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GOOD MORNING

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High 38, Low 24

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Doggin' it

Bird hunting with the dogs in December is a good getaway, regardless of the results.

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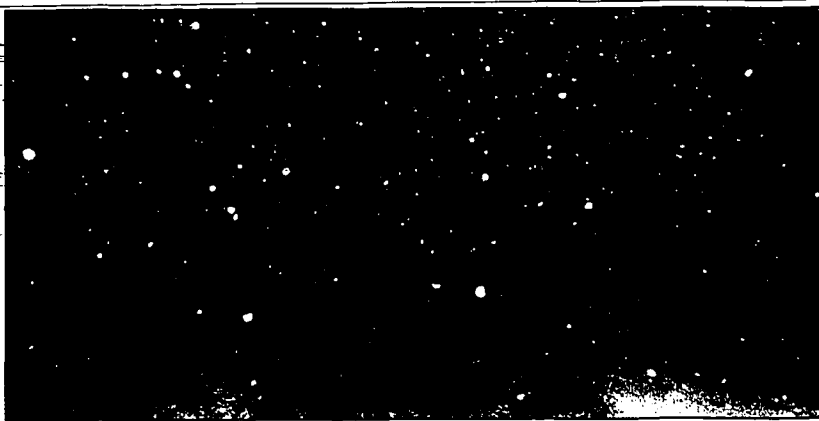
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Looking skyward



Tuesday's snowfall in the South Hills and elsewhere was a welcome sight to many who depend on the white stuff for their livelihoods. On average, about 40 percent of winter snow falls by Jan. 1, but so far basins around the state haven't even reached 20 percent.

Region desperately needs moisture, experts say

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% snow pack**
Upper Snake River	63%	18%
Henry's Fork/Teton	48%	14%
Big Lost	67%	17%
Little Lost	52%	14%
Salmon	45%	12%
Big Wood	57%	15%
Little Wood	67%	17%
Salmon Falls	60%	15%
Oakley Basin	49%	13%

*As of Dec. 10. A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average.
**As of Dec. 10. An indicator of water.



Keeping track

Watch for a daily snowpack update in the Times-News' Magic Valley section starting Thursday. In addition, twice-monthly stories about the water supply outlook will appear throughout the snow season.

Reservoirs are low, precipitation hasn't accumulated since the early-November storm, and soils are dry, he said. The canal company is evaluating its system, looking for more ways to stretch its supply next year, should it prove to be another tight water year for the third year running. Precipitation in Twin Falls has amounted to a mere 5.21 inches since Jan. 1, the National

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Robert Whittle takes a measurement from the rain gauge behind his house in Oakley, The National Weather Service plans to honor Whittle for providing accurate weather data for the last 30 years.

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

Oakley man has charted weather for last 30 years

OAKLEY - Robert Whittle actually did walk a mile and a half to school through snow drifts. You might have heard it before, but this is different. Whittle has boxes full of evidence to support his claim. "For the last 30 years, Whittle

has recorded the precipitation and temperature behind his house in Oakley. The National Weather Service plans to recognize Whittle for delivering Oakley weather information for all but five days of those 30 years. Before 1973, Whittle's father-in-law, Herbert Hardy, went outside to check the rain gauge and thermometers every day for 24

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Case goes to District Court

Officials say man was planning to confront co-worker

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME - Investigators say a Fayette man they caught with three homemade bombs was planning to confront a co-worker who he thought had connections with Osama Bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

Jerome County Prosecutor John Nicholson said Robert Johnson, 29, told police after his arrest Dec. 1 on Interstate 84 near Jerome he had been headed back to Fayette to confront the other man - who was not identified during a preliminary hearing for Johnson.

Johnson and his attorney, Calvin Campbell, did not answer Nicholson's allegations or give any reasons why Johnson might have been armed on the day of his arrest.

Jerome County Magistrate Judge Thomas Borresen found the case against Johnson over to District Court. Johnson faces an initial appearance there Dec. 15. He was held Tuesday in the Jerome County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond.

Borresen upheld a felony charge of unlawful possession of a bomb or destructive device and a misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana against Johnson. But he agreed to drop a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Nicholson explained that Johnson was charged in 1992 of a burglary charge in Oregon - as mentioned during a previous court hearing. A search of court records revealed the charge he was convicted on was a misdemeanor and not a felony, Nicholson said. There are other charges on Johnson's record - including probation violation and carrying a concealed weapon without a permit, Nicholson said. But there is no record of felony convictions, he said.

Idaho State Police Trooper Gerald Kurtz testified that after a driver on Interstate 84 called police Dec 1 and complained that a man in a van was being aggressive, he pulled Johnson's van over near milepost 177 in Jerome County.

Kurtz said Johnson was cooperative and admitted to having a handgun in the case and searched the van and found a double-barreled shotgun that had been disassembled and stored in a gun case. There was also what appeared to be two homemade bombs inside the case and another attached to the outside, Kurtz said. He said he also found a

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Gang bloodshed surges in U.S.

The Associated Press

With law enforcement focused on terrorism, gang-related bloodshed on America's streets is rising to levels not seen since the mid-1990s, when the crack epidemic was still raging, authorities say.

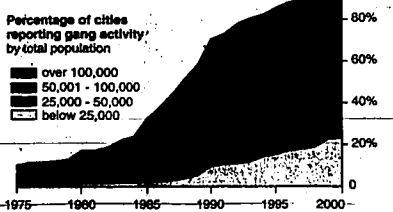
Ethnicities are up sharply this year in cities such as Los Angeles, Oakland, Calif., and Little Rock, Ark., a surge attributed largely to gang members killing each other or those caught in the crossfire.

"We had a stranglehold on it and we allowed them to breathe. We relaxed our grip and now they're back," said Wes McBride, president of the California Gang Investigators Association. The now-retired McBride spent 28 years on gang detail with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Other major cities, including Philadelphia, New York and Miami, are seeing a decline or little change in homicides this year. And bloodshed in the cities with rising death tolls is still consider-

Gangs not just a big city problem

Every year an increasing number of cities - of every population size - has reported gang activity.



SOURCE: National Youth Gang Center

ably lower than it was during the very peak of the crack trade in the early 1990s.

But many fear the cycle is only beginning. "It's too easy given today's terrorism and other security issues to ignore a continuing problem in

places like Los Angeles, but it could become worse than it's been in the last six years," said John Moore, director of the Tallahassee, Fla.-based National Youth Gang Center. "It's gotten more violent and more intense."

Stock market punishes Idaho endowment fund

The Associated Press

BOISE - The bear stock market and depressed economy continues to erode the state's endowment fund, bringing into question even its so-called commitments to public schools and other institutions next year.

The fund lost another \$36 million from July through November, dropping the balance under \$646 million as December began.

State investment analyst Richelle Sugiyama said on Tuesday that anticipated earnings from investments and state lands during the winter and spring will be inadequate to generate the \$21.7 million the fund is scheduled to give public schools in July.

And that is before the additional 2 percent reduction in the projected revenue from state timber sales the Department of Lands announced this week on top of

the 15 percent reduction in the timber revenue outlook issued in late summer.

The endowment trust fund holds the money the state has secured over the last 112 years in sale of state land. The trust cannot be spent, only invested.

The only money that can be spent is a portion of the earnings from investment of the trust or the money paid to graze state land or cut state timber. A formula controls the disbursement of those earnings to the beneficiaries of the trust.

Lands Director Winston Wiggins blamed the uncertainty cast over the market by the persisting dispute with Canada, that has been accused of subsidizing its timber industry by undercharging for its federal timber.

"We're still getting fairly decent prices for our timber," Wiggins said. "The problem is

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies; maybe a light rain or snow shower. Highs in the upper 30s to the lower 40s.
Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy, maybe a lingering shower. Lows in the 20s.
Tomorrow: Seasonal temperatures with mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower 40s.

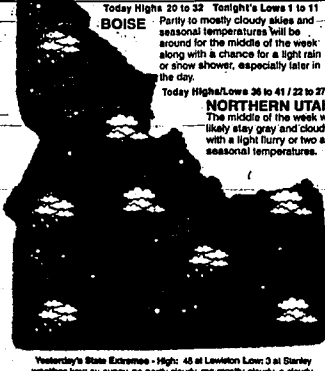
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy skies with a late-day snow or rain shower possible. Highs in the mid to the upper 30s.
Tonight: Continued overcast. Lows near 20.

Tomorrow: Near-average temperatures with variable clouds. Highs in the lower 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN-VALLEY-SURROUNDING MTS. The possibility of a few more snow showers and flurries will bring in good news for the season's snow pack and for the slopes with a few more additional inches possible.



Weather: Partly to mostly cloudy with a few snow showers and flurries possible. Highs in the upper 30s to the lower 40s. Lows in the 20s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Each column contains a weather icon and a temperature range. Today: High 38, Low 24. Tonight: High 38, Low 24. Thursday: High 42, Low 23. Friday: High 44, Low 29. Saturday: High 45, Low 32. Sunday: High 43, Low 33.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Today's High: 48, Low: 21. Precipitation: 0.04". Humidity: 57%.

Barometric Pressure

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Today's Barometric Pressure: 30.06 in. Tomorrow's: 30.05 in.

Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Today's Sunrise: 7:57 AM, Sunset: 5:06 PM. Tomorrow's: 7:58 AM, Sunset: 5:06 PM.

Moon Phases

Table with 2 columns: Dec 11, Dec 18, Dec 27, Jan 2. Shows moon phases: First Qtr, Full Moon, Last Qtr, New Moon.

Water Year

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Today's Water Year: 1.25 PM. Tomorrow's: 1.46 PM.

U.V. INDEX

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Today's U.V. Index: 1. Tomorrow's: 1.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists cities like Boise, Burley, Pocatello, etc. with their respective weather forecasts.

NATIONAL FORECAST

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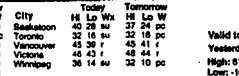
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CANADIAN FORECAST

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Today's National Map



TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



New policy allows first strikes against enemies

The Washington Post WASHINGTON - A Bush administration strategy announced Tuesday calls for the use of pre-emptive military and covert force before an enemy unleashes weapons of mass destruction, and underscores United States willingness to retaliate with nuclear weapons for chemical or biological attacks on U.S. soil or against American troops overseas. The strategy introduces a more aggressive approach to combating weapons of mass destruction, and comes as the nation prepares for a possible war with Iraq. A version of the strategy that was released by the White House said the U.S. will "respond with overwhelming force, including 'all options' in the use of biological, chemical, radiological or nuclear weapons on the nation, its troops or its allies. However, a classified version of the strategy goes even further: It breaks with 50 years of American counterproliferation efforts by authorizing preemptive strikes on states and terrorist groups that are close to acquiring weapons of mass destruction, or the long-range missiles capable of delivering them. The policy aims to prevent the transfer of weapons components or to destroy them before they can be assembled. In a top-secret appendix, the directive names Iraq, Syria, North Korea and Libya among the countries of central focus in the new American approach. Administration officials said the did not imply that Bush intends to use military force, covert or overt, in any of those countries. He is determined, they said, to stop transfers of weapons components in or out of their borders. The policy sets out practical ramifications of Bush's doctrine of pre-emption, contained in a national security strategy released in September, which turns away from Cold War doctrine based on deterrence and containment in favor of taking on hostile states before they can strike. It reiterates in more universal terms a strategy that was made Iraq, in the eve of the Persian Gulf War of 1991. A letter from President George H.W. Bush promised "the strongest possible response" if Iraq were to use chemical and biological weapons against U.S. and allied troops.

Court

Continued from A1 homemade "zip gun" - fashioned to resemble a .22 caliber cartridge - in the van. Officers searching Johnson's person found three knives and a file, Kurz said. Under cross-examination by Campbell, Kurz said he had identified the other driver who had called to complain about the van only as "Mike" - and did not know that man's full name or address. Kurz said he called the Twin Falls Police Department for help with the bomb, and the department sent its two-man bomb squad. Detective Dan Lewin - one of the bomb squad members - said they cleared the area near the van and used a gun designed to fire concentrated water at high velocity to tear the bombs open. Lewin said he discovered the bombs contained what appeared to be illegal fireworks and a substance that appeared to be gunpowder. They had apparently also been rigged to throw .22 caliber cartridges, wire and other material as shrapnel, Lewin said. Campbell argued for a reduction in Johnson's bond, saying that in Johnson's own a home and property in Fayette and has a job waiting for him there. But Borresen denied the request, citing the apparent threat that Johnson might have been planning to use the bombs or other weapons against another person. Times-News writer Mark Heinz can be reached at 733-2339 or by e-mail at mheinz@mgsculley.com.

Crew stops missile-carrying ship

WASHINGTON (AP) - A ship carrying a dozen Scud-type missiles believed to originate in North Korea was intercepted in the Arabian Sea on Tuesday, the White House said. U.S. officials said the missiles were at least initially headed for Yemen. The ship was stopped and boarded about 600 miles east of the Horn of Africa, after close tracking by U.S. intelligence, said U.S. officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity. "The ship's official name was a dozen short to medium-range missiles, similar to the Scud missiles used by Iraq in the Persian Gulf War, the officials said. It also contained missile parts. The Bush administration met the discovery with a measured reaction, declining to characterize either how much concern it raised among U.S. officials or the range of options for a response. A White House spokesman for national security issues said the United States would enlist the help of U.S. allies in the region to fashion its next move - a decidedly diplomatic, and possibly slow, approach. "This is an issue of concern," said a spokesman for Sen. McCormack. "We are working with other governments to figure out the next step." McCormack said the immediate tasks were to deal with the crew, identified as from North Korea, and to secure the ship.

Whittle

Continued from A1 years. Whittle has charted out the monthly highs and lows and precipitation from 1949 through December 2002. He can show you exactly when floods filled Goose Creek Reservoir to capacity, when temperatures reached their record low of minus 20 degrees, and when snows left Oakley residents stranded in their homes. Even if Whittle doesn't have weather records from when he was a boy, he has a little more credibility than the average granddaddy when he says, "The cliffs were so high I never had to climb a fence on my way to school." "Robert Whittle has provided nearly flawless temperature and precipitation information for

Oakley, Idaho, to the National Weather Service for more than 29 years," said meteorologist James Meyer, in a press release. Whittle collects the weather information as a volunteer in the Cooperative Weather Observer Program. Meteorologists use his information in models for forecasting, then send it to the National Climatic Data Center where it becomes part of the record. The more weather observers there are, the more data points scientists have to work with, said meteorologist Coleen Decker. "Volunteers add so much to the data base," Decker said. "For Whittle, weather observation is a hobby, another way for him to record history. Whittle has weather charts pinned up in the laundry room and pictures of his ancestors hanging in the living room. He lives on the land his ancestor, George Page Whittle, homesteaded when sent by Mormon leader Brigham Young to colonize the area. Taking down weather readings is another way to keep the past from slipping away. Whittle's charts show there has not been much precipitation this winter. But farmers should not start worrying too much yet. Significant snowfall sometimes comes early in the calendar year, he said. Pointing at the first line on his

chart, Whittle recalled the great snows of 1949. Twenty-one inches fell, and the wind blew it all onto the roads, he said. Slim Severson had bought a new Caterpillar that year. With all the snow he made from plowing, Severson paid for the tractor by the time the snow melted. "There was just one lane where he bucked it out, and you could walk on top of the walls and touch the telephone lines," Whittle said. When a truck got stuck in this tunnel, all traffic halted. Whittle, who had gone to see a movie at Howell's opera house, had to leave his car and walk his date home in the blizzard. While Whittle has seen too many variations in rain patterns to make claims about dropping precipitation, he does think the weather is becoming warmer in the spring and fall. "It definitely slipped to where we don't have a good spring any more," he said. In the fall, farmers used to dig up all their potatoes by Oct. 15 for fear of freezing. Now it stays warmer in the fall and shifts rapidly from cold to hot in the spring, Whittle said.

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Endowment

Continued from A1 people backing off of harvest. The Canadian issue has not gone away. If anything, it is worse. This month's report to the state Land Board shows that less than 19 percent of this year's timber planned for harvest has been sold. Sugiya said there will be enough cash to pay the \$2.7 million increase for the 20,000 retirees in March. It declined to add the other eight-tenths of a percentage point to fully cover the increase in the consumer price index. The fund's lost value also prompted the board to vote to return government and employee contribution rates to their higher levels of the 1990s before the stock market bubble permitted a rate reduction.

Moisture

Continued from A1 Weather Service in Boise says. In average years, annual precipitation from January through the end of December is 9.93 inches. Ron Abramovich, a hydrologist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise, recounted how he and his family were able to hike into the forest over the weekend to find a Christmas tree. Usually, the snow is too deep to venture far from the road. "I was amazed how dry the soil was. We just never got our fall rains at all," he said. Southern-facing slopes were particularly dry, he said. In an average, about 40 percent of winter snow falls by Jan. 15. So far this year, basins around the state haven't even reached 20 percent of an average season - which peaks in spring months - and most of the snow has fallen in Idaho mountains. In the one storm that brought snow in early November. Most of the winter remains to come, and there is time for conditions to improve, Abramovich said. Mike Bens with the Bureau of Reclamation in Burley said he thinks it's too early to be overly concerned, but he said a turn around from the dry weather is past due. The National Interagency Fire Center in Boise is paying close attention to Rocky Mountain states, including Idaho, said Rick Ochoa, the National Fire Weather Program manager for the Bureau of Land Management. From a fire-fighting perspective, dry conditions have made it an area of primary concern for the next few seasons. Times-News writer Jennifer Johnson can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 232, or by e-mail at jjohnson@mgsculley.com.

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NATION

Diocese reaches abuse settlement

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester averted unprecedented criminal charges, agreeing in a settlement Tuesday that it probably would have been convicted of failing to protect children from sexually abusive priests.

"The church in New Hampshire fully acknowledges and accepts responsibility for failures in our system that contributed to the endangerment of children," Bishop John J. McCormack said at a news conference. "We commit ourselves in a public and binding way to address every weakness in our structure."

The settlement means the church won't face child endangerment charges, Attorney General Phillip McLaughlin said at an earlier news conference. McCormack's signature on the 10-page agreement.

The settlement has provisions to protect children from abuse in the future and calls for full disclosure of past abuses by priests and diocese officials. The diocese also agreed to allow state prosecutors to audit the way it handles sexual-abuse complaints for the next five years.

The settlement represents a new wrinkle as prosecutors look into the sex abuse crisis across

the country. Individual priests have been indicted, and a New York grand jury issued a report accusing church officials of sheltering molesters, though it did not indict anyone. The New Hampshire settlement is the only one reached so far under the imminent threat of criminal indictment of a diocese.

The wide-ranging investigation in New Hampshire, which began in February, involved nearly 50 priests and more than 100 alleged victims, and covered conduct back to the 1960s, prosecutors have said.

It was triggered by a flood of sexual abuse charges against

Boston-area priests beginning late last year. Some of the alleged abuses occurred in New Hampshire or involved priests or victims who had lived in both states at some point.

McLaughlin said he had confirmed reports of molestation involving more than 40 priests and was prepared to bring charges based on five or six of them, involving about 30 victims. Under the settlement, priests and other employees must strictly follow the state's mandatory reporting law, which suggests child abuse and neglect and must immediately report suspicions even if the victim is no longer a minor.

Court rules against felons in gun case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court blocked felons from going straight to court to get their gun rights restored, rejecting arguments Tuesday that those people have nowhere else to go.

Justices didn't get into the constitutional arguments. In a brief decision, they ruled unanimously that courts can intervene only after the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has rejected a request.

However, Congress already has barred the ATF from considering such requests. The high court's message for a Texas man who wanted to get around the ban: too bad.

The case had stirred up gun rights supporters, who contend that Thomas Bean and others

convicted of nonviolent crimes should not permanently lose their gun rights.

The Bush administration argued against Bean, despite the Justice Department's position that the Constitution guarantees a right to gun ownership. Justice Clarence Thomas, one of the court's most conservative members, wrote the decision. He said the ATF, not a judge, was best prepared to look into whether an applicant could be a danger to public safety.

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President Bush stands behind William H. Donaldson, left, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House Tuesday, after announcing that he has chosen the investment banker to head the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Bush chooses investment banker to head the SEC

WASHINGTON (AP) — William H. Donaldson, an investment banker with ties to Wall Street and the Bush family, was chosen by President Bush on Tuesday as the new chairman of the besieged Securities and Exchange Commission. He pledged to work to restore confidence in the markets and corporate America.

At a White House ceremony, Bush said Donaldson's mission would be "to vigorously enforce our nation's laws against corporate corruption and to uphold the highest standards of integrity in the securities markets."

Bush said restoring confidence in the markets was essential to the country's economic well-being, Donaldson said, "it's time for all of us to pull up our socks."

He noted the numerous cases of corporate wrongdoing over the past year and said he would deal with them swiftly.

Amid uncertain markets and a shaky economy, Bush is moving to revamp his economic team in advance of the 2004 election campaign. On Monday, he named railroad executive John Snow to succeed Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill. Still to be named is a replacement for White House economic chief Larry Lindsey, who, like O'Neill, was forced out.

Wall Street investment banker Stephen Friedman was said to be the leading candidate, but a final decision by Bush is awaiting the resolution of unspecified personal and professional issues that recently cropped up for Friedman.

Bush also is promising a new tax-cut package, which aides say could cost as much as \$300 billion over 10 years, as the White

House tries to control political damage from the ailing economy. Democrats criticized Bush's economic team as well as his policies, and called for SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt's resignation. Pitt quit under pressure last month over his handling of the SEC's response to financial debates at Enron and other big companies that wiped out investors' retirement savings, cost thousands of jobs and socked pension funds across the country.

Donaldson was chairman of the New York Stock Exchange from 1990-95 and a co-founder of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, a well-known investment banking firm.

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Town defines city limits

Bethany, Oklahoma, tries to keep its residents in line

BETHANY, Okla. (AP) - After growing tired of losing shoppers to neighboring cities, leaders of this Oklahoma town drew the line.

Desperate for sales tax dollars, they painted an 18-inch-wide blue line around the city corresponding to its jagged boundary with neighboring Oklahoma City and Warr Acres.

The goal is to make sure Bethany's 21,000 residents don't mistakenly drive outside the city to dine, shop or get their cars fixed.

"When you shop past the blue line, you're supporting the police and fire departments in Oklahoma City and Warr Acres - not Bethany," said City Manager Dan Galloway, one of the brains behind the blue line. "Before we convince our people they need to shop here, we better make certain they know where Bethany is."

Bethany can use all the help it can get.

The city hasn't filled 14 staff positions, including two police officers and two firefighters, because it doesn't have the money, Galloway said.

Bethany brings in \$185 per capita each year in sales tax, compared with \$455 in Oklahoma City and about \$300 in Warr Acres.

"Things are getting pretty lean," the city manager said. City council members have also been handing out blue-trimmed window decals to the town's some 300 businesses that say "Bethany Means Business."



City Manager Dan Galloway stands at a part of the fat line painted along the city limits of Bethany, Okla., Monday. Officials in the town of about 20,000 came up with the idea so residents would know when they were spending sales tax dollars in Bethany.

Panel OKs intelligence correction report

WASHINGTON (AP) - Lawmakers on Tuesday approved a report designed to correct intelligence shortcomings that may have prevented authorities from stopping the Sept. 11 attacks.

Details of the report, approved in a private meeting by the House and Senate Intelligence committees, were not revealed. Preliminary drafts called for creating the position of national intelligence director, a Cabinet-level post that would oversee all U.S. intelligence operations.

Paul Anderson, a spokesman for Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Bob Graham, said lawmakers made changes in the recommendations, but he gave no specifics. The recommendations will be announced at a news conference Wednesday.

Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, told reporters that implementing the recommendations would be expensive.

"Do we have the guts to spend the money on intelligence?" he said.

Some of the 20 or so recommendations being considered would:

- Commission a study on whether a new domestic intelligence agency is needed.
- Thoroughly investigate whether U.S.-based terrorists receive help from foreign governments.
- Review whether to expand a law allowing surveillance of foreign terror suspects in the United States.
- Establish procedures to reward staff members who acted in ways that could have prevented

ed the attacks and discipline those whose actions might have prevented the attacks from being stopped.

The recommendations by the joint inquiry followed months of public and private hearings in which congressional staff faulted the CIA, FBI and other intelligence agencies for failing to share information that, if pieced together, might have uncovered the Sept. 11 plot.

NASA postpones spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - A potential medical issue with one of the new residents of the international space station has prompted NASA to postpone an upcoming spacewalk.

The spacewalk by American astronaut Kenneth Bowersox and Russian cosmonaut Nikolai Budarin had been planned for Thursday, but was put off

Monday night until at least January.

NASA spokesman Rob Navias said Tuesday that because of medical privacy, he could not identify which spaceman was affected or what the concerns entailed. He said the issue was under evaluation, but that it had "no mission impact whatsoever." "There is no mission impact to

anything else that this crew is doing on-orbit or to the objectives" of the expedition, Navias said.

The concern came up during routine medical testing aboard the space station. Spacewalking can be grueling work, and astronauts need to be in top form. Nonetheless, the postponement was a rare move for NASA.

Magazine says

chickens contain harmful bacteria

WASHINGTON (AP) - A consumer magazine says it found bacteria in more than half the chickens it bought from stores nationwide that kill hundreds of people a year and sicken millions.

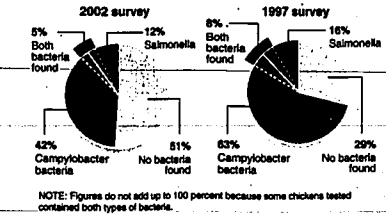
Much of the bacteria was drug-resistant.

The bacterium campylobacter was found in 42 percent of 484 fresh broiler chickens tested for a survey published in the January 2003 issue of Consumer Reports. The magazine said 12 percent of the chickens had salmonella, caused by a different bacterium.

Both bugs can cause diarrhea, fever, abdominal pain and sometimes death.

Drug-resistant bacteria found in chicken

A recent survey of store bought chicken by Consumer Reports magazine found less instances of bacteria than a 1997 survey, but many of the bacteria found were more resistant to antibiotics.



NOTE: Figures do not add up to 100 percent because some chickens tested contained both types of bacteria. In the 2002 survey, whole broiler chickens were bought at supermarkets and health-food stores in 25 cities nationwide representing four leading brands, 14 supermarket brands, nine premium brands and two kosher brands. In the 1997 survey, approximately 1,100 broiler chickens were purchased and tested.

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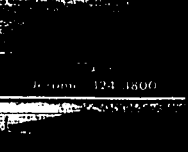


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Lab will test Iraq's no-nuke claim

SEIBERSDORF, Austria (AP) — In a sprawling U.N. laboratory tucked among snow-speckled beet fields, a scientist in surgical scrubs fuses over a battery of sophisticated radiation-detecting equipment.



A scientist is seen through a window in one of the laboratories of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Seibersdorf, east of Vienna, Austria, Tuesday.

Experts with the International Atomic Energy Agency, leading the hunt for nuclear weapons in Iraq, are gathering to analyze the first air, water, and soil dust samples gathered by U.N. inspectors and test Saddam's claims his country poses no atomic threat.

The latest in high-tech sleuthing techniques will determine the veracity of Iraq's insistence it has abandoned its nuclear program, IAEA lab director David Donohue told reporters Tuesday.

"If there's uranium present, we'll find it," Donohue said. "If a strongman in the event of war in downtown Vienna, we could find it."

The signs of war sharpened the atmosphere surrounding the Iraq crisis, just as the United Nations prepared to begin weeks of analysis of the 12,000-page Iraqi declaration, which is supposed to "tell all" about chemical, biological and nuclear programs.

Their findings could determine whether Baghdad is bluffing—and provide evidence the Bush administration could use to justify an attack on Iraq.

IAEA spokesman Mark Gwozdecky said the results of the first 20 to 30 samples screened at the agency's Clean Laboratory Unit in Seibersdorf, 25 miles east of Vienna, likely will be ready by the time IAEA Director General Mohamed ElBaradei reports to the U.N. Security Council on Jan. 27.

But Gwozdecky said the analysis, like the inspections themselves, would continue into the new year — and he made it clear the nuclear agency was resisting pressure from the United States for hastily prepared or incomplete findings.

"We'll report what we know at that time," he said. "We will not compromise the technical integrity of our work just because there's political pressure to have results." Gwozdecky again called on Washington to hand over the evidence the Bush administration has repeatedly asserted it has of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, noting the latest U.N. Security Council resolution requires member states to deliver any such information to the United Nations.

Baghdad accuses U.S. of takeover

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The Iraqi government accused Washington on Tuesday of taking control of a U.N. master copy of Baghdad's arms declaration in order to tamper with it and create a pretext for war.

President Saddam Hussein, meanwhile, spoke of war and sacrifice in a meeting with top lieutenants, men U.S. strategists hope will abandon the Iraqi struggle in the event of war.

Inspections in the two weeks since the U.N. operation resumed. The U.N. monitoring operation received reinforcements Tuesday when 28 new inspectors flew in, expanding the staff to 70. Chief inspector Hans Blix says he expects to have 100 in place by the end of the year.

Two copies of the Iraqi documents were delivered to U.N. headquarters in New York late Sunday, one to the Security Council and the other to the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission. The complex declaration describes Iraq's former chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs, and details hundreds of so-called dual-use sites in Iraq, whose products or equipment can be alternated between civilian and military uses.

German court travels to U.S. for testimony

HAMBURG, Germany — A German court trying a suspect in the Sept. 11 terror attacks will go to the United States next week to question an Algerian convicted in a millennium bomb plot, the chief judge announced Tuesday.

Two other judges also will travel to Seattle for the sessions scheduled for Dec. 17-19, along with defense lawyers, prosecutor and at least two attorneys representing victims and relatives of those killed Sept. 11.

Armitage, who arrived in Seoul on Tuesday, discussed North Korea with President Kim Dae-jung, Foreign Minister Choi Sung-hong and Defense Minister Lee Jun.

Giant European satellite plunges into Pacific Ocean. MOSCOW — The world's largest communications satellite was sent plunging into the Pacific Ocean Tuesday two weeks after a Russian booster rocket failed to put it into the correct orbit, Russia's space force said.

spokesman Vyacheslav Davidyenko. The French-made Astra-1K was rendered useless following its Nov. 26 launch on a Russian Proton rocket, when a Russian-made booster unit failed to push the satellite into its intended orbit.

U.S. seeks 'diplomatic solution' with North Korea

SEOUL, South Korea — Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage said Tuesday that Washington would seek a "diplomatic solution" to North Korea's

European mission control used the Astra-1K's engines to push it back into the earth's atmosphere and plunge it into the southern Pacific Ocean, said space forces

Spain: Sunken tanker leaks daily

MADRID, Spain (AP) — A tanker that spilled 5 million gallons of oil off northwestern Spain before it split in two and sank is leaking about 33,000 gallons of oil every day, officials said Tuesday.

studying the disaster. It was more bad news for the Spanish coast, one of the world's richest fishing areas; that has been tarred by the oil washing ashore.

The leaks from the tanker Prestige could continue into 2006, said Emilio Lora Tamayo, who led a scientific commission

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EDITORIAL

New legislative talent can handle the heat

The baptism of fire usually experienced by freshman lawmakers has grown into a blazing inferno for the 2003 session newcomers. The state faces a slew of budget decisions that even battle-scarred legislators are dreading.

But the new blood in the Statehouse looks promising. There's no reason to think the new contingent of lawmakers won't rise to the challenge. One freshman legislator from the Magic Valley, and two others with a couple of years under their belts, already been tagged to play crucial roles in legislative committees.

Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Buhl, recently elected to represent western Twin Falls County and Owyhee County, has been named as a vice chairman of the Senate Education Committee. Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, heading into her second session, was named vice chairwoman of the House Health and Welfare Committee.

And Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, picked up a spot on the coveted Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, a position that usually is gained after many years of service. Bedke was picked after serving one term. (Appointed two years ago to replace the departing Rep. Jim Kempton, Bedke was elected to a second term in November.)

The committees for which Gannon and Block were handed vice chairmanships may come as a surprise to those legislators. But their skills should pay off successfully in both instances. Gannon's experience in budget management and in local education matters will certainly help in his committee. And once the state's economy recovers, he could be a crucial advocate for a much-needed university outreach center at the College of Southern Idaho.

Block has earned a solid reputation as a tireless worker during her first term. That quality will be needed as the state searches for solutions to rising health and welfare costs.

Bedke's appointment to JFAC should help some of the

string from his loss in the race for Republican caucus chairman. Now's the perfect chance for him to cut his teeth on the powerful JFAC, with the group facing a revenue shortage in 2003-2004 estimated at \$160 million.

The man responsible for tapping two of these officials for leadership, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, did so partly to reward those who supported him in his fight to retain the speakership. Newcomb's critics wanted a leader with a firmer management style, and they got one.

To cook up solutions in the upcoming legislative session, a blend of new and old ideas needs to be thrown in the pot of policy decisions. Leadership responsibilities may get somewhat intense, but these new lawmakers should be able to handle the heat.

On another note....

One local legislator who didn't fare as well on leadership responsibilities was Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, who fell short in his bid for assistant majority leader against Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star.

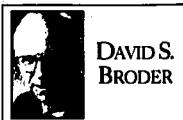
The vote was close, and some suspect regional rivalries decided the outcome. But one of Smith's political contributions may have been a factor. Even though he ran unopposed for District 24, Smith accepted a \$150 donation from Fawcett Park, Thomas, Burkett, Olsen & Williams. That's the Boise law firm of former Democratic gubernatorial candidate Robert Huntley and other former Democrat office holders.

Huntley, a former Idaho Supreme Court justice, is representing school districts that are suing the state for construction money. Smith is a moderate Republican and is well-respected by colleagues. But taking money from a Democrat law firm, especially one that aims to stick Idahoans with a big tax increase, may not have gone over well with GOP insiders.

Perhaps it's a reminder to other Republicans: It matters who signs your contribution checks.



O'Neill's blunt style will be missed



DAVID S. BRODER

It is beyond me to understand or explain why newly dismissed Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill was not a comforting figure to the financial world. But if replacing him with railroad executive John Snow will calm the nerves of those walling babies on Wall Street, I will rejoice along with all the other 401(k) plan holders who have watched their retirement savings dwindle.

Still, O'Neill will be missed in Washington for two quite different reasons. This capital never has a surplus of truth-tellers and they are in particularly short supply at the moment. O'Neill was notably one of them - which may be one reason why he was the first to be fired from the Bush Cabinet.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, the Iowa Republican (who himself would be on any short list of Straight Shooters), said it well. As the once and future chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, Grassley did a lot of business with O'Neill. When he got word of the president's action, he put out a statement that said: "I enjoyed Paul O'Neill's candor about everything. More of his unreserved honesty is needed inside the Beltway. O'Neill serves as an example of unselfish service for the good of the American people that more of corporate America should follow."

I can second those views. The Treasury is not my normal beat, but every time I had a chance to hear or interview O'Neill, I came away impressed that there was a man with a down-to-earth grasp of realities, who scorned dogma of any variety - left or right - and who was ready to wrestle with the ambiguities and uncertainties of policy-making and to change course when his original notion failed to get results.

Early in the administration,

when the air was filled with confidence - nay, smug - talk about vast budget surpluses stretching at least a decade into the future, O'Neill used what I have described as a barbyard epithet to dismiss those rosy forecasts. My colleague at that breakfast interview, columnist Robert Novak, was dismayed at O'Neill's heresy. But when those projected surpluses melted into deficits this year, O'Neill's judgment was vindicated.

Now, anonymous White House officials are saying they want the new man to "sell" the old economic policy better than O'Neill did. I would hope Mr. Snow would also be willing to address budgetary realities as bluntly as O'Neill did and challenge the political types to make their numbers add up.

The second reason to regret O'Neill's forced departure is that he knows as much about what needs fixing in the American health care system as anyone around. It would have been very useful to have him engaged in the health care debate that Congress and the Bush administration now seem ready to begin.

As CEO of Alcoa, O'Neill organized a collaboration of doctors, hospitals, insurers and employers to improve the quality and efficiency of health care services in southwestern Pennsylvania. On his own last year, he dragoned Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson and two of the major players on

Capitol Hill, Republican Sen. Bill Frist and Democratic Sen. Ted Kennedy, into spending a day in Pittsburgh to learn about this experience.

As a tag-along that day, I grasped just enough to understand that internal changes in hospital and medical practices - organizational reforms and specific measures to reduce errors and improve patient outcomes - have to be at the heart of any serious effort to rescue our dysfunctional health care system.

Perhaps in his involuntary retirement, O'Neill can go back to that project and bring his personal understanding into a broader national debate about health care.

People are beginning to figure out that unless we address health care as a whole, incremental "reforms" - whether a children's health insurance program, or a nurses' training bill, or a patients' bill of rights, or a prescription drug benefit for the elderly - will not halt the rapid slide into systemic failure.

Sen. Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat, and Orrin Hatch, a Utah Republican, plan to push a bipartisan bill to create a 26-member citizens' commission on "health care that works for all Americans." It would hold public hearings and draft a report on a universal, high-quality and affordable health care system, with a built-in assurance that Congress would consider and act on its recommendations.

O'Neill would be a natural to lead such a commission. And I guarantee you one thing: He would force everyone to face facts about our faltering health care system.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.

LETTERS

Downtown parking problems are shameful

I am appalled by the attitude of some of the merchants in old downtown. I went to see the Festival of Trees and to do some shopping on my lunch hour. There were little signs with store names on them by some of the parking meters. Some stores took up two or three parking spaces. I was told these parking spots were not for people going to the Festival of Trees but for those merchants only. That is not right. If we put money in the meter, we can go anywhere or shop in any store, and this includes going to the Festival of Trees.

I took 15 minutes to see the trees and when I went outside, I ran into a lady friend of my parents. She was understandably upset because she had accidentally parked in a leased spot (which was not properly or clearly marked as such) and her car was

gone. The gutless lessee of that spot called a tow truck without first notifying her. She had no idea where her car had gone.

If this is how some of the downtown merchants want to behave, then I, for one, can and will do without them. Now go do the right thing.

BRENDA ROWE
Twin Falls

Stop sin-tax hikes; smokers pay enough

Well, here goes. It is time that all you non-smokers thank the smokers. I propose that the Legislature start a "Hug a Smoker Day." As soon as they pass the tax increase on the cigarettes, smokers should be set aside to thank the smokers for their continued support in the balancing of the state budget. I know it is not enough that we die earlier, saving the Social Security payments for the non-smokers. I know

it is not enough that we pay the higher insurance rates.

We must balance the budget. I'm willing to pay my fair share. Let's also increase the tax on any establishment that allows smoking. That way you can get us twice. Hey, a lot of smokers drink too, maybe you could tax that some more as well. Remember, encourage enough people to start smoking, then you might lower taxes in other areas.

Sincerely, my smoking is not a healthy choice. We know the result. It is a choice and not the good one. But the government thinks it can change it financial well-being by taxing an addiction then we have a problem. The only fair thing to do is to increase the sales tax (not food). This will then tax those that can spend more and tax less those of us that don't have it to spend. Let us be fair to all, smokers. It is the way to go.
STEVEN SHATTEN
Filer

Re-nominating judges may backfire for Bush

When Congress convenes in January, Republicans will be in firm control of the Senate Judiciary Committee for the first time since the earliest days of the Bush administration. The question, of course, is what will happen if there is a vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court during the next two years? Will President Bush nominate a mainstream candidate, a moderate with strong credentials who can draw support from both sides of the aisle? Or will he make a fight of it by naming a conservative stalwart who will provoke Democrat protest?

While it is impossible to predict all of the political considerations that will go into an eventual Supreme Court selection, we will probably get a tantalizing preview of Bush's strategy within the next month or so. There are currently a dozen vacancies on the federal courts of appeal for which the president has yet to choose nominees. His approach to these nominations will serve volumes about his plans for the Supreme Court.

STEVEN LUBET

Unfortunately, the signs are not promising. It is believed that Bush intends to resubmit the names of Charles Pickering and Priscilla Owen, the only two of his nominees who were not allged when Democrats controlled the Judiciary Committee. Although Republicans would no doubt see the confirmation of Pickering and Owen as a matter of simple justice, it would surely feel like pure retribution to the Democrats.

It might be worth raising the stakes that way if either Pickering or Owen were exceptional candidates, somehow irreplaceable on the federal appellate bench, or if they had been unfairly victimized by the former Democratic majority. But there were good reasons for the Democrats to reject them, and there are good reasons now for Bush to look elsewhere.

Pickering is an undistinguished federal trial court judge in Mississippi, most notable for his friendship with the once-and-future Senate majority leader, Trent Lott. His initial nomination was defeated in allged that he had used his authority to intimidate federal prosecutors into reducing charges against a convicted arsonist.

Priscilla Owen, a justice of the Texas Supreme Court, is by most accounts a capable jurist. But her views are so far to the right that Alberto Gonzalez, Bush's own White House counsel, once accused her of "unconscionable judicial activism" in an abortion case.

By reviving the Pickering and Owen nominations, Bush will signal that he is uninterested in compromise, much less in obtaining the "advice and consent" of the minority party. That would be a shame, since there are many staunchly conservative lawyers and judges whose support the president could instead name.

There is no doubt that Bush has the power to place his chosen nominees on the federal bench. The test of leadership will be seen in how he exercises that power. Will he show some restraint, indicating a modicum of respect for the minority? Or will he press forward with the two most controversial candidates he can find, firing the first shot in a confirmation war?

The re-nomination of Pickering and Owen would be an exercise of pure political muscle. Perhaps Republicans think they have nothing to lose by putting the Democrats firmly in their place, as a cautionary prelude to the next Supreme Court appointment.

It is the pending swing and forth in politics; perhaps Bush will realize that pushing it to the extreme end of the arc will only increase its momentum on the way back down. Good will can come in handy now and then, even for a president in control of Congress.

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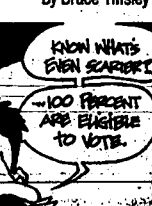
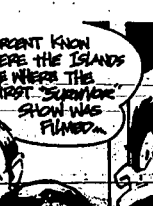
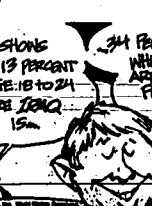
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Court must choose merit or diversity

PETER A. BROWN

We're finally going to find out if 30 years of racial preferences are legally justified by the much longer period of discrimination against minorities.

only fair that they now get a leg up as compensation.

It clearly protects individuals from discrimination. The white, working-class daughter of a police officer rejected by Michigan despite grades and test scores clearly superior to accepted minority candidates had nothing to do with slavery or segregation.

of others to achieve a supposedly higher purpose? The betting is that the Supreme Court will say there is no constitutional right that guarantees diversity. Let's hope so. Two wrongs don't make a right.

The Supreme Court will choose between two American beliefs: that merit should triumph, and that opportunity for the disadvantaged should be rewarded.

There was never a public vote. In some cases, courts ordered such policies, but more often they were created by government bureaucrats and their corporate cousins: However the policies came into effect, they are now common.

The question before the court is: Should she suffer for the misdeeds of others to achieve a supposedly higher purpose?

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At issue is the University of Michigan policy of higher admission standards for whites and Asian-Americans than for blacks and Hispanics.

White Americans are not doing penance in the heartland anymore. White Americans are saying publicly what they muttered privately before: That, yes, blacks were treated shamefully, enslaved during this country's first century and segregated during its second 100 years.

Until a lower federal court stepped in, the University of Georgia was giving admissions preferences to white men over white women to compensate for the fact that girls do better in high school than boys. That's the same reason universities have been giving blacks and Hispanics preferences over whites and Asians.

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Most white Americans think that what supporters call affirmative action is a legal charade for less-qualified minorities to get jobs, contracts and seats in prestigious colleges. An even larger percentage of blacks think that those programs, which detractors label as racial preferences, are the only way to ensure that minorities get their commensurate share of economic goodies.

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They are both right. But unless the court ducks the issue, one of two fundamental values that most Americans hold dear — merit or diversity — will give way to the other.

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Since the 1970s, the idea has been first that blacks, then Hispanics and white women had long been excluded from equal competition for society's goodies. Thus, advocates argued, it was

White resentment has grown along with the minority middle class. Racial and gender preferences have gotten out of hand. They have become the mantra of those in power who are just trying to make their student bodies and work forces match the population breakdown, regardless of merit.

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LETTER

Additional phone bill fees are ridiculous

I was wondering if anyone had noticed the increase in their telephone bill lately? I did! Quest is now \$37.50 for my basic monthly service and \$7.30 in additional charges. This comes to the grand total of \$44.80. Yet my bill is for \$33.93 — almost \$10 more than what my basic bill is.

equals \$96,000 annually; 911 Service Charge \$1 equals \$1,200,000 annually.

The little sprinkles on the cake is the fact that Idaho Power is now starting to do the same thing.

Recently, a new tax appeared on my Idaho Power bill. This new tax is for a Conservation Program Funding Charge of 30 cents, which equals \$360,000 annually. I don't recall anyone asking me if I wanted to involuntarily fund a conservation program for Idaho Power.

Gives you pause to think, huh? Keep in mind, I only used 100,000 households as a measurement for these figures.

PAULA G. MEUNIER
Jerome

Let me break this down. Quest is collecting for the government: Federal Excise Tax, 96 cents; Federal Access Charge, \$6; Federal Universal Service Fund, \$6 cents; Federal Charge for Service Provider Number Portability, 43 cents for a total of \$7.95!

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Now, let's look at these charges. FET — what is that? FAC — what is that? FUSF — I wonder who benefits from this fund? Last but not least, FCSPPN — I believe this enables us to keep the same phone number we have if we were to move. My phone number is only good if I move somewhere in Jerome.

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I don't know when these taxes began however, let's pretend they began when I first got this particular phone number. That means I have paid more \$118.68 to somebody to keep this phone number. No one asked me if I cared.

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Taking this one step further, I have paid \$264.96 to a FET, whatever that is; \$1,656 in FAC, whatever that is; and \$154.56 went to the FUSF.

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There are more than 100,000 people in the Magic Valley. The government collected more than \$795,000 last year and \$7,950,000 from the people in Magic Valley over the past 10 years. Makes one think doesn't it?

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The icing on the cake is the state taxes on our phone bill: Idaho Telecommunications Service Assistance Program, 10 cents equals \$120,000 annually; State Universal Service Fund (there is another service fund that doesn't provide for me), 8 cents

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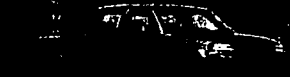


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AROUND THE VALLEY

Kimberly choir will perform Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Kimberly School District Choir will perform at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Canyon Cafe-Food Court at the Magic Valley Mall.

The presentation is this week's Sounds of the Season program at the mall's Christmas Chronicle.

For more information, call Kimberly Williams, marketing director for the Magic Valley Mall, at 733-3000.

T.F. P&Z commission has two openings

TWIN FALLS - The city of Twin Falls is looking for two people to serve on its planning and zoning commission beginning in January.

"Anyone who is interested should submit a letter no later than Friday to the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Department, P.O. Box 1907, Twin Falls, 83303-1907. Or people can call planning and zoning officials LaMar Orton at 735-7267 or Renee Carraway at 735-7269.

Candidates should have lived within the city limits for at least two years. In their letters they should also list experience that would show qualifications for serving on the commission.

Commission members are appointed for three-year terms and can serve a maximum of two terms.

Junior playhouse holds auditions Saturday

TWIN FALLS - Junior Musical Playhouse will hold auditions Saturday for its winter production, "Disney Maria," directed by Susan Beck.

Call 734-3054 tonight, Thursday night or Friday night to schedule an audition appointment.

Are you a Ring-meister? Share your enthusiasm

TWIN FALLS - The second "Lord of the Rings" movie opens Dec. 18, and *The Times-News* is preparing an article about local residents who are avid fans of both the movies and J.R.R. Tolkien's books.

If you'd like to share your story, call features editor Steve Crump at 735-3223, or write to him at crump@magicvalley.com

Fabulous Christmas lights? Let us know

TWIN FALLS - If you or you neighbors have displays of Christmas lights on your houses that you'd like to brag about, give us a call.

The *Times-News* will publish its annual list of where to see great holiday lighting displays on Sunday, Dec. 22. We'd be happy to include your nominations.

Call features editor Steve Crump at 735-3223 or e-mail him at crump@magicvalley.com.

Idaho Energy hosts wind power workshops

TWIN FALLS - Cary farmers harness southern Idaho's blustery wind to generate enough electricity to not only power their farms but turn their electric meters backwards?

A December workshop in Twin Falls hosted by the Idaho Energy Division will examine the possibilities. The free workshop is for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in the Muggers meeting room, 516 Second S. in Twin Falls.

Electrical costs can be the largest operating expense for Idaho farmers and ranchers, especially farmers reliant on electric pumps and sprinkler operations for irrigation, an Energy Division news release said.

The workshop includes Vaughn Nelson, a national expert on wind and agriculture from Texas. He has a research background in wind and agriculture issues, the Energy Division said. Also at the workshop will be the segment "Can you make money from wind on your land?" And a panel of wind experts will examine the realities of making money from wind.

For more information, contact the Idaho Energy Div. Line, 800-336-6363 or Gerald Fleischman, (208) 327-7959.

- compiled from staff reports

County considers seeking grant for groundwater cleanup

By Jennifer Sandman
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners this week will decide whether to apply for federal money to clean up groundwater contamination at a former fueling station.

Commissioners met Tuesday with Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

cleanup specialists, who told them about a new cleanup grant program.

The county focused on the former fuel station property at 408 Washington St. N., on the east side of the road between Addison and Filer avenues - after taxes went unpaid. A party responsible for the contamination has been difficult to pin down because of a maze of partnership and

tenant agreements, DEQ representatives said.

Gasoline contaminated soil on the property, and the contamination migrated into the groundwater. Pat O'Rourke, DEQ water quality officer, told commissioners. An underground plume migrated west across Washington Street and contaminated an unused well. The city water system supplies

domestic water in the area, and no drinking-water wells are in danger of contamination.

A new section of the federal Superfund Law allows the Environmental Protection Agency to offer cleanup grant money with a 20 percent match from property owners. It's a program for commercial property ren-

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LESSONS IN BIODIVERSITY



Valerie Chisholm illustrates the behavior of a heron while giving a class on biodiversity at Kimberly Elementary School. On behalf of the Buhl Arts Council, Chisholm is teaching area fifth-graders about the need for a diverse ecosystem.

Activist steps into the classroom

By Robert May
Times-News writer

BUHL - When it comes to teaching science to fifth-graders, Valerie Chisholm believes it's best to start with a grand entrance.

Bounding into the room sporting not only a Groucho Marx mustache, nose and glasses, but also a safari hat with stuffed animals perched on the brim, Chisholm quickly gets the students' attention.

But it's her engaging teaching style that keeps them focused through the entire learning period.

She goes by "Dr. Sleuth" while in the classroom, but most of the students already know her as "Ms. Chisholm" or the even more familiar "Mrs. C."

A certified teacher, Chisholm is taking her message of "science is fun" to around 300 fifth-graders a week for the next month at schools in Buhl, Kimberly, Castelford and Hagerman.

The topic is biodiversity.

"In our urbanized, concrete world, we lack a connection with our natural world. It's the base for our survival, and we need to have a better understanding of our relationship with that," she said. "It's important to me that kids have a connection with the natural world."

She's fostering that connection on behalf of the Buhl Arts Council, presenting a traveling exhibit by the National Heritage Center at Idaho State University called "Treasures of Our National Heritage."

December is dedicated to laying the academic groundwork for the students. Then in January, the students will have the chance to explore "Idaho's landscapes and habitats and its rich diversity of life through photographs, graphic images, specimens and interactive computer kiosks."

"I wanted them to not just passively walk around it. I wanted them to really have a deeper level of understanding," said Chisholm, wife of prominent environmental activist Bill Chisholm.

Once she enters the room, all eyes remain on her for the duration of class. Her Socratic style of

teaching by questions, one after another, keep the children involved.

"What did we talk about last time?" she asked Poppewell Elementary School fifth-graders in Buhl during a recent class.

"Biodiversity," the students reply.

"And what is biodiversity?"

The kids broke down the word to its prefix, bio, and the root, diversity.

Elizabeth Stirling noted that diversity represents a collection of differences. Justin Novacek expanded on that notion.

"Other kinds of people can have different kinds of things in different countries," he said. "They have different kinds of cities, different kinds of roads."

That launched the classroom into seeking out differences throughout the work.

"What is the difference between you and someone in Puerto Rico? Where is Puerto Rico?"

Students shouted out correctly

that it's near Florida, adding that they'd find palm trees on that island.

Chisholm zipped around the room making sure all students participated. She spent extra time with shy students who were reluctant to respond to her questions, gently prodding them to think of answers.

She mixed in Spanish words, talking about *aguas* in the river, or the differences in *ojos*, eyes, of someone in Japan, or the *piel*, or skin, in someone living in Africa.

The hour was filled mostly with questions: "How would a student in Japan be different than a student in Idaho?" "What's the difference between a rural environment and an urban environment?" On and on the questions went.

Rarely were the students stumped, occasionally needing a little guidance to the correct answers.

And throughout, their interest never waned.

"I learned about how different types of people can be different," Stirling said. "If you know they're different, then you'll probably know how to treat them if you meet them."

Red Cross seeks aid for fire victims

The Times-News

RUPERT - The American Red Cross of Greater Idaho has responded to four house fires in the last week, but without assistance, the organization will only be able to offer limited help.

The Red Cross, already operating on a shoestring budget, is appealing to the community to help the fire victims.

"We've got some people who are really hurting," said Patricia Lindholm, executive director of the Sawtooth Branch of the American Red Cross. "The folks down in Rupert probably don't have the wherewithal to get back on their feet. They really need help."

Two Minidoka County families lost their homes to fires on Friday. There was a fire in a Jerome duplex on Saturday, Lindholm said.

In Rupert, fire destroyed the home of Janet Knight and her

two children on Friday. The Red Cross is providing motel lodging, clothing and meals, Lindholm said.

In the town of Minidoka, Felix Maldonado and his two children lost everything to a home fire on Friday. The Red Cross is providing them with motel lodging, clothing and groceries, Lindholm said.

The families in Jerome did not require assistance.

The Red Cross has opened a US Bank account in the name of the Maldonado family for donations, Lindholm said. People who want to donate should go to the US Bank and ask to make a deposit in the Maldonado family account, Lindholm said. People interested in helping Janet Knight should call Lindholm at 733-6464.

People who want to make donations to the Red Cross can call the same number. The Red Cross does accept donations in the form of payroll deductions.

Friends set up account for family who lost house

Friends and co-workers of a Twin Falls woman who lost most of her possessions in a house fire Friday have set up an account for donations.

An account has been set up for Edie Bales through Magic Valley Bank in hope of raising enough money to allow Bales to make a downpayment on a house. She has a 13-year-old daughter and 9-year-old son, Topsyanna, the sugar beet packing company Bales works for, in providing the family with shelter.

Money can be donated to the Edie Bales and Children Fund, P.O. Box 1400, Twin Falls, 83403-0400. The bank account is set up on the name of Edie Bales. The account number is 123456789. The account is for the purpose of raising money to help Edie Bales and her children. The account is for the purpose of raising money to help Edie Bales and her children. The account is for the purpose of raising money to help Edie Bales and her children.

Health official finds 57 ostriches dead at farm owned by S.V. man

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. - Almost five dozen ostriches were found dead on a central New Jersey farm owned by a Sun Valley man, the state Department of Agriculture said Tuesday.

No citations were expected to be issued to owner Sherwin Drobner or workers at the 120-acre Mercer County property known as Renbord Farms, where the birds, which apparently died of dehydration, were first discovered Monday by a local health official.

Agriculture Department spokeswoman Kim Mialietti said the caretaker had not followed proper watering guidelines for the birds, which need large quantities of water three times a day. Mialietti said the caretaker, hired to manage the farm by Drobner, provided water only once a day. Drobner did not immediately

return a message left for him at a Mercer County telephone number. According to the township, Drobner's tax bills are sent to a Sun Valley address. An answering machine at Drobner's Sun Valley number was full, preventing a message from being left.

Mialietti said 56 ostriches remain at the farm. She said the 57 dead birds would be buried there. A necropsy was to be performed on one of the birds. Results could take up to three weeks, Mialietti said.

Local government spokesman Rich McClellan said officials had gone to the farm once before, in October, after several ostriches were discovered dead. No citation was issued at the time, he said.

"The animals were much more lively back in October," he said. "We understand that this can happen, but it should never happen

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Boise officials eat in clothing-optional bar

BOISE (AP) — During a trip to Florida for the winter meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Boise Mayor Brent Coles and his Chief of Staff Gary Lyman spent \$150 at a clothing-optional, gay-oriented establishment.

The two ate on taxpayer dollars twice at Key West's La Te Da, a restaurant, bar, and nightclub that features entertainment by female impersonators, according to a review of credit card bills by Boise's KBCB.

Coles has been an outspoken opponent of public nudity. La Te Da, however, allows nudity on its third-floor sundeck and after dinner around the pool, which is next to the restaurant.

Through a spokesman, Coles confirmed that he and Lyman ate lunch and dinner at La Te Da in February, but said they did not take in any entertainment.

Coles said he had no idea La Te Da was a clothing-optional establishment, and never saw anything he would consider strange or inappropriate. He said he saw families eating dinner in the restaurant.

The duo are already under fire for their eating and entertainment plans while attending a U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting in Rochester, N.Y. During that trip, Coles treated himself and three other city employees to dinner and a Broadway show in New York City at taxpayer expense.

The mayor said he was just looking for a creative way to deliver a bonus to City Attorney Susan Mimura and repaid more than \$5,300 for the trip. He also promised he would never again travel at city expense to receive bonuses to city employees without prior council approval.

The City Council suspended Lyman pending the outcome of an investigation by the Idaho Attorney General's Office. The council is also conducting an audit of the mayor's travel and credit card expenses going back four years.

Washington tribe may gamble on Idaho casino

COOLIN, Idaho (AP) — A lack of snow can be deadly for businessmen Gary Saunders, who is asking a Washington tribe to build a casino on the shores of Priest Lake.

"Places like Schweitzer Mountain ski area have deep pockets, but you get to places like me or Cavanaugh Bay Resort, and after five weeks of no snow can be devastating," said the owner of the Inn at Priest Lake.

He has asked the Kalispel Tribe of Uak, Wash., to open a casino in Coolin, a tiny unincorporated community in Idaho.

The tribe is interested, but knows a casino could be a tough sell, said David Bonga, special projects administrator. The Kalispels have about 340 members.

Idaho voters last month passed an initiative clarifying that electronic gambling machines are legal at reservation casinos, but curbed the increase in those devices to 25 percent over 10 years.

A large casino with more than 600 video machines would not be appropriate at Priest Lake, Bonga said. He confirmed a smaller version is being considered.

The tribe owns no property at Priest Lake, but does hold a few acres of wildlife habitat north of Priest River.

Tribal gambling foes wonder how a Washington tribe could establish a casino in Idaho. The Idaho initiative had no impact on federal gambling laws that provide for Indian gaming on tribal trust land off reservations, however.

CHRISTMAS TREATS



Jady, a polar bear, carries his present, a festively wrapped package of fish Saturday at the San Francisco Zoo. The animals were given presents for Christmas.

DEATH NOTICES

Leslie Dean Black
TWIN FALLS — Leslie Dean Black, 69, of Twin Falls died Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Ladore Jones
GOODING — Ladore Jones, 84, of Gooding died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, at the Gooding LDS Church and from 1 p.m. until the time of the service Monday at the church.

A complete obituary will appear on a later date.

Joe Barnes
JEROME — Joe Barnes, 89, of Jerome died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Board: Lax oversight contributed to deadly Alaska Airlines crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lax government oversight and shoddy maintenance practices by Alaska Airlines led to the crash of an airliner off the California coast that killed all 88 people aboard, federal investigators ruled Tuesday.

The National Transportation Safety Board said insufficient lubrication caused excessive wear and the eventual failure of the jet's jackscrew, a tail component that helps move the plane's stabilizer and sets the angle of flight.

The safety board rejected the airline's argument that the kind of grease recommended by Boeing Co. was at fault.

While the board said Alaska Airlines was primarily to blame for the Jan. 31, 2000, crash, it also said the Federal Aviation Administration bore some responsibility.

The FAA, which oversees airlines' maintenance programs,

Sandra Schmidt
JEROME — Sandra Schmidt, 62, of Jerome died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2002.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Noah Monroe Wilson
RUPERT — Noah Monroe Wilson, 46, of Rupert died Monday, Dec. 9, 2002, in Rupert.

The service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, with Pastor Walt Thompson officiating.

Commander Wallace Sulevanus Gabriel (Ret.)
POWAY, Calif. — Wallace Sulevanus Gabriel, 77, died Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002, at his home in Poway, Calif.

The graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Park, with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Military rites will be held by the Magic Valley area veterans and auxiliaries. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

allowed Alaska Airlines to extend the intervals for greasing tail components and inspecting them for wear. The increased time between checks led to the lubrication problem, investigators said.

"The FAA is the government and I think the public trusts the government to ensure the safety of flight," NTSB Chairwoman Carol Carmody said. "I feel in this instance FAA failed miserably."

Relatives of victims who attended the NTSB meeting cheered when the board voted on the probable cause of the accident. Paige Stockley, 40, who lost her parents in the crash, carried a sign reading "Corporate Greed Kills 88 People."

"It's like a closure. You don't have to wonder anymore," said Bernice Aragon, whose brother, sister-in-law and niece died in the crash.

Other parents said they felt that the student responses were not being addressed. Principal Theo Perkes said that he had not read any of the consequence forms because the center supervisor and the teacher are the ones who handle and review the forms. He stated further that the intention of the Focus Center was to keep disruptive students out of the classrooms and hallways.

Board member Dave Yorita expressed thanks to the parents for their views, because, "Without your comments we think everything is going fine."

The board decided that they would, in the future, like to read a sampling of the forms.

Some parents said they felt that the whole idea of the Focus Center was being used as a crutch by teachers who did not want to take responsibility for controlling their classes and that it ought to be done away with.

Other parents, as well as teachers such as Vicki Soutwick, said

Buhl mayor names new police chief

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Mayor Barbara Gietzen this week appointed Sgt. Ron Romero as Buhl police chief through 2003.

Romero had been acting as supervisor of the department after acting police chief Mike Coats was placed on administrative suspension due to a personnel issue.

Coats subsequently resigned. Romero is no stranger to leadership, as he was appointed acting police chief in 1990 and then chief in January 1991.

Romero left the force in May 1996 and returned as an officer in 1999.

"The new chief will be busy recruiting new officers for the city," Gietzen said. In addition to Coats, Paula Vawter left the department earlier in the year and Eric Barzes is leaving to join the Twin Falls police force.

At the time of Coats' suspension, Romero said he was not interested in the job as chief. "I thought about it and after acting as supervisor, I decided to go ahead and take the job when the mayor offered it to me," he said.

Other council business included:

Next meeting

The next Buhl City Council meeting is at 5 p.m. Jan. 13 at the Moose Hall. Tentatively scheduled is discussion of the results of the Association of Idaho Cities' community review last spring.

Cable service — Russ Young of Cable One Television in Twin Falls outlined a plan to service Buhl, since Cable One has purchased the Buhl cable franchise service from Millennium Digital of Seattle.

Young said the cable company is in negotiations to hook up to Fiber Telephone Company's fiber optic system.

Address change — Wendy Benkula asked the council to change the address of a rental house next to her property. Benkula lives at 223 Florat and the rental house is 223A.

"Every time the party moves from the rental, my utilities get turned off also," Benkula said. The council agreed to make the address 225A, as the residents at 225 are the owners of the rental house. The city will notify the owner of the rental about the change.

New benches — Trevor Jones of Boy Scout Troop 9 presented the council with three benches for



Roy Romero

the parks and ball fields. Jones made the benches for his Eagle Scout project.

Housing project — The council awarded a contract to Kloefer Construction of Twin Falls for the second phase of the housing project east of town by Kacy Meadows.

Kloefer had submitted a bid for \$276,701.68. An Idaho Community Development Block Grant provided \$390,000 for the project, which includes sewer, curb, gutters and paving a utility road. Remaining funds will be used to cover smaller projects.

Audit — Raymond Ware of Ware & Associates presented the city its 2002 audit results. Ware said the city was in good shape and with the many ongoing projects, the books were kept in good order.

Chamber banquet — Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ron Potts said that Jan. 17 had been set for the annual banquet and installation of new board members. The banquet will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Moose Hall.

Richfield parents question discipline

By Jeanette Chambers Times-News correspondent

RICHFIELD — Parents raised questions this week to the School Board about whether the district's program for disruptive students is meeting its purpose.

The Focus Center is used for behavioral intervention and as a disciplinary measure for Richfield's high school and elementary school students. Marsha Hiatt, one parent, said she felt her child was sent there for not making eye contact with the speaker at a presentation.

Other parents mentioned that they thought were inappropriate reasons for sending students to the center: students inappropriately applauding, "doodling," writing on their hands, tossing items to one another before the test bell, not completing a book and plugging in a speaker without being told.

The School Board decided to review the center's purpose and make changes if necessary.

While at the center, students are asked to fill out a "consequence paper" requiring students to describe what happened, what caused the action, what they were thinking and feeling, what would have been a better way to handle the situation, and what their plans are to solve the problem.

Parents said they felt that these student responses were not being addressed. Principal Theo Perkes said that he had not read any of the consequence forms because the center supervisor and the teacher are the ones who handle and review the forms. He stated further that the intention of the Focus Center was to keep disruptive students out of the classrooms and hallways.

Board member Dave Yorita expressed thanks to the parents for their views, because, "Without your comments we think everything is going fine."

The board decided that they would, in the future, like to read a sampling of the forms.

Some parents said they felt that the whole idea of the Focus Center was being used as a crutch by teachers who did not want to take responsibility for controlling their classes and that it ought to be done away with.

Other parents, as well as teachers such as Vicki Soutwick, said

they felt it was a lifesaver to have someone to send disruptive students so that other students would not have their education interrupted.

The School Board discussed other forms of discipline, mainly detention and suspension. Detention is not being used currently because of lack of space and staff, and it causes children to miss their buses. And students tend to view out-of-school suspension as a free day.

Other business this week included:

Grant — Superintendent David Hochlander said that teacher Sandra Kalins received work she had been awarded a \$3,534 grant from the Idaho Community Grant

foundation, funded by the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation, for six microscopes for sixth-graders to study geography and science.

Internet connection — An Internet connection with Shoshone and Dietrich would possibly save money and would make Internet operations faster. The connection will be made when funds are available.

Test results — Perkes mentioned that the Idaho Standards Achievement Test and Idaho Reading Indicator test results were received and while the overall picture looks good, the story will be more complete after the spring tests when the two tests can be compared.

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Staring co-worker makes it hard to focus

DEAR ABBY: I work with a pleasant woman, "Kim," who appears to be distracted by my figure. Kim keeps making comments and staring at my large breasts. It makes me very uncomfortable. I've tried to ignore her and have written that her comments bother me.

Kim has now started trying to see me outside the office, asking me out for lunches and dinners. I've always made an excuse. Last Friday when I was assigned the responsibility of picking out a gift basket for a co-worker who is retiring, Kim volunteered to go shopping with me over the weekend. I simply never called her, and on Monday explained that my weekend was busy. She acted very hurt, but I couldn't think of a more diplomatic way to handle it.

Spending time with someone who cannot stop staring at my chest does not appeal to me. It gives me the creeps. How can I tell Kim she's making me uneasy without causing problems? I have



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

to work with her.

-BUSTY IN TOLEDO
DEAR BUSTY: Tell her once again that her staring and comments are not appreciated - and if it doesn't stop, you will have to tell your boss or human resources about the problem. There is no reason why you should have to tolerate it, or see anyone outside the workplace unless you wish to.

DEAR ABBY: A friend (I'll call her Tanisha) asked me to be matriarch of honor at her wedding. The event was supposed to take place next month. Even though the thought of flying to a wedding in the middle of winter was not appealing, I did agree to it. Due to personal circumstances, Tanisha pushed back the date of

her wedding to next June. When she notified me, I told her I could not commit to being there. I am expecting a baby in April and don't want to travel so far with an infant. Tanisha has also changed the location of her wedding, so flying is no longer the best option, and the only way to get there is a two-day drive.

She said she understood, but still talks about the wedding as if I'm an integral part of it. For example, she recently informed me she'll be sending me swatches so that I can buy my dress. How do I explain to Tanisha that I cannot be in-her-wedding? She is a somewhat volatile person, and I'm afraid she'll be very upset and hurt.

-STUCK IN ST. LOUIS, MO
DEAR STUCK: Your reasons for bowing out make good sense to me, and beating around the bush because you're afraid she'll throw a tantrum is not the best course of action. Tell Tanisha immediately, in plain English, that because you will be caring

for an infant, you will be unable to be matriarch of honor. That way, she will be able to find a replacement ASAP.

DEAR ABBY: I'm almost 32 years old. My life is going nowhere, with two divorces and no kids; the only education I have is a GED.

I'm back on my own again, and I feel like a failure. I've wasted so much time. I have no career to sustain me. By nature, I'm a jack-of-all-trades, but I struggle to master only one. I have little or no family support. I feel that life is getting harder for me to deal with.

Is it time for me to seek therapy?

-JACK
DEAR JACK: I believe you already know the answer to that question. I commend you for making such an insightful assessment of your situation. It's the first step toward a positive change. Now, make that phone call.

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Got a mouse problem? You can blame Columbus

Columbus also brought mice. That you can tell a horse's age by looking at its teeth is one of those details of ancient fiction that's sort of true but not very. Goes way back. Zane Grey popularized it. Of course, of course. Before he wrote his stories, Zane Grey was a dentist.



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L.M. Boyd

Leeches can swim upside down.
It's the Screen Actors Guild that hands out those Oscars. Rarely mentioned is the fact that the guild has reserved a curious right for itself when it makes those awards: It can buck back any Oscar in danger of being pawned.
Q. What's a "face limerick"?
A. British for washcloth.
Q. How many people on U.S. coasts die every year from jelly-fish stings?
A. None, evidently. Researchers assigned to find out said they couldn't come up with any such documented deaths at all.
Q. Whereabouts on earth does the day begin?
A. East Cape, Siberia, easternmost land closest to the International Date Line.
Q. Does any wine get stronger as it ages?
A. Only sherry.

This was one of numerous queries pollsters put to 9,000 people in Western Europe: "Are you very happy, fairly happy; or not too happy?" A computer run showed most of the people who replied "very happy" were also listed under that category labeled "unmarried but living together."
The original "moment" was an old English time unit about 1 minute 30 seconds long.
Circus veterans tend to be superstitious. Many get upset over small things you might not think would annoy them. Some become deathly afraid, for example, if they see this dangerous omen - somebody in the audience knitting.
Q. Aren't Seventh-day Adventists vegetarians?
A. Half are.
A fourth of the nation's candy is sold just before Halloween.

Pisces: Get answers to questions, not evasions

IF DECEMBER 11TH IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you are intuitive, possibly changed your name on more than one occasion. You are drawn to ancient wisdom, including mantic arts. You are loyal in love and have been hurt as result. Capricorn, Cancer individuals play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: B, K, T. During later part of December, you will be invited to prestigious social affair. July of 2003 will be your most significant month.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Break free from previous restrictions, get rid of losing proposition. Tonight you will be better at helping others than in promoting your own cause. Leo figures prominently.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Many of your fondest hopes and wishes could become realities. Warning: Don't wish for more

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than you can handle. At the very least, you win a contest. Cancer native involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Lunar position coincides with promotion, leadership. Emphasis on standing in community and activity in connection with civic obligations. Sense of humor will be your saving grace.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look beyond the immediate, rise above petty disputes. You will beat the odds and win the game. Begin rebuilding process. Scorpio, Taurus natives will play outstanding roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Open lines of communication. Flirtation today could lead to something big. Lunar position

accents mystery in connection with money belonging to others. Gemini figures prominently.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Moon position places emphasis on partnership and marriage. Domestic adjustment could include actual change of residence, marital status. Luxury item brings beauty home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get promises in writing; you do not have complete story. Deception is involved, deliberate or otherwise. You learn a secret - keep it!

Pisces, Virgo will play stunning roles.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Favorable lunar aspect coincides with legal rights, permissions. You get green light to proceed with important creative endeavor. Question concerning marriage will loom large.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have obligation to finish

what you start; by so doing, you attract favorable notice. Plan along international lines. Individual you once aided will return favor threefold.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take initiative, be in charge of your own destiny. Relative is sincere but likely to be "sincerely misinformed." Don't follow others. Impart own style and proceed accordingly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If single, you meet future mate. If married, you will find more common living quarters. Visiting relative could be "man who came to dinner." Capricorn is represented.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Lunar cycle high; circumstances are taking dramatic turn in your favor. Highlight humor, versatility. Ask questions and get answers, not evasions. Be up to date on fashion trends.

Turner Classic Movies airs 'Smokey and the Bandit' Friday

Today
"Bernie Mac" - Bernie circumvents his low-cholesterol diet by sneaking over to a neighbor's (guest star Don Rickles) place. (CC) (TVG) FOX, 7 p.m.
"Ed" - Ed's brother, guest star Timothy Busfield) returns at Christmas with another get-rich-quick scheme; Mike and Warren encourage hefty Mark to lose weight. (CC) (TVPG) NBC, 7 p.m.
"Taken" - Gen. Beers kidnaps Alie and plans to use her to trap the aliens. (CC) SCIENCE FICTION CHANNEL, 7 p.m.
Thursday
"Biography" - Actor Billy Barty works to improve the lives of people with dwarfism. (CC) (TVG) ARTS & ENTERTAIN-

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MENT, 6 p.m.
"Animals of the Nativity" - Animals play a special part in the Christmas story and in the Holy Land today. (TVG) THE ANIMAL PLANET CHANNEL, 6 p.m.
"Drop Dead Gorgeous" - A beauty contest turns ugly as a camera crew documents some small-town Minnesota teens' quest for a coveted title. (CC) (TVPG) FOX, 7 p.m.
Friday
"The Santa Trap" - Disbelieving parents send Santa Claus to jail after he is caught in their daughter's snare. (TVPG) KTWV, 6 p.m.
"Biography" - This profile of the von Trapp family, the inspira-

tion for "The Sound of Music," includes interviews with several members of the musical clan. (CC) (TVG) ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT, 6 p.m.
"Smokey and the Bandit" - A man hired to high-tail it to Texas for an illegal beer run picks up a runaway bride and engages a stubborn sheriff. TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES, 8 p.m.

Saturday
"Meet Joe Black" - Death assumes human form and uses a cyborg to guide him through the material world. (CC) USA 6 p.m.
"Call Me Claus" - A cynical TV producer is Santa Claus' choice to replace him on his annual mission to bring toys to "mean old boys." (CC) (TVPG) TURNER NETWORK TELEVISION, 6 p.m.

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Supreme Court mulls regulating plowing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court justices found themselves Tuesday in the "guck" — in one justice's word — of trying to determine whether a farmer's plow can be regulated.

Legal arguments shared court time with a discussion of farming implements in the case of a California farmer who is challenging \$500,000 in fines and an order to restore four acres of wetlands.

Angelo Tsakopoulos of Galt, Calif., is testing whether farmers need the same pollution permits to plow fields as developers need to build strip malls or factories.

The Supreme Court has never ruled on whether a farmer's plow can be regulated, but lower courts have found that farmers using bulldozers and other heavy machinery to convert cropland need federal permits if wetlands are jeopardized.

Apartment from Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who grew up on an Arizona ranch, the justices did not appear entirely at ease with the subject matter.

The words backhoe and bulldozer did not exactly trip off the tongue of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg when she questioned why the "deep ripper" plow Tsakopoulos used should not be in the same category.

Justice Stephen Breyer several times used "guck" to describe dirt or clay loosened by a plow. And Justice Antonin Scalia

sounded a bit dated when he spoke matter of factly about horse-drawn plows in questioning that seemed to favor

Tsakopoulos. "The point is, the plow is not intended to convey soil anywhere except up and down," he said.



Elizabeth LaRussa, left, cries with her mother J.M. LaRussa Tuesday morning at the scene northeast of Mesa, Ariz., where five members of a family were murdered.

Police say five family members found dead

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Five family members were shot to death Tuesday, and a victim's husband who said he was also attacked blamed the killings on one of the dead, authorities said.

Police were interviewing the man, Kent Crowley, who reported that his wife, her 3-year-old son and three other relatives had been killed.

Crowley, 43, suffered a gash to the head. He was coming out of the house in this Phoenix suburb when deputies arrived and told police one of the dead people was responsible, said Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio.

Arpaio said the victims were Crowley's wife, Tammy, her 3-year-old son, her mother, her brother and her sister. The victims were all found in or near a

living room. The wife was holding the boy, Arpaio said.

He said the weapon used in the killings had been found inside the home.

"It's tragic that somebody has wiped out a whole family," Arpaio said.

He said two other children who lived in the home, a 9-year-old and a 12-year-old, were at school when the shootings occurred.

Ernie Tyree, a neighbor, said his wife heard gunshots early Tuesday. He said the family lived in the house for about four years and that Kent Crowley moved in about a year ago.

"They were real nice people. We got along just fine," said Tyree. "There were no warnings or anything that would indicate what happened."

Prosecutors seek death penalty for Boise man

BOISE — Ada County prosecutors will seek the death penalty for a man accused of murdering a woman and her three children.

He is accused of killing his wife, Angie, and setting their home on fire while children were present.

County Prosecutor Greg Bower said Monday he expects the Legislature to clarify the law after it convenes in January.

Arpaio said he can make a case that by the time the Abdullahs came to trial, there will be a death penalty procedure in Idaho, Bower said. "We are just protecting our ability to seek the death penalty."

Abdullah, 25, is charged with one count of first-degree murder in the Oct. 5 death of his wife, one count of arson, three counts of attempted murder and one child endangerment charge.

His jury trial is scheduled to begin May 5.

West in brief

penated as direct losses currently are. In one case, he said, a Dillon-area rancher lost about 70 sheep when they were panicked, presumably by wolves, and piled up on each other so they suffocated."

Court upholds confidentiality of rape-counseling records

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that a convicted rapist wasn't entitled to use his victim's rape-counseling records at trial.

The court also dismissed Francisco Gomez's contention his lawyers should have been allowed to question the woman about her use of false identification to get inside bars.

Utah's high court said the trial judge correctly concluded she had no authority to even privately review the rape-counseling records to determine if they had any relevance to Gomez's defense.

— compiled from wire reports

Fish and Wildlife releases molokuk recovery plan

BOISE — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published a final recovery plan for a snail that lives in the hot temperatures of geothermal springs.

The Bruneau hot springs snail is listed as an endangered species under federal law.

The pinhead-sized snail is found only in isolated hot springs and seeps in Hot Creek and a 5-mile reach of the Bruneau River. They survive in temperatures up to about 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

Agency officials say the principal threat to the species is the loss of their hot-spring habitat through the drawdown of groundwater by farmers.

"We are hopeful that when the tasks identified in the recovery plan are accomplished, we can move toward delisting," said Anne Badgley, regional director.

In 1992, conservationists sued the federal agency for failing to protect the molokuk.

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Stockgrowers start wolf damages ad campaign

BOZEMAN, Mont. — The Montana Stockgrowers Association has launched a radio advertising campaign to point out the economic damage wolves can cause.

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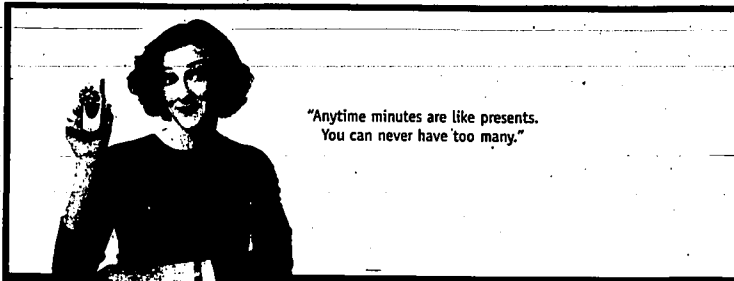
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Southern tradition

Southern roots influence man's holiday cooking

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Old-fashioned southern cuisine describes Sam Adler's holiday cooking. He was born in Savannah, Ga., pre-World War II. His father and grandfather were also born in Savannah. In fact, his family settled in Colonial Savannah in 1737.

COOK'S PROFILE

The Adlers are independent thinkers, outspoken people who believe in service to the community and to the country, Sam Adler says. He went to prep school in Massachusetts and college in Philadelphia, and served in World War II. When he graduated from college, he set a goal: He would retire before he turned 60.

After the war, Adler worked in New York and Chicago. In 1952, he returned to Savannah to run the family business, Adler Corporation (banking interests, retail sales, land development and investments). He purchased controlling interest when his father retired.

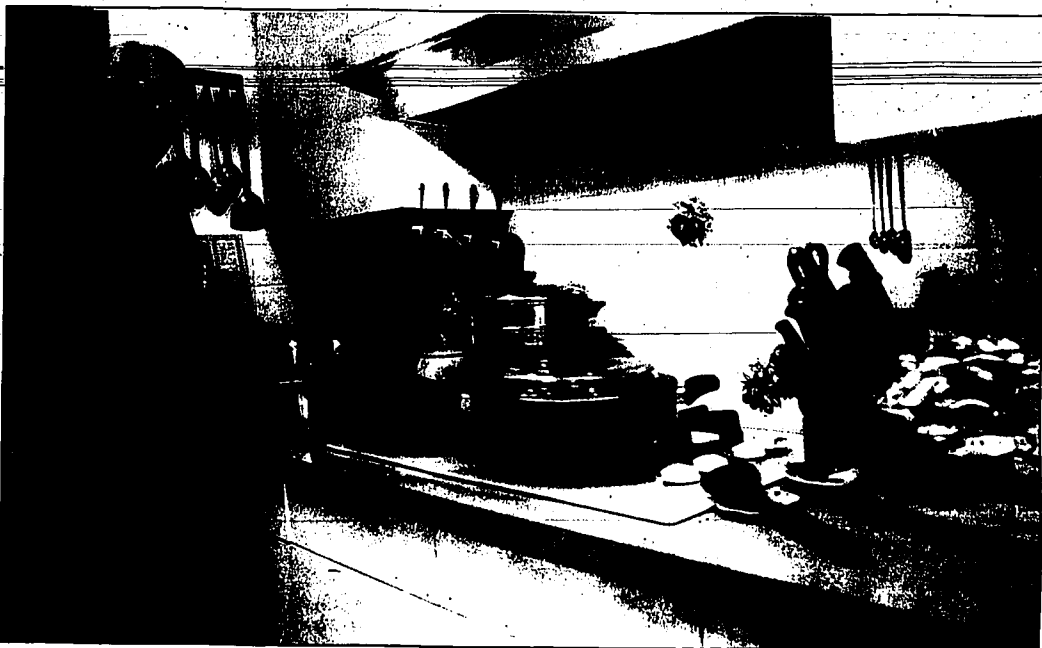
He learned to cook from a family employee, a housekeeper/mother figure named Rebecca. Rebecca thought young Sam should know how to cook, so she taught him.

Growing up, he traveled a lot, took his first trip to Europe at age 5 and eventually developed a sense of adventure that extends to his cooking. He came to Idaho in 1982, originally to visit a friend in the Ketchum area.

He and wife Jean have been married eight years. In their marriage agreement, Sam says, he promised to do all the cooking.

Times-News seeks cooks to profile

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 to share some recipes, please let us know. Write to Denise Turner, *Times-News*, P.O. Box 100, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0100. Or call 733-0931, Ext. 243. Or e-mail to denise@magicalvalley.com. Tell us a little about yourself, and include your name and phone number.



Sam Adler and his family have deep ties to the Deep South, and his holiday cooking reflects those roots.

SAM'S RECIPES

This dish is better warmed the next day.

SHRIMP RICE CASSEROLE

Serves 8

4 pounds small cooked, peeled shrimp (50-60)

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1 1/2 cups raw rice (Uncle Ben's Converted Rice)

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 green pepper, cut into small cubes (about the size of a finger nail)

1 onion, chopped (same size)

8 large fresh mushrooms

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1/4 teaspoon macer.

1 can tomato soup, undiluted

1 cup heavy cream

1 cup cream sherry (not dry)

1/2 cup sliced almonds

Red pepper, to taste

Cook green pepper, onion and mushrooms in olive oil. When onion is transparent, put peppers, onion and mushrooms along with the rest of the ingredients into a casserole dish and mix together. Top with the almonds and sprinkle with red pepper to taste. Bake unco-

ered at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

TRADITIONAL HAM

7- to 8-pound butt section, honey-baked, Private Selection ham

Place the ham in a pan in a 325-degree oven with the meat facing out and fat side up. Bake 20 minutes per pound. In the meantime, make a glaze:

1/2 pound dark brown sugar

1 teaspoon salad mustard

6 teaspoon apple cider vinegar

Mix all ingredients together till it is the texture of icing with no lumps. During the last 1/2 hour, glaze the entire ham with the glaze mixture using all of the glaze. Put ham back in the oven. If desired, place pineapple slices on the ham during the last 15 minutes of baking time.

—Raisin sauce (to serve with the ham):

1 1/2 cups water

1/2 cup seedless raisins

1/4 cup brown sugar

1/8 teaspoon salt

Boil all together for 15 minutes. Then melt 2 tablespoons butter and blend with 1 tablespoon flour. Add the hot raisin sauce slowly. Then stir in:

Juice of 1/2 orange

1/4 teaspoon salad mustard

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon lemon juice

1 1/2 teaspoons creamed sherry

Bring back to boiling. Serve with ham.

This recipe was given to Adler by Rebecca. You can double this recipe.

SOUTHERN RED RICE

Serves 3 to 4 people

1 (14 to 16 ounce can) cut up tomatoes

1 cup uncooked rice

1 large onion, chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Cut bacon into 1/2-inch pieces and fry in skillet till crisp. Set aside on paper towel. Saute onion in bacon grease and add

salt and pepper while sauteing.

Put tomatoes in saucepan and season with salt. Bring to a low boil. Mix onion into saucepan with the tomatoes and add uncooked rice. Bring back to low boil. When at low-boil, cover pot and simmer for 20 minutes. Put tomatoes, onion and rice into a casserole dish and sprinkle with bacon. Bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. If making single recipe, use a 7-by-8-inch pan. If doubling the recipe, use a 9-by-13-inch pan.

CORN PUDDING

Serves 4

Mix the following ingredients in the order listed with a hand mixer on high speed. Mix in between each addition.

1 (15 to 16 ounce) can cream-style corn

1 tablespoon sugar

1 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons flour

3 eggs, well beaten

2 tablespoons melted butter

1 cup milk or mocha mix

Pour into well-greased casse-

role dish and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. If you double the recipe, bake for 2 hours.

More recipes

For more of Sam's southern-style recipes, please see page C3.

Pets rule this year's White House holiday decor

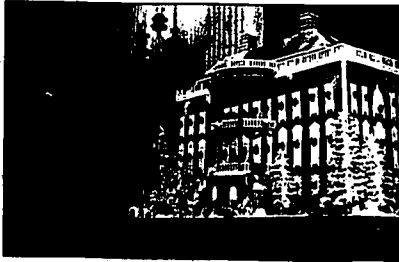
By Linda Holes
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Each December, blizzard or not, the White House is transformed into a holiday wonderland through the miracles of greenery, gingerbread and the dedication of staff elves. And each year, the profusion of ornaments, choice of color and official theme reveal something about the woman in charge.

This year the decor provides essential clues to Laura Bush. In her second Christmas at the White House, she has transformed not only the State Rooms but her own image. Last year's Snow Queen has become the Nation's Nursing Mom.

On Thursday Mrs. Bush wore a red suit to introduce her holiday theme. "All Creatures Great and Small." Right on cue, the clatter of paws sounded on the polished East Room floor: Barney and Spotty, the Bush family dogs, pedaled in to meet the press.

Spot, an English springer spaniel descended from former first dog Millie, quickly crossed under the rope to slide up to reporters. Barney, 2, a black Scottish terrier, needed a red



The gingerbread house sits in the State Dining Room.

vet tree skirt before burrowing into a garland of pine cone-studded greenery trailing onto the floor. This week, Barney will don a minivan to provide a dog-eye view of the decorations for the week.

Four towering firs have been hung with red and gold balls in the East Room. Mountains of ripening pears, apples and pomegranates have been strung in garlands across mantels in the Green and Red rooms. And a charming

papier-mache menagerie of 25 presidential pets has been loosed on the antique pier tables throughout the house. "Every president has had animals," the first lady said, adding that "really what the Christmas theme symbolizes is the majesty of creation."

Carolyn Kennedy's white pug, Pushinka; a gift from Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, is

Please see PETS, Page C3



First lady Laura Bush and the family dogs, Barney, foreground, and Spot, background, are in the Blue Room giving a tour of White House Christmas decorations. The tree is an 18-foot Noble fir, grown in Washington state.

FOOD & HOME

It's time to water the garden

Hook up the hoses and turn on the water a trickle. Taken a walk in the garden lately? It's dry, dry, dry. Hardly lush, but cold, gray, and the moisture we got oh-so-long ago, either. So it's time to water.



GREEN THUMBENIN
Cathy Walworth

new, strong growth because it is magnesium. Not salt at all. I got a whole garden club all riled up once because they thought I recommended that we put salt on our already salty/alkaline soil. Nope, just magnesium.

I put a handful around a rose bush once a month beginning in the spring. That's not very scientific, but it'll do. Since magnesium does encourage new growth, you'll want to discontinue it by late summer.

TIP OF THE WEEK: When you pick out the Christmas tree, try the "carrot test." Bend the needles between your fingers. If they bend like an old, soft, icky carrot, choose another tree. If they snap, however, that indicates a fresh tree.

DEAR CATHY: Is there anything I can add to the soil to assure strong stems?

-FALLING OVER
DEAR FALLING: Sure. Epsom salts. Epsom salts encourages

Once you get it home saw two inches off the trunk. You should see moist, creamy-white wood. Stick the tree in a big bucket of water while you hunt up the lights.

When you do bring the tree indoors, remember that the bigger the tree stand, the less often you'll have to water.

If the tree runs dry for more than 20 minutes, the pores close up and it cannot accept water. If that happens in the middle of the night, you'll find yourself taking the whole thing apart, sawing off another couple of inches and plunking it back into fresh water. Another ineluctable holiday memory.

If you can't find one of the new, giant-sized tree stands, consider a 5-gallon paint bucket weighted down with rocks. It doesn't have to be ugly: You can always cover the thing and decorate it to look like a drum. Or something.

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

Recipe renders creamy spinach soup

By Ellen Harris
The Baltimore Sun

Alice L. Friesen of Salem, Ore., requested a recipe for the cream of spinach soup that she had at the Ram's Pub in Salem. If you prefer a smooth soup, you can puree the soup in batches in the blender or food processor.

CREAM OF SPINACH SOUP
6 to 8 slices of your favorite bacon
1 1/2 sticks margarine or butter
1 medium onion, minced
2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 tablespoon minced garlic
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon hot sauce
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1/2 gallon milk
3 new potatoes, peeled and diced small
3 carrots, cleaned and diced small
3 10-ounce boxes of chopped spinach

Crisp the bacon, remove and crumble, reserving 4 tablespoons of the bacon fat. Add margarine and onion to pan and saute 3 to 4 minutes. Add flour to make a roux and stir over low to medium heat for 5 to 6 minutes. Next, add garlic, salt, hot sauce, pepper and Worcestershire sauce. Add milk, 1 pint at a time, over medium-high

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heat until all is added and roux thickens fully (just before the milk boils). Put in the potatoes and carrots, then simmer on low to medium heat for 25 to 30 minutes, stirring every 4 to 5 minutes so the soup doesn't burn. If you prefer a thicker soup, mash the potatoes and carrots at this point. Lastly, add the spinach and bacon bits and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes more. Enjoy with a French baguette. Serves 8 as a meal, more as an appetizer.

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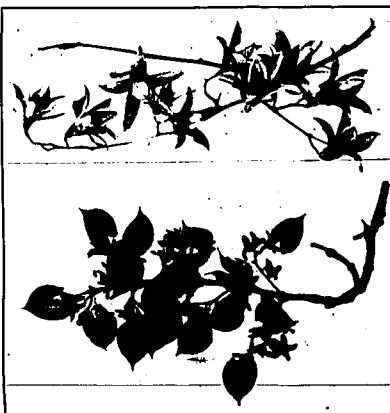
By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

Anyone who thinks the landscape has lost its interest on winter's edge hasn't met Joyce Cosby. Where others might see a bare world, Cosby sees a treasure trove of plant cut-offs that can be assembled to create beautiful holiday wreaths, centerpieces and other adornments of the season.

Beyond the conventional greenery of boxwood and holly, Cosby has found a mesmerizing world of dried and dead plant material, such as seedpods, including cones. There are the Chinese chestnuts, mahogany nuggets (wrapped in a spiny bark), a floral designer at the State Arboretum of Virginia in Boyce, Va.

"I think that unless people have had their eyes opened somehow, they miss it," says Cosby, a floral designer at the State Arboretum of Virginia in Boyce, Va. Natural materials add a new dimension to conventional decorations. Cosby displays a 14-inch wreath of pods and cones, a composition in different textures and shades of brown, as if carved in wood. A large cone has been cut down to form a star, reminiscent of a star magnolia bloom. The wreath also contains svergelium balls, acorn cups, ruffled cinnamon sticks and various small seedpods.

Perennials and annuals that have potential include the common milkweed, whose pods are often formed into angel wings,



JOYCE COSBY/The Washington Post

Where others might see a bare world, a floral designer and master wreath-maker at the State Arboretum of Virginia sees a treasure trove of plant cast-offs that can be assembled to create beautiful holiday wreaths, centerpieces and other adornments of the season. Here, seedpods of the Chinese cedar tree, top, and the pods of the pantomima tree below.

and a similar but bizarre pod from an exotic annual called the unicorn plant. The pod resembles a tropical beetle with antlers. Ornamental grasses and even bamboo are useful in dried and live floral arrangements. In fact, almost all plants yield something by way of seed or fruit. Burning bush berries will hold up - nandina berries tend not to - and grapefruit-size osage oranges will look good simply placed in a bowl. They will disintegrate if you try to wire them to wreaths, says Cosby.

Martha begins to keep a lower profile

By Charlene Varkonyi Schaub
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Unlike Ralph Lauren, whose empire of clothing and home furnishings projects an image beyond the man, Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia is Martha Stewart.

Many of her fans thought Martha did it all. No wonder. Martha's face was everywhere - on the cover of her magazine, in her Knart ads and in her TV show and holiday specials. But these days the once ubiquitous "Domestic Diva" is taking the "lowest profile of her career. She's even stepping aside and allowing the invisible sheen on her staff to take some credit.

It looks like Martha and her advisers are realizing the inClone

insider trading scandal has tarnished the golden girl's image. They know if they want to save her brand, it will be a good thing to take the focus off Martha.

The traditional Martha Stewart Christmas TV special has been canceled. And Knart, which has troubles of its own with Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, is downplaying her image in its ads. You'll hear Martha's voice but not see her in the TV ads for her holiday collection.

But the coup de grace was a press release on Martha Stewart Everyday Holiday, her new line of holiday decorations. Instead of the typical photos of Martha, this one comes with a photo of seven smiling young faces identified as the designers of Martha Stewart Everyday

Holiday. Hello, elves.

No matter whose face is on the promotion, the products at Knart are the style and quality her fans expect. And prices are reasonable - only \$19.99 for a 6-foot garland; \$29.99 for an embroidered velvet tree skirt. The collection includes 1,000 new items in seven holiday themes - Golden Luster, Christmas Favorites, Classic Christmas, Cuddly Cats & Candy Canes, Woodland Holiday, Winter Blossoms and First Snowfall. Items include ornaments, tinsel and beaded garland, wreaths, snow globes, ribbons and bows, stockings, tree skirts, mantel covers, gift wrap and accessories, indoor and outdoor lights. They also are available at www.kmart.com.

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This chocolate cookie sparkles



These Chocolate Sparkle cookies, perfect for Christmas, are actually flourless.

Vancouver bakery boasts cookie with compelling flavor, texture

By Jennifer Lowe
Los Angeles Times

Most people traveling to foreign cities fall in love with something like a museum, a restaurant, a local resident who sweeps them unsuspectingly off their feet. I fell in love with a cookie.

It was a few months ago in Vancouver, British Columbia, when clear blue skies had not yet given in to fall's gray weather, and colorful leaves fluttered onto the sidewalks and streets of this charming city. I ducked into the Senses Bakery near a bustling corner, a small, sleek spot with a glass case neatly filled with

sweets. It was chocolate, slightly cracked, not perfectly round by any means. One nibble, and I was smitten. Its dark, sensual chocolate taste was powerful, its texture addictive: chewy, almost truffelike, mysterious.

It is called the chocolate sparkle cookie, and while it doesn't glimmer from its case, people who taste it know why. It is the most popular cookie at this 4-year-old bakery, says executive pastry chef Thomas Haas, who created it. I begged for the recipe and—surprise—they're one of the easiest things we've made all year. (Just in time for the holidays.)

CHOCOLATE SPARKLE COOKIES
1/2 pound semisweet chocolate
3 tablespoons butter, room temperature
2 eggs
1/3 cup sugar, plus more for rolling
3/4 cup ground almonds
Powdered sugar, for garnish
Melt the chocolate in the top of a double boiler set over, but not touching, simmering water. Remove from the heat. Cut the butter into a few pieces and mix into the chocolate until melted. Beat the eggs with an electric mixer, gradually

adding the sugar until ribbons form. Fold in the chocolate-butter mixture. Gently add the ground almonds. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Heat the oven to 325 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Use a cookie scoop to form the dough into 1-inch balls. Roll the balls in granulated sugar, place on the baking sheet about 2 inches apart and immediately place in the oven. Bake until the center of the cookies is no longer wet, 9 to 12 minutes. When slightly cool, lightly dust the cookies with powdered sugar.

Cookie exchange can sweeten the holidays

By Carol Tannehill
Knight Rider News Services

FORT WAYNE, Ind.—The party invitation was all there in red and green: the time, date, place—and price of admission. "I'm supposed to bring four dozen cookies!" said the newly married professional.

It's called a cookie exchange or cookie walk, and it's all the rage among people whose overstuffed Dayminders render them unable to produce the expected smorgasbord of holiday sweets. The concept is simple: Each guest brings one kind of cookie and leaves with a variety. In a single evening and with very little effort, a homemaker can amass a cookie stash that would have taken her grandmother weeks to bake, frost and decorate.

A cookie exchange isn't hard to plan or pull off. In fact, clever co-workers have been known to hold them in the conference room during their lunch hours.

Here are sure-fire success strategies.

- Make up a guest list. Inviting more people means more cookie varieties, but it also means everybody has to bake larger quantities. Strike a good balance.
- Select a convenient party time and date close to Christmas. Remember that weekends during the holiday season get booked up quickly. Evenings may work better.
- Issue invitations. If there's enough time for RSVPs, you can mail out homemade ones. If time is tight, call or e-mail and ask for a yes or no on the spot.
- Ask each guest to bring one variety of homemade cookie. Store-bought ones are not allowed. Also, clearly specify how many cookies each guest is supposed to bring—for six or fewer people, figure on requesting a

dozen cookies per person. For 12 people, you could get by with eight cookies per person. Ask guests to divide and package cookies according to the number of guests.

- When confirming attendance, make sure no one is duplicating recipes. Remember, variety is the whole point of having an exchange.
- Instruct each exchanger to make copies of his or her cookie recipe. Make sure there are enough copies that each guest can have one.
- Create a convenient place for the exchange to take place. Clear off a large table, dress it in holiday finery and set out place cards for each cookie variety. Put the recipes next to the appropriate cookies.
- Plan snacks and decorations. Although there's a practical purpose for gathering, there's no reason the event shouldn't be fun. Set up the Christmas tree, haul out the holiday music and serve something besides cookies. How about a light luncheon, an old-fashioned tea party or savory appetizers with wine?

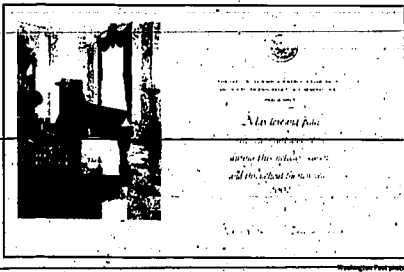
lightly floured surface, roll out the dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into shapes with cookie cutters. Place cutouts an inch apart on prepared cookie sheets. Bake for 12-14 minutes in the preheated oven until bottoms and edges of cookies are light brown. Remove from baking sheet and cool on wire racks. Decorate as desired with frosting and sprinkles. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

CHERRY VANILLA COOKIES
3/4 cup shortening
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1/4 cup maraschino cherries, finely chopped
2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
Place shortening, vanilla, sugars and egg in a bowl and beat. Add nuts and cherries; mix well. Sift together dry ingredients; mix about half of the sifted mixture into the batter. Add remaining sifted mixture; knead dough with hands. Chill dough until firm. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 6 to 8 minutes. Garnish cookies, while still warm, with a sliver of cherry if desired. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

BUCKEYES
1 1/2 cups peanut butter
6 cups powdered sugar
1 cup butter, softened
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 cups semisweet chocolate chips
Blend peanut butter, sugar,

and vanilla. Roll into 1-inch balls and place on a cookie sheet lined with waxed paper. Stick a toothpick into each ball, then chill in freezer until firm, about half an hour. Stirring continuously, melt chocolate chips in a microwave oven or in the top of a double boiler. Dip the frozen peanut butter balls in the chocolate using the toothpick as a handle. Leave a small circle of peanut butter showing at the top of the balls so they resemble a real buckeye. Put the dipped balls back on the lined cookie sheet and refrigerate for 2 hours.

PECAN DIVINITY
1/2 cup water
3 cups sugar
1/2 cup light corn syrup
2 egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups broken pecans
Cook water, sugar and syrup in a saucepan to soft ball stage. Beat egg whites, then pour one-half of syrup mixture over egg whites and continue to beat. Cook the other half of the syrup to hard ball stage, then add to egg whites. Beat well, then add vanilla and pecans. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper.



This year's White House Christmas card, by artist Zhan-Huan Lu, features a replica of the 1938 Steinway piano in the Grand Foyer.

Pets

Continued from C1
poised with pink tongue hanging out on a table beneath Gerald Ford-Woodrow-Wilson's sheep peek out of the greenery on an East Room mantel. Theodore Roosevelt's brilliant blue macaw, Eli, is perched next to the pony Algonquin, which once rode up the presidential elevator to visit young Archie Roosevelt when he had measles. John Quincy Adams kept an alligator, which lounges in paper-mache in a "swamp" of holly.

Presidents also lived volun-

ty with a bear, frosters, turkeys and snakes, all re-created as a platoon of marzipan carolers on the grounds-of-pastry-chef Roland Mesnier's gingerbread White House.

The grand foyer is filled of decoration but for a green and gold plant, which is the focal point of the 'Bushes' holiday card. In this second season of restricted White House access, Barney's virtual tour (www.whitehouse.gov) will have to suffice. Along with an HGTV special scheduled to air Sunday.

SAM'S RECIPES

SQUASH CASSEROLE
4 pounds yellow squash
1 1/2 to 2 cups water
1/4 pound butter
1/4 heaping cups grated medium cheddar cheese
1 large onion
1 tablespoon salt
1 can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
1/2 teaspoon oregano
Slice squash and onion. Cover in water and cook on medium heat for 20 minutes in a 6-quart pot. Drain in a colander. Blend in food processor to a mushy consistency (not liquid). Place back in the pot with all the other ingredients (except the cheese) and blend by hand till well mixed. Pour into a 10-inch Corning casserole dish. Sprinkle the cheese over the top to cover completely. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 30 minutes.

2 squares unsweetened baking chocolate
1/3 cup sugar
2 tablespoons cold coffee
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
3 egg yolks, lightly beaten
4 egg whites, beaten stiff
Whipped cream (add sugar and vanilla to taste)
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Melt butter in a saucepan. Add flour and stir with a whisk till blended. Meanwhile, bring mocha mix to a boil and add at once to the butter/flour mixture stirring vigorously with the whisk. Add salt. Melt the chocolate with the sugar and coffee in a double boiler. Stir into sauce and add vanilla. Beat in egg yolks one at a time. Let cool. Fold in egg whites and turn into a buttered 2-quart casserole dish, that has been sprinkled with sugar. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes or until puffy and brown. Serve immediately with whipped cream.

CHOCOLATE SOUFFLE
Serves 6
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
3/4 cups mocha mix
1 pinch salt

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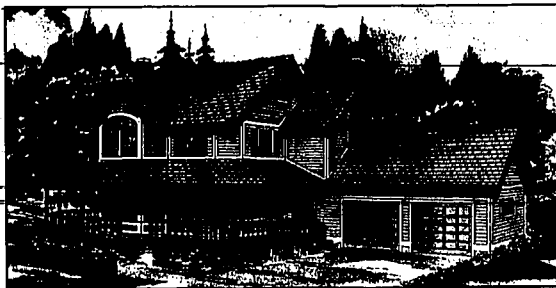
Fireplaces add to Thompson's warm, cozy feel

A wide, old-fashioned porch wraps around the entire front facade of the country-style Thompson, offering a gracious welcome to visitors while providing plenty of space for a porch swing and a couple of rocking chairs. Inside, a wood dowl staircase sweeps up the right side of the two-story foyer to a second-floor landing which overlooks the entry. This space is naturally illuminated by a window at the second floor level. A small powder-room is close to the front door.

Amenities in the country kitchen include an eating bar, pantry, built-in dishwasher and eating nook. A fireplace warms the family room. A laundry room with a laundry chute from the second floor is a few steps away. Double French doors open onto a rear deck.

Another fireplace nestles into the back corner of the living room, a large room brightened by bay windows.

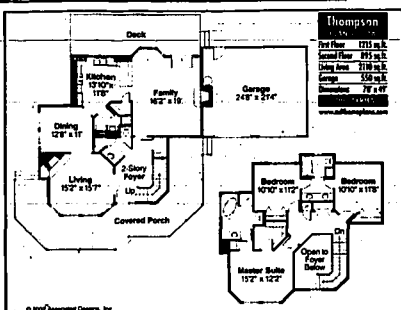
All of the bedrooms are upstairs. A half-round window caps the lower windows in the gabled front-facing master



The Thompson has a cozy, nostalgic feel.

suite. Amenities include a large walk-in closet, vanity counter, spa and shower. The other two bedrooms share a bathroom that can be entered from either bedroom, without going into the hallway. It also has twin vanities.

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Creations from the kitchen make great holiday gifts

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

Gifts from the kitchen are more than the sum of their

ingredients. The breads, chutneys, candies, cakes and cook-unatters do. Do not leave pan-time represent their love and care.

HOLIDAY RECIPES

FLOWERPOT BREAD
2 new clay flowerpots
1 cup milk
1 cup water
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
5 to 5 1/2 cups flour
2 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast
2 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon salt
1 1/4 cups shredded cheddar cheese
1 egg
2 tablespoons minced parsley
1 teaspoon caraway seeds
3/4 teaspoon dried tarragon leaves

Wash flowerpots; bake in preheated 375-degree oven for 15 minutes. Cool. Line pots with aluminum foil and grease thoroughly. Heat milk, water and butter in saucepan to boiling. Cool slightly. Mix 2 cups flour, the yeast, sugar and salt in a large bowl. Blend in milk mixture; beat 2 minutes. Mix in cheese, egg, parsley, caraway seeds and tarragon. Beat 2 minutes. Stir in enough flour to make a stiff batter (batter will leave sides of bowl). Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Stir down batter. Spoon batter into flowerpots. Bake in preheated 375-degree oven until golden, about 50 minutes to 55 minutes. Cool on wire racks. Bread can be made 3 days in advance; store wrapped in aluminum foil at room temperature. Bread can be frozen up to 2 months. Remove from pots and wrap in aluminum foil. Makes 2 clay flowerpots (5 1/2 inches by 5 1/2 inches).

-From Susan Sartory, West Friendship, Md.

SUGAR-AND-SPICE PECANS
1 egg white
1 tablespoon water or orange juice
1 cup sugar
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 pound pecan halves
Beat egg white and water until frothy (not stiff). Stir in sugar, salt and cinnamon. Stir in pecans until they are completely coated. Spread nuts on large cookie sheet. Bake at 200 degrees for 45 minutes. Stir every 15 minutes. Remove from oven when dry and toasty. When cool, store in airtight container. Makes 4 cups.

-From Lillian Wright, Baltimore.

Caronsville, Md.

DONNA MAY'S ENGLISH TOFFEE

1/2 pound butter (no substitute)
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup sliced almonds
1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
Ground walnuts to dust top (optional)
Melt butter, add sugar, turn burner to medium heat and stir constantly. Do not leave pan unattended. Pour in almonds and continue stirring. Stir until mixture becomes thick, medium-brown and glassy in color. Have a parchment-paper-lined jellyroll pan ready. Pour immediately into lined pan and spread out with a wooden spoon. The toffee will not fully cover the paper or fill the pan. Sprinkle chocolate chips on top and let melt. Spread chocolate over top of mixture with the back of a spoon. Sprinkle top with ground walnuts, if desired. Place into refrigerator. When thoroughly cool (approximately 2 hours), remove toffee from pan, peel parchment paper from the back and break into serving-size pieces. Store in tightly covered container. Makes 18 servings.

-From Faith A. Harland-White, Annapolis, Md.

APPLE CHUTNEY

8 cups peeled and chopped tart apples
4 1/2 cups sugar
2 cups seedless golden raisins
1 cup coarsely chopped toasted pecans or walnuts
1/2 cup vinegar
Peel of 2 oranges, finely chopped
1/3 teaspoon cloves
Combine all ingredients in large kettle or Dutch oven. Place over high heat and bring to a rolling boil, stirring constantly. Reduce heat to simmer and cook slowly until apples are tender and syrup is very thick, almost caramelized. Ladle into hot sterilized jars, seal and store in cool dark place. Keep refrigerated after opening. Can be frozen. Use as a complement to curries, pork, poultry or toast. Makes 7 1/2 pints.

-From Caroline Clawson, Baltimore.

Options abound for remodeling unfinished rooms

DEAR JIM: We have an unfinished aboveground storage room and a basement we want to remodel into a bedroom and an office. The storage room is brick and the basement is concrete. How should we do it and insulate them?

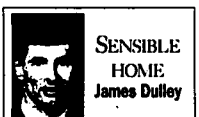
-PETE E.

DEAR PETE: You have many options for finishing the rooms, but whatever method you choose, you will have to add some insulation to the walls. This is not only for comfort and lower utility bills, but the building codes in most areas will require a certain level (R-value) of wall insulation.

There are some very nice basement wall finishing systems available that include the insulation, attractive fabric-covered wall panels and everything for a finished room. This is the type of finishing system I plan to use in my basement when I convert one section of it into a home theater.

These types of systems are designed to handle the higher moisture content from basement walls, but they may work for aboveground applications too. The only problems may be the aboveground insulation level required by code may be higher than for basements and the moisture barriers may not be positioned properly for your area.

You will probably have plenty of room in the basement, but a storage room is usually smaller, so floor space will be at a premium. For this room, you should consider using rigid foam insulation instead of batts. The rigid insulation typically has a higher R-value per inch thickness so thinner walls are required to meet code. This reduces the amount of floor space lost. Some rigid foam insulation sheets also function well as the vapor barrier and will resist degradation by moisture or high humidity.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dullea

Check your home center store for rigid foam panels with notched edges. These are ideal for your job because the notch allow the furring strip to be recessed into the panel for a smooth surface that is easier to finish. Foam insulation should be covered with drywall for fire safety reasons.

If your storage room has a window which you want to keep open, you might consider just building a movable wall insulation panel. This is a fairly simple do-it-yourself job. This is also ideal for other rooms in your house, especially if you have an older house with true masonry walls.

The basic design uses four decorative insulation panels. The two outer panels are fixed and the center ones slide open and closed depending on when you want to see out the window. Cover them with drywall for fire safety and then finish them with fabric, paint or wallpaper to match the room decor.

The two outside panels are spaced out from the wall with tracks installed behind them for the inner panels to slide on. Weatherstrip the edges so they seal well when closed. Write for Update bulletin No. 748 - list of 12 masonry wall or basement insulation system/material manufacturers showing material types, thicknesses, descriptions, and DIY instructions for making a movable insulating wall. Please include \$3.00 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dullea, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.



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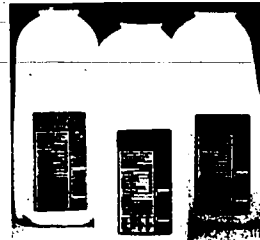


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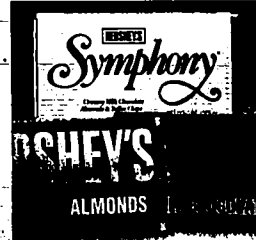
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A time for overeating

This truly is the season for eating foods that simply aren't good for you. But they all smell so delicious and look so appetizing, they're hard to resist.

For instance, I purchased a spiral-cut ham with a spicy, clove-scented yummy glaze that filled the house with an aroma you just couldn't resist. Add to that a potato casserole filled with bacon grease (for flavor!) and sour cream and cheese and every other artery-clogging topping there is, and we had one fatty meal.

Actually, it's more than one fatty meal, because our family can't down even a small ham in one serving, and what's the point of making potatoes if you don't have leftovers for the next day or two?

Then we have Christmas events to go to, and they always



VALLEY COOKING
Rebecca Tateoka

center around food, just as they should. So I make double batches because my family has to have some of it, too. It's the one time of year I can indulge in an excess of baking sweets with only a modicum of guilt.

I keep telling myself that, but my hips and thighs just aren't listening. Merry Christmas anyway.

Rebecca Tateoka welcomes comments on recipes. You may email her at tateoka@pmt.org.

BECCA'S RECIPES

This is the perfect brunch or dessert dish, to be given away, of course.

- CINNAMON NUT CAKE**
1 package yellow cake mix
1 1/3 cups water
3 eggs
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 1/4 cups finely chopped walnuts
7 1/2 teaspoons sugar
4 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

In a mixing bowl, combine the cake mix, eggs, water and oil. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Combine walnuts, sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle a third of the nut mixture into a greased 10-inch fluted tube pan. Top with half of the batter and another third of the nut mixture. Repeat layers. Bake at 350 for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to cool completely.

This is so easy. Use what you have on hand to make it, as a gift for someone, of course.

- PEANUT BUTTER CHOCOLATE CAKE**
2 1/4 cups flour
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/3 cup baking cocoa
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups water
1/2 cup vegetable oil
4 1/2 teaspoons white vinegar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
Peanut butter butter:
4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar, divided
1 egg
1 1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped pecans

In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, cocoa, baking soda and salt. Stir in water, oil, vinegar and vanilla; mix well. Pour into a greased 13-by-9 baking pan. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese, peanut butter, 1/3 cup sugar, egg and salt until smooth. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop by tablespoons onto cake batter; cut through batter with a knife to swirl the peanut butter mixture. Sprinkle with pecans and remaining sugar. Bake at 350 for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool

on a wire rack before cutting. Refrigerate leftovers.

- These are beautiful in a Christmas tin, if there are enough left after you've had some.
- CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES**
1 1/2 cups sugar
3/4 cup butter (no substitutes)
1/2 cup cream evaporated milk
2 4.67-ounce packages mint Andes candies (56 pieces total)
1 7-ounce jar marshmallow creme
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
12 ounces white baking chocolate, divided
1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Green food coloring, optional
In a heavy saucepan, combine sugar, butter and milk. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat; cook and stir until a candy thermometer reads 236 (soft-ball stage). Remove from heat. Stir in candies until melted and mixture is well blended. Stir in marshmallow cream and vanilla until smooth. Spread into a buttered 15-by-10-inch pan; cover and refrigerate for 1 hour. Cut into 96 pieces; roll each into a ball (mixture will be soft). Place on a wax paper-lined baking sheet. In a heavy saucepan or microwave-safe bowl, melt 18 ounces of white chocolate and chocolate chips. Place on wax paper to harden. Melt the remaining white chocolate; add food coloring if desired. Drizzle over truffles. Store in an airtight container.

These are great if you're in a time crunch and need to take a dessert somewhere. Or just eat them; it's Christmas!

- CANDY BAR CROSSANTS**
1 8-ounce tub refrigerated crescent rolls
1 tablespoon butter or margarine, softened
2 plain milk chocolate candy bars (1.55 ounces each), broken into small pieces
1 egg, beaten
2 tablespoons sliced almonds
Unroll crescent roll dough; separate into triangles. Brush with butter. Arrange candy bar pieces and almonds over triangles; roll up from the wide end. Place point side down on a greased baking sheet; curve ends slightly. Brush with egg and sprinkle with almonds. Bake at 375 for 11-13 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack.

A feast free of guilt



Porcini mushroom says: It tastes and looks richer than it really is.

These recipes help keep holiday calories in check

By Donna Deane
Los Angeles Times

December is a month for feasting — which is not necessarily to say gorging, though it sometimes seems like it. Eating well is not the same thing as stuffing yourself and eating sensibly is not the same as being dull. These recipes will help.

- PORK LOIN ROAST WITH CHESTNUTS**
Roast:
1 (8-rib) bone-in pork loin, bones frenched (about 4 pounds)
16 dried apricots
16 fresh sage leaves
3 cloves garlic, 2 cut into slices, 1 minced, divided
Course salt
Freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon butter
1 cup fresh bread crumbs
1/4 cup plus 1 teaspoon water, divided
1/4 cup chicken broth
2 tablespoons ruby port
1 teaspoon cornstarch

Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Wrap each of the bone ends with foil. Make 2 deep slits between each of the bones on the loin. Top each apricot with a sage leaf and a sliver of garlic and fold in half. Tuck each folded apricot roll into a slit in the roast. Season the meat with salt and pepper. Heat the butter in a skillet until melted. Add the minced garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Stir in the bread crumbs. Add salt and pepper to taste. Place the roast in a roasting pan and top with the crumbs, patting them in place. Roast until a meat thermometer inserted in the center of the meat registers 150 degrees, 60 to 75 minutes. Remove to a carving board and let stand while preparing the sauce. Combine the 1/4 cup of water and the chicken broth and stir into the drippings in the roasting pan, stirring to loosen any brown bits. Pour into a small saucepan and stir in the port. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer 5 minutes. Strain, then pour the liquid back into the

- 115 mg. sodium; 8 mg. cholesterol; 3 grams fat; 2 grams saturated fat; 4 grams carbohydrates; 2 grams protein; 0.51 grams fiber.

saucepan. Blend the cornstarch and remaining 1 teaspoon of water until smooth; stir into the saucepan and simmer until the sauce is thickened and clear, 3 to 5 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Remove the foil from the bones. Carve the roast, cutting between the bones. Serve 1 chop with bone per serving, spooning a little sauce over each.

Serve 2 roasted chestnuts on each plate.
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the shell of each chestnut. Place them on a baking sheet and roast until they pop open, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove the chestnuts from the oven and immediately cover with a towel that has been soaked in ice water and wrung out. When the nuts are cool enough to handle the shells should peel off easily. Makes 8 servings.

Each serving: 448 calories; 131 mg. sodium; 133 mg. cholesterol; 22 grams fat; 17 grams saturated fat; 19 grams carbohydrates; 39 grams protein; 0.14 gram fiber.

—The chestnut recipe is from "Roger Verge's Vegetables in the French Style" (Artisan, 1994).

BRAISED RED CABBAGE

1 tablespoon grape seed oil
1 cup diced onion
1 clove garlic, minced
1 (2-pound) head red cabbage, cored and shredded (about 16 cups)
1 cup water
1/4 cup white wine vinegar
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon fennel seeds
1 1/2 teaspoons salt
2 slices bacon, cut into quarters

Heat the oil in a 5-quart Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and continue to cook 1 minute. Stir in the cabbage, water, vinegar, sugar, fennel seeds and salt. Add the bacon. Bring to a boil then reduce the heat, and simmer, covered, until very tender, about 2 hours. Check the cabbage periodically and stir. If the cabbage looks dry, add a bit more water. Adjust the seasoning. Cool thor-



Cinnamon, vanilla and citrus flavor the poached pears.

oughly, then refrigerate the cabbage overnight. Reheat over low heat before serving. 8 servings

Each serving: 110 calories; 500 mg. sodium; 2 mg. cholesterol; 4 grams fat; 1 gram saturated fat; 18 grams carbohydrates; 3 grams protein; 6.07 grams fiber.

POACHED PEARS

1 cup sugar
1/2 vanilla bean, split in half
1 cinnamon stick
1 tablespoon thin strips of orange peel
1 tablespoon lemon juice
4 Seckel pears, peeled
1/4 cup ruby port
8 teaspoons vanilla yogurt
4 teaspoons chestnut honey
Combine the sugar, 3 cups water, vanilla bean, cinnamon stick, orange peel and lemon juice in a 2-quart saucepan. Simmer until the syrup is clear, 2 minutes. Add the pears; bring to a simmer. Place a circle of parchment paper over the pears. Cover

the pan and simmer until the pears are tender, 30 minutes. Add the port. Place the pears and liquid in a bowl so that the pears are submerged. Place another parchment round on the pears. Cover; chill overnight. Remove the pears from the syrup. Reduce the syrup in a small saucepan over medium-high heat to 1 cup. Cool, then chill. To serve, cut the pears in half and scoop out the seeds. Cut each pear half into thirds and fan out on top of each spongecake round. Place a teaspoon of yogurt on top, then a half teaspoon of the honey. Drizzle the chilled syrup around each cake round. Makes 8 servings.

NOTE: Use a 2-inch round cutter to cut circles from a home-baked or purchased spongecake.
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Traditional red still appeals to most

Poinsettias can come in many shades

By Denise Cowie
The Philadelphia Inquirer

When shoppers head home clutching that symbol of the American holiday season — the poinsettia — chances are, it will be red.

About four out of five are, though poinsettias these days may flaunt their petal-like bracts in shades of pink, white, lemon cream, salmon, coral, or numerous festive variegations such as the new-this-season Strawberries 'N Cream and Avante Garde.

But tradition doesn't give way that easily. Even upscale shoppers — who are generally more likely to try something new or different, such as plants with curly bracts or designer colors — may be feeling a bit more traditional.

"I've been moving back to red," says Bob Short, buyer for the Waterloo Gardens stores in Pennsylvania. "Before that, we were really into novelty colors ... but in the last couple of years everyone is going back to traditional red."

Ah, but which red? There are many, and each is different.

So popular is Prestige Red, which has been on the market a few years, that it could challenge longtime favorite Freedom Red as the top seller.

"It's our latest big hit," says Joe O'Donovan, regional program manager for Paul Ecke Ranch, the country's largest producer of poinsettias. "Prestige gives us a plant architecture that is second to none."

What does that mean for consumers? Less breakage all along the line, he says. When you carry the plant home from the store, there's less chance you'll accidentally break off a branch and spoil



Paul Farrell moves poinsettias around the greenhouse at Flowerland Nursery outside of Corvallis, Ore. The popular Christmas plant in its traditional red color is in style big time this year.

its looks.

Of course, if Joel Roberts Pointsett, the first U.S. ambassador to Mexico, hadn't fallen in love with the bright red flowers of the large shrub "Euphorbia pulcherrima and brought it home with him, you might not be reading anything about poinsettias. But he did, and one of the plants quickly fell into the hands of Pennsylvania nurseryman Robert Buist, who happened to be an active member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. Buist displayed what would later come to be known as poinsettias at the first Philadelphia Flower Show, in 1829.

Now, there's even a National Poinsettia Day — on Dec. 12.

Points about poinsettias

■ CARE

Protect your poinsettia from chilly winds on the way home, then put it in a spot where it will get indirect sunlight at least six hours a day. If it is in direct sun, diffuse the light with a sheer curtain. Temperatures should not exceed 70 degrees by day, nor go much below 55 degrees at night.

Don't position your plant near appliances, fireplaces, or venting ducts, and keep it out of drafts. Water only when soil is dry to the touch, then let the pot drain thoroughly. Never let it sit in water. Don't fertilize a plant that's in bloom. (If you plan to keep the poinsettia until next year, use an all-purpose fertilizer after the blooming season.) Information: www.pauleckepoinsettias.com.

■ SAFETY

Poinsettias are not considered poisonous, although no houseplants or decorations should be left where small children or pets can get at them. Dr. Allison

Muller of the Poison Control Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia says: "If a child were to eat a large quantity, such as several leaves, maybe it would cause some stomach upset. But there is not anything toxic involved with the poinsettia." The Poison Control Center's emergency number is 1-800-222-1222.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“Did Stevie throw the camera away? I’ve been wanting to do that for a long time. I’ve taken them away from people, but I haven’t smashed one or thrown one yet. I think it’s fair.”

“Davis Love III upon hearing that Tiger Woods’ caddie threw a photographer’s camera into a water hazard.”

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who holds the NBA record for free throws made in a regulation game?

ANSWER below

TODAY’S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball
Twin Falls at Elko, Nev., TBA
Shoshone at Hagerman, 7:30 p.m.
Burley at Declo, 7:30 p.m.
High school girls basketball
Highland at Minico, 7:30 p.m.
Sho-Ban at Raft River, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Murtaugh v-ball takes postseason honors

CASTLEFORD - Murtaugh dominated the Southside Magic Valley all-conference volleyball team by taking the most valuable player and coach of the year awards...

First team Outside hitters: Mandy Chubbild, Oakley; Bonnie Freston, Hansen; Lucy Parkins, Murtaugh; Jessica Ratto, Hansen; Middle blockers: Valerie Sells, Oakley; Defensive specialists: Brianne Stanger, Hansen; Carla Cudeanu, Castleford.

Second team Outside hitters: Jillian Cufone, Murtaugh; Hannah Bates, Hagerman; Jill Harper, Raft River; Alli Crenney, Oakley; Middle blockers: Mindy Burchell, Oakley; Defensive specialists: Brianne Stanger, Hansen; Carla Cudeanu, Castleford.

Burley’s Rios earns player-of-the-year award

BURLEY - Burley’s Oscar Rios was named Great Basin soccer player of the year, while Jerome’s Jose Morales was picked as coach of the year.

Here is the boys’ all-conference team:
First team: Goalie: Jose Castillo, Jr.; Jerome; Brian Raman, Jr., Century; Defenders: Jacob Steiler, Jr., Century; Matt Hope, sr., Burley; Midfielders: Chris Edwards, Jr., Jerome; Zach Zollinger, Jr., Century; Antonio Lopez, Jr., Jerome; Thayne Hurst, sr., Burley; Forwards: Stephen Schwanebeck, sr., Century; Oscar Williams, Jr., Burley.

Second team: Theodore Wahl, sr., Century; Chris Horgan, sr., Jerome; Elear, Jr., Jerome; Chris Gallardo, sr., Century; Nathan Ray, sr., Burley; Devon Gonnell, Jr., Century; Miguel Diaz, Jr., Jerome; Nick Miller, Jr., Burley; Peter Kaudonates, sr., Century; Anton Chernov, Jr., Burley; Billy Teller, sr., Burley.

Here is the girls’ all-conference team:
First team: Forwards: Lia Roberts, sr., Century; Grace Miramontes, sr., Jerome; Middle blockers: Molly Galloway, sr., Jerome; Molly Stoddard, sr., Burley; Becca Jordahl, sr., Century; Kyndra Kirby, Jr., Century; Defenders: Caitlyn McCann, sr., Century; Cori Fowler, Jr., Century; Tara Daeding, Jr., Century; Lia Hoggan, sr., Burley; Goalie: Maria Ross, sr., Century.

Second team: Darcy Heister, Jr., Burley; Silvia Miramontes, sr., Jerome; Victoria Terry, sr., Burley; Joel Bauman, Jr., Century; Vanessa Ross, Jr., Jerome; Hoggan, sr., Burley.

Local honoree mentions: Jerome - Paolo Hernandez, Susana Lopez, Rebecca Miramontes, Adriana Daeding, Burley - Lindsey Alo, Lia Bric, Marlyne McCull.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: The record, 28, is shared by Walt Chamberlain and Adrian Dantley.

Penn State’s Johnson had something to prove

By Dan Lawrence Associated Press writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - Facing Larry Johnson one-on-one, Michigan State safety Jason Harman stood the Penn State callback up at the 4-yard line - then felt himself being pushed back, step by step, into the end zone.

Just another defender brushed aside, Johnson did what he did in 2002, becoming only the ninth Division I-A player to run for 2,000 yards in a season. That rare feat makes him one of the leading contenders for the Heisman Trophy, which will be awarded Saturday night.

Hitting Johnson isn't enough. You also have to deal with the chip on his shoulder, the years of frustration, the expectations he puts on himself.

“There’s always that little monster in the back of my mind that says, ‘What if you did this? What if you did that?’” Johnson said. “My father always says that’s been my problem. He tells me,

‘You had a great season, you ought to look back and enjoy,’ and it’s hard for me to do that.”

Johnson feels he has too much to prove. When he came to Penn State, he thought people were whispering that he only made the team because his father, Larry Johnson Sr., was on the coaching staff.

The also was in a hurry when he had the ball rarely waiting for the line to open up a hole. As soon as he touched the ball, he was off, racing the defense to the corner or trying to bowl over a 300-pound lineman.

“Larry, at times, lost his patience,” said his father, a defensive line coach. “But during the process, Joe told him early on, ‘Your time is going to come.’ Fortunately, it happened.”

Johnson’s style changed this year. Although still not afraid to bowl over a defender, he chooses his spots better. Please see HESMAN, Page D2



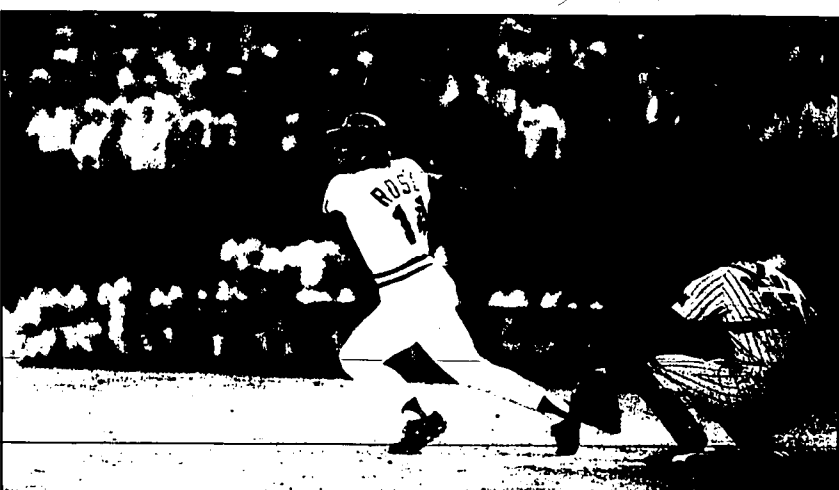
Penn State running back Larry Johnson is hauled down by Northwestern defender Eric Vanderhorst during their game in State College, Pa., in October. Johnson is a contender for this year’s Heisman Trophy, to be awarded Saturday in New York.

Heisman hopefuls

This is the second in a series of features on Heisman Trophy hopefuls.

Table with columns: Opponent, Rank, Yds, Rec., Yds., TD. Includes data for Nebraska, Louisiana Tech, Iowa, at Wisconsin, at Michigan, Northwestern, at Ohio State, Illinois, Virginia, at Indiana, Michigan State, Totals.

Second chance for Rose?



Pete Rose hits a line drive on Sept. 11, 1985, to break Ty Cobb’s all-time hit record. A 17-time All-Star and former National League MVP, Rose agreed to a lifetime ban from baseball in August 1989 following an investigation of his gambling but has maintained he never bet on baseball. Rose and commissioner Bud Selig met secretly in Milwaukee on Nov. 25 and their lawyers have been exchanging draft proposals that could end the ban, a baseball executive said Tuesday on the condition he not be identified.

Selig talks with Hit King about reinstatement

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Pete Rose may finally be getting his second chance.

Baseball’s career hits leader could know by the end of the year if baseball will agree to end his lifetime ban - which would make him eligible for the Hall of Fame.

Rose and commissioner Bud Selig met secretly in Milwaukee on Nov. 25 and their lawyers have

been exchanging draft proposals that could end the ban, a baseball executive said Tuesday on the condition he not be identified.

A 17-time All-Star and former National League MVP, Rose agreed to the lifetime ban in August 1989 following an investigation of his gambling but has maintained he never bet on baseball.

None of the 14 men previously banned for life by the commission-

er’s office was ever reinstated.

“It’s a first hopeful sign,” said Cincinnati Mayor Charlie Luken, who wrote twice to Selig last month urging reinstatement. Luken said he spoke to Bob DuPuy, Selig’s top aide, on Nov. 27 and DuPuy said he would get back to him in about 30 days.

Baseball wants Rose to admit misdeeds as part of any agreement ending the ban, the executive said. Rose cannot appear on

the ballot for the Hall of Fame as long as he is on the permanently ineligible list. Baseball officials already have held meetings to discuss the implications of a possible reinstatement, the executive said.

Selig did not return a telephone call seeking comment and DuPuy, baseball’s chief operating officer, issued a statement that did not confirm or deny the meeting.

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Williams runs toward history

The Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. - Ricky Williams has a shot at an unprecedented achievement: rushing for 200 yards in a third consecutive game.

Given the way he has run lately, Williams and his streak will be tough to stop.

He has hit for 228 yards in the snow at Buffalo. He gained 216 yards in the rain Monday night to help beat Chicago. And on Sunday he’ll try to carry the Miami Dolphins past Oakland in an AFC showdown.

For most backs, a 200-yard game is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of performance. Williams is only the third rusher to reach the milestone in consecutive games, and the first since another former Heisman Trophy winner from Texas, Earl Campbell, accomplished the feat for the Houston Oilers in 1980.

“People compare us a lot because we’re both from Texas,” Williams said. “The fact is he had a great pro career, while before this year I had an average pro career. It’s great to be mentioned with him.”



Dolphins running back Ricky Williams drives in for a touchdown as Bears safety Damon Moore fails to stop him during their game Monday in Miami.

In his first season with the NFL and his fourth in the Miami Dolphins, Williams has hardly been average.

The only other players to rush for 200 yards in consecutive games were Campbell and O.J. Simpson, who did it twice. No one has done it three games

in a row.

With the most prolific rushing performance against the Bears in their 83 seasons, Williams vaulted ahead of Priest Holmes into the league lead with 1,500 yards. He needs to average 166.7 in the final three games to reach 2,000.

High-scoring small school faces major challenge

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa - Basketball at Grinnell College is all about numbers. Big numbers. Numbers so big they look as though they’re typos.

Grinnell has launched 83 3-point shots in a game this season and has made as many as 31. The Pioneers scored 160 points in their opener and rang up 152 on Monday night, when they shot 114 times.

The Pioneers average 136 points a game, better even than last season, when they set an NCAA all-division record of 124.9. Grinnell allows an average of 121 points, so what? To get something, you’ve got to give something.

“Our game plan is to win by one,” said Grinnell coach David Arsenault, the architect of this free-wheeling system at the NCAA Division III school 50 miles east of Des Moines.

“If we lose and it’s 133-132 instead of 57-56, it’s a lot more fun to watch.” Wednesday night, Arsenault

will find out how his system works against a Division I program when the Pioneers play at Drake, a major step up for a team used to playing Lake Forest, Beloit and Ripon.

It will be a new experience for Drake, too. Drake is averaging 49 shots a game. Grinnell averages 68 - from 3-point range.

“It won’t be anything Drake has ever seen before,” said Northwestern College coach Kris Korver, whose team handed Grinnell its only loss, 123-118.

When Arsenault sends in subs, he does so in waves of three or four at a time, often as early as the first 35 seconds. At least 17 players have appeared in every game, and no one has played more than 21 minutes.

As helter-skelter as it might sound, the system has a plan with well-defined goals: take 100 shots, one every 24 seconds, make half the shots 3-point attempts, force 32 turnovers, rebound one-third of the misses and shoot 30 times more than the opponent. Grinnell is 42-4 when meeting all its goals.

Picture this: Woods’ caddie takes matter into own hands

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. - With \$20,000 on the line, Tiger Woods dug his feet in the bunker, waggled his sand wedge over the ball and was at the top of his swing when the silence was pierced by a nerve-racking noise he has come to despise.

Click. Even more outrageous was the sound that followed.

Splash! Not long after someone took a premature picture of Woods at the Skins Game, caddie Steve Williams took the law - or the lens - in this case - into his own hands and deposited the camera in the pond surrounding the 18th green at Landmark Golf Club.

The question is: Who crossed the line?

Does a caddie have the right to destroy someone’s property?

“Just because he’s Tiger Woods’ caddie doesn’t give him the right to do that,” Vijay Singh said. “It may have been spur of the moment, but I guess you’d say it was good what he did. If my caddie did that, I’d make him fish it out of the lake.”

Did the fan get what he deserved? No one knew who the guy was, only that he was not authorized to have a camera or be stationed inside the ropes. Policies make it abundantly clear that cameras are not allowed once the tournament starts in this case - but he has never stopped anyone before.

“Did Stevie throw the camera away? I’ve been wanting to do that for a long time,” Davis Love III said. “I’ve taken them away from the moment, but I haven’t smashed one or thrown one yet. I think it’s fair.”

It was not clear whether Williams would be fined or

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ON THE FRINGE. Doug Ferguson

SPORTS

Bruins speed past Mountain Home 61-34

MOUNTAIN HOME - Twin Falls went on a 37-0 run, going from a 52 lead in the first minute to a 60-2 lead late in the first half en route to a 61-34 girls basketball victory over homestanding Mountain Home Tuesday.

Sophomore post Hannah Heiderreich netted a game-high 12 points and senior guard Danielle Maloney chipped in 11 points for the Bruins 5-1.

Local sports

Hansen 45, Castleford 26
CASTLEFORD - Bonnie Freestone scored 21 points to lead the Hansen Huskies to a 54-26 victory over Castleford Tuesday in a girls basketball game.

"We were flat the first half and they weren't," Castleford coach Roger Wells said.

Castleford fell to 1-7 overall and 0-2 in conference.

Wendover 45, Jackpot 40
JACKPOT - Sandra Perez notched a game-high 13 points in Jackpot's 45-40 loss to Wendover Tuesday evening.

"We forced a lot of turnovers," Jackpot coach Russ Hoffman said. "We just didn't convert them. We had a lot of good layup opportunities. We just sent them to the line too many times."

Wendover made 11 of 40 free throw attempts in the victory over Jackpot (1-3).

Shoshone 56, Carey 34
SHOSHONE - Shoshone was off from the start, defeating Carey 56-34 Tuesday in Shoshone.

Kate Strunk sank 16 points for the Indians, and Sarah Hubertnick chipped in 12. The halftime score was 30-19, Shoshone (7-1, 2-0 Northside), Indians coach Tim Chapman said that it was a successful team effort, and almost everyone got on the board.

"We're pretty consistent," Chapman said. "When we play defensively, we are pretty successful."

Shoshone plays Friday at Ketchum Community School.

TCFA 37, Magic Valley 20
TWIN FALLS - Jenna Fenderson pumped in 20 points and the Twin Falls Christian Academy Warriors gave up just four first-half points Tuesday in a 37-20 victory over Magic Valley Christian.

Fenderson, who started to heat up in the second quarter, did most of her damage from inside the paint.

"We picked up some momentum when Fenderson started to score in the second quarter and didn't slow down," TCFA coach Ryan Fenderson said. "And we played good, solid defense."

TCFA moved to 3-6 on the season.

Community School 34, Richfield 33
KETCHUM - Kristin Hickey claimed victory for the Community School on a last-second shot against Richfield, bringing the score to 34-33 Tuesday in Ketchum.

Michelle Schmidt downed 18 points for Richfield, and Holly Oehl netted 12 points for the Cardinals.

Ketchum (2-2) hosts Shoshone Friday.

Dietrich 64, Bliss 50
DIETRICH - Dietrich Blue Demons had a little pressure in the fourth quarter and rode the efforts of underclassmen to defeat Bliss 64-50 in a girls basketball game Tuesday evening.

"The victory didn't play much," Dietrich coach Gene Shaw said. "Everybody played a little and then we put a little pressure on in the fourth to pull it out."

The varsity placed four scorers in double figures, with freshman Nick Miller and sophomore Justiz Webber leading the way with 14 points and freshman Caitlin Dill adding another 10. Senior standout Rayna Parker chipped in 11 in limited playing time. For Bliss, Halise Kast led the way with 18 points while Sundi Rezendene added 16.

Filer 48, Declo 44
FILER - It was a tight game the whole way, but Filer's Lady Warriors came out ahead 46-44 over Declo Tuesday in Filer.

Jessica Meckum put in 25 points for the Wildcats, and Crystal DeMoney topped it off with 13 points. Melissa Webb scored 12 points, and Whitney Andersen chipped in with 10. Filer coach Kim Remus said Declo shot well from the 3-point line, which kept the score close.

"They tried to slow it down and we tried to speed it up," Remus said. "They had three 3-pointers in the third and we had to pull out of our zone."

Filer (5-2, 2-0 SCIC) hosts Kimberly Thursday.

Wendell 45, Kimberly 41
KIMBERLY - Wendell's Lady Trojans narrowly defeated Kimberly Tuesday 45-41 in Kimberly's court.

Paymie Goodbody scored 19 points to lead Wendell, but Kimberly's Rachel Bucher topped the scoreboard with 20 points. Goodbody scored 16 of her points in the second half when Wendell claimed the lead. The halftime score was 18-16, Kimberly (0-6).

Kimberly travels to Filer Thursday.

Buhl 49, Wood River 40
HAILY - Buhl defeated Wood River in its first league game Tuesday, 49-40, at Wood River.

Kristel Avelar topped scoring with 15 points for the Indians, and Jessica King scored 11 points to lead Wood River (3-3, 0-1 SCIC). Wood River coach Brent Cardmuff said it was a bad shooting night for the girls' team, and he hoped they would step up the defense to make up for it.

"We were fighting to avoid fouls, and as soon as we started fouling they got ahead," Cardmuff said.

Wood River hosts Glens Ferry Thursday.

Glenns Ferry 74, Gooding 60
GOODING - Zach Simons stepped up in the fourth quarter to shoot six 3-point goals and single-handedly bring Glenns Ferry back behind to defeat Gooding 74-60 on its own court.

Simons scored 24 points total, with only four at the basket. Levi half. But at the other basket, Reid Novic scored 18 points, and Jake Garcia topped shooting with 14 points. Coach Joe Messick said there was no stopping Simons after he got warmed up.

"He was hitting them from 30 feet," Messick said. "We were ahead the whole game until the fourth quarter, it was unfortunate to get beat in that fashion."

Gooding (1-2) hosts Wendell Wednesday.

Murtaugh 63, Community School 45
KETCHUM - Murtaugh defeated the Community School 63-45 Tuesday in Ketchum, thanks to 24 points by Ben Roseborough.

The halftime score was 25-23, Murtaugh, and in the third quarter Roseborough netted 10 quick points to help lead the Red Devils lead to 41-28. John Hayes poured in 14 points for the Community School (1-3), with three 3-pointers.

The Community School hosts Shoshone Friday in its first league game.

Valley 69, Buhl 54
RITZEL - Kyle Anderson knocked in 24 points and teammate Michael Grant added 18 to lead the Valley boys basketball victory Tuesday.

"Valley is a little quicker than we are and we gave them too many layups," Buhl coach Ryan Bowman said. "We got it down to seven in the fourth quarter but just couldn't get it done. We're getting better, though."

Buhl fell to 0-2 on the season.

Other scores:
Declo 56, American Falls 42

Pippen sticks it to MJ as Blazers blast Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP) - In his first game against Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen had one of his best games of the season.

With a lively bounce to nearly every step, Pippen had 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists as the Portland Trail Blazers took a quick lead and led easily from start to finish to beat the Washington Wizards 98-79 Tuesday.



SuperSonics on Tuesday night.

The Knicks snapped a three-game losing streak with ease against the Sonics, who were playing the first game of a five-game road trip. Seattle was without its second-leading scorer as Rashad Lewis started a one-game suspension for throwing a punch.

Howard Eisley and Charlie Ward scored 12 points each for the Knicks on a night when Latrell Sprewell struggled and scored only nine points.

Gary Payton had 20 points but only four assists - more than six below his league-leading average. Vladimir Radmanovic added 17 and Desmond Mason, making his first start of the season, had 12.

Grizzlies 107, Heat 92
MIAMI (AP) - Drew Gooden scored 25 points and Wesley Person and Pau Gasol each added 24 as the Memphis Grizzlies won their first road game of the year, 107-96 over the Miami Heat on Tuesday.

The Grizzlies had lost all 11 road games this season, the last four by an average of 16.5 points. But they put together a strong night offensively, shooting 55 percent from the floor and getting most of their production from their big three.

The Heat, returning home after a 1-3 West Coast road trip, had plenty of offense, but couldn't contain the Grizzlies' top scorers.

Eddie Jones broke out of a scoring slump for the Heat, finishing with a season-high 33 points.

Nicks 97, SuperSonics 80
NEW YORK (AP) - Allan Houston scored 25 points, Kurt Thomas had 22 and New York's point guards combined for 24 in a 97-80 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics on Tuesday night.

The Trail Blazers outshouted and outworked the Wizards, outscoring them 50-28 in the paint and 20-8 on fastbreaks. They were ahead by 11 at the end of the first quarter, and the Wizards never got within single digits again.

Portland has won three straight overall and eight straight against the Wizards. They are 6-0 at the MCI Center since the arena opened in 1997.

Larry Hughes had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Wizards. Jordan scored 14 points.

Heisman

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waiting for holes to open so that his first hit is from a safety instead of a lineman.

Johnson has become one of the most daunting backs in Penn State history. He shattered rushing records both for a game - he now has the four highest single-game rushing marks in school history - and for a season, passing such greats as Lenny Moore, Lydell Mitchell, Franco Harris and 1973 Heisman winner John Cappelletti.

Johnson finished with 2,015 rushing yards, averaging just over 8 per carry. His 341 yards receiving are the most over a Penn State running back, and his 2,575 all-purpose yards this year are a Penn State record and ninth best in NCAA history.

"He's an amazing football player," said Paterno, who does not often promote his players for postseason honors. "People don't realize how many passes he's caught. He's one of the best punt blockers we've had here. Larry Johnson is the greatest football player I've ever been around, if not the greatest."

Rose

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Rose's lawyers, S. Gary Spicer and Roger Mallery, did not immediately comment.

Rose took a Delta flight to Milwaukee from Cincinnati on Nov. 24 and chatted with members of Marquette's women's basketball team, which was returning home from a game in Dayton, Ohio, according to the school.

ESPN.com and WKYC-TV in Cincinnati reported Monday night that Selig and Rose had met two weeks ago.

Joe Morgan, a Hall of Fame second baseman who was Rose's teammate on the Big Red

Machine teams of the 1970s, has pushed for Selig and Rose to compromise, the executive said.

Rose was investigated by baseball starting in February 1989 while manager of the Reds. John Dowd, who headed the inquiry for commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti, wrote a report that detailed 412 baseball wagers between April 8 and July 5, 1987, including 52 on Cincinnati to win. Dowd cited evidence that included betting slips alleged to be in Rose's handwriting, and telephone and bank records.

After a legal challenge, Rose agreed to the lifetime ban.

Golf

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ordered to reimburse the man, if he ever comes forward.

Photojournalists who saw the camera said it was worth about \$7,000.

"Any fine - and Woods said he expects one - is assessed to the player, who then passes it along to the caddie. But not this time.

Woods said he would pick up the tab.

This is not the first time Woods has defended his Kiwi caddie.

During the "showdown at Sherwood" three years ago, a PGA Tour official told Williams he could not wear shorts, even though the temperature was pushing 90 degrees. When Williams refused to change, the official told the caddie he would no longer work on the PGA Tour.

"Guess I'll be playing in Europe next year," Woods said, and that was the end of that.

In the case of the camera, Woods had reason to stand by his man.

He had to back off twice because of cameras on the opening hole at the British Open, where

Woods was going for the third leg of the Grand Slam. An early click on the final hole in Ireland cost him a chance at his first bogey-free tournament. There were so many cameras in Germany that Woods felt as if he was model on a runway.

And those are just a few examples from this year.

"He backs off a lot more than you realize," Mark O'Meara said.

The national photojournalists are guilty by association. The early clicks almost always come from those who don't cover golf, such as the Japanese photographer who got Woods on the first fairway at Muirfield and was puzzled when he was asked to leave.

The real problem stems from fans who come to the course with cameras, from marshals who spend more time watching golf than playing it, and from tour officials who fail to enforce their policies.

"We've had poor camera control on the PGA Tour, and it's jeopardizing the integrity of the championship," said Phil Mickelson.

That's not to say the answer is to close the camera to the water.

"I don't think I would have handled it that way," Mickelson said. "But I can understand the frustration he must have felt. I don't have a problem with it."

Woods is the only victim of early clicks, but no one hears more. He still remembers the camera that clicked behind him as he teed off on the 18th hole at the 1997 Masters, a drive that wound up 60 yards in the fairway.

"Thank God I had a big enough cushion," said Woods, who was

leading by 12 shots and made par to close the Masters scoring record.

Colin Montgomerie is known for his rabbit ears, whether it's a camera or an unruly fan, and even he defers to Woods when it comes to distractions on the course.

"Who am I to complain?" Monty said. "He puts up with 20 times more than anyone else, and he does it so well. Every time I play with him, he has to back off. Look at the Open this year. Cameras were all over him."

There weren't that many at the Skins game, but there was one too

many.

Click!

"Not in my swing!" Woods yelled, cursing and glaring as his ball ran 15 feet by the hole.

"That's when Williams snapped."

"I walked over to him and grabbed the camera," Williams said. "He put up a little resistance."

Doug Ferguson covers golf for The Associated Press.

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SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

Western Conference table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

Eastern Conference table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

Tuesday's NBA box scores table with columns for Team, Score, and Game Info.

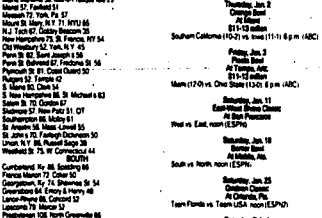
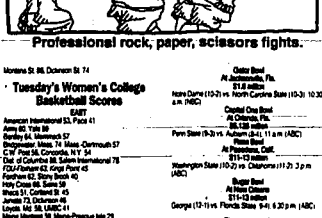
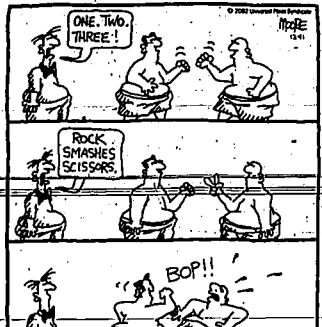
Knicks vs. Superstars 80 table with columns for Player, Points, Rebounds, Assists.

Continental Basketball Association table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB.

Tuesday's Men's College Basketball Scores table with columns for Team, Score, and Game Info.

Baseball scores table with columns for Team, Score, and Game Info.

IN THE BLEACHERS



Professional rock, paper, scissors fights. Tuesday's Women's College Basketball Scores.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Rodeo: National Finals, fifth round 11:30 a.m., ESPN2. Basketball: NBA, Dallas at San Antonio 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

Hockey: NHL, Chicago at New Jersey 5 p.m., ESPN. Hockey: NHL, Chicago at New York Rangers 6 p.m., ESPN2.

Area ski report: Idaho. Snow Valley - Sun 4:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Dec 11. Base 18 to 25 in. S, 4 to 10 in. N, 2 in. W.

Monday's late box scores: BLUE JACKETS 3, COTTONS 3. Columbus 3, Columbus Sevens 15.

West Coast Hockey League table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct, GF, GA.

National Hockey League table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pct, GF, GA.

Rodeo National Finals Rodeo Results table with columns for Event, Name, Score.

Monday's NHL box scores table with columns for Team, Score, and Game Info.

Baseball scores table with columns for Team, Score, and Game Info.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Notre Dame coach wins Sporting News award. NEW YORK - Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham was chosen Sportsman of the Year by Sporting News on Tuesday.

NBA suspends Celtics forward Battle for one game. NEW YORK (AP) - Celtics forward Tony Battie was suspended for one game without pay by the NBA on Tuesday for kicking a basketball that hit a referee.

NFL clears Bulger to play after spraining ligament. ST. LOUIS - Marc Bulger received medical clearance to play Tuesday as the St. Louis Rams' quarterback carousel turned again.

Search gets under way for new UCLA football coach. LOS ANGELES - The search for a new UCLA football coach reportedly began in New Orleans Tuesday.

Former Maple Leafs player dies following charity game. TORONTO - Les Costello, the former Toronto Maple Leafs player who left the NHL to become a priest, died Tuesday after being injured during a charity hockey game.

Former major league pitcher Irabu looks to help Hanishin. OSAKA, Japan - Former major league pitcher Hideki Irabu thinks he can help the struggling Hanshin Tigers reach the Japan Series.

EWU president protests expulsion from tourey. SPOKANE, Wash. - The president of Eastern Washington University has protested the exclusion of the school's volleyball team from the NCAA tournament.

Chaney recovers from slight case of pneumonia. PHILADELPHIA - Temple basketball coach John Chaney will remain hospitalized until at least Wednesday as he recovers from a slight case of pneumonia.

COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



B.G.

By Johnny Hart



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Garfield

By Jim Davis

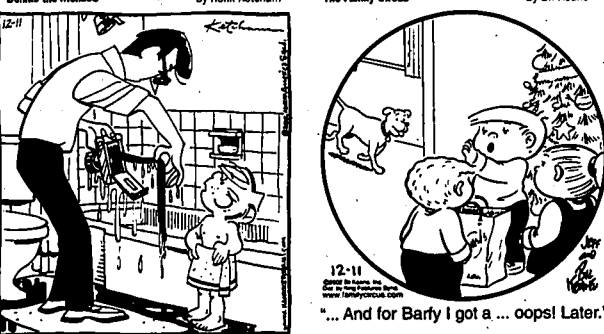


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum

The Family Circus

By Bill Keane



M and Lilo

By Chance Browne



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Rose Is Rose

By Pat Brady



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Bertie Bailey

By Mort Walker



Luann

By Greg Evans



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves

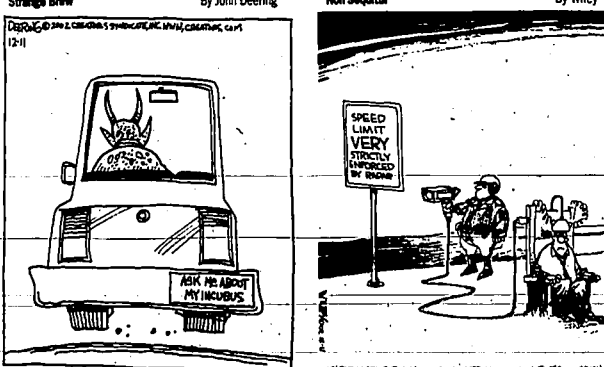


Strange Brew

By John Deering

Non Sequitur

By Wiley



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



COMMUNITY

Twin Falls County 4-H members earn ribbons at fair

FILER - The University of Idaho Extension Service announced 4-H winners from the Twin Falls County Fair.

FFA swine showmanship

- Lance Rich, blue, fifth
- Scott Beck, blue, first
- Ashley Carlson, blue
- Bryan Lockhart, blue
- Tyler Herndon, blue, second
- Jessica Hill, blue
- Justin Peterson, blue, third
- Karen Sherry, red
- Karen Neuman, red
- Melissa Wright, red
- Jason Wright, red

Poultry quality

- Pullet**
- Paul Buckley, blue

Druck goods

- Turkey**
- Tyler Herndon, blue, champion, trophy

Water fowls and exotic

- Paul Buckley, blue

Guide dog

- Haley Brubaker, blue

Dog showmanship

- Class 1**
- Erin Kinnard, blue, champion, trophy
- Haley Brubaker, blue, second
- Lisa Knudsen, blue, third

Class 2

- Kenneth Carter, blue, second
- Amelia Russell, blue, champion, trophy
- Davis Tyrell, blue, third

Class 3

- Stephan Egbert, blue
- Erin Kinnard, blue, second
- Joe Hansen, blue
- Bertha Wright, blue
- Carla Kinnaman, blue
- Carla Lucas, blue
- Carla Pugh, blue, third
- Carla Lucas, blue
- Kyle Knudsen, blue
- Amelia Russell, blue, champion, trophy

Class 4

- Erin Kinnard, blue
- Erin Kinnard, blue, champion, trophy
- Amelia Russell, blue, second
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Class 5

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Class 6

- Erin Kinnard, blue
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Class 7

- Carla Pugh, red, second

Class 8

- Erin Kinnard, red, second

Class 9

- Erin Kinnard, red, second

Class 10

- Erin Kinnard, red, second

Rabbit showmanship

- Carla Pugh, blue
- Davis Tyrell, blue, trophy
- Davis Tyrell, blue, trophy
- Erin Kinnard, blue
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Class 1

- Erin Kinnard, blue, trophy
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Class 3

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Class 4

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Class 6

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Class 7

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Class 8

- Erin Kinnard, blue, trophy
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Class 9

- Erin Kinnard, blue, trophy
- Erin Kinnard, blue
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Dairy goat showmanship

- Stephan Egbert, blue, second, medalist
- Paul Buckley, blue, first, medalist
- Paul Buckley, blue, second, medalist
- Paul Buckley, blue, second, medalist

Dairy goat quality

- Michelle Deitch, blue, first, medalist, blue, third, medalist

Stephan Egbert, blue, second, medalist

- Michelle Deitch, blue, first, medalist; blue, second, medalist
- Michelle Deitch, blue, first, medalist; blue, second, medalist
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P175/70R-13	32.32	P225/70R-15	42.93	P185/70R-14	34.95
P185/70R-13	33.96	P235/70R-15	45.05	P195/70R-14	37.09
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Section E

Notes on the economy

Not flying quite so high

Penger boardings for SkyWest Airlines — Delta Connection carrier — at Logan Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

November 2002: 2,305
That's a 6 percent decrease from the 2,449 SkyWest boardings in November 2001. For comparison, November boardings total 2,995 in 2000.

Year-to-date 2002: 28,437
That's just 3 percent below the 29,199 boardings in the first 11 months of 2001. At that point last year, boardings were running 9 percent below the 11-month 2000 level.

(Those totals don't include charter flights.)

Source: Darlene Johnson, airport executive assistant

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Albertsons authorizes purchase of stock

TWIN FALLS — Albertsons Inc. on Tuesday authorized purchase of up to \$200 million of the company's common stock during 2003.

The timing and quantity of such purchases, if made, are at management's discretion.

The prior stock purchase plan was adopted Dec. 3, 2001, increased to \$1 billion on Sept. 5 and will expire Dec. 31. Under that plan, Albertsons had purchased 20.9 million shares of stock through Oct. 31, for a total cost of \$547 million, at an average cost of \$26.18 per share.

"Albertsons continues to produce strong cash flow. This stock purchase program allows management the opportunity to exercise our financial flexibility ... enhance shareholder value ... whenever the current stock price, in our opinion, does not reflect the true value of this company," said Larry Johnston, chairman and chief executive.

Albertsons directors also declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of 19 cents per share. Albertsons said it has paid a dividend every quarter since 1959.

The cash dividend will be payable Feb. 10 to stockholders of record at the close of business Jan. 15.

Lee Enterprises provides webcast of presentation

TWIN FALLS — Iowa-based Lee Enterprises Inc., parent of The Times-News, will provide an audio webcast of its presentation today at the Credit Suisse First Boston Media Week conference in New York.

The one-hour presentation is scheduled for 10 a.m. (ET) on Tuesday, Dec. 9, at 8 a.m. for Magic Valley computer users.

Instructions for accessing the webcast will be posted at www.lee.net. To hear it live, connect at least 10 minutes early. Replays of the webcast will be available at www.lee.net later today.

Lee's speakers will be Mary Junch, chairman and chief executive; James Hopson, vice president; and Carl Schmidt, vice president, chief financial officer and treasurer.

The presentation will include a review of Lee's fiscal 2002 results and forward-looking information about fiscal 2003.

Kmart will restate its financial statements

DETROIT — Kmart Corp. will restate its financial statements for three prior fiscal years and the first two quarters of 2002 after problems were discovered as part of the company's review of its accounting practices.

Kmart said this week the adjustments will likely decrease its net loss for the first two quarters of this year by less than \$100 million. For fiscal years 1999-2001, taken as a whole, it likely will have a negative effect on earnings by nearly \$100 million.

The previously reported net loss for the three-year period was roughly \$2 billion.

Kmart has a store in Twin Falls.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Oklahoma company will buy V-1 assets

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — V-1 Propane operations in Twin Falls and Rupert will come under new ownership.

Tulsa, Okla.-based Heritage Gas Partners LP on Tuesday announced its agreement to acquire the propane assets of Idaho Falls-based V-1 Oil Co. The companies didn't disclose the price.

Selling about 30 million gallons of propane each year, V-1 is the 20th largest retail propane company in the United States, Heritage said.

Heritage will pay cash for the working capital assets and certain of the propane

property, plant and equipment assets. It will get the remaining assets in exchange for common units of the partnership. The transaction is expected to close in early 2003, Heritage said in a statement.

"Heritage is extremely pleased to have the opportunity to expand our market presence in the Northwest and achieve a greater geographic balance through this transaction with V-1," H. Michael Krimbil, Heritage's president and chief executive, said in the statement. "We are also pleased with the confidence shown by the V-1 shareholders in Heritage through their acceptance of common units, as a significant portion of the acquisition consideration."

Heritage calls itself the fourth largest U.S. retail marketer of propane, serving more than 600,000 customers from more than 275 locations in 28 states.

Here's some history on the Idaho Falls company, provided by Heritage: Samuel H. Bennion started the company later known as V-1 in 1939 and entered the propane business in 1959 when he became interested in propane as a motor fuel. Retail propane eventually became the primary focus of V-1, which now operates from 35 district locations in seven Northwestern states.

V-1 had a different sale plan last year. In September 2001, V-1 and Boise-based Intermountain Industries Inc. announced

their letter of intent for Intermountain to purchase V-1 propane business and related assets. V-1's president, Bob Clayton, at that time said the "positive and progressive move for V-1's propane business" would enable it to move up among the region's leading propane marketers.

Intermountain's portfolio of energy investments includes Intermountain Gas Co., a distributor of natural gas in southern Idaho, including Magic Valley.

V-1 later withdrew the offer to sell. Intermountain Gas spokesman Mike Huntington said Tuesday.

V-1 referred questions to its president, Bob Clayton, who was unavailable for comment Tuesday afternoon.

AFTER STEEL CRUMBLES



Geneva Steel can be seen in the background of this landscape scene in Vineyard, Utah, last month.

Residents differ on making up for mill loss

The Associated Press

VINEYARD, Utah — Tucked in a corner between Geneva Steel and Utah Lake is a quiet town most people have never heard of. It has no police station, no gas station and no traffic lights. Most of its residents can trace their heritage back to a grape farmer named Shadrach Holdaway.

Some of the 150 people who live in Vineyard hope things never change. They like driving past corn fields in the summer and falling to sleep to the sound of crickets at night.

Others, many of them farmers, say the time has come to accept change. The demise of Geneva Steel seems as certain as sunrise, and when the mill goes, so goes much of Vineyard's tax base.

"The whole area's going to change in 10 years," says Glade Holdaway, who lives on a street that bears his last name.

"It's going to develop, and we might as well be the ones that reap the benefits."

Holdaway is one of four farmers who together have sold 180 acres to a developer who wants to turn their corn and barley fields into a gated community on the shores of Utah Lake, complete with polo fields and equestrian trails.

The planned community, which could span 700 acres, will also include open fields for horse-back riding, a boardwalk along the shores of Utah Lake and restaurants built on the lake shore.

"It will be one of the most

desirable places to live in the entire West," said Boyd Karren, a spokesman for Catalyst, the developer on the project.

It is somewhat ironic that farmers like Holdaway are pushing for change. The town was incorporated in 1989 to stop the tide of tract homes that had already engulfed nearby Orem, Utah.

"We incorporated to control our destiny. If we didn't do something, the development would have gone from Orem to the shores of the lake," said Grant Holdaway, a member of the planning commission and town council.

Some members of the planning commission and town council do not like the development plan and may vote against it. The development proposal will come

before the planning commission next month.

"The City Council is not in the business of making controversy or stopping people. They just want to make it a nice community," says Barbara Davies, the town clerk.

Davies is one who likes to wake up to the sound of tractors and would just as soon keep Vineyard as is.

"It's the best of both worlds. We're close to the city, but we come home to a quiet, peaceful place," Davies said. "We enjoy living by the lake, hearing birds and farm equipment."

She and others hope another steel mill will buy Geneva's operation and keep it running, but that seems unlikely.

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SkyWest: United's Chapter 11 won't affect us right now

Combined wire reports

ST. GEORGE, Utah — SkyWest Airlines officials expect little immediate impact from United Airlines' Chapter 11 filing this week.

"We believe contracts will be upheld and we will continue our service," said Phillip Gee, spokesman for SkyWest. "That is not to say, as United restructures things, Chapter 11 won't affect us

in the long term."

SkyWest is a code-sharing partner with United, which means SkyWest contracts to fly United routes using SkyWest aircraft, pilots and staff. Its similar arrangement with Delta Air Lines includes Delta Connection flights between Twin Falls and Salt Lake City.

SkyWest, which has been a partner with United since 1997, averages 654 departures per day on

United routes.

SkyWest not only expects to escape most of the turbulence stemming from United's bankruptcy filing, but may eventually find better flying ahead as a result of its partner's financial travails.

In the immediate future, SkyWest does not expect any change in its daily United Express operations. "But long term we expect to play a huge role in UAL's recovery," Gee said.

Large air carriers such as United and Delta increasingly are turning to regional carriers like SkyWest, which is the only commercial carrier serving Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. The Utah commuter airline flies 50-seat regional jets to supplement the bigger airlines' routes, providing a cost effective way to serve communities that cannot support larger airlines.

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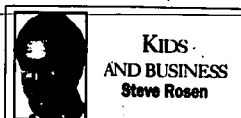
Stock makes a wonderful holiday gift and learning experience for kids

Mary Lou and Bill Alkright don't expect this Christmas gift to their grandkids to ever be tossed into a dusty corner of the attic.

For the past 10 years, the Leawood, Kan., couple has carried on a Christmas tradition of giving their grandchildren a few shares of stock.

It started with three orders of \$50 for each of their three oldest grandkids in Quaker Oats, the food company later acquired by PepsiCo. The seven youngest grandchildren have received shares in McDonald's.

The Alkrights took advantage of stock purchase programs that the companies



offered to open accounts with small amounts of money. Dividends in the accounts were automatically reinvested in the form of additional shares.

By pumping money into these companies over and over again at Christmas and

on birthdays, the Alkrights have helped their 10 grandkids — now ranging in age from about 21 to 8 — to learn about Wall Street and to build small nest eggs that can someday be used to pay for college, a car or a down payment on a house.

"We wanted to be able to participate in their education, and not just give them money," said Mary Lou Alkright.

Giving youngsters shares of stock can be a very powerful gift, said Paul McWilliams, a Kansas City, Mo., area investment education expert.

"It can establish an early awareness to the benefits of investing and be part of a strategic savings plan designed to fund

certain needs, such as education," McWilliams said.

Whether you choose individual stocks or mutual funds, there are several suitable gift-giving strategies to follow. Keep in mind that minors cannot own securities directly, so you'll need to set up custodial accounts for them.

If choosing individual stocks, invest in companies that the kids are familiar with or may be someday. Think about the clothes they wear, the music they listen to, the toys they play with, and the food they eat. It is the same basic principle of investing followed by the likes of Warren Buffett.

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Parent of Smith's reports earnings

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Cincinnati-based The Kroger Co. on Tuesday reported third-quarter earnings of 34 cents per diluted share, before one-time items.

On that basis, and adjusting prior-year results to eliminate goodwill amortization, third-quarter earnings per diluted share were equal to a year ago. Net earnings for the third quarter were \$263.0 million, a decrease of 6.6 percent from a year ago.

Smith's Food & Drug Stores, a division of Kroger, operates stores in Twin Falls and Burley. Kroger's Fred Meyer Division has stores in Twin Falls also.

Here's the bottom line: During the quarter, Kroger said, it incurred one-time items totaling \$8.4 million after tax. Including them, net income for the quarter was \$354.6 million, and per earnings per diluted share were 33 cents, compared with 19 cents a year ago. The year-ago per-share figure was adjusted for the elimination of goodwill and includes special charges.

Total sales for the quarter increased 2.6 percent to \$11.7 billion. Total food-store sales rose 2.7 percent. Identical food-store sales, including fuel, decreased 0.6 percent. Identical food-store sales, excluding fuel, declined 1.3 percent. Comparable food-store sales, which include education and expansions, rose 0.2 percent for the quarter. Comparable food-store sales excluding fuel declined 0.6 percent.

"Consumers remain cautious in their spending behaviors, the price reductions Kroger has made in selected product categories as part of our strategic growth plan have improved our competitive position because we are offering better values to our customers," Joseph A. Pichler, Kroger chairman and chief executive, said in a statement.

Kroger's board authorized a new \$500 million stock repurchase program.

"The new share repurchase plan reflects our belief that, at current prices, Kroger shares represent an attractive investment opportunity," Pichler said.

When the repurchase program begins, Kroger's earnings per share in the fourth quarter to be equal to or slightly better than a year ago. The company also expects a continuation of soft identical food-store sales in the fourth quarter.

Looking ahead to 2003, he said: "The combination of a weak economy, rising unemployment, product cost deflation and

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Stocks rise on bargain-hunting

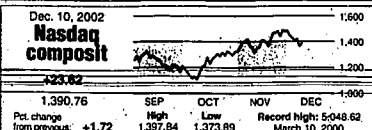
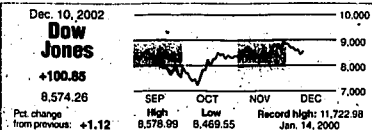
NEW YORK (AP) - Wall Street bounced back Tuesday following a week of declines, bolting higher on bargain hunters' pickup of stocks on expectations of a year-end rally.

Still, volume was light, and the Federal Reserve's widely expected move to leave short-term interest rates unchanged did little to lure more buyers into the market. Analysts said many were avoiding commitments until they see more evidence the economy is bucking on track.

"Right now, the market is trying to regain its confidence," said Robert Harrington, co-head of listed block trading at UBS Warburg. "The next step people would like to see is some signs that growth is returning as opposed to just stabilizing."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 100.58, or 1.2 percent, to close at 8,574.26. Prior to Tuesday, blue chip stocks dropped 458 points over seven sessions.

The broader market also lifted. The Nasdaq composite index climbed 23.62, or 1.7 percent, to 1,390.76. The Standard & Poor's 500 index



gained 12.45, or 1.4 percent, to 904.45. The Fed, in its statement, said currently low rates are "providing important ongoing support to economic activity."

"The limited number of incoming economic indicators since the November meeting, taken together, are not inconsistent with the economy working its way through

its current soft spot," it added. Jack Caffrey, equities strategist at J.P. Morgan Private Bank, said the comments were in line with what most investors anticipated.

"Investors were expecting the Fed to be consistent with its last commentary - that the economy is experiencing a period of stress, and the Fed believes the actions to date will be sufficient," he said.

Judge criticizes WorldCom compensation package

NEW YORK (AP) - A federal judge on Tuesday criticized WorldCom Inc.'s compensation plan for incoming CEO Michael Capellas, warning that he could still hand down a multibillion-dollar fine if the company doesn't show it is truly "committed to reform."

Judge Jed Rakoff issued a four-page memorandum order summoning company representatives to court on Dec. 16 to discuss the compensation package.

A WorldCom filing in bankruptcy court said Capellas would be

paid a signing bonus of \$2 million, an annual salary of \$1.5 million and a \$1.5 million bonus guaranteed.

He is due to get \$18 million in WorldCom stock if, as expected, the company exits Chapter 11, plus additional stock in future years.

WorldCom's filing called the package "eminently reasonable" and "well below" what two other candidates WorldCom considered for the CEO job would have required.

Rakoff questioned WorldCom's

assertion in the filing that the court-appointed monitor, Richard Breeden, was likely to approve Capellas' compensation terms.

"This statement seems most puzzling, that ... several material terms of the proposed compensation package have previously been rejected by the corporate monitor," the judge wrote.

"A compensation package so potentially problematic raises serious concerns as to whether proposed new management is as committed to reform as the nature of this case requires," Rakoff said.

Kids

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That's what Kelly Klug of the Parent Club, is doing. She's opening a new farm-to-table market for her three kids, ages 15, 12 and 8. "I'm going to ask for input from them, maybe have each of them name two of their favorite products or foods, and then I'll go to the library and research the companies," Klug said.

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At Sharebuilder.com, for example, you can choose from more than 4,000 companies and pay only \$4 each time you invest. Each account opened before Jan. 15, 2003, will also receive a \$20 bonus that can be used to purchase more shares.

SkyWest

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As United struggles to reorganize under Chapter 11 protection it will have to reevaluate its route.

"United is a little behind the curve (in using regional carriers) so we would be surprised to see them close down some of their mainline stations in favor of SkyWest-type flying," said Brian Strevell, an airline analyst for The Boyd Group in Evergreen, Colo. SkyWest is scheduled to take delivery on an additional 50 regional jets - costing around \$23 million each - through the end of 2005. All of those aircraft are scheduled to be placed into service as United Express carriers.

"As far forward as we can see we'll be taking those jets and using them on the United side of

Mutual funds are another option and present a simple way to acquire a diverse group of stocks. Several mutual funds are geared for kids and offer educational materials, such as the Liberty Young Investor Fund and USAA First Start Growth.

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our business," Gee said. And even if those plans should go awry, SkyWest still will be able to use the aircraft in service as a feeder airline for Delta. "They (Delta) would be delighted to pick up the slack," Strevell said.

United, however, has promised to keep flying even as it reorganizes its debts under Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Should trouble befall SkyWest, United could come from now as paying for a look at what it is using for the United Express service.

SkyWest receives a fixed fee for every United Express flight regardless of how many passengers it carries. "Whenever a large air carrier files for Chapter 11 the threat is that their regional partners may have to make some con-

cessions on their profit margins," Strevell said. Gee concedes that is a threat, but pointed to the recent bankruptcy of U.S. Air.

That carrier elected to keep the contracts with its regional partners in place without changing the terms.

"We don't think United will want to change our contracts because they're competitively priced," Gee said.

In the worst case, if United eventually stops flying SkyWest can't help but be affected. "If that happens, we're a United supplier and in most Chapter 11 bankruptcies suppliers generally do okay," said Nicholas Owens, an airline analyst for Morningstar Inc.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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FEDERAL RESERVE HOLDS INTEREST RATES STEADY

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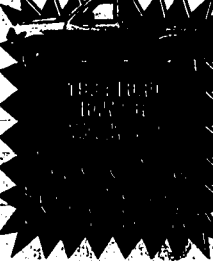



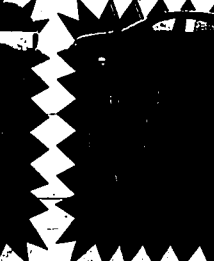

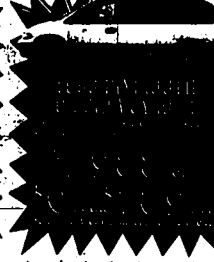

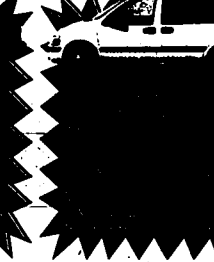
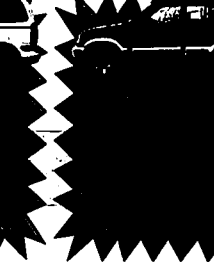



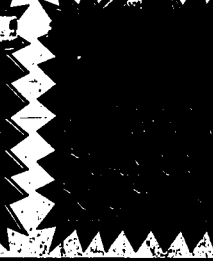

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