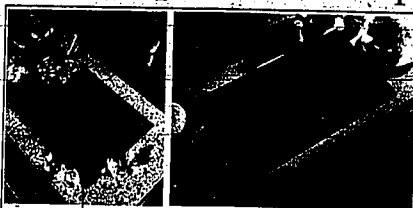
Induction cooktops provide best performance

DEAR JIM: I am remodeling my kitchen and I would rather use separate stylish electric oven and cooktop units instead of a range. Which element types are easiest-to-cook-with, safest and most efficient?

—KATE H.

DEAR KATE: Separate cooktops and ovens are becoming more popular because of convenience, comfort and efficiency. It makes sense to locate your hot oven away from your kitchen work area, especially during the summer, and the cook-top near the food preparation countertop area and the sink.

Three basic types of electric cooking elements are induction, halogen, and radiant. All are mounted in easy-to-clean smooth glass cooktops that look similar. Many cooktops use a combination of various element types. Electric induction elements provide the best cooktop performance, safety and efficiency. Unlike other electric elements, induction elements provide the precise temperature control of gas burners for gourmet cooks. Small single-element and free-standing induction units are also available.

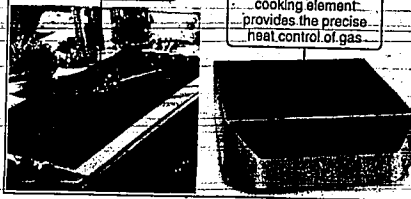


Electric cooktop with combination elements

Smooth-top electric cooktop with touchpad electronic controls

Modular cooktop with changeable elements

Mini-induction electric cooking element provides the precise heat control of gas



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Induction elements heat cooking utensils by creating a simple magnetic field. When an iron or steel (magnetic) pan is placed on the cooktop, this magnetic field heats the pan directly, not the cooktop, making it extremely energy efficient. When you turn the dial down, the heat energy to the pan immediately decreases.

Magnetic waves have no effect on skin or anything other than iron or steel. If the pan is accidentally removed from the cooktop by a child, no more heat is produced. The only drawbacks to induction elements are they are more expensive than other element types and you must use iron-based cooking utensils.

Electric halogen elements start heating quicker than standard smooth-top radiant elements. They use a halogen light to heat and radiate energy to the cooking utensil quickly. They are not as popular as they used to be because the newer ribbon-type radiant elements also heat up quickly.

Radiant elements, that glow red, are the most popular and reasonably priced. The standard ones (not ribbon types) heat up slower initially than induction of halogen elements and lack rapid, precise temperature control.

For the most flexibility, consider a modular electric cooktop. These have optional interchangeable elements such as halogens, griddles, steamers, woks, rotisseries, and deep fryers. Smart elements automatically sense the pot size and select the appropriate element. They also sense when the pot is removed and shut off the heat for safety.

In addition to the number and types of cooking elements, consider the cooking zones. Some cooktops have a small bridge element between two regular elements to create a super-large oval cooking zone for large roasting pots.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 870 — buyer's guide of 14 induction, halogen and radiant electric cooktop manufacturers (26 models) listing sizes, number of elements/cooking zones, types, shapes and features. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE — Write to James Dullea, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Rice dish comforts, warms on cold winter nights

Swanson

This easy and delicious recipe will have your family convinced you had it catered for your favorite restaurant.

BROTHY ASIAN SHRIMP AND RICE BOWL

Broth simmered rice (see recipe)

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 cup shiitake mushroom caps, thinly sliced
 - 2 cups pea pods, cut into diagonal halves
 - 1 pound fresh or frozen extra large shrimp, shelled and deveined (25 to 30)
 - 2 tablespoons lemongrass juice
 - 1 tablespoon soy sauce
 - Seasoned broth (see recipe)
 - Chopped cilantro
- Prepare Brothy Simmered Rice by heating 2 1/4 cups Swanson Chicken Broth in saucepan to a boil. Add 1 cup uncooked, regular long-grain white rice. Cover and cook-over-low-heat 20 minutes.

Prepare Seasoned Broth by heating 1 tablespoon olive oil in saucepan. Add 1 shallot (finely chopped), 2 teaspoons minced garlic and 1 teaspoon grated fresh gingerroot.

Cook until tender. Add 4 cups Swanson Chicken Broth, 2 tablespoons sliced green onion, 1 tablespoon toasted sesame oil and 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes.

Heat oil in skillet; add mushrooms and stir-fry 2 minutes. Add pea pods and stir-fry until tender-crisp. Remove from skillet. Add shrimp and stir-fry 3.5 minutes or



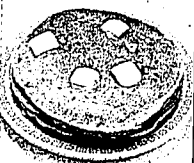
Brothy Asian Shrimp and Rice Bowl takes only about 25 minutes to prepare.

until done. Remove from heat. Return mushroom mixture to skillet. Add lemon juice and soy

sauce. Place 3/4 cup Brothy Simmered Rice in each bowl. Top with 3/4 cup shrimp mixture.

Four 1 cup Seasoned Broth each. Garnish with cilantro. Serves 4.

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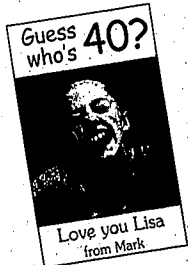
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FOOD & HOME

Unresolutions let you forgive a few good eats

A new year is here, and it brings with it a cold wind of change. Or, as Dan Goodman says in "Meditations for Miserable People," life will change day by day, and it will always change for the worse.

"That little book of gems came out in 1995 and was the precursor to the new movement I read about in the Los Angeles Times last week: Unresolutions.

"There are many facets to this. A spiritualist might say this is a resolution to look for signs and people who will help you lose weight, rather than a resolution to lose weight. A psychologist might say this is a resolution that gives you permission to forgive yourself if you binge on ice cream and cookies in the midst of losing weight.

"I'm of the camp that says I won't be making resolutions, thereby living up to the true meaning of the word 'unresolution.'

"Here's my list of unresolutions:
* I will try to exercise, just like I always have. Most days it just won't come.
* I will try to keep my house clean and organized, just like I always have. Most days it's a little cluttered.

* I will try to keep my food portions smaller, just like I always have. Most meals will still be too large.

* I will try to do something interesting every day, just like I always have. Most days, I will find something interesting.

"I really like that last one. I'm a pretty scheduled person, so something interesting could be anything outside my routine. It might be when I'm observing the interactions between my 7-month old puppy and the 7-year old farm cat (puppy always loses). Or I'll watch when my 5-year old teaches herself the letter "F" and writes it all over three pieces of paper.

"The interesting thing for the day might also be the new flavors in the dinner menu. If they're good, my portions might be larger. But at least I'll have kept one of my unresolutions for the day.

"These might provide you with some interesting flavors. Just try not to eat the whole batch, and that "weight-loss" resolution should remain intact.

Prepare the honey mustard one or two days ahead of time so the flavors have time to blend. You may also fry the chicken fingers up one day ahead. Wrap in foil, reheat in a 300-oven.

CHICKEN FINGERS WITH HONEY MUSTARD
4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (4 ounces each)
1 cup flour
1/2-teaspoon salt



1/4 teaspoon pepper
3/4 cup milk
1/3 cup maple syrup
Combine first three ingredients in a bowl; stir. Cut in butter with pastry blender until mixture is crumbly. Stir in walnuts. Combine milk and 1/3 cup syrup; add to dry ingredients, stirring just until moistened. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead lightly five or six times. Divide dough in half. Shape each portion into a ball, and place on ungreased baking sheets. Pat dough to a 2-inch thickness. Cut each round into six wedges, using a sharp knife; separate wedges slightly. Brush with maple syrup. Bake at 375 for 20 to 22 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm.
-From "America's Best Recipes: 1996"

SPICY STEAK AND CORN SOFT TACOS
1/2 pound flank steak
1 1/2 cups sliced purple onion
1 cup sliced sweet red pepper
2 tablespoons olive oil
3/4 cup frozen whole kernel corn
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro

4 10-inch flour tortillas
Toppings: shredded cheese, chopped tomato, sour cream
Slice steak diagonally across grain into thin strips. Cook onion and red pepper in hot oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat, stirring constantly, until tender. Remove vegetables; set aside. Cook steak in skillet over medium-high heat, stirring constantly, three minutes or until no longer pink. Add onion mixture, corn, cumin and chili powder to steak; cook until thoroughly heated. Remove from heat; stir in salt, pepper and cilantro. Keep warm. Heat tortillas according to package directions. Spoon steak mixture into tortillas; add desired toppings, and serve immediately.
-From "America's Best Recipes: 1996"

MILSTONE FARM MAPLE WALNUT SCONES
3 1/2 cups flour
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup butter or margarine
1 cup chopped walnuts

1 cup milk
1/3 cup maple syrup
Maple syrup
Combine first three ingredients in a bowl; stir. Cut in butter with pastry blender until mixture is crumbly. Stir in walnuts. Combine milk and 1/3 cup syrup; add to dry ingredients, stirring just until moistened. Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead lightly five or six times. Divide dough in half. Shape each portion into a ball, and place on ungreased baking sheets. Pat dough to a 2-inch thickness. Cut each round into six wedges, using a sharp knife; separate wedges slightly. Brush with maple syrup. Bake at 375 for 20 to 22 minutes or until lightly browned. Serve warm.
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Recipe evades origin seeking

By Linda Cicero
The Miami Herald

QUESTION: Do you have the directions for making homemade shaking-baking mix for pork chops? I got the recipe from a newspaper 10 years ago or so, but somehow it wandered out of my recipe collection.

ANSWER: My sister sent me packages of this mix because she thought it was such a great idea. We tried to track down the recipe source, but, as in so many of these over-the-fence recipes, we could not get so far. The trail went from a neighbor to the neighbor's daughter, to the daughter's co-worker! This works as well as the commercial mix, is delicious and costs about a fourth as much. The amount of salt seems high, but comes close to replicating the commercial mix's flavor. You can, of course, cut back to suit your taste.

HOMEMADE SHAKING -BAKE MIX
4 cups all-purpose flour
4 cups inexpensive crackers, crushed fine with a rolling pin or pulverized in food processor
2 tablespoons salt
4 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons garlic powder
2 teaspoons onion powder
2 tablespoons paprika
1/4 cup vegetable oil
Place all ingredients in a large bowl and stir with a wire whisk until well blended. Store indefinitely in a covered container in refrigerator (or divide into 20 portions of about 4 ounces each). Keeps well for months. To use, pour mix as needed into large bag. Dip pork chops or chicken in milk or water, then shake in coating and bake. Makes 20 bags that will each coat four chops or pieces of chicken.

Thomas L. Thompson e-mailed this recipe to share with readers. He says you should use a paste-type jerk seasoning such as Grace of Walker's Wood, not a liquid

Cook's corner

marinade. Given the price of coconut extract, and how seldom I'd use it, I substituted 2 tablespoons of powdered coconut milk, which comes in a pouch and can be found in the Asian aisle of supermarkets. I use it in curries, too.

TOM'S ONE-POT JERK PORK WITH RICE AND PEAS
Cooking spray or olive oil
4 boneless pork loin chops, trimmed of fat
1 medium onion, chopped
3 cups water
1 tablespoon Jamaican jerk seasoning
1/8 teaspoons liquid coconut extract

1 (16-ounce) can red beans or kidney beans, drained and rinsed
1 package red beans and rice mix
Lightly coat a nonstick skillet with cooking spray or olive oil. Over medium-high heat, sear pork chops on both sides. Remove chops from pan. Add onion and saute for 3 minutes. Add water, stir to loosen any browned bits from bottom of skillet, and bring to a slow boil. Stir in jerk seasoning and coconut, then beans and finally the rice mix. Return pork chops to skillet and stir well. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until liquid is absorbed, and pork is cooked through. (About 20 minutes with 1-inch thick pork chops). Makes 4 servings.

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I'M TRYING TO SAVE UP MONEY FOR COLLEGE...

MY BADMINTON SCHOLARSHIP FELL THROUGH...

By Scott Adams

I'M UNEMPLOYED AND I DRIVE AN ELECTRIC CAR.

THESE ARE MY ABS. I TALK TOO MUCH ABOUT MYSELF AND I'M NOT ROMANTIC.

I REALIZE IT'S A LONG SHOT BUT DOES ANY OF THAT TURN YOU ON?

By Johnny Hart

TO START THE NEW YEAR OFF WITH A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING HERE IS A LIST OF TEN THINGS THAT ANNOY ME THE MOST ABOUT YOU.

HEY...YOU'VE GOT ELEVEN THINGS HERE!

SEE! THAT'S WHY "NITPICKING" WAS NUMBER 1.

By Jim Davis

I'M GOING TO MAKE A LIST OF THINGS I CAN DO TO IMPRESS WOMEN

"CAN MAKE A LIST..."

HE'S WRITING THAT IN INK LADIES!

By Chance Browne

I'M GETTING OLD!

REMEMBER THE SAYING...

"YOU'RE ONLY AS OLD AS YOU FEEL"

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT WHEN I HAVE A GORE BACK!

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

THE HUNS ARE SCALING THE WALL

POUR THE BOILING OIL!

I HOPE THAT'S POLYUNSATURATED!

By Chris Browne

HALT! WHO GOES THERE?!

IT'S DIRTY DIKE

I CAN'T SEE YOU...

HOW CAN I BE SURE YOU'RE REALLY A DIRTY DIKE?

TAKE A DEEP BREATH

By Mort Walker

RUB RUB

I WILL GRANT YOU THREE WISHES. WHAT WILL THE OTHER TWO BE?

By Bob Thaves

IT'S LIKE THIS, FREEBIE... YOUR JOB IS TOO IMPORTANT TO GIVE YOU A DAY OFF, BUT NOT QUITE IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU A RAISE.

By Art Sansom & Chip

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE ON YOUR HAMBURGER?

CHEDDAR CHEESE, SHREDDED LETTUCE, GRILLED ONIONS, SAUTEED MUSHROOMS, BARBECUE SAUCE AND PICKLES!

THIS ISN'T THE DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOW - I MEANT, DO YOU WANT MUSTARD OR KETCHUP?

For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston

ANTHONY, IT'S 4 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING! WHAT?

WE'VE BEEN TALKING ALL NIGHT!

THE TIME'S GONE SO FAST IT'S BETTER TO GET YOU HOME, OR PEOPLE ARE GOING TO THINK... WHO CARES WHAT THEY THINK!

TWO GOOD FRIENDS HAD A WONDERFUL EVENING TOGETHER, AND IT'S BEEN NOTHING MORE THAN THAT.

GOOD NIGHT, ANTHONY. GOODBYE, ELIZABETH.

Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I NEED A VERY SPECIFIC CARD TO APOLOGIZE FOR SOMETHING THAT I PROMISED NEVER TO DO AGAIN

THIS ONE LOOKS JUST PERFECT FOR THE OCCASION

GREAT!

I'D BETTER TAKE A DOZEN

Pickles

By Brian Crane

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PETTING AND MASSAGING?

OH, PETTING IS JUST RANDOM STROKING. MASSAGING IS MUCH MORE FOCUSED ON SPECIFIC AREAS.

THERE'S SHOULDER STRUMMING, SIDE PALMING, TWO-HANDED SPINE BLINGING, BELLY BROWSING...

RIGHT NOW HE'S GETTING A GENTLE RUMP THUMPING.

Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

UH... COULD YOU COME BACK TOMORROW?

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane

"I tied my shoe 'zactly right, and now I can't even get it on."

Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady

AUNTIE ROSE, HAVE YOU DETERMINED WHO MYSTERIOUSLY HOGGED ALL THE BROWNIES YET?

LET'S SAY I'VE GOT THAT PUZZLE ALMOST PIECED TOGETHER, CLEM!

Zita

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

EWWW! YUCK! AUGH!

GARLIC LIP GLOSS!

Luan

By Greg Evans

YO, BRADLEY!

I'VE DECIDED TO BE A FIREFIGHTER.

I HAD SOME BIZ TO TAKE CARE OF. 5 UP WITH YOU, BUD?

Strango Brew

By John Deering

DON'T LOOK NOW - IT'S THAT DISNEY GUY STILL THERE?

Non Sequitur

By Wiley

OK...TELL ME AGAIN HOW THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO CHANGE OUR LIVES?

National Building Museum preserves American gardens

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A large Iris print, a photograph transformed into a painting, shows a sculpture of a boy cradling a dolphin, looking out to the oceanic expanse of Lake Erie. The poignant subjects and the subtle washes of color evoke the heyday of Gwinn, a Gilded Age property in Cleveland built for industrialist William Gwinn Fisher.

The iron-ore magnate was among leagues of wealthy patrons who transformed the landscape in the early 20th century, turning surplus farmland and wilderness into singularly American versions of Old World Renaissance villas, terraces and pastoral hinterland.

Many have since been lost to decay and development, but Gwinn is among seven preserved lovingly and featured in a small, little-noticed but deserving show about America's finest gardens at the National Building Museum. It runs through Feb. 18 before moving to New Orleans.

Two of the seven are familiar to Washington-area garden lovers: Dumbarton Oaks in Georgetown and H.F. Dupont's Winterthur near Wilmington, Del.

The other five are:

- Gwinn, designed by three noted landscape architects — Charles Platt, Warren Manning and Ellen Shipman — between 1906 and 1912.

- Grosse-Pointe-Shores, Mich., designed in the 1920s by Prairie-style designer Jens Jensen for Edsel and Eleanor Ford.
- Stan Hywet in Akron, Ohio, the estate of Goodyear Tire founder Frank Seiberling, designed by Manning and Shipman around 1911.

- Naumkeag in Stockbridge, Mass., designed by Nathan Barrett and, later, Fletcher Steele between 1885 and 1950.

- Val Verde, Santa Barbara, Calif., an estate embellished in the 1920s and 1930s by Lockwood de Forest, one of the West Coast's most important landscape architects.

Most are termed country place gardens, established around new mansions and as weekend retreats from the city. Dumbarton Oaks, created between 1920 and 1940, is an exception: The landscape is in a city (though pastoral in feel) and surrounds a house of the Federal period.

The gardens were designed primarily by Beatrix Farrand working closely with owner Mildred Woods Bliss.

Twenty years ago, exhibitions of American garden heritage were unheard of.

The landscape-preservation movement has lagged far behind that of architecture. But another stifling factor has been the idea that these gardens were simply backdrops for entertaining and objects of little broader value, said exhibition curator Robin Karson, who is also director of the Library of American Landscape History in Amherst, Mass.

With study, though, has come the realization that many of these landscapes were created as their own art forms "that would have their own core meaning," said Karson. "We wouldn't look at Vaux-le-Vicomte near Paris) and say that's just some guy's indulgence — that's an important work of art, regardless of the circumstances that precipitated it."

Karson, who is writing a companion book on the gardens, to be published in 2003, said she winnowed them from a list of about 100, choosing the seven for their state of preservation,



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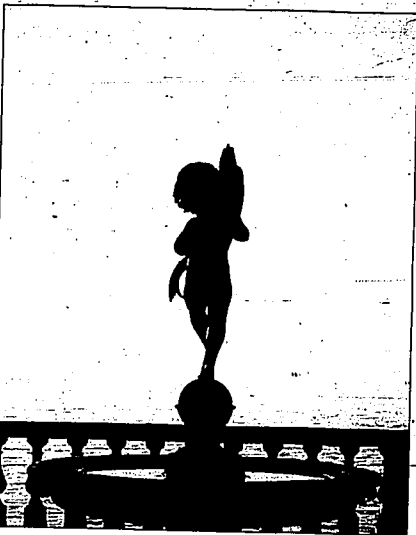
Above, at Naumkeag in Massachusetts, Fletcher Steele designed railed steps through a grove of white birch. Right, Val Verde, a garden in Santa Barbara, Calif., was designed by Lockwood de Forest. Below, boy and dolphin at the garden of Gwinn overlook Lake Erie in Ohio. Gwinn is among seven gardens which were preserved lovingly and are being featured in a show about America's finest gardens at the National Building Museum in D.C.



of black and white prints (10 of each property) and the seven Iris prints.

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geographic range, the reputations of the designers, aesthetic value and influence.

"They represent the pinnacle of the gardeners' art on that scale," said Antonia Adezio, president of the Garden Conservancy in Cold Spring, N.Y. "The experience of being in them is something we can all respond to."

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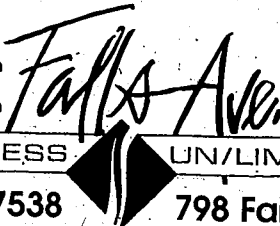
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FOOD & HOME

Turkey, mushroom saute in minutes

By Linda Gassenheimer
The Miami Herald

TURKEY GRATINEE

• 1 pound olive oil
• 3/4 pound turkey breast cutlets (about 1/4-inch thick)
• Salt and freshly ground pepper
• 2 medium garlic cloves, crushed
• 1/2 pound portobello mushrooms, sliced (about 3 cups)
• 2 tablespoons flour
• 1/2 cup skim milk
• 2 tablespoons plain bread crumbs
• 2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese
Preheat broiler. Heat oil on medium-high in a nonstick skillet that is also oven-proof. Brown turkey 1 minute, turn and brown second side 1 minute. Remove to a plate and sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. Add garlic and mushrooms to skillet and saute 2 minutes. Add flour and continue to saute 30 seconds. Add milk and stir 2 minutes to thicken sauce. Push mushrooms to sides of skillet and return turkey. Cover turkey with mushrooms

and sprinkle with bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese. Add salt and pepper to taste. Place under broiler for 2 minutes. Makes 2 servings.

Per serving: 403 calories (26 percent from fat), 11.6 g fat (3.9 g saturated), 118 mg cholesterol, 52.5 g protein, 14.7 g carbohydrates, 0 fiber, 323 mg sodium.

Basil Linguine
• 1/4 pound fresh linguine
• 2 teaspoons olive oil
• 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
• Salt and freshly ground pepper
Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add pasta and cook 3 minutes (9 minutes if substituting dried pasta). Drain, leaving about 2 tablespoons cooking water on the pasta. Add olive oil to pasta and toss well. Add basil and salt and pepper to taste and toss again. Makes 2 servings.
Per serving: 195 calories (24 percent from fat), 5.3 g fat (0.7 g saturated), 0 cholesterol, 5 g protein, 30.8 g carbohydrates, 1.8 g fiber, 1 mg sodium.

Rice wine vinegars won't overwhelm flavor

By Jim Coleman
and Candace Hagan
Philadelphia Daily News

The chef's table

QUESTION: I have been trying to make flavored vinegars. The problem is that even though they look great, they still just taste like plain, old vinegar. What am I doing wrong?

-JUDY P.

ANSWER: Judy, Judy, Judy. There is nothing worse than trying something that looks like it's going to be full of flavor, but turns out to be a dud. This was happening a lot with desserts a couple of years ago. Attempting to out-hipster each other, pastry chefs would create these unbelievable chocolate towers with beautiful mousses, swirls of colorful sauces, and spikes of sugar that looked like they were aimed at various ceiling fixtures and might rocket off at any

moment. You would order one of these concoctions and, as soon as you regained your breath, expectantly sample a big bite, only to find the damned thing wouldn't have any flavor! With any luck, those days are gone.

We can make sure that your vinegars don't fall into the same trap. There are some tricks to make sure they turn out with more flavor. First of all, you need to use the right vinegar. I don't recommend using a strong, high acidity variety like white vinegar or apple cider vinegar. Just about anything you put into them will be overpowered by their own vinegar flavor. In my opinion, rice wine vinegar is the best type to use when adding flavorings because of its low acidity.

The next step in making flavorful vinegars is to heat up the

vinegar during the steeping process to help infuse the flavors. And my last suggestion is to not be stingy with the amount of flavorings that you add. If by some miracle the flavorings turn out too strong, you can always add more vinegar.

Judy, try this easy recipe: **Vinegars on my next trip to the farmer's market, I want a cut.**

DILL-LIME VINEGAR
• 10 leafy sprigs of fresh dill
• Zest of 2 limes
• 4 cups rice wine vinegar
Heat the vinegar in a saucepan until it is hot to the touch, but not boiling. Place the dill sprigs and lime zest in a large container. Pour the hot vinegar into the container, cool to room temperature, then cover. After 2 days, strain out the zest, but leave the dill in. Pour into glass bottles, if you wish, and store in a cool, dry place for up to 10 months.

Marketers tempt kids with condiments in bright colors

By Dianna Marder
The Philadelphia Inquirer

If Dr. Seuss's "Green Eggs and Ham" can stir children's enthusiasm for reading, why not pink margarine and purple ketchup to whet picky eaters' appetites?

Consider the conundrum: Parents will try almost anything to get their kids to eat what's good for them. And children will do anything to avoid those same foods.

The solution, marketing experts say, is Technicolor condiments.

"Kids are living in a world that is more colorful than the black-and-white TV world we grew up with," said Lafayette Hill, Pa., dietitian Althea Zancosky. "They expect everything, including food, to be more colorful."

The trend has been coming for a while, says Susan Linn, associate director of the Media Center for Children at Harvard University.

"Over the past year or so, I've seen articles that say kids like to play with their food, so, therefore, we need to make food more playful."

But Linn sees a dark side. The amount spent on marketing to children doubled between 1992 and 1997 and now hovers above \$12 billion, she said.

The trend toward colored foods, she said, is "just part of the intensive marketing artillery that is brought to bear on children every microsecond of every day."

In October 2000, the magic of marketing brought us Blazin' Green Heinz ketchup in a squeeze bottle - and, no, it wasn't made with green ketchup. Last August, Heinz introduced Funky Purple. Both taste like plain ketchup; the colors are the come-on.

And yes, these products are profitable.

Heinz's share of the ketchup market jumped from 50 percent to 56 percent in the 12 months after it launched green ketchup. "That's the largest increase in one year in the history of Heinz," said Michael Mullen, a company spokesman in Pittsburgh.

In November, Omaha, Neb.-based ConAgra Foods brought out squeeze bottles of Parkay margarine in hot pink and bright blue, both perfect for painting pictures on corn on the cob.

Nestle has a blue mayonnaise bubble-gum flavored - made by its Crosse & Blackwell division and marketed only in South Africa, under the product name Cloob.

And Kraft experimented in the fall with an orange-colored (but not orange-flavored) Minute Rice for Halloween.

You could have finished off the meal with Nestle's Milk Changer: Blue or Orange Oreos, which were on store shelves for about six weeks last summer.

To adults, blue Gatorade may look like windshield-washer

fluid, and strawberry milk may resemble Amoxicillin. But kids especially love foods that adults disdain.

Colored condiments are designed to make food fun. And if there's a more delightful activity for 6- to 12-year-olds than squinting at the supper table, it would have to be squirting something that makes adults cringe.

Not everybody's happy.

Corporations now have more direct access to kids - bypassing parents - in schools and via the Internet, says Linn, who serves on the American Psychological Association's task force investigating the ethical consequences for psychologists who help market products to children.

There may be no real nutritional downside to eating pink margarine or purple ketchup, says Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest in Washington. But he doesn't like the fact that colored condiments are priced 10 to 20 cents an ounce higher than "regular" brands.

"Corporations see gold in our kids' heads," said Gary Ruskin, who heads Commercial Alert, a nonprofit group based in Portland, Ore., that monitors the effects of advertising on children.

"Buy, buy, buy," he said. "It's hard for a parent to shelter their children from all the marketing."

So far, those in charge of school lunches haven't seen a difference in the foods that children pack from home or ask for at school, say representatives of several Philadelphia-area school districts.

Indeed, some of the new, colored products were sold only in test markets.

Zancosky, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association, takes a forgiving approach. Nobody needs purple ketchup, she acknowledges, but she is unbothered by the colorization of condiments.

"We have to stop being such purists," said Zancosky, who happily served Milk Changer Oreos to her 10-year-old daughter. "You have to do whatever you can to encourage kids to eat a variety of foods. If you can find a nutritious food that has been colored to make it more attractive, I think that's OK."

The colors are FDA approved, she said. "And if I can get my kid to drink milk instead of soda by using a blue Oreo, I'm delighted."

More is on the way. "Parents told us they want fun condiments to bring kids to the table," said Paula Ford, a Parkay associate brand manager. "I definitely wouldn't rule out anything in terms of colors with other products."

Yuck, Ruskin says. "The overriding message is that buying and having stuff are the ends and principal means to happiness in our lives," he said, "and that's ridiculous."

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The Times-News

Hornet duo turns foes inside out

There are many reasons the Declo girls basketball team is 13-1.

Tradition, deep talent, excellent coaching and some of the loudest crowds in the area rooting for the Hornets are a few.

But mostly, Declo has seniors Amy Allen and Jamie Chatburn. And more than talent, which the duo has in abundance, it is their work ethic and leadership that has the Hornets clipping along.

Allen, the team's point guard, has put in so much work that her free-throw percentage has gone from about 60 percent a year ago to 86 percent this season, hitting on 42-of-49 attempts.

"It just makes me so mad when I miss a free throw," Allen said. "I mean, you're all alone."

Allen not only spearheads the Hornet offense but she is a whirlwind in Declo's full-court pressure defense.

Chatburn is no stranger to hard work either. Instead of going out for cross country this fall, she decided to help her dad, Jeff, on the family ranch after her grandfather passed away last spring.

And at 5-foot-10, Chatburn also brings a no-nonsense rodeo approach to the Hornets' inside game, providing a perfect complement to Allen's outside prowess. Opponents are turned inside out as they try to cover both players.

In addition to basketball, Chatburn competes in rodeo and has been crowned queen of many of them.

And like Allen, who placed third in the 3,200-meter run, fourth in the 800 and fifth in the 1,600 at the state track meet last spring, basketball is Chatburn's passion.

"Rodeo is more of a way of life," Chatburn said. "Basketball is a hobby, something I love."

Allen and Chatburn also thrive off the court, as both hold grade-point averages of just under 4.0.

They also share a common goal of playing college basketball and name the College of Southern Idaho as their first choice.

Their bond on the court goes back to the seventh grade.

"We know what it takes to win and to play together," said Allen, who moved up to the varsity with Chatburn as a sophomore.

Both say they have great chemistry with the rest of their teammates, but acknowledge theirs is a special bond.

"We drive each other," Chatburn said.

Revenge drives the Hornets right now. The team suffered its first loss of the season Saturday falling to Buhl 59-53 to take a back seat to the Indians in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference race.

"It was not fun at all," Chatburn said. "But it felt like I left everything on the floor. And we know we can beat them."

Both Chatburn and Allen also have legacies they are trying to keep up with.

Chatburn looked up to Thais Klidd, who starred at Declo and Brigham Young University before dying in an automobile accident in 1994.

"This had a quote: 'Shoot for the moon and even if you don't make it, you'll land among the stars,'" she said. "I think about that all the time."

Allen's oldest brother, Brad, made a 3-pointer in the 1998 state championship game to send it into overtime. The Hornets went on to win the title on a 75-foot shot by Mike Christensen.

"You do feel a lot of pressure to live up to it," Allen said.

Both are more than up to it.

Mini-Cassia sportswriter Scott Thompson's column appears Wednesdays. Reach him with any story ideas, tips or suggestions at sthompson@magicvalley.com or 877-4042, Ext. 106.

Shoshone edges Dietrich

Uhrig helps keep Indians undefeated

By Scott Thompson
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — For the first time all year, the Shoshone Indians faced a tough test and passed it, downing host Dietrich 57-55 Tuesday night in a pivotal girls' Northside Conference matchup.

Monica Uhrig paced the Indians with 22 points, seven rebounds and seven blocked shots to keep the Indians (7-0 Northside, 14-0) undefeated.

"Her pressure on defense especially was the difference," Shoshone coach Tim Chapman said.

But as much damage as the Gonzaga University-bound Uhrig did, the 13-point second half of

Steph Dalrymple may be what put Shoshone over the top.

Dalrymple, who scored 16 points in the game, notched six of them in the Indians' 15-4 run to start the second half. The run made it 37-25 midway through the third quarter after the score was knotted 22-22 at intermission.

The Indian run was helped when Dietrich standout Rysa Parker picked up her fourth foul less than a minute into the second half. By the end of the third quarter, fellow Blue Devil starters Sheena Bingham and Shamee Norman joined her on the bench with their fourth fouls.

"That was the difference in the game right there," Dietrich coach Gene Shaw said.

The resulting free throw differential didn't hurt either.

"They shot 23 free throws and we shot 10," Shaw said. "In a two-

point game, that's the difference right there."

But Dietrich wouldn't go away as sophomore guard Ayleen Sorensen went to work late in the third quarter.

Sorensen, who missed Shoshone's 44-23 victory in the first game between the teams with a collarbone injury, scored 18 of her game-high 23 points in the second half by helping the Blue Devils close to within one at 53-52 with a little over a minute to play.

But the Indians closed with five straight points thanks to a bucket by Dalrymple following a steal and a 2-of-4 effort by Jazz Harris from the free-throw line. Harris finished with 15 points.

Norman capped the scoring for Dietrich (4-2, 9-5) with a basket at the buzzer.

The Blue Devils' hopes were also hurt when Bingham picked

up her fifth foul with a technical with 3:25 to play.

Uhrig hit both free throws to put the Indians up 51-45.

The close game was exactly what Chapman wanted for his team.

"You can't simulate pressure in practice," he said. "This will help. I told the team, 'Don't feel bad about making mistakes or turnovers late in the game, you haven't been in this situation before.'"

Shaw also felt the game would bolster his team's confidence as the regular season winds down.

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Eagles soar to No. 13 in new poll

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Eight straight wins garnered the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team a four-spot jump to 13th in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's poll, released Tuesday.

The Eagles (4-0 Scenic West Athletic Conference, 14-2) received 20 points in the balloting.

Texas' San Jacinto College-Central (13-0) remained the nation's top-ranked team with 12 first-place votes and 150 points. SWAC rival Dixie State College (3-0, 14-1), which visits CSI on Saturday, jumped to No. 2 with two first-place ballots and 96 points. Okaloosa-Walton Community College (15-1), defending national champion Wabash Valley College (12-1) and Schoolcraft College (14-0) rounded out the top five.

No. 3 Okaloosa-Walton received the other two first-place votes and 91 points.

All-galley College of Maryland (13-1) is sixth with South Plains College (15-1), Lon Morris College (13-0), Southwest Missouri State-West Plains (14-2) and Coffeyville Community College (12-1) made up the top 10.

Notably missing from the poll was former No. 2 Barton County Community College (11-3), which was swept in three games at the Dixie State College New Year's Invitational tournament Dec. 27-29.

The top three teams remained the same in the NJCAA Div. I women's top 25 poll with consensus No. 1 Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (12-0) receiving seven of eight first-place votes and 199 points.

Second-ranked Gulf Coast Community College (14-0) picked up the other first-place vote and 192 points and South Plains College (14-0) is third with 184 points.

Fourth-ranked Butler County Community College (14-0) moved up five spots with 162 points and No. 5 Okaloosa-Walton (12-0) has 160 points.

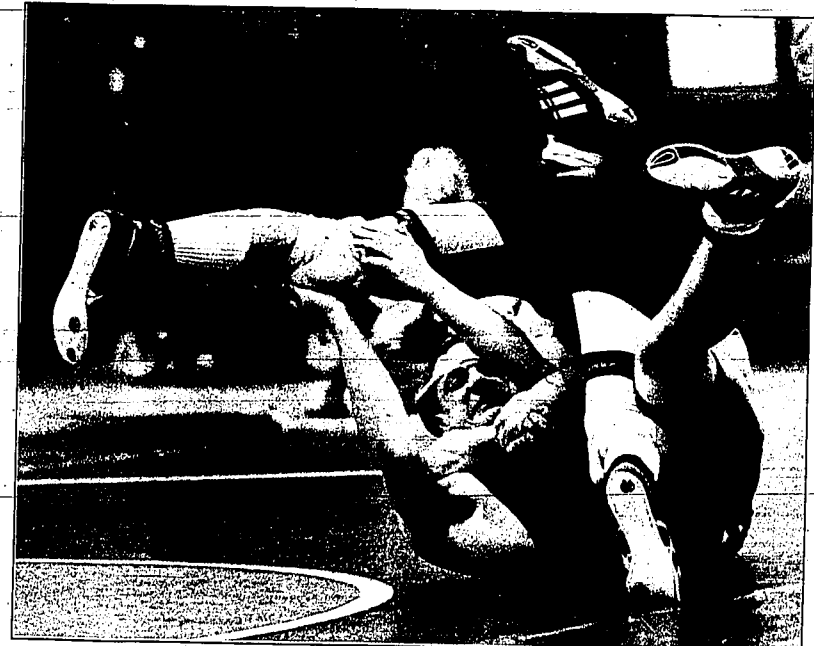
Rounding out the top 10 is Meridian Community College (13-0), Tyler Junior College (13-2), Seward County Community College (14-0), Seminole State College (11-0) and Trinity Valley Community College (12-2).

Formerly fourth-ranked Utah Valley State College (14-2) dropped into a tie for 25th with Cincinnati State Technical and Community College with 10 points. Salt Lake Community College (14-2) jumped seven spots to 13th and No. 21 Rick's College (13-1) made its first appearance in the top 25. The Dixie women received votes.



Polls - D3

Pocatello manhandles TF



Twin Falls grappler Armando Salinas pins Pocatello's John Terrance in their 140-pound weight class match Tuesday night at Twin Falls High School. Salinas won the match but the Bruins lost the meet.

Bruin wrestlers fall in dual meet, 54-33

By Ethan Stone
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A light wrestler carries a lot of weight against the Twin Falls Bruins, mainly because they don't have anyone to face him.

Once again, forlets at the 103-, 112-, and 119-pound weight classes, cost the boys in blue a 54-33

loss to the Pocatello Indians at their dual meet Tuesday evening at Twin Falls.

With Pocatello up 12 points from the forfeits, Bruin Ryan Pohlman met the Indians' Brady Anderson at 125 pounds for the first action of the night. The two grappled for the full six minutes before Pohlman emerged with a narrow 12-9 decision, earning back some of the Bruins' deficit.

But Pocatello gained a strong 30-9 lead off pins in the next two matchups. Shilo Armstrong, rated No. 1 statewide at 130 pounds, pinned Twin Falls grappler Andrew Wilken, and the Tribe's Zak Bradshaw served up the same to Clayton Morrison at 135.

The next two matches went to the Bruins: 140-pound competitor Armando Salinas tore up Pocatello's John Terrance in only

37 seconds, trapping him in a crush grapple for the pin. Twin Falls' Brady Culver was on the ball against Indian David Ball, reversing a hold in the third minute of their 145-pound contest to snag the pin.

The two victories brought Twin Falls within nine points of Pocatello at 30-21.

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St. Louis, then everyone else

Nothing is a given in the NFL playoffs

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

As the NFL playoffs begin, most indicators suggest that this is the year of the Ram. Kurt Warner and Marshall Faulk seem unstoppable, and the defense that allowed 471 points last year, gave up 158 less this season.

But nothing in the NFL is a given these days. Consider ...

Two years ago, Tampa Bay almost beat the Rams in St. Louis, losing 13-6 in the NFC title game. Last season they beat the Rams in Tampa Bay and on Nov. 26, the Bucs won again in St. Louis, 24-17. In that game, Warren Sapp dominated guard Frank Garcia, who was starting in place of the injured Tom Nyan.



Baltimore tight end Shannon Sharpe celebrates his team's victory during Monday's game against Minnesota.

But the problem for the Bucs will be getting by Philadelphia in the first round. The game will be played,

NFL playoff weekend

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N.Y. Jets at Oakland (ABC), 6 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 13
San Francisco at Green Bay (FOX), 10:30 a.m.
Baltimore at Miami (CBS), 2 p.m.

Saturday in Philadelphia and the temperature probably will be below 40 degrees. The Bucs never have won in those conditions, which might be playing with their heads a bit.

The rundown by conference:

NFC

The Rams (14-2) are clear favorites, perhaps vulnerable to the impact I had at my position," he said.

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Wizard of Ozz gains entry to Hall on first try

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ozzie Smith, regarded as the finest-fielding shortstop ever, was elected to the Hall of Fame on his first try by an overwhelming margin Tuesday.

The Wizard of Ozz was the only player picked, with Gary Carter falling just short.

A 13-time Gold Glove winner while with the St. Louis Cardinals and San Diego Padres, Smith was chosen on 91.7 percent of the ballots.

Smith became the 37th player picked in his first year of eligibility.

"To be the only one going in I think speaks to the impact I had at my position," he said.

"The guys who get into the Hall of Fame are the guys who hit the ball out of the ballpark," he said.

"I hope my going in will open the door for the other guys who have the ability to help their teams with defense."

Smith was selected on 433 of 472 ballots. To be elected, players had to be listed on at least 75 percent of the ballots of 10-year members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Carter got 343 votes (72.7 percent) and fell 11 shy of election. The former catcher's totals have dramatically improved over the years, going from 144 votes in 1999

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Ozzie Smith

Baseball's first-timers

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SPORTS

Philadelphia's Dopta scores four goals en route to Flyers' victory

PHILADELPHIA - Jiri Dopta scored four goals - a first in his season in the NHL - to tie a team record as the Philadelphia Flyers beat the Atlanta Thrashers 7-4 Tuesday night to take over first place in the Atlantic Division. Dopta, who also had an assist, playing in his first NHL season, is leading his team to five league championships in the Czech Republic. LeClair and Justin Williams added a goal and two assists each for the Flyers, who won their fourth straight home game and moved past the idle New York Rangers into the top spot in the division for the first time this season. Ruslan Fedotenko added a goal

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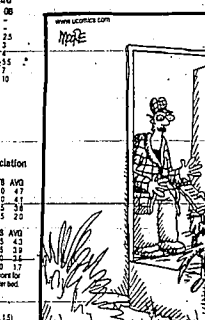
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Wells Fargo will hold forecast at CSI

TWIN FALLS — Wells Fargo's 2002 Economic Forecast will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium. This time around, anyone can attend. The bank's annual economic forecast has typically been an invitation-only lunch event, but due to the extra seating capacity, the public is invited this year. No lunch will be served this time. Featured speakers will be Janet Key, the bank's area president for south-central Idaho; Wells Fargo economist Kelly K. Matthews; Spencer F. Eccles, chairman of the Wells Fargo Intermountain Banking Region; and Sterling K. Jensen, senior managing director of Wells Capital Management. For information or to register, call 736-1290.

Liberty Northwest names president, CEO

TWIN FALLS — Liberty Mutual Group said Stuart A. Hall will step down as chief executive officer of subsidiary Liberty Northwest Insurance Corp. on Feb. 1. Liberty Mutual, which has an office in Twin Falls, appointed Tony Ferronato as president and CEO of Liberty Northwest. Hall will act as a consultant to the Liberty Northwest insurance team for political and local business matters through the end of 2002. Previously, Ferronato was executive vice president and chief operating officer of Liberty Northwest. He was one of the four founders of Liberty Northwest in 1983 and worked in Boston as senior vice president and general claims manager for Liberty Mutual from 1992 through 1996. Liberty Northwest is a writer of workers' compensation insurance in the Northwest and calls itself the largest private carrier in Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Jan. 1, Liberty Northwest completed its acquisition of North Pacific/Oregon Automobile Insurance Co. The combined company became one of the leading Northwest property and casualty insurers, managing a portfolio of worker's compensation, commercial property and casualty and personal lines, with premium in excess of \$300 million, a press release said.

Sun Valley reports successful December

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley hosted its year-long skier count during the month of December by nearly 5,000 skiers. The resort had 87,784 skier visits during December, compared with 83,320 a year earlier. There were a few hundred more skier visits during the Christmas holidays. The good news for a resort that had feared the skier count would be off dramatically following the national economic slowdown and September's terrorist attacks. Jack Sibbach, director of marketing, attributed the numbers to the heavy snow that fell on Sun Valley during December. A new \$599 season pass may have accounted for a few more visits, as well. "We're almost back to normal — the phones are ringing again," Sibbach said. "Everybody tells me it's the great snow."

Chamber of Commerce seeks nominations

KETCHUM — The Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber of Commerce is seeking Citizen of the Year and other nominations for its 5th Annual Community Awards celebration. The awards will be presented March 6 at the River Run Lodge. Nominations are being accepted for Citizen of the Year, which was won last year by former Blaine County Commissioner Len Harlig; Youth Citizen of the Year for someone under 18 whose activities have benefited the community; Business of the Year for a business which has demonstrated a high level of community involvement; Arts Advocate of the Year; Youth Advocate of the Year, recognizing a business, group or individual that has supported youth; and Chamber Volunteer of the Year. Nomination forms are available at the Visitor Center. Forms can be faxed to 726-4533, or returned to the center. The deadline is Feb. 1. For information, call Nestor. Trujillo at 725-2103. Compiled from staff reports

TF mall announces new tenants

Mall posts small increase in holiday-season sales

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Already this year, Magic Valley Mall has signed leases with a high-profile retailer of intimate apparel, a Chinese food chain, a shoe store and a women's clothing retailer, mall managers announced this week. "So we're starting off in an extremely strong fashion," said Brent White, general manager of the regional mall at the north end of Twin Falls. That leaves just three spaces — totaling 3,025 square feet — available at the mall. The mall has 481,182 leasable square feet, White said. So the new tenants and relocations of several existing tenants — all expected to open their doors by May — will bring the mall to 99 percent occupancy. "The mall continued to see improved financial performance last year, which it has done in nine out of the last 10 years," White said.

Measured by leasable square footage, the mall's occupancy increased from an average of about 95 percent in 2000 to an average of 97 percent in 2001, he said. Expect to see new signs in the

About Victoria's Secret

- **Headquarters:** Columbus, Ohio.
- **Online:** www.victoriasecret.com.
- **Retail merchandise:** Intimate apparel, beauty products, sleep wear, hosiery and fashion.
- **Corporate parent:** Columbus-based Intimate Brands Inc. sells intimate apparel and beauty and personal care products through the Victoria's Secret and Bath & Body Works brands. All stores are company owned.
- **Company history:** In 1995, Intimate Brands was spun off from The Limited, which owns about 84 percent of Intimate Brands' stock.
- **Size and sales:** As of Dec. 1, Victoria's Secret products are available through 916 lingerie and 498 beauty stores (of which 96 are stand-alone), the Victoria's Secret Catalogue and online. Victoria's Secret's 2000 sales of \$3.3 billion accounted for 65 percent of Intimate Brands' total revenue.
- **Parent's financials:** Intimate Brands in late November released these results for the 2001 third quarter.
- **Comparable-store sales:** for the quarter decreased 10 percent from a year earlier. Net sales were \$905.6 million, compared with sales of \$944 million a year earlier. Intimate Brands reported a loss of 2 cents per share, compared with earnings per share of 9 cents the year before; operating loss was \$13.5 million, compared with income of \$80.1 million the year before; and net loss was \$10.7 million, compared with income of \$43.2 million the year before.
- **Stocks:** Parent company's stock trades publicly on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol VBI.
- **Current Idaho presence:** Stores in Boise and Idaho Falls.

Source: www.intimatebrands.com

mall this spring. • Victoria's Secret is the mall's flashiest new catch. The megaretailer of intimate apparel and beauty products will take the space, which was home-to-plus-

sized clothing retailer Lane Bryant, said Kimberly Williams, Magic Valley Mall's marketing director. • Lotus Express, a Chinese

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TWIN FALLS — September's terrorist attacks on the United States did not send mall specialty stores' holiday sales trends into negative territory nationwide. "Which sort of bucked what everyone expected," said Brent White, Magic Valley Mall's general manager. And the regional mall on the Snake River Canyon rim followed the national trend, mall managers said Tuesday. "The national numbers were good, as are Magic Valley Mall numbers," White said. Specifically, certain Magic Valley Mall sales from the day after Thanksgiving to Christmas were up 1.9 percent higher than during the same holiday period a year ago, which was shorter by one day. "Having a longer season always helps, and it did help,"

Holiday sales

Sales at mall specialty stores nationwide, during the 30 days from Nov. 23 through Dec. 24, compared with 2000's 31-day holiday season.

Apparel	-0.6%
Food service	+0.7%
Footwear	+3.4%
Home furnishings and furniture	+4.9%
Jewelry	+0.6%
Music, video and home entertainment	+10.9%
Sporting goods and toys	-0.1%
Toys, sporting goods and other	-1.9%
TOTAL	+2.1%

Source: International Council of Shopping Centers' Web site

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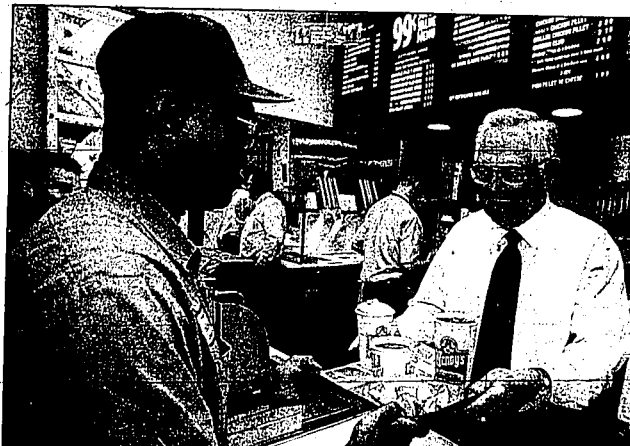
Wendy's founder dies at 69

Cancer claims fast-food ad legend

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Dave Thomas, the portly pitchman whose homespun ads built Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers into one of the world's most successful fast-food enterprises, died Tuesday of liver cancer. He was 69. Thomas died around midnight at his home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., said the company, whose name is on several Magic Valley restaurants.

Thomas had been undergoing kidney dialysis since early 2001 and had quadruple heart bypass surgery in December 1996. "He was the heart and soul of our company. He had a passion for great tasting hamburgers, and devoted his life to serving customers great food and helping those less fortunate in his community," said Jack Schuessler, chairman and chief executive of Wendy's, based in the Columbus suburb of Dublin. The founder and senior chairman of Wendy's International became a household name when he began pitching his burgers and fries in television commercials in 1989. The smiling Thomas, always wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and tie, touted the virtues of fast-food in more than 800 humorous ads, sometimes featuring stars such as bluesman B.B. King and soap opera queen Susan Lucci. "As long as it works, I'll continue to do the commercials,"



Dave Thomas, right, founder of Wendy's, serves customer Tim Hughes at a new Wendy's in Ft. Wayne, Ind. on April 30, 1998. Thomas died around midnight Tuesday at his home in Florida, the company said.

Thomas said in a 1991 interview. "When it's not working any longer, then I'm history." Industry analysts and company officials said the ads helped the company rebound from a difficult period in the mid-1980s when earnings sank. "He's given Wendy's a corporate identity — a down-homey type image. The lack of sophistication is a real benefit for the company," Diane Mustain, a financial analyst, said in 1991. "Although Dave was wildly popular, he was never very comfortable as a celebrity. He kept reminding us he was simply a hamburger cook," Schuessler said. But burgers weren't his first love. Thomas, who was adopted as an infant, became a national advocate for adoption. He created the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption, a not-for-profit organization focused on raising public awareness of adoption. The profits from his books, "Dave's Way" and "Well Done!" go to the foundation. He once testified before a Congressional committee about the importance of creating incentives for adoption. "I know firsthand how impor-

tant it is for every child to have a home and loving family," he testified. "Without a family, I would not be where I am today." Born July 2, 1932, Thomas was 12 when he got his first restaurant job — as a counterman in Knoxville, Tenn. In 1956, he was working at a barbecue restaurant in Fort Wayne, Ind., when Col. Harland Sanders of KFC fame stopped in on a promotional tour. Thomas's boss bought a KFC franchise, and six years later, Thomas came to Columbus to take over a failing Kentucky Fried Chicken

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Mining company sells corporate headquarters

COEUR D'ALENE — Hecla Mining Co. reached an agreement to sell its corporate headquarters to IDJ Enterprises of Bellevue, Wash. Hecla will lease back a portion of the Coeur d'Alene sales price for its 45-person staff. The sales price is about \$5.6 million for the 13-acre parcel. Hecla's corporate staff shrunk after the company sold its industrial minerals division last year. About 30 percent of the corporate staff took early retirement. "We've been carefully consolidating and cutting costs for some time," Hecla Chairman Art Brown said. "Our major mining operations are no longer in the northwest United States." "It makes good sense to turn this valuable building asset into cash" for operations and exploration. **Company cuts back again before takeover** **NAMPA** — About 120 MCMCS employees are losing their jobs

Money in brief

as the electronics manufacturer is taken over by Wisconsin-based Plexus Corp. The latest job cuts leave the company with 460 workers, about a third of the local workforce it had one year ago. The Nampa company was hit hard when two of its largest customers, Cisco Systems and Nokia, dropped most of their business during the past year. Tuesday marked the close of the company's sale to Plexus. Plexus designs, tests and manufactures hardware and software for the medical, industrial, high-end computing and networking and data communications sectors. When the buyout was announced last year, officials said some positions at the Nampa headquarters might be considered redundant. Vice President of Human Resources Joseph Schadeberg, said the company believes the work force is now the size need-

ed for continued operations under Plexus. MCMCS has laid off nearly 1,000 workers since the company's peak of 1,439 employees last February. Plexus offered about \$45 million for the majority of the company's assets, including the Nampa plant. MCMCS will use the money to pay creditors in its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing. The company's debts total about \$260 million.

Washington Mutual finishes another acquisition **HACKENSACK, N.J.** — The \$5.2 billion cash and stock sale of Dime Bancorp to Seattle-based Washington Mutual was finalized this week, bringing another national mortgage banking operation under the Washington Mutual fold and adding 120 retail bank branches to its more than 2,300 offices nationwide. "We're excited to deliver Washington Mutual's distinct, customer-focused banking to the

largest concentration of middle-market consumers in the nation," Kerry Killinger, Washington Mutual's chief executive, said in a statement. The acquisition of New York City-based Dime brings Washington Mutual — the nation's largest mortgage writer in addition to a New York City branch network. The deal, which also included Dime's North American Mortgage Co., adds \$27 billion in assets to Washington Mutual's \$223 billion. The final allocations of cash and Washington Mutual common stock that each Dime stockholder will receive will be announced by Thursday. Washington Mutual paid \$40.84 a share for Dime, about an 11 percent premium over Dime's value just before the deal was announced. Washington Mutual, which has a branch in Twin Falls, paid 70 percent in stock and 30 percent in cash. — compiled from wire reports

Bank will give discount for service to Mexico

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Wells Fargo & Co. is poised to introduce a discount service for wiring money to Mexico, representing the latest move in the banking giant's courtship of the steadily growing Hispanic population in the United States. The new service will charge a \$10 flat fee for wiring as much as \$1,000 to Mexico. The price undercuts the rates charged by the dominant financial wire services, Western Union and Moneygram. The market leaders collect a \$15 fee on a comparable wire transfer of up to \$300 and charge as much as \$50 for sending \$1,000 to Mexico. In some cases, Moneygram charges a flat fee of \$15 for any amount. Mexicans living in the United States wire an estimated \$8 billion annually to friends and relatives back home. Wells, the nation's fifth-largest bank and a major presence in the Magic Valley, intends to test its new wire service in a Phoenix branch and seven Texas branches under a pilot program that will begin before April. The San Francisco-based bank eventually plans to offer the wire transfer service — operated as a joint venture with Grupo Financiero Bancomer SA, Mexico's second-largest bank — in all 3,300 of its branches located in 23 states. The service represents Wells' latest offering aimed at Hispanic consumers, particularly Mexican-born immigrants with out bank accounts. "It's an extremely attractive market," said Bob Byrne, Wells' director of divergent services. "We want to stay close to it by tailoring products that fit the market's needs." To tap into the "unbanked" market of Hispanics, Wells in November began to recognize Mexican documents called "matriculas" as an acceptable form of identification. Mexican consultants issue matriculas to migrants lacking the conventional papers to establish residency in the United States. Wells signed up 1,000 new customers using matriculas during the first few weeks of the program. Meanwhile, Wells has drawn fire from anti-immigrant activists who believe the bank's loosened identification requirements will encourage more Mexicans to illegally cross the border. Wells also has been heavily promoting another long-running program, called Intercuenta, that lets customers send money to Mexico through account transfers completed on the Internet, or automated teller machines. The new Mexican wire service

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MONEY

Hynix employees prepare for return Mixed outlooks lead to cautious day on Wall Street

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) - A financially struggling Intel... computer chip maker is rehiring workers at its western Oregon plant amid talks with major Idaho employer Micron Technology on a possible merger or acquisition.

Current and former employees of Hynix Semiconductor said workers here are signing agreements to return to the plant and taking company-required physical examinations and drug tests.

In July, low demand and prices for chips forced Hynix to cut 600 jobs of the plant's 800 jobs. Since then it has gradually

rehired about 150 workers as it returned the factory to produce 256-Mbit dynamic random access memory chips. The facility had been turning out 64-Mbit chips since it opened in late 1997. It was unclear how many jobs are being filled in the latest rehiring wave.

"I've heard the majority of people will be coming back," said Jan. 14," said April Cosgrove, a former process engineer who was rehired in November as a manufacturing technician. She also got a promise that she would return to her former engineering position later this month. A Hynix spokesman would not

confirm the information, saying the company would make an announcement later this week.

Tim Folliett, a former equipment technician, said when he signed his letter of rehire in late December, company officials told him his first day back would be between Jan. 14 and Jan. 17.

With the terrible labor market, many employees said they will gladly return to their jobs. "I've been looking for other things," said Michael Karas, a laid-off manufacturing technician. "I had several resumes out, but heard nothing back. It's a wasteland out there." The future remains unclear for

Hynix, which has been struggling to survive in the face of tumbling global chip prices and debts of more than \$6 billion.

Earlier this month, a South Korean newspaper reported there were indications a multi-billion-dollar acquisition of the company by Micron Technology was in the works. But Micron officials have declined to say anything more than talks were continuing between the world's second- and third-largest chip makers.

Last month, Micron purchased the U.S. chip production operation from Toshiba Corp.

Mixed outlooks lead to cautious day on Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) - Divergent signals on the state of business led investors cautious and prices mixed on Wall Street Tuesday. Upbeat comments from analysts encouraged the market, but disappointing statements from Gateway, Ciena and AOL Time Warner limited stocks' ability to advance.

Blue chips were weaker, falling back moderately after weeks of

rallying, but tech shares managed modest gains.

As companies begin releasing fourth-quarter sales and earnings and some wary of weaker results, analysts said a pullback is to be expected with investors cashing in profits from recent rallies. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 65.50, or 0.5 percent, at 10,150.55 after falling 62.69 Monday.

Sales

Continued from D4 ended with sales at mall specialty stores increasing 2.1 percent from the 2000 holiday season, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

The ICSC holiday report covered the 32 days from the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve compared with the 31-day sales period in 2000.

Among the Magic Valley Mall merchants who reported sales, sales of women's apparel were up, men's apparel slightly down and family apparel unchanged, said Kimberly Williams, marketing director for Magic Valley Mall.

Sales in the stationary, cards and books category, and in the toys, sporting goods and other categories, declined slightly, she said.

Footwear and home entertainment sales at Magic Valley Mall were both up from the 2000 holiday season, while the food category was slightly down, White said.

Top jewelry did especially well, he said. White declined to specify the category-by-category changes.

"Our stores ask that we not break down the categories by numbers," he said. But he said neither the increases nor decreases were large; sales in all categories were comparable to the previous holiday season.

Exactly what does the Twin Falls mall's 1.9 percent growth represent?

Among Magic Valley Mall's approximately 70 tenants are about 40 that participate in the mall's daily sales reporting system. Participation is voluntary for some retailers and required by lease terms for others.

The mall's four anchor stores - Sears, ShopKo, J.C. Penney and The Bon Marche - are not included in the sales reports, and certain other tenants aren't eligible to participate.

The group of 40 tenants reporting this year isn't quite the same as a year ago. Some tenants have left the mall to be replaced by new tenants.

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Mall

Continued from D4 restaurant, replaces The Taco Maker.

Mariposa, a Canadian retailer of better missy wear, takes over the Twin Falls location.

Roth's Shoes, selling brand-name shoes for the entire family, will take the space occupied by Regis Salon before the salon moved elsewhere in Magic Valley Mall last year. The intermountain chain retailer already has stores in Boise and Idaho Falls, a company Web site says.

The Idaho Army National Guard gets a currently empty space in the mall's food court, Williams said.

In addition, two existing tenants are shifting to other spaces in Magic Valley Mall.

Sam Goody's relocation will nearly double the store's size, introducing technology that lets shoppers demo 500 popular albums, White said.

The new store will have technology akin to what he said. The other to move and expand is Tilt, a video arcade.

The new retail tenants

announced this week fit Magic Valley shoppers in Twin Falls to spend, White said. Several years ago, researchers discovered Magic Valley residents were making 150,000 shopper trips out of the valley each year.

The mall surveyed people to ask why. The answer, he said, wasn't surprising: Shoppers wanted to buy merchandise underrepresented in the Twin Falls market. And they wanted to visit big-name retailers, including ones that offer fashion trends prevalent around the nation.

"Stores that people are definitely in tune with and wanting to shop at," White said. "People want the latest and want the trends."

So, Magic Valley Mall targeted its leasing efforts to those product areas and those big-name chains.

"We've gone after those stores, as have other developers in the area," White said.

Magic Valley Mall brought in Bath & Body Works - a sister brand to Victoria's Secret - in 1999 and Pacific Sunwear and Journeys last year. Just to the

north, the Canyon Park East development is preparing stores for Old Navy, T. Mack's, Famous Footwear and T. Mack's.

White said the Canyon Park retail project and its four tenants will strengthen Twin Falls' retail environment - benefiting retail as a whole, though not every store.

"They're just going to keep more people shopping here," he said. A hot national clothing brand is a particular draw. "We really welcome the fact that Old Navy is coming."

Among Magic Valley Mall's new leases, Victoria's Secret is the trend setter. Mariposa and Roth's Shoes sell products underrepresented here, White said. Chinese food - which Lotus Express will sell - is the second most successful food offering in malls nationwide.

"And we didn't have it," he said.

Magic Valley Mall is pursuing a women's plus-size store, a home-furnishings store and something in the group characterized by Gap, American Eagle and Abercrombie & Fitch, among

other targeted tenants, White said.

The mall lost recently or will lose Lane Bryant, Lady Footlocker, Taco Maker and Mrs. Fields Original Cookies.

The Lane Bryant departure was part of that chain's national strategy, White said. The footwear store's closure was planned earlier when the retailer expanded into a separate, unisex Footlocker location in the mall. The other two departures were store owners' decisions.

"We didn't ask them to leave," White said.

Obviously, a 99 percent occupancy reflects that our rent is appropriate for our market," he said, adding that shopper interest in a store's merchandise - not rent - is usually the issue when tenants leave malls. "Retailers are almost like television series; they have a shelf life."

Magic Valley Mall managers intend to talk with representatives of other Twin Falls shopping centers about cooperative strategy to keep residents shopping locally. □

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