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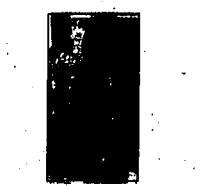
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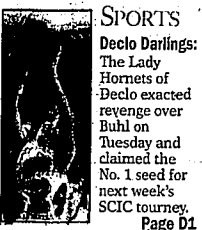
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Crash!

Nobody gets hurt as car careens through window

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls woman escaped serious injury late Tuesday morning after losing control of her compact station wagon and crashing it through the display window of a Twin Falls photography studio.

"It shook the whole building," said photographer Matt Hagler, who was working in one of back rooms at Pomerelle Portrait Design Studios when a Mercury Tracer driven by Ann Lawrence, 83, crashed through a display window facing Shoshone Street.

As a small crowd gathered to gawk, firefighters cleared away ruined panes of glass that still clung to the building. Shards and chunks of it covered the hood of the car and the sidewalk, crunching under firefighters' boots as they worked.

A tow truck driver quickly hooked up the car - which appeared to be only slightly damaged - and pulled it away.

But police, firefighters and onlookers stayed to survey the damage.

Drivers all over the Magic Valley had trouble after a heavy storm moved in Monday afternoon, according to the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center and the Idaho State Police.

The ISP reported that as of Tuesday afternoon, troopers had been called out to 10 damage accidents, but no serious injuries had been reported. SIRCOMM dispatchers did not have an exact tally of wreck reports that had come through the center. But SIRCOMM had been handling a steady flow of minor accident and slides reports.

In Tuesday morning's crash, Lawrence was headed north on Shoshone just after 11 a.m. when the car apparently started to slide on ice and slush near the intersection of Shoshone and Second Avenue West, said Twin Falls police officer Chad Wigington. Just before reaching the intersection, the car spun wildly off the way around and came across the street, over the sidewalk and through the window, he said.

During the initial slide, Lawrence might have panicked and hit the accelerator pedal instead of the brakes, Wigington said. Lawrence probably escaped injury because she was wearing a seat belt, he said. She was taken to a local hospital for observation, and a citation was pending in connection with the wreck, he said.

"It's just really fortunate that she hit the glass instead of running into that brick," said Janell Maloney, who co-owns the studio with her husband. "Otherwise, she might not have made it out OK."

Nobody in the building was next to the window when the car came in, she said.

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Mikkel McElvold gets a hug from Karen Baumert, a customer at Pomerelle Portrait Design Studios, after a car slid on icy roads and crashed through a window of the Twin Falls business.



Firefighters sweep glass off the hood of the vehicle as a tow truck pulls it out of the window.

Judge upholds mediation

Jerome Cheese, county can continue to negotiate plan

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

GOODING - A county commissioner and two county planning and zoning commissioners can continue to participate in mediated negotiation to obtain the Jerome Cheese Co. and Gooding County over a wastewater treatment proposal, a district judge has ruled.

Fifth District Judge Barry Wood's Jan. 16 decision means that the four-month-old mediation sessions can continue, but it also poses wider ramifications. Wood found that in mediation cases, it's legal for the decision makers to be part of the mediating party as long as minutes are made available and a hearing is scheduled for public comment.

The case stems from Jerome Cheese's proposal to build a wastewater treatment facility in Gooding County in an area zoned for agriculture. After months of negotiation, both parties agreed to pursue mediation. However, in the 12-member mediation party are Gooding County Commissioner Tom Faulkner and Gooding County planning and zoning commissioners Joe Pavkov and Pam Wascher, all of whom will play a deciding role in the outcome of the wastewater facility plan.

Because mediations are conducted in private, they're considered *ex parte* communications - that is, meetings that involve interested parties and decision makers, but exclude the public. But by law, it's not mediation if the parties are "quasi-judicial" proceedings, such as some land-use decisions, in an *ex parte* manner. Generally, zoning issues are debated in public hearings.

Thus, Gooding County attorney Philip Brown was concerned that the mediation committee's makeup would constitute an *ex parte* violation and open the county up to possible lawsuits. Rather than proceed further, Brown and Jerome Cheese Co. attorney Christopher Meyer agreed to take the matter to court, allowing a judge to provide the definitive ruling.

"This wasn't an antagonistic situation; we weren't beating each other over the head," Meyer said Tuesday. "He was just being cautious."

Wood determined that "in quasi-judicial proceedings, *ex parte* communications are not improper or unethical, so long as proper disclosures are made." That is, as long as a public hearing is provided allowing for public comment on mediation discussions, the mediations as conducted are legal.

Furthermore, because the commissioners don't have an "economic interest" in the wastewater facility, there isn't a conflict of interest and therefore they can rightfully participate in mediation, the judge ruled.

Meyer said he's hoping to wrap up mediation soon.

Dairy critics want odor situation under DEQ control

By Julie Peice
Times-News writer

BOISE - A dairy hearing before the Joint House and Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee on Tuesday was predictable: The industry likes the state's approach and dairy critics don't.

"We heard what we expected to hear," said Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, who chaired the hearing.

Over the summer, an advisory committee and the Idaho Department of Agriculture worked to adjust odor rules put under the department's authority by the Legislature last year. Members of the ag committee are studying the proposed changes.

Former Magic Valley resident Max Hatfield kicked off the four-hour forum, deriding the ag department's ability to manage the odor problem. He said he

expects that his 85-year-old mother who lives between Buhl and Filer will never live to smell clean air again.

Then a procession of Magic Valley critics of large dairies spoke. They were civil but by sheer numbers dominated the

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Kmart files for bankruptcy protection

The Associated Press

DETROIT - Kmart Corp., the discount chain that gave America the BlueLight Special and introduced Martha Stewart home fashions at curvate prices, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Tuesday.

Kmart, which has stores in Twin Falls and Burley, becomes the biggest retailer in history to seek court protection from creditors.

The nation's No. 3 discounter had long struggled to compete with Wal-Mart and Target, and went into an alarmingly steep slide after a disappointing holiday season. Over the weekend, it failed to pay its top food supplier \$78 million.

Analysts said they expect Kmart to close about 300 of its 2,114 U.S. stores. Kmart said only that it will close weak stores and that it expects to emerge from Chapter 11 next year.

"We are determined to complete our reorganization as quickly

and smoothly as possible," chief executive Chuck Conway said.

Kmart, which has 275,000 employees, said it has secured \$2 billion in financing to keep going.

On the New York Stock Exchange, Kmart closed down \$1.04 at 70 cents. Its stock had traded as high as \$13.55 last summer.

By the time Kmart figures out its business strategy, customers may have found somewhere else to shop. Analysts said filing for bankruptcy means the shelves are not going to be fully stocked, something Kmart is already struggling with.

"You're going to frustrate customers and they're going to go and it's going to be hard to get them back," said Emme Kozloff with Bernstein Sanford.

The first Kmart discount store was founded in 1952 and the chain got its official badge in 1977 when the S.S. Kresge Co. changed its name to Kmart Corp.

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State, DOE reach agreement on Pit 9

Enforcement on cleanup still unclear

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BOISE - State and federal officials have reached agreement on yet another method - and more time - to clean up buried plutonium-contaminated waste in Pit 9 at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

But the director of the state INEEL oversight office told lawmakers on Tuesday that there is still no agreement on how to enforce the new deadline of late 2004 or on what penalties to assess against the Energy Department for failing to meet the last two.

The agency is required to clean up the pit by April 2003 and the full acre of buried waste encompassing Pit 9 within the

following five months.

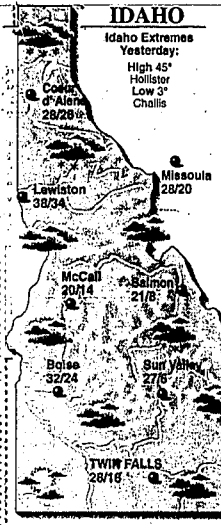
Gary Richardson of the Snake River Alliance expressed support for state efforts to get the 11-year project off dead center. But he continues to question the cost of the prototype work at Pit 9 and its application to the entire 88-acre radioactive landfill. The alliance has consistently warned that radioactive contaminants could seep into the Snake River Plain Aquifer if the waste is not removed.

The aquifer is the sole source of drinking water for more than 200,000 people in southern Idaho, including the city of Twin Falls.

In trying to comply with a 1991 cleanup agreement, contractors have toyed with com-

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Boise	32/24	40/32
Idaho Falls	28/18	34/22
Moscow	28/20	34/22
Shoshone	28/18	34/22
Wendover	28/18	34/22
Yellowstone	18/0	20/4

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A stray snow flurry; breaks of sun. ▲ 28°	Partly to mostly cloudy. ▼ 18°	A few flurries possible. ▲ 36° ▼ 28°	A rain or snow shower possible. ▲ 42° ▼ 28°	Snow and rain. ▲ 40° ▼ 24°	Windy with a few snow showers. ▲ 34° ▼ 20°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and occasional sunshine today; a couple of flurries in the east this morning, while a snow shower is possible in the west late. Highs 18-30. Mostly cloudy tonight with a few snow showers.

Boise: Clouds and occasional sunshine today with a stray snow flurry. High 32. Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with a few snow showers possible. Low tonight 24. High tomorrow 38.

Northern Nevada: High pressure will promote inland weather today with sunshine and patchy clouds. High temperatures in the 20s and the 30s. Clear to partly cloudy and cold tonight.

Northern Utah: Snow showers this morning with a couple of inches possible, especially in the mountains. Clouds and some sunshine this afternoon with a stray flurry. Highs in the teens and the 20s.

Northern Idaho: A mixture of clouds and sunshine this morning with a stray snow flurry; mostly cloudy this afternoon with snow showers on the increase. Highs 24-30. Mostly cloudy tonight with occasional snow.

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Calgary	10/13	10/13
Edmonton	10/13	10/13
Kelowna	28/27	39/23
Lanark	27/16	30/23
Regina	10/13	10/13
Saskatoon	11/21	24/10
Toronto	43/30	31/13
Vancouver	48/44	48/44
Victoria	42/40	44/40
Winnipeg	-8/16	6/5

SUN AND MOON

SUNRISE TODAY: 7:58 a.m.
SUNSET TONIGHT: 5:35 p.m.
MOONRISE TODAY: 11:33 p.m.
MOONSET TONIGHT: 2:48 a.m.

Phase	Last	New	First
Jan 23	Feb 4	Feb 12	Feb 20

UV INDEX TODAY

0-1. Minimal, 2-3. Low, 4-6. Moderate, 7-9. High, 10+. Very High. Values indicate the exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	52/45	57/40
Baltimore	32/48	42/40
Boston	27/59	47/47
Birmingham	50/39	53/36
Charlotte	60/58	78/58
Chicago	42/32	48/33
Cleveland	54/45	47/28
Dallas	60/39	45/19
Des Moines	36/17	38/19
Denver	52/37	39/23
Detroit	36/39	45/19
Fairbanks	-10/24	-15/37
Fargo	10/1	23/12
Honolulu	80/89	81/88
Houston	76/84	72/63
Indianapolis	64/42	44/23
Jacksonville	82/58	80/45
Kansas City	52/32	35/21
Las Vegas	48/28	50/28
Little Rock	70/47	50/33
Los Angeles	63/42	67/48

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Yellowstone	18/0	20/4

NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

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Dallas	60/39	45/19
Des Moines	36/17	38/19
Denver	52/37	39/23
Detroit	36/39	45/19
Fairbanks	-10/24	-15/37
Fargo	10/1	23/12
Honolulu	80/89	81/88
Houston	76/84	72/63
Indianapolis	64/42	44/23
Jacksonville	82/58	80/45
Kansas City	52/32	35/21
Las Vegas	48/28	50/28
Little Rock	70/47	50/33
Los Angeles	63/42	67/48

Organization declares Britain free of foot-and-mouth disease

LONDON (AP) - The World Organization for Animal Health has declared Britain free of foot-and-mouth disease, paving the way for the full resumption of meat exports.

The ruling by the Paris-based body could soon see British meat, meat products and dairy products back on the tables of many

foreign countries. Some European Union restrictions on British meat imports will remain.

The statement came a week after the British government declared the country free of foot-and-mouth and almost a year after the first outbreak of the disease which led to the culling of more than 4 million animals.

Kmart

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Kmart introduced the BlueLight Special in 1995, flashing blue police lights in the aisles to lure customers to discounted items.

The Martha Stewart Everyday brand, which includes sheets, towels, paints and kitchenware, is Kmart's largest volume-producing label, generating about \$1.3 billion in sales last year.

Stewart has a provision in her contract that allows her to exit Kmart in case of bankruptcy, but such a move has to be approved by a bankruptcy judge. Martha Stewart officials did not return calls for comment.

Kmart has monthly \$16.3 billion in assets, making it the largest retailer ever to declare bankruptcy. Federated Department Stores, with \$9.1 billion in assets, was the biggest when it filed for bankruptcy in 1990.

Last week, Kmart ousted its president and named a new chairman, James Adamson, to replace Conway, who remains as chief executive on Tuesday, it named Ronald Hutchison as the head of its restructuring.

Hutchison, 51, was most recently chief financial officer of Advantica Restaurant Group Inc., where he and Adamson were instrumental in the company's reorganization.

The bankruptcy filing in federal court in Chicago was good news for Kmart's suppliers, including food wholesaler Fleming Cos. The company cut off shipments Monday, saying it owed \$78 million.

Fleming said Tuesday it intends to resume deliveries to Kmart "upon receiving satisfactory assurances from Kmart, via the bankruptcy court."

Other suppliers have delayed or stopped shipments to Kmart, but the bankruptcy filing is expected to restore their confidence.

Dairy

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hearing. Their assessments of the rules were peppered with words such as "subjective, open-ended and vague."

And they carefully sorted through the wording of almost every proposed rule change from those put in place on July 1, 2001, in order to bring to the committee's attention what they viewed as potential problems.

Ultimately, though, most said that the odor issues should be put under the authority of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. They said the DEQ has defined standards and equipment for measuring odors and gases. Several also said the DEQ is better able to respond to health problems associated with the intense gases emitted by large dairies.

And there were complaints about the ag department's responses to complaints in general.

"DEQ immediately addressed our concerns with more respect and willingness than the department of ag ever has," said Darcy Thornborrow, who lives near

What was said

"I urge you to pass the rules as they are printed."
- Lawls Eilers, executive director of Idaho Dairymen's Association.

"I'm 55 years old, and I lived in Magic Valley all my life. There's not as much magic in Magic Valley as there used to be."
- Bill Chisholm, Buhl activist.

"With regard to the odor issue, do away with the one-mile range."
- Betty Stiffer, Farmer resident.

"I am for dairies, and I am for dairies cleaning up their own waste on their own land."
- David Mead, Twin Falls County resident.

"I don't know that any set of rules will ever be perfect. I would urge you to adopt these rules and alter them later if necessary."
- Sid Irwin, small dairyman from Blass.

"We might not see another flush system again (for approval by the department)."
- Paul Kakaogai, director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture.

"There are 200,000 cows permitted in Magic Valley under the grandfather situation. That's more than double what we have now."
- Max Hatfield, owns land between Filer and Buhl.

"When we think bigger is better, we have essentially doubled excellence from part and animal husbandry."
- Lud Prudeck, Buhl resident.

"I will admit with most of the dairymen in this state that odor can be a problem with some of the new facilities. But these rules - it's a start. Every dairyman out there wants this fixed."
- Reagon Hatch, Castleford dairyman.

of Idaho "welcome the new regulations," said Brent Olmstead, the group's executive director.

"The dairymen in this state are going to take these rules very seriously."

The committee did not vote on any of the proposals Tuesday.

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DEQ, however. He said the odor problem is now a rules issue, not a statute issue. It would become part of the DEQ's responsibilities by statute.

That's fine with members of the industry who said they would prefer to keep working on the ag department's rules so that producers could begin working with them.

"Members of Milk Producers

Cleanup

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pile overhead rail systems and other approaches to dig up and sort the waste buried during the 1950s and 1960s. Not a shovel of dirt has been moved yet.

INEEL. Oversight Manager Kathleen Trever said if the other issues can be worked out, Pit 9 will be attacked with a backhoe. The machine will unearth the waste, which will then be sorted and repackaged by hand. A stainless steel building will enclose the pit and the backhoe operator, and waste sorters will operate from outside the walls, protected from radiation.

Pit 9 is one of three waste removal projects that the Energy Department could miss deadlines on. The other two, clearly covered by the state's unprecedented 1995 waste cleanup agreement with the federal government, involve transferring 15,000 drums of plutonium-contaminated waste to New Mexico by year's end and operating a waste treatment plant by 2003.

Trever told the House Environmental Affairs Committee that the government can still physically meet the 15,000 barrel deadline now that it has escalated shipments to the New Mexico dump.

But a 2000 congressional report determined that the department will miss the April 2003 deadline for operating a radioactive waste processing plant at INEEL.

The state could seek a court order barring new Energy Department shipments of high-level waste into Idaho for temporary storage if those deadlines are missed or the state can show they will be missed. The government hopes to ship to INEEL later this year high-level waste from western New York, from overseas under theAtoms for Peace program and from research reactors in the United States.

The Energy Department contends cleanup under the Pit 9 agreement signed in 1991 is not required under the 1995 deal and is subject to that deal's sanctions.

Trever said Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham and Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christine Todd Whitman were expected to meet sometime this winter to discuss enforcement and penalties for past violations, but no date has been set.

Federal officials estimate the prototype project will dig up between 75 and 125 cubic yards of waste at a cost of \$78 million. Trever called that price tag excessive.

She also said the government is looking at some options that would leave some waste buried in eastern Idaho. But she reiterated the governor's position that all waste at the INEEL, that can be classified for shipment to the New Mexico dump must be removed under the 1995 agreement.

Crash

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Richard Crowley of Twin Falls said he was walking across a nearby

street when he saw Lawrence's car start to go out of control.

"At first I thought she was

headed toward me, but then the car just spun right around and went straight into the building," he said.

He said Lawrence appeared shaken but unhurt as he and others rushed to help her after the accident.

"She kept saying, 'I can't believe I did this, I can't believe I did this,'" Maloney said she planned to

have broken windows boarded up Tuesday, and her business would stay open.

Insurance should cover the damage, she said.

"I've never had to file a claim quite like this. I just have to find out," she said.

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CORRECTION

The first name of Idaho State Board of Education President Karen McGee was inadvertently omitted in a story in Tuesday's paper.

The Times-News regrets the error.

NATION

Senators return with optimism, fear

Business resumes at building shut down by anthrax

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators and staff returned Tuesday to an office building shut for three months by anthrax contamination. "I go in with confidence and a prayer," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman.

That mix of caution and optimism was typical for the politicians and employees reclaiming the nine-story Hart building, home to offices of half of the 100 senators.

"I feel completely safe," Sen. Majority Leader Tom Daschle, whose Hart office received the anthrax-laden letter that spurred the building's shutdown Oct. 17, said after re-entering the building Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters after visiting staff in his new, temporary office, Daschle said: "It's good to be back. It's good to be confident that we can return to normalcy."

Daschle, D-S.D., won't be able to return to his real office — where the letter was opened Oct. 15 — until the carpeting and furniture are replaced, which is expected to take until mid-March.

The reopening promised something Sharon Davis, cashier at Hart Sundry, hasn't seen for a while: a steady flow of customers



Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., arrives at the Hart Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill Tuesday. The building was closed for three months after it was contaminated with anthrax after an anthrax-laden letter was opened by a member of Daschle's staff.

into her store located only about 50 feet from the plywood barrier separating her corridor from the Hart building.

"I was a little antsy about coming in here — you didn't know what the situation was and you still don't," said Davis. She felt the same in late October when the store reopened after a few weeks of being closed.

"It had the smell of wet mildew, so I was scared to come

back," she said.

Added Lieberman, D-Conn., "Life has its risks, and I think they've tried to reduce them as much as humanly possible."

Nearby, Rep. Mike Pence greeted employees Tuesday who assisted in the cleanup of his office in the Longworth House Office Building, where four members had offices closed since October because of anthrax contamination.

Researchers make anthrax breakthrough

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists analyzing the genetic makeup of anthrax have found tiny genetic differences that might help identify the source of the bacteria used in the fall attacks.

Investigators hope that identifying detailed genetic markers will allow them to trace the anthrax sent through the mail to one of about a dozen labs that had anthrax from the commonly held Ames strain in its possession. Until now, no differences among the various anthrax samples had been pinpointed.

But scientists at the Institute for Genetic Research in Rockville, Md., now say there appear to be a few subtle genetic variations between two anthrax samples they are comparing: anthrax used in the Florida attack and anthrax held by a British bio-defense lab that originally received its sample from the U.S. Army lab at Fort Detrick, Md.

The differences still must be verified, a process now under way by researchers at Northern Arizona University, said Timothy D. Read, who heads the Institute for Genetic Research's effort to map anthrax's genes.

U.S. soldiers commemorate comrades killed in crash

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — American soldiers dabbed at their eyes and hugged Tuesday as a military chaplain invoked the memory of two Marines killed in the Afghan campaign's second deadly air crash in less than two weeks.

Clad in grease-stained khaki coveralls, with M-16 assault rifles slung behind their backs, the dead men's comrades joined other soldiers based at Kandahar to commemorate the victims of Sunday's crash.

Staff Sgt. Walter F. Cohee III, 26, of Wilcomco, Md., and Sgt. Dwight J. Morgan, 24, of Mendocino, Calif., were killed when their CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter crashed while on a resupply mission.

Their remains arrived Monday at Ramstein Air Base in Germany.

Five other Marines were injured when the chopper came down after taking off from Bagram air base outside the capital, Kabul. Military officials said the crash appeared to be caused by mechanical failure.

Soldiers gathered Tuesday under a giant American flag in the battle-pocked airport terminal — the same hall used for the memorial service for seven Marines killed in the Jan. 9 crash of a refueling tanker in the mountains of southwestern Pakistan. The cause remains under investigation.

That was the worst single casualty toll for U.S. forces in the Afghan campaign.

American Taliban starts trip back to America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two months after his capture in Afghanistan, John Walker Lindh began the journey back to the United States Tuesday to face charges he conspired to kill his countrymen.

A California man who took up the cause of Islamic radicals, Lindh was airlifted off the Navy assault ship USS Bataan in the Arabian Sea, where he was being held, a defense official said on condition of anonymity.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said Lindh has been turned over to the Department of Justice and will not be sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where other prisoners from the campaign in Afghanistan are being held.



John Walker Lindh

"He will go where they want him," Rumsfeld said.

Lindh was expected to arrive in the Washington area Wednesday.

Rumsfeld said Lindh would be brought into the Northern District of Virginia court system. His comment came during an hour-long news conference he devoted largely to defending U.S. treatment of other prisoners: foreign fighters held in Afghanistan and at Guantanamo Naval Base.

Rumsfeld defends treatment of prisoners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld insisted Tuesday that the United States is treating terrorist suspects held at Guantanamo Bay humanely and in accordance with international rules.

But critics, including European Union officials and human rights groups, said the American refusal to call the detainees prisoners of war leaves them no guaranteed rights, and could lower international support for the war against terrorism.

"The treatment of the detainees in Guantanamo Bay is proper, it's humane, it's appropriate, and it is fully consistent with international conventions," Rumsfeld said.

America's priority, however, is stopping terrorist attacks by interrogating prisoners, not determining if they qualify as POWs, he said.



Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld

"That is pure, simple self-defense of the United States of America," he said.

The 158 prisoners, mostly suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters, were flown to the U.S. military base in Cuba after being captured in the Afghanistan war.

Rumsfeld said they eventually would be charged or released.

The prisoners wear blacked-out goggles, shackles and handcuffs while being moved, but those are removed once the men are led to cells, Rumsfeld said. A British newspaper over the weekend ran a front-page photograph of one detainee, wearing goggles and kneeling on rocky

ground, under the headline "Tortured."

Human rights groups also have criticized the detainees' temporary cells in steamy Cuba — a concrete slab divided by chain-link fences and topped by a corrugated metal roof.

The West risks losing support if it mistreats the prisoners or subjects them to the death penalty, said Chris Patten, the EU's external relations commissioner.

"That would be a way of losing international support and losing the moral high ground," Patten said. He urged "decency and generosity of spirit to the vanquished, even if they are pretty dangerous."

Rumsfeld called critics misinformed about the danger the detainees pose to military guards. One prisoner has threatened to kill Americans, and another has bitten a U.S. military guard, he said.

NYC firefighter families split \$100 million relief fund

NEW YORK — Amid controversy over compensation for the victims of the World Trade Center attacks, a union group has quietly given more than \$100 million to the families of New York City firefighters.

The International Association of Fire Fighters absorbed almost all of the overhead costs as banks and law firms helped administer the Firefighters 9-11 Disaster Relief Fund without fee. With \$111 million distributed by the end of last year, the fund had only \$35,000 in administrative costs, according to George Burke, a group spokesman. The families of the 343 dead or missing firefighters each got \$10,000 within a month of the Sept. 11 attack, according to the city fire unions. They got \$25,000 by Thanksgiving, and a check for \$278,000 before the end of the year.

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Gunmen attack center in India

CALCUTTA, India — Indian officials said Tuesday an Islamic militant group based in Pakistan claimed responsibility for an attack at a U.S. cultural center in Calcutta that killed four Indian policemen and wounded 20 other people.



A security officer guards the gate to the American Cultural Center in Calcutta, India, Tuesday.

Both Pakistan and a representative of the group disputed India's claim, and American officials played down suggestions the attack was terrorism directed at the United States.

Since a deadly attack on Parliament in New Delhi on Dec. 13, both India and Pakistan have massed troops at their border. Pakistan offered Tuesday to ease its war footing if India first starts moving soldiers away from the border, but there was no immediate response from New Delhi. Indian officials also blamed the attack on Parliament on Pakistan-based militants.

The rivals have fought two wars over the divided province of Kashmir, which both claim in its entirety. India accuses Pakistan of supporting Islamic militants fighting for independence in the province. Islamabad denies it,

and accuses mainly Hindu India of oppressing Muslims in Kashmir.

At about 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, four gunmen on motorcycles drove up to the U.S. government cultural center in Calcutta and opened fire, killing four police officers and wounding 18 officers, a pedestrian and a private security guard, state Home Secretary Amit Kiran Deb said. No Americans were hurt. The assailants fled.

Nation in brief

Roe v. Wade anniversary Inspires focus on elections

WASHINGTON — President Bush telephoned encouragement to anti-abortion marchers marking the 29th anniversary of Roe v. Wade on Tuesday, saying "unborn children should be welcomed in life and protected in law."

"Abortion is an issue that deeply divides our country, and we need to treat those with whom we disagree with respect and civility," the president said, giving the group its first White House support since Bush's father made similar comments during his term.

AOL Time Warner files antitrust lawsuit

WASHINGTON — AOL Time Warner sued Microsoft in federal court Tuesday seeking damages

for harm done to AOL's Netscape Internet browser, which had ruled computer desktops until Microsoft began giving its competing browser away.

Many of Microsoft's business practices, including ones in which the company encouraged computer manufacturers and Internet providers to distribute its Web browser instead of Netscape, were found to be anticompetitive by a federal appeals court last year. AOL, which bought Netscape in 1999, wants Microsoft to cease its contested business practices and pay damages.

A Microsoft spokesman said the company had no comment.

AT&T bails out of pay-for-service business

NEW YORK — AT&T is bailing out of a major part of the pay-for-service telephone business, dealing a serious blow to psychics, sex lines and other companies that use 900 numbers.

"This could be the final death knell for the 900 business," said Ed Lavergne, a Washington lawyer.

—compiled from wire reports

High court sets limits on sex offender confinement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court made it harder Tuesday for states to keep sexual offenders locked up after their prison terms — requiring proof that an offender has a mental illness that causes serious difficulty with self control.

Rapists, child molesters and other sex criminals must be treated the same as other people singled out for involuntary commitment under the court's 7-2 decision.

The ruling was a defeat for states that use commitments to extend violent sex criminals' time locked away from the public because of concerns about repeat offenders. The court did not ban the commitments.

"On one hand, sick people can be kept off the streets. On the other hand, the average citizen doesn't need to worry about getting locked up for unpopular ideas," said Richard Samp, chief attorney for the Washington Legal Foundation.

Supreme Court will consider case of felon gun rights

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to consider stopping federal judges from restoring gun rights to convicted felons.

The intervention comes at the request of the Bush administration, angry that a Texas man convicted of a felony had been convinced a court that he should be able to own a gun.

Felons are barred from carrying guns after their release from prison, but they can ask the government for an exception.

These requests have been stalled, however, for nearly a decade because Congress ordered the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to stop spending money to process them.

That logjam has prompted lawsuits, like the case won by a former gun dealer. The Supreme Court will consider whether to reverse Thomas Lamar Bean's victory.

Bean, a well-known businessman, was arrested by Mexican authorities who found a box of ammunition in his sport utility vehicle. The box had been left there by one of his co-workers, court records show, and Bean was convicted after being ordered to sign a confession in Spanish, which he didn't know.

In 2000 when he petitioned to get his gun rights — and livelihood — back, the 60-year-old father of two adult children was supported by two police chiefs, a sheriff, a judge, a prosecutor, and a Baptist preacher.

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FBI probes file-shredding allegations

HOUSTON (AP) — A judge prodded parties in a lawsuit against Enron Corp. on Tuesday to work out a plan to halt the destruction of documents. FBI agents, meanwhile, were dispatched to Enron headquarters to investigate new allegations of document shredding.

"This is the shredded evidence that we got out of Enron," attorney William Lerach said as he carried a box of paper shreds into the courthouse.

The hearing before U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon was primarily on a previous request to ban any shredding by Enron's former auditor, Arthur Andersen.

She asked plaintiffs and Andersen to discuss the problem and get back to her Wednesday. Andersen attorney Rusty Hardin told the judge the number of documents related to the case could total 20 million.

As for Enron, Lerach said he wants to take depositions from company chairman and chief executive Kenneth Lay and others about the allegations made public Monday of shredding at the company.

Enron bankruptcy attorney Melanie Gray argued that any rulings on taking custody of Enron's own documents must come from the New York bankruptcy court handling the company's Chapter 11 filing.



William Lerach, an attorney representing shareholders suing 29 current and former Enron Corp. executives and directors, carries a box of shredded documents into federal court in Houston on Tuesday.

FBI agents were inside Enron's 50-story headquarters building Tuesday morning looking into the latest allegations accusing Enron employees themselves, not just Andersen, of destroying documents. Company spokesman Mark Palmer said they were on site at the request of attorneys for the collapsed energy trading company.

"We proactively offered our full cooperation in any investigation the Department of Justice might wish to conduct," Palmer said. He said the company thinks "such an investigation is properly done by federal authorities, not plaintiffs' counsel for benefit of a lawsuit."

Lerach represents shareholders suing 29 current and former Enron executives and directors.

A state judge's order already prohibits Andersen's Houston office from shredding Enron-related documents. Chicago-based Andersen acknowledged earlier this month its Houston office had destroyed a significant

but undetermined amount of audit-related work.

Late Monday, Lerach's law partner, Paul Howes, released a court brief in which a former Enron executive saw staffers in the accounting and finance department review and shred thousands of documents.

Maureen Raymond Castaneda, who was laid off as Enron's director of foreign exchange and sovereign risk, told Howes the "gather-review-shred" process started Oct. 31, when the Securities and Exchange Commission announced a formal investigation into Enron finances, and continued through at least Jan. 14.

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Federal executives average \$11,000 bonuses in 2001

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of federal executives collected bonuses averaging more than \$11,000 last year, a \$32 million payout that has both Congress and the Bush administration looking for new ways to link bonuses to performance.

At the Federal Aviation Administration, for example, 161 civil service executives collected more than \$1 million in bonuses, even though the agency failed to meet half of its performance goals for the previous budget year.

At the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, two executives won presidential rank awards worth \$10,000 each, even though the agency missed by 14 percentage points a presidential target to increase seat belt use to 85 percent.

Across the government, top officials collected nearly 25 percent more in bonuses for their performances during the last budget year of the Clinton administration than for the pre-

vious year. Bonuses for the 2001 budget year are still being computed.

The increase in incentive pay has caught the eye of Congress and the Bush administration. The House transportation appropriations subcommittee voted to cut the amount of money available for bonuses next year at both the FAA and NHTSA, saying there's been little relationship between agency performance and the payment of incentives to executives.

"Bonuses for government executives should be tied directly to their success at meeting clear and measurable goals," said Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., chairman of the transportation panel. "Taxpayers expect results."

Kay James, director of the Office of Personnel Management, wrote agency heads in November questioning appraisals that gave 85 percent of all career government executives top performance ratings.

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EDITORIAL

Uncle Sam should repay Oust losses

Some common sense finally came out of the investigation into faulty Oust applications. To no one's surprise, the Idaho Department of Agriculture last week found that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management illegally had applied the herbicide Oust to public lands in the fall of 2000, causing millions of dollars' damage to Magic Valley crops when the chemical spread to neighboring properties.

Southern Idaho farmers affected by the misapplied Oust will certainly agree with the verdict. Now it's just a matter of getting the federal government to make things right.

This case wasn't a hard nut to crack. The BLM had been carrying the smoking gun all along. Documents clearly said Oust should not be used on dry, powdery soil when there is little likelihood of rainfall soon after treatment - in other words, the same conditions that existed at that time. Conditions, in fact, that frequently exist in southern Idaho.

The label also said incorrect application might result in off-target movement and possible damage to susceptible crops when soil particles are moved by wind or water.

Though the government's responsibility seemed clear, the BLM sat on its hands. It denied spraying the herbicide haphazardly, instead characterizing the drought conditions that spread the herbicide as "an act of God."

BLM officials shouldn't need a burning bush to tell them what to do next. Now that a ruling has been made, the government needs to compensate farmers hit by the herbicide

and make sure it doesn't happen again.

Farmers hit by the drifting chemical sustained major losses. Farmers have estimated their total losses at \$95 million, but the government is promising only \$5 million compensation. That leaves plenty of room for negotiation.

If their needs aren't met, the local farmers have little choice but to continue their lawsuit against the federal government, DuPont and the herbicide applicator.

As far as we can tell, these requests aren't based on greed. They're based on farmers' need to survive. The BLM needs to take full responsibility and repay farmers for their losses. The inquiries and waiting have gone on long enough.

In another land issue ...

Idaho lawmakers wanting to clarify people's right to defend property against wildlife predators are on track. Sen. Robbi King-Barrutia, R-Glenns Ferry, and Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star, want to protect ranchers and farmers from prosecution or citation if they protect their livestock by taking out a predator.

The West was settled by pioneers who respected nature but kept their property safe from predators. The same principle should be made legal today.

Wildlife enthusiasts may bemoan the rights of mountain lions, bears and wolves. But farmers and ranchers need to protect their livelihoods. To a mountain lion hungry for lamb or veal, a rifle is a lot more convincing than moral suasion.



Idaho isn't the only state in budget crisis

Congress returns to work this week in a grim mood. Its members are bolstered by polls showing broad public approval of incumbents, but most are well aware that this popularity will be hard to sustain. They know that the unity on display after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has eroded with time. The last session ended in partisan gridlock a month ago. And the return of budget deficits means that difficult choices loom ahead.

But after being at home for the first three weeks of January, they also know they are the lucky ones: They could be serving in their state capitals, rather than in Washington, D.C. The members of Congress have a lot more maneuver room than their colleagues in the legislatures and the governors' offices. They can justify re-dink spending by the demands of the war on terrorism and homeland defense. The spending caps that were in place during peacetime have been removed. The stage is set for an eventual budget deal that will give President Bush what he wants for the military and preparedness, without the sacrifice of any promised tax cuts, and give Democrats much of what they covet for education, health programs and other domestic needs.

It will take awhile to get to that deal, and the way will be marked by fierce partisan rhetoric. But in the end, they can pass on part of the spending bill to future generations, claiming that the return of economic growth will yield the needed revenues.

By contrast, legislators and governors in most states face a constitutional requirement to balance the budget now, even in the face of declining revenues and



DAVID S. BRODER

rapidly rising Medicaid costs. That is why you find solid, mainstream Republicans such as Kansas Gov. Bill Graves proposing increases in sales, cigarette and gasoline taxes to close a budget gap. Graves' \$228 million tax hike would not avert an overall spending cut, but would finance what he calls "vital services" and investments in Kansas' future. Graves' example makes the point that the biggest gap in fiscal policy today is not between Republican and Democratic politicians but between state and federal officials. In Washington, neither Bush nor most Democrats (with the notable exception of Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy) want to acknowledge the need to re-examine the generous tax cuts they enacted during the flush economic boom of last year ago, before recession and war had upset the apple cart.

In the states, budget gaps measured in billions are increasingly common. Newly elected New Jersey Democratic Gov. Jim McGreevey faces perhaps the toughest situation. With only nine months left in his state's fiscal year, he must close a \$2.4 billion deficit inherited from his Republican predecessors. McGreevey told his first post-inaugural Cabinet meeting last week to cut agency budgets 5 percent immediately and hinted he may have to cancel almost \$1 billion of scheduled property tax rebates.

In Alaska, where residents are accustomed to receiving sizable annual divi-

dends from the state's oil royalties, Democratic Gov. Tony Knowles has called for reinstatement of the state income tax, which ended in 1980.

Even populist mavericks are being forced into asking for higher taxes. Minnesota's Independent Gov. Jesse Ventura has proposed raising the gas tax from 20 cents to 25 cents a gallon - with the \$160 million proceeds to go into the general fund, not earmarked for road construction and improvement.

In states where tax increases are off the table, other desperate measures are being discussed. Idaho's Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has frozen all state construction projects, including a renovation of the State Capitol, and has suggested he may have to transfer \$19 million of tobacco settlement money into the regular budget.

Rising Medicaid costs are forcing cutbacks and caps in many states. Michigan Republican Gov. John Engler, one of many governors facing more than \$1 billion in deficits, has ordered a freeze on a popular and innovative program that allowed elderly people who otherwise would be in nursing homes to receive care in their own homes.

Engler, chairman of the National Governors' Association, lobbied Congress last autumn for Medicaid relief for the states. But no help was forthcoming.

Governors and legislators may find Congress no more sympathetic this year. The attitude among the politicians in Washington seems to be: We've got our own problems. But few of them would swap places.

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LETTERS

Craig represents all Idaho counties
In a tongue-in-cheek statement on the Senate floor Friday, I joked with Sen. Clint Stennett that I didn't represent Sun Valley, USA, but rather Clint Stennett represented Sun Valley. I made the comment as a humorous aside and got a chuckle from the senators, including Clint.

I apologize if anyone came away from the speech believing otherwise. I have always proudly represented every county in Idaho and will continue to do so.
SEN. LARRY E. CRAIG
Washington, D.C.

School shouldn't spend excessively

For the last several weeks, The Times-News has printed articles dealing with the financial short fall of state budgeting. Included within those articles is an indication that Gov. Kempthorne is considering the reduction of funding for educational purposes.

In the same time as this financial short fall is affecting our state, there is currently a proposal by Bickel Elementary School for the creation of a new sign,

including a reader board. The total estimate cost will be more than \$10,000. Reader boards normally set forth upcoming events with sales specials. I assume education is not for sale at Bickel, so it must be upcoming events.

It is difficult to understand what kind of an upcoming event would be taking place at an elementary school worthy of \$10,000 in advertising.

A public hearing on this wasteful or I would be to challenge expenditure is set for Jan. 29, 2002. I can't be there (due to National Guard duty) or I would be to challenge this level of foolishness.

Rather than worrying about the writing on a reader-board, the school official involved in this proposal should read the writing on the wall. You are out of funds. Don't waste them.

M. LYNN DUNLAP
Twin Falls

Many were denied voice on dairies

Some citizens were silenced at public hearings on the county's livestock ordinances. I couldn't complete a thought, let alone a sentence, without repeated inter-

ruption. Fortunately, I wasn't threatened with removal, like another citizen who did and said nothing inappropriate. It's another classic example of censorship, as was the case with Jeremy Rifkin.

Had I been allowed to continue, I'd have said, "... Commissioner Grindstaff made a campaign promise that no more dairies would be allowed until existing problems are solved. You've failed to do a survey of the existing situation while the moratorium's been in place. You've repeatedly been asked to have an independent count of all cows, map out existing dairies and their proximity to existing neighborhoods, calculate waste production and survey available land for waste application. Only after doing this can you make intelligent decisions about lifting the moratorium. Aren't you interested in getting the facts first, or are you only interested in saving yourselves from further litigation from this industry? These ordinances have no setbacks, no enforcement survey available and no authority to a single hearing officer. They don't allow everyone the right to appeal as per Idaho Code, penalties are a flat rate that's totally insignificant to a

big bad operator and that's just a few of the problems. Idaho State Department of Agriculture isn't doing its job, as demonstrated with its disservice to the neighbors of the infamous Desert Rose Dairy, just one example of its failed abilities. As commissioners, you cannot count on ISDA to protect your constituents. The moratorium is the only thing that exists to protect potentially effected neighborhoods from a takings by industrial dairy operations: Keep the moratorium on. Don't rush these ineffective ordinances through to save Commissioner Brockman from fulfilling his threat to resign or to get yourselves out of further litigation. Instead, get the facts do a complete and independent survey of the existing situation and go from there. Protect your constituents, don't cave into the industry..."

Then I'd have thanked them for the opportunity to speak, had I been allowed that privilege.

BERT REDFERN
Ketchum

Basketball team deserves praise

On Jan. 11, my husband and I attended

a basketball game in Gooding - the Gooding Senators vs. the Decio Hornets both good teams.

As the game progressed, it became apparent this was not going to be a "normal" basketball game. After the "rump and stomp" game was over, the score was 59 to 41 Decio, but the real winners were the Gooding Senators and Coach Joe Messick.

Despite all the verbal and physical abuse they had to experience, their spirit wasn't broken. They had abided by the rules of good sportsmanship. Coach Messick has instilled good, positive values in these young men. I'm sure Gooding High School is proud to have a coach of this caliber and example on their staff.

The lessons these young men learn from Coach Messick are sure to be applied in their lives as they assume responsibility within our communities and our country. We need to appreciate and not underestimate the importance of such leadership.

Good game! Go Senators!
RUTH ANDERSON
Buhl

Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley





Cloning debate reveals shifting morality

The National Academy of Sciences has concluded that creating human clones is unsafe and should be outlawed. However, the NAS would permit cloning from human embryos for the purpose of conducting research on possible cures for diseases.



CAL THOMAS

How appropriate in the 29th anniversary month of Roe vs. Wade, which effectively declassified human beings as unique compared to other living things, that an influential scientific body should take one more step away from a model of humanity based on intrinsic value and toward a utilitarian model which says that humans, like everything else, have only the value assigned them by society.

The language used by the NAS in a report released Friday (Jan. 18) reveals the group's moral opinions.

Cloning for research is referred to not as "therapeutic cloning" but "nuclear transplantation to produce stem cells." Perhaps "cloning" was not testing well in focus groups, so advocates had to come up with more acceptable words. This is nothing new.

The Third Reich employed euphemisms to anesthetize any latent German moral consciousness—"Transportation Company for the Sick" was a sign placed on trucks that rolled through German streets carrying human cargo to their final earthly destinations. America long ago moved from "abortion" to "pregnancy termination." It sounds nicer.

The NAS opposes reproductive cloning not because of any moral consideration, but only because it is "unsafe" at this time. "Human reproductive cloning should NOT NOW be practiced," the NAS report states (emphasis mine). With no

vests" organs from a patient who is brain dead, and because an embryo also lacks a brain, there is no difference, Gazzaniga said. Dr. Leon Kass, council chairman, said that analogy bothered him.

"Doesn't bother me," replied Dr. Gazzaniga.

"Should it?" asked Dr. Kass. "That's just something you're comfortable with or not comfortable with," Gazzaniga shrugged.

Dr. Gazzaniga perfectly reflects our imprecise and shifting morality. One's comfort level is now the standard by which people determine moral truth. "If it feels good, do it" was unsophisticated and sounded self-centered. "Nuclear transplantation" sounds scientific, trendy, even ennobling. Those developing humans who are about to die salute you, Dr. Gazzaniga.

In Roe and subsequent court decisions sired by this illegitimate and immoral ruling, the final legal protection of human life was removed. People who now seek distinctions between reproductive cloning to copy one's self and therapeutic cloning to cure diseases engage in ethical hairsplitting. Unless humans are seen as created in God's image and endowed by Him with the right to live, there will be no stopping the scientists and doctors from doing whatever they wish to whomver they will. Their only obligation will be to make us comfortable. Sufficient psychological, pharmacological and media assistance will help them achieve these ends.

No wonder the ancient writer warned of the consequences of proceeding as if we are our own God: "In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." (Judges 21:25).

Cal Thomas is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times.

Elderly deserve more respect

I learned by way of an article in *The Times-News* that there would be a guest speaker, Dave Pelzer, at 7:30 p.m. at a local book store. A friend accompanied me and we arrived at 7 p.m. Our first observation was of the limited seating of approximately 60 to 70 chairs. This seating was completely occupied by young adults and their children of grade-school age to early teens. I am quite certain the children occupied at least one-third of the seating.

My friend and I are in our 60s and have health problems with our "bad backs." We were forced to stand somewhat over two hours. Our other option would have been to leave the store. We both made book purchases and found the speaker interesting. We were both in pain and discomfort from standing for two hours.

Upon our departure, I noticed a male employee who identified himself as a manager, and I voice my concern as to the seating arrangement. I was not given a satisfactory answer. The next day, I telephoned the book store and spoke with a female manager who also could not give me a satisfactory answer.

I have serious concerns about these young adults of whom not one offered their seats or their children's seats to the elderly public.

What kind of respect or consideration are they teaching their youngsters?

I feel that if they could see a problem with the seating arrangement and chose to ignore it that the store management had a responsibility to the elderly and/or disabled, and they chose to ignore it as well. Perhaps when another guest speaker is there, we should acquire some type of medical statement from our doctors, at which time the book store would be forced into seating the "handicapped" almost to the point of being made a spectacle of. This undoubtedly would embarrass and humiliate those affected and it just may be easier to stay home.

BARBARA KELLY
Twin Falls

Pound contributed to society

Amid otherwise laudatory comments about Ezra Pound in a Dec. 30, 2001, *Times-News* article, your un-named reporter called Pound "a lifetime anti-Semite."

Pound did make anti-Semitic comments in correspondence and during his infamous World War II radio broadcasts from Italy but later renounced them. "The worst mistake I made was that stupid, suburban prejudice of anti-Semitism," he told poet Allen Ginsberg.

As vice-president of the Ezra Pound Association, which is dedi-

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cated to restoring the birthplace home in Hailey for use as a community arts facility, I believe Pound's considerable literary achievements outweigh his polit-

ical and social mistakes. He is an important part of Idaho's cultural heritage.
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AROUND THE VALLEY

T.F. torchbearer will appear on national TV

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls woman selected as a torchbearer in the Salt Lake Olympic Torch Relay is one of 65 torchbearers selected by the Coca-Cola Co. to be profiled nationally on NBC during the Olympic Torch Relay.

A special vignette featuring Sherry Watson will air Saturday, the day she carries the Olympic flame in Twin Falls. The 20-second vignette will tell Watson's inspirational story through personal photos and videos and words from her nomination essay. It also will include footage of Watson carrying the Olympic flame earlier that day.

About 10 years ago, Watson spent more than a year in the hospital recuperating from a fire that burned 70 percent of her body and left her blind. Upon recovery, she enrolled at Boise State University and since has been named to the dean's list each semester, as a BSU ambassador and an All-American Scholar. In addition to attending classes, Watson volunteers in her community.

Each night of the 65-day relay, a new vignette featuring a torchbearer who has run with the flame that day will air during prime time on NBC. Coca-Cola created the program with NBC to pay tribute to the inspirational torchbearers who are carrying the flame on its cross-country journey to Salt Lake City.

Police arraign, hold armed robbery suspect

TWIN FALLS - A 21-year-old Twin Falls man arrested early Sunday in connection with a robbery and shooting near a Twin Falls bar was arraigned Monday, according to court records.

Joseph Lee Hamilton was arraigned on charges of aggravated battery and robbery, according to court records. He is expected to enter a plea on those charges during a preliminary hearing, set for Feb. 1. He was held Tuesday in the Twin Falls County Jail in lieu of \$40,000 bond.

Police claim Hamilton shot Jacob Riensenberg, 22, of Twin Falls in the foot after robbing another man at gunpoint just before 1 a.m. Sunday near the Press Box bar on Kimberly Road, according to reports.

Riensenberg was released Monday from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Fire victims lost everything, officials say

TWIN FALLS - A couple who had just moved to Twin Falls County from out of state to rent a house lost nearly everything they owned in a fire Monday afternoon, officials said.

Mike and Laurie Heath had just finished moving all their possessions into a house they had rented at 3500 E. 3900 N. and new carpet was being put in the house when the fire started, said Rock Creek Fire District Capt. Teddie Morton. Nobody was hurt in the blaze, she said.

There was no dollar estimate of damages available Tuesday, she said, but the house and all its contents had been deemed a total loss. Mike Heath had just started a job with the Eastern Idaho Railroad, she said.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation Tuesday, Morton said.

The couple had been put up in a Twin Falls hotel by the local chapter of the American Red Cross, Morton said.

Clint Blackwood of the Red Cross said Tuesday the couple was in great need of donations. To find out more or to arrange a donation, call the Twin Falls chapter of the American Red Cross at 733-6464.

Tell us about your ACL experience

TWIN FALLS - The Times-News is preparing an article about knee injuries - specifically, anterior cruciate ligament strains, tears or ruptures - in high school - and college-age female athletes. If you've suffered one of these injuries and would like to share your experience, give us a call.

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Compiled from staff reports

Education money runs short

Superintendent urges lawmakers to avoid damaging education

The Times-News
and The Associated Press

BOISE - State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard said Tuesday the public school aid package was "frightening."

She urged lawmakers to resolve the budget crisis without damaging education.

Under Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's austere budget proposal, Howard warned, "School districts will be in worse

shape next year than they are this year."

School districts are cutting personnel, increasing student fees for extracurricular programs such as driver's education, delaying repairs, canceling book purchases, considering property tax hikes and draining reserve funds, she said.

In addition, she stressed to lawmakers that the standards movements must not be abandoned. Last year the Legislature allocated \$8 million to the effort, but most to whom Howard spoke on Tuesday said they had not understood the \$8 million would be ongoing.



Deane Cameron, R-Rupert, said he would be more convinced to continue funding standards implementation if a timeline were developed with expectations for schools.

Howard said there are ways to limit revenue to avoid losing ground on school improvement the way she said Kempthorne's proposal would.

"It purports to do one thing when it does another," Howard said in her strongest statement to date challenging Kempthorne's policies.

Cameron said the spending blueprints of both Kempthorne and Howard make school aid "probably the most troubling budget we have before us."

Calling herself a realist, Howard conceded to budget writers that the original proposal for a 14 percent increase in state support, which came from a coalition of education interests she heads, is unrealistic.

Both Kempthorne and Howard are seeking reelection this year, and education has traditionally been one of Idaho's most politically sensitive issues.

An eroding economy and his pledge to protect last year's record tax cut prompted

Kempthorne to slash \$55 million from the current budget - including \$23 million in state aid to schools - and then reduce overall basic state spending by another \$100 million for the next year.

The Legislature still must approve both.

The governor maintained that his proposal for next school year provides the same amount of aid that education was initially authorized this year.

"Our children are absolutely a priority," he said in detailing the plan that called on districts to use their reserves to cover the tens of millions of dollars in spending his budget doesn't pay.

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Committee will discuss field burning regulations

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Magic Valley farmers could soon be restricted to burning their wheat stubble according to the schedules of government workers and bankers.

It hinges on whether the House Agriculture Committee goes along with the Idaho Department of Agriculture recommendations to better control field burning in Idaho. The committee will hear the proposed rules Thursday.

One rule dictates that "burning of crop residue shall not be conducted on weekends or federal or state holidays."

Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, who chairs the committee, says he's not defending the proposal but that he understands the rationale behind it.

"Basically that's when communities tend to have social events and more people tend to be outdoors," he said.

But Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert has stronger feelings about that rule and a few others that are to come up in committee for discussion.

One concern only being allowed to burn after attending a training session and registering fields one month prior to burning.

In addition, farmers will have to check the ag department's Web site to find out if the day on which they want to burn is a burn or a no-burn day, the hours the burning can take place and the number of acres allowed to be burned in a given airshed. The rules only apply to areas of more than five acres.

"Can you imagine? You're out north of Rupert and you're a farmer and you have work to do?" he said, throwing his arms back in disbelief.

"Most farmers in south-central and eastern Idaho don't

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Police arrest man, boy in connection with shooting

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A Twin Falls man and a boy who police claim were involved in shooting holes in a Twin Falls home were arrested early Sunday.

Police responded at about 12:47 a.m. Sunday to a report of shots fired at 246 Sidney, said Twin Falls police Sgt. Mike Covington. Officers found bullet holes in the house and got a suspect-vehicle license plate from the home's owner, Covington said. They later pulled over a car matching that description and detained four people, he said. Two were cited for illegal consumption of alcohol and released, he said.

But officers arrested Francisco R. Cumins, 19, and a boy - whose name was not released - in connection with the shooting, Covington said.

Cumins was arraigned Monday on a felony charge of discharging a firearm at a house or occupied

building, according to court records. He also faces numerous misdemeanor charges, including failure to appear for misdemeanor citations and carrying a concealed weapon, court records say.

He pleaded innocent to all the misdemeanors; no plea is expected to be entered on the felony charge until a preliminary hearing, which is set for Feb. 1, court records say. Cumins was held Tuesday in the Twin Falls County Jail in lieu of \$40,900 bond.

The boy was taken to the Snake River Juvenile Detention Center on charges of illegal consumption of alcohol and carrying a concealed weapon, and on an outstanding warrant, Covington said.

Knives were found on the suspects in the car, but officers found no guns, he said.

Officers early Sunday also responded to reports of shots fired on the 600 block of Jackson Street in Twin Falls but found no evidence of witnesses to corroborate the report, Covington said.

AIR RIDE SUSPENSION



Ryan Smith, 11, catches a little air while sledding at Thompson Park in Twin Falls Tuesday afternoon. Smith and friends were enjoying the freshly fallen snow and the sunshine.

LESA M. COLLARD/The Times-News

Department proposes new water districts

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Progress in management of groundwater use and the impact of state budget cutbacks on the state's massive water rights case were among the talking points Tuesday at a meeting between the state water court and state water managers.

The Idaho Department of Water Resources held its monthly briefing with the Snake River Basin Adjudication court in Twin Falls.

The department has proposed water districts for groundwater users, said Don Shaff, with the department's Adjudication Bureau.

Public hearings on the proposed district boundaries are set for Feb. 4 in Jerome and Blackfoot. The water districts will be established through the 2001 agreement local canal companies and fish hatcheries made with upstream groundwater pumpers.

Water districts for groundwater users will allow the state to manage groundwater use in the same

Proposed water districts

A hearing on proposed boundaries for new water districts for groundwater users will be held 7 p.m. Feb. 4 at the Jerome High School Auditorium, 104 N. Tiger Drive.

way it manages surface water use. Junior users will be cut back when senior users begin running low on water. Water districts will serve a different function than the existing groundwater districts, which measure water use and represent groundwater users. The new water district boundaries won't split existing groundwater districts.

"The idea is to try to minimize the duplication of services," Idaho Deputy Attorney General Clive Strong said in a telephone interview following Tuesday's meeting.

The new districts will determine the tax assessments for their members, but that cost can be offset by incorporating existing groundwater district staff and

Council aims at compromise for loading zone

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council late Tuesday encouraged two parties at odds over a proposed loading zone to work toward a compromise, but also granted the zone for a 60-day trial period.

The council ruled that employees of the CKS Auto Parts store at 780 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. may set out barricades to designate a loading zone along the North Side of Wilmore Avenue for no more than a total of six hours each week during the trial period.

Store representative Jay Geiger said the current loading zone, behind the store, isn't big enough and forces trucks to go around the block to reach it.

Speaking for Blue Lakes Commercial leasing and other neighboring businesses, J. Dee May said there is concern that a permanent loading zone could disrupt employees and customer parking for those businesses along Wilmore Avenue.

The council encouraged both sides to meet and talk during and after the trial period to try to find a permanent compromise.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a request by Tony Tucker to break off about an acre of the 2.5 acres he owns at 2499 Warren Ave. for the KMR subdivision.
- Agreed to authorize a letter of support for the formation of a comprehensive transportation plan for Twin Falls County. The plan might include uniform maps of transportation routes in that area and multi-jurisdictional improvement grant requests.
- Appointed David Wright and Jimmy Nice to the city's tree commission.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Average*
Upper Snake River	85%
Salmon Falls Creek	126%
Oakley Basin	133%
Big and Little Wood	99%
Henrys Fork	82%
Big and Little Lost	81%

*Based on 1997-98 average snowpack levels.

Source: Idaho Department of Water Resources.

functions into the new districts, Strong said. Members of the five new water districts will each elect a water master and an advisory committee. The existing functions of the groundwater districts will continue to be needed and can be performed in conjunction with the duties of the new districts.

The new water districts also will be much larger than the existing districts, incorporating more members to share the costs.

State budget cuts also were part of Tuesday's water rights update.

Fish District Judge Roger Burdick asked whether Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's recommendation to cut three positions from the Idaho Department of Water Resources' adjudication staff would push back the department's projected finish line for sorting through water rights claims.

Shaff said cutbacks would push the department's projected deadline of 2005 to 2006. Since the adjudication process started in 1986, the department has com-

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

Testing changes don't worry Hansen district superintendent

Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - School superintendent Dennis Coulter says he is not worried about the possibility that the Hansen School District will have different standardized testing.

Members of the Hansen School Board studied the scores for the district's Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and the Idaho Reading Indicator results during Monday's board meeting.

Scores were up over last year's results, and Coulter said he "was confident the Hansen students would do good on any test."

On their school board business: • The board terms for Brent

Funk and Chad Urie will be up this year. Funk, who will have finished his first four-year term, will be eligible for reelection if he desires. Urie will have served three terms, making him ineligible to be on the ballot; however, he can run as a write-in candidate.

A fire hydrant at the entrance to the Hansen secondary school property has been hit twice by vehicles. The city wants to move the hydrant to a safer location and has asked the school for help relocating it.

Cooling positions for the fall season that are open are football, volleyball, cross country and cheerleading. Those who are interested should contact the

school office.

Upcoming events include a Thursday swimming trip to the Twin Falls pool for students who met their first reading goal, a ski day for fifth and sixth grades at Magic Mountain and report cards on Friday; a parent-teacher organization meeting Monday to plan the school carnival; the direct writing test on Tuesday; and the honors breakfast on Jan. 31 for students in grades 3-6 who have received As and Bs; the district junior high honors music festival will be Feb. 6; college day will be April 9, with regular classes dismissed at noon; and junior/senior prom will be April 20 at the White House in Twin Falls.

Commissioner's scathing 'minority report' questions plan

By Mark Warblis The Associated Press

BOISE (AP) - Democrat Commissioner M. Karl Shurtliff has nothing good to say about the Idaho Redistricting Commission's plan for realigning the state's legislative districts, calling it legally and constitutionally flawed.

The United States and the statutes of the state of Idaho cannot and should not be ignored because it is convenient or expedient to do so," Shurtliff wrote in a four-page statement.

The Boise attorney, one of three Democrats on the six-member citizen panel, wrote the official dissent this week as the commission finalized work on the rationale for

the plan it adopted 4-2 on Jan. 8.

Meanwhile, the Idaho Supreme Court received Bingham County's petition challenging the legislative map on Tuesday. No date was immediately set for oral arguments before the court. An initial redistricting plan adopted by the first-of-its-kind commission in late August was voided by the court on Nov. 29.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-9331. 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@magvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS

Dana Lee Honsinger

Dana Lee Honsinger, 75, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died January 20, 2002.

Dana was born in Miami, Oklahoma, November 27, 1926. She is the fifth of ten children born to Forest Wiley Overley and Byrl G. Hollis. She spent her childhood in Miami and, most of her adult years in California. She enjoyed her last seven years in Idaho. Mom worked for many years as a manager of Credit Unions and as a Realtor. She was a terrific bowler, enjoyed square dancing, and created beautiful crocheted embroidered pictures for all of her family. In her later years she loved reading and puzzles of all sorts.

She is survived by one brother, Wiley Overley of Elburn, Ill. and one sister, Eileen Davison of Fayetteville, AR; her two children Ann (Garry) Babbie of Twin Falls, Idaho, and John Thompson of Eureka, CA. She had six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren of whom three preceded her in death.

At her request there will be no funeral but a family reunion to celebrate her life will be held on a future warm summer day. She would want to thank all who have so tenderly cared for her these last few years. Arrangements were under the direction of White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS

Jean Carlisle Staley

Jean Carlisle Staley, 70, of Twin Falls, unexpectedly returned to her Father in Heaven on Monday, January 21, 2002, at home with her husband by her side.

Jean was born August 17, 1931, at Pocatello, Idaho, the daughter of Nepti Christian and Leah Thomas Carlson. She married her sweetheart Gail Jay Staley on March 14, 1952, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Having lived in Twin Falls since her marriage, she was dedicated to her community and church. She loved music and had a beautiful soprano voice. Many have been touched as she sang.

As a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, she served in numerous capacities, including the Relief Society, Young Women's program, Primary and many more. She served a full-time mission with her sweetheart in the Anchorage Alaska Mission from 1959-69.

Jean's greatest comfort was to be her husband's children and grandchildren. Survivors include her husband Gail J. Her children; Jerry Lynn (Bobbie) Staley; Rhonda Jean (Royce) Barton; Julie (Jim) Crandall; Gailen Jay (Julie) Staley,

HEBURN

Rick Arthur Velarde

Rick Arthur Velarde, age 82, of Heber, Idaho, died Friday, January 18, 2002, at Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding, Idaho.

Rick was born April 11, 1919, in Flagstaff, Arizona, the son of John Ignacio and Marcilena Valdez Velarde. As a child he moved with his family to Santa Barbara, California, and graduated from Santa Barbara High School. He attended U.C.S.B. before enlisting in the U.S. Navy during W.W.II where he served aboard the U.S.S. California.

After his discharge from the military he worked for 30 years at Owens Corning Fiberglass, retiring in 1980.

He was an avid fisherman, loved to talk and argue politics, and he cared most about his family. He was a good, warm, and caring person and he will be extremely missed by everyone who knew him.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Frances D. Velarde; daughter, Debra A. Bridges; granddaughters, Heidi and Heather Bridges; sister, Esther Gonzalez; nieces and nephews.

There will be no formal service. Arrangements by Demaray Funeral Chapel in Gooding, Idaho.

WENDELL

Elmer Wayne Henslee

Elmer Wayne Henslee age 88 of Wendell died Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at his residence.

Mr. Henslee was born December 28, 1913, in Chadwick, Missouri, the son of William and Ida Belle Tabor Henslee. It was on July 25,

1940, that he married Faith Pearson in Payette, Idaho.

Elmer farmed for many years in the Magic Valley area. Survivors include his wife, Faith Henslee of Wendell; children, Roger Henslee of Wendover, Nev., Gary Garrard of Buhl, Ida, David Henslee of Wendell, Larry Henslee of Parma, Idaho; sisters, Florence Tracy of Caldwell, Irene Glauber of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; brothers, Phil Henslee of Sandpoint, Idaho and Len Henslee of Kingsburg, Calif.; twelve grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna LaVern Henslee, his parents and five brothers. His funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 25, 2002, at Demaray's Wendell Chapel with Pastor Mike Seward officiating. Interment will be in the Hebergarden Cemetery.



Sandra K. Arbogast

Sandra K. (Sandi) Arbogast, 54 year old Heburn resident died Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at her home in Heburn.

She was born October 17, 1947, in Eldorado, Illinois, the daughter of Lester and Zella Gidcomb Dozier. She lived with her family in Mill Shoals, Illinois, until she was nine years old and at that time they moved to a farm the Paul area. She graduated from Minico High School in 1965. Sandi married Gerald Arbogast on April 16, 1968, in Rupert. Sandi loved to garden and especially enjoyed growing herbs. She enjoyed traveling, camping, and spending time outdoors. She loved going to the Oregon coast. Sandi was a born again Christian and attended the Calvary Baptist Church in Burley, where she enjoyed her church family and its fellowship. Her greatest love in life was her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald of Heburn; two daughters, Mel Arbogast and Becky Arbogast, both of Burley; her mother, Zella Dozier of Burley; two brothers, Cecil Dozier and Don Dozier, both of Paul; and a sister, Diane Chesrow of Inham.

She was preceded in death by her father. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 25, 2002, at the Paul First Baptist Church, 102 North 3rd Street in Paul, with Pastor John Ramsey officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made towards a scholarship fund for students to attend Calvary Christian School in memory of Sandi Arbogast, at First Federal Savings Bank, 2059 Overland Avenue in Burley. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main in Burley.

Frasure launches bid for secretary of state

BOISE (AP) - State Sen. Evan Frasure formally announced his Republican candidacy for secretary of state on Tuesday, immediately framing the theme of his primary campaign against Chief Deputy Secretary of State Ben Yursa.

"I'll offer the voters a very clear choice between a businessman with legislative experience or a career bureaucrat," said the five-term Pocatello lawmaker and sales director for Idaho Falls-based Melancon Inc. "Ben has known nothing else. He's never been out there in the private sector."

In Yursa, however, Frasure faces a GOP opponent in the May election who is endorsed by retiring Secretary of State Pat Cannara and former Gov. Phil Batt.

Frasure, 50, acknowledged overcoming the support of such popular and respected Republicans would be his biggest challenge in a race he expects to cost about \$100,000. But he said his own statewide network of political allies was more extensive if less flashy than Yursa's, including 19 of his

Senate GOP colleagues. "Of the 12 that are remaining, most of them support me but they shy away from primaries," he said after a Statehouse news conference.

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SERVICES

Robert Eugene Bariger of Buhl, memorial service with a potluck dinner to follow at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 Eighth Ave. N., Buhl.

DEATH NOTICES

Glade Johnson TWIN FALLS - C. Glade Johnson, 64, of Twin Falls died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, at his home.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Twin Falls LDS 1st Ward Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive North, Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Della Mae Wilson JEROME - Della Mae Wilson, 73, of Jerome died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, in Twin Falls.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at the Church of Christ, 513 South Buchanan, Jerome.

Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Verna Marie Maier BOISE - Verna Marie Maier, 88, of Boise died Monday, Jan. 21, 2002, at a local care center.

The service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Grace Community Church in Rupert under the direction of Aiden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel. Private burial will follow at Minidoka County Cemetery.

Laura Gabettas Chorn Gough BURELY - Laura Gabettas Chorn Gough, 46, formerly of Burley died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, at her home in Salmon.

The service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center in Salmon. Arrangements are under the direction of the Jones and Casey Funeral Home in Salmon.

Condolences may be faxed to the family at the funeral home at 756-3674.

Elsie P. Allen BURELY - Elsie P. Allen, 93, of Burley died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 27th and Almo, with the Rev. Al Trachsel officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., Burley.

Reinhardt W. Rickenberg TWIN FALLS - Reinhardt W. Rickenberg of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at his home in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

John Max Gazier TWIN FALLS - John Max Gazier, 86, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Rex C. Wells BASIN CITY, Wash. - Rex C. Wells, 79, formerly of Twin Falls died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002, of natural causes at the home of his son in Basin City, Wash.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Some names are omitted at the patient's request

Admitted Rena Crockett of Twin Falls, Phyllis Kochert of Gooding, Homer Lehmons of Buhl and Frank Petersen of Buhl

Dismissed Eugene Schroeder of Buhl

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Some names are omitted at the patient's request

Admitted Lareta Johnson of Rupert

Dismissed Phyllis A. Miller and James Vernon Andrew, both of Paul

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Ketchum City Council debates election procedures

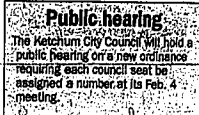
By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - In what may be the longest running election debate since Florida's pregnant and dangling-chad fiasco, Ketchum residents revisited the issue of how they elect city council candidates again Tuesday night.

When it was over, the City Council directed City Attorney Margaret Simms to draft a new ordinance that would mandate that council candidates run for an assigned seat, without the clause that forced a runoff election in December.

Councilman Maurice Charlat, who prefers returning to an at-large system of voting, was the lone dissenter.

Ketchum's new Mayor Ed Simon said he revived the issue in his second council meeting as mayor because of the number of complaints he heard about Ketchum's new election system



while running for mayor. Not only did the runoff election cost the city about \$1,600, but 40 percent fewer voters turned out for the runoff election, he said.

"The City Council approved a new ordinance last summer that required candidates to run for an assigned seat, rather than against the entire slate of candidates. Council members then held three public hearings on the issue after residents expressed outrage that the Council had made the changes without the usual three hearings.

The handful of people who put in their two cents worth about the issue Tuesday night asked to go back to the old way of voting."

Mickey Garcia pointed out that the runoff cost the two candidates an additional \$4,500 on top of what the city had to pay to hold the election.

Rod Sievers, who made an unsuccessful bid for City Council, said he had never seen any evidence of a ballot vote as alleged by the council candidates.

But Councilman Randy Hall said there was a 27 percent under vote in 1999, indicating there was an organized campaign to have people cast just one of two votes to make sure one particular candidate won. By contrast, only 1 percent of voters declined to cast all the votes allotted to them during the most recent election, he said.

Requiring candidates to run for a designated seat creates a level playing field so all votes count equally, he added.

Councilwoman Christina Potters said having people run against each other helps define differences between candidates.

Learn today how to develop drinking water protection plan

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Association of Idaho Cities and the Idaho Association of Counties are presenting a series of free open houses showing how communities can develop a Drinking Water Protection Plan. An open house will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. today in the Blue Lakes Room at the AmerITel Inn, 1377 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Interested residents, mayors, city council members, county commissioners, planning and zoning directors, public works directors and other community leaders are invited. Refreshments will be served. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by calling the

Association of Idaho Cities at (800) 344-8394.

Information will be provided at seven displays, and technical staff will be on hand at each display to answer questions. There also will be information available to take home.

Agencies with representatives at the open house include the Idaho Rural Water Association, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Geological Survey, Idaho Water Resource Research Institute at the University of Idaho, Idaho Department of Water Resources, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Environmental Finance Center at Boise State University and the U.S. Geological Survey.

Minidoka County officers receive space in expansion

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The Minidoka County Sheriff's Office will soon have a little room to expand.

Renovations have begun on the sheriff's office, a space that was shared with the Rupert Police Department until August.

"It's not allowing them an enormous expansion," said Paul Aston, Minidoka County's director of planning and zoning. The police department was also crowded when it was in the building.

The building was constructed with the idea of a sheriff's department staff of three and a police department of five, Aston said. Now the departments are five

times that size.

The plan is to fix up the area where the city police department had been, Aston said. That department moved to 620 Fremont Ave.

The remodeling will include an interview room, a larger area for records and a handicap-accessible bathroom, Aston said. The 911 dispatch area will also be expanded.

Minidoka County Sheriff Paul Fries said department employees haven't had a good place to hold interviews without being interrupted.

Records will become more accessible when the work is finished. Now, some records have to be moved in order to get to other records, Fries said.

Expanding the dispatch room will allow two people to work during busy times, such as snowstorms when there are many calls coming in, Fries said. Right now, only one person can work in the dispatch room.

In the future, the dispatch system will be updated, Aston said. More room will allow the deputies to spread out, Fries said. Three or four deputies sometimes are working at the same desk and sharing equipment.

The entire project cost is pegged at \$50,000, Aston said. Sheriff's department personnel are helping the project stay within budget by doing some of the work themselves. Deputies and office staffers have spent some weekends painting and preparing

for the renovations, Aston said. "Everybody's just pitching in a hand," Fries said.

The department is happy people are willing to pitch in, Fries said. If costs are kept down, it may be possible to get a few furnishings which weren't in the original budget.

As final plans are approved by the architect more work will begin. Aston said the remodeling project should be complete by this summer.

"We're anxious to get started," Fries said.

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By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Burley's mayor was authorized to sign a commercial development agreement between the city and Wal-Mart at last week's City Council meeting which will allow the store to expand as store officials want.

The agreement outlines the obligations each side has. Most issues are related to traffic flow in and out of the planned Wal-Mart supercenter parking lot.

The agreement has been forwarded to Wal-Mart officials, who still must sign it and return it to the city.

Under terms of the contract, Wal-Mart is obligated to pay for street, sidewalk and traffic signal improvements at its construction site along Overland Avenue and East Fifth Street North.

In exchange for the store's work, the city will vacate Riverview Drive, next to the existing Wal-Mart building. Wal-Mart needs that street in order to expand the store in the fashion it has planned, city officials noted in the contract.

The agreement the council approved had been "negotiated extensively" with Wal-Mart's engineer and attorney, City Attorney Randy Stone said.

The agreement doesn't address traffic flow in and out of businesses on the west side of Overland Avenue across the street from Wal-Mart. City officials earlier this month had talked about requiring Wal-Mart to address those concerns.

State officials have said some realignment of Overland Avenue, from the Snake River bridge to its intersection with Interstate 84, is being planned. That work may address the concerns that west-side business owners have, Bill Kyle told the council. Kyle owns the Burley McDonald's restaurant.

Kyle said he and the other business owners he talked to think that the terms of the contract between the city and Wal-Mart are adequate.

One of the more significant additions to the agreement was the addition of a dollar amount for future expenses on the part of Wal-Mart regarding modifications at the intersection of East Fourth Street North and Overland.

Wal-Mart would be required to spend no more than \$100,000 to modify that intersection if the city deems such work necessary.

Work could be required if future traffic studies indicate the intersection isn't adequate.

Stone pointed out that language lets the city deal with the situation if it arises in the future.

"We decide what happens," he said of the city, "and Wal-Mart pays."

Wal-Mart's engineer, Todd Whipple of CLC Engineers, said he objected to that part of the contract, but pointed out that Wal-Mart's attorney "thought it was a good deal."

Other requirements of the agreement include that Wal-Mart:

- Pay to install a traffic signal at the main access to the store from East Fifth Street North. That signal will have dual left turn lanes. Wal-Mart is obligated to pay the costs if the city has to acquire any property or eminent domain to allow the installation of that light. The city agreed to spend no more than \$50,000 for any such land acquisition and Wal-Mart agreed to not pay more than \$50,000. Essentially, Stone said, that means the city won't be out any money if that occurs.
- Pay to widen East Fifth Street North along the Wal-Mart frontage and install a five-foot wide sidewalk along that widened street. Any Wal-Mart property used in the widening project must be dedicated to the city as a public street.
- Pay to move all utilities located in easement that the company wants to build over. The new utility easements must be granted to the city.
- Pay to stripe the intersection of Fourth and Overland to create right and left turn lanes and a straight-through traffic lane.
- Pay to modify the access at East Fifth Street North, where Albion Avenue used to intersect with it, to create right-in and right-out-only turns.

Stone also pointed out that the terms of the development agreement "run with the land." Should Wal-Mart sell the property, change its name or close the store, the city can require the subsequent owner to comply with the terms of the agreement.

The city is obligated to conduct first reading of an ordinance to vacate Riverview Drive at the Feb. 5 council meeting.

Rural landowners seek fire protection

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY - County commissioners accepted a petition asking them to allow the Rock Creek Fire District to annex an area in western Cassia County.

The area, along the county's border, is surrounded by public lands. Rock Creek Fire District officials have already submitted a letter indicating their intent to annex the area if the property owners and county officials approve the plan, County Administrator Tim Hurst said.

The strip of land, from 1600 West to the county border, is outside of the North Cassia Fire District, said Glen Myers, a resident of the area.

"We see this as the only feasible way they are going to get fire protection," said David Shirley, the attorney helping the landowners in their bid to join a fire district.

The residents will vote on the matter Feb. 5. Because there are only 24 people within the area who are eligible to vote on the issue, the group will conduct the election themselves, Shirley said.

Also Tuesday, Ed Evans and Garth Beck presented commissioners with the county audit.

By the end of 2001, Cassia County had around \$6 million in reserve, Beck said. Having extra is nice, but governments are not

supposed to hold money, Beck said.

Much of the money is earmarked for pending projects, Hurst said.

About half of all the county's expenditures go to the justice special revenue fund, which includes money for district court, law enforcement and the detention centers. In 2001, the county spent \$5,507,077 on justice, Beck said.

Beck noted the county still records financial warrants, although no warrants were used in 2001. The county now uses a checking system rather than warrants. Cassia County should update its bookkeeping technique to fit the checking system, he said. If the county has \$1,000 and writes a check for \$800, it should record the outstanding check as a liability rather than simply adjusting the cash balance to \$200, Beck said.

The county is also behind on recording interest, Beck said.

In other business:

- Commissioners toured the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center in Rupert. Commissioners asked employees and inmates if they had any concerns or suggestions. They determined the facility to be working and managed to their satisfaction.
- Commissioners approved a bar license renewal for the Trap Club in Burley.



Cassia County Commissioner Donnis Crano sits inside a room at the Mini-Cassia Juvenile Detention Center in Rupert. The commissioners toured the facility Tuesday and talked to staff members and inmates.

Some use diplomatic channels to import alcohol into Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Some foreign Olympic entourages have found a way to get around Utah's strict, costly liquor regulations by using diplomatic channels.

When some of Italy's Olympic officials tried to arrange for the import of 360 cases of wine for next month's Winter Olympics, they were stopped cold by state

liquor regulators.

State officials explained that only Utah's Alcoholic Beverage Control Department can import hard liquor, wine or beer with an alcohol content greater than 3.2 percent alcohol.

The state will place special orders - for a price.

But the Italians didn't want to go through Utah or pay the

state's 78.6 percent markup. So, with 360 cases of wine sitting in a New York City warehouse, the organizing committee for the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy, looked for a way around the rules.

It enlisted Italy's foreign consulate in San Francisco, which agreed to sponsor a private hospitality suite in the Wells Fargo

building, the same office tower used by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

Italy is not alone, Earl Dorius, licensing attorney for the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department, said Tuesday.

Austria, Czech Republic, Germany and Switzerland also are using diplomatic privileges to import alcohol, he said.

Grizzlies range farther for food, making compensation bill swell

HELENA, Mont. - Grizzly bears cost Defenders of Wildlife \$16,691 in 2001, the second highest bill in the five years since the group began compensating Montana ranchers for their losses to the bears.

A poor berry crop in the Northern Continental Divide

ecosystem and mediocre pine nut production in the southern part forced the bears to look farther afield for their food, spokeswoman Minette Johnson said Tuesday in releasing the annual total.

"The good news is that grizzly bears are expanding their ranges

and numbers outside of national parks and designated wilderness areas," Johnson said.

"As they do so, it's predictable that more livestock losses will occur."

The organization paid Montana ranchers last year for the loss of 26 cows and calves, 11 sheep and

lambs, 60 chickens, two ducks, two geese and a turkey, according to its Web site. The biggest single loss was \$3,376 in April near Augusta, in northwestern Montana, where four calves were confirmed killed and two more were listed as probable grizzly victims.

Burning

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even know anything about this," he said.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, has also weighed in, stating that the wind blows enough in southern Idaho

that smoke from field burning is not a prevailing problem.

Grass burning in northern Idaho is a problem because it settles so quickly to mountain ranges and stays there, making it difficult for many people to breathe,

he said.

But under the ag department's proposed rules, the two northern Idaho counties with smoke problems are excluded.

Field burning in Benewah and Kootenai counties is governed

by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Stevenson said.

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Education

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Budget analysts said that after all legally mandated cost increases are covered, the amount schools use to pay utilities, buy classroom supplies and cover other expenses would drop to \$2,500 a classroom.

They were originally authorized just over \$4,700 per classroom this year - an amount that would be reduced by \$2.2 million reduction in aid is approved as Kemphorne wants, schools would still get \$2,900 per classroom this year.

While not providing the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee any revised spending proposal, she indicated another \$28 million more than the governor proposed would at least maintain the gains made in recent years.

"There has to be a certain stability in the funding of schools," she said, "because there has to be a certain stability in the public school system."

She said she would work with lawmakers to maximize available cash and asked for flexibility in handling whatever money is allocated.

Water

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pleeted recommendations on 117,711 out of about 150,000 water rights claims.

One of those claims a number of issues has headed to the water court for resolution and remain in litigation. The department sorts

through the claims. The court settles legal disputes arising from the process.

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Fish and Game director Sando resigns

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Fish and Game Director Rod Sando told his staff Tuesday he would resign nearly two years after taking over the perennially troubled department.

"The decision to resign was Rod Sando's," department information officer Jack Trueblood said. "It was made in consultation with the commission."

Sando advised his staff that his decision was prompted by philo-

sophical differences with the Fish and Game Commission.

It was the second time in less than three years that a Fish and Game director has been pressured out. Sando replaced Steve Mealey, who was fired by the commission in March 1999.

"It will be too bad if he's forced out," said Senate Resources and Environment Chairman Laird Noh of Kimberly. "The state of Idaho will have a difficult time

attracting anyone qualified for that job now."

A sportsmen's group said Sando's departure shows a biology-based department cannot exist in the current political environment.

"Some members of the commission, the governor's office and resource industries can't deal with people with integrity," said Bill Goodnight of the Idaho Wildlife Federation.

FOR THE RECORD

The Times-News Gooding County

GOODING - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Arraignments and appearances

Jeffery John Arriano, 48, 1113 California St., Gooding, dog nuisances; court trial Feb. 21; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

James Clifton, 22, 350 Brunson St. E., Hagerman; burglary; petit theft; pre-trial conference March 19; jury trial April 10; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

Robert Sean Orth, 27, P.O. Box 73, Bligg; unlawful possession of firearm by convicted felon; pre-trial conference March 19; jury trial April 10; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

Sentencings

Rachelle Mae Biggs, 30, 174 E. James Court Drive, Meridian; driving without privileges; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Oscar Lerma Acuna, 29, 532 W. Stage St., Fairfield; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee; 24 months' unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 180 days driver's license suspension. Driving without privileges; \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, 24 months' unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 180 days driver's license suspension. Open container; \$25 fine, \$63.50 court costs, 90 days in jail. Unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; dismissed by the court; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Andrew Scott Boyce, 23, 842 Montana, Gooding; driving without privileges; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Paul A. Hendrix, 46, 1348 E. 3200 S., Wendell; driving under the influence; \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$100 public defender fee, \$35 probation fee; 12 months' supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 120 days driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Brandi Renae Stevens, 26, P.O. Box 524, Wendell; driving without privileges; \$70.50 fine, \$63.50 court costs; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Dismissals

Jennifer M. Fountain, 26, 675 J St., Idaho Falls; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor. Separate case failure to appear for mis-

demeanor citation; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Juvenile arraignments and appearances

Thomas Fajardo, 17, 3503 S. 1500 E., Wendell; underage consumption of alcohol; continued arraignment Jan. 30; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Jerome County

JEROME - Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Arraignments and appearances

Benjamin L. Mendoza, 27, 587 S. Downs Drive, Ogden, Utah; possession of controlled substance; driving without privileges; possession of drug paraphernalia; failure to provide proof of insurance; status hearing Feb. 22; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

Thomas Allen Russell, 20, 1005 N. Buchanan, No. 16, Jerome; rape, enhancement/persistent violator; adultery; motions hearing Feb. 22; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

Rebecca Arteaga, 15, 302 B St., Jerome; failure to stop at the scene of an accident; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pre-trial conference Feb. 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Michelle L. Baldwin, 33, 326 E. Ave. I, Jerome; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference Feb. 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Craig Dane Bridwell, 33, 508 W. Third St., Jerome; driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Feb. 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Arthur John Erling, 23, 904 Second Ave. E., Jerome; driving under the influence; sentencing Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kenneth V. Field, 19, 320 N. 100 E., Jerome; alter, transfer, remove price tags, label, markings, willful concealment; pre-trial conference Feb. 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Shane W. Florn, 19, 1285 S. Lincoln, No. 85, Jerome; failure to stop at the scene of an accident; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; failure to provide proof of insurance; pre-trial conference Feb. 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Derick French, 20, 805 W. Ave. II, Jerome; possession of controlled substance; pre-trial conference Feb. 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Salvador Cruz Gomez, 40, 513 W. Fourth, Jerome; driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Feb. 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Donald Ray Hatch Jr., 23, 2893 S. 1700 E., Wendell; possession of drug

paraphernalia; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; failure to provide proof of insurance; stop sign/yield sign violations; pre-trial conference Feb. 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Littina Patey, 33, 526 Sixth Ave. W., Jerome; failure to stop, render aid at an accident/leaving the scene; arraignment Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

Daniel J. Parnas, 25, P.O. Box 3038, Hailley; driving under the influence (excessive); failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pre-trial conference Feb. 11; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Aniceto Rubalcava, 31, P.O. Box 1, Gooding; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference Feb. 25; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Sentencings

Francisco Castillo, 48, 403 Poverty Flat Lane, Jerome; driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$550 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; 12 months' supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 175 suspended; 180 days driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Alvaro Lagunas, 21, 246 Colorado, Gooding; underage possession/consumption of alcohol; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee; 12 months' supervised probation; 30 days in jail, 30 suspended; 120 days driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Michael L. Noble, 36, P.O. Box 891, Shoshone; driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$500 suspended, \$78.50 court costs; 12 months' supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 168 suspended; 180 days driver's license suspension; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Danise L. Sturgeon, 41, 203 W. D, Jerome; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$30 public defender fee; 12 months' supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 89 suspended; driving under the influence; possession of controlled substance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Roberto C. Torres-Ornelas, 19, 800 Second Ave. E., Jerome; driving under the influence; \$750 fine, \$550 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee; 12 months' supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; 180 days driver's license suspension; underage consumption of alcohol; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Harold Whitman Whitmore, 31, 921 S. Davis, S-34, Jerome; disturbing the peace; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee; 12 months' supervised probation; 90 days in jail, 90 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Tuesday

Confirmed by Senate

Lola Bauer, American Falls, as director of the Idaho Office on Aging.

Clarisse Maxwell, Boise, as a member of the Idaho Commission on Human Rights.

Oscar Steiny, Dalton Gardens, as a member of the Idaho State Racing Commission.

Introduced in House

HB465 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Extends the state prohibition on student hunting from college and universities to all schools.

HB466 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Prohibits serving of misdemeanor arrest warrants inside a person's residence between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.

HB467 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Allows public agencies to seek reimbursement for emergency responses from people who deliberately enter areas closed to the public.

HB468 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Enables finders of lost property to obtain permanent ownership of the property if the true owner cannot be located.

HB469 (State Affairs) - Allows public agencies to raise some employees, without having them repeat the civil service examination, if they left employment voluntarily.

HB470 (State Affairs) - Lists the school district exemption from standard election dates and provides three additional dates for supplemental maintenance and operation votes.

HB471 (Revenue and Taxation) - Updates and clarifies the statute of limitations on claiming refunds of overpayments on sales and use taxes.

Introduced in Senate

SB1311 (Finance) - Provides the Labor Department authority to spend up



to \$7 million in federal money on operation of the unemployment insurance benefit program.

SB1312 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies that more than one person can stand for election at the first election more than a year after their appointment.

SB1313 (Judiciary and Rules) - Provides reasonable compensation and expenses for persons appointed as protectors of persons with disabilities.

SB1314 (Judiciary and Rules) - Raises the value of estates on which personal property can be collected by affidavit from \$25,000 to \$75,000.

SB1315 (Judiciary and Rules) - Precludes the appointment of the same person as both visitor and guardian ad litem to an incapacitated person.

SB1316 (Judiciary and Rules) - Clarifies that more than one person can set up professional service limited liability companies.

SB1317 (Judiciary and Rules) - Provides for liability of nonprobate transferees for creditor claims and statutory allowances.

SB1318 (Health and Welfare) - Sets up a special category under the Child Care Licensing Reform Act for children's therapeutic out-of-home programs.

SB1319 (Health and Welfare) - Creates a statewide system for collecting information and tracking incidents requiring trauma care.

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Report rips clean air enforcement

BOISE (AP) — A federal report said the state's air quality enforcers are letting polluters off easy.

But Idaho's air quality enforcement program continues to improve since an Environmental Protection Agency inspector general's report parred it in 1998. The 2001 review, conducted by regional agency officials, said the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality often negotiates minimal penalties, avoids penalizing companies that do not have permits and allows violators to stall past the point that the department has the authority to act.

In response, officials said the department has reorganized its

air enforcement bureau and made strides in bringing Idaho's largest polluters into compliance. Director Steve Allred has repeatedly said his approach is to secure compliance with antipollution standards, not run up a record of enforcement actions.

"We emphasize results rather than process," Allred recently told state lawmakers. "I don't care what the process is as long as there are results."

The department has improved in dealing with Idaho's larger companies. Its handling of J.R. Simplot Co. was specifically criticized in the 1998 audit.

Since then, the company has been fined more than \$350,000,

signed a compliance agreement with the state and has become better at heading off problems before they emerge.

"A lot was being done already, but the EPA issue, and the consent order made us formalize the system," Joan Cloonan, Simplot vice president for environment and regulatory affairs and a member of the DEQ board, said.

Overall, agency officials said Idaho's program is improving. "I'm very pleased with the amount of cooperation we've received," said Betty Wiese, an agency air enforcement manager in Seattle. "In the end, it's going to be about what results they deliver."

Idaho officials want to balance scales of higher education

BOISE (AP) — The State Board of Education will ask the Legislature to appropriate \$7.9 million to correct the inequity in state support received by Idaho's three universities and Lewis-Clark State College.

The board wants to correct what it sees as a problem of inequity that higher education officials have been complaining about for a long time.

Of the requested appropriation, Boise State University would receive additional funding of \$4.5 million and Idaho State University would receive \$3.4 million. University of Idaho and Lewis-Clark would get nothing.

A schedule for implementing the plan has not been established.

Although it is being presented this year to lawmakers, the state budget crisis essentially precludes any action, and board member Darrell Manning said the equity money would not be sought for at least two years. Rather than increase support for the schools, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has proposed slashing \$23 million from the amount

the institutions were originally allocated this year.

"I think that over the long term, we should get an adjustment that will address this equity issue," Boise State President Charles Ruch said.

The board adopted the equity plan for higher education unanimously. Last fall it drew criticism for refusing to back State Schools Superintendent Marilyn Howard's proposed increase in state aid to public schools, calling it excessive in the face of the state budget crunch. Critics accused the board of abandoning its role as education advocate to serve as Kempthorne's accountant.

To assure that higher education inequity no longer occurs, the state board also voted to revise the way it disburses state money so that colleges with more students and who offer more expensive courses will receive more money.

Each year, the Legislature provides a lump-sum appropriation to the board for distribution to the four schools. A recent board study found inequities in how the \$236.5 million in general tax support is divided.

The schools with larger budgets tend to get larger annual increases while schools that deal with rapid growth fail to get the

cash needed to cover the cost of more students, the study determined.

"All in all, I think it's a valid approach to dealing with the equity issue," board member Rod Lewis of Boise said. "What we tried to do was narrow down the differences, and we think this is the appropriate way to deal with it."

N. Utah faces severe drought unless more moisture falls

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Despite several snowstorms in the past few days, northern Utah could face an ugly drought season, forecasters warn.

The region hasn't seen enough fresh snow since a Thanksgiving series of storms got the season off to a fast start. The snow that has fallen so far this week won't compensate for a dry six weeks, said Randy Julander, snow survey supervisor for the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Early season storms in late November and early December dumped enough snow to place those monthly totals at 125 percent of average, but the surplus was short-lived.

Most areas in northern Utah have 60 to 85 percent of average snow pack. Extra snow from the lake effect, which disproportionately distributes moisture depending on the wind, dumped on Little Cottonwood Canyon. Snowbird has 95 percent of its normal snow pack.

But on either side of Snowbird the snow levels aren't so rosy. Brighton to the north reported 76 percent of normal snowpack, and Sundance to the south recorded only 54 percent of average snowfall. Snow totals are below 50 per-

cent of normal near Escalante and Virgin.

"We need above-average snow fall the rest of the winter just to have average snowpack by April 1," said Larry Dunn, chief meteorologist for the National Weather Service Salt Lake forecast center.

Exceptionally long, dry summers for the past two years drew moisture from the soil and created a water deficit. In spring, run-off water will go back into the soil rather than into springs and lakes, Julander said.

Without a significant increase of storms and water levels, residents could face soil conservation measures.

But those measures may be difficult to implement because people relaxed conservation after the Thanksgiving storms, said David Ovard, general manager of Jordan Valley Water conservancy district, which distributes water to approximately 500,000 people.

Dunn and Julander don't harbor unrealistic expectations — Utah still faces drought. But with luck, a drought's severity will be lessened by future storms.

A trachea of storms over the Pacific Ocean could drop more snow this weekend and beginning of next week, Dunn said.

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Capture of fugitives becomes part of history

Colorado residents remember the 'Texas Seven'

WOODLAND PARK, Colo. (AP) — It was, some people said, the biggest thing to happen in Teller County since gold was discovered in the hills around Pikes Peak.

When seven Texas prison escapees were found in a Woodland Park RV park one year ago Tuesday, every television news work and scores of newspaper reporters to cover the climax of what The Washington Post called the biggest manhunt since the search for Bonnie and Clyde.

The fugitives, all convicted of violent crimes, escaped Dec. 13, 2000. They were suspected of killing an Irving, Texas, police officer while robbing a sporting goods store of guns and money on Christmas Eve.

Dubbed the "Texas Seven," their six weeks of freedom ended for five of them in Woodland Park for two others at a hotel in Colorado Springs.

A year later, the great capture has become a part of the history and lore of the Pikes Peak region. And it continues to affect the people who unexpectedly found themselves caught in big-time drama.



Wade Holder, owner of the Coachlight Motel & Campground in Woodland Park, Colo., talks about the seven Texas prison escapees who stayed in the campground.

Wade Holder, 41, owns the Coachlight Motel & RV Park on Highway 24 in Woodland Park. On New Year's Eve 2000, a motor home pulled in, carrying men who called themselves Christian missionaries.

Holder, who had just become a born-again Christian, liked the group. They helped him fix the place. They joined him for coffee and prayer.

"I wish I had a park full of them," he said recently. "Excepting, of course, their records."

Holder soon learned the men

weren't missionaries.

A park resident, who was an avid fan of the television show "America's Most Wanted," saw a segment about the Texas Seven on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2001.

The next day, she noticed one of her neighbors had an eye twitch — just like George Rivas, the Texas Seven leader who had been profiled on the show.

Although Rivas and the others dyed their hair and grew beards, the woman saw through the ruse. "I said, 'Oh, my God! That's him,'" the woman testified during Rivas' murder trial in August.

She told Holder, who got on the "America's Most Wanted" Web site and called up photographs of the fugitives. "I looked and said, 'Every one of them are here.'"

Holder and the woman, who has never been identified, drove to the Teller County sheriff's office in Divide, saying the Texas Seven were at the RV park.

But the deputy on duty didn't believe them, Holder said, and said he wasn't going to disturb the sheriff on a Sunday for something so far-fetched. Holder insisted. "I was saying, 'Dude, this is the biggest story Teller County has ever had.'" Finally, another deputy listened.

Federal authorities were called, and an army of police was assembled. Sharpshooters quietly surrounded the RV park and waited for morning.

On Monday, Jan. 22, three of the men left the park, headed for Pueblo. When they stopped for gas at a convenience store a mile down Highway 24, they were nabbed by a SWAT team.

At the park, one fugitive surrendered and another killed himself as police closed in on the motor home. That left two fugitives on the loose.

Wilma David, 66, was the morning baker at the Hungry Farmer restaurant on Garden of the Gods Road when her life intersected with the Texas Seven.

As she was about to start her

shift early Jan. 23, she spotted a brown van in the parking lot. Police think the two fugitives who left Woodland Park before the raid had been driving such a vehicle.

"It was the only other car in the parking lot," she said last week. "I couldn't miss it. I got out and looked in and saw the keys in there and it was unlocked. I went (into work) and said, 'Doesn't that look like the van they were describing?' And everyone said, 'Oh, it can't be.'" It was.

Police swarmed over the van. Hours later, a clerk at the Holiday Inn across the street called police when a suspicious-acting man checked in. The trail led to Room 426, where the two fugitives were holed up with plenty of weapons.

A standoff lasted through the night and into the morning of Jan. 24. The men pledged to surrender only if they could make a statement on television.

Authorities brought in KKTV's anchorman, Eric Singer, who called the room and interviewed the escapees on live TV. They complained about their sentences and Texas justice. Then they surrendered peacefully.

There was a reward of \$425,000 on the Texas Seven. David used her portion to retire early. Others in the hotel and restaurant also got some money.

Singer, who didn't claim any reward, became an instant

celebrity, granting hundreds of interviews to media around the world. He called it his civic duty to help the authorities capture these dangerous men.

He donated the microphone flag with the station's call letters, and his notes from the interview to the Newseum, a media museum in Arlington, Va.

On Friday, he was preparing to speak with Court TV about his Texas Seven experience.

Since the capture, Holder has created a modest cottage industry. He sells Texas Seven merchandise from the RV park office, which has a sign in front that says, "Stop. All felons must check in."

He registered the Coachlight Motel & RV Park insignia as a copyrighted trademark and put it on T-shirts with sayings like, "Escape to the Rockies: The Temporary Home of the Texas Seven."

Holder sends some of the T-shirt proceeds to a Mexican orphanage. He used his portion of the reward to remodel the park's office into a Christian meeting place and take his wife and in-laws to Hawaii.

Holder said he "still can't believe" what happened. Someday, he said, he's going to try to ask the remaining Texas Seven a question that's still bugging him: Why did they pick his RV park?

Amid criticism, victim fund comment period closes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some relatives of victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks have written emotional letters asking the government to substantially increase compensation for their losses.

Tuesday was the last day of a monthlong public comment period on the compensation fund. People who accept payment from the fund give up their right to sue.

"Close your eyes and imagine. Every day of your life from now on ... you will watch the horror of those two buildings collapsing," read one comment. "Now imagine you know your child is in one of those buildings as you watch them tumble to the ground. ... What is just compensation for me for this?"

The Department of Justice, which oversees the fund, had received nearly 1,700 comments as of Friday.

While a majority of the comments called for changes to the fund, some expressed a different sentiment.

"What dollar amount WOULD be enough for them?" read one letter. "These families are embarrassing themselves."

Names aren't included on the Justice Department Web site where the comments are posted.

Interim regulations introduced last month by Kenneth Feinberg, the fund's special master, have drawn sharp criticism from victims who say the government is being stingy.

Feinberg has estimated that the awards to cover lost wages, pain and suffering would average \$1.6 million. But he said he will have discretion to increase awards and those unhappy with their award may appeal to him.

Among the provisions drawing criticism:

• Family members with substantial pensions, like the survivors of firefighters and police officers, say they could receive nothing at all from the government fund because the award must be offset by life insurance and pensions.

• The award is calculated on an income cap of \$240,000, which would exclude all pay above that amount. Jobs held by the victims ranged from low-paying janitors to wealthy bond traders whose income was measured in the millions.

• Some gay partners could be excluded by state laws or short-changed because they would be treated as singles.

• Those injured in the attacks must have sought medical attention by noon on Sept. 12 to qualify.

New York Gov. George Pataki and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., are among those calling for revisions to the rules.

Feinberg, the Georgetown University law professor appointed by President Bush to oversee the fund, said he will take public opinion into account as he makes changes to the draft rules. He is expected to submit the final rules in early February.

More than 3,000 people were killed in the Sept. 11 attacks, but only 174 survivors have filed claims with the fund. They have two years to apply.

The fund was created as part of a \$15 billion airline bailout package passed by Congress soon after the attacks. Families who apply for an award from the fund must give up their right to sue the airlines and other entities.

Court mulls census practice of estimating household size

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to consider whether the division of congressional seats among the states can rest on census numbers derived even slightly from statistical guesswork.

The court accepted Utah's challenge to a lit-used census technique called imputation, in which the size of one household is estimated by looking at its closest neighbor. Census workers can use the method as a last resort, if they repeatedly fail to find any one home.

The case echoes the battle over the use of another statistical tool called sampling, which the court largely settled by ruling in 1999 that sampled numbers could not be used to apportion congressional seats.

In this case, Utah wants the imputation practice declared illegitimate, with the result that Utah would gain an additional House seat at the expense of North Carolina. All 435 seats nationwide are reallocated after each 10-year head count, but the estimation technique only made a difference in assigning the disputed Utah seat.

Utah asked the Supreme Court to overturn a three-judge court that found the estimation practice reasonable last year. The state had already lost a separate Supreme Court challenge to the 2000 census, and this case represented Utah's last hope of undoing the results.


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Doctoring dinner

Local physician cooks with nutrition in mind

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Dr. Stanley Mogelson cooks for relaxation. He moved to Magic Valley from a medical practice in Sonoma, located in the wine country of northern California, about six years ago.

He was born in Mississippi, but grew up in Texas. He attended college in St. Louis, went to medical school at Dartmouth in New Hampshire and did his residency back in St. Louis.

He married Debra Gates-Mogelson about two years ago. She has two daughters, ages 18 and 24. He has two boys, ages 14 and 19.

Mogelson taught himself to cook out of self-defense.

"When I was in college, I lived in an apartment," he said. "If I wanted to eat, I had to cook."

About seven years ago, he was a bachelor again, so he dug out his pots and pans and sharpened up his cooking skills. Now, his wife is his biggest fan.

"I used to think I was a decent cook until I married this man and found out I was only mediocre at best," she said.

Mogelson said he enjoys spending time cooking, but the "cooking steps should be fairly simple and with no special ingredients." He doesn't create new recipes, but likes to prepare new and different dishes that other people have created. He subscribes to several cooking magazines. Don Appetite is his favorite.

As a cardiologist, Mogelson knows the value of practicing what he preaches concerning proper diet, nutrition and exercise.

The Mogelson home is located on the rim of the Snake River Canyon, and he likes to bicycle up and down the grade for exercise.

Here are a few of Mogelson's favorite dishes.

This recipe, on the Discovery Channel Web site, is from Mark Ellman at the Avalon Restaurant & Bar in Lahaina, Maui. The lamb marinates for 24 hours. Start a day ahead. The instructions describe marinating the lamb in a non-aluminum container. Try using a large, zippered plastic bag, mixing the marinade in the bag, adding the chops and pressing out all the air before sealing.

INDONESIAN GRILLED LAMB CHOPS WITH GINGER CREAM

2 pounds lamb loin chops, trimmed and sliced apart
Marinade:
2 cups kecap manis (a dark, sweet Indonesian soy sauce)
2 cups minced, peeled fresh ginger

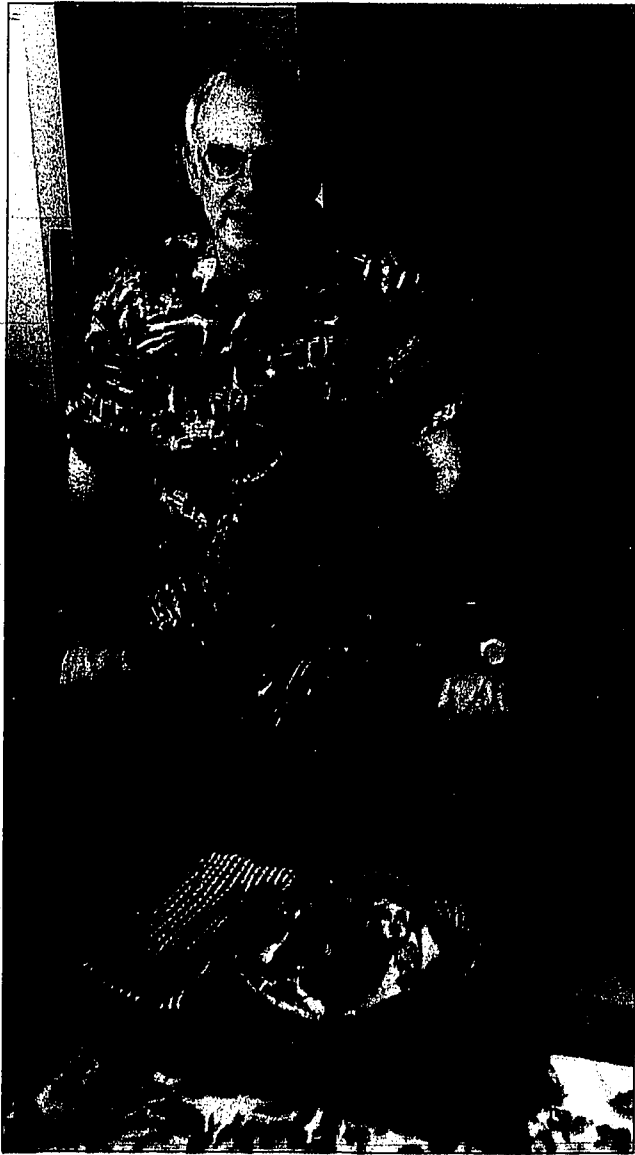
1/4 cup minced garlic
1/4 cup Asian sesame oil
1 cup minced fresh mint
1/2 cup whole grain mustard
Ginger cream:
4 cups heavy (whipping cream)
1/2 cup sliced, peeled fresh ginger

Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
Basil puree:
2 cups fresh basil leaves
2 cups olive oil
Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
2 roasted garlic cloves
8 asparagus tips, blanched
4 tablespoons pickled ginger

White sesame seeds for sprinkling, toasted
To make the marinade: In a shallow, non-aluminum container, combine all the marinade ingredients and mix. Add the lamb chops. Turn to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 24 hours.

Remove lamb from the refrigerator 45 minutes before grilling. Light a charcoal grill or preheat a gas grill. Grill the lamb over a hot fire for 6-7 minutes on each side to medium-rare.

To make the ginger cream: In a small saucepan, combine the cream and ginger. Cook over medium-low heat until reduced by half, or until mixture coats the back of a spoon. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside and keep warm.
To make the basil puree: Puree all ingredients in a blender or



Dr. Stanley Mogelson shows the finished plate of Indonesian Grilled Lamb Chops with Ginger Cream that he prepared with proper diet and nutrition in mind.

Cooks wanted

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@mag-valley.com. Tell us a little about yourself, and include your name and phone number.

food processor, in batches if necessary. Put in a squeeze bottle.

To serve: Lace each plate with 4 chickens, 2 1/2 pounds of lamb chops among the sauced plates. Sprinkle with asparagus tips and pickled ginger, then drizzle with basil puree. Scatter sesame seeds over the dish.

Found in "The Silver Palate Cookbook" by Julie Rosso and Sheila Lukins (Workman Publishing Co., 1982), this is a favorite for entertaining.

CHICKEN MARBELLA

(Serves 10 to 12)
4 chickens, 2 1/2 pounds of finely quartered
1 head garlic, peeled and finely pureed
1/4 cup dried oregano
Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
1/2 cup red wine vinegar
1/2 cup olive oil

1 cup pitted prunes
1/2 cup pitted Spanish olives
1/2 cup capers, with a bit of juice
6 bay leaves
1 cup brown sugar
1 cup white wine
1/4 cup Italian parsley or fresh coriander (cilantro), finely chopped

In a large bowl, combine chicken quarters, garlic, oregano, pepper, coarse salt, vinegar, olive oil, prunes, olives, capers and bay leaves. Cover and let marinate, refrigerated, overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Arrange chicken in a single layer in one or two large, shallow baking pans and spoon marinade over it evenly. Sprinkle chicken pieces with brown sugar, and pour white wine around them. Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour, basting frequently with pan juices. Chicken is done when thigh pieces, pricked with a fork at their thickest, yield clear, yellow (rather than pink) juice. With a slotted spoon, transfer chicken, prunes, olives and capers to a serving platter. Moisten with a few spoonfuls of pan juices, and sprinkle generously with parsley or cilantro. Pass remaining pan juices in a sauceboat.

NOTE: To serve this dish, cool to room temperature in cooking juices before transferring to a serving platter. If chicken has been covered and refrigerated, allow it to return to room temperature before serving. Spoon some of the reserved juices over the chicken.

From Paul Prudhomme's "Fork

in the Road" (William Morrow and Co., 1993), all the recipes in this book are no- or low-fat, highly seasoned Cajun. This bisque is so fragrant, you may have a hard time keeping your family away from the pot while it is cooking.

SHRIMP AND CORN BISQUE

(Makes 12 cups, enough for 12 appetizers or 6 main-dish servings)
Seasoning mix:
2 teaspoons dry mustard
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 teaspoons sweet paprika
1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
1 1/4 teaspoons onion powder
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
1 1/2 teaspoon dried sweet basil
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon cayenne
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
Creamy mixture:
2 cups evaporated skim milk
6 tablespoons non-fat dry milk
1/4 cup non-fat mayonnaise
1/4 cup non-fat cream cheese
Other ingredients:
2 1/2 cups chopped onions
4 cups fresh cut corn
2 cups apple juice
1 1/2 cups defatted shrimp stock
1 cup chopped celery
1 teaspoon minced fresh garlic
1 1/2 pounds medium peeled shrimp
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3/4 cup chopped peanuts
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
Line 8-inch square pan with foil, extending foil over edges. Butter foil; set aside. In large saucepan, heat sweetened condensed milk and peanut butter over medium heat until just bubbling, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in white chocolate until smooth. Immediately stir in peanuts and vanilla. Pour into prepared pan; spread evenly. Cool. Cover and chill 2 hours or until firm. Use foil to lift out of pan. Sprinkle with additional chopped peanuts if desired. Cut into squares. Store covered in refrigerator.

CAPPUCCINO CARAMELS ROYALE

Makes 64 pieces (about 3 pounds)
1 cup (2 sticks) butter
2 (1-ounce) squares unsweetened chocolate, cut up
2 1/4 cups packed brown sugar
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
1 cup light corn syrup
1 tablespoon instant coffee crystals
1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts, optional
Line 8-inch square baking pan with foil, extending foil over edges of pan. Butter foil; set aside. In heavy 3-quart saucepan, melt 1 cup butter and chocolate. Stir in brown sugar, sweetened condensed milk, corn syrup and coffee crystals. Clip candy thermometer to side of pan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thermometer registers 248 F (firm-ball stage). Mixture should boil at moderate, steady rate over entire surface. Reaching firm-ball stage should take 15-20 minutes. Remove from heat. Remove thermometer. Immediately stir in nuts if desired. Quickly pour into prepared pan, spreading evenly. Cool. When candy is firm, use foil to lift candy out of pan. Use buttered knife to cut into squares. Wrap each square in plastic wrap or place in candy cups if desired.

NOTE: To test for firm-ball stage, spoon a few drops of the hot caramel mixture into a cup of very cold (but not icy) water. Using your fingers, form the drops into a ball. Remove ball from water. If it is firm enough to hold its shape but quickly flattens at room temperature, it has



Clockwise from top: Cappuccino Caramels Royale, Peanut Butter Fudge and Chocolate-Orange Fudge make the holiday special.

reached firm-ball stage. If the mixture hasn't reached the correct stage, continue cooking and retesting, using fresh water and a clean spoon each time.

CHOCOLATE-ORANGE FUDGE

Makes 36-49 pieces (about 1 1/2 pounds)
2 1/2 cups (15 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
1/2 cup chopped macadamia nuts, almonds or pecans, optional
2 teaspoons finely shredded orange peel
Line 8-inch square pan with foil, extending foil over edges of pan. Butter foil; set aside. In medium-sized saucepan, melt chips with sweetened condensed milk. Remove from heat; stir in nuts if desired and orange peel. Pour into prepared pan. Cool slightly. Cover and chill 2 hours or until firm. When firm, use foil to lift out of pan. Cut into diamonds or squares. Store tightly covered in refrigerator.

BANANA-FANANA SPLITS

Makes 5-6 large servings or 10-12 small servings
1 (1-ounce) square unsweetened chocolate, cut up
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk), divided
1 teaspoon milk
1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
3/4 cup coarsely chopped strawberries
1 tablespoon lemon juice from concentrate
5-6 large bananas, peeled and halved lengthwise
1 pint chocolate ice cream
1 pint vanilla ice cream
1 pint strawberry ice cream
Toppings: Pressurized whipped topping, chopped nuts and/or marshmallow cream
For chocolate sauce, in medium-sized saucepan, melt chocolate with 2/3 cup (one-half 14-ounce can) of the sweetened condensed milk and milk. Remove

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Banana-Fanana Split is everyone's treat.

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FOOD & HOME

It's not you: Most of the holiday gift plants just won't make it

Right about now all those holiday gift plants you got are looking pretty shabby. They were pretty at one time. But now you're starting to think you might be the most notorious plant killer of all time.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Wplworth

"It's not you. This is not something for you to feel guilty about. The floral industry puts out those pretty, foil-wrapped blooming plants by the truckload so that we can buy them when we don't have anything else to take as a hostess gift. Then they die. Here's a news flash for you: The floral industry knew those flowers were going to die. They made a list of them. Here are a few plants they listed as "discards," and those that will probably live.

A few of us cut back our point-of-view after the holidays and enjoy them as houseplants. It doesn't always work: Poinsettias are listed under the "discard" category. If yours is looking puny despite all those nice bedtime stories you read it, chuck it. You can get a new one next year.

"Potted mums are a real favorite. They come in all colors, so they'll match anyone's decor.

Then they die. Pitch 'em. Those are "florist mums," and they aren't worth your trouble. Poinsettias are cute. They have those little puffy flowers that really do look like old-fashioned pocketbooks. Save yourself some grief: Toss them. Cyclamens are fetching, with their come-hither, richly colored flowers standing above their deep green leaves. They're in the grocery stores all year long, and you can pick one up one year your way home. If yours is past its prime, dump it before it dumps you. It, too, is on the "discard" list.

There are a few flowering plants that will survive with care. African violets, bromeliads, kalanchoes, orchids (they're surprisingly tough), and probably a few others will survive our

homes' low light and low humidity.

Feeling a little better about yourself? All you're after, after all, the All Time Killer of Houseplants.

DEAR CATHY: I read in one of your columns that overwintering geraniums in paper bags wouldn't work. I stuck some in bags in a cool, dark closet last winter and only looked at them once, and misted them with water. Last March I opened the bags and found that almost all had sprouted new growth. I'm trying more this winter. Thought you might be interested.

BLOOMIN' HAPPY

DEAR HAPPY: Good for you. I think I said I could never get that method to work for me. There you have it folks: Overwintering geraniums in paper bags can be done. Thanks for writing. I hope your garden-is-awash in geraniums next summer.

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

Long on flavor: Short ribs, carefully braised, are this year's restaurant rage

By Kathleen Purvis
The Charlotte Observer

Move over, mashed potatoes and macaroni and cheese. Be it ever so humble, the short rib is the new darling of the comfort food set. In January, Bon Appetit proclaimed braised short ribs with mashed potatoes "The Dish of the Year."

In Manhattan, people line up at Ouset on the Upper West Side for chef Tom Valenti's braised short ribs with creamy polenta, and at DB Bistro for Daniel Bould's \$27 sirloin burger filled with short ribs and foie gras. Not bad for a tough hunk of beef and bone that sells for as little as \$1.99 a pound and looks like Fred Flintstone's lollipop. Once you've had them, it's easy to understand the appeal. Cooked long and slow in a flavorful liquid—in other words, a classic braise—short ribs can be fork-tender with a taste like very rich pot roast.

Valenti's book, "Welcome to My Kitchen" (HarperCollins), focuses on low-fuss, practical cooking.

From "Welcome to My Kitchen" (HarperCollins, February), Valenti's version calls for short ribs in 3-rib sections, but we tested this with individual ribs, which are more commonly available. Don't be squeamish about the anchovies—they melt into the sauce, leaving a rich salinity.

**TOM VALENTI'S
BRAISED SHORT RIBS**
Serves 4 to 6.
8 to 10 meaty short ribs, about 5 to 6 pounds
Coarse salt, freshly ground pepper and garlic powder
3 tablespoons plus 1/2 cup olive oil, divided
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 large or 2 medium carrots, chopped
1 large onion, roughly chopped
1/2 cup tomato paste
5 sprigs fresh thyme
1 bay leaf
1 tablespoon whole black pepper

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3 anchovy fillets, oil patted dry
1 whole head garlic, cut in half
2 cups red wine
1 cup white wine
1/3 cup white vinegar
1 teaspoon sugar
2 cups demi glace, veal or beef stock (see note)
2 cups chicken stock

Score the fat covering the bones and rub ribs all over with a mixture of salt, pepper and garlic powder. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Warm 3 tablespoons oil in a pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add celery, carrot and onion and cook until very soft, about 5 minutes. Reduce heat slightly, add tomato paste and cook for 1 to 2 minutes. Add the thyme, bay leaf, peppercorns, anchovies and garlic and cook 2 to 3 minutes. Add red and white wine, vinegar and sugar, raise heat to high and bring to a boil. Lower the heat to medium and add the stocks. Keep hot while you brown the ribs.

Pour remaining oil into a sauté pan or deep skillet over medium-high heat. Add the ribs in batches (don't overcrowd the pan) and brown about 1 minute on each side, turning with tongs. Transfer browned ribs to a roasting pan, bone side up, and pour the braising liquid over the top. Cover the roasting pan tightly with foil and place in oven for 1 hour. Remove foil and continue to cook 2 to 3 hours, until bones are easy to remove and meat is very soft. Turn ribs meat side up during the last 30 to 45 minutes to brown. (If too much sauce cooks away, add a little water.)

Remove ribs from braising liquid, remove from bone and cut away cartilage if necessary. Strain cooking liquid, skim off fat and serve as a sauce.

NOTE: Demi glace is sold in a small jar at some gourmet shops under the name Demi Glace Gold; simmer it in 2 cups water until dissolved.

Adapted from "The Slow Cooker Ready & Waiting Cookbook" by Rick Rodgers. The original version of this recipe called for puréeing the vegetables and cooking liquid along with horseradish as a sauce. We found the resulting purée to be an unpleasant surprise. We'd suggest leaving the vegetables as they are and serving them on the side with a horseradish sauce.

SLOW-COOKER SHORT RIBS
Makes 6 servings.
4 pounds short ribs
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 medium carrot, cut into 1/2-inch-thick rounds
1 stalk celery, cut 1/2-inch-thick slices
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 medium baking potato, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
1 (14.5-ounce) can peeled Italian tomatoes, drained
1/4 cup beef broth

Prepared horseradish sauce, if desired.
Position a broiler rack 6 inches from heat and preheat broiler. Broil short ribs, turning often, until browned on all sides, about 15 minutes total. Transfer to a plate and season with the salt and pepper. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add onion, carrot and celery and cook, stirring often, until onion is softened, about 5 minutes. Add garlic in last minute, then stir in potato and tomatoes. Pour vegetable mixture into 3 1/2- to 4-quart slow cooker. Top with browned short ribs and their juices. Pour in beef broth. Cover and slow-cook until ribs are tender, 7 to 8 hours on low. Using tongs, remove ribs to a serving platter. Using slotted spoon, remove vegetables and serve on the side, with horseradish sauce if desired. Skim the fat from the cooking juices and serve as a sauce.

Bowled over: Soup hits the spot

By Carol J.G. Ward
Knight Ridder News Service

Just because dinner is no fuss, no muss doesn't mean it can't stick to your ribs. Quick and easy soups make a great way to warm up. They start with a can, but they're a far cry from the condensed version.

The key is to have a few time-saving ingredients on hand. A few of the best time-savers include canned beans, frozen seasoning blend—a mixture of onions, celery and peppers—canned tomatoes and frozen vegetables. Convenience products such as canned chicken broth, minced garlic and frozen hash browns can save time as well.

NAVY BEAN AND BACON CHOWDER

(Adapted from "1,001 Low-Fat Soups and Stews," Surrey Books, 2000)

- 6 servings
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 2 medium carrots, diced
- 1 cup frozen seasoning blend (onion, celery and bell peppers)
- 2 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 3 (15.5-ounce) cans navy beans
- 1 cup fat-free half-and-half
- 6 tablespoons cooked, crumbled bacon

Bring broth to a boil. Add carrots, seasoning blend, garlic, oregano, basil and salt and pepper. Reduce heat to low and simmer 20 minutes. Meanwhile, drain and rinse 1 can navy beans. Puree 1 can (with liquid) in food processor or blender. Add pureed navy beans, 1 can navy beans with liquid and rinsed and drained navy beans to broth mixture. Increase heat to medium and heat through. Stir in half-and-half; heat through. Ladle into bowls and sprinkle each serving with 1 tablespoon crumbled bacon.

Calories, 330.8; protein, 23.8 grams; carbohydrates, 52.7 grams; total fat, 3.7 grams; cholesterol, 0.7 milligrams; saturated fat, 0.8 grams; dietary fiber, 12.6 grams; sodium, 163 milligrams; sugar, 4 grams; vitamin A, 701.3 retinol equivalents; vitamin C, 4.7 milligrams; calcium, 179.6 milligrams; iron, 4.9 milligrams; alcohol, 0 grams.

POTATO AND SMOKED SAUSAGE CHOWDER

8 servings
1 (14.5-ounce) can fat-free chicken broth
1 (12-ounce) can fat-free evaporated milk
2 packages Lipton Cup-a-Soup, cream of chicken flavor

1/2 (2-pound) bag frozen Southern-style hash browns

- 1 tablespoon dried minced onion
- 1 (10-ounce) package frozen corn kernels
- 8 ounces low-fat smoked sausage
- 1 can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup frozen mashed potatoes or 1/2 cup dried instant mashed potatoes, optional
- Salt and pepper, to taste

In soup pot, combine chicken broth, evaporated milk, soup mix, hash browns and dried minced onion. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes. Add corn and sausage. Simmer 10 minutes longer. Stir in black beans; Parmesan and frozen instant mashed potatoes to thicken soup, if desired. Heat until cheese is melted. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Serve hot.

Calories, 416.1; protein, 20.5 grams; carbohydrates, 42.3 grams; total fat, 20.5 grams; cholesterol, 19.9 milligrams; saturated fat, 8.1 grams; dietary fiber, 8 grams; sodium, 611.2 milligrams; sugar, 2.6 grams; vitamin A, 81.3 retinol equivalents; vitamin C, 16.5 milligrams; calcium, 249.1 milligrams; iron, 2.7 milligrams; alcohol, 0 grams.

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Start the year with a low-fat chicken dish

By Susan Selasky
Detroit Free Press

So many of us make New Year's resolutions, and, of course, a common one after feasting through the holidays is to eat healthier or to lose weight.

If dieting is on your plate, today's recipe for Grilled Chicken with Sweet Potato Lime Sauce is a quick meal to prepare and is low in fat. The sauce has a pleasant, citrusy flavor that boosts the flavor of boneless, skinless chicken breasts.

We adapted the recipe from Sue Kreitzman's "Low Fat for Life Cookbook." The meal has 272 calories — just 17 percent of those calories coming from fat — and can be balanced with side of steamed

vegetables or rice and a leafy green salad:

- GRILLED CHICKEN WITH SWEET POTATO LIME SAUCE MARINADE**
- Juice of 1 lime
 - 1/4 cup fresh orange juice
 - 1/2 teaspoon turmeric, optional
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
 - 4 (about 1 1/4 pounds) boneless, skinless chicken breasts, washed and patted dry
- Sauce:**
- 1/2 cup water
 - 3 garlic cloves, peeled, minced
 - 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
 - 4 green onions, washed, ends removed, sliced
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin

1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
3/4 pound (about 1 medium) sweet potato, peeled and sliced small

1 can (14.5 ounces) fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
Juice and grated rind of 1 lime
Few drops of lemon juice
1/4 cup fresh chopped cilantro
Additional green onion slices and cilantro sprig for garnish, optional

In a small baking dish or pie plate, place all the marinade ingredients including the chicken, turning it to thoroughly coat it. Set aside while preparing the sauce. To prepare the sauce: In a large skillet, place the water, garlic, ginger, green onions, cumin, coriander and sweet potato. Cover and cook over medium heat about 7 to

10 minutes. If mixture seems too dry, add more water as necessary to prevent the ingredients from sticking to the pan. Uncover and cook about 3 minutes or until the sweet potato is tender. Transfer the mixture to a blender or food processor and process until smooth. Return to the skillet and whisk in the chicken broth, lime and lemon juices and chopped cilantro. Keep the sauce warm over low heat. Remove the chicken from the marinade; discard the marinade. Grill the chicken in a grill pan over medium heat about 5 minutes per side depending on the thickness or until chicken is cooked through. Serve the chicken with the sauce, garnished with green onion slices and cilantro sprigs. Makes 4 servings.



Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake is true love.

Photo courtesy Eagle Brand

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from heat; stir in vanilla. Cool. For strawberry sauce, combine remaining one-half can sweetened condensed milk, strawberries and lemon juice. In banana split dishes or individual serving dishes, arrange bananas and scoops of ice cream. Drizzle with chocolate sauce and strawberry sauce. Top with toppings as desired. Serve immediately.

CHOCOLATE-CARAMEL FONDUE

- Makes 2 1/2 cups
 - 3 (1-ounce) squares unsweetened chocolate, chopped
 - 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
 - 1 (12 1/4-ounce) jar caramel ice cream topping
 - Dippers: Fresh fruit and/or cookies, pound cake pieces or angel food cake pieces
- In medium saucepan, melt chocolate with sweetened condensed milk and caramel topping. Pour into serving bowl or individual cups. Serve with desired dippers.

RASPBERRY SWIRL CHEESECAKES

- Makes 2 cheesecakes (16 servings total)
- 1 1/2 cups fresh or thawed lightly sweetened loose-pack frozen red raspberries
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk), divided
- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened



Chocolate-Caramel Fondue — when company's coming.

- 3 eggs
- 2 (8-ounce) purchased chocolate flavored crumb pie crusts
- Chocolate and white chocolate leaves and/or fresh raspberries, optional

Preheat oven to 350 F. In blender container, blend 1 1/2 cups raspberries until smooth; press through sieve to remove seeds. Stir 1/3 cup of the sweetened condensed milk into sieved raspberries; set aside. With mixer, beat cream cheese, eggs and remaining sweetened condensed milk in large bowl. Spoon into crusts. Drizzle with raspberry mixture. With table knife, gently swirl raspberry mixture through cream cheese mixture. Bake 25 minutes or until center is nearly set when shaken. Cool. Cover, chill at least 4 hours. Garnish with chocolate leaves and/or raspberries if desired. Refrigerate leftovers.

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a small bowl. Place the creamy mixture ingredients in a blender, and puree until smooth and creamy. Set aside.

Puree 1 cup of onions, 2 cups of corn, 1/2 cup of apple juice and 1 tablespoon of seasoning mix in a blender or food processor. Preheat a heavy 5-quart pot, preferably non-stick, over high heat to 350 degrees, about 4 minutes. Place the pureed ingredients in the pot, add 1 tablespoon seasoning mix and cook, scraping occasionally, until a brown crust forms over the entire bottom, about 12 minutes.

(This is a very important step, for each time a crust forms and browns slightly, it adds an enormous amount of flavor to the bisque, and it is as important to the final result as a foundation is to a house. Also, you will notice the volume of the mixture reduces as the liquid cooks out of it, and the color changes from a bright gold to a richer, brownish

gold. Taste the mixture as this point and you will discover it has a natural sweetness.)

Add celery, garlic, 1/2 cup apple juice, 1/2 cup stock and the remaining onions, corn and seasoning mix; mix thoroughly. Add the remaining 1 cup apple juice, scrape the bottom of the pot and cook for 15 minutes, occasionally checking the bottom of the pot for sticking. Add the shrimp and cook 3 minutes. Stir in the creamy mixture and the remaining 1 cup stock, mix thoroughly and cook just until it starts to boil, about 3 minutes.

(Caution: Dishes using creamy mixtures can break or curdle if brought to a full boil. Therefore, bring the liquid to a gentle boil and stir immediately. Remove from the heat, stir in the parsley and serve immediately.)

From "Hot Sour Salty Sweet," by Jeffrey Alford and Naomi Duguid (Atrisan, 2000), this is an exceptional collection of

Southeast Asia recipes, easily "do-able."

SLOW-COOKED SWEET AND SPICY FISH

(Serves 4 as part of a rice meal)

- 1/2 pound firm fish steaks
 - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black or white pepper, plus extra for serving, if desired
 - 2 tablespoons palm sugar or brown sugar
 - 1/4 cup warm water
 - 2 tablespoons Vietnamese or Thai fish sauce
 - 1 to 2 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
 - 1 tablespoons finely minced lemon grass
 - 2 scallions, trimmed, smashed flat with the side of a cleaver, sliced lengthwise into 2 or 3 pieces and then cut crosswise into 2- to 3-inch lengths
 - 1 tablespoon fried garlic, or fried shallots, optional
- Place fish on a plate, sprinkle both sides with the pepper and set aside. In a medium bowl, dissolve the sugar in the water, then

stir in the fish sauce. Set aside. Place a heavy cast-iron skillet (no larger than 8 inches in diameter) over high heat. When it is hot, add the oil and swirl around to coat the pan. Toss in the lemon grass, then immediately place the fillets in the hot oil and sear for 10 to 15 seconds; then turn over and repeat. Add the liquid ingredients. Bring to a fierce boil, then lower the heat to medium and toss in the scallions. Cook for 10 minutes, uncovered, turning the fish over after about 5 minutes. As the liquid cooks down, lower the heat little by little, just enough to prevent the sauce from burning. It will reduce gradually to a texture somewhere between heavy syrup and a paste. Serve hot, in the skillet or in a shallow serving dish, topped with a generous grinding of pepper, if you wish, and the fried garlic and fried shallots. Put out a serving spoon so guests can spoon a little sauce over their fish. Serve with rice.

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You can't beat the comfort of radiant heat

DEAR JIM: You recently wrote about electric radiant floor heating for comfort and silent operation, but I prefer wall or ceiling radiant heating instead. Is it as efficient as floor heating for just one or two rooms?
—DON R.

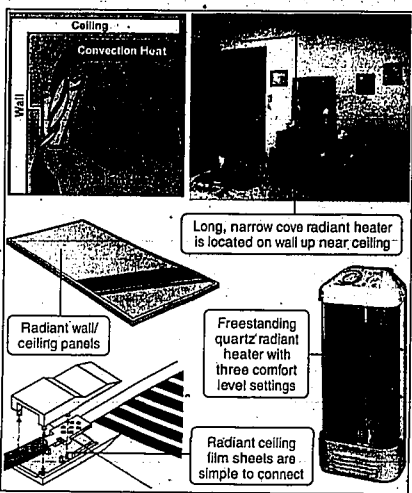
DEAR DON: Electric wall and ceiling radiant heating systems are ideal for just one room or your entire house. Installation is fairly simple in an existing room without the extensive work often required when adding a floor radiant system.

Radiant heat from the walls or ceilings is very efficient. People often do not realize that heat energy (like from the sun) travels equally well in all directions: up, down and sideways. It is heated air, not heat energy, that naturally moves upward because it is less dense than cooler room air.

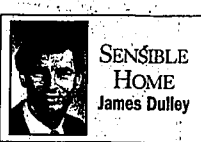
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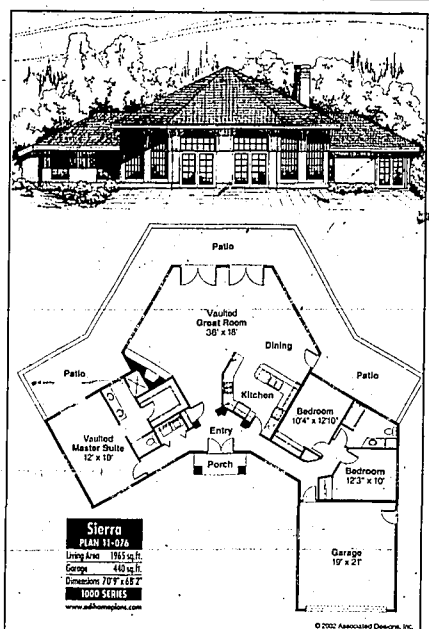
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dropped-ceiling grid. With their shallow depth, you don't lose much ceiling height. This is also a good time to add some efficient fluorescent light fixtures.

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The kitchen has counters on four sides, but the two sides facing into the great room are open above counter level. Standing at the sink, you gaze into the dining room and by simply turning your head you can enjoy the full panoramic view out the rear.

The master suite is to the left,

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Need'em's live up to their name

By Ellen Hawks
The Baltimore Sun

Barbara S. Schubert of Ellicott City, Md., is seeking a recipe called Need'em's. She says: "I bought some at a craft and baked goods fair in Boothby Harbor, Maine, and knew immediately it was the appropriate title for this scrumptiously delicious sweet treat. It was a square of semisweet chocolate with a creamy filling. Please help me locate this recipe as I now know my taste buds need'em."

Goldie Brady of Baltimore responded with a recipe "from a cookbook titled 'Damariscotta Kitchens - Favorite Recipes From Historic Lincoln County, Maine.'"

- NEED'EMS**
- 1/2 cup melted butter or margarine
 - 3/4 cup mashed potato
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 2 pounds confectioners' sugar
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 2 7-ounce packages flaked coconut
 - Chocolate Dip: 12 ounces semisweet chocolate chips
 - 4 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate
 - 1/2 cake paraffin (2 1/2 by 2 1/2 inches, the kind used for top of jelly jar)

Combine butter, mashed potato, salt, sugar and vanilla. Beat long and well to make creamy. Add coconut and mix well. Spread evenly in a 13-by-9-by-2-inch buttered pan to a thickness of 1/2 inch. Allow to harden in a cool place, then cut into small squares.

To make dip: Combine ingredients in double boiler and melt. When mixture reaches 83 degrees, dip square into it and place on waxed paper to set. Or, you may pour mixture over squares. Makes 5 dozen small squares.

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Pork scaloppine qualifies as a quick dinner fix

By Linda Gassenheimer
The Miami Herald

When asked what she serves her family for a quick meal, TV chef Sara Moulton answered instantly: "Pork scaloppine with fresh sauteed tomatoes and garlic accompanied by roasted broccoli and sweet potatoes."

Moulton is the executive chef of Gourmet magazine and host of the show "Cooking Live" on the TV Food Network.

The pork dish takes about 5 minutes to cook. The broccoli and sweet potatoes take about 20 minutes to roast, a process that intensifies the vegetables' flavor. Start them first and then prepare the rest of the meal. Or, for a quicker side dish, place them in a microwave-safe bowl, cover and microwave on high for 5 minutes.

This meal contains 603 calories per serving with 26 percent of calories from fat.

The pork dish takes about 5 minutes to cook. The broccoli and sweet potatoes take about 20 minutes to roast.

- SARA MOULTON'S PORK SCALOPPINE**
- 3/4 pound pork tenderloin
 - 2 tablespoons flour
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper
 - 1 teaspoon olive oil
 - 2 medium garlic cloves, crushed
 - 2 medium tomatoes, cut into 2-inch pieces (2 cups)

Remove fat from pork and cut into 1-inch slices. Place slices between 2 pieces of plastic wrap and flatten with the bottom of a heavy pan or meat mallet. Place flour on a plate and season with salt and pepper to taste. Dip pork slices into flour, coating both sides. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet on medium high. Brown pork 1 minute, turn and brown second side 1 minute. Salt and pepper the cooked sides. Remove to a plate. Add garlic and tomatoes to skillet and cook 3 minutes. Spoon tomatoes over pork and serve. Makes 2 servings.

- ROASTED BROCCOLI AND SWEET POTATOES**
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper
 - 3/4 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1- to 2-inch pieces
 - 1/4 pound broccoli florets
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with foil and add olive oil and salt and pepper to taste. Place potatoes and broccoli on sheet in one layer and toss in the seasoned oil. Roast 10 minutes; turn vegetables and roast 10 more minutes. Makes 2 servings.

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Cook your way out of the January doldrums

I propose a law against January. November is fine; Thanksgiving helps get us through it. Then comes Christmas, with lots of parties and celebrations. After that, there's New Year's, with the excitement of starting something new.



VALLEY COOKING
Dede Thomas
Reale

Then the reality of January sinks in. The snow is deep, the weather is cold, the days are short and there is a long stretch till spring. It goes on and on forever. I swear it's got to be the only month of the year that lasts three months.

I am not a skier or ice skater. My winter outdoor activities consist of hurrying to and from the car and the nearest doorway to get out of the cold.

If I can just get past January, I figure we are on the downhill slide towards spring. I know, technically, there is a month and a half left before spring is officially here; but somehow, February doesn't sound as dreary as January. Besides, February has Groundhog Day, which can promise an early spring.

Thank goodness January is nearly behind us for another year. Here's hoping the groundhog is snowed in.

I do a lot of crockpot cooking in the winter. It seems to fit my winter mood.

CRANBERRY PORK ROAST
Serves 6 to 8
3 to 4 pound pork roast
Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup ground or finely chopped cranberries
1/4 cup honey
1 tablespoon orange zest
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg

Sprinkle the roast with salt and pepper. Place in a crockpot. Combine the remaining ingredients; pour over roast. Cover and cook on low for 8 to 10 hours.

CREOLE CHICKEN
Serves 6 to 7
1 broiler fryer chicken, cut up
1 green pepper, chopped
6 green onions, chopped
1 (16 ounce) can tomatoes, cut up
1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste
1/4 pound cooked ham, cubed (about 3/4 cup)
1 each teaspoon salt and pepper

Several drops hot pepper sauce
1/2 pound Polish sausage, sliced
3 cups cooked rice
Place the chicken, pepper, onions, tomatoes, tomato paste, ham, salt, pepper and pepper sauce in a crockpot. Cover and cook on low for 4 to 5 hours. Turn the control to high and add the sausage and cooked rice. Cover and cook on high for 15 to 20 minutes.

ISLAND BEEF
Serves 6
2 to 2 1/2 pounds top round steak
2 large onions, cut into 12 wedges each
1 (20 ounce) can unsweetened pineapple chunks (reserve juice)

1/2 cup beef broth
5 tablespoons red wine vinegar
3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
3/4 teaspoon seaon salt
3/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch squares
1 red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch squares
3 tablespoons brown sugar
1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons soy sauce
2 large tomatoes, cut into wedges

Cut the beef into thin strips diagonally across the grain. Place in a crockpot. Add the onions, pineapple juice, broth, 3 tablespoons of the vinegar, the garlic powder, seasoned salt, paprika and black pepper. Mix well. Cover and cook on low setting for 6 to 6 1/2 hours, or until the beef is tender. Turn the heat up to high. Stir in the green and red pepper squares and the brown sugar. Mix together the cornstarch, soy sauce and remaining 2 tablespoons vinegar. Stir it into the crockpot, blending well. Cook covered, on high for 45 to 60 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the sauce thickens slightly. Just before serving, stir in the tomato wedges and pineapple chunks.

LAYERED POTATO, SAUERKRAUT AND BEF STEW
Serves 5 to 6

1 pound small white potatoes, scrubbed and sliced
2 pounds sauerkraut, rinsed and drained
1 medium onion, halved and thinly sliced
1/4 cup white wine
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 (14 1/2 ounce) can dried peeled tomatoes
1/2 teaspoon garlic pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon caraway seeds (optional)

2 pounds top round steak, cut into 1-inch cubes
Layer the potato slices in a five-quart crockpot. Spread evenly with the sauerkraut, then top with the onion slices. In a medium bowl, blend together the wine and cornstarch until smooth. Stir in the tomatoes with their liquid, garlic pepper, salt and caraway seeds. Pour 2/3 of the tomato mixture over the potatoes and sauerkraut. Top with the beef cubes. Pour the remaining tomato mixture over it. Cover and cook on low heat for about 9 hours, or until the beef and potatoes are tender. Serve immediately.

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

Oscar winner Cuba Gooding Jr. renovates house

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Oscar-winning actor Cuba Gooding Jr., who stars in the new movie "Snow Dogs," and his wife, Sara, are doing a major renovation on a Pacific Palisades house they bought 18 months ago for close to its \$3.5-million asking price.

The house was built in the '40s and is on nearly an acre with canyon views. Architect David Applebaum, who has designed home alterations and additions for stars such as Bob Hope and Diane Keaton, is overseeing work on the 3,500-square-foot house, which has been expanded to 8,000 square feet.

Phase 1 is 80 percent completed, and Phase 2, which is nearly ready to get underway two years earlier than planned, will include a new swimming pool, four-car garage, boxing gym, screening room and roller-hockey court.

Phase 1 focused on the main house. From the front door, the

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actor and his wife wanted visitors to be able to see the kitchen. The intent was to make the house informal, warm and welcoming. The house has two staircases to maintain family privacy when the actor is in a meeting in the formal living room, which will double as his office. The ceiling there has been raised from 8 to 12 feet to make the room more spacious.

wife, Vanessa, had been looking for an Orange County home to buy since August, when he backed out of escrow on a \$13.5-million, 10-bedroom home on 9 1/2 acres with a lagoon, waterfalls and a half-scale replica of a pirate ship in Coto de Caza.

The basketball player's wife went to school and has family in Orange County. The couple also has a Pacific Palisades home, which he bought in 1999 for \$2.5 million.

Laker star Kobe Bryant purchases California home

Laker star Kobe Bryant has purchased a Newport Beach home for about \$4 million. The Mediterranean-style house, which is behind private gates and is also in a guard-gated community, has a pool, spa, unobstructed city and ocean views, and a video surveillance and laser security system. The basketball star, 23, and his

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Solar water heaters show excellent efficiency levels

By Ken Sheinkopf
The Orlando Sentinel

QUESTION: We visited our son in Texas, and his home has a solar water heater. I was surprised to find that we had plenty of hot water for showering and all our other needs. I had assumed that these systems would call for sacrifices and changes. Do all solar systems work this well?

ANSWER: Those that are properly installed will. Today's solar water heating systems ought to last 15 to 20 years with minimal annual maintenance and should provide most if not all of the hot water needs. One of the greatest features of these systems is that they can be sized to meet the res-

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idents' demands. One collector and an average-sized storage tank can do the job for a family of two. Adding a second collector and a larger tank can provide the hot water needed by a family of four. A home in a part of the country that gets minimal sunshine still can use solar water heating if the system is sized to take into account the amount of sun it gets. Solar systems are also installed with a backup heating system in the storage tank that ensures the availability of hot water at all times, even during periods of cloudy weather or when there is more demand.

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Before calling a pro, try these staircase repairs

QUESTION: The banister on our staircase has become unstable. Is there any way to tighten it without ripping the whole thing apart?

ANSWER: You should first try to tighten the newel posts – the large post at the bottom and sometimes at other points on the banister. The bottom newel post, especially, frequently becomes wobbly from being pulled by occupants who use it as a hand-grip to climb the stairs. The bottom post is sometimes attached to a joist under the floor. If the underside of the floor is visible from the basement, look for the bolts that hold the post to the joist and tighten them securely. If the post still wobbles, add another bolt or several heavy-duty screws to the part of the post that attaches to the joist. Be sure to use washers under the heads of the new bolt or screws to improve the grip.

Fasteners for newel posts are also sometimes concealed by wood plugs at the base of the post. If you find plugs of this type, pry them out with the tip of a sharp knife. Tighten the bolts and replace the plugs. Some old newel posts are fastened with long, rod-type bolts that penetrate the posts entirely. If you think you might have one of these, carefully pry off the post cap. The nut on the end of the threaded rod can be tightened with a wrench.

Loose balusters (spindles) can often be tightened by driving finishing nails through their tops or bottoms into the railing or stair tread that supports them. The nails must be driven at sharp angles (called toe-nailing) so they penetrate both the spindles and the supporting wood. Use nails about 2 inches long and drill a pilot hole for each nail. The hole should be slightly smaller in diameter than the nail. Sink the head of each nail into the wood with a nail set, and conceal the head with colored wood putty that matches the stair finish.

If you are unable to tighten your newel posts with any of these methods, you probably will have to have an experienced carpenter do the work.

QUESTION: We had some wall-papering done about two years ago, and some of the panels have pulled apart in places at the seams. Is there any way to bring the paper back together?

ANSWER: I don't know of any practical way to reverse wallpaper shrinkage, and it is usually difficult to pin down the cause of the shrinkage. If there are a lot of gaps and they are unsightly, probably the best way is to strip the wallpaper and try again. If there are only a few gaps and you have some matching wallpaper, you can try patching. Here's how to do it: Tape a strip of wallpaper over the damaged area, so the pattern lines up with the damaged paper. Use a sharp utility knife to cut through both the taped-on piece and the damaged paper, forming a patch that will fit exactly. Remove the taped-on patch and pull off the cut paper around the damaged area, then paste in the patch.

QUESTION: Our bathroom has a ceramic tile floor with grout that is supposed to be white. The grout gets dirty and unsightly quickly. Is there a way to change the color of this grout?

ANSWER: A grout stain can be used to make the grout a darker color, so dirt will not show as easily. Grout stains in a variety of colors are available from Super-Tek Products (1-888-987-6787 or www.Super-Tek.com). A pint of stain, which also will seal the grout against dirt, costs about \$25.



DO IT YOURSELF
Gene Austin

QUESTION: What's the best way to clean stucco? There are stains under the windows where water drains down the walls.

ANSWER: Power washing (pressure washing) is the best and fastest way I know about to clean stucco. Many stains, including mildew, just melt away when hit with a high-pressure stream of water. A cleaner or "house wash" can be used in conjunction with the power washing, but is often not necessary. Power washers can be rented at most tool-rental agencies for about \$50 to \$60 a day, or a power washer capable of cleaning stucco and many

other surfaces can be bought at a home center for about \$400. Practice on an inconspicuous section of wall, and don't use a power washer near electrical wires.

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'Dinner Rush' focuses on frenetic food business

By Kristin Eddy
Chicago Tribune

"Big Night" it's not. Nor is it accurate to compare the movie "Dinner Rush" to other food-themed movies such as "Babette's Feast" or "Like Water For Chocolate."

Instead — despite what some early reviews have claimed — this new drama forgoes the rapturous look at food preparation of those earlier movies for the reality of a restaurant kitchen: the heat, the noise, the tension and the often over-the-top food.

Set in New York's TriBeCa district at Gigno's, an actual restaurant owned by the film's director, Ed Guraldi, the movie centers on one evening in the life of a trendy eatery where there is a line out the door and a menu that has the genuine owner in despair.

Snapper carpaccio with blood orange juice; rabbit Piedmontese and wine reduction with chocolate; scoffs actor Danny Aiello, who plays Louie Cropa, the owner of the restaurant where his son's chef has turned the menu upside down.

Put a meatball on their plate and they would think it was a miniature bowling ball," he complains of the customers. "I want food. There is nothing left to eat."

It's all for the critics," shrugs Eduardo Ballerini, who plays Udo, Aiello's son and chef.

And the kitchen is only for those strong enough to handle Udo's tough direction. A line cook is fired for having a dull knife. The rest of the cooking crew hustles amidst the clatter of plates and pans and the steam of the dishwasher, yells orders and profanity and soothes an aggravated waitress who knows that their tips depend on getting the food out fast.

The conflict between art and commerce is played out through a variety of characters and not just between old-school Aiello and his son who wants to dazzle with a cutting-edge menu. There's the waitress who is trying to make it as a professional artist; the gambling-obsessed sous-chef; and the complaining, implacable customers who insist on freebies for having endured any inconvenience, forcing the restaurant to lose money in order to keep people coming back.

For the critic played by Sandra Bernhard, chef Udo crafts a showy recipe in the only extended cooking scene. Yet unlike the classic recipes previous films have shown in tantalizing detail, this one is almost a caricature of modern cooking.

The Montauk lobster with rock shrimp bathed in Champagne shallot sauce with vanilla bean and mint, served with deep-fried spaghetti and a garnish of salmon roe and wasabi-infused tobiko caviar, is all ingredient name dropping, architecturally styled, fusion-y fuss. The chef proudly delivers it to the table himself, to the amusement of admiring diners. This may not be the kind of food movie that people have come to expect, but it's truer look at the world of restaurants than viewers have been served in a long time.

Recipes from the movie are available at www.dinnerush.com

FUSILLI WITH EGGPLANT, RICOTTA AND RICOTTA SALATA
Yield: 8 servings
1/4 pounds eggplant, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1 large red onion, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
2 cloves garlic, sliced
1/4 cup olive oil
Salt, freshly ground pepper

3/4 pound fusilli (corkscrew) pasta
1 cup tomato sauce
1/2 cup fresh basil leaves, chopped
3 ounces ricotta salata, grated (see note)

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Toss the eggplant, onions, garlic and olive oil in large mixing bowl. Spread eggplant mixture in a single layer on rimmed baking sheet; add salt and pepper to taste. Roast until brown and tender, about 40 minutes. Heat a large pot of salted water to boiling; cook pasta according to package directions until al dente, about 8 minutes. Drain; set aside. Place the eggplant mixture, tomato sauce, 2 tablespoons of the basil and 1/4 teaspoon salt and pepper in a large saucpan over medium-high heat. Cook 1 minute to heat through. Stir in cooked pasta; toss. Cook 1-2 minutes. Serve in a deep dish. Sprinkle with remaining fresh basil and ricotta salata.

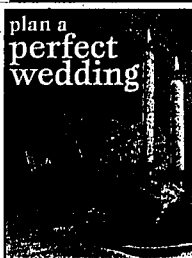
NOTE: Ricotta salata is a lightly salted sheep's milk cheese that is pressed and dried; it has a mild, nutty flavor. We found it at Whole Foods, Fox & Obel and Treasure Island for \$6-\$7 a pound; Italian markets also may carry it. You may substitute another dry, salty cheese such as Parmesan or aged Asiago.

TUNA WITH MASHED POTATOES AND TOMATOES
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Marinade:
1/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon each: honey, soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1/8 teaspoon biters, optional
Tuna:
4 fillets (4-6 ounces each) yellowfin tuna
3 medium potatoes
1 turnip
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/4 teaspoon each: salt, white pepper
1/4 cup bread crumbs
1/4 cup each: white sesame seeds, black sesame seeds
1/4 teaspoon each: dried mint, dried thyme
1/4 cup olive oil
1/2 cup each: red and yellow chery or grape tomatoes
For the marinade, combine the olive oil, balsamic vinegar, honey, soy sauce, ground ginger, Worcestershire sauce and biters in a large, shallow baking dish or pie plate. Add tuna fillets; turn to coat. Cover; marinate 2 hours. Peel potatoes and turnip; cook in boiling water to cover until soft,

12 minutes. Remove from the pan; mash with the milk, butter, and salt and pepper to taste. Set aside; keep warm. Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Combine the bread crumbs, sesame seeds, mint, thyme, salt and white pepper on a large plate. Remove the tuna fillets from the marinade; drain. Dip into the bread crumb mixture, pressing to adhere to the tuna. Heat 3 tablespoons of the oil in a large, oven-proof skillet over medium-high heat. Cook

the fillets 1 minute on each side. Place in the oven; cook until just pink in the center, 6 minutes. Meanwhile, toss cherry tomatoes and remaining tablespoon of oil in a small baking pan. Season with salt and pepper. Place in oven; roast until heated through and slightly shriveled, 6 minutes. Divide the mashed potatoes among four serving plates. Slice each tuna fillet; place on top of the potatoes. Garnish with the tomatoes.



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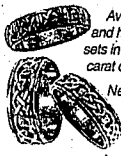
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1/2 cup chopped fresh chives
2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
2 teaspoons salt
4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
Pour water into large mixing bowl. Sprinkle yeast and sugar over water; stir to dissolve. Set aside until foamy, about 10 min-

utes. Add 1 1/2 cups of the Cheddar cheese, chives, butter and salt; mix until combined. Beat in flour, 1/2 cup at a time, until dough is soft and sticky. Cover; let rise in warm place until doubled in size, 1 hour. Punch down dough with wooden spoon; mix 1 minute. Place dough on floured work surface; cut in half. Place each half in a greased

9-by-5-inch loaf pan; smooth top. Sprinkle tops with remaining 2 tablespoons Cheddar. Cover with plastic wrap; let rise in warm place until doubled in size, 45 minutes. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Bake until loaves are golden brown on top and sound hollow when tapped, about 30 minutes. Cool in pans on wire rack 30 minutes.

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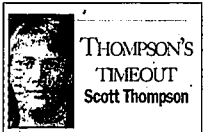
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Minidoka student fights for day to honor MLK

Last week, I saw Minico High's Ryan Hewperth hit a dramatic game-winning buzzer-beater to defeat Region III rival Highland and save the Spartans, who had unraveled to put the Rams back into the contest.

It would be tempting to call his clutch performance brave. Two days later, I saw the Spartans rebound from a disastrous start to defeat bitter rival Burley with a second-half performance that was as breathtaking as the first half was disappointing.



THOMPSON'S TIMEOUT
Scott Thompson

It would be tempting to call that performance brave.

But I've hit game-winners and I've been part of teams that bounced back from horrid starts to come back and win.

However, I never went before the school board to right wrongs.

That is brave. And that's exactly what elementary student Joey Castro did Monday, going before the Minidoka County School Board with a petition to honor Martin Luther King Jr. with a day off from school.

Not only was his performance the bravest of a Minidoka student over the weekend, he was also dead-on-right.

Not to honor the greatest American of the 20th century and all that he stood for in the same way that we honor George Washington and Abraham Lincoln — two other Americans who fought to secure the rights of all — is just plain dumb.

Surely, Magic Valley schools all over honored the slain civil rights leader Monday with lessons like the one Big Valley Elementary teachers Angela Chandler and Teresa White gave their fourth-graders when they split their classes in two — with some students "blue" and others "orange."

It was a good lesson for the students as the groups couldn't eat lunch together, drink from the same water fountains and were given different privileges.

But it would have been a better one on Tuesday after a day off to celebrate MLK Day.

Instead, school was in session and sports teams played games all around the state at the same time Castro nervously submitted his petition to the board.

In the Magic Valley, we need to honor King for what he did and to remind us of what we still need to accomplish.

And there is plenty of work to do in assuring equality for all Americans — even just looking at the local sports scene.

In an area with a strong Latino population, how many coaches are of Hispanic descent?

And male basketball coaches easily outnumber their female counterparts in girls basketball but there are no women who are head coaches of boys basketball teams and I haven't run into any who are even assistant coaches.

And what about the zebras? How many minority referees have you run across?

Or activities directors? Or other administrators?

We have our work cut out for us in the Magic Valley. Honoring King with a day off school would be a small step in the right direction and a chance to tell our students that we are serious when we say that we are all created equal.

Even an elementary student can see that.

Times-News Mini-Cassia sports writer Scott Thompson's column appears Wednesdays. To offer any story ideas or comments send them to Scott at stlompson@magicvalley.com or 877-4042, Ext. 105.

Colts corral new coach, hire Dungy for five years

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy didn't need much time to get a new job.

Eight days after being fired in Tampa Bay, Dungy reached an agreement in principle to coach the Indianapolis Colts and a formal introduction is expected today.

Colts owner Jim Irsay said the deal is for five years and will pay Dungy about \$13 million.

"He was by far the best candidate out there," Irsay said. "Tony is a proven winner and an ideal type leader who we want to represent the horseshoe."

Colts president Bill Polian said in a statement that he and Dungy's agent, Ray Anderson, were still working on the deal's final details Tuesday afternoon. Both sides, though, said they did not expect any snags.

A phone message left on Dungy's home answering machine in Tampa, Fla., was not

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— Colts owner Jim Irsay

immediately returned. Dungy had returned home after being in Mobile, Ala., for the Senior Bowl earlier Tuesday, Anderson said. Irsay said the Colts had engaged in a bidding war for Dungy with the Carolina Panthers, with whom Dungy also interviewed last week.

Dungy will join the New York Jets' Herman Edwards as the only black head coaches in the NFL. It also puts blacks in charge of four of Indiana's most prominent teams — the Colts, the Indiana Pacers, Notre Dame football and Indiana men's basketball. Isaiah Thomas is the Pacers coach and Mike Davis the Hoosiers' coach, while Notre

Dame hired Tyrone Willingham earlier this month.

Dungy, 46, was fired by Tampa Bay last week. The Colts fired coach Jim Mora on Jan. 8, primarily because he refused to get rid of former defensive coordinator Vic Fangio. Fangio has since accepted the coordinator's post with the expansion Houston Texans.

Mora went 32-34 and took Indianapolis to the playoffs twice in four seasons. The Colts went 6-10 this season.

Dungy was the most successful coach in Buccaneers history, going 54-42 in six seasons and leading the team to the playoffs four times. The Bucs were 9-8 this season, including a loss to Philadelphia in the wild-card round.

Polian also interviewed New York Jets defensive coordinator Ted Cottrell and was reportedly interested in Chicago Bears defensive coordinator Greg Blache.



Tony Dungy watches his Buccaneers lose to the Philadelphia Eagles during the playoffs Jan. 12 in Philadelphia. Dungy reached an agreement in principle Tuesday to coach the Colts, and a formal introduction was expected today.

Declo downs Indians

Hornets nab top seed for district tournament

By Ethan Stone
Times-News writer

BUHL — The free-throw line is one of the most intimidating places on a basketball court.

Especially if the game hinges on your shots. The line proved more intimidating to Buhl than to the Hornets, as Declo delivered a stunning 61-58 Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference season-ending loss to the Indians on Tuesday night. The game, held at Buhl's homecourt, secured the Hornets (19-1, 9-1 SCIC) the top seed in next week's 3A District Four Tournament.

The Indians (13-7, 8-2 SCIC) enter the tournament in the No. 2 spot, and wily Wood River climbs in as the third seed.

Both teams shot the same number of field goals, but the Indians went just 9 for 24 from the charity stripe, compared to Declo's 12 for 23.

In a decisive fourth quarter, Buhl missed 7 of 10 attempts from the line, including four in the final two minutes.

The Hornets found the lead early off baskets from sophomore Melissa Webb, but Buhl's Abelee Esparza scored four points in the final minute of the first to cut Buhl's deficit to one at 14-13.

The Tribe snatched the lead away early in the second off an Annie McCauley lay-up at 19-18, but Declo's Amy Allen and Lana Moss kept the Hornets hopes alive. A tenacious zone defense held Buhl at bay, and forced several passing errors to help Declo stay ahead. The first quarter ended with the Hornets still clinging to a one-point lead, 30-29.

Play intensified in the third quarter as the lead changed hands several times. McCauley downed a 3-pointer to tie the score at 33-33, and a last-minute run put the Indians up 47-41 — their biggest advantage of the game.

Buhl seemed secure in the fourth quarter until Allen nailed a 3-pointer to bring the Hornets back within three, and minutes later Declo's Lindsey Smith converted a three-point play to tie the game at 52. Smith snagged a rebound and a putback to take back the lead at 57-56, and then sank two free throws, putting Declo up by three.

The Hornets maintained that breathing room for the remainder of the game.

"We really came together as a team," Smith said after the game. "We played good defense and got some good inside looks in the fourth quarter."

"Lindsey really changed the tempo in the

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Buhl's Sherry Kling grabs a rebound in the Indians' 61-58 loss at Declo Tuesday night. The victory gave the Hornets the top seed entering next week's 3A District Four tournament.

Summerall steps down from Fox job

Los Angeles Times

Pat Summerall, who has been involved with the NFL as a player and broadcaster for 50 years, announced Tuesday that the Super Bowl on Feb. 3 will be the last game he will work with John Madden.

He emphasized he is not retiring from broadcasting, just stepping down as Fox's lead NFL play-by-play announcer.

Summerall and Madden have been together for 21 years.

Joe Buck, Fox's lead baseball announcer, is expected to be named Summerall's replacement.

Summerall's announcement answered a lot of questions before they could be asked during Super Bowl week in New Orleans.

"I figured I would be getting a lot of questions," Summerall said, "and since I had already made up my mind I might as well make the announcement now."

The announcement has been a year and a half in the making. It was leaked to reporters in July 2000 that Summerall would be retiring after the Super Bowl in 2002.

But the next day at a news conference at a Century City hotel, when Summerall was asked why he was retiring, he said, "I'm not retiring."

This caused embarrassed Fox executives to do an about-face.

"He can do whatever he wants," Fox Sports chairman David Hill said at the time.

The party line since was that the Summerall issue would be addressed after the upcoming Super Bowl. And whenever asked, Summerall would say he hoped to remain with Madden.

But Summerall decided about two weeks ago that he would step aside. He said the decision was his and no pressure was put on him.

"It was totally my move," Summerall said. "However, I'm not saying they're not glad I decided to do this."



Pat Summerall

Tyson turns conference into melee

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mike Tyson's latest outburst angered Lennox Lewis and landed the president of the World Boxing Commission in the hospital briefly with a sore head.

More trouble for Tyson — D2

Tyson himself was cut on his forehead after he came at Lewis and threw a punch that triggered a melee and ended up canceling a news conference Tuesday to promote their heavy-weight championship fight April 6.

The fight could be in trouble as well, if Tyson can't convince Nevada boxing authorities next week that all he was trying to do was promote the fight when he

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No. 1 Shoshone leads Northside tourney field

The Times-News

Their record speaks for itself — 19-1 and a perfect 10-0 in the Northside Conference.

The Shoshone Indians girls basketball team and 6-foot-3 post Monica Uhrig so far have had a pretty easy go of it, with a 43-30 defeat at 2A Valley the only setback on an otherwise stellar season.

And that loss was after the Indians had already defeated the Lady Vikings.

But the Indians' Northside rivals get their third and possibly fourth chances at upsetting the top-seeded Indians heading into tonight's first round of the Girls Northside Conference Sub-District Basketball Tournament at Carey High School.

If any team is to upset

Girls Northside Conference Tournament

When: Today through Feb. 1
Where: Carey High School
Today's varsity schedule:
No. 3 Carnes County vs. No. 4 Carey, 5 p.m.
No. 2 Dietrich vs. No. 5 Richfield, 6:30 p.m.
No. 1 Shoshone vs. No. 6 Comm. School, 8 p.m.

Shoshone, it'll have to find a way to stop the seemingly unstoppable Uhrig, who averages 16.8 points and 8.8 rebounds a game, while getting almost eight blocks as well.

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Mike Tyson punches a bodyguard after a fight broke out at the Hudson Theater in New York during a news conference between Tyson and heavy-weight champion Lennox Lewis Tuesday.

SPORTS

Kimberly crushes Filer in SCIC action

The Times-News Kimberly - Cody Gibbons scored 17 points and Eric Knight added a presence off the bench...

Shoshone 65, Richfield 40 SHOSHONE - Logan Brown scored 17 points, hitting 12 of 17 in the first half...

Dietrich 70, Camas County 65 DIETRICH - Chris Maughan scored 23 points and pulled down 12 rebounds...

Ashcroft praises Salt Lake security SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Attorney General John Ashcroft believes Salt Lake City's Olympic security preparations are so solid...

Fluke goal helps Senators salvage tie with Flyers

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Martin Havlat scored a fluke unassisted goal at 7:12 of the third period to lift the Ottawa Senators to a 1-1 tie with Philadelphia on Tuesday...

Northside

Continued from D1 At 6-foot-3, the senior, bound next fall for Gonzaga University, is the most dominant player in the league...

as the Blue Devils defeated Camas County 70-65 Tuesday night.

Senior Brandon Blodgett finished with 31 points to pace the Musers. Dietrich (8-3, 9-8) hosts Twin Falls Christian Academy on Tuesday.

Castleford 57, Hagerman 44 CASTLEFORD - Elvis Medina scored 24 points lifting host Castleford over Hagerman 57-44 in their Magic Valley Conference boys basketball game Tuesday night.

Castleford 15-1, 7-1 MVC hosts Raft River on Friday.

Castleford 57, Hagerman 44 HAGERMAN (AP) - Patrice M. Knorr scored 18 points...

Oakley 65, Hansen 63 OAKLEY - In a Magic Valley Conference game, Oakley squeaked by Hansen 65-63 Tuesday night...

Oakley 3-9, 4-3 MVC hosts Murtaugh on Friday.

The Bruins return to the mats tonight, hosting always-tough Minico at 7 p.m.

Other scores Blives JV 40, ISDB 31 Wall at Aberdeen, no report

Girls basketball Valley 56, Wendell 35 WENDELL - Katie Brock finished with 14 points and Annie Shaver added 10 as the Valley girls basketball team defeated Wendell 56-35 Tuesday night...

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Other scores American Falls at Tria, no report Hillcrest at Minico, no report

Wrestling Burley 36, Twin Falls 36 BURLEY - Twin Falls tied Burley 36-36 in wrestling Tuesday in Burley...

Countdown to Salt Lake 16 days until Opening Ceremony 3 days until the torch arrives in Twin Falls

The Torch Tour: The torch is in Washington state, with stops in Longview, Olympia (the capital), Tacoma, Des Moines and Seattle...

Capitals 3, Thrashers 0 ATLANTA - Olaf Kolzig made 27 saves for his 25th career shutout, and second this season against Atlanta...

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Murtaugh's Roseborough leads Devils past Trojans

By Scott Thompson Times-News writer

MALTA - Murtaugh's Ben Roseborough patrolled the inside and the Red Devils' deadeye guards took care of the outside Tuesday in Murtaugh's 67-56 victory over Magic Valley Conference foe Raft River in Malta.

Blackfoot 70, Jerome 3, Buhl 51, Jerome 21, Buhl 39, Blackfoot 31 JEROME - The Buhl wrestling team stunned Blackfoot Tuesday in Jerome, defeating the Broncos 39-31 in Jerome at a tri-meet...

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And the Devils cruised from that point, never giving up the lead.

However, Harper did tie the game up at 20-20 with 4:30 remaining in the half with his second 3-pointer. The 5-8 guard had 14 points for the Trojans.

Both coaches agreed the second meeting between the teams will be vastly different if Raft River's 6-5 center Tanner Hansen is declared to play today.

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SPORTS

Capriati advances to Australian semis

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Defending champion Jennifer Capriati played her way out of trouble and advanced to the Australian Open semifinals with a 6-2, 6-2 victory Wednesday over Amelie Mauresmo.



Capriati next meets Kim Clijsters, a 6-2, 6-3 winner over Justine Henin. Capriati was extended to 12-10 in the final set before beating Clijsters for last year's French Open title.

Capriati lost the first two points before breaking Mauresmo's serve in the first game. Then, in two games in the first set and one in the second, she saved a total of six break points.

Clijsters also pressured Henin into costly errors in her advance to the semifinals. Henin broke for a 2-1 lead in the second set. But her Belgian compatriot and good friend immediately broke back thanks to four straight misses by Henin.

In the other half of the draw, an aching Venus Williams couldn't limp her way to victory past Monica Seles on Tuesday. Seles stopped Williams' winning streaks at two Grand Slam tournaments and 24 matches, advancing to the semifinals with a 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-3 victory Tuesday.

"There were a lot of shots I didn't run for," Williams said, adding that it was difficult to move to her forehead side. "I was hoping I could just get through the match and then have a couple of days to recover."

Seles' next opponent, Hingis, is going into the semifinals having lost only 14 games in five matches. She beat Adriana Serra Zanetti 6-2, 6-3 in the quarterfinals. She has not won a Grand Slam event, however, since taking the third of her Australian Open titles in 1999.

Strickland, Jones help Heat stay hot against Bulls

MIAMI (AP) - Rod Strickland scored 20 points and moved into seventh place on the NBA's career assist list as the Miami Heat extended their winning streak to six games with a 92-79 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

Eddie Jones also scored 20 points for the Heat, extending his longest since a seven-game run during the 1999-2000 season. The Heat won for the ninth time in 11 games.

Maglic 100, Hawks 86 ORLANDO, Fla. - Pat Garrity had a season-high 23 points, and Orlando beat Atlanta, which was missing its top two scorers.

Garrity made 9-of-13 shots and had three of Orlando's eight 3-pointers. Darrell Armstrong scored 15 points on 6-of-8 shooting in 27 minutes. Reserve Don Reid also scored 15 points.

Tracy McGrady finished with nine points, nine rebounds and eight assists in 29 minutes. Atlanta played without leading scorer Shafer-Abay-Rahim, suspended earlier Tuesday for three games and fined \$15,000 for fighting with Houston's Kenny Thomas on Monday. Jason Terry, was suspended for one game and fined \$7,500 for throwing a punch during the altercation.

Suns 92, Bucks 81 MILWAUKEE - Shawn Marion had 24 points and 17 rebounds, and the Phoenix Suns capitalized on Milwaukee's 0-for-15 shooting from 3-point range to beat the Bucks Tuesday night.

Milwaukee, which entered the game shooting a league-best 398 from beyond the arc, had its eight-game winning streak snapped. Penny Hardaway added 14 points.

for the Suns, who beat the Bucks for the 19th time in 21 games.

76ers 91, Wizards 84 WASHINGTON - Allen Iverson scored 22 of his 34 points in the second half as Philadelphia beat slumping Washington.

Michael Jordan had 28 points on 13-for-19 shooting at halftime, but he was 1-for-8 in the second half with four turnovers. Jordan finished with 30 points, eight rebounds and five turnovers in 42 minutes.

Nets 92, Spurs 86 SAN ANTONIO - Jason Kidd had 28 points and 11 rebounds to lead the New Jersey Nets to a 92-86 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Tuesday night.

Kidd, who was coming off a 1-for-17 shooting performance against Dallas on Monday afternoon, shot 12-for-24.

New Jersey, which swept the season series from San Antonio, received double-figure scoring from five players.

Keith Van Horn scored 17 points, Lucious Harris 12, Kerry Kittles 11 and Kenyon Martin 10. San Antonio, which lost its second straight home game, was led by Tim Duncan's 32 points and 14 rebounds. Antonio Daniels added 18 points, and David Robinson 16 for the Spurs.

Mavericks 113, Rockets 107 HOUSTON - Steve Nash had 31 points, and Dirk Nowitzki added 25 as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Houston Rockets 113-107 Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory.

Juwan Howard scored 19 points for the Mavericks, who have won eight of their last nine games. Cuttino Mobley led the Rockets with 35 points.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association Eastern Conference Standings table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB, and Home.

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Notes on the economy



County-by-county sales

Here are county-by-county sales results for Nov. 1 through Nov. 30. Total sales include both taxable and nontaxable.

County	Total Sales	Taxable Sales
Blaine	\$43,358,996	\$19,156,452
Camas	\$520,160	\$344,340
Cassia	\$20,209,937	\$6,600,501
Gooding	\$11,707,205	\$1,699,808
Jerome	\$22,906,006	\$8,593,697
Lincoln	\$1,658,438	\$1,178,830
Minidoka	\$33,278,112	\$3,347,648
Twin Falls	\$122,917,761	\$33,208,454
TOTAL	\$256.58 M	\$73.94 M

These exclude sales by some businesses that have locations in more than one county. (If those companies each file just one sales tax return, they aren't included in county-by-county numbers.) Also excluded from county totals are sales by businesses headquartered outside of Idaho.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Qwest tries to clarify info-sharing policy

DENVER - Another notice is going out from Qwest Communications Inc. to its customers, giving them more information about the company's plans to share their account information.

Officials with the Denver-based company - which provides local phone service in much of the Magic Valley - said the notice would clear up some misunderstandings about the plan and emphasize that Qwest does not plan to share the information with outside companies.

The concept has raised the ire of customers and regulators both in some of the 14 mostly Western states served by Qwest, and several proposals are being considered to cut back on the company's flexibility in using customer account information like names called and length of calls.

"We're going to be conducting a focus group with some customers to make sure it is customer-focused - just to make certain that customers understand what our privacy policy is and what their options are," spokesman Steve Hammack said.

The original filer was included in bills this month and caused customers to conclude Qwest wanted to sell information to other companies. The notice said Qwest might share information with third parties "when it is commercially reasonable to do so."

Hammack said the intention was that information would be shared only with the corporation. That would include the wireless and directory businesses.

The company said it meant that it may share information, for example, in cases where a customer orders high-speed Internet service and Qwest information is needed to set it up.

Qwest also said it would delay until March 29 any transfer of information about its 12.5 million customers.

The company has a call center at (877) 628-3732, where customers can leave instructions that their information not be shared.

MicronPC makes money, still lags

NAMPA - Cost-cutting measures and a sharper focus on core markets helped MicronPC stay in the black in 2001.

The Nampa computer manufacturer, purchased last June by Los Angeles-based Gores Technology Group, achieved its first operating profit in more than two years in September and continued the trend through the fourth quarter.

The company cut costs in part by laying off 1,000 employees, nearly half its work force, last year. Another round of layoffs will trim up to 100 more workers.

Spokeswoman Michele Casey said the most recent work force reduction was based on analysts' forecasts of market demand.

In December, MicronPC consolidated its Meridian and Nampa operations, saving the company the cost of maintaining two under-used sites. After the latest reductions, the Nampa plant will employ about 1,200.

Compiled from wire reports

Eight M.V. grant applications fail

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls and Burley efforts to beautify downtowns, and six Magic Valley proposals to build or improve public facilities, won't get a boost this year from the state.

Those eight projects were among ones dropped from consideration for a share of about \$4.5 million in block grants for public-facility improvements and \$1.4 million for downtown revitalizations, the Idaho Department of Commerce said Tuesday.

Somebody was bound to be disappointed. The department said 32 Idaho communities had

Three advance to next round of competition

applied for a total of \$12 million in public-facility grant requests. And the five applications for downtown grants around the state sought a total of \$2.4 million.

This time around, Magic Valley communities submitted many of those applications. "More than any other region in the state," said Pat Madarieta, a community development specialist for the Commerce Department.

So the number of rejections for the valley wasn't unexpected. Applicants that didn't make the cut may rework their applica-

tions and re-apply another year. But Filer, Murtaugh and Twin Falls County public-facility projects made the first cut for this year's round of block grants and were invited to make presentations in April before the state's Economic Advisory Council, said Ron Gardner, a Commerce Department spokesman.

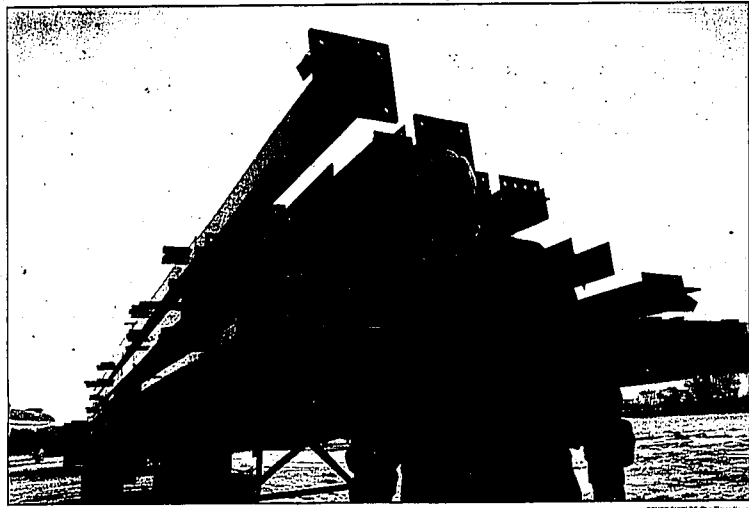
Here's what those three applications seek, Gardner said:
• Twin Falls County - \$500,000 toward construction of a 12,000-square-foot facility for South Central Community Action Agency, to provide client consultation, commodity and building-

material storage and other program-related needs for low-income residents of Magic Valley's eight counties.
• Murtaugh - \$106,000 toward a new well, 250,000-gallon water storage reservoir, pump house, water meters and distribution improvements. The project is to provide the city with a backup water source and eliminate a health hazard.
• Filer - \$400,000 toward development and construction of a new well and well house, a million-gallon storage tank, installation of a booster pump station and other improvements to the

municipal water system. Gardner said these six public-facilities projects didn't make the cut for grants.
• Paul - \$50,000 toward replacement of about 22,000 feet of wastewater collection and transmission pipe, repair of 325 sewer connections and other sewer improvements to upgrade the system to meet Department of Environmental Quality standards.
• Lincoln County - \$44,000 toward demolition of the abandoned Shoshone High School, vacant since 1998. Vandalism and structural deterioration have created a hazardous eyesore.
• Oakley - \$230,535 toward

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Chamber honors T.F. man



Bill Koch Sr., president of K & T Steel Corp. in Twin Falls, received the 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce this week.

Steel company president gets lifetime achievement award

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The business community this week honored a college basketball booster and former chamber of commerce president as a model citizen of Twin Falls.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce gave the 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award to Bill Koch Sr., 77, president of K & T Steel Corp.

"Bill is humorous, he's a friend, a leader, a visionary, a problem solver, a mentor to many," reads the plaque Koch received at a chamber banquet Monday night. "He speaks up, and listens well."

The award was timely, following by a couple of months the 25th anniversary celebration of the K & T Steel basketball tournament at the College of Southern Idaho.

"We're the oldest privately sponsored junior college basketball tournament in the country," Koch said Tuesday. He named his sponsorship of the tournament - and his status as one of the original inductees to CSI's athletic hall of fame - as a point of personal pride.

Jeff Duggan, CSI's athletic director, of Tuesday called Koch a legendary community supporter, and a true booster who doesn't miss a game unless he's out of town.

"He's a very, very knowledgeable basketball fan and loves to see hard work and loves to see the young athletes advance once they leave CSI," Duggan said. Koch, a mild-mannered fan, has a seat close behind the head coach's, and he watches game strategy.

"It's a true student of the game," Duggan said. Standard Oil assigned the

Utah native to Twin Falls in 1953. Koch told banquet attendees that he couldn't be happier with the way his life turned out.

"I think I'm really fortunate that fate brought me to Twin Falls," he said Tuesday. Koch bought a small, existing business and built it up. With his son now running the show as vice president and general manager, K & T Steel fabricates structural steel and reinforcing bars, and manufactures underground and above-ground storage tanks. These days, most of its tank work is for oil-water separators that handle roadside water, Koch said.

Most of the company's work is outside Twin Falls, such as at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and at Mountain Home's air base. "But we've done lots of work in Twin Falls, too," Koch added, naming projects at CSI and pub-

lic schools.

K & T Steel has to buy its raw material elsewhere, but its payroll distributes dollars brought in mostly from outside the valley. "I think we add to the economy by doing that," Koch said. Koch's community resume includes service to the chamber, the Kiwanis club, Blue Lakes Country Club and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, and contributions to countless community causes, the chamber said. He and his wife set up the W.G. and Katherine Koch scholarship fund at CSI.

The chamber over which Koch presided as president in 1961 was nothing like today's, he said. "It was not nearly as active. Industrial development just didn't exist. I think we probably tried to promote relationships between communities," Koch said. "It wasn't the viable organi-

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J.C. Penney rolls out catalog with new design, fewer pages

Knight Ridder News Service

PLANO, Texas - J.C. Penney Co.'s catalog sales are shrinking, but that may not be all bad news. When Penney - which has stores in Twin Falls and Burley - announces its year-end sales totals next month, catalog sales are expected to be down almost 20 percent from 2000.

But the division, which includes JCPenney.com, is expected to show a profit vs. a \$40 million loss in 2000.

Penney's catalog and Internet business has been under new management for almost a year. The team is overhauling the operation and attempting to give the catalog its own identity.

"We've moved the book in a new direction, but it's not so different that our core customer will wonder, 'Where did this come from?'" said Rita Trevino, J.C. Penney spokeswoman.

It's similar to the efforts at the Plano-based retailer's department stores and its Eckerdt's drugstore chain - all part of the plan to turn around the 100-year-

old retailer. Last year, Penney slashed the number of its specialty books, canceled unprofitable promotions that were tied to Penney department stores, and stopped refunding shipping costs when items were returned.

Penney has just started distributing its spring/summer 2002 Big Book to about 14 million customers.

It's a user-friendly catalog that has been organized with color-coded page tabs and improved photography. It's also printed on better quality paper and is slightly smaller than past issues.

At 1231 pages, the catalog has about 140 fewer pages than last year, and some items, such as wallpaper, have been eliminated. The book - which resembles a Pottery Barn catalog more than its Penney's predecessors - is the first produced from start to finish by John Irvin, president of the catalog and Internet division, and Bernie Feiwus, associate director of catalog.

The two were hired by chairman and chief executive Allen Questrom, who arrived in September 2000 to reverse the company's declining sales and profit.

Irvin was CEO of The Spiegel Group before joining Penney,

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than in the store. Wall Street isn't quite sure where Penney's catalog business is heading and whether the twice-a-year Big Books have a future. Spiegel is the only other company that still produces the thick catalogs, once a staple of Sears, Roebuck and Co. and the now defunct Montgomery Ward.

Shari Schwartzman Eberts, a retail analyst at J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. in New York, wrote last month that Penney's catalog business remains in flux and that its long-term strategy is unclear.

"Sales and operating performance have been soft for several years as customer interest in a big book format waned, and merchandise mistakes hurt customer demand," she said. Eberts predicted Penney will run the catalog and Internet business more and more as a separate division rather than an extension of its 1,050 department stores.

Penney's new catalog managers weren't available for

interviews, but Flynn said they believe the Big Book "is an important part of the business."

"It is possible that it will be smaller and that we will continue to make smaller catalogs, but right now it's a big portion of our business," she said.

The Penney Web site, which has been a leader in online apparel sales, is a large generator of new shoppers for the company. Last year, JCPenney.com said it attracted more than 500,000 customers who were new to Penney.

The number of first-time Penney shoppers via the Web has increased significantly since then, Flynn said. "This connection is more valuable over time because the doc-com business attracts so many more new shoppers who never shopped the Penney catalogs or stores," she said.

JCPenney.com sales, which are included in catalog sales, were \$302 million through December vs. \$271 million last year.

Labor chief warns of deteriorating jobless fund

The Associated Press

BOISE — Rising unemployment as the economy erodes is building pressure on the trust fund financing benefits for many full-time job workers, but the Kemphorne administration has yet to decide whether to accept a scheduled increase in employer contributions next year to ensure the fund's solvency.

"The fund is in jeopardy in three or four years," Labor Director Roger Madsen said. "We could pay out over \$200 million in an anemic year like this."

In addition to benefit claims continuing to run at record or near record levels, Madsen said the deteriorating employment situation will likely trigger extended jobless benefits in late February or March, increasing the drain on the fund.

The Kemphorne administration short-circuited a \$14 million increase in the employer tax for this year to maintain what it sees as the state's low-tax, pro-business climate. Madsen indicated a decision will not be made until early next year on whether to try blocking the scheduled 2003 tax increase of probably \$30 million.

The trust pays covered employees who are laid off half their pay up to \$315 a week for 26 weeks or until they find new jobs. Extended benefits would add another 13 weeks. The federal government would pay half the estimated \$13 million cost.

As Idaho's economy began deteriorating 13 months ago, claims on the Unemployment Security Trust Fund began to skyrocket and from midyear on were running at record or near record levels. Payments last year, totaled \$145 million, over 40 percent higher than during 2000.

And the escalation has only continued this year. During the first three weeks of the year, the fund has paid out almost \$16 million to between 21,000 and 25,000

unemployed workers each week. A year ago, the first three weeks totaled just over \$11 million in payments for between 14,000 and 17,000 jobless workers a week.

The trust was drawn down to \$312 million as the year began, and Madsen expects the balance to decline further since payouts this year will easily exceed the \$100 million in estimated tax payments employers will make.

Further federal economic stimulus proposals could inject another \$17 million into Idaho for jobless programs. At least \$10 million would be earmarked for benefits. The rest could be used for running the program.

closed down 58.05, or 0.6 percent, at 9,713.30, falling back from an earlier advance of 70.

The technology-focused Nasdaq 47.81, or 1.25 percent, to 1,882.53, its lowest close since Nov. 21.

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The Dow Jones industrial average

Amazon finally turns profit after losing millions

SEATTLE (AP) — After spending six years and billions of dollars building itself into the world's largest Internet retailer, Amazon.com has finally made a profit.

The company said Tuesday it earned \$5 million in its fourth quarter, its first quarterly profit since it started as an online bookseller in 1995. Just a year ago, Amazon had a fourth-quarter loss of \$545 million.

"I've always known that our business model worked," said Jeff Bezos, the company founder who was named Time's Person of the Year amid the dot-com boom of 1999. "We are incredibly happy with these fourth-quarter results, but we're realy glad to get work to doing forward."

Despite a lackluster holiday sales season for many retailers, Seattle-based Amazon had net sales of \$1.12 billion for the quarter ending Dec. 31, a 15 percent

increase over its fourth quarter a year earlier.

Analysts said the results show Bezos was right when he pushed the company to "get big fast" at the expense of immediate profits.

As it grew, Amazon lost more than \$2.9 billion and expanded from just books to everything from coffee grinders to power drills and DVDs.

"E-commerce isn't an easy matter," said Jeeti Patel, an analyst with Deutsche Banc Alex. Brown. "It took the company \$1.2 billion in revenue to achieve a profit, so scale is definitely a critical success factor. Not a lot of smaller companies will be able to pull this off."

Amazon's chief financial officer, Warren Jenson, said the company was helped by lower book prices during the holidays and a yearlong company focus on cutting expenses.

"We just did it simpler and better," he said.

Stocks take tumble as investors express doubt about future

NEW YORK (AP) — A stronger-than-anticipated economic report Tuesday failed to impress investors, who instead retreated into the now-familiar pattern of unloading technology stocks as they worried about the timing of a recovery.

The Nasdaq composite index tumbled to its lowest level in two months on concerns that Wall Street's advance last month might not be too much, too soon.

Although economic data appears to be more positive,

many businesses have yet to forecast a turnaround. Occasional bursts of bargain hunting have helped support the market, but there has been no catalyst for a broad rally.

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Bankruptcies

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\$50,000, liabilities \$50,000, to \$100,000, Case no. 02-40054.

Jose M. Gil, also known as Margarito Gil Jr., and Maria E. Gil, also known as Mary E. Silvas, 541 Bailey Drive, Heyburn, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 15-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 02-40052.

Sherry Dawn Cochran, also known as Sherry Dawn Walton, 416 N. 200 W., Jerome, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets under \$50,000, liabilities \$50,000 to \$100,000, Case no. 02-40051.

Case no. 02-40050.

Chapter 7, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Max A. Taylor, 849 Caswell W., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 1-15 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 02-40072.

Jack T. Teater and Sandra O. Teater, 354 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 02-40051.

Chapter 7, business, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Carroll W. Burnett and Karen F. Burnett, also known as C&K Enterprises, 143 E. 700 N., Rupert, individual, business, Chapter 7, 16-49 creditors, assets \$50,000 to \$100,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 02-40071.

Chapter 11, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Michael F. Kechter and Judy K. Kechter, 232 Pleasant Way, Rupert, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 11, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 02-40068.

Chapter 13, nonbusiness, \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Timothy Frank Petersen and Raina Fawn Petersen, 2319 Fernald, Ellier, individual, nonbusiness, Chapter 13, 1-15 creditors, assets \$100,000 to \$500,000, liabilities \$100,000 to \$500,000, Case no. 02-40074.

Chapter 13, business, \$500,000 to \$1 million.

Charles E. Walker, also known as Buck Walker, and Sue Walker, 580 E. 300 N., Rupert, individual, business, Chapter 13, 15-49 creditors, assets \$500,000 to \$1 million, liabilities \$500,000 to \$1 million, Case no. 01-40057.

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zation it is today."

He has watched the chamber with enthusiasm over the years and supported it as a company. The business contributed to the chamber's Business Plus and Business Plus II development campaigns and likely will pitch in again if the chamber launches a third campaign this year, Koch said.

Winner of the 2000 Lifetime Achievement Award was Doug Vollmer, who has worked to diversify Idaho's economy.

The chamber and CSI generally give the award at their annual Success Breakfast. But for

the first time in many years, there was no Success Breakfast in 2001. Organizers said they'll move the annual event to spring.

A 2001 Success Breakfast was scheduled for October. But the event was called off in late August when the originally announced speaker, Jeremy Rifkin, was canceled after leaders of Idaho's cattle and dairy industries protested and threatened a boycott of the event.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various stocks like AIG, AXP, BAC, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Includes sub-sections for Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diaries.

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INDEXES

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg. Lists various American Stock Exchange stocks.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds are in 1,115; largest Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

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

MARKETS

Table of market prices for heavy feeder steers, light feeder steers, and other livestock. Columns include contract name, high, low, and change.

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange

Table of New York Mercantile Exchange futures prices for oil, natural gas, and other energy commodities.

Index of leading indicators rises for third straight month

NEW YORK (AP) - The third consecutive monthly gain in a key gauge of U.S. economic activity signaled that the nation's recession may soon be over, but investors continued to fret about the timing of a recovery.

Grants

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BEANS

Table of bean prices for various types including soybeans and lentils.

CHEESE

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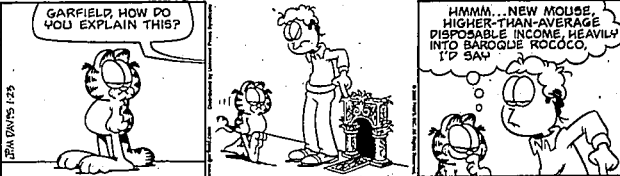
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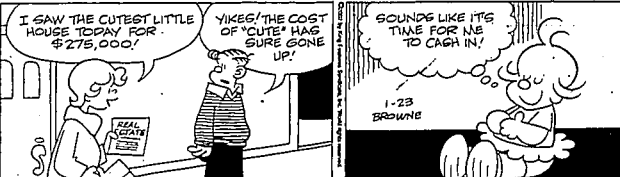
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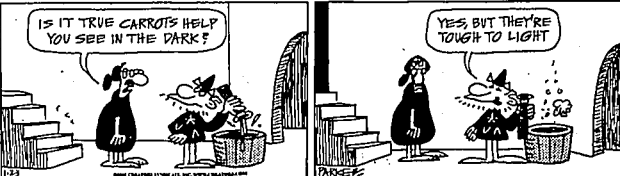
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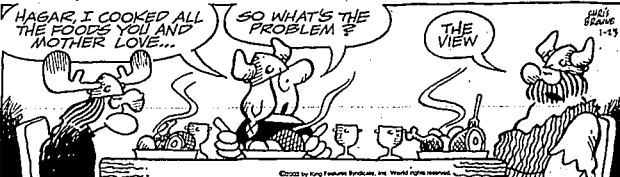
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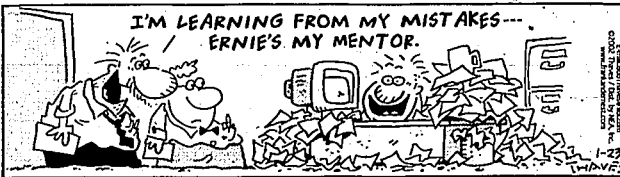
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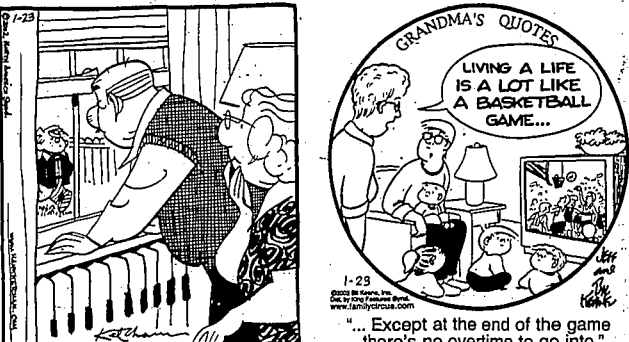


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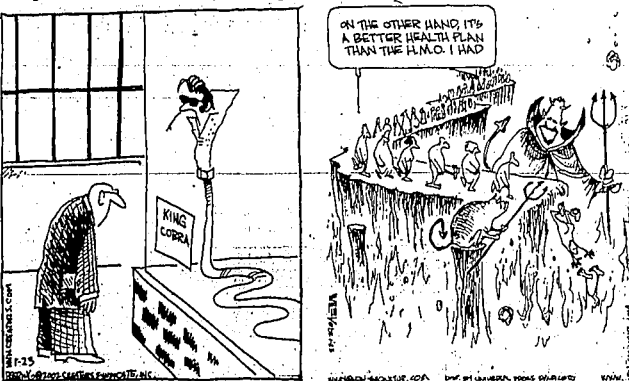


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Daughter who sleeps nude keeps mom awake at night

DEAR ABBY: I started college last fall and moved into a dorm. My roommate and I get along great. She sleeps in the nude. It shocked me at first, but the weather was hot, so I tried it. Now I wouldn't sleep any other way.



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

Last week, while I was visiting my family, my mother came into my room to wake me. She saw my bare shoulders and correctly assumed I was nude underneath the blankets. You should have seen her reaction! She is now convinced that I am sexually active, which I am not. She thinks my roommate and I must be lesbians. (We're both straight.) She says what I am doing is immoral and un-Christian.

not an indication of sexual activity or lack of it. Nudity is simply a state of undress. You are comfortable with it; your mother is not. You probably can't convince a person who feels that nudity is fundamentally wrong that it's OK. Part of growing up is learning to listen to our conscience and deciding what's right for us. Read on.

Abby, I am a very religious person. I cannot see how sleeping in the nude is immoral. I don't talk about it or prance around nude. Am I missing something? How can I convince Mother that what I'm doing is really OK?

DEAR ABBY: My 16-year-old daughter, "Jenny," sleeps at her best friend's house about once a month. Her friend has a double bed, which they share. I have been fine with this. I have slept in the same bed with other women, and there was nothing sexual about it.

FEELING THE HEAT: Nudity is not immoral; it has nothing to do with religion. It is

Since last summer, Jenny has been sleeping in the nude. I don't

have a problem with that, either. She doesn't parade around in house naked and is quite modest. I started sleeping in the nude when I was 18. Again, there was nothing sexual about it.

The other day, I asked Jenny if she slept in the nude when she was at her friend's house. She said she both did. It has been bothering me ever since. I can't help feeling their friendship is sexual. I'm afraid asking her outright would make her angry or might result in her lying to me, since she knows I would not approve of her having sex with anyone at this age.

SUSPICIOUS MOM
IN NAPA, CALIF.

DEAR SUSPICIOUS MOM: Yes, I do think it's possible. However, your question is intriguing. Are there any other reasons you are suspicious? Has she shown an interest in boys? Your daughter will not become

defensive when you talk to her about her sexual orientation unless you appear accusatory or judgmental. Although time may answer your question for you, you and she are overdue for a frank and loving mother-daughter chat. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: I recently heard the best way to sleep soundly is to keep your feet and hands warm. The image I had from this report was: Sleep with socks and mittens, but nothing else.

A few days later, another article claimed that when you sleep soundly, heat is more evenly distributed, thus you sleep more comfortably, even in the cold of winter.

NUDIST IN SANTA CLARITA, CALIF.

DEAR NUDIST: Only this: Heat escapes from the top of the head and the bottom of the feet. So to conserve body heat, wear socks and a ski cap. And pray that anyone who sees you doesn't die laughing.

ACROSS

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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Several famous authors made gin their liquor of choice

F. Scott Fitzgerald drank gin. He called it "the writer's vice." Maybe so. It was Ernest Hemingway's drink, as well. He called it "the giant killer." List William Faulkner here, too. He didn't call it anything. Just for more of it. They all chose gin, while they still had choices.



REVISITED
L.M. Boyd

Some poultry farmers pipe music into their chicken factories. To soothe the laying hens. It's been going on a long time. The hens prefer Mozart.

to call attention to himself as he pours glasses, but some do, evidently. This one's for them. Q. Do you believe Muhammad Ali was the greatest fighter of all time? A. No, sir, a Greek boxer named Theogenes was tougher. Next to him Ali would've looked somewhat softer. Around 900 B.C., Theogenes fought, barefisted, 1,425 opponents, winning all bouts, without draws, without split decisions, without TKOs or even KOs, as we know them. Theogenes just flatout beat everybody he ever fought - to death.

Q. What do the people in Turkey call that domesticated fowl we refer to as the turkey? A. The American bird.

One ordinance of Clawson City, Mich., specifically permits residents there to sleep with their pigs, if they so desire.

Did I tell you a rat can go longer without water than a camel can? "Swahili" is just an anglicized corruption of the real name of that African language, "Kiswahili." One who speaks

Those who purport to know say most dinosaurs were the size of chickens.

Watch the traffic, Pisces; Taurus takes dramatic turn

IF JANUARY 23RD IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you have natural skill as a writer, psychologist, enjoy flirting, and you regard romance as the spice in life. Gemini, Virgo and Sagittarius persons play important roles in activities, could have these burdens in names: E, N, W. Burden will be lifted in February, and you will have something to celebrate. Your most romantic and profitable month of this year will be July.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Annual revolves around where you live, marital status. Focus will be on income potential, ability to locate lost article. Cancer natives major romance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Circumstances take dramatic turn in your favor. You will be celebrating. You will be at right place at crucial moment. Events transpire to bring you closer to goal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Lops behind scenes. Medicine so that answers can come from within. When entering buildings, check to see where exit signs are. Secret revealed; Scorpio involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Many of your fondest hopes and wishes will be fulfilled if you so permit. Take note of your dreams and desires. Romantic interest leads spice, could prove expensive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Lunar position indicates advancement in business, career. You could also change residence, marital status. You will be ultrasensitive to sound; find your rhythm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Daydreams. Separate facts from illusion. You will attract

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"mystical" people. Transform thoughts into poetic expression. Pisces will figure prominently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Power play! You could be appointed director of organization. Pressure is on - you will be up to it. Investigate "occult matters." Capricorn, Cancer natives play roles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't get "caught up" in minor dispute. Reach beyond the immediate and open lines of communication. You are going places, perhaps to a foreign land. Aries will play top role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Lots of preconceived notions. Highlight original thinking, inventiveness and willingness to take yet another chance on romance. Imprint style, create your own tradition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on where you live, marital status and the "direction of your stars." Emphasis also on children, travel, change and variety of unusual experiences. Cancer native involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You actually have located what you have been seeking. Be aware of what you need and proceed accordingly. Real estate transaction could directly involve you. Sagittarius in picture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Relative requests your presence at unique occasion. Take special care in traffic. Be willing to revise, review and rebuild.

Taurus, Scorpio persons play fascinating roles.

IN THE OUTHOUSE



Susan Cobb gives directions to Dwain Hutson, right, as he and Mark Segulin guide their outhouse down the main street in Conocoully, Wash., during the bucket race at the 19th annual Conocoully Outhouse Races on Saturday. Their team, the Yellow Jacks, from Twisp, Wash., won the race. Hutson and Segulin are members of the Twisp fire department.

Chef sues Trump's resort citing age discrimination

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) - A 62-year-old French chef has sued Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, saying he was fired as executive chef because of his age.

Hired in August 2000, Bernard Goupy said he got a verbal promise from Mar-a-Lago managing director Bernard Lombke that he would receive \$80,000 for one year of work, according to court documents.

Goupy, whose executive chef credits include the Hilton hotel chain in the Middle East and the Caribbean's Wynnham hotels, was fired after six months at Mar-a-Lago and replaced by a chef in his 30s.

Celine Dion and her manager-husband, Rene Angelini, since have hired him as their personal chef at their Jupiter home. The singer and Angelini are scheduled to give videotaped depositions on Wednesday in West Palm Beach for the case.

Goupy's lawsuit, filed in Palm Beach County Circuit Court, seeks back pay and damages of \$40,000.

Trump denied the accusation of age discrimination.

Sultry-voiced jazz singer-songwriter Peggy Lee dies at 81

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Peggy Lee, the singer-composer whose sultry, insinuating voice in such songs as "Is That All There Is?" and "Fever" made her a jazz and pop legend, died Monday. She was 81.

Lee died from a heart attack at her Bel Air home, said her daughter, Nicki Lee Foster.

Lee repeatedly battled injury and ill health, including heart trouble, in a spectacular career that brought her a Grammy, an Oscar nomination and sold-out houses worldwide.

"She was a perfectionist, she had an incredible ear," Foster said. "She saw her performance as a total complete musical picture from start to finish."

During more than 50 years in show business, which began during a troubled childhood and endured through four broken marriages, she recorded hit songs with the Benny Goodman band, wrote songs for a Disney movie and starred on Broadway in a short-lived autobiographical show, "Peg."

Her vocal flexibility and cool, breathy voice brought sultry distinction to big band showstoppers, pop ballads and soulful

Songs by Peggy Lee

I Got It Bad and That Ain't Good, 1942
Blues in the Night, 1942
Why Don't You Do Right, 1943
Walkin' for the Train to Come, 1945
I Don't Know Enough About You, 1946
It's a Good Day, 1947
Manana, 1948
Ball Hit, 1949
Lowdown, 1950
Mr. Wonderful, 1956

laments. She was considered in the same league as Billie Holiday, Mildred Bailey, Ella Fitzgerald and Bessie Smith.

Her hit touched generations of listeners. Lee's more notable recordings included "Why Don't You Do Right?" "I'm a Woman," "Lover," "Pass Me

By," "Where or When," "The Way You Look Tonight," "I'm Gonna Get Fishin'" and "Big Spender." The hit "Is That All There Is?" won her a Grammy for best contemporary female vocal performance in 1969.

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Not Another Teen Movie (PG) Daily 7:20-9:40
Behind Enemy Lines (PG) Daily 7:20-9:40
Jimmy Neutron (G) Daily 7:10

WORLD

Afghan civil servants get first pay in months

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — To their joy, Afghanistan's civil servants were paid Tuesday for the first time in six months.

"I am very, very happy," said Abdel Jami, a Finance Ministry employee clutching a thick wad of afghanis — his pay for the second half of December and the first half of January. Jami received 14 million afghanis, or \$28, the average monthly salary for a government worker.

The government has no money to pay back wages yet, officials said. Paying civil servants is a top priority in Prime Minister Hamid Karzai's hopes of bringing stability to the country.

Only civilian government employees were being paid, not the police and military. Afghanistan has 219,000 civil servants, each of whom will receive a month's wages over the next four days, said Abdul Qader Firat, the acting governor of the Central Bank.

About \$8 million will be paid out, virtually all the money that has been earmarked for Afghanistan in a "startup fund."

The United Nations has appealed for more pledges for the startup fund, but as of late last week none of the donor countries had offered to increase their contributions.

"I am optimistic. The U.N. authorities are working very hard," Firat said.

At the Finance Ministry, more than 100 people were still waiting to collect their pay as the work day ended. A ministry official, Mohammed Masoudi, said the



Afghan Central Bank employee, Abdulah, stands next to bundles of new Afghan money as he waits for his turn to receive his salary following a move by the new interim government to grant salaries to civilian employees Tuesday in Kabul, Afghanistan.

ministry had no safe, so it would have to hand out all the funds the same day.

The startup fund is separate from the \$4.5 billion in assistance pledged over the next several years at a conference of nearly 60 donor nations and international organizations in Tokyo this week.

The pledges fell short of the five-year, \$10 billion goal set by United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan for everything from clearing mines to building bridges and roads and restoring the education and health care systems.

Aid arrives in Congo as residents trudge back home

GOMA, Congo (AP) — Trucks loaded with blankets and plastic sheeting flowed into Goma on Tuesday, and tens of thousands of Congolese left homeless or destitute by a volcanic eruption last week lined up to register to receive food and water in their devastated city.

More than 90 percent of the 300,000 people who fled lava from Mount Nyiragongo, 12 miles north of Goma, have already returned home. Thousands more waited in neighboring Gisenyi, Rwanda, for boats to take them across Lake Kivu to other Congolese cities.

Jacques Durieux, a volcanologist at the French Group for the Study of Active Volcanoes, said there were no indications another eruption of the volcano was imminent, and no more lava was flowing. He said it was now safe for the United Nations to deliver aid directly to Goma and for the

refugees to return home.

"The active phase of the volcanic eruption is finished," said Durieux, who was contracted by the United Nations to assess the situation. He said continuing earth tremors caused by the settling of the area following the Jan. 17 eruption were the only remaining threat. He said most of the buildings in Congo were simple structures, and therefore resistant to earthquakes.

Laura Melo, spokeswoman for the U.N. World Food Program, said the agency would begin distributing food Tuesday outside Goma and planned to deliver food to Goma itself no later than Wednesday.

Gunman opens fire in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian gunman opened fire with an assault rifle on Israelis waiting for a bus on a busy downtown street Tuesday, wounding at eight before he was shot dead by police, officials said.

The attack came hours after Israeli commandos raided a Hamas hide-out and explosives lab in the West Bank town of Nablus, killing four members of the Islamic militant group. Hamas responded by calling an "all-out war" against Israeli soldiers and settlers.

The gunman in the Jerusalem shooting spree was identified as Saeed Ramadan, a member of the Al Aqsa Brigades, which is linked to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, according to members of the group and Palestinian security officials. Like Hamas, the Al Aqsa Brigades militia has said it was ending a cease-fire in response to Israeli attacks.

The gunman was also a member of the Palestinian naval police, said his uncle, Adnan Ramadan, who is mayor of the West Bank village of Tel.

Israeli authorities said they held Arafat responsible for the shooting, which was likely to bring a strong Israeli response.



Palestinian gunman march Tuesday during the funeral procession of Palestinian police officers Omar Wahdan, 20, and Hussein Zildi, 35, who were shot dead by Israeli forces while participating in a gunfight on Monday in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Judges convict Irish militant in car-bombing

DUBLIN, Ireland — A veteran anti-British militant was convicted Tuesday of aiding the dissident Irish Republican Army car-bombers who killed 29 people in the single deadliest attack in Northern Ireland's three decades of bloodshed.

Colm Murphy, 50, did not speak as the three judges of Ireland's Special Criminal Court found him guilty of conspiring to cause the Omagh explosion, a charge that carries a possible life sentence. His sentencing was scheduled for Friday.

The senior judge, Justice Robert Barr, said he and his colleagues accepted evidence that Murphy had supplied two mobile phones used by the Real IRA bombers who abandoned the 500-pound car bomb in the middle of Omagh's crowded shopping district on Aug. 15, 1998.

Sports displace Russia's last independent TV station

MOSCOW — Nonstop sports programming replaced the feisty news shows of Russia's largest independent television station Tuesday after TV6 was yanked from the airwaves as the second shutdown of a major independent television view in nine months.

TV6 came to an end at midnight when an interview show was cut short and replaced by an emergency test pattern.

World in brief

Authorities also severed TV6's links to the approximately 150 cities beyond its central transmission area.

Early Tuesday, a Russian satellite TV service began broadcasting its sports channel for free on Channel 6. The company was granted temporary rights to the frequency.

Myanmar army denies torture, murder allegations

BANGKOK, Thailand — The Myanmar army has tortured and killed hundreds of ethnic Shan villagers and forced at least 300,000 to flee their homes in the last two years, Amnesty International said Wednesday.

"Witnesses described the most horrific methods of killing, including beating and kicking to death, stabbing, smashing heads in, being burnt alive, pouring boiling water over the victim's body and shooting," the report said.

Myanmar's military regime replied that Amnesty International had become a platform for fabrications and exaggerations by Myanmar dissident groups to discredit the government.

Chinese spokesman negates impact of bugging reports

BEIJING — In China's first comment on the reported bugging of

a U.S. made jetliner ordered for its president, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday that he didn't "see any impact" on U.S.-Chinese relations.

Spokesman Sun Yuxi wouldn't say whether President Jiang Zemin would bring up the reported bugging when President Bush visits Beijing next month.

Sun said he couldn't confirm the reports last week by the Washington Post and the Financial Times newspapers that several listening devices had been found on a Boeing 767 jetliner meant for use as China's new presidential jet.

"I have heard of this thing, but so far I have no knowledge of this. And I don't see any impact of this event on any other issues," Sun said at a regular press briefing.

Musharraf: India wants to tarnish Pakistan's image

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan's leader accused archival India of massing troops on the border between the countries to undercut international goodwill Pakistan gained by joining the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

President Pervez Musharraf made the comments to troops stationed along the border with India during a Monday visit. The nuclear-armed neighbors have mobilized some 1 million men after a suicide attack on India's parliament Dec. 13 that New Delhi blames on Pakistan-based militants.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell visited the region last week to urge a dialogue leading to de-escalation. Tensions appeared to cool slightly, but there has been no major breakthrough and rhetoric remains sharp.

"We joined the world coalition against terrorism in the best interest of our country," Musharraf said. "Our adversary, disappointed with the stature that Pakistan has attained as an important coalition partner, has now indulged in hurling false allegations against us and concentrated troops on Pakistan's border."

American imprisoned in Peru appeals sentence

LIMA, Peru — Imprisoned American Lori Berenson asked Peru's highest appeals court on Tuesday to overturn her 20-year prison term for collaborating with leftist rebels in a plot to seize Peru's Congress.

Berenson's defense attorney, Jose Luis Sandoval, made the plea before a five-judge panel of the Supreme Court that handles appeals. Berenson, 32, of New York was not present.

Presiding Justice Guillermo Caballero adjourned the hearing after brief arguments from Sandoval and prosecuting attorney Ysaias Tamayo.

The court has up to 15 working days to reach a decision, Supreme Court spokesman Andriolo Zevallos said.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Curiosity is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous intellect." - Samuel Johnson

A good defender, like a good detective, is a curious fellow who relentlessly examines all the evidence. He refuses to commit himself before he analyzes declarer's intentions and identifies where declarer's strengths and weaknesses may lie.

West leads his spade queen to dummy's ace, and South takes an immediate finesse to his heart queen. When it loses to West's king, what should West do?

Perhaps South might have the diamond ace instead of the club ace. Possible? Yes. Likely? No. If South didn't have the club ace, would he have risked losing dummy's club suit by playing dummy's spade ace at trick one?

Analysis complete, West realizes that a spade continuation will concede a game. Therefore, he boldly shifts to his diamond suit at trick three. And when East plays the deuce he cannot afford to encourage with the nine, West disregards the deuce and continues with another diamond to beat the game.

ANSWER: Pass. The one-level should be high enough, and play in the 4-3 fit should present few problems.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 18360, Richardson TX 75081, enclosing \$0.10 per card addressed, stamped envelope for reply.

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FORK LIFT Clark 4000 lbs. 1000 cc, 55000. Call 778-731-2973.

ISUZU '00 Hombre, good cond. Low mileage. \$8,000. 1st Federal Savings Bank, 738-4427.

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JEEP '99 Grand Cherokee 4x4, fully loaded, low miles. No more down take over lease. 208-726-2938.

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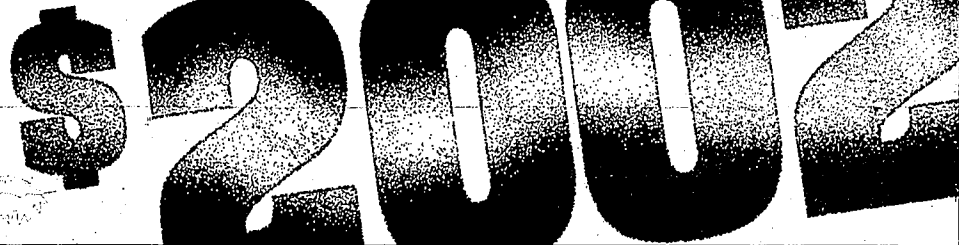
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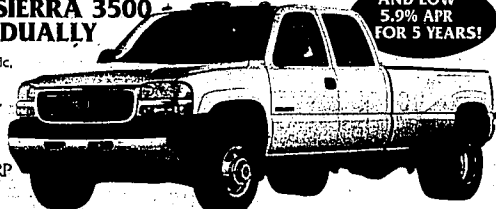


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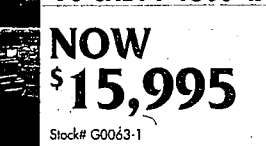
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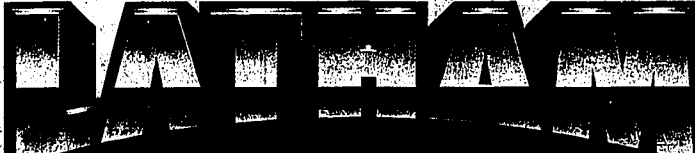


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