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## Kempthorne seeks tax hike

### Cash-strapped Idaho has to face realities, governor says

By Bob Fink  
 Associated Press writer

BOISE — Refusing to make further cuts in critical programs and services or delay the inevitable, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne on Tuesday proposed a \$267 million tax increase to bail Idaho out of its worst financial crisis in two decades.

Calling it one of the toughest decisions of his political career, Kempthorne used his State of the State address to a joint session of the Legislature to call for a 1.5-cent increase in the state's 5-cent sales tax for three years and a 34-cent hike in the current 28-cent-a-pack cigarette tax.

"We have come to a point I had hoped Idaho would never reach," Kempthorne said.

"While I have consistently said that raising taxes would be my last resort, we are now at that point."  
 The governor clearly anticipated opposition from the nation's most Republican Legislature, many having campaigned last fall against higher taxes.



"I fully realize that you need the time to go through this process, as I have, and I believe you'll come to see the same realities," he told them. "These are tough times that require tough decisions."

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The plan calls for more than twice the tax increase lawmakers grudgingly approved during the mid-1980s to resolve the last severe budget crisis. The deficit was about \$160 million then, it is estimated at \$160 million for the 2003-2004 budget year.

Kempthorne's plan goes beyond the recommendation earlier in the day of his Blue Ribbon Task Force, which called for a three-year, 1-cent increase.

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## Bush unveils \$674B plan

### Proposal opts for long-range economic growth

The Washington Post

CHICAGO — President Bush offered Tuesday his opening bid to find a salve for the nation's economy, proposing giving stock investors \$364 billion in tax breaks and boosting the size of the 2001 tax cuts by nearly \$300 billion.

Bush's formal unveiling here of the 10-year, \$674 billion plan, in which he invoked the supply-side theories of the 1980s, brought several surprises even though details had dribbled out in recent days. The White House opted to spend relatively little about 15 percent of the total to stimulate the economy in the short term. Bush proposed no financial aid to the states and offered little incentive for capital investment.

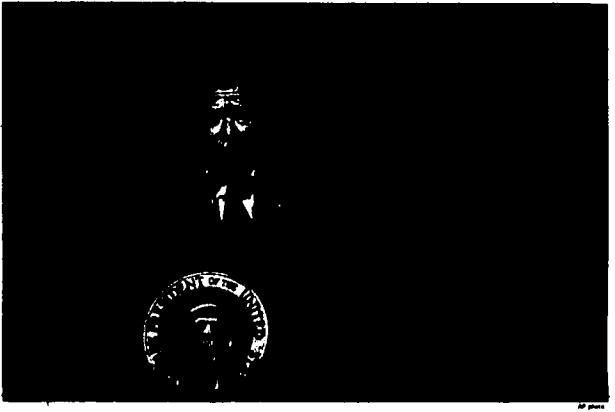
Instead, Bush opted for a range of long-term tax cuts, including every item on the menu of possibilities the White House was considering. In addition to the complete elimination of the tax on dividends, Bush proposed immediate implementation of many of the tax cuts slated for the next seven years: income tax rates, child tax credits, cuts for married couples and an expansion of the lowest tax bracket.

"If tax relief is good enough for Americans three years from now, it is good enough for Americans today," Bush said to 2,200 business leaders at a hotel luncheon of the Economic Club of Chicago.

Democrats protested that the Bush proposal was a giveaway to the wealthy that would expand federal deficits while providing relatively little in the short-term to boost the economy. House Democrats have proposed a plan that would spend more than Bush would in the current year and spread it more evenly across income levels but would cost a fifth as much over 10 years because its measures are temporary.

"President Bush hasn't proposed a stimulus plan," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., a probable challenger to Bush in 2004. "Instead, he has put forward an irresponsible, ineffective, ideologically driven wish list."

Bush's plan, though likely to be the basis of whatever economic legislation emerges from Congress, is unlikely to be the



President Bush outlines his economic stimulus plan Tuesday during remarks to business leaders in Chicago. Speaking to the Economic Club of Chicago, Bush says he wants Congress to eliminate taxes on stock dividends and create a new job-training program to boost America's economy.

## Governor's tax proposal rattles GOP

By Julie Pence  
 Times-News writer

BOISE — Many Republican lawmakers appeared arm and uncomfortable as they listened to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne announce Tuesday evening that he supports a significant tax increase.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Pa., instead of sitting with other senators, sat next to his co-chair on the Legislature's finance and appropriation committee — Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jetmore — and swapped brief comments with her as the Kempthorne plan for over coming a \$200 million deficit unfolded.

But while other legislators had been wondering all day if Kempthorne would actually ask for a tax increase so early in the session, Cameron already knew before the speech began.

"He had just returned from a quick trip to the governor's office shortly before the State of the State speech. The governor told him he would call for a 1.5-cent increase in the state's 5-cent sales tax for three years and a 34-cent hike in the current 28-cent-a-pack cigarette tax."

The announcement came just after the Associated Lawyers of Idaho made public a survey of 500 Idaho residents determining that 53 percent of Idaho voters do not cut on tax hikes.

Cameron has consistently opposed any tax increases since the downturn began some 18 months ago, praised Kempthorne for taking the difficult stand.

"It takes quite a lot of courage to stand up and deliver a message like he did," Cameron said.

Democrats were elated that Kempthorne made the recommendation — and one especially because he followed her prediction.

"I think Kempthorne will sound more like a Democrat tonight," Senate Minority Leader Wendy Juquet, D-Ketchikan, had said during the afternoon.

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## How Bush's plan could affect your taxes

Analysis of how the income tax changes proposed by President Bush would affect various income groups:

	Number (in thousands)	Percent	Current	Proposed
50% of all tax filers	Less than \$10,000	25,755 19.2%	-\$5	-6.7%
	\$10,000-\$20,000	23,602 17.6%	-\$63	-3.0%
	\$20,000-\$30,000	18,644 13.9%	-\$204	3.8%
	\$30,000-\$40,000	13,534 10.1%	-\$351	7.0%
	\$40,000-\$50,000	10,307 7.7%	-\$520	9.0%
	\$50,000-\$75,000	17,874 13.4%	-\$800	10.3%
	\$75,000-\$100,000	10,224 7.6%	-\$1,776	12.3%
	\$100,000-\$200,000	9,906 7.4%	-\$2,710	16.0%
	\$200,000-\$500,000	2,395 1.8%	-\$5,527	23.0%
	\$500,000-\$1,000,000	418 0.3%	-\$17,605	27.7%

\*Income minus deductions for some retirement accounts, alimony payments, moving expenses etc.  
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## District denies parent's transfer request

By Robert Mayer  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Soon after Stacy Madsen learned that Harrison Elementary School was tagged as a "failing" school, she exercised her right under the federal No Child Left Behind Act and requested a transfer for her daughter.

But Twin Falls School District officials denied the request, saying the district's elementary schools were already full and couldn't accommodate any extra students.

Administrators have since learned that under the federal law, regardless of whether schools are full, the district must

### Says schools can't accommodate any extra students

allow a transfer for any parent whose child attends a "failing" school.

Madsen — who contacted The Times-News — is the only parent to date who has requested a transfer from a "failing" school. She said she sought the transfer because she thought that keeping her child at Harrison would jeopardize her potential.

Madsen's complaint underscores the impact that No Child Left Behind — today marking its one-year anniversary — will make on school districts.

A key tenet of the federal act is parental choice. Students in "failing" or "persistently dangerous" schools have the right to transfer to safer or higher-performing schools within districts, with the districts footing the transportation bill.

Follow the law to its logical conclusion, and that could mean, in theory, that every parent from Twin Falls' two "failing" schools — Harrison and I.B. Perrine Elementary — could request that his child attend different schools. That could, in effect, empty out the two schools. And district officials would be legally obligated to

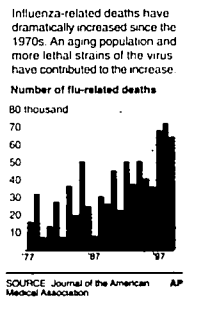
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Bush's tax proposals.

Sen. John Breaux, D-La., a moderate who was pivotal to the passage of Bush's 2001 tax cut, lambasted the president's proposal as an ineffective stimulus.

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## Flu deaths increase



## Flu claims more lives among elderly

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Despite the advent of a vaccine four decades ago, flu-related deaths in the United States have risen dramatically since the 1970s, and influenza now claims more lives each year than AIDS, researchers say.

The rising death toll is attributed largely to the nation's growing number of elderly people, who are especially vulnerable to the flu.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mild, dry and tranquil weather prevails for another day. Highs lower 40s with sunny to mostly sunny skies.

Tonight: Mostly clear with areas of fog possible. Lows lower 20s.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies, mild temperatures and light winds. Lows in the lower 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mild, sunny and very nice. Highs in the middle 40s.

Tonight: Mostly clear with areas of fog possible. Lows in the upper teens to lower 20s.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies, mild temperatures and light winds. Lows in the upper 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

The next couple of days will continue to be absolutely beautiful. Skies will be mostly clear and temperatures cool. There may be a few snow showers on Friday but most of the showers will stay just to the south.

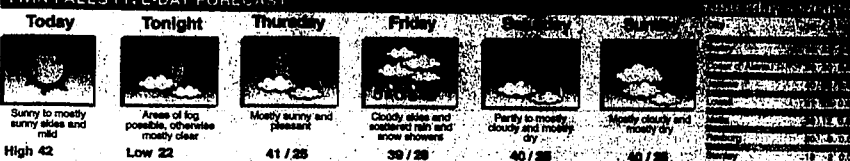
Today High/Lows 37 to 42 / 25 to 30

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Yesterday's State Average - High: 47 at Hayden. Low: 3 at McCall.

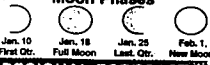
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MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Moonrise, Moonset. Includes times for Today, Tomorrow, and Next Week.

SNOWPACK

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U.V. INDEX

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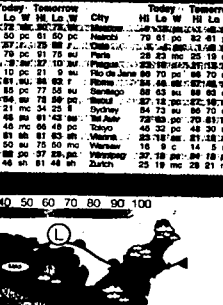
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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CANADIAN FORECAST

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FBI calls off search amid doubts about tipster

WASHINGTON (AP) - The FBI called off a nationwide search Tuesday for five men after determining a tipster's information was false.

University professor specializing in criminal law. "Anybody who is in charge of the security of a country or a city or a person has to make judgments about what are real and what are unreal threats."

Kempthorne

Continued from A1 in the sales tax. But the task force also called for a special panel to assess revamping the sales tax completely by paring down or eliminating the exemptions that now cover over half of the more than \$35 billion in transactions that occur annually in Idaho.

Tax

Continued from A1. Still, both Jaquet and her counterpart in the Senate - Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, say they will resist a sales tax increase, especially one as high as what Kempthorne...

have suggested for months that certain services should be added to the list of things the state taxes under sales. But many say three months isn't long enough to determine which ones should be taxed.

After the speech, Kempthorne even went so far as to threaten the veto stamp if lawmakers cross him. And Stennett was jubilant as he counted up seven Democrats in the Senate who would support Kempthorne's vetoes.

Kempthorne's recommendation in 2000 that the tax relief be temporary but then he buckled when legislators insisted on making permanent the almost \$100 million in breaks and incentives.

State of Idaho at a glance. Here at a glance are the highlights of Gov. Mike Kempthorne's State of the State address to the Idaho Legislature Tuesday night.

Transfer

Continued from A1. accommodate all requests. "The ramifications are mind-boggling," Superintendent Terrell Donich said.

demonstrating the greatest academic need as well as those with the lowest incomes. The resulting lists will have names of students ranked according to need.

White Title 1 students tended to perform below acceptable levels, the overall student bodies at Harrison and Perrine still tested above average on statewide standardized tests.

There is a limit to parental choice, and that's good, Donich said. Allowing an onslaught of students to transfer to Morningside or Sawtooth could immediately overwhelm those schools, quickly turning them into "failing" schools themselves, he said.

He proposed offsetting part of the tax increase with what appeared to be an expansion of the grocery credit on the state income tax. That is now \$35 per person.

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Madsen, executive director of the entire student body, only a small segment was considered: Title 1 students, whose family incomes, generally speaking, fall below the poverty level.

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## Western conservatives win committee battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Western conservatives, opposed to an Eastern moderate leading the House committee with jurisdiction over vast expanses of Western land, got their way Tuesday as the New Jersey Republican in line for the job announced he was withdrawing his name from competition.

The decision by Rep. Jim Saxton, R-N.J., cleared the way for several congressmen with more conservative records who want to head the House Resources Committee.

"It's been obvious ... for a long time that a person like Jim Saxton would be unwelcome to a lot of the Republicans on the committee because he's too moderate," said Dave Aberswiler, a public lands specialist with the Wilderness Society.

Saxton, who was in line to become the Resources chairman based on seniority, instead accepted an offer from House leaders to lead a new Armed Services subcommittee overseeing terrorism, unconventional threats and capabilities issues — areas he has been active in since the 1980s.

"I have no qualms whatsoever about the choice I made to do this," Saxton said. "There was a great deal of discussion about where I could serve best. Together we all concluded this was the best thing for me to do."

## U.S. sends Iraq battle staff to Persian Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military command that would run a war against Iraq is dispatching much of its battle staff to a Persian Gulf base equipped to coordinate a large-scale land, sea and air war, officials said Tuesday.

Amid an accelerating buildup of U.S. troops in the Gulf region, the command post at Camp As Sayliyah in Qatar is being readied to coordinate a large-scale land, sea and air war, officials said Tuesday.

A senior official who discussed the matter on condition of anonymity said the movement of Central Command battle planners, which began this week, does not mean that war against Iraq is imminent or inevitable.

The official said the move is a necessary step to prepare the military in case Bush gives the go-ahead.

Last month, the commander of U.S. Central Command, Gen. Tommy Franks, oversaw an extensive computer-based exercise at As Sayliyah that many viewed as a tune-up for a war against Iraq. Franks said the exercise verified technologies that would enable him to coordinate with air, ground and naval commanders in the region.

In related matters Tuesday, a senior official who discussed the matter on condition of anonymity said the movement of Central Command battle planners, which began this week, does not mean that war against Iraq is imminent or inevitable.

Concerned about public opinion, Turkish politicians are waffling on earlier expressions of support for U.S. war plans against Iraq, dimming prospects for opening a northern front against President Saddam Hussein, according to diplomats and analysts.

Diplomats and observers have blamed the delays on planned U.S. forces buildups in Turkey on the ruling Justice and

## Senate majority to extend jobless aid

usual ceremony on first day back

WASHINGTON (AP) — Passing barely long enough to take the oath of office, the new Republican-controlled Congress hastened toward passage of unemployment assistance for victims of the ongoing economy on Tuesday, working with unusual speed on a day customarily set aside for ceremony and socializing.

"First bill, passed it," said Sen. Bill Frist of Tennessee, the newly minted majority leader, shortly after the Senate approved the bill to restore lapsed benefits despite complaints from Democrats it didn't go far enough. Across the Capitol, Speaker J. Dennis Hastert said the House would clear the measure for President Bush's signature in a day or two, assuring no disruption of benefits for those currently receiving them.

The Senate acted on Congress' first day in session since the November elections in which Bush led fellow Republicans to control of both houses. For his part, the president was in Chicago during the day, outlining a \$674 billion economic package he hopes lawmakers will enact later in the year.

Bush's calls for new tax cuts, as well as additional anti-terrorism measures and spending bills to cover the cost of a military buildup in the Persian Gulf, will likely wait for weeks or months while the new 108th Congress organizes its committees for action.

Except for the brief debate over unemployment in the Senate and the promise of action in the House, Tuesday was a day for the winners of last fall's elections to savor their victories, and for an



Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., shows the piece of candy he picked up upon his arrival at the office of Sen. Larry E. Craig, R-Idaho., right, after the opening session of the 108th Congress, Tuesday, on Capitol Hill.

unusually large crop of leaders to celebrate their own successes — all in a style of informality.

Thus, Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas, the new House Majority Leader and a man widely known as "The Hammer," cuddled and cooed over his infant grandson on the House floor during opening day proceedings.

In the Senate, Vice President Dick Cheney administered the oath of office to senators in small groups, as is the custom. Among them were 14 who won their first terms last November, enough to give the GOP a 51-49 majority. They included Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, who was escorted down the center aisle by her husband, former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas.

Dole's successor as GOP leader, Trent Lott of Mississippi, sat in a third row seat during the proceed-

ings, having lost his leadership post in an uproar over racially charged remarks at a birthday party for former Sen. Strom Thurmond.

It was Frist, a heart surgeon who entered politics less than a decade ago, who entered the Senate chamber as the new majority leader. "I am convinced that we will find ... common ground to bridge this aisle between us," he said.

Standing a few feet away, Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle replied, "I have little doubt that we will be led well and we will be led fairly."

But moments later, Frist sought swift passage of the unemployment legislation — and Democrats quickly accused Republicans of shortchanging one million jobless men and women whose benefits have already expired.

The measure, estimated to cost

\$7.2 billion, would renew a program of 13 weeks of federal benefits for jobless workers who have exhausted their 26 weeks of state benefits. The 13-week program expired on Dec. 28, but administration officials say the benefits can continue uninterrupted as long as Bush signs legislation to renew them by Thursday. An estimated 750,000 people are affected, plus an additional 25 million who are expected to become eligible for the federal assistance before the program extension expires on June 1.

Sen. Hillary Clinton of New York and other Democrats initially delayed the bill's passage, demanding a vote on an alternative that would also grant increased benefits to one million jobless men and women who have already exhausted their 26 weeks of state benefits and 13 weeks of federal benefits.

## House weakens ethics rules on lobbying, travel

WASHINGTON (AP) — Undoing their own strict ethics rules Tuesday, Republicans pushed changes through the House that would make it easier for lobbyists to send boxes of pizza and buckets of chicken to congressional offices. The changes also would allow charities to give lawmakers free travel and lodging at resorts.

The changes by the majority Republican leadership caught Democrats by surprise and ignored the House ethics committee's warnings against skirting the spirit of ethical conduct.

The change in the permissive food provision legalized the very type of scheme in the ethics panel's warning last November.

The rules' changes, which apply to House members and their staffs, passed on a party-line vote 221-203. A Democratic effort to kill the resolution was defeated 225-200.

Republicans had imposed a series of strict ethics rules after taking over the House in 1995, following 40 years of Democratic control and numerous ethics investigations.

"Republicans believe they have such a safe and security majority they want to undo some of the significant strides," said Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas.

## Pelosi takes Democratic House reins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wherever Nancy Pelosi went Tuesday, the words "first woman" and a standing ovation, or several, followed.

The San Francisco Democrat formally became her party's leader in the House of Representatives, the first woman to lead a party caucus in either house of Congress.

"There are times and days we will never forget, where we feel we are part of history," Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., the man Pelosi replaced as leader, said at Pelosi's ceremonial swearing-in. "This time, this day, is one of those days."

The first woman to be nominated for Speaker of the House, Pelosi garnered 201 votes against Republican J. Dennis Hastert, who received 228 votes. The vote was a formality, since the Republicans hold the majority and the party in power always chooses the speaker.

Pelosi, 61 and a product of a political family from Baltimore, emphasized her abilities over her gender. "I still, like you, don't help but bask in the history she was making."



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., holds her grandchildren on the floor of the Capitol Tuesday before being sworn into office. Rep. Joe Baca, D-Calif., sits next to her.

"We will need to test our imaginations," Pelosi said. "We need to govern in new ways beyond the simplistic labels of left and right."

She pledged that Democrats would stand with Republicans on national security issues. On other issues, she said Democrats "will find common ground when we can stand our ground when we must."

She pressed the Democrats' alternative to President Bush's economic stimulus package as more generous to working families.

Hastert also praised Pelosi for being the first woman leader.

"Now that this glass ceiling has been broken, I trust she won't be the last," Hastert said.

The only mild note of discord in her first day on the job came during the vote for speaker. Four conservative Democrats, all white Southerners, did not vote for Pelosi because they consider her too liberal. Rep. Ralph Hall of Texas, Ken Lucas of Kentucky and Charles Stenholm of Texas voted present. Rep. Gene Taylor of Mississippi voted for Pennsylvania Rep. John Murtha.

"I voted my constituents," Hall said. "I went to her and told her I couldn't vote for her."

## Health care spending jumps in 2001

WASHINGTON — Americans' health care spending sped 8.7 percent in 2001, the biggest increase in a decade, as prices surged for everything from prescription drugs to hospital stays.

The nation's health care budget jumped to \$1.4 trillion, up from \$1.3 trillion in 2000. The numbers mean health care spending averaged about \$5,035 per person, according to the report issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.

The report, done annually to examine private and public sector spending, appears in the January/February issue of the journal Health Affairs.

The report's authors said the nation was feeling the effects of the recession, which followed months of growth and record employment where many companies offered lucrative benefit packages to lure workers.

## Activist groups sue EPA over off-road vehicles

WASHINGTON — Two environmental groups filed suit Tuesday seeking to force the Bush administration to tighten its new emis-

### Nation in brief

sions standards for snowmobiles and other off-road vehicles.

The groups, Bluewater Network and Environmental Defense, want the Environmental Protection Agency to revise its standards to require even greater emissions reductions to be phased in through 2012.

### Former governor says Bush is guilty of class warfare

WASHINGTON — President Bush's proposed tax cuts favor wealthy Americans, former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo said Tuesday as he kicked off a speaking tour aimed at helping revive Democrats after last November's election setbacks.

"Class warfare? He declared the war," Cuomo said at the National Press Club. He said, "We're going to give all the money to the rich."

Cuomo, who is pushing the Democratic Party to sharpen its difference with the GOP on issues such as tax cuts, declared, "We're not the ones who started

the war. We're just defending ourselves against his attack."

### DJs fool Venezuelan leader with tapes of Fidel Castro

MIAMI — Two radio hosts kicked off for playing pranks on the air called Venezuela's president and used tape recordings of Fidel Castro to get him to believe he was talking to the Cuban leader.

Venezuelan Information Minister Nora Uribe confirmed Tuesday that the call occurred. She said President Hugo Chavez "caught on and hung up."

But a recording provided by the Cuban-American radio announcers has Chavez, who is struggling to end a month-old national strike by opponents, talking for about two minutes. He happily answered what he thought would be a friendly call Monday morning from Castro, one of his closest allies.

On the other end of the line were WXDJ-FM disc jockeys Joe Ferrero and Enrique Santos, who ended the conversation by calling Chavez "terrorist" and "animal," along with a few profanities.

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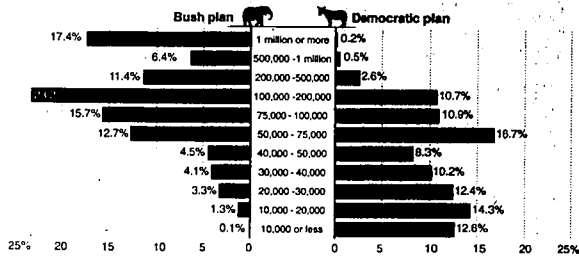
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NATION

Proposals differ widely in focus of tax relief

The Urban Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center released its preliminary comparison Tuesday of the potential impact of the Bush tax plan and the Democratic economic proposal that was released Monday. The following is a breakdown of the share of overall savings that each income group would receive.



SOURCE: Urban Institute-Brookings Institution Tax Policy Center

Bush proposal is a collection of \$1,000 offers, more or less

By Calvin Woodward Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON - Whatever their merits, President Bush's proposals to strengthen the economy add up to a grand plan, in at least one sense. If passed, they'll be worth about a grand in many people's pockets. Bush's proposals essentially turn an evolving series of tax cuts into a quick payoff, a bit like an instant-win, scratch-off ticket. But making taxes lower faster comes at a price that people could end up paying in a multitude of ways - a school that doesn't get built, a road that doesn't get fixed, a state income tax that rises to make up the difference.

For now, the bottom line would be tax cuts for most people who pay taxes. And for many, the value of those savings would be in the neighborhood of \$1,000. Specifically:

- The typical family of four, with two working parents, would get \$1,100 in tax relief in a year, the administration says. That family is defined as having combined income of \$39,000.
- Almost the same savings - \$1,122 - would go to a married couple with two children earning \$75,000, the administration says.
- The child tax credit would reach \$1,000 this year, double what it was a few years ago and up \$400 from last year.
- That's more than enough money to pay the food bills for a toddler in a lower-income family. It's just enough to cover the typical clothing bills for a well-to-do teenager.
- In a new feature, even families too poor to pay taxes could get a per-child check for up to \$400 under the plan.
- Eliminating the federal tax on stock dividends would chiefly benefit the wealthy and the elderly - those with money to invest in the market. The admin-

istration says the average savings for an elderly person who gets dividend income would be \$936. That average, however, masks huge differences. Citizens for Tax Justice, a liberal group whose statistical analyses are respected by mainstream economists, said someone making up to \$44,000 would save no more than \$27. Someone making \$147,001 to \$356,000 would save over \$1,300 under the analysis. The proposal, the most expensive in Bush's plan, does not do anything for many people's prime retirement accounts. Dividends are already protected from taxes in 401(k) accounts and similar retirement holdings. All this and more would come at a cost to individuals that is impossible to quantify but may be no less real than the benefits. The estimated cost of Bush's plan is \$674 billion over a decade - equivalent to \$2,400 from every adult and child in the country.

Bush

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measure that would be far too expensive. Breaux predicted that Bush would not be able to even get 21 votes in the Senate to pass the measure, much less 60 votes, if the proposal were subjected to a Democratic filibuster. House Republicans, Bush's most dependable followers, vowed passage of his plan. "We'll find the ways and means to steer it through committee," said Rep. Mark Foley (Fla.), a member of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. Bush Tuesday sent a clear sig-

nal that he is not going to limit his policies because of the threat of long-term deficits. He also made clear that the \$1.35 trillion 2001 tax cut was just the beginning of plans to reduce taxes. Bush, in a speech with flourishes of populist rhetoric, used the language of supply-side economists, who argued in the 1980s that tax cuts would actually increase government receipts. Bush said his proposals "lay the groundwork for future growth and future prosperity. That growth will bring the added benefit of higher revenues for the

government - revenues that will keep tax rates low, while fulfilling key obligations." According to an analysis of Bush's proposals Tuesday by the Urban Institute and the Brookings Institution, the administration plan overwhelmingly benefits the wealthy. Bill Gale, a Brookings economist, said that Americans earning more than \$1 million would see their after-tax income increase by \$88,873 on average, or 3.9 percent. Those earning below \$40,000 would have average after-tax increases in income of 0.1 percent to 1.0 percent.

Flu

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Only about 65 percent of older people get vaccinated, and the annual shots do not protect aging immune systems as well as they do younger ones. The U.S. death toll surged fourfold from 16,263 in 1976-77 to 64,684 in 1998-99, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. Flu deaths now average

about 36,000 a year, up from 20,000 in previous estimates, the CDC said. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said the news "that influenza may be taking an even larger toll than we have realized" underscores the importance of flu shots, especially for older people. The study appears in

Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association. While drug breakthroughs in the mid-1990s helped tame AIDS and reduce the U.S. death toll from 51,000 in 1995 to about 15,000 in 2001, the main weapon doctors have against flu - vaccines - have proven disappointingly ineffective in the most vulnerable population, people 65 and older.

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# Afghan army strength approaches 2,000

### Men's slow building process continues

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** - A new battalion was added to Afghanistan's national army Tuesday, boosting the force to about 1,725 and raising hopes government forces will one day take control from the warlord militias that still control large parts of the country.

The 380 soldiers and 36 officers of the 5th battalion paraded to a military band and drilled with Kalashnikov rifles at a ceremony at their Kabul training ground, watched over by U.S. Army officers who run the 10-week basic training courses.

Afghan leaders have said they want a force of 70,000 within two years, although foreign sponsors say that could take five years or more.

Another 600 soldiers, comprising the 6th battalion, are currently being trained.

President Hamid Karzai's government holds little influence outside Kabul, while the rest of the country is controlled by local warlords who command their own private militias. Speaking to graduates, Defense Minister Mohammed Fahim called the army's formation a "greater step toward the development" of Afghanistan, which is recovering from two decades of war.

"We should make use of this situation to reconstruct our country, because if we do not reconstruct at this time, the next generation will ask us why, when war was over, we did not do so," Fahim said.

The force suffered in its early days from a high dropout rate because of low recruits were paid just \$30 a month, although



Afghan Defense Minister Gen. Mohammad Fahim, left, reviews soldiers during the graduation parade of the 5th battalion of the Afghanistan National Army in the military academy compound on Tuesday in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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attrition has leveled off. Pay increases to \$70 a month after graduation. U.S. officials hope the nation-

ally army will represent all of Afghanistan's major ethnic groups and help smooth over tribal divisions that have splintered the country and, frequently, sparked bloody fighting.

No precise breakdown of the new battalion's ethnicity was given, but recruits were drawn from the Pashtun group dominant in Afghanistan's south, as well as Tajiks who dominated the northern alliance before it overthrew the Taliban with the help of a U.S. bombing campaign in November 2001. Other soldiers were from the Hazara and Uzbek minorities.

Mohammad Afzai, a 28-year-old Tajik, said the training had gone far beyond the basic mount-

ain fighting he learned as a former northern alliance soldier.

"Then we were just fighting for our province, now we want to defend all of Afghanistan," said Afzai, who is from the northeastern province of Parwan.

Fahim, the defense minister who is an ethnic Tajik, has been accused of attempting to retain Tajik dominance over the force and refusing to hand over Defense Ministry weapons to the national army.

The United States has provided the troops with uniforms and other basic equipment, while plans call for more weapons to be donated from former Soviet Bloc countries.

### North Korea's 'warfare' strategy

**SEOUL, South Korea (AP)** - North Korea is preparing for a war, according to a report from a South Korean intelligence source. The source said North Korea is preparing for a war, according to a report from a South Korean intelligence source.

North Korea's saber-rattling came hours before the United States, Japan and South Korea agreed to freeze Pyongyang to announce the weapons program. The three allies have stressed a peaceful resolution of the rising tensions - a stance President Bush reiterated Tuesday.

"In this case, I believe, working with countries in the region, diplomacy will work," Bush said, speaking in Chicago on economic policy. "We have no aggressive intentions, no argument with the North Korean people. We're interested in peace in the Korean Peninsula."

But North Korea's rhetoric broadcast to the world through its official Korean Central News Agency, remained defiant. "Sanctions mean a war, and the war knows no mercy," the KCNA, monitored in Seoul, declared Tuesday.

# Police find poison traces in London, arrest six

**LONDON** - Police said Tuesday they found traces of ricin - a deadly poison twice as potent as cobra venom - in a north London apartment and arrested six men of South African origin in connection with the violent toxin that has been linked to al-Qaida terrorists and Iraq.

London police said material seized at a flat in the Wood Green neighborhood on Sunday had tested positive Tuesday for traces of the toxin, tiny amounts of which can kill an adult. There is no antidote.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, speaking to a meeting of British ambassadors, said the find highlights the threat posed by weapons of mass destruction.

"Ricin (pronounced RICE-in) is derived from the castor bean plant, which is grown around the world. The poison is relatively easy to produce, and Andy Pennington, a chemical and biological weapons expert at Jane's Terrorism and Security Monitor, said its presence in London did not necessarily indicate a connection to any outside group or country."

### Bus plummets off a cliff in central Mexico, kills 17

**MEXICO CITY** - A bus with failing brakes swerved off a mountain highway and into a deep ravine in Zacatecas state, killing 17 people and injuring more than 20 others.

The bus was carrying about 40 people from Tlaltemango down a steep, lane highway en route to the town of Jalpa, said Hector Cortez, a Zacatecas state spokesman.

Just before 10 a.m. Monday, driver Gustavo Perez tried to steer his aging bus around a sharp curve when the vehicle's brakes failed, causing the bus to career off the road and topple into a 750-foot valley, Cortez said.

### Hijackers take plane carrying pilgrims to Mecca

**KABUL, Afghanistan** - An Afghan airlines plane carrying Muslim pilgrims was hijacked on Tuesday, but the incident ended after the plane landed in the United Arab Emirates and all aboard were reportedly safe, the airline said.

All the hijackers were removed from the plane after it touched down in Dubai, said Khalil Ahmad

### World in brief

**Najmihar, president of Ariana airlines, the Afghan national carrier.** The plane was carrying pilgrims on their way to Mecca, Saudi Arabia, with a scheduled stopover in Dubai.

An official characterized the incident as a bomb scare rather than a hijacking and said the plane landed at a military air base.

### Rare moss fruits for the first time in 130 years

**LONDON** - For more than 130 years, the rare Nowell's moss found on old limestone walls in northwest England has not been known to fruit and the plant has been listed as an endangered species.

But scientists said Tuesday they have found tiny brown cigar-shaped spores on a patch of moss on a wall at Pevsley Hill in the undulating Yorkshire Dales - the first time since 1866 that the moss is known to have reproduced.

Scientists from the University of Bradford and the Natural History Museum are now studying the plant's molecular and genetic makeup to find ways to protect it from further decline. They are also investigating the mites that have been damaging the plants by eating the female sex organs.

### Alleged al-Qaida message: 9/11 helped Islamic cause

**CAIRO, Egypt** - An e-mail purportedly from an al-Qaida chief, posted on a Web site Tuesday, says Americans should be killed and that Sept. 11 helped the cause of Islam.

The 150-word message - allegedly from Ayman al-Zawahiri, Osama bin Laden's top deputy - was posted on the Islamic affairs site of a lawyer who spent time in prison with al-Zawahiri.

In Washington, U.S. intelligence officials said it was plausible the message was from al-Zawahiri, but they could not be certain. Al-Zawahiri, an Egyptian, is bin Laden's doctor and spiritual adviser. Both he and bin Laden have recently issued audio statements that convinced American officials they are alive and at large. - compiled from wire reports

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## EDITORIAL

### Twin Falls flights can't prosper with empty seats

**T**win Falls airline passengers should note Big Sky Airlines' decision last week to ground its Idaho Falls service. The Montana-based airline halted its Idaho Falls-Denver route, less than three months after it began, because traffic failed to meet expectations.

The Big Sky departure should serve as a warning to Magic Valley travelers: Use it or lose it. When business is down, airlines may fly away for good.

December figures showed passenger boardings at the Twin Falls airport dropped for the second straight year. November 2002 recorded 2,305 boardings for SkyWest Airlines, compared with 2,449 in November 2001 and 2,985 in November 2000. Those numbers amount to 6 percent and 18 percent November declines in the past two years.

SkyWest's five daily flights to Salt Lake are an integral part of the local economic infrastructure. This connection to the Delta hub puts passengers into the flow of international traffic in less than an hour. The quick hop to SLC beats a four-hour drive on I-84.

The big question is: How can the area preserve its existing air service?

Local economic development leaders make a strong argument that recruiting additional air service is the answer. Competition would encourage better service and cheaper rates, thereby enticing more passengers. That's why local officials want to recruit Big Sky service between Twin Falls and Boise. Without competition, local

officials fear a "death spiral." Here's the scenario: If too many passengers choose cheaper flights originating in Boise or Salt Lake, SkyWest may reduce service and raise prices. This would encourage even more local passengers to drive to Boise or Salt Lake. Ultimately, the airline could halt service altogether.

The idea of bringing in another airline is appealing, because competition generally benefits consumers. But competition also can kill a weak competitor. And in today's fragile economy, airlines quickly pull the plug on unprofitable routes — as Big Sky did in

Idaho Falls. That's why Twin Falls' highest priority for now should be preserving the air service we do have. That suggests two tactics:

• **Take off from Twin Falls:** Passengers should try to make Twin Falls, not Salt Lake, the origin of their Eastern flights. Price is always a factor, but the Twin Falls airport offers unmatched convenience — including proximity to home, free parking, a smaller terminal, and speedier security checks.

• **Keep landing fees affordable:** City and airport officials should keep landing fees attractive for regional air service. They should resist any urge to raise fees.

Local leaders may be right about the value of recruiting new service. Competition could ignite a trend toward more passengers and cheaper fares. But in today's tenuous economy, communities such as Twin Falls should concentrate first on keeping the air service they already have.

### Kooky cloners threaten legitimate science

**A**s the world waits for scientific confirmation or debunking of claims by the Raellians that they have cloned a human being, much attention has been paid to just how odd the group is. And rightly so. I interviewed Rael at UFOfland, his Quebec headquarters, last summer, and it was among the strangest days of my life: a cordial chat with a former sportswriter wearing a white jumpsuit that looked like something from a "Star Trek" prop closet, just down the hall from a mockup of the spacecraft where "the Elohim" first revealed themselves to him.

**BILL MCKIBBEN**

But the weirdness of the Raellians should not be allowed to obscure the wider mission they share with other self-proclaimed pioneers on the human genetic frontier — people who, though cloaked in science instead of sectarianism, foresee remaking human beings in ways that make the genesis of baby Eve seem almost innocent.

Robert Lanza, for instance, a vice president at Advanced Cell Technology, called the Raelian announcement "appalling," "irresponsible" and "a sad day for science." Yet Lanza, six years ago, predicted that soon we would not just be cloning children but genetically souping them up. "We're close to being able to add 20 or 30 IQ points, and an equivalent boost of their muscle mass" to embryos, he said, adding, "Who among us wouldn't say 'yes'?"

His boss at Advanced Cell Technology, Michael West, recently met with incoming Senate majority leader Bill Frist to promote his firm's cloning work.

In the past West has complained bitterly about Rael, asking, "Why is Congress debating this by me? To someone who says he flies around in flying saucers?"



Yet this same Michael West has acknowledged to many interviewees that his real goal is physical immortality. We can imagine, he says, "body components one by one each made young by cloning. Then our body would be made young again segmentally, and an equivalent boost of their muscle mass" to embryos, he said, adding, "Who among us wouldn't say 'yes'?"

And they are not isolated examples. Even James Watson, who will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his co-discovery of the double helix this spring, has advocated genetic manipulation to ensure that people aren't born "stupid" or "ugly" or "cold fish."

Understanding this kind of genetic grandiosity is key to finding sensible political decisions in the months ahead. As a practical matter, cloning would

be a necessary step toward the genetic manipulation of embryos — toward adding IQ or muscle mass or, as other researchers have speculated, a host of behavioral and emotional traits. Similar work already has been carried out on a range of other animals. The threat posed by such work to the human species and to our societies is far greater even than the possibility that Rael or his competitors may have damaged the particular children they set out to clone.

Some researchers, like Lanza and West, now say they seek not to clone children but merely to harvest stem cells from cloned embryos for use in treating Parkinson's and other diseases. If so, they should fall in behind a moratorium proposal from a presidential commission that is designed to allow enough time to write legislation guaranteeing that such stem-cell work does not inadvertently ease the work of baby cloners or of those who

would "enhance" human embryos by altering their minds, bodies or personalities. Such legislation is being backed not only by right-to-lifers and religious conservatives but by feminists, environmentalists, human and civil rights advocates and others who understand the threat these new technologies pose to a coherent human future.

As important as such legislation is, however, it's even more crucial that the scientific community take the opportunity offered by these events to repudiate the pernicious notion that we should "improve" the species through genetic tinkering. Rael may be a kook — but his rhetoric, and his vision, resemble all too closely a spreading idea of a post-human world.

*Bill McKibben, a scholar in residence at Middlebury College in Vermont, is author of the upcoming book "Enough: Staying Human in an Engineered Age."*

### America doesn't need, shouldn't have an MI5

**RONALD KESSLER**

**T**he White House is seriously considering a proposal to recede the FBI's counterterrorism function to a new agency similar to MI5, the British domestic spy agency. The idea scares almost everyone who has actually been involved in investigating terrorism, and with good reason.

A domestic spy agency would mean a return to the years when the FBI, under J. Edgar Hoover, investigated citizens simply for subscribing to leftist publications or for speaking out against the government. It was all done in the name of intelligence gathering, an amorphous standard that could be used to justify investigating and compiling files on anyone perceived to be different. In the process, the FBI — often with the approval of presidents — not only violated Americans' rights under the Constitution, but also lost sight of what it was supposed to be uncovering. Because Hoover confused political dissent with spying, the FBI did a poor job of investigating the real threat at the time: espionage.

While the FBI has many serious problems, the fact is that in a six-year period before 9/11, the FBI stopped 40 terrorist plots that

would have led to the killing of tens of thousands of people. Since 9/11, the FBI has brought charges against 200 suspected terrorists. With the help of the CIA, it has rolled up nearly 100 plots worldwide before they happened.

Over the years the FBI has developed informants to take on the Mafia, white-collar criminals, domestic terrorists, corrupt public officials and spies. In doing so, it has wiped out entire criminal organizations. What has made the FBI effective and kept it from engaging in the abuses of the Hoover years is that, under the supervision of the Justice Department, it focuses on violations of criminal laws. If that standard for undertaking investigations is removed, investigators lose their compass, straying into extraneous matters such as political beliefs and associations and forgetting what their real target is.

If a nexus to pursuing criminal violations keeps investigators on course, it also provides leads and tools to conduct terrorist investi-

gations. Counterterrorism investigations often begin with probes of other crimes — money laundering, fraud, drug violations. As the FBI is now constituted, those leads can be passed along seamlessly to agents pursuing terrorist activities.

Who would staff a new domestic intelligence-gathering agency? Only FBI agents have the training and experience to conduct such sensitive investigations lawfully. Who would want to work for a new, untested agency? For all its problems, the FBI is known as the premier law enforcement organization in the world. It therefore attracts the very best applicants. How would the new agency use the coercive tools of law enforcement to get people to talk? It would have to call in the FBI. Thus, a domestic intelligence agency would create yet more walls and generate more turf battles within the counterterrorism effort. It would be, as FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III said recently in New York, "a step backward in the war on terror, not a step forward."

As it happens, MI5 has not had a particularly impressive record

in uncovering terrorists, whether from the Irish Republican Army or al-Qaida. Nor do most Americans want to adopt the British model when it comes to protecting individual rights.

"MI5 looks with a bit of envy at our system, where we have a law enforcement organization that also gathers intelligence," said John L. Martin, who dealt extensively with MI5 for 25 years as chief of the Justice Department's counterespionage section. "Because it has no law enforcement powers, MI5 has the usual problems with sharing intelligence information leading to arrests and prosecutions."

The proposal to create a separate counterterrorism agency is an effort to come up with a quick fix. In fact, it would create a nightmare agency, one that would neither know how to investigate terrorism nor be equipped with the inherent safeguards necessary to protect American freedoms.

*Ronald Kessler, a former Washington Post and Wall Street Journal reporter, is author of "The Bureau: The Secret History of the FBI."*

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case. I loved the scenery, the arts, the club clubs and the people. I traveled in the community and everyone I met was great. They had great respect for CSI and they showed that by being very hospitable to me.

I have enjoyed listening to the games on the Internet. That has been a connection that I needed to connect with my son while so

far away at school. The academics have been great too. I can tell that he is learning a lot maturing. He has always been a wonderful person, but now I see the maturing of a wonderful man and citizen that I am proud of.

Thank you, Times-News Online; you have been so helpful keeping me abreast with Twin Falls.

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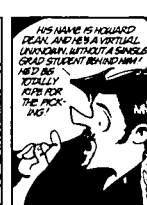
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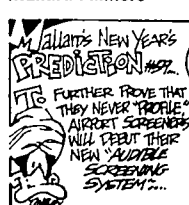
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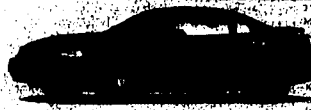
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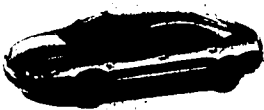
Retail Price \$2870  
Hertz Price **\$19595**



## '02 CHRYSLER 300-M

Stock #310D • Power Windows • Power Locks • Power Mirrors • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • Cassette CD • Leather • Sun Roof • Wheels

Retail Price \$12180  
Hertz Price **\$9995**



## '99 FORD F-150 XLT QUAD CAB 4X4

Stock #4513 • Power Windows • Power Locks • Power Mirrors • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • Cassette • Nerf Bars • Slider • Tint • Tow Package • Automatic

Retail Price \$22460  
Hertz Price **\$18995**



## '03 CHEVROLET MALIBU

Stock #278D • Power Windows • Power Locks • Power Mirrors • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • CD

Retail Price \$2120  
Hertz Price **\$13595**



## '03 FORD SPORT WINDSTAR 4 DR

Stock #4170 • Power Windows • Power Locks • Power Mirrors • Power Seats • Tilt Steering • Cruise Control • Cassette CD • Quad Seats • Wheels • Rear Air • Tint • Roof Rack

Retail Price \$28990  
Hertz Price **\$21995**



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Groups worry Bush will lift protections

Audubon Society, others sound alarm over wetlands

**TWIN FALLS** - Environmentalists are worried that the Bush administration is moving to cut the reach of the Clean Water Act and federal protections for some streams and isolated wetlands. "These groups, such as developers, say the government shouldn't require a federal permit for landowners wanting to fill in isolated wetlands on their property. A proposal to change the scope of the federal law protecting waterways is likely to elicit fierce debate over how best to manage hundreds of thousands of miles of small streams, tributaries and wetlands that are isolated or not connected to a larger body of water. "I think generally this is where they are headed. They're working hard to reduce the reach of the Clean Water Act," said Bill

Leffing, executive director of Idaho Rivers United. Future Clean Water Act protections for streams that dry up periodically, man-made watercourses and wetlands next to non-navigable waters are in question, according to the Clean Water Network, a network of environmental groups. Details under development by the Environmental Protection Agency and expected to be made public early this week are yet to be released. The National Audubon Society is among the groups sounding a public alarm. Environmentalists fear the administration will scale back crucial protections in the Clean Water Act, allowing polluters to avoid regulatory discharge permits and for the destruction of even more wetlands without establishing new ones. Anticipating the new policies, the National Association of Home Builders criticized the EPA and Army Corps of

Engineers as having a "pretext for regulating any kind of activity that would bar a floating water molecule from migrating from Minnesota down the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico through a network of culverts, ditches and streams that are dry 10 months out of the year." But the Bush administration is using what many consider to be a narrow U.S. Supreme Court ruling to make radical changes to the Clean Water Act, Sedivy said. The U.S. Supreme Court in January 2001 in a 5-4 decision struck down a policy that allowed the Army Corps of Engineers to extend its jurisdiction to water bodies solely on the basis that the water is used by migratory birds, says the Clean Water Network, a network of environmental groups. The Corps had blocked construction of a Chicago-area landfill on the site of a sand and gravel pit mining operation abandoned

around 1960 but that had filled in with water and become a wetland. The Army Corps of Engineers oversees permit applications from people wanting to put dredged or fill material into navigable waters, while EPA develops the guidelines for issuing or denying those permits. The House Committee on Government Reform put EPA on notice that it believed the court's opinion signaled the Clean Water Act applied only to navigable waters, disagreeing with the EPA's initial interpretation of the ruling that questionable situations be decided on a case-by-case basis. Idaho Republican Congressman Butch Otter is vice chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, the oversight committee of both the EPA and Army Corps of Engineers. In April 2001, a judge ordered Otter to pay a \$50,000 civil fine for converting marshes to landscaped ponds on his property near the Boise River without a permit required by the Clean Water Act. Otter said he was taking a stand against over-reaching government rules.

**TWIN FALLS** - A Twin Falls man was arrested Tuesday on felony charges stemming from allegations that he fired a 22-caliber pistol at an occupied building during a recent shooting. James K. Bowers, 20, faced two counts of discharge of a firearm at an occupied structure and a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was held Tuesday in the Twin Falls County Jail in lieu of \$150,000 bond. He faces a preliminary hearing Jan. 17. Police at 2:34 a.m. and again at 5:15 a.m. responded to reports of a shooting fired at 440 1/2 Locust St. B., according to an affidavit written by Twin Falls police officer Clint Decker and filed with court documents. Officers found about 22 caliber cartridge casings and 22 shells at the scene, Decker reported. One of the shells was found in the trailer home - and a witness told police that two adults and five children were inside at the time of the firing, according to the affidavit. Police later found Shellweert and another man in a car parked in the 100 Fifth St. S., recovered a 22-caliber handgun from the car and arrested Shellweert, according to the affidavit. Witnesses told police the shooting might have stemmed from an earlier fight between Shellweert and another man, court records say.

Mountain Home Air Force Base has new commander

**MOUNTAIN HOME** - Mountain Home Air Force Base is under new command. Col. Blair Hansen took over Monday during a change of command ceremony. Hansen succeeds Brig. Gen. Irving Haller, who has been reassigned to Washington, D.C., where he will serve as director of the Dense Space Reconnaissance Program, deputy director for National Systems Operations on the Joint Staff and deputy director of military support for the National Reconnaissance Office. Hansen previously was stationed at the Pentagon as chief of the Combat Forces Division with the Directorate of Programs.

Seat belt advocates raffie off new car

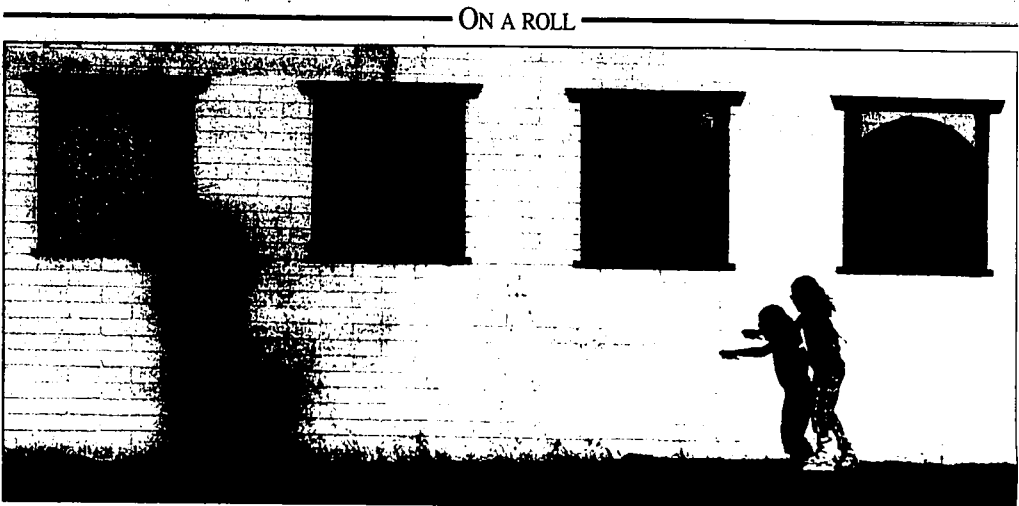
**TWIN FALLS** - By buckling up, you could have the chance to win a new car, local cops say. The Twin Falls Police Department, the Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition, and South Central District Health have joined forces to promote the use of seat belts. Rob Green Motors in Twin Falls has donated a new 2002 Hyundai Santa Fe loaded with features including leather seats, cruise control, and CD/cassette player. Throughout the year, police officers who see people wearing seat belts at special events and during regular patrols will give their business cards to those people, who then write their name, address, and phone number on the back of the card and drop it off at Rob Green Hyundai, 1070 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., to be entered in a drawing for the car. The drawing will be held in December. "Promoting seat belt use has paid off for Washington and Oregon. We want the community to see the benefits of buckling up. As seat belt use goes up, deaths go down and so do the costs," said Twin Falls Sgt. Bill Haghey. For more information about the importance of seat belt use or this year-long campaign, contact SAFE KIDS at 737-2430, South Central District Health at 734-5900, ext. 215. (Compiled from staff and wire reports)

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% normal
Upper Snake River	78%	34%
Salmon Falls	77%	29%
Salmon	85%	23%
Oakley	85%	28%
Big Wood	100%	49%
Little Lost	136%	80%
Higgins Fork/Teton	72%	32%
Big Lost	119%	51%
Little Lost	77%	35%

As of Jan. 8

A comparison of basin snowpack, on the Snake River, to the 30-year average. Source: National Weather Service, Boise.



Khadja Neumeyer, 7, takes advantage of the sunny, bright days the Magic Valley has been having to practice her in-line skating on Main Avenue North in Twin Falls.

Airport could see changes over next decades

**By Mark Heinz Times-News writer**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Tens of millions of dollars - most of it federal money - could over the next 20 years be put into improvements at Twin Falls' airport, but nearly all those projects are tentative now. "What you seem to have here is a Sears catalogue list of projects," Twin Falls County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said Tuesday while commenting on the airport's possible plans. Hempleman was one of a small group of officials and residents who attended a meeting about the plans for Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. Having a list ahead of time will serve the airport well, said Martin Gergen of Riedesel Engineering - who helped draw

up the proposals. "The FAA has made it clear that if it isn't on our 'Sears catalogue list,' it isn't going to happen," Gergen said. The FAA expects airports every decade or so to present a 10- to 20-year master plan regarding projects for which they might want federal money, said Keith O'Connor of Washington Infrastructure Services Inc. That company helped Riedesel Engineering come up with the plans for Joslin Field. That plan includes a list of tentative projects through the year 2022. But projects can be dropped down or moved up the list, depending upon urgency and need, Gergen said. There are a wide range of projects on the airport's list, some of which include building a new heliport, buying a new snow

plow, improving some of the taxiways and perhaps even putting in a new runway. But so far, only five of the projects are sure to roll, Gergen said. Those include:  
 • Finishing a chain-link fence around the entire airport perimeter.  
 • Rebuilding the northwest taxi lanes.  
 • Putting in additional safety lighting in outlying areas.  
 • Installing the emergency generator.  
 • Having a security expert investigate the airport's system and check for weaknesses. The city of Twin Falls will be expected to pay about \$106,000 toward the cost of those projects - which should be done within the next couple of years. The FAA will put up \$962,100 for them, and money garnered from

a \$450 per passenger-ticket fee will provide another \$100,000. The airport's current "crosswind" runway is thought by many to be inadequate, O'Connor said. The main runway runs east to west, so pilots need an option if winds are cutting too fast across it, he said. The current secondary runway is relatively short, will soon need resurfacing and is set in poor angle, he said. A new runway running more directly north to south might be on the airport's wish list within the next five years, O'Connor said. The current estimated cost of the project would be \$400,000, of which the city would be expected to pay \$40,000.

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Commission denies wellhead amendments

**By Sharon Akers Times-News correspondent**  
**JEROME** - Jerome County commissioners this week denied two proposed amendments to its wellhead protection plan. Jerome County Planning and Zoning and the city of Twin Falls had requested amendments to Jerome County's zoning ordinance adding a chapter to the wellhead protection plan. The proposals would have provided for inspections of all the community's wellheads, but Jerome County commissioners say they have something that is more comprehensive. A commissioners' memorandum decision explained the denial. In 1993 Jerome County adopted an ordinance that established the Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission, which directed a

study to protect and enhance the water resources of Jerome County and neighboring counties. The commission recently approved and presented for adoption the "Complete Revision to the Water Quality Portion of the Middle Snake Regional Coordinated Water Resource Management Plan." This revision adds a portion on groundwater quality and is incorporated into Jerome County's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance. This plan applies to all water within Jerome County and requires those who have a community well to provide the county with certain scientific data. The proposal does not

address any wells that are not community wells. It asks for scientific data that will demonstrate potential risks to wells in order to establish zones in which various activities would be prohibited. The memorandum decision says that the plan and revision, when used as a planning tool, provide a more complete framework for evaluating risk to groundwater, and protective measures, than the current proposed wellhead protection ordinance does. Gary Young, Twin Falls city engineer, asked the county commission what the timetable was on the mid-Snake plan and revision. Jerome County Commission

Chairwoman Veronica Lierman said the plan has already been adopted and that the revision strengthened and gave the commissioners more guidance on the Wellhead Protection Ordinance. A public hearing was held on Tuesday night concerning the revision. Also this week, commissioners approved a family's request to rezone certain agricultural property residential and commercial. In November, members of the Anderson family asked the commissioners to consider changing property along the State Highway 50 and Interstate 84 exchange from agricultural to commercial. Family members had also asked that their property along 1200 ft. beside I-84 be changed from agricultural to rural residential.

YMCA director resigns

**The Times-News**  
**TWIN FALLS** - The man who helped pull the Magic Valley YMCA out of bankruptcy 20 years ago - and who has been its director ever since - has resigned. John Eschenburg submitted his resignation Monday "of his own accord" and "for personal reasons," said Mike Trabert, a YMCA board member who has been appointed as interim director. "We're going to miss him," Trabert said Tuesday. "He's the one who pretty much reopened the Y way back when, and he's served pretty diligently ever since." Eschenburg couldn't be reached for comment. A representative of the national YMCA office is expected to come to Twin Falls on Friday to help the local board prepare for a national search to find a replacement, Trabert said. A new director likely won't be on board until May. In the meantime, Trabert - a consulting engineer - will fill the post. "I've got the time to devote to the Y, and I said I'd be more than happy to devote that time," he said. Trabert declined to disclose Eschenburg's salary, nor would he say how much a new director might make. The Magic Valley YMCA is governed by an 11-member board, which is expected to expand to 16 at the next meeting, Trabert said. Mick Hodges  
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# Wind farm plan



Albion Mayor Don Danner, Mike Heckler, Windland Inc.'s director of marketing and development, George Kelley and Mark Grigg share a laugh at a wind farm project open house Tuesday. Windland wants to build wind turbines on Cottrell Mountain, in eastern Cassia County.

Both Lien and Grigg wondered if the addition of turbines to their view of Albion would make their property values drop. A kickback of some sort, specifically to Albion residents, could justify the project, Lien said.

Doug Layton and Frank Gillette wanted to make sure they could have access to the mountain. Layton and Gillette launch their hang gliders from the north end of the mountain when the wind comes from the east.

Some showed unrestrained support. "This is a wonderful thing," said Gale Ward, who lives just

south of Cottrell. "Some day we're going to run out of fossil fuels."

While the land where the turbines would sit would be leased from the BLM, the assessed value of the development is taxable by Cassia County, Mike Heckler, Windland's director of marketing and development said in a previous interview. Heckler estimated the project would have an assessed value of more than \$100 million.

Windland has owned and operated a wind farm near Tehachapi, Calif., since 1982. The company's corporate headquarters have been in Boise for nine years.

### To learn more

Two more meetings are scheduled for today in the cafeteria at Burley High School, and tomorrow in the BLM's Four Rivers Field Office.

Written comments on the proposal may be submitted to the BLM through Feb. 18. Send letters to Cottrell Mountain Wind Project, Bureau of Land Management, Burley Field Office, 15 E. 200 S. Burley, Idaho 83318.

For more information on the proposal or the meetings, contact Scott Baker at the BLM Burley Field Office, 677-6678.

# Rupert officials say impact area looks OK

By Shari Chaney  
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Rupert's area of impact looked OK to council members Tuesday night.

They are now set to hear a first reading of an ordinance regarding the area of impact on Jan. 21.

City Attorney Rick Bollar said the city was negotiating the area of impact, an area that a city prepares for annexation, with the county because of a Supreme Court ruling which said cities do not have authority in this area. The city had been making land use decisions such as granting special-use permits.

Minidoka County had a public hearing on its areas of impact in the fall of 2001, Bollar said, and has been waiting on Burley and Heyburn to come to an agreement about an area near Exit 208. The county has decided to go ahead with the boundaries as they are, including the area still under dispute.

name was authorized to remove the girl from school.

Mayor Audrey Neirwerth noted Duffin's firmness and candor and Martinez' observance and intervention as key pieces of keeping the potentially dangerous situation from being worse than it was.

"That's just part of our job," Duffin said.

Commissioner opening — Ted Garcia of Rupert resigned from the Mini-Cassia Development Commission, announced City Administrator Roger Bagley.

Several names were discussed as replacements. The council will consider possible candidates and possibly choose a replacement at the next meeting.

LID formation — The council heard the first reading of an ordinance establishing a local improvement district to improve the electrical distribution system at Kraft Road.

Because the LID only benefits Kraft, Bollar said, it will not qualify for tax exempt finances. However, two local banks have expressed an interest in financing the LID. Details will be discussed at the Jan. 21 meeting along with a public hearing about the LID formation.

Gem community — Neirwerth said Rupert had received a certificate noting the city's status as an Idaho Gem Community.

Bagley said it is the fourth year the city has received that designation.

Special-use permits and other land use issues will now come before the county planning and zoning commission, although the city will have a chance to review issues and make a recommendation.

Other council business included:

- Appreciation — Cindy Duffin and Jim Martinez, employees at Memorial Elementary School, were recognized for their role in presenting a kidnapping alert at the school.

According to reports, a man entered the school Monday morning and told school officials he was there looking for his daughter. No one by the man's

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The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is currently accepting comments on a proposed plan to build wind turbines on top of Cottrell Mountain, in eastern Cassia County.

Albion Mayor Don Danner said he would like to see more information before he made up his mind.

Danner will ask the Albion City Council to take a position on the wind farm in time for the review period, which should start when the review process is published, sometime in September.

"My major concern here is that the residents get complete information," said Tammy Lien of Albion. Lien brought a full page of questions about the project. "She is confident the BLM will provide answers to her questions through the environmental impact statement and land use

# Burley council praises downtown progress

By Shelley Ridenour  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — It's time to call the naysayers to show them how wrong they were about the future of downtown Burley, a Burley councilman said at Tuesday's meeting.

A year ago as city officials and downtown business people were trying to decide what to do about the unfinished downtown revitalization plan, people came to meetings and complained about the number of empty storefronts on Overland Avenue and along 13th Street, Councilman Dave Ringle said. Today those buildings are full, he said, challenging people to go look at downtown Burley and see its progress.

Business owners "dared to come downtown," Ringle said. Now, it's up to citizens and community leaders to do what they can to make those businesses successful and show the naysayers they were wrong.

Councilwoman Adria Masoner added to Ringle's remarks, pointing out it was especially nice that the downtown work was done by private investors with private dollars rather than by people asking the city for help.

"Small business is what America is about," she said.

Mayor Jon Anderson also com-

plimented the downtown investors. "It's exciting to have downtown look like it does and see that private money spent. We're fortunate to have those businesses here."

Councilman Gordon Hansen reminded the rest of the council that just because some development has occurred, city leaders can't abandon the downtown plan which the city spent money having prepared. That plan was only completed this fall.

The plan can't be filed away, Hansen said, but must be pulled out and used and continue to serve as a vision for downtown as private investors continue to work in that part of the community.

While downtown Burley has seen some growth in the last year, the community has also suffered business setbacks, Masoner said.

Masoner, who sits on the Mini-Cassia Development Commission board, said the entity "has created or maintained 118 jobs" in Mini-Cassia in the last year, and 40 of those positions are in Burley.

Masoner plans to present a comprehensive economic development report to the council at the next meeting.

Other council business included:

- Shared sales taxes — The council approved a resolution indicating its support for the continuation of Idaho's shared sales tax

revenue program.

With some concern that state legislators are looking to increase revenues to the state, Anderson said many local governing bodies are approving such resolutions to make sure legislators know their count on sales taxes for their budgets.

Burley's share of the sales tax distribution, which is based on a city's population, is about \$300,000 a year, City Administrator Mark Milton said.

Councilman Dennis Curtis said the council couldn't afford not to support the resolution. "They'll take it away if they can," he said. "It's cocked and primed to disappear."

Families at Play — Laura Greener told the council that Families at Play has planned a fundraiser for next week for a new playground in Burley, which is scheduled for construction in May.

Her boat will visit all schools next week collecting coins, Greener said. Children will be encouraged to toss their change into the boat when it visits their school.

Then on Saturday, Jan. 18, the boat will be in the park at City Hall for the final boat fund-raising effort. The celebration runs from noon to 4 p.m. that day.

The group has raised \$8,000 so

far toward its \$125,000 goal. None of the fence pickets have sold, Greener said. Some 900 pickets are for sale, at \$25 each. The pickets will be personalized with the donor's name and will be used to construct a fence around part of the playground. Pickets will be on sale at the Jan. 18 event.

Gifts — Council members learned that a city code prevents them and city employees from accepting gifts they wouldn't be given the worst council members or city employees.

City Attorney Randy Stone read that part of the city code after Curtis said the free Leatherman-like tool that all council members were given at the holidays indeed him and at least two other council members uncomfortable. Curtis wanted the council to revisit its gift policy, and Stone reported it could accept no gifts.

Curtis appreciated the gift, but said he didn't want anyone thinking he could be bought.

Councilman Curt Mentelendahl said he was surprised that Curtis thought Mentelendahl's vote could be bought.

But Council members Brent Kerbs and Masoner said it wasn't that kind of thinking that led to their concern about the gift, but the perception created by accepting gifts.

# Paul P&Z abstains from day care question

By Lorraine Craver  
Times-News correspondent

PAUL — The city Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously voted Tuesday to abstain from a decision on a day care center.

Instead, the commission decided to let Minidoka County commissioners handle Sunnyslope Childcare's appeal, since it was the county's planning and zoning board that had originally denied the day care's request to expand.

"This area does not need a good day care," Dennis Peterson, Paul's commission chairman, said at a special meeting Tuesday. "If it doesn't work out, I hope you will relocate in our area. We need you."

While planning and zoning members all agreed that Paul needs a day care, neighbors of Kristina Rogers, owner of Sunnyslope, prompted the commission in an earlier hearing to allow Sunnyslope's expansion.

Rogers had applied for a special-use permit to expand her day care, currently operated in her home on Sunnyslope Drive. The Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission denied the permit and Rogers is appealing.

Paul's planning and zoning board heard the issue because the day care is in the city's area of impact.

After two hours of a public hearing last month, members of the board decided to table the matter. Board members wanted time to drive to the area and review the issue, Peterson said.

Neighbors' biggest concern was increased traffic and speeding brought on by the day care. When parents drop off their children, they travel on the road four times — once up and back to drop them off and once up and back to pick them up, resident Shirley Wrenz had said.

At Tuesday's meeting, when new public comment was asked for, Wrenz said she would like the commission to ask Rogers for a copy of the grant she had applied for to pay for the day care.

"I don't think it's our concern how she will pay for it," said Cindy Shipp, commission member.

But Wrenz said the commission should have all the documents on the table. "That would influence your decision," she said.

Rogers said a private grant under U.S. Grant Resources, a pri-

mate funding company, had been verbally approved and that her documents should be here in March.

While some were concerned that increased traffic interfered with pedestrians, one Paul resident voiced his opinion about road use.

"What are the roads built for?" said Robert Rogers. "They are not for children to play on or to walk your dog."

Shipp said that since the county Planning and Zoning Commission had already made a decision on it, the county should make the decision on the appeal.

"We'd have to see a viable need for us to go against the county," Shipp said. "A day care is nice to have, but I've only heard one neighbor speak for it and one speak against it."

This is the first time an application for a special use permit has been made since the county created a new ordinance that gives cities jurisdiction over their impact zones, said Paul Aston, Minidoka County's director of community development. But Paul had not yet had a chance to create policies regarding the ordinance, he said.

# Kemphorne names 'Idaho's Brightest Stars'

The Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. Dirk Kemphorne announced on Tuesday that a Shoshone couple is one of three recipients of the \$5,000 "Idaho's Brightest Stars" awards.

In his State of the State address, Kemphorne cited as unsung heroes of everyday Idaho Bob and Shirley Craig in Shoshone, Meridian City Councilwoman Tammy de Weerd and an organization called "Kinderhaven" in Sandpoint.

"Whether it's mentoring youth, providing support for youth activities, or caring for abused and neglected children, these 'Brightest Stars' truly understand that healthy children equal healthy families which equal healthy communities and a healthy state," he said.

The program, operated by the Governor's Coordinating Council for Families and Children with the help of the Association of Idaho Cities, provides the financial awards donated by private individuals and businesses in recognition of work on behalf of Idaho's youth.

# Trust awards historic building grants in M.V.

Magic Valley in brief

Brian Barsotti's Bald Mountain Lodge proposal.

Barsotti wants to tear down the historic lodge and construct an 84,000-square-foot hotel with inter-val ownership units in its place.

Hailey improvisational show tickets are on sale

HAILEY — The Second City, dubbed the "temple of satire" by one American critic, will stage two shows in Hailey on Friday, Jan. 17.

The Second City will present shows at 7 and 10 p.m. at the Liberty Theatre.

One of the foremost improvisational groups in the world, the Second City started with a small group of students from the University of Chicago's theater department in the early 1950s. It has grown into a theatrical institution, responsible for the work of many comic actors, writers, and directors.

Its alumni include Ed Asner, John Candy, Dan Aykroyd, Martin Short, Rick Moranis and Gilda Radner.

Tickets are \$25 and \$20 for reserved seating. You can charge tickets by phone between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 578-9122, or get them in person at Company of Friends, box office at 409 N. Main St. in Hailey.

— compiled from staff reports

Got a killer commute? Share your story with us

TWIN FALLS — Some Magic Valley residents go to great lengths to earn a living — some even making a daily commute to Boise.

The Times-News is preparing an article about folks who live in southwest Idaho and work in the Treasure Valley. If you'd like to share your story — or if you know such a long-distance commuter — give us a call.

Call Steve Crump at 735-3223, or e-mail him at crump@magicalvalley.com

# Proposal to tear down lodge goes to council

REKETCHUM — The City Council will hold a special meeting at noon today at City Hall to consider

Mount Harrison Heritage Foundation Presents

## My Fair Lady

at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley  
January 24, 25, 30, 31 & Feb 1st

Shows start at 7:30pm  
Saturday Jan. 25th is a Matinee only at 2:00pm

Call 678-6868 for reserved seating

Sponsored by: Best Western Burley Inn

Books and Lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner — Music by Frederick Loewe

Adapted from George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" and "My Fair Lady"

Directed by: Donald Borchers (production directed by Nancy Hart)

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# Dietrich seeks road repair funds

By Jeannette Chambers  
Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH — Residents here have rough roads ahead of them. The streets that were torn up to install sewer pipes and then refilled would not be repaired until the city has enough money to do so.

Stan Ward, president of Dietrich Highway Department No. 5, expressed his concern to the City Council this week about

the current condition of some streets.

Councilman Wanless Southwick said that when the city applied for grants that would pay for the \$1.5 million sewer project, the costs for road repair were not included in the proposal.

He said the city doesn't have any money right now to fix the roads.

Southwick said that in the future, the city could possibly get

grant money to pay for repairs.

Ward asked for patience in bringing the streets up to highway specifications.

Also this week, in an ongoing effort to annex an 80-acre west-Dietrich subdivision, Michelle Higgenbotham and Howard Rich of the Planning and Zoning Commission presented three ordinances that establish an area of impact, a precursor to annexation.

Higgenbotham said the ordi-

nances need to be approved and passed by the city, then the county. A public hearing must also be held.

Council members will review the ordinances and make any further suggestions at the next council meeting.

The council also gave permission for Councilman Clay Devine to be trained in setting up and repairing water works. The workshop will be held in Twin Falls and will cost \$37.50.

# Lieutenant goes for governor, hires opponent's aide

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's new lieutenant governor is raising the political profile of the post-time office.

Republican James Rasmussen hired Ryan White, the former campaign operative of one of his primary opponents, Cella Gould, to run the office that has a staff of only one.

The veteran lawmaker has made no secret of the fact that he wants to run for governor, and with GOP Gov. Dirk Kempthorne having already announced he will not see another term, 2006 would likely be the year. He made plans to run for governor in 1998 when then-Gov. Phil Batt said he would not run again but dropped out as did all the other potential Republican



U.S. Gov. Jim Wood  
...grandson of two former Democratic congressmen, Compton White Jr. and Compton White Sr. They represented Idaho's 1st District in the 1930s and 1940s.  
The last sitting lieutenant governor to be elected governor was H.C. Baldrige in 1926

# Chief justice: Court innovations serve Idaho

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout on Tuesday said the state's judiciary must continue to find innovative ways to serve underdeveloped segments of society, as it has with special drug and family violence courts.

In her annual State of the Judiciary remarks to the Legislature, Trout extolled the value of justice programs that target chronic social problems such as chemical dependency and mental illness.

"While every citizen and business in Idaho face tough decisions about surviving in a difficult economy, a part of our society faces tough decisions on simply how to survive the day," Trout said.

"Wonderful advances in tech-

nology, which make it easier to work, play and stay in touch, leave behind many in society who remain out of touch. It is our responsibility as creative, intelligent and capable people to find answers and make the tough decisions necessary to see us through these challenging times."

Trout focused especially on the development of drug courts, and how those programs have turned wasted lives into productive ones. She said 30 drug courts are operating in each judicial district, with 627 defendants under supervision statewide.

"These courts are generally the last alternative for criminal defendants who cannot or will not control their abuse of

drugs," Trout said.

She pointed to Ada County's drug court program, which has graduated 155 defendants.

Of those, 89 percent have committed no further criminal offenses, she said, and nine babies have been born drug-free.

But drug courts have not worked in all instances, especially the mentally ill who "self-medicate" in an effort to survive their personal horrors.

Seventh District Judge Brent Moss of Rexburg initiated the state's first mental health court in August. Participants are monitored daily; some several times a day, to make sure they are taking their medications, attending treatment, maintaining a job, locating stable housing, staying

off illegal substances.

"Judge Moss, like so many other judges in our state, saw a problem and on his own initiative devoted the extra time and effort, working with others, to find a solution," Trout said. "The cost-savings to our communities and the State of Idaho is enormous, and the benefit to the participants and their families is priceless."

Trout did not address the most urgent legal question hanging over the Legislature, which is how lawmakers might change state law to comply with a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that effectively nullifies the death penalty in Idaho and several other states; nor did she talk about how the state budget crisis is affecting the state court system.

# Bonneville officials say remains were from a bear

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — A badly decomposed body found last weekend in a remote area near the Ririe Dam campground was human, but the remains of a bear, Bonneville County officials said.

A man taking wildlife pictures discovered the remains wrapped in a tarp on Saturday.

Sheriff Bryon Stommel ordered an autopsy. He earlier speculated that the body was Amber Hoopes,

20, who disappeared from her grandparents' rural home in September 2001.

Ada County coroner Erwin Sonnenberg on Tuesday notified Stommel that the remains are of a bear, which is very similar to a human skeleton. Sonnenberg's office had examined the body.

The remains were missing the head, fingers, toes and hide, Sonnenberg said.

"Without these most identi-

able features, it is very difficult to determine what the remains are from," he said.

The chief suspect in Hoopes' disappearance killed himself last June after a shootout with sheriff's deputies. Her family held a memorial service for Amber last September, but has continued to search for her.

Besides Hoopes, Bonneville County authorities want to resolve two other disappearances.

Charles Holverson, 19, of Idaho Falls disappeared after a May 1998 night of camping in the Targhee National Forest. Darwin Vest, 48, turned up missing in June 1999 after a night of trivia at a downtown Idaho Falls bar.

# Colleagues, friends honor Utah lawmaker

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Utah Rep. Wayne Owens, who died last month on a peace mission to Israel, was honored by friends and former colleagues in the House of Representatives on Tuesday as a man of the people with a tireless commitment to Middle East peace.

"I am richer for my experience of knowing Wayne Owens and vice, as an institution and a country, are poorer for his passing," said Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, who disagreed with Owens on most issues, but said he respected his character.

Democratic Rep. Jim Matheson, who holds Owens' former seat and ran his failed 1984 campaign for governor, said he remembered how Owens "took the state by storm" when he ran for Congress

the first time. He walked across the district that covered half the state.

He said the walk, which he repeated in subsequent campaigns, embodied Owens' political approach of meeting the people he represented and putting their interests first.

"That's the Wayne Owens I remember — the guy who dreamed big and worked tirelessly and relentlessly," Matheson said.

The hour-long outpouring came on Congress' first day back in session, nearly three weeks since Owens suffered a massive heart attack while walking on the beach in Tel Aviv, Israel. He was 65. Owens had led several members of Congress on a peace mission with the Center for Middle

East Peace and Economic Cooperation that he co-founded. He was prepared to return home.

Rep. David Price, D-N.C., who had been on the trip and left the day before Owens' death, said it was an "acute shock" to hear the news.

Owens, a native of Panguitch, Utah, was a rare Democrat elected to a Republican state who in his first term in 1973 sought to end the war in Vietnam and voted to impeach President Nixon.

Later, he fought to protect millions of acres of Utah wilderness, advocated for peace in the Middle East and sponsored legislation to compensate "Downwinders" — victims of radioactive fallout from open-air nuclear weapons tests in Nevada.

# Couple receives prison time for daughter's death

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A husband and wife who killed their woman's 3-year-old daughter with repeated beatings, many inflicted with a brush, have been sentenced to five years to life in prison.

Crane and Sasevan Whitelaw beat Yasmin Moody when she slept the bed, refused to eat or threw up, authorities said. In the month before her Aug. 26 death, the girl suffered a broken finger,

broken ribs, burn marks, bruising and an open wound to her lower back.

The beatings were inflicted with a shower scrub brush as well as a belt and a spatula, according to court records. The couple also admitted punishing Yasmin by pouring hot pepper sauce and rubbing alcohol on her wounds and using a pillow to stifle her screams, prosecutors alleged in court papers.

Yasmin died from an infection that spread from her open wounds to every major organ in her body.

The Whitelaws were sentenced Monday to the maximum term for first-degree felony murder.

"Her life was nothing short of misery and fear," Judge Pamela Heffernan said at the sentencing. "Undoubtedly she's in a better place. She's finally escaped."

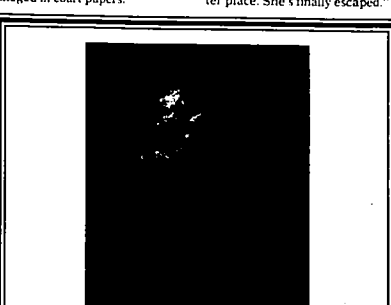
# Judge decides whether to stop 'copter hazing

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Environmental groups asked a federal judge Tuesday to halt the use of helicopters to haze bison back into Yellowstone National Park until more analysis of the practice is completed.

The groups contend the state of Montana and the federal government are illegally harming bald eagles, trumpeter swans and their habitat in trying to keep bison inside park borders, all in violation of a number of federal environmental laws.

But U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell hinted Tuesday that he had problems with the request, at one point questioning whether it would not lead to the killing of more bison, which environmentalists also are trying to protect.

"Isn't this an anomalous position?" Lovell asked during a hearing on the lawsuit. "Does this become a contest between what's good for the bison and what's good for the eagles?"



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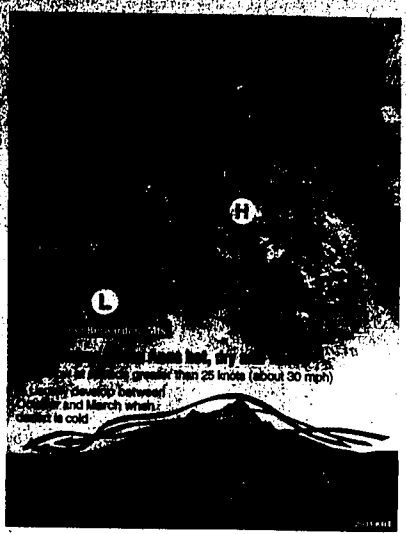
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# Three homes, two fans destroyed in Malibu homes

Three homes in Malibu were destroyed and hundreds more were threatened by a fire in the Santa Monica Mountains that had grown to 2,200 acres Tuesday. Wind also snatched a 150-acre blaze that damaged five homes near Norco, 45 miles east of Los Angeles, and a 140-acre fire in rugged terrain on Catalina Island. More than 700 firefighters were battling the Malibu blaze, which was 10 percent contained Tuesday morning, said Inspector Ed Garcia of the Los Angeles County Fire Department. The wind was blowing at 20 to 30 mph in the canyons with gusts up to 60 mph on the ridges. Fire officials hoped to have the blaze controlled by the end of the day, when the wind was expected to calm.



As a firefighter waits for water, a grove of trees bursts into flames on Pacific Coast Highway at Broad Beach Road near Malibu, Calif., Monday, as a fast-moving brush fire, fanned by strong Santa Ana winds, roared across more than a thousand acres. The car was partially burned.

About 100 people left their homes as mandatory evacuations were ordered for Encinal and Decker canyons in Malibu. The cause of the fire was under investigation, but a downed power line was suspected, Brown said. A woman was arrested for investigation of arson in the Norco fire, said Tracy Hobday, a Riverside County fire spokesman. The dry, warm wind hit Sunday night and gusted up to 79 mph through Monday, blowing from the desert interior toward the coast.

A woman was killed by a falling tree Monday in San Diego's historic Old Town, and a passenger in a car was killed Sunday by windblown debris on a freeway in Riverside. An estimated 730,000 Southern California Edison customers lost power at times during the two days, utility officials said. More than 3,000 had been without power for more than 24 hours, said Edison spokesman Gil Alexander. Power in the hardest hit areas may not be restored for several days, he said. Metrolink commuter rail service was interrupted for nearly two hours Tuesday morning because the wind blew tree limbs onto the tracks in the Pomona area. On Monday, the wind caused numerous delays at Ontario International Airport

and prompted American Airlines to cancel most of its flights there. In Los Angeles, a falling power line started a fire that destroyed a house and three cars, said fire Capt. Al Higgins botham.

# Skier escapes serious injury in avalanche

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - While buried under 5 feet of snow after being caught by an avalanche, Paul Hansen thought about his wife and their life insurance policy just before he passed out. The next thing he remembers is a man asking him his name. Hansen, 58, from Saratoga Springs, N.Y., was caught in a backcountry avalanche just before 2 p.m. Monday while skiing in Big Cottonwood Canyon. He had hiked to Cardiff Ridge at the top of Cardiff Fork to ski by himself. The snow began to slide on his second run down slope.

obvious trauma." Hansen was flown to LDS Hospital, where he was examined and released. He said he had no injuries and was grateful to his rescuers. He planned to fly back to Saratoga Springs Tuesday, but will return to Utah and the ski slopes within a few weeks. "Thank God, I can continue to enjoy (backcountry skiing)," he said. "Hopefully, I will be wiser in the future." "When a slope has already been skied, you think it's pretty safe," Hughes said. "This whole area had been completely skied over weekend."

Hansen, who has skied the backcountry for 30 years, tried to stay on top of the wave, but soon felt it overwhelming him and he was buried in what he said felt like concrete. He had enough room to breathe, but there was little air and he lost consciousness. "I was prepared to die in that avalanche," said Hansen, a financial planner who also owns a home in Little Cottonwood Canyon. "I wasn't expecting to be rescued." Other backcountry skiers saw him disappear. They pinpointed his avalanche beacon with their own beacons within about five minutes and had uncovered his face within another five minutes, said David Hughes, a former Salt Lake resident who is now a Grand Rapids, Mich., emergency room doctor. "He was very ashen and pale, almost blue," Hughes said. "He got pretty cold, but there was no

Monday's avalanche was the 122nd reported to the Utah Avalanche Center this season. There has been at least one human-triggered avalanche each day over the past 20 days, said Ethan Green of the center. The avalanche danger on Monday was deemed "considerable" on slopes facing north-west, north, northeast and east above about 8,500 feet and about 35 degrees of steeper. The avalanche that occurred Monday was on an east-facing slope about 10,500 feet up. The center deems avalanche danger "considerable" when natural avalanches are possible and human triggered avalanches are probable. Danger levels are classified as low, moderate, considerable, high or extreme.

# Weekend deaths highlight mountain avalanche danger

**IDAHO FALLS (AP)** - Last weekend's death of two teenagers in western Wyoming has underscored the avalanche danger along the Idaho-Wyoming border. Bob Comey, avalanche forecaster for the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Avalanche Center, blamed the situation on the dry sleet that followed snow in November. It created a weak base snow layer now covered by new snow that has been hardened by recent strong winds. "Before the wind started blowing, the avalanches would go before people got out on them," Comey said. "But now the situation allows people to get out on that weak snowpack. It's very,

very dangerous. It could go on the first run or it could be the last run." Snowmobiler Joshua Roy Richards, 16, of Mountain View, Wyo., died on Sunday when he was buried by an avalanche in the Bridger National Forest area. On Saturday, snowboarder Tristan Piro, 19, of St. Mary's, France, triggered an avalanche on the Teton Pass that swept him over a cliff to his death. Comey said the avalanche danger is considerable, meaning human caused snow slides are probable, and "things aren't likely to change in the coming days or weeks."

# Dentist says fine for altering medical records

**BOISE (AP)** - An Idaho Falls dentist has been sentenced to 10 months home confinement and fined \$20,000 for interfering with a Medicaid fraud investigation. Dr. Tamara Rencher was accused of altering the medical files of Medicaid beneficiaries to

obstruct an investigation by the state's Medicaid Fraud Program. Before she was sentenced in federal court, Rencher, 50, to pay \$27,000 for the cost of the investigation and to return over \$47,000 in fraudulent billings to Medicaid. Rencher also will serve five years probation.

# Head Start buys a mansion in Lewiston

**LEWISTON (AP)** - Head Start directors have purchased the city's venerable Hurlbut Mansion, sparing it from demolition. The group, which paid \$500,000, has been leasing the property for more than two decades. The campus has 10 lots and covers more than 2 acres. Head Start is a federal program for young children from low-income families designed to increase the children's readiness for public school. Patrick M. Dugan, who once

Head Start intends to stabilize the mansion and then begin long-term planning for its ultimate renovation, said local Head Start director Dorian Hergeshimer on Monday. Head Start has improved other buildings on the campus, but so far left the mansion empty because of its poor condition. The group also plans to go ahead with a new two-story classroom building on the campus.

lived there and is a member of the Friends of the Hurlbut Mansion, said an investment group he is part of is disappointed that Head Start bought the place. "We don't think what is going to happen to that building is fitting. I want to see it totally restored to as close to its original condition as possible," he said. "If they want out from under the burden, we would be more than happy to purchase it and take over renovation."

# East of original transplanted wolves dies

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP)** - The last of the original wolves reintroduced here in 1995 has been killed, apparently by members of another wolf pack. The 8-year-old wolf, known as No. 2, was among the original 14 wolves captured in Canada and transferred to Yellowstone as part of the federal government's controversial reintroduction program. "He was credited with establishing the first new pack in the park - the Leopold pack - in 1996, and is believed to have fathered eight litters of pups with his mate, who was killed last May. "They did a lot," said Doug Smith, Yellowstone's lead wolf biologist. "They may have contributed, as a pair, more than any other pair in the park." Cheryl Matthews, a Yellowstone spokeswoman, said Tuesday that No. 2's body was discovered on New Year's Eve in an area known as Blacktail Deer Meadow, in the north-central section of the park. Smith said the wolf apparently had recently lost his role as the Leopold pack's dominant or alpha male, was booted out by other pack members and had wandered alone most of the time since his death. "He'd been through a lot," Smith said. "There were no wolves when he pulled through the gate of the park. Now there are 140." No. 2 was captured in Alberta as a pup, along with other members of what was known as the Crystal Creek pack.

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# University, company partnership pays off

POCATELLO (AP) - A partnership with a local corporation is paying off for Idaho State University.

AMI Semicondutor helped the university get \$10 million in software for free. The software will be used to train electrical engineering students.

"Now our students can use the same tools that AMI's engineers use to design circuits," Mike Ellis, associate professor of engineering, said. "It's definitely going to improve the program."

The Cadence software simulates the operation of a circuit so students can see how their work will affect the circuit. Engineering students will use the software to design integrated circuits that run everything from cell phones to personal computers.

Last fall, the company donated three computers used for high-end engineering applications.

"This partnership with ISU is to clearly benefit AMI, ISU and the community," Arlen Witrock, director of public affairs and communications, said. "It's especially beneficial to our needs as a business. We want ISU to produce the best graduates they can."

By training the best students and working with the university's faculty, the school turns out a supply of quality graduates that AMI can hire in the future.

# Traffic stop results in meth recovery

FARMA (AP) - A routine traffic stop along Highway 95 resulted in the arrest of a woman wanted on a felony warrant and the recovery of methamphetamine.

Parma Police Chief Lennie Ellering said a patrol officer became suspicious Monday when the 29-year-old Las Vegas woman provided a phony name and stashed a small bag under the seat of her car.

Police said the bag contained a pipe used to smoke the drug. When James Livingston was searched, investigators said they found more than 100 grams of methamphetamine concealed in her pants.

Ellering said Highway 95 is a major corridor for drug runners. Last month police found parts for a meth lab in a car trunk during a traffic stop on the highway.

# Eagle fire department retires makeshift rig

EAGLE (AP) - Fifteen years ago, Eagle firefighters found a creative way to save people's lives using an old Coca-Cola truck.

The department bought the truck from a junkyard for \$3,500. After weeks of labor, the beverage delivery truck became the Eagle Heavy Rescue and Support Unit.

"A lot of blood, sweat and tears went into that," Eagle Fire Capt. Justin Winkler, who has helped maintain the truck for more than a decade, said.

But this year will mark the truck's last with Eagle.

The department has ordered a replacement vehicle that will cost about 100 times the Coke truck's junkyard sticker price.

"It's gotten us to where we needed to be, and now we're ready to move to the next level," Assistant Chief Mark Rabreau said. "It's not designed to meet our needs. It's designed to carry Coca-Cola."

In the mid-1980s, the department became concerned that rescue tools were spread out among several vehicles. It crowded the

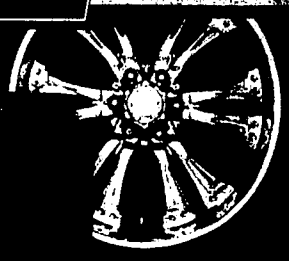
vehicles and meant the department wasn't efficient.

"At first, we had a lot of tools in many rescue tools in one vehicle. It was a lot of work. The department decided to buy one. So they decided to buy one."

The department's decision to buy the truck was a turning point. It was the first time the department had bought a vehicle for its own use.

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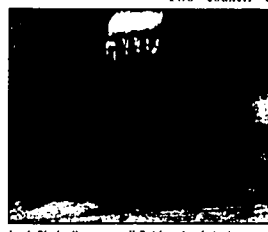
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Betty Hagan butchers a beef shoulder clad into the "meat cuts" being promoted by the Idaho Beef Council and the Idaho Cattlemen's Association at Tuesday's Intermountain Cow Symposium at the College of Southern Idaho. Rhea Lanting (seated) is grilling samples and Idaho Beef Council Executive Director Leah Clark explains the benefits of new cuts.

## Idaho council promotes message

By Dixie Thomas Reale  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — The Idaho Beef Council is encouraging people to think of beef as what's for dinner.

The council was created in 1967 by cattlemen as a marketing organization for the Idaho beef industry. An eight-member board of directors governs the council, and operating income is generated from a \$1-per-head check-off collected on the sale of all cattle sold in Idaho.



Leah Clark slices a small flat iron beef steak, one of the new value cuts being served in some Idaho restaurants.

On Tuesday, the council teamed up with the University of Idaho and the Idaho Cattlemen's Association to sponsor a beef industry program at the College of Southern Idaho.

Two council consultants travel statewide, providing food programs and nutrition information for clubs and organizations, and nutrition information for high-school home economics classes and other interested groups. Topics range from low-fat beef cookery to women's fitness, cuts of meat, how to stretch your food budget and everything you always wanted to know about cooking a steak.

Many people object to eating beef because they think it is fat. Not true any more, said Clark.

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## How to eat lean

The Idaho Beef Council offers the following tips for eating lean:

- Choose 3 ounce beef servings. Start with 4 ounces of raw beef to end up with a 3-ounce cooked serving. A cooked 3-ounce serving of boneless beef is about the size of a deck of cards or computer mouse.
- Look for beef labeled with the "USDA Select" grade. It's lower in fat and calories than "Choice" or "Prime."
- Marbling the flecks of fat in the lean makes the difference. Most grocery stores offer "Select" beef.
- Choose cuts with lean or round in the name.
- Trim exterior fat before cutting beef into strips for stir fry or cubes for kabobs. For other cooking methods, cook beef first, then trim any exterior or inside separable fat before eating.
- Tenderize lean cuts of meat by cooking them slowly in liquid or marinating them before cooking. Pounding and slicing across the grain can also help tenderize lean cuts.
- Use low-fat cooking methods: broiling, roasting on a rack, pan broiling, grilling, braising or stewing, simmering.

- Use vegetable spray in place of fat when broiling meat.
- Cook meats in a heavy, nonstick skillet without added fat.
- Remove fat from stews, soups and casseroles by chilling them and skimming the hardened fat from the top if you're pressed for time, use a baster to remove fat.
- Don't fry. Batter or breading on fried meat acts like a sponge — soaking up fat. Also, skip the heavy gravies and rich sauces.
- Reduce oil in marinades to no more than 1 teaspoon per 1/2 cup marinade, or eliminate oil altogether.
- Cook with fresh ingredients that do not contribute extra fat, such as hot and sweet peppers, onion, garlic, tomatoes, ginger and fresh herbs. And when it comes to ground beef, the USDA's new nutrient data shows 95 percent lean, 5 percent fat ground beef meets the guidelines for "lean" labeling. In addition, ground beef is higher in many essential nutrients and can be lower in fat and calories than ground turkey. Reduce the fat in cooked ground beef crumbles by draining, then rinsing with hot water and draining again.

## Party-planning victory

These few easy favorites will have the crowd cheering

### Family Features

If your football party playbook isn't up to championship caliber, a bit of kitchen quarterbacking is probably required. A real Super Bowl party blowout means tackling a few easy dishes that will impress a house full of hungry sports fans and still leave you free at game time to stay glued to the action. Kraft Foods has joined forces with chefs from Taste of the NFL (which addresses the needs of the hungry and homeless) to develop recipes that will have your guests cheering at this year's Jan. 26 Super Bowl.

**CRISPY CLUB PANINI WITH HONEY MUSTARD SLAW**  
Chef Don Flintaona, Tribeca

Grill, New York, New York

- 1 cup Kraft Mayo Real Mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup fresh chopped herbs such as parsley, basil or chives
- 1 package (6 ounces) sliced Oscar Mayer Deli Style Smoked Turkey Breast or Mesquite Turkey Breast
- 8 slices Kraft Deli Deluxe Mozzarella or Swiss Cheese Slices
- 16 slices Oscar Mayer Hearty Thick Cut Bacon, cooked and drained
- 1 tomato, cut into 8 slices
- 8 slices sourdough or Tuscan bread
- 3 tablespoons butter, softened
- MDX mayo and herbs; set aside.
- PLACE 3 turkey slices, 2 cheese slices, 4 bacon slices and 2 tomato



Chocolate Pecan Torte is the perfect finish to the perfect game.

slices on each of the 4 bread slices. Spread remaining bread slices with mayo mixture; place mayo sides down, on tops of sandwiches. SPREAD outsides of sandwiches with butter. COOK in skillet on medium heat until lightly brown on both sides; serve with Honey Mustard Slaw. Makes 4 sandwiches.

Please see PARTY, Page C5



Crispy Club Panini with Honey Mustard Slaw is worth a touchdown at any dinner.

FOOD & HOME

# Nematode-resistant pepper plant saves the day

Nematodes are microscopic roundworms that damage roots. Root-knot nematodes can be a big problem if you're an ordinary bell pepper.

A new hybrid pepper has been developed that is resistant to nematodes — just in time. Till now, the only way to keep nematodes at bay was to use a fumigant called methyl bromide, which is scheduled to be taken off the shelves by 2005. Methyl bromide has been shown to hurt our ozone layer.

Estimates said if we ban methyl bromide without an alternative method of controlling nematodes, the nation's bell pepper industry stood to lose around \$127 million. So researchers Judy A. Thies and Richard L. Fery released the Charleston Belle and Carolina Wonder, the first bell peppers resistant to root-knot nematodes. They crossed the



**GREEN THUMBPRINTS**  
Cathy Watworth

resistant Charleston Belle with Keystone Resistant Giant, said the Agricultural Research Service recently. Seed for the new hybrid should be available soon.

**DEAR CATHY:** Perhaps this is a weird time to ask, but why can't I grow squash? I've started them from seeds, bought nice plants and have a good sunny area. I put the plants out at the proper time, the vines grow beautifully, the blossoms are prolific but alas! No fruit! Nothing! I have cut off the ends of the vines after they are 8-

10 feet long, thinking that would give the blossoms more growing power. I have even pollinated with a Q-Tip. I can't even grow a zucchini! Help!

**-ZUCCHINI CHALLENGED**

**DEAR CHALLENGED:** This is the perfect time of year to look at last year's triumphs, as well as the agony of defeats. It sounds like you're doing practically everything right. In fact, it sounds like you're spilling your zucchini rotten.

It's my guess that your zucchini is way too fat and happy on a diet high in nitrogen. Nitrogen builds leaves, not fruits. Try growing your zucchini in another patch of ground where you haven't added so many good things, with a fertilizer that lists the nitrogen content lower than the potash and phosphorous. Or no fertilizer at all.

But what I want to know is why in the world you'd want to grow your own zucchini? All you have to do is tell your neighbors that you are zucchini deficient and you'd be inundated with the stuff. Or simply leave your car windows down in late summer: Zucchini will magically appear on your front seat.

Thanks for writing.

**TIP OF THE WEEK:** Did your garden have trouble with flea beetles last year? One of these nice winter days, get out to the garden and clean it up. Rake up plant debris where the pests were a problem. Adult beetles overwinter in old leaves and debris after harvest.

**What's bugging your garden?** Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: [caww@pmf.org](mailto:caww@pmf.org)

# Offerings relive fond candy memories

By Jessica Egan  
Chicago Tribune

There's something about schlocky candy that rekindles fond memories of childhood: we don't know what this says about us, but we got a serious kick out of Sugar Memories' candy by the-decade collections. Groovy Candies from the '60s includes Flying Saucers, Chick-O-Stick and Wax Bottles among its mummy-themed items; Happy Candies from the '70s contains Wonka Bars, Pop Rocks and Dark Taffy. A '50s sampler also is available by online mail-order for \$15 to \$16 each at [www.spicurious.com](http://www.spicurious.com). (To order by phone, call 888-729-1960; computer orders are preferred.)

**Recipes emphasize easy preparation**

"Midnight Snacks" (Broadway, \$16.95), by Michael J. Rosen and Sharon Reiss, sums up its theme in the lengthy but to-the-point subtitle: "150 Easy and Enticing Alternatives to Standing by the Freezer Eating Ice Cream from the Carton."

Chapters are in chronological order (from 1910's Elm's 'n' Pass Vine Licorice to 1940's 45 cent's 'Devil's Early Light'). The recipes emphasize easy preparation and accessible ingredients. Offerings include comforting brews (such as gingery lemon infusion), crunchy tidbits (Parmesan wafers, hot and sweet pumpkin seed brittle) and indulgent finales (ice cream bites in chocolate shells). It's sold at some Barnes & Noble bookstores and amazon.com.

**New springform pan offers versatility**

Kaiser Bakerware's new springform pan has an edge — four of them, to be exact. The 9-inch square, non-stick pan offers a little more versatility for bakers, who can make brownies, cheesecakes and yeast breads, among other items. The commercial-weight steel is cut-resistant; foods can be cut and served from the base. The pan costs \$40 at Sur La Table, or by mail (800-243-0852 or [surlatable.com](http://surlatable.com)); King Arthur Flour's Baker's Catalogue also carries it; 800-827-6836 or [kingarthourflour.com](http://kingarthourflour.com).

# Around the world, round ingredients are good sign

By Steve Petusevsky  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

This time of year, dishes that bring good luck are on the menu. Worldwide, it seems that round or oval-shaped ingredients symbolize a full circle, closure or the completion of a life cycle. And they are supposed to bring wholesomeness and luck.

Round foods also symbolize coins, money and tradition. This is where the Southern tradition of eating beans and black-eyed peas for luck began. Black-eyed peas even have a little black spot in their centers said to increase our wealth even more.

The Dutch eat little round doughnuts. The Italians relish stewed lentils with coin-cut pork sausage pieces perched on top. The French enjoy candied chestnuts, and in many Asian cultures, rice is the oval fortune food of choice. My Vietnamese friends make sweet sticky rice cakes and the Japanese simmer dishes with garnet-colored oval azuki beans.

When I lived in Germany, New Year's foods were abundant in the large hotel kitchen where I worked. My fellow cooks from Turkey would bring in baskets of figs, dates and huge nuts flavored with cardamom. The Moroccan cooks offered crates of Clementines and my English-speaking buddies brought large lucky round-out-and-banley scones. They were horrid, but the Irish and Scottish cooks were so big and burly, I ate them out of fear of retribution.

Many of these good-luck dishes are to be eaten at midnight on New Year's Eve. This was hard work when I lived in Frankfurt, where the good-luck food was pickled herring and onions. I wondered why they thought eating this at the end of a long day was lucky.

If you still want to try to eat your way to luck this year, I have a tale on the Southern tradition of black-eyed peas, collard greens and corn bread.

May this year be one of great health, wealth and happiness.

You can make the cake batter a day before so the cakes are easier to form. Use egg whites or, if you want to make it vegan, use an equivalent amount of egg substitute. Use any fresh bread for the crumbs such as a pita bread, rye, pumpernickel or wheat. You can also use crumbled corn bread.

**SILVER DOLLAR BLACK-EYED PEA CAKES**  
Black-Eyed Pea Cakes:

- 1 (15.5-ounce) can black-eyed peas, rinsed and drained well
- 1 medium all-purpose potato, peeled and boiled until tender
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 small red onion, minced
- 1 rib celery, minced
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced, optional
- 1 egg white or equivalent in egg substitute
- 1 1/2 cup fresh breadcrumbs, divided
- Salt, to taste
- Ribbon Cut Garlic Greens:
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large bunch collard greens (12 to 14 leaves each) or 2 bunches kale or chard (10 to 12 leaves each), stems removed, leaves rolled tightly and sliced thinly or 10 to 12 cups shredded spinach leaves
- 2 teaspoons cider vinegar

**VEGETARIAN RECIPE**

Salt and frsh-ground black pepper, to taste

To make cakes: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In a large bowl using the back of a fork, coarsely mash peas with cooked potato. Set aside. Heat oil in a saute pan or skillet and saute onions, celery and jalapenos, if using, 1 minute until somewhat tender. Add cooked vegetables to bean mixture. Cool slightly and mix in egg white and 1/2 cup crumbs. Mixture should hold together well.

If it is a little loose, add a few tablespoons more breadcrumbs. Season with salt. Chill mixture 15 minutes before shaping 2-ounce scoops of mixture into small patties. Place a baking sheet or large plate on a work surface and sprinkle with 1 cup crumbs. Press bean patties into crumbs lightly.

Turn cakes over to coat lightly with crumbs. Place patties on a baking pan, spray with no-stick cooking spray or olive oil and bake 20 minutes until golden brown.

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# Hot dips also on the menu

**By Rene Schettler**  
The Washington Post

Have you had some of those hot dips on the menu at the party from on. As the bowl warms, it heats up, we have to keep up our strength. Tortilla chips and beans will be on the menu at many spots. Bowl parties this month. Never mind that some chefs in the Southwest are pushing tizzer foods.

At the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess Resort, the menu is peppered with such chili items as smoked lobster rolled with wild mushrooms, and chocolate-cherry truffle gratin. The trendiness has rubbed off on Tempe, Ariz., restaurants. You can get orange-braised shrimp with spinach and apples at Casey Moore's Oyster House, and calamari salad at the Bamboo Club.

Of course, you also can walk into almost any bar and be served a bowl of chili. There are kinds of salsa without even asking, said John-Paul Hutchins, executive chef of the Scottsdale Culinary Institute. The salsas are green salsa and true salsa. Pico de gallo (pronounced GUY-oh) green salsa and true salsa. Pico de gallo is a chunky fresh salsa that is often made with diced tomatoes, onion, chilies and cilantro. Green salsa is made either with tomatoes or green chilies. Hutchins said true salsa is a thin, cooked red sauce that is used as a table seasoning, much as ketchup.

Those kinds of dips are much more suited to a football party than the ginger-shrimp and apple stuff. Versions of the salsas can be bought in most supermarkets. For pico de gallo - fresh salsa - check the refrigerated cases in the produce department. Green salsa and a variety of cooked red salsas are sold in the snack-food aisle. Hutchins also suggests an even more down-home dip. To warm up a winter evening, he suggests refried beans, Cheddar cheese and salsa microwaved until molten. The best chips are those you make from scratch, starting with homemade tortillas. Next-best are frozen corn tortillas cut into triangles and deep-fried just before serving. This is the chip we recommend. A warm, freshly heated tortilla chip is good even without a dip. If you must punt and buy chips, spread them on a cookie sheet and warm them in a 350-degree oven for 3 or 4 minutes before serving.

## Cook this chicken dinner in 35 minutes

**By Rene Schettler**  
The Washington Post

This citrusy take on teriyaki relies on a squeeze of tangerine juice and some grated ginger root. If you're too rushed for a sauce made from scratch, transform bottled teriyaki sauce with some grated orange zest and sliced ginger root. You may swap salmon or shellfish for the chicken.

- TANGERINE TERIYAKI CHICKEN**
- 4 servings
  - 1/2 teaspoon grated tangerine orange zest
  - 1 cup freshly squeezed tangerine orange juice
  - 1/2 cup mirin (may substitute 1/2 cup white wine and 1/4 cup sugar)
  - 1/4 cup soy sauce
  - 2 tablespoons firmly packed brown sugar

- WARM LAYERED CREAM CHEESE DIP**
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
  - 1 can (15 ounces) chili without beans
  - 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Spread cream cheese on the bottom of a microwave-safe dish. Spread a layer of chili over the cream cheese. Finish with a layer of shredded Cheddar cheese. Microwave for 5 minutes or until the cheese melts. Serve with tortilla chips.

- BANANA, PINEAPPLE AND MANGO SALSA**
- 1 firm banana, peeled and cut in 1/2-inch cubes
  - 1 cup diced fresh pineapple (1/2-inch cubes)
  - 1 ripe mango, peeled, pitted and cut in 1/2-inch cubes

Combine all ingredients. Serve with tortilla chips. **—From chef John-Paul Hutchins**

- CHEESY BEAN DIP**
- 1 cup refried beans
  - 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
  - 1/2 cup chunky salsa

Combine beans and cheese and mix well. Cover and microwave on high power until mixture is warm and cheese has melted, 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in salsa. Serve with tortilla chips. **—From chef John-Paul Hutchins**

- AVOCADO DIPPING SAUCE**
- 2 ripe avocados, peeled, pitted and chopped
  - 2 to 4 large tomatillos, husked and chopped
  - 2 to 6 green onions, minced
  - 1/2 cup fresh salsa

Combine all ingredients in a food processor and puree until consistency of maple syrup. Remove from the heat; pour about 1/4 of the sauce into a bowl and reserve. Meanwhile, preheat the broiler. Line the broiler pan with foil. Pat the chicken dry. Trim any visible fat and cut each piece of chicken lengthwise into 3 strips. Thread each piece of chicken onto a skewer. Brush with oil and season with salt and pepper to taste. Broil the chicken for 3 minutes. Baste with the sauce in the saucepan and broil, turning and basting frequently, until the chicken is cooked through, about 4 minutes longer. Discard the remaining sauce in the pan. Transfer the skewers to a platter or individual plates, drizzle with the reserved portion of the sauce and serve immediately. **—From Tom Douglas' Seattle Kitchen** (William Morrow, 2001)

- HOMEMADE TORTILLA CHIPS**
- 12 corn tortillas
  - Salt

Stack tortillas and cut like a pie into 6 wedges. Heat 1 inch of oil in a large skillet. In batches, carefully place tortilla triangles in oil and fry until puffy. Spread on paper towels to drain. Sprinkle with salt. For baked tortilla chips: Spray whole tortillas with vegetable oil before stacking and cutting into chips. Place in a single layer on baking sheets. Sprinkle with salt. Bake at 400 degrees for 10 minutes. Turn chips over and bake 5 minutes longer. Serve while warm. Store unseasoned chips in an airtight container.

- BUCKEYE BROWNIES**
- 2 1/2 sticks (1 1/4 cups) butter, softened
  - 1 cup chunky peanut butter
  - 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
  - 3 eggs
  - 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
  - 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate
  - 2 cups granulated sugar
  - 1 teaspoon vanilla
  - 7/8 cup flour

In a mixer bowl, beat together 1/2 stick butter, peanut butter and brown sugar. Beat in 1 egg and cream cheese a little at a time until smooth. Chop chocolate into small chunks and melt with 1 stick butter in a microwave or saucepan over low heat, stirring until smooth. Cool slightly. In another bowl, beat remaining 1/2 stick butter and granulated sugar until lightly and fluffy. Beat in remaining 2 eggs, one at a time. Stir in chocolate mixture and vanilla. Sift in flour and stir until combined. Pour chocolate batter into a greased, 9-by-12-inch baking pan. Drop dollops of peanut butter mixture on top. With a knife, swirl batters to marble. Bake on middle oven rack at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes, or until brownies pull away slightly from sides of pan. Cool, then cut into squares. **—From "Gourmet's Sweets,"**

# Oranges offer burst of sunshine

## Fruit can chase away winter blues

**By Judith Blake**  
The Seattle Times

When the holiday lights go out for the year and we settle seriously into the gray of winter, a taste of sunshine still comes our way. It arrives from sunny climes in the form of oranges, those orbs of color so intense they seem made of concentrated solar rays.

In some stores you can find kumquats, a citrus relative that looks and tastes something like a miniature orange. You won't find every type of orange in every store, since some supermarkets stick to two or three tried-and-true varieties, but a few offer many.

Americans consume most of their oranges as juice, and they buy nearly all of that ready-made, usually from Valencia oranges. But if you've ever squeezed your own juice, you know there's nothing like the fresh-squeezed kind for flavor. Some stores sell "juice oranges," most often Valencia. Navel oranges also make good juice, but be sure to serve it immediately after juicing, as it can turn bitter.

If you love fresh-squeezed juice, an electric citrus juicer can speed the job. You cut an orange in half and press the cut side over the machine's reamer, which turns rapidly under the pressure. Result: quick, efficient juice removal. They're about \$40 and up.

Another handy gadget is a zester, a small tool for removing tiny strips of peel, or zest, for fla-

## SPINACH SALAD WITH HONEY-SESAME SEED DRESSING

- 4 to 6 servings
- Dressing:
  - 1 medium clove garlic, peeled and minced
  - 2 tablespoons honey
  - 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
  - 2 tablespoons orange juice (see step 2)
  - 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
  - 1/8 teaspoon salt
  - Freshly ground black pepper to taste
  - 1/3 cup olive oil
  - 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- Salad:
  - 2 large oranges
  - 1 (16-ounce) package prepared fresh spinach or 1.5 pounds spinach, stems trimmed, washed and patted dry
  - 1 thin green onion, thinly sliced
  - 4 slices bacon, cooked until crisp and crumbled

1. To prepare the dressing: In a food processor or blender combine the garlic, honey, mustard,

orange juice, vinegar, salt and pepper. Slowly add the olive oil, blending until emulsified. Transfer to a jar and stir in the sesame seeds. Refrigerate; remove from refrigerator 30 minutes before using.

2. To prepare the salad: To peel and section the oranges, cut about a 1/2-inch slice from the tops and bottoms of each orange. On a cutting board, sit the oranges on a cut end, with a small sharp knife, cut away the peel and white pith. Cut between the membranes to remove the orange sections. (Squeeze the juice from the membranes and measure 2 tablespoons to use in the dressing.) Refrigerate the orange sections.

3. Remove the stems from the spinach and tear into bite-size pieces. Place in a large bowl and cover with a paper towel; refrigerate.

4. Just before serving, add the oranges, green onions and bacon to the spinach. Add the dressing, toss and serve.

**—From "Dungeness Crabs and Blackberry Cobbles,"**

avoring sauces, cakes, cookies and other confections. A vegetable grater will also do the job.

When peeling zest, avoid including the bitter-tasting white pith beneath the peel.

Beyond flavor, oranges are famous for their nutritional assets, especially vitamin C. A medium-size orange supplies more than a full day's worth of C, with only 80 calories. Oranges also offer generous amounts of potassium and smaller levels of other vitamins and minerals.

When buying oranges, select those that are heavy for their size and that give a bit to the touch, indicating juiciness. And don't worry about any green in the skin - it doesn't affect flavor. Green skin sometimes occurs when nights in the growing region aren't cool enough to promote uniform orange color. However, this doesn't indicate immaturity, say industry spokesmen.

Refrigerate oranges purchased in small quantities. If you buy them by the carton, store in well-ventilated place, preferably at 45 to 48 degrees

## Muffuletta sandwich gets taste buds going

**By Ellen Hawks**  
The Baltimore Sun

Dan Evers of Woodburn, Ore., writes: "When I was stationed in Biloxi, Miss., in 1969-70, we had a sandwich called (muffuletta). It was made with crushed green olives, olive oil, meats and cheese. I cannot remember what the meats and cheeses were. Conrad and JoAnn Gilbert of Middle River, Md., responded. "Here is a really good recipe for a muffuletta sandwich. This recipe makes about six servings. When we make the sandwich, we heat it in the oven long enough to heat the meat and cheese."

This seems to make it a lot more tasty, and we serve it open-faced, if you like. Often in the New Orleans area, the sandwich is served heated. We hope this gets the taste buds going for everyone that tries it."

- MUFFULETTA SANDWICH**
- 1 1/2 pounds unsliced round loaf Italian bread
  - olive salad (see recipe)
  - 4 ounces thinly sliced Genoa salami
  - 4 ounces sliced provolone or mozzarella cheese
  - 1 ounce sliced capicola or fully cooked ham

Lettuce leaves. Cut bread in half horizontally; cut a 1/2-inch slice from cut side of one of the bread halves. Wrap the slice and use for another time. Drain olive salad, reserving liquid. Brush cut sides of the

bread with some reserved liquid. Layer bottom of loaf with salami, half the olive salad, cheese, remaining olive salad and capicola. Top with lettuce. Cover with bread top. Cut into wedges to serve. Serves six.

**Olive Salad:**

- 1/2 cup chopped pimento-stuffed olives
- 1/2 cup chopped pitted ripe olives
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped mixed pickled vegetables
- 1/3 cup olive or salad oil

1/4 cup snipped parsley

3 tablespoons lemon juice

1 clove garlic, minced

1 teaspoon dried oregano, crushed

Fresh pepper, to taste

To make olive salad, combine ingredients and refrigerate 8 hours or overnight, tossing once or twice.

**NOTE:** Even toasted turkey breast would be enhanced by this chopped olive salad. Any leftover olive salad will keep in the refrigerator for weeks.

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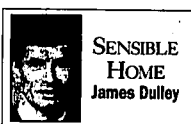
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FOOD & HOME

# CO detectors warn of 'silent' killer

**DEAR JIM:** We have a newer home with a gas furnace, water heater and range. A nearby family was almost killed from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Are we at risk with new appliances? Are home CO detectors available?  
—MIKE D.



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**DEAR MIKE:** Although the chances of experiencing a problem with CO poisoning are not great with newer gas heating appliances, there certainly still is a risk. A flue can get clogged by an animal or debris or the appliance many just malfunction. Definitely install several home-type CO detectors.

Your gas range is much less likely to create CO gas because it uses an open flame with plenty of oxygen available. Never use a gas range or oven to help heat your home, though, even during an emergency. In a newer airtight home, the flame can lower oxygen levels in the air and then CO gas can begin to form.

CO gas is a "silent" killer (odorless, tasteless) that often occurs at night while people sleep. Its symptoms at low concentrations (headache, watery eyes, nausea, sleepiness, etc.) mimic the common cold or the flu. Without a CO detector, your family may be slowly getting poisoned at home.

There are many designs of CO detectors available for home use. Some are battery-operated, some are plugged into an electrical wall outlet and others are simple tablets that change color in the presence of CO gas. Some full-featured CO detectors start at only \$25, so they are cheap to purchase.

It is a good idea to locate a CO detector in several areas of your home because each detector is typically only effective for the

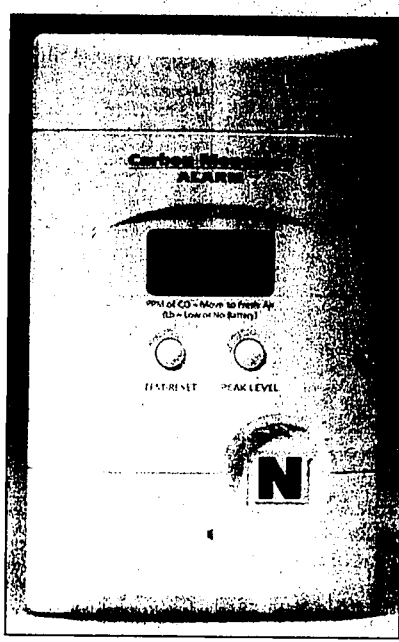
room where it is located. As a minimum, put one in the master bedroom so the parents will be alerted first and one in the utility room or furnace/water heater area.

One of the most convenient CO detectors is built into a clock radio for a bedroom. When CO is detected, a loud alarm beeps four times followed by a voice message to leave the room. This repeats every six seconds. There also is a red LED warning display that flashes to alert the hearing impaired.

Electronic CO detectors are effective and can also store the history of the CO gas levels in memory. If the alarm sounds, the fire department can access the recent CO concentration history in your home to help diagnose the source and determine the length of your exposure to the deadly gas.

Two-stage CO detectors provide a warning signal at low CO concentrations and the full alarm at dangerous levels. A flashing light or audible tone alerts you to a possible CO problem before the level gets too high. Some electronic CO detectors allow you to use your TV remote control to start a self-diagnostic test. Use it regularly to make sure the detector is functioning properly.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 503 - buyer's guide of eight CO detector/alarm and tablet manufacturers (32 models) listing number of stages, alarm type, warn-



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# Gypsum board paper is soundproof wall

**QUESTION:** I live in a twin with a shared concrete-block wall between the houses. The sound of my neighbor's television set comes clearly through the shared wall. Do you know of any way to soundproof the wall?  
**ANSWER:** Unfortunately, sound-control in existing construction is often difficult. There are several approaches to blocking some of the sound that penetrates a shared wall or party wall, but the results might not be completely satisfactory.

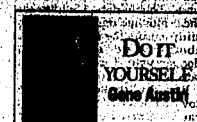
A relatively simple system that sometimes helps is to line your side of the wall with an extra layer of 5/8-inch-thick gypsum board. Attached to the gypsum board is dense and an excellent sound deadener. The panels can be attached directly to the existing wall with construction adhesive and screws.

However, this system works best if the panels are attached to resilient furring channels - metal channels that help isolate the new layer of drywall from the existing wall. For information on resilient channels and other products used in sound control, consult the CertainTeed-sponsored Web site, www.soundchek.com.

A more elaborate system that usually works best is to build a separate wall close to, but not touching, the existing wall. Frame the new wall with two-by-fours, with the vertical studs on 24-inch centers. Insulate between the studs with fiberglass insulation or a special "acoustic" insulation such as Owens Corning's QuietZone. Resilient channels are then screwed to the studs, and a layer of gypsum board is attached to the channels. All cracks and edges must be tightly sealed with caulk. The new wall can be painted, papered or otherwise finished.

Before trying a sound-control project, I recommend that you research the subject thoroughly. The CertainTeed Web site mentioned above is an excellent source of general information. Other sources: a free booklet from CertainTeed (1-800-782-8777), "Putting a Check on Sound in Your New Home"; the Building Research Council (1-800-368-6616), whose \$2 booklet, "Noise Control," can be obtained from 1 E. St. Mary's Rd., Champaign, Ill. 61820; or a free Home Energy Savers kit from Owens Corning (1-800-438-7465).

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**ANSWER:** Several clear spray-on products are available



to add traction to inside and outside steps and to some other safe spots. One is Bondex Slide-Tex, sold at some home centers and hardware stores. Read the directions on the product carefully, thoroughly and test it in an inconspicuous place to make sure you like the appearance. Rubber stair treads are another option. They are most useful where appearance is not a big factor, such as on basement and attic steps. They are available from Vermont Country Store (802-362-8460, or www.vermontcountrystore.com). The treads cost \$4 each.

**QUESTION:** I need to replace my asphalt-shingle roof because of a leak. Can new shingles be installed in cold weather, or should I wait until spring?  
**ANSWER:** In general, asphalt shingles should be installed when the temperature is between 40 and 85 degrees. At temperatures below 40 degrees, the shingles become brittle and can crack easily. They are also difficult to cut, and the sealant adhesive might not set up right away to bond the shingles properly. At ground-level temperatures above 85 degrees (the roof can get much hotter), the granules on the surface of the shingles can be scuffed and marred by the movements of workers on the roof.

**QUESTION:** My vinyl siding is in good condition, but I don't like the color. Can I paint it?  
**ANSWER:** Vinyl siding can be painted, but there is an important caveat: Do not use a color that is darker than the original color or the siding might absorb too much heat and become distorted. Aside from the color, you can use any high-quality latex (water-based) house paint. Before painting, the siding must be cleaned thoroughly. Pressure-washing is an effective way to clean it. Many painters have the necessary equipment, or it can be rented at most tool-rental agencies. When pressure-washing vinyl siding, the water should be directed downward, like rain, to keep it from getting behind the siding panels.

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# 'Dr. Phil' purchases \$7.5M Beverly Hills home

By Ruth Ryan  
Los Angeles Times

**LOS ANGELES** - Phil McGraw, host of the syndicated talk show "Dr. Phil," and his wife, Ruth, liked the area where they had been leaving so much that they purchased a newly built home in Beverly Hills just before the holidays for about \$7.5 million in cash, real estate sources say.

They had been leasing another Beverly Hills home at \$20,000 a month since coming to California from Texas this past year.

The home they bought has about five bedrooms in an estimated 12,000 square feet. The walled and gated home, on nearly an acre, also has two fireplaces, a library, a master suite with a sitting room, limestone floors, a pool, a guesthouse, a three-car garage and a circular drive. The pool is lined with imported, mature palm trees, and there is a grand entry in the main house, with a sweeping circular staircase.

"Dr. Phil" was launched in

## Hot property

September. Before that, the Dallas psychologist, 52, appeared weekly for a few years on "The Oprah Winfrey Show," wrote self-help books and co-founded the Texas-based legal consulting firm Courtroom Sciences Inc.

**MARION ROSS**, who played Mrs. Cunningham on the sitcom "Happy Days" (1974-1984) and has a recurring role as Drew Carey's mother on "The Drew Carey Show," has listed one of her two beach houses in Cardiff by the Sea at \$679,000.

The actress has lived primarily at her Happy Days Farm in the Woodland Hills section of Los Angeles since the early 1980s, but she also has owned the side-by-side beach cottages for years, inheriting the one she is selling from her mother in 1973. Ross has been using that cottage as a guesthouse and the other one as a weekend getaway. She long held a notion of growing old in

one of the cottages while housing help in the other. Instead, Ross, in her early 70s, put a second story on one so she could see the ocean, "and it turned out to be so good, we didn't need the other house," she said.

The house that is on the market has two bedrooms and one bathroom in slightly more than 1,200 square feet. It was built in 1951 and has French doors, formal living and dining rooms, hardwood floors, Spanish tile and a den with a wood-burning fireplace. The houses are four blocks from the beach and about a 30-minute drive north of San Diego.

Ross recently appeared on "Glitter Girls," "That '70s Show" and "Touched by an Angel." She is also the voice of the grandmother on the popular children's cartoon show "SpongeBob SquarePants."

**JACK MCGEE**, who plays Sgt. Mahoney on "NYPD Blue" and Bert on "Family Affair," and his wife, Stephanie, have purchased a home in the Studio City section

of Los Angeles for \$589,000 and sold their former home, in the same area, for \$480,000.

The McGees sold their former home to Kevin Blank, visual effects supervisor for the TV series "Alias." The house that the McGees bought has two bedrooms in 1,420 square feet. Built in 1949, the traditional-style home also has four fireplaces, a den, a dining room with wainscoting, plantation shutters, hardwood floors and ceilings with wood beams.

The house that the McGees sold has three bedrooms in 1,550 square feet. The Spanish-style home, built in 1923, also has a guesthouse, gardens and a pool.

The house that the McGees sold was worked as a firefighter in New York City before he became an actor, has appeared in such movies as "Basic Instinct" (1992), "Backdraft" (1991), "Born on the Fourth of July" (1989) and "Lethal Weapon 2" (1989). He has been in many series and had a recurring role in "Chicago Hope."

# Citrus pie goes with whipped cream, oranges

By Linda Cicero  
The Miami Herald

I serve this with whipped cream and thin slices of orange.

## CITRUS CHIFFON PIE

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 5/8 cup sugar
- 1 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 4 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1/2 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 4 egg whites
- 1 1/4-inch baked pastry shell
- 1 thoroughly mix gelatin, 1/2 cup sugar and salt in saucepan. Beat together egg yolks, lemon and orange juices and water. Stir into gelatin mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, just until mixture comes to a boil. Remove from heat; stir in peels. Chill, stirring occasionally, until mixture mounds slightly.

ly when dropped from a spoon (about 45 minutes to 1 hour). Beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add 1/3 cup sugar, beating to stiff peaks. Fold gently into gelatin mixture. Pipe into cooled baked pastry shell and chill until firm.

Steamed puddings of any kind aren't very popular in the U.S. anymore, but they are still a tradition in England. This recipe is from my dear friend William from Cornwall. He says you can use parsnips or turnips instead of potatoes if you like, but carrot alone "simply does not make a satisfactory pudding. You'll end up with a puddle."

## STEAMED CARROT PUDDING

- 1/2 cup grated carrots
- 1/2 cup grated potatoes
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 cup butter, softened

- 1/2 cup dark brown sugar
- 2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup candied fruit or citron
- 1/2 cup finely chopped walnuts

Mix grated carrots and potatoes in a bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Mix with grated vegetables. Stir in the butter and let stand 30 minutes; the vegetables will create liquid in the bowl. Stir in the sugar, and allow batter to rest 5 minutes. Stir in the raisins, candied fruit and nuts. Place in pudding mold or molds, filling only about two-thirds to allow expansion. Cover top of molds with aluminum foil and place on a rack in a large stockpot. Add water to come about halfway up the sides of the molds. Simmer about 2 hours. Serve hot with hard sauce, whipped cream or ice cream. (Pudding may be steamed up to 3 days ahead, then reheated.) Makes 10 servings.

# Study: Children's food preferences are similar to Mom's

If kids aren't eating their vegetables, it might be Mom's fault. Researchers with the American Dietetic Association have found children's food preferences are strongly influenced by what their mothers like.

In the study of 70 children from 2 months to 8 years, researchers found that children liked most of the foods they were offered, but tended not to like foods their mothers didn't like and didn't offer them. Of the top

24 disliked foods, 17 were vegetables. The most-liked foods tended to be breads, desserts, snack foods

and fast-food meals. Many of the children's food preferences were formed as early as age 2.

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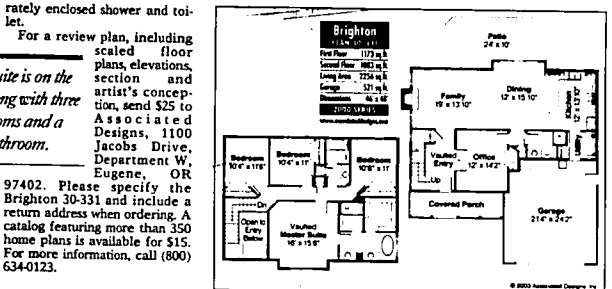
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## Party

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**HONEY MUSTARD SLAW**  
Chef Don Pintabona, Tribeca Grill, New York, New York

1/2 cup Grey Poupon Dijon Mustard  
1/4 cup honey  
2 tablespoons Kraft Zesty Italian Dressing  
1/2 teaspoon celery seed  
Dash Worcestershire sauce  
Dash ground red pepper  
Salt and black pepper, to taste  
MIX all ingredients; cover. REFRIGERATE several hours to allow flavors to blend. Makes 4 servings.  
Make Ahead: This recipe tastes great when made a day in advance.

**CHILE CON QUESO DIP**  
Chef Mark Haugen, Cuisine Concepts, Edina, Minnesota

3/4 pound (12 ounces) Velveeta  
Pasteurized Prepared Cheese Product, cut up  
4 ounces (1/2 of 8-ounce package) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, cut up  
1/2 cup Miracle Whip Salad Dressing or Kraft Mayo Real Mayonnaise  
1/4 cup diced roasted red peppers  
1/4 cup sliced pickled jalapeno peppers  
1 clove minced garlic  
MX Velveeta, cream cheese, salad dressing, red peppers, jalapeno peppers and garlic in saucepan. Cook until thoroughly heated, stirring occasionally. Serve with Taco Bell Home Originals Thick 'N Chunky Salsa and Wheat Thins Crackers. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

**CHOCOLATE PECAN TORTE**  
Chef Nancy Longo, Pierpont Restaurant, Falls Point, Maryland

**CRUST**  
2 cups Oreo Chocolate Cookie Crumbs  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted  
**PRALINE NUT LAYER**  
1 cup Planters pecan pieces  
1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) butter  
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
**CREAM CHEESE LAYER**  
2 packages (8 ounces each) Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
**CHOCOLATE GANACHE**  
4 squares Baker's Semi-Sweet Baking Chocolate  
1/2 cup whipping cream  
**CRUST:** MIX cookie crumbs and butter; press firmly onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan.  
**PRALINE NUT LAYER:** SPRINKLE pecans over crust. Place butter and brown sugar in

## Beef

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"The good news is today's beef is 27 percent leaner than it was just 20 years ago, thanks to leaner cattle and closer trimming of fat at the meat counter," Clark explained. "In addition, lean beef supplies significant amounts of high-quality protein, iron, zinc and many B vitamins to the diet to provide a real power pack of nutrients."

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Get more beef info

For Idaho Beef Council materials, classes or programs, call Leah Clark at 376-6004 or email [lbeef@idbeef.org](mailto:lbeef@idbeef.org) or [beefcouncil@idbeef.org](http://beefcouncil@idbeef.org). For more beef recipes, visit [www.beef.org](http://www.beef.org) or [beeffoodservice.com](http://beeffoodservice.com).

## Homemade chicken soup will give dinner a kick

By Renee Ems  
Chicago Tribune

A hearty bowl of homemade chicken soup doesn't have to take hours to get to the table. This Southwestern-influenced soup includes jalapenos and ground red pepper for heat, and cilantro for zest; if you prefer a mild rendition, omit the jalapenos and red pepper.

### KICKIN' CHICKEN SOUP

Yield: 8 servings  
2 large, boneless chicken breasts  
3 tablespoons canola oil  
1 large onion, chopped  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 jalapeno chili, minced, see note  
1 carton (32 ounces) low-sodium chicken broth  
3 cups fresh or frozen corn kernels  
1 can (15.5 ounces) black beans

Juice of 1 lime  
1 teaspoon salt or to taste  
1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper or hot sauce  
Freshly ground black pepper  
1/2 cup minced cilantro  
Shredded Monterey jack cheese, tortilla chips, optional  
1. Heat broth. Cook chicken, turning once, about 10 minutes. Meanwhile, heat oil in stockpot over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and chili; cook until soft, about 3 minutes. Add broth, corn, beans, lime juice, salt and red and black pepper. Heat to boil; reduce heat to simmer.  
2. Slice or shred cooked chicken; add to pot. Add cilantro. Heat through, about 1 minute. Ladle into soup bowls; top each with shredded cheese and crumbled tortilla chips, if desired.  
Note: Include the chili seeds for more heat.

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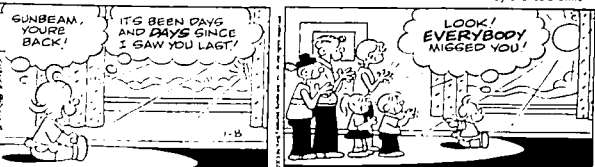
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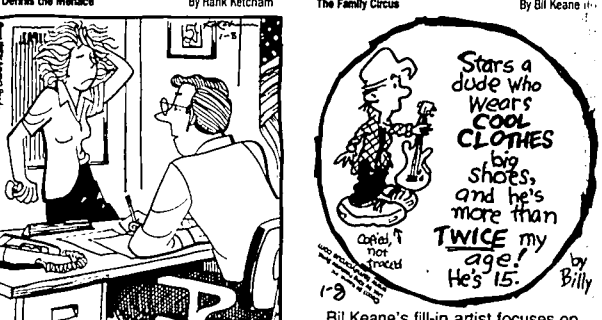


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# ROASTED BY FIRE

## Red bell peppers

By Ann Powers  
Los Angeles Times

Back in the old days, we'd roast 10 or 15 years ago, as soon as the weather started to turn, we'd go down to the specialty produce guy and put in an order for a case of red bell peppers. You got them only once a year and they cost the earth, but they were hot on the earth. That weekend we'd have a big party. We'd char the peppers on the grill, then, sitting out back at the picnic table, peel them, seed them and stick the soft, warm flesh into plastic bags to go into the freezer.

Well, actually they only went into the baggies after everyone had eaten their fill. There's little that tastes better than roasted red bell peppers.

Roasted peppers are one of the best things. They're beautiful to look at, a deep Trian red. They have a voluptuous texture, closer to a nice, fatty piece of tuna sashimi than a vegetable. And their raw ones, a profound mix of sweet and earthy, pungent and perfectly balanced by itself.

The simplest dish in the world, and one of the most satisfying, is a plate of roasted, peeled peppers dressed only with a little good olive oil and a sprinkling of salt. The pepper repertoire doesn't stop there, of course, but anything else you do is a matter of adornment rather than improvement.

One of the most common pairings for peppers is with tomatoes, one of nature's other perfect foods. All over the Mediterranean basin, these two show up in dishes both simple (roasted pepper and tomato salad) and complex (peperonata, found under different names from Spain to Morocco).

Roasted peppers are utterly unlike raw ones. The first place roasting removes that thin skin of cellulose. That's the tough part that's so difficult to digest. And it gently cooks the meat, softening it and being, out hidden dimensions of flavor.

There are any number of ways to roast a pepper. Perhaps the most primal is simply throwing them on the grill. This has the advantage of accommodating a large number of peppers at the same time. A regular 12-inch kettle grill will easily hold more than a dozen large peppers at once. Just keep on turning them to hit every bit of them (including the bottoms and the tops), and move them from place to place so every pepper gets its turn over the hottest parts of the fire.

Go ahead and char them. You're not looking for browning here, but a definite blackening of the surface. So tough is this skin that even after this rough treatment, when you peel it off, there will be red flesh underneath. Roasting peppers over fire also lends a distinct but subtle smokiness to the flavor.

You can roast large batches even more easily in the oven, if you're willing to accept that smoky grace note (indeed, in recipes such as the peppers stuffed with tuna, a purer flavor is better). To do this, arrange the peppers on a jelly-roll pan and bake them at 400 degrees, turning them once or twice to keep them from sticking. Cooked this way, the skin will puff up like a balloon without nearly as much blackening.

Roasting peppers on the grill will take from 25 to 35 minutes, depending on the heat (it's a good thing to do while you're waiting for a really hot fire to die down enough to cook meat). Roasting them in the oven takes 20 to 30 minutes.

Whichever method you choose, once the skin has begun to loosen, cover the peppers with a damp cloth and let them cool for 10 to



Peppers are available year-round.

15 minutes. The steam will finish the job.

Some cooks recommend roasting them under the broiler or over an open flame on a stove-top burner. Although these methods will work, they have significant drawbacks. The broiler cooks the peppers too unevenly. Doing them stove-top has the obvious disadvantage of letting you do only one or two at a time. And heaven help you if a roasting pepper pops, as they are wont to do, spilling its juices so it bakes onto the stove.

Feel the peppers by rubbing away that charred skin with your fingers. For tough spots that might have been a little underdone or were in hard-to-reach crevices, use the back of a knife. Though you may be tempted to rinse them to get rid of the last little flecks of skin, don't. The flesh is coated with a thick, delicious juice and you don't want to lose any of it.

You'll find red bell peppers ranging in size and shape from small and boxy to long and tapered. In taste tests, we were amazed at the quality and depth of flavor of the peppers we found at our decidedly un-gourmet neighborhood supermarket.

And, of course, you'll find peppers in colors other than red. Almost any grocery store will have yellow ones, too, and many will have purple, orange and even chocolate brown. These peppers taste essentially the same — the colors come from a nearly flavorless family of pigments called carotenoids. These are the same chemicals that make tomatoes red and peaches yellow (peppers, like tomatoes, are botanically fruits, even though we eat them as vegetables).

As long as peaches and tomatoes, the emergence of the bright colors is tied to the ripening process. While all peppers start out looking green, their more flamboyant plumage is actually there all the time, masked by the dominant pigment chlorophyll. As the peppers ripen and the sugar levels increase, the chlorophyll breaks down. The green cloak drops and the mature colors are revealed.

Because roasting peppers is one of those things where it's just as easy to do a dozen as it is to do one, you might want to store some to use another day.

They do freeze remarkably well because of their high moisture content (one more reason to save all those juices you'll find on the inside). You don't even need to peel them — stick them straight into the bag, once they've cooled enough that they won't melt it.

Later, when you're ready to use them, you can defrost and peel as many as you need. Pickled peppers you find in jars in the grocery store have a much different flavor because of the vinegar they're preserved in.

## SALAD OF ROASTED PEPPERS AND RICOTTA SALATA

- 4 red bell peppers, or a combination of red and yellow peppers, roasted, peeled and seeded.
- 6 green olives, pitted and cut into slivers
- 1 1/2 teaspoons sherry or red wine vinegar
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 anchovy filets, minced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 ounces ricotta salata

Tear or cut the peppers into generous bite-sized pieces. Toss together the peppers and the olives in a mixing bowl. Combine the vinegar, garlic, salt and anchovies in a small bowl and whisk to combine. Drizzle in the olive oil while continuing to whisk the mixture. Pour the dressing over the peppers and toss to coat well. Turn the salad out onto a serving platter. Using a vegetable peeler, shave off long shards of the ricotta salata over top. Don't be stingy with the cheese. Serve immediately. Serves: 4 to 6.

NOTE: Ricotta salata is a moist, firm, tangy cheese. If you can't find it, use dabs of fresh goat cheese instead.

## ROASTED RED PEPPER CROSTINI

- 1 red bell pepper, roasted, peeled and seeded
- 1/2 clove garlic
- 4 1/2 ounces fresh goat cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon pimenton de la vera
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 12 slices rough country bread, preferably pane osso or batard.

Remove a rough quarter of the pepper, cut it into thin slivers and set it aside. With the motor running, drop the garlic through the feed tube of a food processor and mince well. Add the 3/4 portion of the pepper and grind as smooth as you can. Add the goat cheese and grind again. There will still be little bits of red pepper visible in the goat cheese. Stop, scrape down the sides, and then continue processing until the mixture is smooth and light, about 45 seconds. Add the vinegar, pimenton, salt and olive oil and process some more. You should have about 3/4 cup. Cover tightly and set aside until ready to use. If it's going to be longer than 30 minutes, refrigerate. Toast the bread until just before serving. Spread a generous tablespoon of the topping on each slice of bread and garnish with some of the thinly sliced pepper (don't be too geometric with the garnish, a lazy strewing looks best). Serves: 6.

NOTE: Pimenton de la vera is a smoky Spanish paprika that adds a distinctive note to this recipe. If you can't find it, hot Hungarian paprika will work, or you can just leave it out.

Peperonata, a basic stew of tomatoes, onions and peppers, is found all over the Mediterranean. There are as many recipes for it as there are cooks. Here, the final fillip of the chili, garlic and herb sauce is inspired by a recipe in Patience Gray's "Honey From a Weed."

## PEPERONATA

- Oil of olive
- 1 onion, sliced
- 3/4 cup chopped tomatoes
- 5 bell peppers, preferably a mixture of red and yellow, roasted, peeled and seeded, cut into bite-size pieces
- 3/4 cup red wine
- Salt
- 1/2 jalapeno, roasted, peeled and seeded
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 cup chopped basil leaves



Tangy ricotta salata is a perfect complement to sweet roasted red and yellow peppers.

1/4 cup chopped parsley  
Warm 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion and cook until it softens, about 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes and bell peppers and cook briefly. Add the red wine and 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Cover and cook, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes. Remove the lid and continue cooking, stirring occasionally, another 10 to 15 minutes. Check frequently toward the end, as the peppers will want to stick to the bottom of the pan. Meanwhile, pound the jalapeno and garlic into a paste in a mortar with another 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Add the basil and parsley; pound to a paste. Add 3 tablespoons of the oil and stir, grinding more with the pestle. The sauce should have a rather loose consistency, somewhat more liquid than pesto. Stir the sauce into the peppers, taste for salt and heat through 2 minutes. This is good hot, cold or anywhere in between. Serves: 4 to 6.

This combination is common in Italy's Piedmont region. That's where I first had it, at Da Guido, perhaps the finest traditional restaurant in the region. If you must use medicore canned tuna, add an anchovy filet to the mixture. Don't try this with tuna

packed in water.

## ROASTED RED PEPPERS STUFFED WITH TUNA

- 1 (6-ounce) can tuna in olive oil
- 1/2 cup Olive oil
- 4 teaspoons capers and their liquid
- Chopped parsley
- 3 red bell peppers, roasted, peeled, cut in half lengthwise and seeded

Salt  
Puree the tuna with 1 tablespoon of olive oil until smooth in a food processor. Scrape down the sides and continue to process, slowly adding another tablespoon of oil through the feed tube. The mixture should be almost completely smooth with a light, foamy texture and pale color. Scrape the mixture into a small bowl and stir in the capers and their liquid and 1 teaspoon of parsley. Place a pepper half on each of 6 small serving plates. Spoon 1 to 2 tablespoons of the tuna mixture in the middle; then fold the top over. Drizzle lightly with a little olive oil for garnish, add another teaspoon of parsley and a light sprinkling of salt. Serve at room temperature. Serves: 6.

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When starting to decorate an empty room there is one simple rule: Begin with the rug. It's too difficult to find a carpet to match furnishings fabrics if you have chosen those in advance.

## Start with the rug when beginning a room

By Margi Vorder Bruegge and George Snaad  
The Stamford Advocate

When starting to decorate an empty room there is one simple rule: Begin with the rug. There are tens of thousands of fabrics to choose from for your upholstered furniture and window treatments. It is much harder to find a carpet to match four or five fabrics if you have picked those in advance.

Designing a room is much like building a house; the house is only as strong as the foundation. In this case, the rug is the foundation to the room. After you've selected your wall-to-wall carpeting, Wilton design or Oriental rug, you can plan your furniture arrangement and select your fabrics.

Furniture placement should enhance the existing architectural floor plan. If you are using an area rug and have a rectangular room, the longer side of the rug should run with the length of the

room. The same is generally true with furniture. A sofa, usually being the longest piece of furniture, should line up with the center of the rug and will hopefully center on one of the long walls in the room. The sofa can then be "L-shaped" (cornered) with a love seat, settee or chair and a half.

From this corner, go diagonally across the carpet and corner a pair of chairs for another seating group. At this point you may have room at one or both of the short ends of your room to create additional seating groups. If the room is long enough, you may have space to use a 4-by-6 rug to anchor these smaller seating groups.

If this first layer isn't planned properly, none of the additional layers of the room (wooden furniture pieces, lighting, artwork and accessories) will come together. If properly planned, the room will feel like a perfectly created jigsaw puzzle.

The trick is in creating a good foundation.

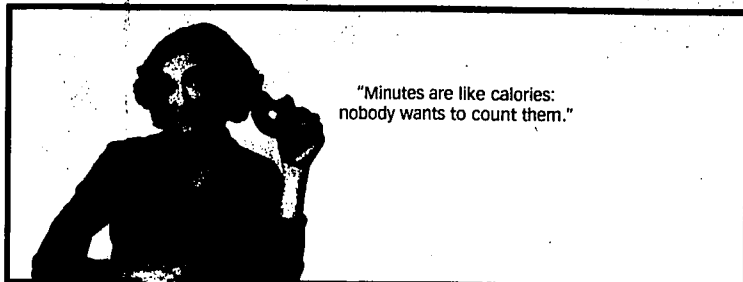
## Cold sparks oatmeal sales

By Liz Atwood  
The Baltimore Sun

Cold weather always boosts sales of oatmeal. Quaker Oats says it sells more oatmeal in January than any other month. Still, studies show most Americans get barely half of the fiber they need each day. One way to fill the gap is to eat more oats. But oats don't have to come in a bowl. Oatmeal can be used in batter for crusty baked chicken, sprinkled on fruit crisp, folded into meatloaf and, of course, baked into cookies. For recipes and other oatmeal information, visit [www.quakeroatmeal.com](http://www.quakeroatmeal.com).

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**SPORTS NOTE**

“The nice thing about taking those kind of classes is that 90 percent of the students don't know who I am. They're spending all their time studying.”

Ohio State junior quarterback and molecular genetics major Craig Krenzel on his classmates.

**TRIVIA QUESTION:**  
Who holds the Pacific 10 Conference record for most yards receiving in a bowl game?  
...answer below

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE**  
**High school boys basketball**  
Shoshone JV at ISDB, 7:30 p.m.  
Dietrich at Carey, 7:30 p.m.  
Snake River at Declo, 7:30 p.m.  
Minico at Hillcrest, 7:30 p.m.  
**High school girls basketball**  
Shoshone JV at ISDB, 6 p.m.  
Bliss at Shoshone, 6 p.m.  
Dietrich at Carey, 6 p.m.  
Wood River at Kimberly, 7:30 p.m.  
**High school wrestling**  
Twin Falls, Century at Burley, 6 p.m.  
Highland at Minico, 7 p.m.  
Wendell, Glenss Ferry at Buhl, 6 p.m.

**IN BRIEF**  
**Elks set annual Hoop Shoot for Saturday**  
TWIN FALLS — The Snake River Elks No. 2807 will hold its annual Hoop Shoot for boys and girls ages 8-13 from Twin Falls and Jerome counties this Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho gym. Boys and girls will compete in three separate groups for ages 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Each child will be entered by their age as of April 1, 2003.  
Registration starts at 9 a.m. with competition beginning at 10. For more information, call Dennis Cogswell at 733-6637 during the day and 733-6961 evenings.

**Pomerelle resort plans competition Jan. 18**  
ALBION — The Pomerelle Mountain Resort will hold its Slope Style Competition for all ages on Saturday, Jan. 18. Entrants can compete in barrels, rail, boat, skiing and snowboard competitions with trophies and medallions going to the top three places in each division. A release waiver is required for competitors under age 18. Registration is from 9 to 11 a.m. with competition starting at noon. There is a \$5 entry fee.  
For more information, call Pomerelle at 673-9599.

**Magic Valley gymnasts open 2003 season**  
TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Gymnastics will hold its two-day 2003 Ice Breaker Invitational Friday and Saturday at its gym at 2042 Fourth Ave. East in Twin Falls.  
Local gymnasts will take on competitors from Boise, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Meridian and Rupert.  
On Friday, the boys will compete from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with the girls starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday finishing by 7:30 that night.  
Admission for each session is \$3 adults and \$2 children. For more information, call 734-9900.  
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**TRIVIA ANSWER:**  
Keeshaun Johnson of USC, 225 yards against Texas Tech in the 1995 Cotton Bowl.

# CSI throttles T-birds, 111-69

## Eagles get Dixie in nine days

By Kevin Hill  
Times-News Staff Writer

TWIN FALLS — What did you expect for a Tuesday night?

Sam Ibrahim had 19 points and 11 rebounds and Sakrid Dent

added a career-high 19 points — in the first half — to lead the College of Southern Idaho past listless Casper College 111-69 at CSI Gymnasium on Tuesday.  
Dante Sawyer had a quiet 17 points, Guillaume Yango netted 14 and Yakhoubi Diawara added 12 as the Golden Eagles improved to 15-2.  
Jeremy Atwater had 16 points off the bench to lead the Thunderbirds (4-11), who got 11

points from Mike Reese and 10 from Kyle Olafson.  
CSI secured its 25th straight win at home early, bolting out to a 7-0 lead on two baskets by Ibrahim and a three-point play from Diawara.  
Ibrahim sparked the Eagles (15-2), despite missing a dunk to open the game. He rebounded from the missed slam with eight quick points to put CSI up 13-7. He also got a paw on a T-bird shot

attempt and hauled down three rebounds in the game's first 5 minutes.  
Head coach Guy Beach said the Eagles looked sharp, despite playing on a rare Tuesday evening.  
“The effort was really good in the first half,” he said. “We had a little bit of an attitude in the first half. I don't know if we played as a team in the first half, but we addressed it at halftime and we

came out in the second half and played pretty well.”  
Dent made the most of his 17 minutes, draining three consecutive 3-pointers during a 12-2 run to open up a 30-13 lead with 9:50 left in the half. The Golden Eagles opened up the big margin despite having many of their starters on the bench.  
Dent said he's making the most of his playing time, which has Please see CSI, Page D2

## LIFE'S NOT SO CAPITAL FOR JAGR



Washington Capitals' Jaromir Jagr skates with the pack under pressure from Buffalo Sabres' Decle Hamel during the third period in Buffalo, N.Y., in this April 22, 2002 photo. The Capitals are in first place, but they did it without a lot of scoring from their highest-paid player.

## Capitals go up, but team's highest paid player is down

By Joseph White  
Associated Press writer

ODENTON, Md. — Jaromir Jagr is frustrated. The Washington Capitals are finally on the rise, but his scoring — and self-esteem — have plummeted.  
Jagr has just three goals and four assists in his last 13 games. He hasn't scored two goals in a game this season.  
That's not the norm for a five-time scoring champion with an \$88 million contract.

“I'm a human being. I don't have the confidence right now,” Jagr said Tuesday. “Of course, I know there's a lot of pressure on me. I understand that. People want me to score more points, even though the last 10 games we did OK.”  
“But things don't always go the way you want them to. Now what am I going to do? Quit? No, I won't. Maybe sooner or later it's going to turn around.”

The Capitals, recovering from their annual abysmal start, have climbed into first place in the Southeast Division with a 10-game point streak. But Jagr hasn't been the same player who averaged more than a point per game during the first month of the season.  
“If you're going to score goals and you're going to lose, it's still going to be my fault,” Jagr said. “If we're winning, (and) I don't score, it's still my fault. It's

always something.”  
First and foremost, Jagr made it clear that he's not complaining about his team's success. It's just that he's not having as much fun as he did during some stretches in Pittsburgh, when scoring and winning went hand-in-hand for 11 seasons.  
“What about some quarterback who comes from some very offensive team and comes to another team — are you still going to look

## McNabb will start against Falcons

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Donovan McNabb won't be afraid to scramble in his first game back from a broken ankle.  
McNabb will start the Philadelphia Eagles' playoff game against the Atlanta Falcons on Saturday night, his first action in nearly two months. The two-time Pro Bowl quarterback hasn't played since hurting his right ankle against the Arizona Cardinals on Nov. 17.  
“According to everyone else, I'm not mobile, I'm not able to move anymore,” McNabb said Tuesday. “I'll just let people continue to think that and when the time comes, make sure you showcase that a little. You run a lot faster when you don't want to get hit.”  
The Eagles were 7-3 with McNabb, who was having the best season of his four-year career. McNabb completed 211 of 361 passes (58 percent) for 2,289 yards, 17 touchdowns and six interceptions in 10 games. He ran for 460 yards and six TDs.  
McNabb was injured on the third play of the Eagles' win over Arizona, but stayed in and tied a career-best with four TD passes.



Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb looks for an open receiver during a game against the New York Giants in Philadelphia, Oct. 28, 2002.

doesn't want McNabb to hesitate to run.”  
“I want him to execute the offense just like he's been doing over the years, and probably be a little more mobile than he was in the Arizona game and just be Donovan. That's all I need,” Reid said.  
Without McNabb, Philadelphia went 5-1 behind Kyle Detmer and A.J. Feeley, captured its second consecutive NFC East title and earned home-field advantage for the playoffs.  
McNabb practiced for the first time with the team last week, taking all the snaps in practice Thursday and Friday. He was supposed to miss six-to-eight weeks, and it will have been eight since the injury when the Eagles play the Falcons at Veterans Stadium.  
The Falcons had a mixed reaction when they heard that McNabb will start. Cornerback Ray Buchanan believes McNabb will be limited.  
“We'd probably rather see McNabb because he's not as mobile right now,” Buchanan said. “I think if we play McNabb, we have a better chance.”  
Atlanta coach Dan Reeves disagreed, saying, “That's Ray's opinion. That isn't my opinion.”

## Murray, Carter enter baseball Hall of Fame

By Ben Walker  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — When Cooperstown came calling for Gary Carter and Eddie Murray, they answered in vastly different ways.  
Carter shouted and punched the air in joy when he heard the words “Hall of Fame.”  
Murray could hardly speak, but for a much more somber reason.  
The only switch-hitter with 500 home runs and 3,000 hits, Murray became just the 38th player to be elected to the Hall in his first year of eligibility Tuesday.  
The steady, silent first baseman of the Baltimore Orioles could not enjoy the moment. Later in the day in Southern California, he was to attend the funeral of his sister, who died Jan. 2 at 38.  
“Unfortunately, I cannot speak with you today because of the passing of my younger sister, Tanja, after her long-fought battle with kidney disease,” Murray said in a statement.  
“Although I dedicated my professional career to the game, I have dedicated my life to my family. The elation I feel by being recognized for my achievements on the field is overshadowed

### Murray, Carter get the call

Eddie Murray, the only switch-hitter with 500 home runs and 3,000 hits and catcher Gary Carter, an 11-time All-Star, were elected to the Hall of Fame on Tuesday.

Joined Willie Mays and Hank Aaron as the only players to collect 3,000 hits and 500 home runs

Career (Reg season)	Avg	HR	RBI
Murray	.287	504	1,917
All-Star (8): 1978, 1981-86, 1991			
1977 Rookie of the Year			
Gold Glove (3): 1982-84			

A clutch hitter, he established himself as the best catcher in the National League in the 1980s

Career (Reg season)	Avg	HR	RBI
Carter	.262	324	1,225
All-Star (11): 1975, 1979-88			
Gold Glove (3): 1980-82			

SPORTS

Vikings hold off Bulldogs, 56-51

By Scott Thompson Times-Herald writer

and that's about all we could ask at half."

It also helped that Grant, who was all over the place for the Vikings in the first half, got his fourth foul with 5:14 left in the third period and senior center Mark Egbert got his fourth 3 minutes later.

"All I could do at that point is hope my teammates stepped up and kept us ahead," said Grant, who scored his last two points in the second half for 18 in the game.

And they did — but barely. After knocking down 15 field goals in the first half, Valley got just three in the second half.

"We didn't execute our offense at all," Mussen said. "But they did a better job of getting a hand in our face, too. I would love to see what Roger told his team at half."

Keller said a major key was limiting second-half turnovers, and the Bulldogs gave the ball away just six times.

"They were shooting all layups after those (first-half turnovers)," he said.

Kimberly (4-3) drew to within one at 52-51 with under a minute remaining on a bucket by Aidry McGrew.

But Valley hit 4 of 6 free throws down the stretch and 4 of 10 in the fourth quarter, and the Vikings held Kimberly off the boards in the last minute. But Kimberly out-rebounded the Vikings 19 to 10 in the second half.

Chance Askew led the Bulldogs with 16 points and 16 rebounds. Jason Saborio also chipped in 16 points for Kimberly.

Kyle Anderson led Valley with 19 points, 12 in the first half.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks, Fouls. Includes stats for Kimberly, Valley, and individual players like Askew, Saborio, Anderson.

Times-Herald Reporter Scott Thompson can be reached at sthompson@magicalvalley.com or 677-4042, Ext. 639.

Declo downs Wood River

DECLO — Whitney Anderson scored 23 points for the Horshoek in an overtime win over Wood River 78-71 in Declo Tuesday in Sawtooth Center, Idaho.

Conference girls basketball. Wolves won 15 points. Horset coach Kim Johnson said after trailing until the end of regulation, Declo caught the win in OT.

Declo won two points and Megan Webb was open and hit bucket with 2:22 seconds to send us into overtime," she said.

"Then we just outplayed them in overtime."

Wolverine Natalie Green scored 18 points.

Declo (12-4, 3-2 SCIC) hosts Buhl Saturday.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks, Fouls. Includes stats for Anderson, Webb, Green, and other players.

Local sports

Glenn Perry 55, Castleton 31. CASTLETON — Glenn Perry turned up the defense and took advantage of poor Castleton shooting during the third quarter to carve out a 55-31 win over the Wolves Tuesday night in girls basketball play.

Jamie Hays scored 15 for the Pilots while Jessica EHL pumped in 13 for the 1-11 Wolves, who host Hagerman on Friday.

Shoshone 49, Red Wings 0. KIMBERLY — Nikolai Klhabulin made the go-ahead goal midway through the third period, leading the Philadelphia Flyers to a 3-2 victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Tuesday night.

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Scatchard scored twice in the Islanders' second four-goal period in as many home games and then finished his first career hat trick with his 13th goal of the season early in the third period.

Oleg Kvasha and Mark Parrish also had goals in the Islanders' big second period. Shawn Bates gave New York the lead in the first period.

Hurricanes 3, Thrashers 3. ATLANTA — Dan Healy scored two goals but the Atlanta Thrashers squandered a pair of leads.

Arturs Ibrs stopped three breakaways as the Hurricanes fought back from deficits of 2-0 and 3-2. Sami Kapanen deflected in a shot from the blue line for the tying goal with 9:04 left in the third period.

Atlanta goalie Byron Dafos let in a couple of soft goals but came up with several big saves in the five-minute overtime, keeping the Hurricanes from picking up an extra point.

Maple Leafs 5, Bruins 2. TORONTO — Alexander Manguin scored the go-ahead goal with 6:06 left as the Toronto Maple Leafs extended their home unbeaten streak to 12.

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DECLO — Whitney Anderson scored 23 points for the Horshoek in an overtime win over Wood River 78-71 in Declo Tuesday in Sawtooth Center, Idaho.

Conference girls basketball. Wolves won 15 points. Horset coach Kim Johnson said after trailing until the end of regulation, Declo caught the win in OT.

Declo won two points and Megan Webb was open and hit bucket with 2:22 seconds to send us into overtime," she said.

"Then we just outplayed them in overtime."

Wolverine Natalie Green scored 18 points.

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Glenn Perry 55, Castleton 31. CASTLETON — Glenn Perry turned up the defense and took advantage of poor Castleton shooting during the third quarter to carve out a 55-31 win over the Wolves Tuesday night in girls basketball play.

Jamie Hays scored 15 for the Pilots while Jessica EHL pumped in 13 for the 1-11 Wolves, who host Hagerman on Friday.

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owed by the anguish of losing someone so dear to me," he said.

Always exuberant, Carter finally made it on his sixth try. An 11-time All-Star catcher with Montreal and the New York Mets, he may become the first player inducted with an Expos cap on his plaque.

"I got overly excited and screamed," Carter said. "Now we can do a little celebrating."

Murray easily exceeded the 75 percent necessary for election, getting chosen on 85 percent of the ballots (423 of 496).

Carter got in with 78 percent (387) of 496 total votes cast last year at 72.7 percent.

Murray and Carter played together for Los Angeles in 1991. They became the sixth set of teammates to be elected together; Minnesota's Kirby Puckett and Dave Winfield made it in 2001.

No one else came close in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Carry-over candidates Bruce Sutter, Jim Rice and Andre

CSI

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increased since the departure of freshman guard James Ebert at the holiday break.

"It's just like a moment come true," he said. "Coach said 'Every time you get in the game something good happens.' The first two games, I came off the bench and brought a lot of energy. Tonight when he put me in, my teammates were giving me the ball and I was feeling good."

Dent led all scorers at halftime with 17 points.

The Thunderbirds got as close as 13-9 on two free throws from Atwater, who was playing with a strained groin. The T-birds were also without two injured starters — 6-foot-11 Dejan Junicic (sprain) and 3-point specialist Archie Tripp (broken jaw). The T-birds are also young, with 14 freshmen among their 15 players.

Casper coach Tom Tolley said his team was intimidated after CSI opened up a 20-point lead with 8:55 still left in the first half.

"We didn't play good defense tonight and we didn't play aggressively," he said. "Plus, their starting five are very talented."

CSI limited Casper to one shot on offense most of the night, out-rebounding the T-birds 47-21.

CSI also shot 53.6 percent (37-of-69) to 48 percent (26-of-54) for Casper. CSI also made 17 steals and had 28 fouls out of turnovers.

The game filled a void created by the bye week this week for CSI in the scenic West Athletic Conference. The Eagles return to action on Jan. 17 at No. 14 Dixie State College, where the Rebel men have a 60-game winning streak at Burns Arena.

Beach said nine days should have CSI ready for the Rebels.

"We'll be overly prepared," he said. "Our guys are chomping at the bit to go down there and get a piece of them."

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Wood River's Refugio Regalado netted 26 points to lead all scorers, and Wendell's A.J. Kelsey was far behind with 25. The me was back and forth, but Wood River pulled out all the stops in over-time, netting 14 points to Wendell's three.

Wood River coach Jeff Larson said it was a fun, competitive game. "It was really proud of the way our players stepped up," Larson said. "



SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

IF THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"Now this time, just for the heck of it, try releasing that sucker just a little sooner."

WHAT'S ON T.V.

- Basketball: Celtics at Hornets, ESPN, 7 p.m.
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Area ski report

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Skiing conditions report for the area, including snow depth and lift status.

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## Center aims to boost skills in M.V.

### Testing center

The College of Southern Idaho plans a grand opening Friday for its new ACT testing and training facility. The public is welcome.

- **10 a.m.** - comments and light refreshments in CSI's Taylor Building, Room 277.
- **11 a.m.** - ribbon cutting in front of the campus library.
- **After ribbon cutting** - demonstration inside the ACT Center on the Meyerhoeffer Building's second floor.

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Collaboration with an Iowa training and testing firm will help the College of Southern Idaho provide workforce training tailored to the needs of Magic Valley industries, college officials said.

CSI on Friday will showcase its new ACT Center on the second floor of the Meyerhoeffer Building, where entrepreneurs, skilled workers, job hopefuls and the like can access online courses

on specific work skills or industry topics, and can get the test scores and certificates to prove they mastered the subjects or the industry standards.

"We believe this new online training and high-stakes testing center opening in January will be a valuable asset" to local businesses, said Bryan J. Matsuoaka, director of the Idaho Small Business Development Center at CSI.

ACT Inc. of Iowa City, Iowa - best known for the college-entrance exam that bears its

name - has developed a series of online industry-specific training courses with the help of industry players, said DeVere Burton, CSI's instructional dean.

"There are over 3,000 of these," he said. A few examples: consultative selling, computer literacy, addition and subtraction, hydrogen sulfide/sulfur dioxide awareness, personal protective equipment and project management estimating.

CSI this week joins a network of locations where an ACT Center serves as a "corporate university"

for small and medium-size businesses who want to keep their workforce competitive. They use the technology or money to develop and administer their own training programs, ACT's Web site says. The first ACT Center, opened in July 2000 at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Here's how the new center in Twin Falls could work, Burton said.

Job Service counselors might

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### Notes on the economy

#### Magic Valley report

##### Filling the rooms

Hotels, motels, campgrounds, recreation vehicles parks and other lodging facilities in Magic Valley's eight counties reported these lodging sales from Nov. 1 through Nov. 30:

County	Sales
Blaine	\$1,728,170
Camas	\$2,470
Cassia	\$249,496
Gooding	\$48,460
Jerome	\$117,903
Latah	\$2,033
Lincoln	\$2,033
Minidoka	\$91,787
Twin Falls	\$897,669
Magic Valley	\$3,335,588

The State Tax Commission tracks lodging sales monthly. But because of the normal reporting lag, the November sales totals - for the most part - reflect activity that happened in October. Lodging totals include nonresidential sales, such as those to nonprofit schools or federal or state government employees, in addition to taxable sales.

Source: Idaho State Tax Commission

### BRIEFLY IN MONEY

#### Resort hopes holiday snow sells lift tickets

**SUN VALLEY** - Snowy weather kept skier counts down during the Christmas holidays this year. But that may be to Sun Valley Resort's benefit in the long run.

"Even though people didn't ski during the snowy days, I think they went home happy. And they'll tell their friends about all the snow we have and, hopefully, many of their friends will come out later this year as a result," said Jack Sibbach, director of marketing for the resort.

Sun Valley tallied 42,929 skier days from Christmas Day through New Year's Day this year, a little less than last year's count of 44,347 during the same period.

But New Year's Day set a record for Jan. 1 with 7,329 skiers when the sun made a rare appearance that morning. Dec. 30 eclipsed even that day with 7,381 skiers.

Sibbach said resort accommodations were nearly full during the holidays. Restaurants did well, as well. And a few Barbra Streisand sightings on the lift kept the tourists buzzing.

"All in all, it was a good holiday period - better than we anticipated," Sibbach said.

#### Kraft Foods announces audio webcast for Q4

**RUPERT** - Illinois-based Kraft Foods Inc. - which has a cheese plant in Rupert - on Tuesday announced it will host a live audio webcast at www.kraft.com at 3 p.m. Jan. 28 to discuss 2002 fourth-quarter and full-year financial results, which will be issued at about 2:05 p.m. that day.

Call participants will also provide a 2003 outlook for Kraft Foods.

The webcast will be in listen-only mode. An archived copy will be available until Feb. 4.

#### Sonic Corp. reports record results from Q1

**TWIN FALLS** - Oklahoma City-based Sonic Corp. - a restaurant chain with franchised locations in Twin Falls and Jerome - reported record results for the first quarter of its 2003 fiscal year, which ended Nov. 30.

Highlights of the report:

- A 13 percent increase in earnings per diluted share, to 26 cents, meeting the company's previously announced expectations.
- A 15 percent increase in total revenues, to \$98.6 million, reflecting largely the contribution of drive-ins opened during the past year.
- A 0.2 percent decline in system-wide same-store sales for the quarter due to poor weather across many of the company's markets during late October and early November.

"We are pleased to report a solid increase in both revenues and earnings for the initial quarter of our new fiscal year, despite the impact of adverse weather in the latter part of the quarter and a challenging operating environment, which features ongoing economic uncertainty and increased discounting by some competitors," Clifford Hudson, chairman and chief executive, said.

Sonic's net income for the first quarter increased 11 percent to \$10.6 million from \$9.6 million a year ago.

- compiled from staff reports

## MACWORLD PRESENTS ...

### Apple introduces new laptops, presentation software

Knight Ridder News Service

**SAN FRANCISCO** - Two sleeker laptops - an inch-thick model with a 12-inch screen and one with a 17-inch screen - began what Apple CEO Steve Jobs called "the year of the notebook for Apple."

In a keynote presentation packed with new product announcements, Jobs set the tone for Apple's campaign to lure Windows users to the Mac platform. Jobs commanded the stage by himself for an unusually long time - all but 10 minutes of the presentation.

Four topics dominated Apple's announcements: laptops, a new Web browser, new presentation software and iLife, the latest versions of Apple's digital lifestyle software.

Apple did not announce new or faster processors. Instead, the company showed off new machines it has built around the same processors it is already using. The two PowerBook laptops, introduced as Apple's largest and smallest ever, will be featured in a commercial with Houston Rockets center Yao Ming and Austin Powers star Verne Troyer - probably the biggest and smallest stars of the moment.

The big PowerBook has a 17-inch wide screen, and will cost \$3,299 when it arrives next month. It has a 1.8-gigahertz G4 processor, 512 megabytes of memory, a 60-gigabyte hard drive, a DVD-burning drive and gets 4.5 hours of battery life. The small powerbook has a 12-inch screen, a 867MHz G4 processor, 256MB of memory, a 40GB hard drive and a CD/DVD-ROM combo drive. It will get five hours of battery life and will cost \$1,799. With a DVD-burning drive, it will be \$1,999.

The large PowerBook is slightly less than an inch thick, and the small one slightly more than an inch.

Apple's new Web browser, Safari, is built to be faster than Microsoft's Internet Explorer and other browsers for OS X. In its beta version, it is available as a download from Apple's Web site. For now, Internet Explorer remains the default browser bundled with new Macs.

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Apple CEO Steve Jobs gives a presentation on the new presentation software Keynote, during the Macworld Conference and Expo in San Francisco on Tuesday.

## Educator uses real life as survival guide



KIDS AND BUSINESS  
Steve Rosen

*"By focusing on what's most applicable to the students from the standpoint of being buyers and sellers. They need to understand what their role is and how it affects the economy."*

- Renee Hewitt

But teachers can play a role too, and many do. That's why I decided to devote today's column to Hewitt's economics class. From time to time during the year, I plan to highlight other interesting or innovative financial education programs in schools.

Although some high schools offer economics classes, the program has really taken hold at Hogan Prep, a public charter school that is supported by Central

Missouri State University in Warrensburg. Hewitt teaches an introductory economics course, a one-semester class that is mandatory for all juniors. In addition, students can elect to take a basic accounting course also taught by Hewitt.

She believes in teaching kids the basics by relating the material to real-life situations and current events. For example, a classroom discussion about building a downtown arena in Kansas City highlighted issues such as taxes and ticket prices. In addition, a project in which students had to research a company traded on the New York Stock Exchange helped them understand concepts such as risk and how businesses are connected to stock ownership.

Hewitt also covers money-management topics such as insurance, budgeting, college financial aid, check writing and credit cards. Students must learn the workings of a credit card or checking account so they won't misuse them, she said.

As Hewitt sees it, much of what she teaches involves using common sense and making educated choices. The earlier that children are taught those notions, the better, she said.

During my visit to Hewitt's classroom, I asked her students to write down their thoughts about money and why saving is

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## Feds offer aid for displaced workers

The Times-News

**GLENN'S FERRY** - Certain displaced circuit board workers may benefit under a federal program for workers hurt by foreign imports.

The U.S. Department of Labor on Tuesday said it has certified about 19 Idaho Circuit Technology Co. workers in Glenns Ferry as eligible to apply for assistance and benefits under the Trade Act of 1974.

The certification covers the period from Nov. 22, 2001, to Dec. 30, 2004. Workers laid off or reduced to part-time work during that time may be eligible for extra benefits and for re-employment and retraining services - including career counseling, job placement assistance, job search and relocation allowances, and income support during long-term training. The workers may apply at a state employment office.

The affected employees produced printed circuit boards. The Labor Department said it investigated and found the company's major customers had increased their reliance on imported printed circuit boards. The Glenns Ferry firm closed in December.

Under the program, a group of three or more employees who believe they are affected by imports can petition their state's governor for assistance. A union or company official, or some community-based organizations, also can petition on behalf of a firm's workers.

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...conducted to Jan. 5...
...to take effect in 2004 and 2005...
...of Wall Street...
...lower tax rates will spur investors...
...to invest more money and...
...prompt Congress to increase...
...That is going to bolster...
...support for the market...
...said Chris Johnson, manager of quantitative...
...at Schaeffer's...
...Investment Research in...
...Cincinnati, of the impending tax...
...cut proposal.

...The broader market's gauges...
...were mixed. The Nasdaq composite...
...index rose 0.25%, to 14,215.7, led by...
...tech-dominated index back above...
...its post-Sept. 11, 2001 low of...
...1,423.19. The Standard & Poor's...
...500 index fell 6.08, or 0.7 percent...
...to 5,222.53.

...Bush unveiled a proposal to...
...slash taxes by \$674 billion over...
...10 years. The two major elements...
...of his proposal called for the total...
...elimination of the federal tax...

...important. Here are some of the...
...changes, which I've edited for...
...you.
...I think it is very important...
...to save, for the future holds finan-...
...cial disasters, and to be prepared...
...is always a plus."
...-Marion Farley
...It's OK to spend money
...You just need to know how to

...manage it, and spend money on...
...things you need."
...-Ashley Walker
...I figure if I save a little bit...
...now and then, when I get to col-...
...lege I'll have extra to spend.
...Earning and spending my money...
...is just hard work that pays off."
...-Joetta Scott-Johnson
...Earning, saving and spend-...
...ing money has a lot to do with dis-

...cipline or being able to separate...
...wants from needs."
...-Shatoya Smallwood
...I'd say the kids seem to be pick-...
...ing up these classroom lessons...
...rather well.
...With a question or column idea...
...call Steve Rosen of The Kansas City...
...Star at (816) 234-4879 or send an e-...
...mail to srosen@kcsstar.com.

Testing

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...proof that he or she has the skills...
...for a desired job - to the ACT...
...Center at CSI. For a price, the per-...
...son could take on the test at the...
...center's secure testing facility. If...
...he or she is successful, CSI - as a...
...partner of ACT - could issue the...
...appropriate certification. If unsuccess-...
...ful, the person could enroll in...
...online courses - either at the cen-...
...ter or anywhere with Internet ac-...
...cess - then test again at the cen-...
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...Employers can refer individu-...
...als as well. For example, Burton...
...said, someone working in a food...
...processing plant might appear to...
...have skills suited for a move into...
...management. But if the boss...
...doubts the management prospect...
...needs training in public relations...
...or a particular safety issue, a...
...hand-picked course at the ACT...
...Center could fill the need.

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- Workplace skills assessments
• Continuing education courses in an array of disciplines
• Skill-specific training in selected fields
• Distance learning
• Computer-based certification and licensure tests for trades and professions

...Range of courses
ACT Centers' course library focuses on these seven categories. (Following model categories are a couple of examples of courses.)

..."upgrade skills" to advance...
...careers in the fields workers are...
...already in, Burton said. And...
...employers can assemble their own...
...training programs for prospective...
...or current employees.
...Some of these courses are so...
...specific that you can really tailor-...
...make something here if you want

ACT Center services

- Key work skills (teamwork, costing information)
• Computer basics (personal computer preventative maintenance, organizing files in Microsoft Works)
• Information technology (Linux+ certification, system administration)
• English as a second language
• Industrial technology, occupational training and safety skills (troubleshooting boiler controls, binary logic circuits)
• Management and leadership (accounting for partnerships, project contract management)

...Professional certification and licensure tests
Each year, ACT Inc. assists organiza- tions - in health care, law, actuarial sciences, engineering, automotive technology, social work and other profes- sions - to develop licensing and certifi- cation assessments. Although the majority are in paper pencil format, these exams are provided in computer- based format through the ACT Center

ACT Center services

- Personal and professional development (avoiding sexual harassment claims, building better work relationships)
• Professional certification and licensure tests
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...which must be done at an ACT...
...Center under the eye of monitor-...
...ing cameras.
...Once they log on we don't...
...even see it, until they begin to...
...actually test," Burton said.
...CSI will receive from ACT part...
...of the charge for each test to cover...
...its costs for the center, he said.

ACT Center services

- network:
• Association of Social Work Boards Licensing Examinations
• Dietitian Registry Examinations
• Dietetic Technician Registry Examination
• Nuclear Medical Technologist Certified Examination
• Certified Lotus Professional Series
• Certified Lotus Specialist Series
• Certified Lotus Instructor Series
• Navision Global Certification Program

...The charges?
...They vary considerably,"...
...Burton said. "We gave our first...
...test probably cost this individual...
...about \$75."
...Several hundred companies, which own the content, set the individual charges, he said. CSI

ACT Center services

...another, so that, for instance, i-...
...Tunes playlists are available for...
...iPhoto slide shows or iMovie edit-...
...ing.
...The latest versions of the iLife...
...applications are available for free...
...download from Apple's site, with...
...the exception of iDVD3, which...
...will be available in a bundle with...
...the other software at retail, for...
...\$49.

...acts as a broker.
...If we are able to put some vol-...
...ume to this, we're probably going...
...to make a few thousand dollars a...
...year," Burton said.
...But CSI's motivation isn't reve-...
...nue generation, he said. Rather...
...it's trying to fill local business...
...training needs.
...The ACT content won't really...
...compete with the college's cur-...
...riculum, Burton said. But he...
...hopes CSI will be able to validate...
...some of its curriculum with ACT's...
...industry-standard tests. CSI might...
...eventually match up certain of its...
...regular classes with ACT tests...
...that students could take to pro-...
...ve their mastery.
...The weakness in the system is...
...that not all industries have devel-...
...oped standards," he said.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Name, Div, Last, Chg, Volume, High, Low, Open, Close. Lists various stocks like AIG, AXP, BAC, etc.

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Summary table with columns: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, GAINERS, LOSERS, DIARY, INDEXES, STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST. Includes market indices like S&P 500, Dow Jones, etc.

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Study: Lead on missed out on '90s boom

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Those who missed out on the boom in the 1990s found jobs elsewhere in Oregon's then-booming economy were miserably wrong, a new study finds. More than half the 60,000 workers who held jobs in the wood products industry at the start of the decade had left it by 1998, they found, and nearly half of those disappeared from the labor force had either moved to another state, retiring or going unemployed. Roughly 10,000 of the workers who left the field found another job in Oregon. But nearly half took jobs in other parts of the state, ending up with lower wages than they had earned almost 10 years before. Viewing the job shifts by region, researchers found that about a third of those who lost jobs in rural southwestern and eastern Oregon found work at higher wages but only after moving to the urban northwestern part of the state.

Critics say change shows company's shaky finances

CASCADE (AP) - Managers of Tamarack resort have severed a relationship they previously touted as proof of the project's financial viability. Critics of the four-season resort formerly known as WestRock said the firing of San Francisco-based Banc of America Securities from the project's financial advisory role was a sign of shaky finances. Banc of America Securities had been the resort's financial advisor since its inception in 1998. The resort's financial viability was a key selling point for investors. The resort's financial viability was a key selling point for investors. The resort's financial viability was a key selling point for investors.

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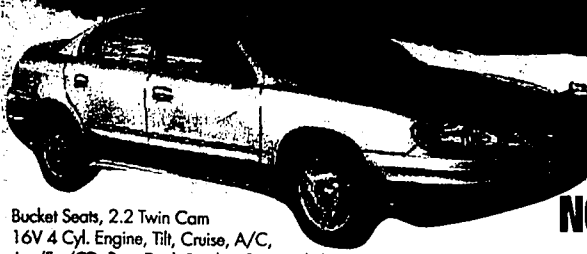
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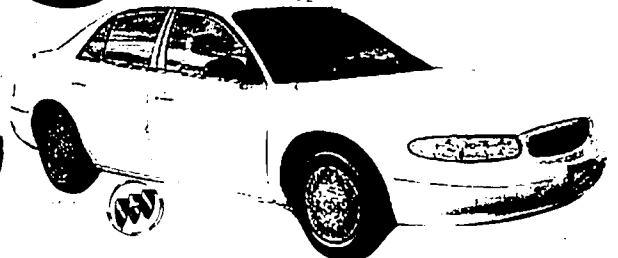
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