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A measure of moisture



Ron Abramovich, left, a water supply specialist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Rich Yankey, retiring district conservationist with the NRCS, weigh a snow sample to calculate moisture content at the remote monitoring station near Magic Mountain.

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Water supply watchers evaluate snow conditions

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

On the Net

Find Idaho snowpack information on the Internet at <http://www.id.nrcs.usda.gov/snow/>.

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Canyon this January make it appear that fall headed straight into spring. Daytime temperatures lately have been unseasonably warm and the settling snowpack is dense and heavy.

The snow station equipment is designed to withstand temperatures as low as 30-below in areas that experience extreme cold, said Ron Abramovich, a water supply specialist with the conservation service. The remote moni-

toring technology provides daily, even hourly updates, on snow depth and water content in the snow. The data is posted on the Internet for water users and the public.

Abramovich and Yankey checked the accuracy of the snow station's readings Tuesday by measuring the snowpack the old-fashioned way - manually. A snow tube sampler cuts through the snowpack to the ground surface. It measured a snow depth of about 24 inches.

Next, the snow sample was weighed to calculate moisture content, which was a mere 6.5 inches of water. For folks who remember how dry 2001 turned out, the Magic snowpack held 9 inches of water by mid-January of that year.

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Snowpack levels

Watershed	1/14/03	1/14/02	1/14/01
Upper Snake River	75%	34%	34%
Salmon Falls	77%	39%	39%
Salmon	69%	39%	39%
Oakley	65%	28%	28%
Big Wood	106%	49%	49%
Little Wood	139%	59%	59%
Henry's Fork/Teton	73%	33%	33%
Big Lost	119%	51%	51%
Little Lost	77%	35%	35%

A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with 30-year average.
An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.



Tax hike plan not enough?

Panel says temporary increase won't fix state's budget woes

The Associated Press

BOISE - Any temporary sales tax increase would have to be replaced with some other kind of tax hike to avoid cuts in essential government services, the chairman of Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's Blue Ribbon Task Force told legislative budget writers Tuesday.

"The economy will probably never grow to take care of our economic situation, at least not in the foreseeable future," former Democratic State Controller J.D. Williams told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee.

Williams heads the task force, which has been working with House Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Winder. The 47-member panel charged

with evaluating the efficacy and need of government revenue sources a week ago that the 5-cent sales tax be raised a penny for the next three years to handle the immediate budget crisis.

The three-year revenue infusion would give policy makers time to assess the tax structure and come up with a permanent tax hike to bridge the gap between tax collections and spending commitments.

That same day, Kempthorne proposed a cent and a half hike on the sales tax for the next three years, saying that would be enough time for the economy to grow to the point that the additional cash would no longer be needed. His proposal has gotten a chilly reception from the Idaho Legislature, and Kempthorne made no mention of any need for additional revenue once his proposed sales tax hike would expire in 2006.

Williams and Winder, who ran unsuccessfully for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in 1994, emphasized the near-unanimous support a tax hike got from the task force with a majority membership in business, agriculture or Republican politics.

Senate Finance Vice Chairman Don Buttershaw suggested on Tuesday that the action proposed came in budget that his task force recommended to create room for negotiation.

"I wonder if he asked for a cent and a half so we would go for a cent," Buttershaw said.

Many GOP lawmakers say there is still enough fat in the current budget of just under \$2 billion to erase the looming \$160 million deficit in the 2003-04 budget.

The administration has warned that if the budget has to be cut to erase the deficit, more than a thousand state workers could lose their jobs as entire programs and services are eliminated.

Like their boss, White House staff have been itching for a rematch with Al Gore, judging him



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Bush links rewards to N. Korea cooperation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Adopting a more conciliatory stance, President Bush said Tuesday he may revive a proposal for substantial economic benefits for North Korea if it agrees to dismantle its nuclear weapons facilities.

The administration had been prepared to make such an offer last year but withdrew it after learning that the North Koreans had initiated a uranium-based nuclear weapons program.

"We expect them not to develop nuclear weapons," Bush said. "And if they so choose to do so - their choice - then I will reconsider whether or not we'll start the bold initiative" that he said he discussed with Secretary of State Colin Powell last year.

Bush said the initiative included food, leaving the impression that he was departing from long-standing policy of not linking assistance in that area to political

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developments. Later, White House officials said Bush was referring to an agriculture reform program for North Korea, which faces yet another year of severe food shortages.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher reaffirmed that food deliveries will continue irrespective of political factors. Last year, the U.S. food contribution was 155,000 metric tons.

The Bush administration generally has been more accommodating toward North Korea lately. It remains committed to the dismantling of the North's nuclear programs but has shown greater willingness to before about talking to Pyongyang. Bush's comments on Tuesday suggested good behavior will yield economic gain.



President Bush wrote Tuesday as he led the East Room of the White House. White House staff is keeping close tabs on Democrats Bush may face in the 2004 presidential election.

Lawmakers see some of the results of addiction

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Outside it was a gray, dismal winter day.

But in maximum security, the winter pall was of little concern to Idaho's toughest criminals.

Their world of cement and barbed wire is always gray. The men who live in the South Idaho Correctional Institution just outside of Boise were just getting through another carbon-copy day.

They appeared unconcerned as legislators toured the facility on Tuesday. After all, they had given up privacy about a year or so before they landed in prison while they awaited their fate in a county jail somewhere. Some

have been locked up for decades. It is estimated that 85 to 90 percent of them landed in jail because of addiction to alcohol and/or drugs.

Their lives these days consist of studying or playing board games at parkside steel tables with attached seats. When they grow bored with that, their options are to pace around the room or practice pushups.

These 549 men in maximum security are considered so dangerous they have to be separated from the rest of the prison population. Their muscles stand out, they are big and make the men look threatening.

"Some people are critical of

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Filling up

Forecasting Idaho's prison population	6/93	6/02	6/05
Male	2,281	5,204	6,714
Female	138	528	917
Total	2,419	5,802	7,631

Source: Idaho Legislative Services and the Idaho Division of Financial Management

White House takes aim at potential 2004 foes

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Bush says he pays no mind to the Democrats jockeying for his job, but his aides are closely watching potential opponents and stepping up their efforts to keep the White House.

Occasionally, that means taking direct aim at a would-be adversary, even though the 2004 election is 22 months away. Thursday, Bush will renew his call for limits on medical-malpractice awards - what one White House official calls a "whack John Edwards" day.

Sen. Edwards, D-N.C., made mil-



Sen. John Edwards

lions trying personal injury lawsuits against big companies, and is seeking the Democratic nomination. Among some White House staff members, he tops the list of potentially strong challengers. The president announced the malpractice initiative in Edwards' home state in July.

Bush had been itching for a rematch with Al Gore, judging him

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to be beatable, one top adviser said. Then the former vice president said he wouldn't run.

Regardless of who emerges, the White House feels the president's re-election will largely hinge on factors unrelated to who the challenger is - factors such as whether the administration can simultaneously revive the economy and manage a potential war.

Like their boss, White House staff have been itching for a rematch with Al Gore, judging him

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The Bush back war timetable

WASHINGTON - Even as U.S. troops and aircraft pour into the Persian Gulf, President Bush faces rising pressures on multiple fronts to slow down the momentum toward war.

As recently as a few weeks ago, senior Bush administration officials were suggesting that a U.S. invasion to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein might begin soon after a pivotal report from United Nations weapons inspectors on Jan. 27.

Now, the target date appears to have slipped to late February or early March at the soonest, U.S. officials and analysts say.

In the latest sign of a possible delay, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is said to be leaning against a plan to begin a war in Iraq with bombing before all necessary U.S. ground forces are assembled in the Persian Gulf region. Those forces are not expected to be in place before mid-February.

The apparent rejection of that so-called "rolling start" option is just one of the diplomatic, military and domestic developments that could postpone the invasion start beyond the mid-winter date favored by Bush's more



Marines carry baggage and weapons as they walk across Onslow Beach at Camp Lejeune, N.C., on route to LCAC hovercraft that would carry them to walking ships for deployment Monday.

hawkish advisers. "The idea that you start with a relatively modest force and flow forces in behind it seems to have been rejected and replaced by the British model of the Falklands" War, when Britain sent a large military force to reclaim the Falkland Islands from Argentina, said a senior defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix insisted this week that he needed until at least March to assess Iraq's willingness to disarm peacefully. "We have no such timeline on the work we do now," Blix said, when asked about U.S. troop deployments. "I am operating on my own timeline."

Concerned by public opinion hostile to a war, U.S. allies,

including close Bush friend Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, are counseling patience.

Neither Blix nor the U.S. government has made public a "smoking gun" showing Saddam is hiding banned weapons of mass destruction, which may be needed to galvanize world opinion.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan added his voice Tuesday to those urging more time be given to the weapons inspections.

"I don't think from where I stand we are at that stage yet," Annan replied when asked whether there should be an invasion even if no illicit weapons are found. "I think the inspectors are just getting up to full speed."

U.S. officials, eager to keep their options open, insist publicly that there never was a timetable for war.

Bush went out of his way Tuesday to dispute suggestions that the administration's determination toward Saddam is weakening.

"I'm sick and tired of games and deception," the president said. "I haven't seen any evidence that he has disarmed. Time is running out on Saddam Hussein. He must disarm."

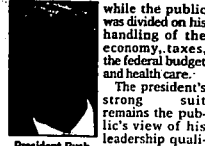
Bush approval rating slips

By The Associated Press

President Bush's job approval has slipped to 58 percent in a new CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll, the first time it has fallen below 60 percent in that poll since before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

While still solid overall, his approval was down 5 points from a week ago. Bush's job approval is higher than that of former presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton at this stage of their presidencies, however, and about the same as his father had 12 years ago.

Public support for his handling of national defense, education and foreign policy remain strong,



President Bush

while the public was divided on his handling of the economy, taxes, the federal budget and health care. The president's strong suit remains his leadership qualities. Three-fourths see him as a strong and decisive leader and almost that many see him as honest. By a solid majority, the public sees him as someone who is willing to make tough decisions, inspires confidence and has a vision for the country's future.

Bush demands Congress stiffen welfare-to-work laws

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush urged the new Republican-controlled Congress on Tuesday to stiffen welfare-to-work requirements, a White House initiative that died in the Democratic-controlled Senate last year.

"Work is the key to success in helping families lift themselves out of poverty," Bush said in an East Room speech.

Bush said Congress should take as its model a bill the Republican-run House approved last year that would have

required more people to work more hours - 40 hours a week, 10 more than current law - to receive government benefits. Of the 40 hours, 16 could be used for job training, education or drug rehabilitation.

The 2002 bill did not pass the Senate. Republicans now control the Senate too, which boosts prospects for the Bush-backed measure.

In 1995 the Republican-led Congress ended a six-decade-long guarantee of cash help to the poorest Americans, gave the

states vast power to shape their programs and set time limits on benefits. The law expired last year and has not been renewed by Congress.

"I want to remind the new Congress we have an obligation to reauthorize the welfare bill, welfare reform, to make it work, and so I'm calling upon both Houses to get after it," Bush said.

According to Bush, welfare rolls have dropped by 2 million since the 1996 law, or 54 percent. "That's a number, but behind

each number is a life, and that's important to recognize," Bush said. "In Washington, we spend a lot of time talking about numbers, and that's okay. It's kind of a measuring tool. But we've also got to remember, with each number is somebody's aspiration and hope."

Bush said he planned to maintain aid at \$17 billion in the budget he will announce next month to help states run their welfare programs.

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Investigator points to plane's elevator assembly

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - A jammed tail assembly may be to blame for the commuter airline crash that killed 21 people at Charlotte/Douglas International Airport, a federal investigator said.

A possible malfunction of the Air Midwest plane's elevator, a flap on the tail used to control a plane's angle of climb or descent, would have hampered the pilot's efforts to control the aircraft.

John Goglia of the National Transportation Safety Board said Monday that the five-member panel had reached no official conclusions about the crash's cause.

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North Korea threatens new 'options'

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — China's efforts to broker a peace treaty between North and South Korea are being undermined by the threat of new nuclear options, South Korean officials said Tuesday.

A spokesman for the South Korean government said that North Korea's threat to develop nuclear weapons was a serious concern. He said that the North Korean government was not serious about talks about nuclear disarmament.

President Bush said Tuesday that nations in the region should "stand together" and not let North Korea's threats undermine the peace process. He said that the United States was committed to a peaceful settlement to the crisis.

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U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly left for China after sending South Korean officials the message that Washington would stick to diplomacy to seek a peaceful settlement to the crisis. While in Seoul, Kelly held out the prospect of energy assistance to the North if it verifiably gives up its nuclear ambitions. North Korea suffers an acute energy shortage.

North Korea accused Washington of being insincere about prospects for dialogue. It insisted it was not moving to reactivate its nuclear facilities in order to wrest concessions out of the West.

It also defended its decision last week to withdraw from a global nuclear non-proliferation treaty and said in a second statement Tuesday that there was a limit to its "self control" in the face of what it calls U.S. aggression.

E.U. may not pay Iraq aid without U.N.

LONDON (AP) — President Bush will have trouble persuading Europeans to help pay for the possible reconstruction of Iraq if he invades the country without United Nations support, a top European Union official was quoted as saying Tuesday.

Chris Patten, the union's external relations commissioner, said Europeans could be reluctant to reprise their role as major donors in postwar Afghanistan, if Bush acts against Saddam Hussein's regime without U.N. backing. The

Guardian newspaper reported. "I would find it much more difficult to get the approval of member states and the European parliament if the military intervention that had occasioned the need for development aid did not have a U.N. mandate," Patten was quoted as saying.

"This isn't provocative. This is describing what is a likely situation. I see every possible argument for trying to go through the U.N., if it's at all humanly possible," he reportedly said.

Palestinians at conference: Suicide attacks must end

LONDON — Palestinians speaking via video hookup told an international conference on the Middle East Tuesday that peace talks can resume only when suicide bombings stop and Israel eases restrictions on Palestinians.

The conference, sponsored by Prime Minister Tony Blair as a means of breaking the impasse in the Middle East, was undermined by the physical absence of senior Palestinian representatives barred by Israel from attending.

"The suicide bombings will not bring us peace, and confiscating our liberty will not bring you security," Palestinian Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said. "Let us together reject extremism in all its forms. Let us together choose the path of peaceful negotiations."

He said his statement was addressed to the Israeli public. Just before opening the one-day conference, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw urged Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to step up his efforts to make the Palestinian Authority more democratic to get the peace process back on track.

Experts: Dropped terrorism charge was missed chance

BERLIN — A German court on Tuesday dropped charges of membership in a terrorist organization against four Algerians on trial for allegedly plotting to blow up a French Christmas market, highlighting the problems investigators face in tackling the shifting networks of Islamic radicals.

The men on trial in Frankfurt could still face prison sentences of up to 15 years if convicted of plotting to plant explosives with the intent to kill, falsifying documents and violating weapons laws.

Prosecutor Volker Brinkmann said he wanted to speed the trial by dropping charges of membership in a terror organization, which would have required calling more witnesses, including three men under investigation in France.

"This proposal is based purely on the length of the trial and the relationship of that to the sentencing," Brinkmann said.

But experts said the decision showed Western legal systems were ill-equipped to prove that suspects are part of the loose global network of Islamic extremists and called it a missed opportunity to explore how al-Qaida works in Europe.

Venezuelan government says strike has cost \$4B

CARACAS, Venezuela — A strike that has almost paralyzed Venezuela's crucial oil industry is an act of "terrorism" that has cost the country \$4 billion, the energy and mines minister said.

Strikers "have tried to cause chaos and violence in our urban areas by impeding the supply of gasoline, diesel and domestic gas," Rafael Ramirez said in a televised address Monday. "All these acts of terrorism have brought tremendous consequences for the nation."

Once the world's fifth-largest oil exporter, Venezuela has had to pay \$105 million to import more than 2 million barrels of gasoline since a general strike began Dec. 2, Ramirez said. It's the first time Venezuela has imported gasoline in almost a century, he noted.

Former NYC Mayor tours Mexico City

MEXICO CITY — Trained by armed guards and protected by armored vehicles, former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani toured some of Mexico City's roughest neighborhoods Tuesday, his first step in creating a plan to fight the capital's violence and corrupt cops.

Giuliani waved off a report that Colombian rebels had been planning to kidnap him in Mexico City, and said he didn't have any recommendations yet for changes.

"This is still the beginning of a long process," he said.

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Low grade for Idaho's guns doesn't consider low crime

Idaho's "F plus" grade for gun safety, recently conferred by the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, may look like a black eye for the state. But upon closer examination, the Brady group's own criteria may be what's flunking.

The Brady Campaign was named after former presidential press secretary James Brady, who was wounded in the assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan. For the third straight year, the group awarded Idaho an F-plus for how well it protects children from gunfire.

But Idaho's poor rating doesn't result from actual gun-shot casualties. It results from low marks on the Brady Campaign's political goals. The group said Idaho:

- Doesn't require child-safety trigger locks.
- Doesn't hold adults responsible for leaving loaded firearms around children.
- Lacks safety standards for handguns.

- Doesn't require background checks for purchases at gun shows.
- Lets people carry concealed handguns.

If a state keeps the Brady group's high standards, is it assured to be safer? No way, pardner. In fact, the Brady group may be measuring the wrong things.

What do you think?

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Maryland earns an "A" from Brady. Yet that state has the country's highest robbery rate and fifth-highest homicide rate, according to a National Rifle Association spokesman.

Meanwhile, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Kentucky all earn low marks from Brady. Yet they are among the lowest in gun-death rates.

Idaho, like Montana, Wyoming and Kentucky, has a strong hunting and gun-carrying tradition – and that in itself can be a deterrent to crime. As much as the Brady Campaign wants to tar us for being anti-safety, Idaho's low incidence of gun crimes and gun deaths speaks for itself.

Speaker brings right tone

The College of Southern Idaho and the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce lauded up a fitting Wyoming cowboy for this year's Success Breakfast. Former GOP Sen. Alan Simpson will be the featured speaker – for a relatively low price of \$10,000.

That's a dandy wrangling job by the event's organizers.

Considered a wise-cracking curmudgeon by some, and a sharp-tongued, genuine Western spokesman by others, Simpson is an excellent pick. He'll be popular with those who frequent the Success Breakfast.

Perhaps his conservative politics were a safe bet for Breakfast organizers, but there's nothing wrong with that – especially after the controversy over agriculture critic Jeremy Rifkin in 2001. Vigorous debate is good for democracy, but the Success Breakfast is the wrong venue for a political ruckus.

Simpson, who currently works with the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, should provide plenty of insight on current topics he's associated with, as well as the entertaining witticisms he's known for. All in all, a good pick for this year's event.

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U.S. should stand up to Pyongyang

Until a few weeks ago I didn't even know the name of the capital of North Korea. I want to say this right upfront, so nobody takes me for an expert. Because, when it comes to North Korea, the experts clearly don't know what they're talking about.

In 1994, the experts in the Clinton administration made this deal: North Korea shuts down its nuclear weapons program in return for U.S. help in building a nuclear reactor for peaceful purposes.

ZEV CHAFETS

In October, the North Koreans shocked the experts by admitting they were still secretly trying to make nuclear weapons. Next, they kicked International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors out of their Yongbyon nuclear facility. Within six months, Yongbyon can probably produce six nukes.

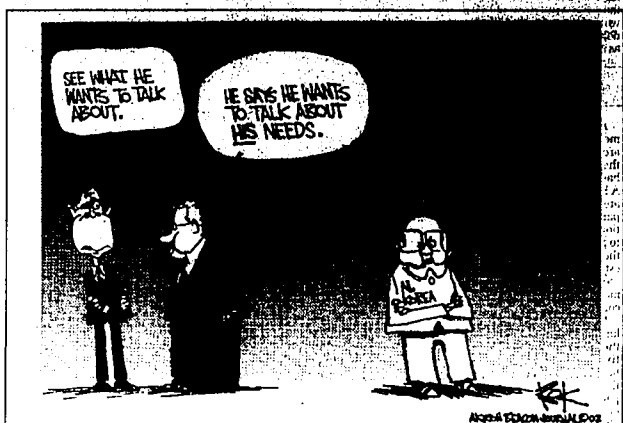
The experts blamed this development on President Bush. He had driven the North Koreans to desperate measures by including them in his axis of evil.

Then the experts found out – because the North Koreans told them – that they had been cheating on the deal since it was made, roughly six years before Bush's election.

OK, said the experts, what's done is done. What matters now is the future. They advocated immediate negotiations to get North Korea to agree to what it had agreed to, following negotiations, in 1994.

Bush didn't get it. Why should the U.S. pay twice for the same merchandise? And what made any think the North Koreans would honor their word this time?

A great chorus of expert denunciation greeted this unsophisticated, Texas cowboy approach. The North Koreans get themselves caught out on a limb, said the



experts. Talks are the ladder that will allow them to climb down from the tree.

So Bush did what he often does with expert advice – he tried it. OK, he said, to the North Koreans, let's talk.

And North Korea said: No thanks. Instead, it said it was pulling out of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. No nation in history has ever done that. This announcement came Friday. On Saturday, North Korea added that it will begin testing long-range missiles – giving the experts just 24 hours before the Sunday talk shows to concoct a new formula for making reality conform with theory. Doubtless it will call for a mixture of diplomatic discussions and American concessions.

Meanwhile, North Korea, if it isn't stopped, will build a lot of

atomic bombs very soon. It will sell these bombs to Iraq, Iran, al-Qaeda, the Russian mafia, the Colombian drug cartel and anyone else with a few million bucks and a grudge. Why would North Korea do that? Because it's broke and has nothing else to sell; and because, in Bush's words, it is an evil regime.

So, what should America do? Here are the choices: (1) Ignore the whole thing and hope it goes away; (2) cut another deal, knowing in advance that it's worthless; (3) disarm North Korea, in line with the doctrine of pre-emption.

The thought of force makes the experts shudder. North Korea has a million-man army on the South Korean border. It has artillery aimed at downtown Seoul. There will be bloodshed. Economic disruption. Diplomatic outrage. Unilateral military action is

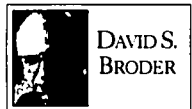
unthinkable. This leads directly back to options No. 1 and No. 2: wishful thinking.

The alternative is very straightforward. Give North Korea an ultimatum to dismantle the reactor. If it refuses, the United States should do what Israel did in 1981 – destroy the enemy's nuclear reactor. And, as the world's sole superpower, the United States can do two things Israel couldn't: Warn North Korea that a military response will bring about a calamitous reaction, and second, inform the government in – what's the name of the capital again? – that it will never be allowed to develop nuclear weapons.

Of course, I'm no expert. But then again, thankfully, neither is Bush.

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Speaker of the House works on the inside



DAVID S. BRODER

for a year or maybe not."

He has lasted, but many mistakenly believe that, with President Bush setting the agenda and most House Republicans ready to support virtually anything the White House wants, the speaker's job is a snap. "Except you have to deal with 435 egos," Hastert said with a laugh. "We operate with a 12-vote margin. We have 30 conservatives and probably 30 moderates that we need to bring together and find compromise and agreement before we can do anything. That takes a lot of time and a lot of listening. Leadership here is hard, steady work."

But the main reason Hastert is chronically underestimated is that Tom DeLay of Texas, who has risen from his position as whip to be majority leader, is far more aggressive. As a result, Hastert is often portrayed as if he were the Queen of England and DeLay were Tony Blair – the power

behind the throne. Wrong. True, DeLay was instrumental in making Hastert speaker. But six years before that, it was Hastert who managed DeLay's campaign for whip. The relationship is reciprocal, but it's certainly not sentimental on Hastert's part. And both men understand that if DeLay decided tomorrow to challenge Hastert, the Texan would be sent to the back benches. Hastert has gained stature among his GOP colleagues because he has managed the agenda to their benefit.

Quietly, he has begun to use his strong support among rank-and-file members to discipline other power brokers in the House. Before this session began, he met with the chairmen of the 13 appropriations subcommittees. Many of them by tradition and inclination are spenders, and last year their refusal to accept Bush's budget limits led to an impasse. To prevent that happening again, Hastert told them, "If you can't support the president's budget, tell me now."

"We didn't take a wire brush to them," Hastert told me, but faced with the possibility of being replaced, all of the chairmen agreed to get on what Hastert calls "the team." Similar sessions with chairmen of the legislative committees

have reduced the threat of opposition to White House initiatives from them. Without fuss, Hastert last week created a new committee to oversee the Department of Homeland Security, averting a jurisdictional fight that still plagues the Senate.

By the end of this Congress, Republicans will have held the House majority for a decade, but Hastert is too much of a pro to assume it is a sure thing. "When I was coaching," he said, "we were state champions, but every year, we had to prove ourselves. It's the same way here. We have to bring all our people into a position where they can have some success, because it's their success back home that keeps us a majority. We have to prove it every two years."

Friends of DeLay sometimes suggest that Hastert, who just turned 61, is eager to hang it up and go home. But Republicans just voted to end term limits on his job and he told me that "as long as I can be effective, as long as I feel I can do a good job, I'll do it."

Maybe he does it long enough, even The New York Times will notice him.

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LETTERS

Former principal deserves discipline, compassion

Regarding the editorial about the case of Ms. Roberts, I must agree with the editorial board that she broke the law and deserves the consequences for her actions. I also believe she is young for those actions in that she spends a good portion of her waking moments in rehab classes and meetings as part of the drug court. She faces daily impositions in order to fulfill the require-

ments of the court. She almost certainly will have to endure some manner of censure by the Department of Education. She has faced ridicule, abandonment and hatred by the community and former colleagues – not to mention the loss of her job.

She made a school come alive! She should be remembered for the astonishing changes that came about at Bickel Elementary during her tenure. There was an energy that was felt in the hallways and classrooms! It was visible in

the way opinions changed about the school.

My challenge for people who read this letter is to find some sort of compassion and empathy for someone who made a mistake, albeit a big one. Who knows? Someday it might be you who is persecuted by the press and gossip on previous actions in our community. If only there were some news fit to print that was worth reading. Wouldn't it be wonderful?

MIKE MCALEY
Twin Falls

Flights from Twin Falls have a high price tag

I live two miles from a Twin Falls Airport and would like the convenience of flying in and out of Twin Falls. Last time I checked, though, it would've cost \$600 more for that convenience. For that amount of money, I will drive to Boise, pay for parking and endure longer security checks in a larger terminal.

SUSAN STEVENS
Twin Falls

Kernphorne hits common worker with tax shift

The Honorable (?) Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has proposed a tax increase of more than needed to balance the budget.

Once again, Dirk has cut the taxes for the wealthy and then, when that broke the back of the state economy, Kernphorne dumped the tax load on those who could least afford it. Why did he not reverse his tax cut for the rich and leave the poor alone?

In the 1980s, the job tax was increased and now he wants those who can least afford it to bail him out? Temporary tax cut? Don't be fooled, we in the past, once the tax is implemented it is almost never reversed. I believe this is a fraud on the poor sales tax-paying people of Idaho.

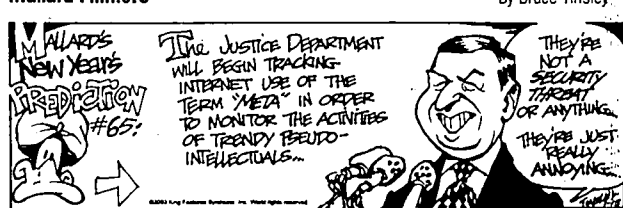
Working men and women of Idaho, you must speak up if this repulsive tax is to be defeated.
ROGER BLADES
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

JOEL MOWBRAY

As the saying is, it is not that more than 6 percent of children are being prescribed daily pills, the study merely confirms what has been apparent for years now. A host of factors have together created this seemingly inescapable situation: parents who crave an easy solution, doctors who are all-too-willing to provide it, and—at the root of the problem—the educational establishment, which has replaced schoolyard drug dealers as the most persistent pushers of narcotics.

Parents of difficult children are hard on drugs: the kids with the seductive promise of a quick fix. Doctors and teachers explain how the grass really is greener on the medicated side, persuading parents to ditch discipline in favor of the "modern" approach. Mind-altering narcotics, not surprisingly, do in fact pack a powerful punch—particularly for a young child. The child may not learn how to modify his behavior, but he is typically zoned out enough that he is no longer a "problem."

In an instant-gratification society, the doping of kids to alleviate symptoms of adults should not come as a shock. Parents have busy lives, and dishing out a few pills a day keeps behavioral issues at bay. So even if someone has a sinking feeling about the long-

term consequences, it is far easier to keep quiet.

Although it's easy to castigate parents for abdication responsibility, many of them become convinced that drugs really are the best solution. America's most menacing drug cartel—jointly operated by doctors and the educational establishment—has steered troubling kids away from traditional approaches (generally some mix of discipline, additional attention and counseling) and into the warm embrace of a substance habit.

Doctors are so prone to over-diagnose that many of the kids being medicated don't have any disease to begin with. In a society where "victims" are celebrated, children who act out or simply fidget too much in class are ripe targets for medication. Sometimes parents prod pediatricians, but often doctors are so eager to ascribe a problem child with some affliction—

attention deficit disorder is all the rage—that otherwise healthy, if truant, kids get branded.

Of course many kids do need medication, and professional help is often necessary to bring some kids into line. But that is the distinct minority of cases now being treated with narcotics. It's not easy, but tough love imbued with forceful discipline and clear boundaries can work wonders on misbehaving kids. Parents who try that tack at home, however, often see their efforts undermined by the touchy-feely disciplines that run our public schools. Ironically, the very same teachers and administrators who advise getting tough on troublemakers are the first ones ready to "handle" children with Schedule II drugs—the most highly addictive drugs that are still legal.

Children are being rammed through a one-size-fits-all pipeline by the educational establishment, and if one of the kids doesn't quite fit in, drugs are whipped out faster

than you can say "twelve steps." Schools all over the country monitor drug use by students—not to keep it from getting out of hand, mind you, but to blow the whistle when the kids aren't doped up. Teachers' unions continue to fight—sometimes successfully—to block children from attending school if they haven't taken their drugs. The trend has become so pervasive that lawmakers in Vermont last year introduced legislation to prevent schools from requiring kids to pop pills.

Without being equipped with the necessary skills to modify properly their behavior, medicated children are likely to become medicated adults. Which leads us to the \$64,000 question: How will today's kids handle their own problem children?

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Service economy shift squeezes the states dry

In Richmond, Annapolis and virtually every other state capital, governors are getting down to work this week under the shadow of deficits far worse than those seen in any downturn since the end of World War II. Many will blame this on the soft economy, but that won't do as a full explanation. Even after being set back by a mild recession, economic growth has averaged a respectable 2.8 percent since the business cycle peaked in the first quarter of 2001. So what gives?

Governors, as well as hard-pressed local officials, rightly complain about the cost of increased mandates from Washington and about declining federal aid. The states are also on the hook for runaway Medicaid costs and for more than a few boondoggles conceived during the boom years of the late 1990s. But a deeper, structural deficit is also at work—driven by demography and changes in the world economy—that will continue eroding the finances of state and local governments even if boom times return. Unless this deficit is closed, state and local governments will wither, and more governmental power is likely to wind up concentrated in Washington.

The largest single cause of the structural deficit is the shift toward a service economy. As recently as 1979, services accounted for 47 percent of personal consumption. Now health care costs, legal fees, education and other services account for roughly 60 percent of what we collectively spend on ourselves. And because the fast-growing service sector is largely exempt from sales taxes, this shift in consumption patterns makes the financing of state and local governments ever more difficult, even as the demand for the services provided by such governments goes up every year with growing populations and economies.

In the future, two additional trends will further erode the ability of state and local tax revenues to keep up with the cost of government: the aging of the population and the growth of e-commerce. As state policy consultant Tom Bonnett notes, older people typically consume fewer goods but demand more services—particularly health and nursing home care. These last services are not only exempt from sales tax but also substantially subsidized by state and local governments.

Moreover, in most states, retirees have also proven adept at securing property tax relief for people over 65, as well as exclusions of pension income from taxation. Among the 41 states with a fixed-based income taxes, 34 offer exclusions for at least some amount of pension income.

Meanwhile, an estimated 6 percent of all U.S. retail spending

PHILLIP LONGMAN

will be done over the Internet by the end of this year, and almost all of it will escape sales taxes. Though some states might try taxing Internet transactions if federal law allowed it, they would stand little better chance of collecting revenue from off-shore retailers than Brimley Spears does of collecting royalties on her CD sales in China.

The shift to a knowledge-based economy also imperils state and local finances. High-tech and professional service industries typically require far less real estate to operate than manufacturing concerns. Their primary assets aren't land or structures, which are subject to property taxes, but "soft" capital such as patent rights, the knowledge in a doctor's head or the connections in a lawyer's Palm Pilot. Most of this soft capital escapes taxation, as perhaps it must. But as it accounts for a growing share of the wealth of any region, its tax-free status leaves a growing hole in the cof-

fers of state and local governments.

A software company whose workers take its capital out the door with them every night may well create just as much traffic, and just as much of a burden on the public schools, as a similarly sized factory next door, but it pays taxes on a far smaller share of its actual assets.

Finally, the mobility of both people and businesses in today's global economy puts major limits on the ability of state and local governments to raise new revenue. As states and communities find they must offer major tax concessions to attract new businesses or to keep local firms from moving, corporate taxes account for a diminishing share of all taxes paid at the state and local levels and are in danger of becoming unworkable.

Eventually, even revenue from personal income taxes will come under threat if an increasingly networked economy allows more workers to move wherever the climate and tax structure suit them. Many Americans will welcome such trends, but those who don't want state and local

governments to be usurped by federal power need to get behind bold new ideas for how to keep them solvent.

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Section B

AROUND
THE VALLEYChemical smel forces
school evacuation

JEROME — A chemical smel at Jerome Elementary School forced the evacuation of the student body Tuesday afternoon.

The Jerome fire department was called out to the school around 2:30 p.m., responding to chemical fumes that wafted into hallways and cleaning closets, said Principal Ann Reynolds.

"It was definitely a concern because we didn't have any idea what it was," she said.

Hazardous-materials specialists found cleaning supplies to be the source of the smell, said Lynn Weigt, engineer with the fire department.

Apparently a school janitor had been using a degreaser to clean a school vent when the fumes quickly made their way through the school's ventilation system.

Because the evacuation occurred a half-hour before the end of the school day, students didn't return to class.

Classes will resume as normal Wednesday morning.

City accepts applications
for animal shelter panel

TWIN FALLS — People interested in serving on the city's new Animal Shelter Advisory Commission have until the end of the month to apply.

The City Council plans to appoint a seven-member commission to help guide operation of the city animal shelter.

To obtain an application, call 735-7228 or visit the city Web site at www.tfid.org and select the "citizen participation" link.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 31.

One of the new committee's first tasks will probably be to help plan and build a new animal shelter.

State council honors
Hailey police chief

BOISE — The Idaho State Planning Council on Mental Health awarded Hailey Police Chief Brian McNary a leadership award at its legislative breakfast Tuesday in Boise.

McNary, who has 19 years of law enforcement experience in the Wood River Valley, was honored for his role as a leader in mapping a new course in Idaho for police response to people with mental illness.

"Over the years, he began to realize the impact that peace officers might have, particularly in the case of undiagnosed juveniles who were beginning to enter the criminal justice system," said Rick Huber, chairman of the planning council. "His efforts have gone beyond the call of duty and serve as a model for how police can respond to the needs of people with a mental illness."

McNary is a board member of the Wood River affiliate of the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill and participates on the task force that re-defined Idaho law regarding protective custody detentions of people with mental illness. He sits on various local boards, is an instructor for classes on mental illness and is working on a plan to implement crisis response teams to respond to suspected cases of mental illness in the Wood River Valley.

Winter Wildlife Walks
start today in S.V.

SUN VALLEY — Winter Wildlife Walks will start up for the season at 11 a.m. and continue through the end of March at Galena Lodge.

Blaine County Recreation District naturalist Cathy Baer has scheduled the free walks so that people can take the free North Valley Galena Express bus in Ketchum at 10 a.m. and arrive at Galena by 11 a.m. for the tour. Participants can then have lunch at Galena Lodge before hopping back on the bus at 2 p.m.

The guided snowshoe tours are rated easy. Baer will show participants how to read signs in the snow to learn about wildlife activity, behavior and the drama of survival during harsh winter months. Snowshoe rentals are available at Galena Lodge. For information, call 738-2117.

Compiled from staff reports

Canal company forecasts deliveries

By Michael Baumgart
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Water supply forecasts show 2003 irrigation deliveries just at or even below full shares, the Twin Falls Canal Co. told farmers Tuesday.

About 100 shareholders attended the company's annual meeting held at the College of Southern Idaho.

"With low reservoir levels, only intermittent snows, and fluctuating spring flows, delivery projections are at a full share at five-eighths of a miner's inch or possibly below a full share at half a miner's inch," said Vince Alberdi, general manager.

Weather conditions for the rest of the winter and into the spring will be the deciding factor. Water supply forecasts caution irrigators to plan conservatively.

Other shareholder news Tuesday included:

• Water quality standards will be enforced this year with the threat of water shut-off.

Mike Bulkley, chairman of the Water Quality Committee, said water will be shut off only to farms not working to meet water quality standards. Water will be turned back on once corrective measures are made.

A 1999 company bylaw allows for the enforcement measure, but the company has yet to use it. Company managers have been educating farmers about how to clean up field runoff.

"However, the results have not been adequate," Bulkley said.

Most farmers are doing their part, but not everyone is participating, he said. The company must meet federal water quality standards by 2004 that govern return flows

into the Snake River.

Reducing sediment runoff also could help reduce company operating costs, Bulkley said. It costs about \$2 a share to clean out sediment collection ponds.

• Water rights transfers were an issue raised by shareholder Lud Prudek and Bill Chisholm, who represented the city of Buhl's shares. They want the canal company to use its clout among state water users to take a stronger stand in the debate over "local public interest" water doctrine.

The Idaho Water Users Association drafted legislation that would allow only people whose own water could be diminished to protest a water right transfer.

"Local public interest" has been used to stop proposed large dairies from acquiring water rights needed to operate, based on issues such as odors and nuisance.

The canal company's board took a neu-

tral stance in the debate.

"I'm saying it's politically insane to take this route," Prudek said.

The public already has a lot of complaints against agriculture, he said. The public voice should be heard in water right transfers, he said.

Board President John Honick said it's the canal company's job to deliver water, maintain its system and protect its water right, and it will work to protect those interests. Within the company are shareholders who run the spectrum of the debate, and there isn't a position the company can take to represent all of them, Honick said.

• A west-end regulating pond is under consideration near the end of the High Line or Low Line canal to better deliver water to farms on the end of the canal system.

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JOINING THE EFFORT AGAINST TERROR



Joel Bradley, an employee of Microbial-Vac Systems Inc., demonstrates a new detection system for biological warfare being developed by the Jerome company. The system was originally designed to be used in the food industry and is being adapted to military use.

Jerome company works on biohazard detection

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME — They started out developing a method of food service quality control, but the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history ended up shifting the focus of principals of a Jerome research company.

"After 9/11, we thought, 'Why can't we use this to test for bioterrorism?'" said Bruce Bradley, one of the founding members of Rocky Mountain Research Laboratories in Jerome.

That company last year gave rise to Microbial-Vac Systems Inc.

And the U.S. Army apparently

also thought it was a good idea to try applying the company's vacuum sampling tool to anti-terrorism. The Army recently granted the company a two-year contract to develop its microbial vacuum system, in the hope that it can be used by military and civilian organizations all over the country, Bradley said.

The system centers around a hand-held vacuum aspirator to an air-tight sampling chamber. It can be used to suck microscopic samples of virtually any surface, Bradley said. Samples can then be taken to a laboratory and tested to find out exactly what's in them.

"It would be a more efficient sampler for things like anthrax

bugs," he said.

He wouldn't say exactly how much the Army was putting up to accelerate development of the microbial vac — but said it's several hundred thousand dollars.

The vacuum is a much better way of collecting samples than the traditional method of using swabs, said John Schnell, a retired Air National Guard member from the Baltimore area who was brought in as a consultant for the project.

"The Army has said, 'We have a serious need for this,'" he said. "It's hundreds of times more efficient than the swab system. With this system, you could maybe find out three days earli-

er what a contaminant was."

It took two men Tuesday to lug a case housing the vacuum's support equipment. One of the first things the Army wants the company to do is work on lighter, more compact prototypes, Schnell said.

If the project is a success, the microbial vac could be hauled into the field by troops, but they wouldn't be the only people using them.

The systems could be used in their originally intended role of testing food, and could also probably be handy to the U.S. Postal Service, police agencies, hospitals or any other group or agency needing to test for contaminants, he said.

Counties
take part
in juvenile
program

By Lorraine Cavenner and
Mickey Walker
Times-News correspondents

SHOSHONE — Jerome, Gooding and Lincoln counties are now involved in a three-county juvenile probation program designed to keep juvenile offenders from becoming repeat offenders.

Fifth District Magistrate Judge John Varn, also the juvenile judge, gave his endorsement of the program this week at Gooding and Lincoln counties commission meetings.

"In my experience, I can see a young person get a job and find something to grab a hold of, then you rarely see them again," he told Gooding County commissioners.

The program, which will be paid for with a \$600,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, is designed to continue even after funding for the initial two-year period expires, said Bee Ashton with the 5th District Department of Juvenile Corrections.

Youths will be referred through assessments made by the courts and probation officers. Those referred to the program will learn about work, how to work and will be provided with work opportunities through the Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services.

"Over the two years of the grant we expect to serve about 40 youth from the three counties and 14 to 15 adult males," said Candy McElreath, work force division manager for Region IV Development.

The program is designed for 14- to 18-year-olds. Those who are 14 to 18 years old when they enter the community service programs because of job limitations.

The classes provided to the youth will be competency based, said Sylvia Ann Bradshaw, president of Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services Inc. She explained that help to be being

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Standoff suspect faces charges in escape plot

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man already facing charges stemming from a standoff with police and allegations that he tried to sneak a makeshift weapon into jail has also been charged in connection with an attempted break from the Mini-Cassia jail.

Deputies on Tuesday at the Twin Falls County Jail served Tommy Fite, 26, a with a Cassia County warrant charging him with attempted escape and damaging jail property, according to court records. Magistrate Judge Randy Stokler ordered Fite transported back to Cassia County to face arraignment on those charges, court records say. Records did not specify a hearing date for Fite.

The charges stem from allegations that Fite and fellow inmate Winston Reese Seal, 36, in November tried to escape from the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center, according to reports.

The Mini-Cassia jail at that time was holding Fite as an overflow inmate from Twin Falls County, according to an affidavit written by Cassia County sheriff's deputy Richard Edwards and filed with court documents.

The affidavit states investigators found evidence of an attempted escape from the jail, including holes chipped into a cell wall, a makeshift hiding place for tools under the base of a stool, and three pieces of hacksaw blades. Seal later told investigators that Fite had picked up six blade pieces — which had been wrapped in black electrical tape for transport — from an outside source when Fite had gone to Shoshone for a court appearance. Seal said Fite had smuggled the package containing the blade pieces into the Mini-Cassia jail by stuffing it up his rectum.

Seal told investigators that when Fite was later taken back to the Twin Falls County Jail, he left three of the blade pieces with Seal and took the others.

Twin Falls County jailers on Nov. 17 caught Fite with pieces of a hacksaw blade, which he apparently had tried to hide in a book, according to reports. As a result, he was charged with being an inmate in possession of a weapon. He pleaded innocent to that charge and faces a trial starting April 1.

Fite has since June been jailed in lieu of \$100,000 bond. He was arrested June 6 after a standoff at the Motel III in Twin Falls. He was charged with possession of an explosive device, use of an explosive device and two counts of aggravated assault against law enforcement personnel in connection with that incident.

Police officers reported they were trying to serve a warrant when Fite had checked that day to Fite at the motel, but when they approached his room, Fite brandished what appeared to be a pipe bomb.

Fite faces a trial starting Feb. 4 in connection with that case.

New high school, marketing
strengths top Buhl's goal list

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Pass a bond issue to build a new high school. Market the area's strengths. Assemble information packets for developers and prospective buyers of residential and business properties.

Those were the top three goals set by members of the community on Monday at a town meeting in Buhl.

Mayor Barbara Gietzen welcomed about 40 people who wanted to know what the recently completed "Buhl Community Review" report said about the city and what city officials plan to do about the recommendations from an evaluation team that visited the city last May.

The team included specialists from around the state and was sponsored by the Association of

Idaho Cities, Idaho Department of Commerce, Idaho Rural Partnership, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, University of Idaho, and Idaho Housing and Finance Association.

Members of the community previously chose education, housing and economic development as the three most important topics on which the evaluation team was to concentrate.

On Monday, those attending the town meeting were divided into groups addressing those three subjects; people chose those areas were of concern to them. Gietzen and each group to name three attributes, three negative characteristics and three goals.

• Education — The team was led by Buhl School District Superintendent Rick Hill and

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Unified for efficiency

By Mike Johnson
Times-News Staff Writer

BURLEY — A highway gravel to a road taken long ago was used using only the best roads owned by Cassia County Roads Unorganized.

When that road district calls in high-traffic from the Raft River, Oakley and Murrtaugh highway districts, the team can finish the job in two days, Cassia County Roads Unorganized Supervisor Dennis James said.

In exchange, James and his workers help the other districts when needed.

For the Raft River Highway District, cooperation is a necessity.

"I have to do it. I couldn't afford it if I didn't," said Raft River roads foreman Tom Hitt. "I couldn't afford to hire contractors."

The benefits the districts reap from cooperation can be seen in the unified and enlarged if they combined to form one large district, new Cassia County Commissioner Clay Handy said.

Handy now oversees transportation issues in the county.

Cassia County Commissioner Dennis James also approves of the unified transportation.

"This is a very good idea of saving money," James said. "The Cassia County Roads Unorganized is a very good idea."

The third commissioner, Paul Christensen, said he thinks it's an idea worth exploring.

Despite the close cooperation between districts, in the past some highway officials have bristled at suggestions of consolidation.

"There's been some (talk of consolidation) on and off," Oakley Highway District Commissioner Bill Cramsey said. "But it hasn't gone anywhere. Everybody likes their own little kingdom."

The Cassia County districts are unlikely to join because in small districts, "Personal needs get more attention," James said.

With a county-wide highway district, areas of greater need are addressed first, Handy said.

A larger district could do a road study, identify arterial routes and form a comprehensive plan to improve maintenance and safety, he said. This sort of unified plan

might make the county more eligible for grants. Consolidating into one district would cut the number of paid administrators and lower overhead costs, Handy said.

A larger district could attract better bids for larger quantities of bulk materials. Voting would be less expensive and simpler because voters could choose between district commissioners in the general election, he said.

Most importantly, the county would be free of inter-district squabbles, like the debate among the Idaho Highway District, Burley Highway District and the county about Howell Canyon Road, Handy said.

"Most counties don't have that problem," he said.

Then again, most of the small districts are able to work together without conflict. They get by while remaining autonomous. Even the relatively large Burley Highway District finds it useful to draw on a few more workers and trucks when it is seal-coating roads, Burley board Chairman Galen Simer said.

Around 1990 the Murrtaugh and Oakley highway districts

pooled their money to buy a machine that spreads rock chips for seal coating. Neither district had enough roads to use the chip machine to its potential, so they bought it together.

"Both districts need to have a chip machine," but both districts didn't need to own one, Murrtaugh Highway District Supervisor Carl Good said.

To combine highway districts, 5 percent of the voters, or a majority of the elected commissioners from each district, must ask the county commissioners to consolidate the districts. County commissioners are required to conduct a public hearing and decide if the consolidation would be good for the county. Finally, a majority of voters in each district must approve the consolidation. Since each district has a different tax levy, some taxes would probably go up in a consolidated district, but others could drop.

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Buhl mayor makes city appointments

Buhl — The City Council approved this week the mayor's annual appointments to city positions and for providing services. They are:

City clerk and treasurer: Sharon Sheets

Deputy clerk: Jackie Wilde
Fire chief: Mark Grimes
Police chief: Ron Romero
Public works director: Gary Winn

Building inspector: Claude Hayes

City attorney: William L. Nungesser

City auditor: Raymond Ware & Associates

Prosecuting attorney: Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Leach

Zoning clerk: Tom Cannon

Chairwoman of the Centennial Celebration: Holly Langdon

Chairman of the Downtown Revitalization Committee: Jim Wilson

Airport commissioner: Gordon Hendrix

Also this week, city water shares will be leased for the same amount as last year, for \$31 per share plus a \$10 transfer fee.

The council designated Buhl Animal Clinic as the city's shelter for strays.

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Magic Valley in brief

Sandy, Utah, will commence work on the downtown revitalization in the next week.

Jerome water office will be closed Thursday afternoon.

JEROME — The City of Jerome water office will be closed from 1 p.m. Thursday and all day Friday to allow staff to attend training designed to improve organizational performance.

Most city staff will attend the training; however, certain staff will be available if needed.

Antique motorcycle show continues this weekend

RUPERT — An antique motorcycle show will continue through Saturday at Cycle City on Idaho Highway 24, south of Rupert.

The Idaho Vintage Motorcycle Club is displaying about 18 motorcycles in the shop, including an original Vincent and a 1948 Schwinn.

The motorcycles can be seen from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekends. There is no cost to see the motorcycles.

— compiled from staff reports

Judge orders Burley father, son to prison

The Times-News

BURLEY — A Burley father and son have been ordered to present themselves to police today to begin serving prison sentences which had been delayed while the men appealed court decisions.

With the Idaho Supreme Court's recent decision to not hear an appeal of a state Court of Appeals ruling concerning the marijuana-growing operation of Bill Sowers and Jason Sowers, Sub District Judge Monte Carlson ordered the two to turn them-

selves into the sheriff's office, Cassia County Prosecuting Attorney Al Barnes said.

The Court of Appeals in October sided with Carlson in his decision to not suppress evidence which led to the Sowerses' August 1999 arrest. They were arrested after officials from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game traced suspect meat products to their Burley packing plant, End of the Road Packing. While in the building, officers spotted evidence of drugs, obtained another search warrant and

returned the following day.

The appeals court said there was no violation of the Sowerses' constitutional rights. The men had argued that false and stale information had been included in the search warrant affidavit which led to their result. They claimed that the Idaho State Police officer who helped prepare the affidavit in August 1999 listed Bill Sowers as the owner of the End of the Road packing property, even though the officer knew Bill Sowers had died the property to his son, Jason, in May 1999.

Carlson acknowledged the officer had intentionally allowed the ownership of the plant to be misrepresented, but the judge ruled the affidavit still established probable cause.

Jason Sowers was sentenced in November 2000 to two to five years in prison for one count of drug trafficking and one count of failure to purchase a tax stamp. In February 2001, Bill Sowers was sentenced to two to three years in prison on one count of drug trafficking and to 18 months to three years on one count of felony killing wildlife.

Cassia schools save money with energy program

By Sheri Cheney
Times-News Staff Writer

BURLEY — The Cassia County School District saved \$45,969 in the first five months of an energy savings program from Energy Education Inc. Energy Manager Jeff Lords told the School Board Monday that savings in the month of December alone are totaling more than \$15,000 and not all the bills have been processed.

The biggest savings should come during the winter months, Lords said. When buildings are not occupied, bills are turned down.

And while the energy savings program is ultimately trying to save the district money, students and school personnel should always be comfortable. The first part of the program's mission is to maintain comfort in occupied areas, Lords said.

Superintendent Mike Chesley

said Lords has been working to align room temperature to what the main computers are reading. Often there was a discrepancy.

Lords tracks utility costs and compares them to last year's costs, adjusting for rate increases and changes in weather, building size and equipment. October and November 2002 have actually been better than the same time the previous year, Lords said, and new computers have been added at Raft River High School.

Chesley noted new boilers put in at Burley Junior High have actually increased heating costs.

The district began the energy savings program in July. Energy Education guarantees the district will save \$108,000 the first year. The district pays \$60,000 per year for four years for Energy Education's services. Total savings are expected to be roughly \$1 million over seven years.

Electricity consumption has decreased by 24 percent, Lords said, and natural gas has decreased by roughly 12 percent.

Other board business included:

• **Re-certification** — The board approved a policy stating teachers who do not get re-certified before Sept. 15 will receive substitute wages for any days worked.

Teachers and school personnel must re-certify every five years, Chesley said. Re-certification requires six credits of college classes or district in-service. The district does not get paid from the state for non-certified teachers.

• **Testing** — New end-of-course assessments are now being taken in most classes, reported Curriculum Director Dan Gillette.

The tests take the place of final exams.

The same test will be given for each subject in all schools. For example, Algebra 1 classes in

Burley and Raft River will both take the exact same test. All questions are tied to state standards and district benchmarks, Gillette said.

Teachers wrote each of the tests and will evaluate the test and how students fared as they develop tests for next year. Gillette said the state is developing end-of-course assessments; the district hopes to merge the two tests.

School board member Debbie Critchfield said some people ask why teachers should teach to the test.

Gillette said main concepts are taught, not individual test questions. "We don't teach to the specific question," Gillette said. "We teach to the domain."

• **Resignation** — The board accepted Gillette's resignation effective the end of June. Gillette has been with the district for 13 years, Chesley said.

Burley students raise money for playground

The Times-News

BURLEY — Students cheered as a boat was backed next to the playground at Mountain View Elementary School during afternoon recess.

"The boat is here," they cried.

The boat is part of the "Fill the Boat" fund-raiser, generating money for a proposed playground in West Park.

Students at Burley schools are asked to bring money to toss into the boat when it visits their school this week.

Laura Greener, of Families at Play, the group spearheading the playground project, said participation in the fund-raiser has been good. The bottom of the boat is covered in coins.

"I haven't even tried to count those pennies," Greener said.

The boat schedule for the rest of the week includes:

• **Dworsch Elementary School** — 10 to 10:15 a.m. today and Thursday.

• **Thurston Elementary School** — 10 to 10:15 a.m. today and Thursday.

• **White Pine Intermediate School** — 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. today and after school today and Thursday.

• **Mountain View Elementary School** — 1:45 until 2 p.m. today and Thursday.

• **Burley High School** — 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. today.

The boat will be at the park at Burley City Hall Saturday from noon until 4 p.m. Greener said. Everyone is invited to come and toss in money then. Families at Play members will be picking for the park's picket fence and take nominations for a contest to name the park Saturday. Pickets sell for \$25 each and can be inscribed with up to 17 characters.

The naming contest is for children 18 years old and younger. Suggested names may be submitted until Jan. 20 at City Hall or the Burley Public Library.

Families at Play and Burley City Council members will choose the name next month.

Utah cuts 'porn czar' position

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah's budget troubles have forced the state to eliminate the controversial "porn czar" job.

Paula Houston, Utah's Obscenity and Pornography Complaint Ombudsman, will lose her job April 1, one of numerous expected reductions as the state works to close a \$117 million budget hole. Houston worked in the Utah Attorney General's Office.

"I'm going to have to look around and see what my options are," Houston said Tuesday.

unsure if she will stay with the office.

Houston, who had spent 15 years as a prosecutor in the Salt Lake City suburb of West Valley City, was believed to be the nation's first state official whose job was solely to fight pornography.

The Republican-dominated Legislature created the post two years ago to give legal guidance to local governments and community members worried about smut.

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board members Pam McClain and Grant Loveless.

In response to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, Hill explained how the school district is channeling resources to start children reading at an early age and encouraging parents to read to their children more often.

Data on each child are recorded and follow the student throughout his school years.

Migrant students also have programs to assist them in learning English.

The district has a preschool program for special education children, and plans have been discussed for a preschool for all children, Hill said.

Keeping in line with state and federal testing requirements, the district has set the curriculum to correspond with the testing, Hill said.

While listing "good people," strong financial planning and new school board leadership as attributes, the group identified three negatives for Buhl schools: The Middle School is old and

needs lots of repairs; more bilingual teachers are needed, especially men, to mentor male students; lack of support from the community, as people do not pay attention to the district's needs until it wants money for improvements; and lack of immediate intervention for students in reading.

Goals identified by the group were facility improvements, recruiting bilingual teachers and immediate intervention with students.

• **Economic development** — The group listed attractiveness, arts, a good work force, big businesses, civic clubs and fiber optics as positives for Buhl.

Negatives were a lack of industrial parks, empty buildings, insufficient parking, dirty town entrances, poor zoning, odors and odors from the town.

Goals outlined were cleaning up parts of town, zoning for rural areas and improved communications.

• **Housing** — Positives noted by the group were room for residential development, city responsive-

ness to needs and better lot frontages.

Negatives identified were unfriendliness to developers, no tax relief for developers and a bad attitude toward developers.

Goals were to streamline procedures for developers, make available funding for low- and medium-income home buyers and provide more downtown parking.

Real estate agent Judy Hoffman, who led the housing group, noted that the assessment committee mentioned that there were empty upstairs spaces in almost all the buildings downtown and that they should be used.

"If we did fill those empty spaces, there is no room for them to park downtown," Hoffman said.

After the three groups came together, they decided on three goals that could be realized in a few months. The first was to pass a bond issue for a new high school.

Interest rates are low, and the state will pay at least 10 percent of interest, it was noted. In addition,

the school district is debt-free, and the school board can choose to clone a school with some modifications and use the same architect and plans.

The other goals were to market the strong points of the area to attract people, businesses and home buyers; and to make packages with information about zoning laws for each of these groups — developers, potential business moves and prospective home buyers.

"I am pleased so many residents turned out for the meeting, and some good ideas were discussed," Greten said.

The mayor also reminded the community that work will start in about two weeks on the downtown revitalization project and asked that people have patience and understanding because of the turn-up streets and noises.

"When all the new streets, curbs, gutters, trees and streetlights are in, the downtown will have a new facelift that we all can be proud of," Greten said.

"If things go as scheduled, the job will be completed by mid-June."

kids make a connection between geometry and what is out there," said Bradshaw, who has been working with similar programs for a number of years.

South Central Works has targeted 20 youth to start in the new program but can add more if necessary, Bradshaw said.

"For kids, having work is a tremendous boost," Ashton said. "It's like a light at the end of the tunnel."

for, among other things, Bradshaw said.

The program will be monitored by group officers, who will check on the progress of the juveniles' work and will administer their paychecks. The youth will be paying restitution out of the money they earn.

It teaches young folks to work and gives them the skills to work, McElfresh said.

The program will teach the youth what employers are looking

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released from the program, the older youth must have retained a job for 90 days.

Juvenile probation had a need for a program that would help integrate youth on probation back into the community, she said. The program will include a youth transition home.

"It will give them an opportunity to be in a structured setting and learn individual living skills,"

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 Frederic Loewe
Adapted from George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" and "My Fair Lady"
by William Douglas Wilkie

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JEROME COUNTY COURTS

The Times-Herald

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

Misdemeanor arraignments

Michael D. Barnes, 55, 419 W. 100 S., Jerome, driving without privileges, pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Joy Albert Cabral, 33, 11725 S. 2600 E., Buhl, driving without privileges, pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kevin J. Cavalier, 42, 105 W. F., Jerome, driving without privileges, pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kim Irene Cooke, 42, 4224 B. Carter Pack Road, Buhl, use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, possession of a controlled substance, pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Catrina Duran, 24, 2652 S. 1050 E., Hagerman, driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Alana Ann Juarez, 21, 310 Second St., Jerome, driving without privileges, pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

John E. McVernon, 41, 2029 E. 3300 N., Twin Falls, driving without privileges; pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Forrest D. Peterson, 54, 10930 S.E. 186th, Renton, Wash., driving under the influence, failed to appear, pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Trent Lee Reeves, 30, 602 Adams, Teton, Idaho, driving without privileges, pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Wendy D. Reynolds, 23, 101 Juniper, Buhl, driving without privileges, use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, possession of a controlled substance, failure to give notice of change of name or address on driver's license, pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Christopher S. Stevenson, 20, 4644 S. Sunstone Road, No. 256, Taylorville, Utah, driving under the influence, racing on a public highway, pre-trial conference Jan. 27; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Kat Vernon Watson, 20, 121 Eighth Ave. E., Jerome, driving without privileges, pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Warren D. Wilder, 47, 3652 N. 2500 E., Twin Falls, driving without privileges, pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor sentences

Rosendo Aguilar Chavez, 23, 368 N. 400 W., Jerome, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, dismissed by prosecutor, open container, \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$45 probation fee, \$40 public defender fee, six months unsupervised probation, five days in jail, five suspended, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Shirley R. Clanton, 37, 272 Harrison St., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, amended to inattentive/careless driving, \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 88 suspended, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

William Ernest Hicks, 47, P.O. Box 273, Eden, driving under the influence, amended to inattentive/careless driving, \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 66 suspended, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, dismissed by prosecutor, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

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Leahla C. Morales, 50, 501 W. Ave. E., Space No. 1, Jerome, driving without privileges, amended to failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$45 probation fee, \$40 public defender fee, failure to provide proof of insurance, \$75 fine, \$42.50 court costs, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Hope N. Reynolds, 22, 228 W. Ave. E., Jerome, reusing or obstructing officers, amended to failure to provide information, pre-trial conference Feb. 3; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

James Ronald Wadsworth III, 45, 201 N. Lincoln, No. 5, Jerome, battery/domestic violence, amended to disturbing the peace, \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$40 public defender fee, one year unsupervised probation, 90 days in jail, 90 suspended, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Odilon Hara Garcia, 20, 491 Fourth Ave. E., Jerome, dog at large within city limits, Jerome, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Juvenile misdemeanor dismissals

Jenny L. Garcia, 16, 196 Glen Loop, Jerome, driving without privileges, dismissed by court; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Felony arraignments

Laura K. Carlson, 38, 521 1/2 N. Buchanan, Jerome, burglary, battery, providing false information to an officer regarding officer, status hearing, Jan. 13, jury trial Feb. 19; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

James Arthur Garman, 44, 445 Second Ave. E., Jerome, burglary, possession of burglary tools, status hearing Feb. 3, jury trial March 19; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

George E. Noble, 67, P.O. Box 758, Paul, assault or battery upon certain personnel; driving under the influence, reusing or obstructing officers, carrying a concealed weapon without a license, status hearing Jan. 13, jury trial Feb. 19; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

Jeffrey Michael Walker, 36, 528 Carney St., Twin Falls, two counts delivery of a firearm by a convicted felon, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, pre-trial conference March 31, jury trial April 9; Magistrate Judge Barry Wood.

Felony dismissals

Elaina N. Parks, 20, 150 W. Wilson, No. 103, Eden, grand theft; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jason Robert Stanley, 26, 4602 Tieton Drive, No. A1, Yakima, Wash., two counts grand theft; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Emma Michelle Parks, 20, 2150 Main St., No. 8, Gooding, grand theft; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Civil filings

Risk Management Alternatives vs. Richard Vern Wilson and Stephanie C. Wilson, husband and wife. Seeking \$1,057.35, plus interest; \$350 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defendants owe for amounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Action Collection Service vs. Shannon and Fredrick Wood, aka Shannon Hayes, aka Beorchia. Seeking \$1,869.24, plus \$137.78 interest; \$620 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defendants owe for amounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Risk Management Alternatives vs. Joe A. Denison and Kar Denison, husband and wife. Seeking \$5,661.40, plus interest; \$1,750 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defen-

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Citizens Bank vs. Joseph Smith and Linda Smith and John Doe occupants of 228 W. Ave. E., Jerome, I through V, and John Doe occupants of 224 W. Ave. E., Jerome, VI through X. Written check defendants' residency and possession of premises be declared terminated; plaintiff be awarded restitution of premises; \$750 attorney fees. Plaintiff purchased said property at auction; foreclosure sale.

Idaho Collection Bureau vs. Urbana Sedano and Pedro Sedano Sr. Seeking \$1,019.10, plus \$750.00 interest; \$340 attorney fees. Plaintiff alleges defendants owe for amounts assigned to the plaintiff for collection.

Western Alfalfa Farms Inc. and Mike Stundee, aka Stundee Land and Equipment vs. Contractor's Equipment Supply Company, aka Cesco, and Deere and Company. Seeking \$104,850, consequential damages to be determined by the fact finder in this case; attorney fees and costs of suit. Plaintiff purchased three John Deere skid steer loaders from the defendants; following purchase the units started having mechanical problems; plaintiffs returned units to defendants to get the problems corrected; plaintiffs allege defendants have been unable to get the units functioning properly and the units have therefore become valueless to the plaintiffs.

Shilling, 19, 1098 E. 820 N., Richfield, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; sentencing Feb. 26; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

Jonathon P. Wilkins, 21, 6100 Canterbury Drive, No. 701, Culver City, Calif.; driving without privileges; arraignment continued Jan. 22; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

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Arraignments

Jose M. Martinez-Macias, 21, P.O. Box 1948, Ketchum; driving without privileges, pre-trial conference Jan. 25; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

John D. Buser, 25, 7 Centerway Lane, Cary, trespass; pre-trial conference Jan. 15; Magistrate Judge Mark Ingram.

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The Times News

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Dietitian concocts healthier confections

By Staci Thomas
Times News staff writer

RUPERT - The new year is here, and many people have made resolutions to eat healthy and lose weight in 2003. Lori Johnson, a registered dietitian and medical nutrition counselor, has some practical advice.

"Don't set yourself up for failure," Johnson said. "Take small steps and work toward your goal gradually."

A dietitian in private practice, Johnson has been practicing what she preaches for about 17 years. She loves to bake and experiment with recipes. She likes to redo the ingredients for baked foods that are really good tasting, but not necessarily "good for you."

But, she says, "There are no good or bad foods, only bad choices."

In the process of reducing fat and sugar in recipes, Johnson has discovered the value of flax seed. Flax seed can be substituted for part of the fat in a recipe, Johnson said. Use a 3-to-1 ratio. Use 1 cup of ground flax seed for 1/3 cup oil in your favorite baked food recipe, and follow the recipe as you normally would. Watch the baking time, because food may brown quicker with flax seed.

Flax seed has a nutty flavor and is full of phyto estrogens, fiber and protein. It helps lower cholesterol, balance blood sugar and is rich in alpha-linolenic acid, an omega fatty acid that helps boost immune function. Flax seed is very high in lignans, too, which fight cancer.

Johnson adds it to casseroles, burgers, spaghetti sauce, meat loaf, granola and yogurt. She also puts it into dough and batter for pancakes, waffles, muffins and cookies. It's available in health food stores. Flax seed meal can be found in the baking section of larger supermarkets.

When making any change to one's diet or cooking style, Johnson says people should start slow and work up to a comfortable level.

Johnson's husband, Dacynn, is a surgeon. They have two children, an 8-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl.

Johnson swears by the magazine, *Eating Light*, and reminds everyone that, when fat is reduced in a recipe, the need for accurate measure is crucial.

"And don't over mix the batters," she said.



Dietitian Lori Johnson cooks up a dish in her kitchen. Johnson likes to make healthy versions of baked treats.

HEALTHY RECIPES

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(Serving size: 1 muffin) **Calories** 183 (28 percent from fat); fat 5.7 grams (saturated 0.9 grams, mono unsaturated 1.3 grams, poly unsaturated 3.1 grams); protein 4.1 grams; carbohydrates 30 grams; fiber 1.4 grams; cholesterol 18 milligrams; iron 1.6 milligrams; sodium 155 milligrams; calcium 61 milligrams.

PUMPKIN PECAN BREAD

1 1/2 cup canola oil
1 cup pumpkin puree
1 large egg

1 large egg white
1/2 cup buttermilk
2 tablespoons molasses
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons Splenda (a no-calorie sweetener derived from sugar)
1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/4 teaspoon cloves
1/3 cup chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9 by 5 inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray. In a medium bowl, whisk together the oil, pumpkin, whole egg, egg white, buttermilk, molasses and Splenda. In a large bowl, measure the flour, baking powder and soda, spices and nuts. Stir and make a

well in the center of the dry ingredients. Pour the pumpkin mixture into the well and stir until all the flour is moistened. Do not over mix. Spoon the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 40 minutes until the crack appears dry and a toothpick inserted into the center of the bread comes out clean. Allow the bread to cool in the pan for 10 minutes. Remove the loaf from the pan and set back on the rack to finish cooling.

Nutritional analysis: calories 170; carbohydrates 22 grams; protein 4 grams; fat 5 grams; fiber 1 gram; sodium 170 milligrams; dietary cholesterol 1.2 grams; dietary iron 1.6g.

-Recipe reprinted with permission from *Unbelievable Desserts* with Splenda, by Marlene Koch.

COOK'S PROFILE

We're looking for area cooks to feature in our cook's profile segment of Wednesday's Times News. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to be interviewed and photographed and would be willing share some recipes, please let us know. Write to Denise Turner, The Times News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83302-0548. Or call 733-0931, Ext. 243. Or e-mail to denise@magvalley.com. Tell us a little about yourself, and include your name and phone number.

Those tiny brown spots on bananas are called sugar spots. Fruits that have them make the sweetest muffins. Vegetable oil makes these muffins tender and keeps them from becoming dry.

SUGAR SPOT BANANA MUFFINS

2/3 cup packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup canola oil
1 large egg
1 large egg white
3/4 cup mashed ripe bananas (about 2 medium)
1/3 cup fat free milk
1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour (6 ounces)
2/3 cup honey-crunch wheat germ
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon salt
Cooking spray
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine first four ingredients in a large bowl, beat with a mixer at medium speed until well blended. Add banana and milk; beat well. Spoon flour into dry measuring cup, and level with a knife. Combine flour, wheat germ, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl, stirring well with a whisk. Add to sugar mixture; beat just until moist. Spoon batter evenly into 12 muffin cups coated with cooking spray. Bake 22 minutes, or until muffins spring back when lightly touched in center. Cool in pan for 5 minutes or on wire rack; remove from pan. Place muffins on wire rack.

Nutritional information:

Culinary arts students serve decadent, affordable fare

Restaurant jazzes up Rexburg dining scene

By Brian Davidson
The Associated Press

REXBURG, Idaho - Let's stroll down Second East to peruse Rexburg's eating establishments: Fries and a burger. Fries and a burger. Chicken and potatoes. Roast beef and fries. Fries and a burger. Mexican. Fries and a burger. Fries and a burger. And don't make me go down Main Street.

For everyday fare, the city does all right. But it's long been lamented that Rexburg is lacking in fine dining - unless you really like fry sauce.

No more. Rexburg's newest restaurant features subdued lighting, linen tablecloths and napkins, a maitre d' and a reservations tablet. And dishes such as sesame beef; poached salmon; and certified, decadent desserts you have to stare at for five minutes when the servers place it in front of you because - you'll drop your fish burgers for this - the food is too pretty to eat.

It's Cafe Dejeuner. Its servers and chefs are 45 Brigham Young University-Idaho students, most of them culinary arts majors, offering lunchtime diners three-course meals featuring American and international dishes, seafood, and desserts with names such as Belgian Lemon Creme and Raspberry Cheesecake.

With third-floor window views of students wandering the university quad and workers slapping veneer stone on the Jacob Sport Building, it's Rexburg's restaurant in

the sky. Nearby parking is at a premium, but Jeff Hamblin, an instructor in the university's College of Home and Family Education, is hopeful potential diners will look past parking difficulties and the dining room's too-70s wood paneling to enjoy a meal and watch students learn.

"Our goal is to provide a learning atmosphere, absolutely realistic, to give our students a feel for what it's like in this business on a daily basis," said Hamblin.

Cafe Dejeuner (say DAY-zhuhny - it means "lunch") is operated entirely by students, stretching their skills in meal preparation and presentation as they study to become caterers, restaurateurs and other purveyors of good food. They plan the meals, cook the food, serve, greet and clean up afterward.

Though Hamblin realizes the restaurant's most frequent customers will be BYU-Idaho faculty, anyone is welcome.

"We'd love to have the public come," he said. "They'll really be key in keeping this going. And I think they'll like what we offer: an exceptional product at an exceptional price."

Depending on the entree - it might be fish or other seafood, chicken, or beef - meals will cost \$6 to \$9 a person. The restaurant is open throughout fall and winter semesters Tuesdays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the final seating at 12:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Menus are on a three-week rotation.

The restaurant will operate at just over cost, earning enough money for a little bit of kitchen equipment and student field trips, Hamblin said.



On the third floor of the Clark building on the Brigham Young University-Idaho Rexburg campus, Rachel Christensen decorates a table at Cafe Dejeuner. The cafe's servers and chefs are 45 BYU-Idaho students, most culinary arts majors, offering lunchtime diners three-course meals featuring American and international dishes, seafood and desserts.

AP Photo

FOOD & HOME

Lawyers hold McDonald's accountable

Law suits blame chain for kids' obesity

By Michael Precker
The Dallas Morning News

EAT JUNK FOOD, GAIN WEIGHT, WHY? KNEW? A New York City lawyer filed a class-action lawsuit against McDonald's, blaming the burger-meisters for rising obesity in children. Teenagers Jaidyn Bradley (5 feet 6 inches, 270 pounds), Ashley Pelman (4 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds) and Julian Tawfik (5 feet 9 inches, 380 pounds) claim they got to be that way following Ronald McDonald's advice, never dreaming that supersized meals would make them supersized as well. McDonald's calls the lawsuit frivolous, but some experts predict it could be at the front of a legal assault on the fast-food industry that will encourage lawyers to eat at much swankier restaurants than McDonald's.

THIS WILL MAKE OUR KIDS EAT RIGHT: Amerit Nutrition introduced the Vitaball, a piece of bubble gum loaded with 11 essential vitamins. It comes in grape, watermelon, cherry and bubblegum flavors, and dispenses its nutrients in five to 10 minutes of chewing. Then the kids

Food Curiosities

get lots of good exercise blowing bubbles.

IF YOU WANT A DOUBLE-RING CEREMONY: Krispy Kreme now offers a wedding cake made of tiered stacks of doughnuts. Krispy Kreme's executive chef, which apparently is a real title, said customers came up with the idea. Ron Ruppocinski recommends a lightweight ornament atop the doughnuts, which can be any variety. But good luck getting the jelly out of your wedding dress.

AND THIS WILL FIGHT THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC: LG Electronics introduced the Multimedia Refrigerator, a 26-cubic-foot beauty with a built-in computer monitor wired for TV watching and internet surfing. You can even program video messages, such as "Close the door! You're letting warm air in!"

GET ME OUT OF THIS MICROWAVE! Adam Snyder and his dad, Merwin, of Ventnor, N.J., claim to have invented a popcorn bag with a humanlike voice that talks to you. The Web site, www.talkingpopcorn.com, offers a "free" bag for \$3.95 shipping and han-

dling. Perhaps the popcorn could explain to them what "free" means.

ACCEPT NO SPUD-STUTES: The Idaho Potato Commission revealed that agents at its field offices around the country go into stores to check on the quality of the potatoes. Executive Director Mel Anderson says the potato police look for dubious spuds claiming to be from Idaho, and send them in for testing. Anderson says no potato leaves Idaho without an inspection to ensure that it upholds the state's good name.

OH, SAY CAN YOU C? Houston sports fans were not amused when Minute Maid stepped up to the plate to sponsor the venue formerly known as Enron Field. It's now Minute Maid Park. One talk-show caller wanted to know: "Am I going to tell my biker friends, hey, we're going to the Maid tonight for a game?"

OBLIGATORY SPAM ITEM: Workers at Americhem in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, host a Spam feast every Friday at lunch. The Akron Beacon Journal reported that the menu has included the likes of cold Spam 'n' pasta salad, warm Spam meatballs, chunks of Spam in barbecue sauce, Spam and green onion

pizza and various Spam casseroles. Slow-cookers brim with Spam chili and Spam and bean soup. The men - and yes, the culprits are all male - get their recipes from the Internet, from cookbooks and from their wives' recipe files. One man used his wife's recipe for a breakfast hash-brown casserole, substituting Spam for ham. Another added a gourmet touch to Spam-stuffed peppers by tossing in fresh rosemary, thyme and sage. The star of one week's buffet was a pile of Spam burgers made with ground sausage, beef and Spam mixed with onion and green pepper and bound with cracker crumbs.

50 FLAVORS AND YOU WANT VANILLA? Grocery stores in Berwick, Pa., took vanilla extract off the shelves after a wave of thefts. Some stores began keeping the little bottles at the customer service counter. What's the attraction? Pure vanilla extract contains at least 35 percent ethyl alcohol, which makes it about 70 proof, about three times stronger than wine. Patricia Rain, owner of The Vanilla Company in Santa Cruz, Calif., told the Press-Enterprise of Bloomington, Pa., that many people drank vanilla during Prohibition. "It was a great way for women to drink without being caught," she said.

Get an early jump to stop burr clover

I thought I was a month early but it may already be too late. Too late to get a jump on burr clover, that is.

This mild winter has already encouraged rich green tufts of tiny, moss-like leaves that hug the ground to appear. Burr clover doesn't normally appear till mid-February in my yard, but just last week my husband came in with a pinch of green in his fingers and asked, "What's this?"

I'd planned to put down Casoron on the poor soil areas around the mailbox, along the sides of the driveway, in the dry, uncultivated areas the first of next month. But burr clover is already up. Casoron will still be spread. Sometimes it will kill tiny young weeds barely up. And it certainly will prevent what hasn't yet emerged from coming up.

Left alone, the burr clover will produce pretty little yellow flowers that quickly turn to prickly seed pods. Those seed pods are the stickers that can puncture your tires and your shoes, and make life miserable for your dog. They will drop seeds that can germinate again before spring. If they don't sprout this year, they'll bide their time till late winter next year.

A pre-emergent weed killer is just about the best way to eliminate burr clover, since it's really too cool for a weed spray to work. You could hoe them up, but then you'd risk bringing even more weed seeds to the surface, where they would be happy to sprout.

Since this is not officially "gardening season," you might have trouble finding Casoron or other pre-emergent weed killers in stores. The big-box stores have everything safely stashed in a big central warehouse somewhere and don't plan to ship it out for another month. I was told I found a supply of Casoron at my favorite local feed store.



DEAR CATHY: I think you once wrote about growing plants such as petunias directly in a bag of planting mix. But I can't recall how many plants one bag would support. Would you please give me a refresher course? Thanks again for your help. You make my garden efforts much easier.

-IN THE BAG

DEAR IN: Thanks for writing. Growing annuals in a bag of potting soil is just like growing them in any other container. You split the bag open on the top, make sure there are plenty of drain holes poked through the bottom and plant. You plant as many petunias in the bag as you would in a pot - shoulder-to-shoulder. Our growing season is so short that we need to crowd our annuals into our pots and beds for a full, lush look. Plant them, at most, a couple of inches apart.

Be sure to water them with a liquid-soluble fertilizer every time you water. And water often. Container plants need a little more water and fertilizer, but make up for it by not hosting weeds.

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

Vegetarian stuffed peppers bring back memories

By Steve Petusevsky
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Vegetarian today

I find myself craving the comforting foods that my mother made as I was growing up. My childhood dinner table experiences were different than most people's, I think.

My parents owned small mom-and-pop luncheonettes, where my mother did most of the cooking and my dad worked the cash register and grill. My dinner menu in restaurants on the daily specials my mom made for the luncheonette.

Monday was stuffed peppers. Tuesday was ported meatball day. Wednesday she made chicken and dumplings, and I forget which day meatloaf was the menu star. At the end of her work day, Mom would bring home leftover specials for our family to eat.

One of my favorite comfort dinners was her stuffed peppers. Back then, my mom used only green peppers. I'm sure that yellow, orange and chocolate brown bell peppers were available. She stuffed them with ground beef and rice. I loved the way she put the tops back on before baking them so we had to lift them off, like little gift covers, before eating them.

I still love stuffed peppers, only now I use a combination of red, green, yellow and orange peppers because they look beautiful and have a sweeter flavor than the basic green ones. I also have converted her original rice and meat recipe to a vegetable-filled version using orzo pasta for the filling.

VEGETARIAN RECIPE: This Mediterranean-inspired recipe uses feta cheese, but you can omit it if you prefer. You can also add crumbled soy-based "meat" such as Boca Burger or Gimme Lean to your orzo filling before stuffing. Use a variety of colored peppers for a great visual effect. For a vegan version, substitute soy-based cheddar or jack cheese for the feta. You can precook the peppers a day before filling. You can also precook the orzo up to 2 days before making the filling.

MONDAY NIGHT ORZO AND FETA STUFFED PEPPERS
6 medium bell peppers (red, green, yellow or orange), tops cut off and reserved, peppers seeded

1 tablespoon olive oil, plus more for spraying
Salt, to taste
1 cup uncooked orzo pasta
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/2 medium onion, chopped
2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
1 tablespoon capers
1/4 cup kalamata olives, pitted and chopped
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

1 1/2 8-ounce jars marinara or your favorite tomato sauce
Parmesan, romano or asiago cheese, optional, for sprinkling
Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Stand peppers up in a 2 1/2-quart nonreactive baking dish. Fill bottoms of peppers are a bit uneven, slice a thin piece off so

they stand upright (do not cut into pepper cavities). Lightly spray peppers with olive oil, sprinkle with salt and bake 15 minutes to soften slightly. Remove and let cool. (This step can be done the day prior to stuffing.) Cook orzo in boiling salted water approximately 15 minutes until al dente; drain well and rinse with cold water. Drain again. Don't overcook orzo because it will be cooked again when used as stuffing. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large saute pan or skillet over medium heat. Sauté garlic, onions and Italian seasoning 3 minutes until softened. In a nonreactive large mixing bowl, combine sautéed vegetables, cooked orzo, capers, olives, feta cheese, parsley and half the marinara sauce. Fill peppers with orzo mixture and pour

remaining marinara sauce around peppers. Place a reserved pepper top on each pepper. Cover loosely with foil and continue to bake 25 minutes. Remove foil and bake another 10 minutes until peppers are lightly browned. Serve with grated parmesan, romano or asiago cheese, if desired, for sprinkling. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving (with feta cheese): 336 calories, 26 percent calories from fat, 11 grams protein, 52 grams carbohydrate, 6 grams fiber, 10 grams total fat, 11 milligrams cholesterol, 769 milligrams sodium.

Per serving (with soy-based cheddar cheese): 307 calories, 22 percent calories from fat, 9 grams protein, 52 grams carbohydrate, 6 grams total fat, 7 grams total fat, 10 cholesterol, 630 milligrams sodium.

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Family Favorites

Whether it is Mom's famous bread pudding, Aunt Pam's delicious Sloppy Joes or the to-die-for stuffing served at the holidays, family recipes can nourish the soul, as well as tantalize the taste buds.

"Certain foods help to define us," said Kathryn Scherh, a nutritionist and author. "Practically every family has a special dish that is a staple at holiday dinners, religious ceremonies or other gatherings. These family favorites often pass from generation to generation and cross cultures, becoming part of the family identity."

With today's hectic lifestyles, finding the time to plan a casual family dinner while balancing careers, committee meetings and carpools to kids' soccer games can be a challenge. But adding a little comfort to family meals, even quick and simple dishes, can make for a rewarding and healthful experience.

COMFORT RECIPES

Delicious served with your favorite salsa!

MEXICAN GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH

Butter-flavored cooking spray
8 slices (1 ounce) 50 percent reduced-fat hot pepper jalapeno cheese
8 slices white sandwich bread
8 lean deli ham slices (optional)

Salsa
Heat griddle to medium-high heat. Place 2 slices cheese (and heat, if using) on each of 4 bread slices; top with remaining bread slices. Spray both sides of sandwich with cooking spray. Cook on both sides until golden brown. Serve with salsa. Yield: 4 servings

ORANGE-PARSLEY HUMMUS

1/3 cup fresh parsley leaves
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 can garbanzo beans (15 ounces), rinsed and drained
1/4 cup fresh orange juice
2 tablespoons tahini (sesame seed paste)
1 1/2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar

1 teaspoon low-sodium soy sauce
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/8 teaspoon ground pepper
With food processor on, drop parsley through chute; process until minced. Add all remaining ingredients and process until smooth. Refrigerate 1-2 hours before serving. Serve with favorite crackers. Yield: 1 1/2 cups (serving size—2 tablespoons)

HEART-HEALTHY ITALIAN BREAD SALAD

Seasoned Bread Cubes
1 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
1 teaspoon dried oregano
Small loaf Italian or sourdough bread, cubed
Olive oil-flavored cooking spray

Dressing:
1/2 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
1/4 cup reduced-fat chicken broth
1 hard-boiled egg
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

Cracked pepper to taste
Place in blender and blend until smooth.

Salad:
Large head of Romaine lettuce, torn

Small jar roasted red peppers packed in water, drained and diced

1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix together garlic powder and oregano and add to a bowl with cubed bread; lightly toss. Place bread cubes in single layer on baking sheet. Lightly spray bread with olive oil-flavored cooking spray. Bake until croutons are golden brown. In large salad bowl, toss together Romaine, peppers, dressing and croutons. Sprinkle salad with Parmesan cheese. Serve. Yield: 4 servings

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Small container grape tomatoes, diced, drained
2-3 garlic cloves, finely minced
2-3 tablespoons fresh basil, minced

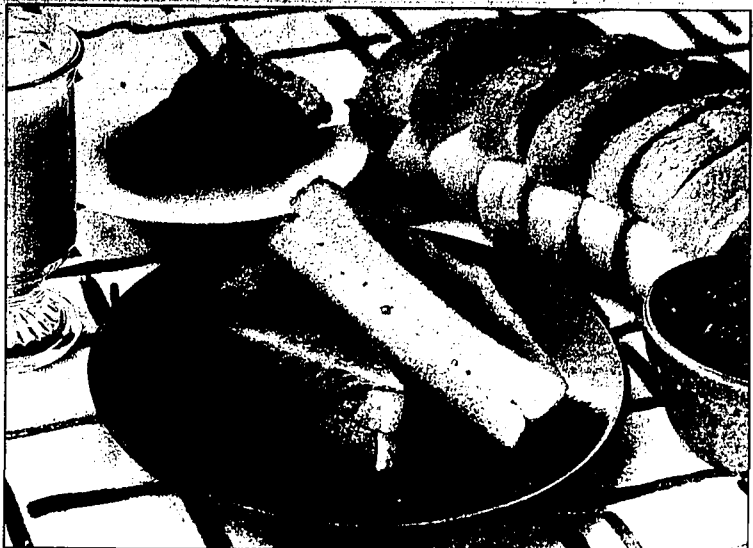
16 slices baguette bread
1-2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil (try flavored oils, such as peppercorn)

2-3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Gently mix together tomatoes, garlic and basil. Lightly toast bread in moderate oven (approximately 300 F). Meanwhile, whisk together olive oil and balsamic vinegar and toss with tomato mixture. Serve tomato mixture on top of toasted bread. Sprinkle with freshly grated Parmesan cheese. Yield: 16 pieces (1 serving—4 pieces)



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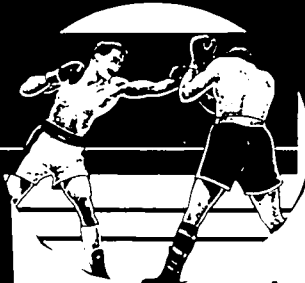
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Muted light spills into the high-ceilinged foyer through sidelights and an arched transom. Then the foyer opens out into a large living room with an even higher vaulted ceiling. Windows fill most of the living room's rear wall, and an arched clerestory window caps the lower panes of glass. Sunlight washes into the nook on three sides.

Dining room, living room, kitchen and nook all flow one into the other with few impediments. A half wall in front of the sink bar marks the boundary between the kitchen and living room, and a gas fireplace is seated at the window corner where the kitchen, nook and living room come together. A guest suite with private bath has its own wing off to the right.

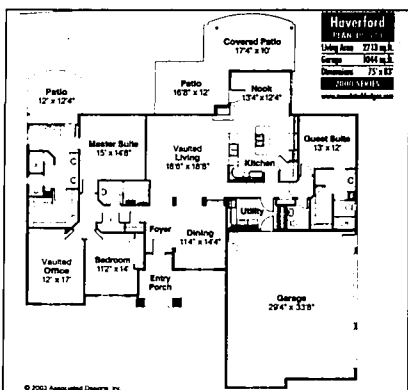


The Haverford has a classic look and contemporary features.

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The master suite, office and another bedroom cluster together on the left. Master suite amenities include a large walk-in closet plus a luxurious bathroom with a spa tub, walk-in shower, dual vanity and private toilet.

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Chocolate coffeecake recipe does the trick

By Ellen Harris
The Bakers' Best

Anne O'Neill of Bel Air, Md., requested a French chocolate coffeecake recipe. She wrote, "I had yeast, melted chocolate chips and cinnamon. The dough was rolled out, jellyroll style, filled with chocolate and put in a tube pan and covered with a crumbly topping. I'd love to find this lost recipe." Beverly Kohn of Owings Mills, Md., responds: "Enclosed is the recipe I think Anne O'Neill is looking for. It was in *House & Gardens* magazine in April 1971. I have made it many times, and sometimes I use cinnamon and brown sugar and butter instead of the chocolate chips. Both are excellent. I hope she enjoys."

CHOCOLATE COFFEECAKE
2 envelopes active dry yeast
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup sugar
2/3 cup water
1/2 cup butter or margarine
1/3 cup evaporated milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
4 egg yolks
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
Filling:
3/4 cup semisweet chocolate morsels
1/2 cup evaporated milk
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Topping:
1/4 cup flour
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon

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4 tablespoons butter
1/4 cup semisweet chocolate morsels
1/4 cup chopped nuts
Combine yeast and 1 1/2 cups flour in a large mixing bowl. In a saucepan, combine sugar, water, butter, evaporated milk and salt. Heat just until warm; add to yeast mixture. Add egg yolks. Beat at low speed 30 seconds; beat 3 minutes at high speed. Stir in 2 1/2 cups more flour. Place in a greased bowl; turn once to coat surface of dough. Cover; let rise until double, about 2 hours. Punch down; turn onto floured surface and let rest 10 minutes. Meanwhile, for the filling, in a medium saucepan combine chocolate morsels, evaporated milk, sugar and cinnamon. Cook and stir over low heat until chocolate melts; cool. Roll dough to an 18-inch-by-10-inch rectangle. Spread with chocolate mixture; roll up from long side. Seal and join ends. Place seam down in a greased 10-inch tube pan. For the topping, combine the flour, sugar and cinnamon. Cut in the butter with a pastry blender or two knives. Sprinkle mixture on dough. Let rise about 1 1/4 hours. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 50 minutes. Cool 15 minutes; remove from pan. Serves 12 to 16.

Pesto and bean soup provides great meal without much effort

By Linda Gassenheimer
The Miami Herald

With today's fast pace, we tend to forget about homemade soups. This pesto and bean soup is easy, healthy and delicious. This meal can be turned into a vegetarian dinner by using vegetable broth instead of chicken broth. This recipe calls for acini pepe, which is a very small pasta that is perfect for soups. You can use orzo, a rice-shaped pasta, or any type of small pasta. You can also use any leftover pasta you have. Break it up into equal-size small pieces.

PESTO AND BEAN SOUP
Olive oil spray
1/2 medium onion, sliced (1 cup)
2 medium carrots thinly sliced, (1 cup)
2 1/2 cups plus 2 tablespoons fat-free, low-salt chicken broth
1 cup dry white wine
1/3 cup acini pepe pasta
1 cup rinsed canned cannellini beans
1/2 cup frozen peas
Several drops hot pepper sauce
2 garlic cloves, peeled
1 cup fresh basil
1 tablespoon olive oil
1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons pine nuts

Dinner in Minutes

Heat a large saucepan on high and spray with olive-oil spray. Add onion and carrots and saute, stirring, 5 minutes. Add 2 1/2 cups chicken broth, white wine, pasta and beans. Reduce heat to medium and simmer uncovered 15 minutes. Add peas and hot pepper sauce and simmer 5 minutes. While soup simmers, chop garlic and basil in a food processor or by hand. Add olive oil, remaining 2 tablespoons chicken broth and Parmesan cheese to processor and blend well. Add pine nuts and chop once more. Remove soup from heat and stir in pesto sauce. Serve with Roasted Pepper Bruschetta. Makes 2 servings.
Roasted Pepper Bruschetta:
2 slices Italian bread or 2 Italian rolls split in half
1 teaspoon olive oil
1/4 cup sweet roasted red peppers, sliced
Preheat broiler and line a baking sheet with foil. Brush bread with olive oil and place under broiler for 1 minute. Remove and spoon roasted pepper evenly over bread. Return to broiler for 1 minute. Remove and serve with soup. Makes 2 servings.

Home sauna doesn't use too much power

DEAR JIM: I want to install a small sauna in my home so I don't have to drive to a health club after work to use one. Are there small one-or-two-person kits available that don't use a huge amount of electricity?

—SAMMI

DEAR SAM: A quick sauna bath after a hard day's work can be relaxing and therapeutic. Operating a small, efficient home-size sauna will not increase your utility bills by much. During the winter, the heat it produces reduces the load on your furnace. Firewood-powered heaters are also available.

Many of the smaller sauna kits use only about five dollars of electricity per week and are plugged into a standard electrical outlet. Since you feel warmer for quite a while after a sauna bath, you may end up setting your furnace thermostat a little lower and reduce your utility bills overall.

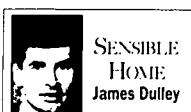
You have several options for home-size sauna kits depending on your specific needs. For just one or two people, a small modular kit may be your best choice. These are delivered to your home in two halves which you screw or lock together with pins. It takes about 15 minutes to assemble one.

Two-piece modular models are mounted on castors to easily move from room to room. For the most relaxation, choose one that has built-in stereo speakers and a radio is provided. Since the sauna is small, it heats up quickly.

The next step up is a multi-sectional modular kit, often called preassembled. The floor, walls, ceiling, benches, etc. are delivered in completed sections. It usually takes about four hours to attach the sections together.

Some small models have contemporary styles with curved walls, a built-in tall mirror, shelves, towel racks on the exterior, and soft interior lighting. The door is full glass so you don't get a closed-in sensation. One-person kits measure about three by four feet up to two-person kits at 4 by 6 feet.

For a larger family, select a rectangular multi-sectional kit



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which resemble ones at a health club, only smaller. If you choose one of these, look for ones with adjustable seating and backrests, adjustable vents and a prehung door. Optional heaters are available that convert to steam generators, too.

Selecting the proper temperature controls impacts your sauna experience. A remote control (connected by a wire to the heater) allows you to vary the temperature without getting up. Smaller, interior temperature can fluctuate if you don't have a good control unit.

If you are handy with tools and want to save some money, select a pre-cut kit. All of the component pieces are delivered cut to size and you have to assemble it from scratch. Plan on spending a full weekend to complete one.

Write for Update Bulletin No. 800 - buyer's guide of 11 home-size sauna kit manufacturers listing sizes, materials, designs, heaters, controls, accessories, features, prices, and installation instructions. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to: James Dulle, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.



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Better choices can help cities shed fat image

By Kim North Shales
Detroit Free Press

DETROIT—Several American cities are taking a punch in the gut about their guts. When it comes to diet, exercise and healthy habits, Men's Fitness magazine has called 25 cities to the mat.

Houston, we will have a problem. And it has less to do with Ken Lay and Chuck Watson than with Lay's Potato Chips and chuck roast," the magazine says of the Texas city.

According to the Men's Fitness 4th annual America's Fattest Cities survey, Houston wears Fatness City crown for the third year in a row, followed by Chicago and Detroit.

"The only time Detroiters run is when someone offers them fruits and vegetables," the mag chastises in its February issue.

"I laughed when I heard that," said dietitian Beth Thayer, Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, about the fruit and vegetable aversion. "Unfortunately it's true."

Too much poundage is believed to contribute to health problems such as diabetes, heart disease, stroke and some cancers. So here's the skinny from

Thayer and other nutritionists/physical trainers: At least one change in diet is crucial.

• **Watch what you eat.** It can result in more nutritional meals and help to avoid the typical time crunch that sends so many into a fast-food drinking.

• **If hunger pangs hit, try drinking water.** Thayer says. "Often, people think they're hungry when they're actually just thirsty or even borderline dehydration that's tricking the brain into thinking it needs a Whopper instead of water."

• **Before mealtime, have a broth-based soup** such as chicken noodle to make you feel fuller and eat less.

• **Consider meeting with a registered dietitian or at least your regular doctor.** Some insurance plans cover the cost of dietetic services. Others cover part of the cost. Either way, the cost can be lower than prepackaged weight-loss foods.

• **Remember the old adage** when it comes to weight-loss promises such as 48-hour miracles or melting away the fat while asleep: If it sounds too good to be true, it is. Thayer says.

• **Remove temptations.** If your car seems to regularly steer into the doughnut shop on the way to work, change your route.

Men's Fitness' Fattest Cities

1. Houston, Texas
2. Chicago, Ill.
3. Detroit, Mich.
4. San Francisco, Calif.
5. Colorado Springs, Colo.
6. San Diego, Calif.
7. Portland, Ore.
8. Denver, Colo.
9. Virginia Beach, Va.
10. Tucson, Ariz.
11. Sacramento, Calif.

SOURCE: www.mensfitness.com

• **Eat out as seldom as possible.** Or when eating out, eat half the portion. Take the other half home. If the health aspect isn't enough to inspire you, think of it as two meals for the price of one.

• **Snack on fruit and other healthy snacks** to avoid getting too hungry and pigging out.

• **Do your own research** by talking to doctors or dietitians. Review reputable publications and Web sites from medical groups and governmental agencies. Talk to people who have lost weight and kept it off.

• **Give it time and stick to it.**

• **Do it for you and your family.** If you

learn to eat properly and stay active and you start losing weight and feeling better, your spouse will see that. Your children will see it. They will learn to become healthy too.

NO-GUILT RECIPE
There are many flavor combinations in this recipe from smoky to sweet to a little hot. The bacon mixture gives the salmon added crunch and flavor, although true salmon-lovers might prefer their fish plain.

SUCCULENT BAKED SALMON
Olive oil
12-ounce salmon fillet, skin and any

bones removed, cut into 2 equal pieces
Salt to taste
1 to 2 tablespoons hot and sweet mustard, or any favorite mustard

1 slice of bacon, chopped
2 garlic cloves, peeled, chopped
2 shallots, peeled, chopped
Large pinch of dried oregano

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Line a baking sheet with foil and brush it with olive oil. Place the salmon fillets on the baking sheet; sprinkle them with salt and spread the mustard over the top. Set the salmon aside. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Meanwhile, in a small skillet, saute the bacon over medium heat until it's golden. Add the shallots and garlic, mix well, cover and cook until the shallots and garlic have softened, about 5 minutes. Stir in the oregano and black pepper to taste. Stir the shallot mixture and divide it between the salmon fillets, spreading it evenly over the top. Bake the salmon for 15 to 20 minutes or until the fish just begins to flake easily when poked with a knife tip. Remove it from oven and serve immediately. Makes 2 servings.

—From "The Good Fat Cookbook," by Fran McCullough, Barry Sears, Frances Monsen McCullough

A proper scone should be dignified, not big and loud

By Kristin Eddy
Chicago Tribune

"The best kind of rain, of course, is a cozy rain ... the rain that falls on a day when you'd just as soon stay in bed a little longer, write letters or read a good book by the fire, take early tea with hot scones and jam and look out the streaked window with complacency."

— From "England For All Seasons," by Susan Allen Toth

What a yummy scone that is, especially the part about the hot scones and jam. Those British quick breads will forever be a part of the teatime ritual, an hour when it's best to slow down, relax and take in a little sustenance after the demands of a busy day.

The British probably never imagined happening, though, is the way American bakers have taken over the scone and generally turned it into a monstrous triangle, jammed full of unorthodox dried fruit, chocolate chips and spices and dense enough to prop up the leg of an uneven tea table. With some coffeehouse scones topping 6 ounces — and the cinnamon version of a famous chain clocking in at more than 500 calories — the scone is in danger of becoming just another overwrought pastry.

"They are huge here," agrees Caroline Cracraft, vice consul for press at the British Consulate in Chicago. "My mother always made them with a cookie cutter; they should be a maximum of about 2 inches."

To be fair, there are so many ways to prepare scones, even in Britain, that it is difficult to claim a standard recipe.

London-born food writer Elizabeth Allen, author of "Biscuits and Scones," ran into the same problem while doing research for the cookbook: "I went into my mother's recipe collection, trying to come up with the perfect scone. But it appeared that there were different ones for different occasions: plain, with very little fat and no currants; a richer scone made with lots of butter for tea parties. Even Irish soda bread is a sort of scone."

But it is still safe to give a scone certain parameters. Scones are meant to be a snack, a quick bread with just enough satisfying bites to help bridge lunch and dinner. Because scones are often part of a formal tea, in which small sandwiches and little pastries are also offered, any scone that dwarfs your palm should be considered a pushy interloper on the tray.

Think lightness and tenderness, the way Southern bakers give their breakfast biscuits such a gentle touch.

Raisins and currants are lovely additions, but wizened blueberries and hunks of dried apricot tend to go over the line. Sweet spices are nice, if used

judiciously, and savory scones, containing cheese and even bacon, can be a fine alternative, as long as they don't start to resemble a Grand Slam Breakfast at Denny's.

Scones evolved into an elegant treat, lavishly spread with butter, jam and thick, spreadable clotted cream, also called Devonshire cream. But the earliest recipes were far humbler. The tea bread started out as a plain, hearth-cooked quick bread — a specialty of Scottish homes in the 15th century, according to "A Feast of Scotland," by Janet Warren.

California-based writer and cooking teacher Flo Braker says, "The reason so many of the scones get so heavy is because of how they are made. When you start using a large machine, you don't get the same quality. It can alter the temperature of the fat; it needs to be cold. That's what helps give scones their lightness."

A good scone is closer to a shortcake biscuit, leaning toward a cakey, rather than flaky, texture — the latter the sign of a great breakfast biscuit — and contains more sugar than a breakfast biscuit would. Another difference is that while biscuits make their appearance in America at main meals, particularly in the morning, a British scone is served at teatime. You won't find a scone hiding under a blanket of sausage gravy.

Here is a tender scone, studded with raisins, from one of the most famous hotels in

London. Their elegant teas include this recipe, adapted from "Taking Tea at the Savoy."

SAVORY RAISIN SCONES

Yield: 12 scones

2 cups flour

4 tablespoons baking powder

6 tablespoons each: sugar, unsalted butter

1/8 teaspoon salt

2 1/2 cup milk

1/2 cup golden raisins

1 egg, lightly beaten

Sift the flour and baking powder together into the container of a food processor with the metal blade in place; add sugar and butter. Pulse until mixture resembles fine crumbs, about 30 pulses. Place the flour mixture in a medium bowl. Make a well in the center; add the milk and raisins. Gently stir, being careful not to overmix. Place dough on lightly floured surface; knead lightly 2 or 3 times. Roll dough to 3/8-inch thickness. Cut out scones with a 2 1/2-inch round cookie cutter. Leftover dough scraps can be re-rolled for cutting. Place rounds on a greased baking sheet; brush egg on tops with pastry brush. Let stand 15 minutes. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Bake scones until lightly

browned, 15 minutes. Serve warm.

A savory scone is just as welcome at the tea table as one sweetened with sugar and dried fruit. This recipe, developed in the Chicago Tribune test kitchen, features tangy cheddar cheese and a slight bite from ground red pepper and mustard.

CHEESE SCONES

Yield: 12 scones

2 cups flour

1 teaspoon each: cream of tartar, baking soda

1/4 teaspoon each: ground red pepper, ground mustard, salt

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, chilled

1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons milk

1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Sift together the flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, red pepper, mustard and salt into the

bowl of a food processor with metal blade inserted; add 2 tablespoons of the butter. Pulse until lumps resemble tiny peas, about 5 times. Add 1/2 cup milk; pulse. Add up to 3 tablespoons of additional milk until dough is soft but not sticky; add cheese. Pulse 4 times. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Place dough on floured

surface; knead lightly 2 or 3 times. Roll dough to 3/4-inch thickness. Cut out scones with a 2-inch cutter. Leftover dough scraps can be re-rolled for cutting. Melt remaining tablespoon butter; brush over scones tops. Place scones on a greased baking sheet. Bake until golden, about 10 minutes.

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FOOD & HOME

Analyst expects futuristic food world

By Allison Askins
Knight Ridder News Service

Imagine a convenience store stocked with a chef, "V-stores" that whip out entire dinners and more meal kit options than your local grocery store.

Sound crazy or like a dream come true?

Food trends observer Bob Messenger of Ellenton, Fla., predicts each of these is a wave of the food world future - within the next decade or sooner.

"The whole ballgame for people in food manufacturing is how to get good food that constitutes a meal to consumers faster," Messenger said.

The days of routine scratch cooking never will return, he said. Holiday meals and special occasions always will lend themselves to those extra efforts, but daily meals cooked from scratch simply won't fit into modern family life.

The desire for quick and convenient, however, doesn't mean consumers are willing to sacrifice the taste of scratch cooking. And therein lies the challenge for the food industry - finding more ways to create great-tasting food that can be prepared quickly or picked up on the way home from work.

"When they say 'home cooking' today, what they really mean are food components that are pretty much prepared so that all the cook has to do is assemble those products and then form them into a meal," Messenger said.

That means we'll be seeing more kits with items for a meal all in one package.

Messenger also has seen test runs in the Western United States of convenience stores staffed with chefs. These chefs cook meals to go for the work-weary parent heading home after a day of juggling children's schedules, meetings at the office and project deadlines.

"The stores are easier to get in and out of (than a larger grocery store) and they're located in neighborhoods," Messenger said.

Some of this bodes well for the larger grocery stores, he said.

Messenger predicts that big groceries will make big shifts in the years ahead - going smaller and offering their foods in much more convenient ways. Among the options he and other trend-watchers see? Drive-through windows, delis close to the front door, Internet shopping and computer programs that let a store know when you've just run out of Chips Ahoy cookies.

Messenger also thinks "V-stores" or vending stores are sure to feed our adult children and grandchildren. These stores will be stocked with high-tech vending machines that can cook a spaghetti dinner and have it ready for you within minutes.

Messenger pointed out that a

machine already on the market can make french fries from fresh potatoes in less than two minutes.

At least we can tell our children we remember when we thought it was a wild and crazy idea introduced by George Jetson when we were kids.

Some of what Messenger has to say may give you pause, but he reminded me that the

changes will be incremental and evolutionary. We'll adapt and none of it will seem as scary strange when we're actually living with it.

Messenger also predicts that the food industry will meet the consumer's rising demand for healthier foods if we really put our money where our mouths are.

We eat a lot of unhealthy

foods because we want the taste they provide.

"Five years ago, I used to laugh at the whole organic thing," Messenger said. "I was wrong. It is definitely a lively trend, but here again, it gets down to taste."

"There is a bottom line for people all over the world. That little bottom line is called taste."

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SPORTS QUOTE

Is she a

COUNTRY-MUSIC

song waiting to

happen, or what?

—Dancer, Post columnist

Jim Armstrong on

former figure skater Tonya

Harding on her recent DWI

and open-container arrest

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who was the first NBA player

to score 2,000 or more points in

the regular season?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school boys basketball

Valley at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.

Jerome at Minico, 7:30 p.m.

High school girls basketball

Pilar at Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Bononville at Burley, 7:30 p.m.

Jerome at Minico, 6 p.m.

High school wrestling

Highland at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.

Minico at Pocatello, 7 p.m.

High school bowling

Twin Falls at Hansen, 4 p.m.

Kimberly at Hansen, 4 p.m.

Burley - Declu, Gooding,

Minico, at Snake River Bowl, 4

p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI adds 7-footer

for next season

TWIN FALLS - College of

Southern Idaho men's basketball

coach Guy Beach announced

Tuesday that 6-foot-11 freshman

pro Adigen will join the team at

the start of semester next

Tuesday.

Adigen, 19, who's from Nigeria

but has been living in Arizona

for a year, arrived in Twin Falls

on Friday. Assistant coach Brian

Hancock was tipped to Adigen

through Doug Shouse, who helps

place international student-ath-

letes with colleges and high

schools, in Glendale, Ariz.

Because the team has used its

allotment of foreign-eligible schol-

arships, Adigen is funding his own

way through school, Beach added.

He will become eligible in the

fall.

Burley golfer makes

hole in one at Jerome GC

BURLEY - Jerry Price hit a

hole in one with an 8-iron on the

150-yard No. 7 at Burley Golf

Course on Tuesday.

Witnesses were Ted Sanford,

Don Price and Jack Atup.

Twin Falls Legion

Baseball meets Jan. 27

TWIN FALLS - A meeting for

American Legion Baseball par-

ents and board members will be

held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 27 in Room

C2 at Twin Falls High School.

The group will discuss the sum-

mer season and plans for its April

fund-raising auction.

Board members selected at the

Jan. 12 meeting are Laird Stone,

president; Rick Mikessell and Ken

Steeleman, vice presidents; Denise

Turner, secretary; and Randy

Bernard, treasurer.

For more information, call

Laird Stone at 733-2721.

Buhl Volleyball Club

holds registration today

BUHL - The Buhl Volleyball

Club is holding sign-ups for the

2003 season today from 5-7 p.m. in

the Buhl High School foyer.

Girls in grades 5-12 can pick up

registration forms at Buhl High

School, the middle school or the

elementary school. Cost is \$20

and a team jersey costs an addi-

tional \$15.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Detroit's George Yardley,

4,001 in the 1957-58 season.

Agassi cruises at Australian Open

The Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia - Three-

time champion Andre Agassi cruised

to a second-round victory over Lee

Stefanec in the Australian Open on

Wednesday, losing only one game in

the match.

Lee, who became the first South

Korean to win an ATP Tour title last

Saturday, took the first game with

three clean, grassstroke winners and

a save by Agassi.

Another winner and two misses by

Agassi gave Lee three break points

against the second-seeded American's

serve before Agassi turned the match

completely around.

He answered by winning 13 straight

points on his way to a 6-1, 6-0, 6-0 vic-

tory.

Fourth-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero,

who lost to Lee in the Adidas

International on Saturday, reached

the third round here by beating Jan-

Rene Lisnard 6-0, 6-4, 6-2.

French Open champion Albert

Costa, seeded eighth, advanced with a

6-4, 6-7 (9), 6-2, 6-3 victory over

Australian wild-card Scott Draper.

He next plays Spain's Felix

Mantilla, who ousted No. 27 Jan-

Michael Gambill.

"I was seeing the

ball pretty well,"

Agassi said. "He hits

the ball so flat, he

struggled control-

ling it early. ... Once

you get up, it's a lot

easier to make more

shots."

On the women's side, fifth-seeded

Justine Henin-Hardenne needed only

48 minutes to beat former top 10 play-

er Anna Kournikova 6-0, 6-1.

Kournikova, coming back from an

ankle injury, double faulted six times,

missed most of her volley attempts

and committed 29 unforced errors.

This tournament marked the first

time Kournikova, the 1997

Wimbledon semifinalist, had

advanced beyond the first round in

five Grand Slam events. She has fallen

to 42nd in the rankings from a high

of No. 8 in 2001.

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Andre Agassi

prepares to

serve against

Lee Hyung-taik

during their

second round

match at the

Australian Open

Tennis

Tournament in

Melbourne,

Tuesday. Agassi

won the match,

6-1, 6-0, 6-0.

BRUINS BITE BACK

Maloney, Hovey lead Twin Falls over Jerome

By Joe Paisley

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Thanks to an

invigorated Twin Falls, a blowout

soon became a white-knuckling,

nail-biting thriller of a high school

girls basketball game.

The victor wasn't decided until

the final moments.

"I wanted the ball at the end

because I'd missed a clutch free

throw," said Bruins senior

Danielle Maloney, who finished

with 13 points.

Fortunately for Bruins fans, she

didn't miss again.

Maloney sank both free throws

with 13.7 seconds left to give Twin

Falls a 50-47 come-from-behind,

nonconference victory over rival

Jerome Tuesday at Baun

Gymnasium.

Amanda Hovey led the Bruins

(12-3) with 16 points.

The win averaged a 50-38 loss to

the Tigers on Dec. 3.

Jerome's Whitney Clark, who

led the Tigers with 16 points, hit

two of three free throws with 14.8

ticks remaining to pull Jerome

within one, 48-47, setting the stage

for Maloney's heroics at the line.

Clark hacked Maloney on the

inbounds pass, fouling out and

putting Maloney on the line.

Maloney's two good attempts put

her at 9-for-10 for the quarter and

10-for-12 for the contest.

The rally was even more consid-

erable considering how far down

the Bruins (12-3) were to the 14-2

Tigers. Jerome closed out the first

half with an 11-0 run for a 30-15

lead.

Jerome led 32-15 with 7:04 left

in the third quarter before the

Bruins started to click on offense

and swarm on defense.

"At halftime, we decided we

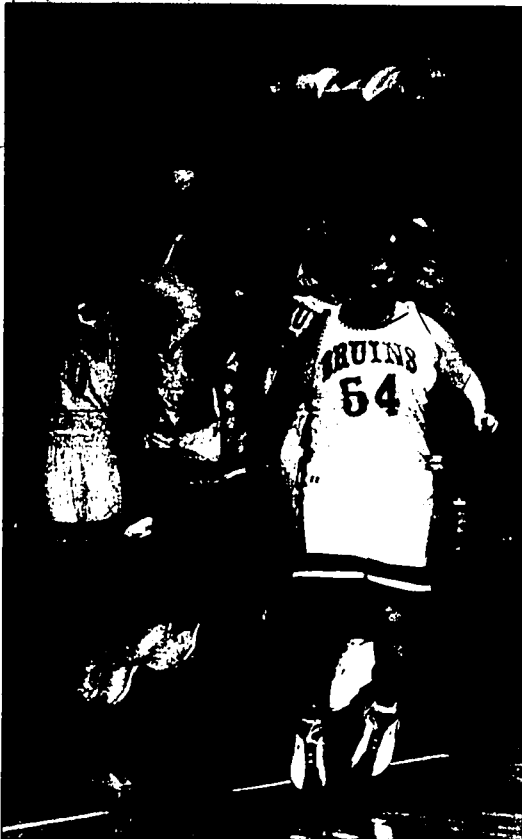
had to play a lot tougher,"

Maloney said. "As we got closer,

we started to believe in our-

selves."

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The Twin Falls girls basketball team celebrates their 17-point, come-from-behind win over Jerome at Baun Gymnasium on Tuesday night. The victory avenged an earlier loss in December.

Steady QB leads Bucs to title game

Johnson has thrown for 18 TDs, two interceptions in last seven games

By Fred Goodall

Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. - Brad Johnson looks around the

Tampa Bay Buccaneers' locker room and sees one of

the biggest collection of stars in the NFL.

There are five All-Pro, four Pro Bowl starters and

eight others who have

made at least one trip to

Hawaii for the season-

ending all-star game,

including the 34-year-

old Johnson.

The Bucs quarterback

by the least herald-

ed among a group

including Warren Sapp,

Derrick Brooks,

Keyshawn Johnson,

John Lynch, Simeon

Rice and Mike Alstott. But his performance is one

of the biggest reasons Tampa Bay is in the NFC

championship game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I think the big thing in this league is that you

always want to give your team a chance to win.

Hopefully the guys around you will feed off of that,"

Johnson said. "Guys play hard, guys make plays,

and guys believe, regardless of the situation. I think

Please see BUCS, Page D2



Tampa Bay quarterback Brad Johnson throws against the San Francisco 49ers in the first quarter of the NFC Divisional playoff Sunday in Tampa, Fla. As confident as they are and as well as they're playing, the Bucs will still have to buck some serious trends to reach the Super Bowl.

Marvin Lewis will try to resurrect Bengals

Becomes third black head coach in NFL

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI - The architect of one of the NFL's greatest defenses will try to resurrect its worst team.

Marvin Lewis was hired Tuesday as head coach of the Cincinnati Bengals, who haven't had a winning season in the last 12 years. Lewis was coordinator of the Baltimore Ravens defense that won the 2001 Super Bowl and set an NFL record for fewest points allowed in a season.

The hiring marked a philosophical shift for the Bengals, who had not brought in a total outsider as head coach since 1980.

"It's a big step in the right direction for the franchise, as well as for the Brown family," Pro Bowl fullback Lorenzo Neal said. "It's good for morale."

Lewis is the third black head coach in the NFL, joining Tony



Marvin Lewis

Dungy of Indianapolis and Herman Edwards of the New York Jets.

The NFL has been under

pressure from a group led by

Joshua W. Smith, Jr. and

Cyrus Mehri to accelerate the pace

of minority hiring. All 32 teams

agreed last month to interview

minority candidates when they

have openings for a coach or key

positions in the front office.

"In the 35 years of the franchise, there haven't been a lot of

blacks in there," offensive tackle

Willie Anderson said.

He's starting at the bottom.

"This is about hard work,"

Lewis said. "I don't think places

up or lose. I have a plan to get

the little things done to bring the

performance of our team up, to

cultivate the guys we have and to

add players to it."

James toys with Hummer controversy, then scores 50

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — LeBron James drove his Hummer toward the basket, made a hard left near the baseline, spun around some cheerleaders and brought it to a screeching stop.

Under the bench. While his teammates warmed up two hours before Tuesday night's game, James, whose recent acquisition of a luxury sports utility vehicle has led to a state investigation into his eligibility, toyed with the controversy spinning around him.

Sitting on the floor at midcourt, the nation's top high school basketball player, smiled as he steered a remote control Hummer around the floor of Akron's James A. Rhodes Arena.

"OK," he said. "Here's my real Hummer."

On Monday, the Ohio High School Athletic Association began an investigation into how James, the expected No. 1 pick in this year's NBA draft, acquired a 2003 Hummer H2 vehicle.

State officials are concerned that James, a senior, might have violated his amateur status by accepting an improper gift.

Clay Muscareo, commissioner of the OHSAA, said Tuesday that any inquiry was continuing and that he was still in the process of gathering information.

James certainly had his game in overdrive Tuesday night, scoring a school record 50 points including 13 3-pointers to lead the nation's No. 1-ranked team to a 92-56 rout of Mentor.

James, who finished 19-of-25 from the field, didn't answer any questions regarding the Hummer

or the state's investigation during his postgame interview.

St. Vincent-St. Mary coach Dr. Joyce was asked if he's worried James may have violated his eligibility.

"I'm not concerned," Joyce said. "That's out of our hands anyway."

Muscareo said the OHSAA, which is conducting its inquiry from its office in Columbus, had been in contact with St. Vincent-St. Mary on Tuesday and that the school was in the process of sending him documents.

The OHSAA has asked the school to provide written evidence about how the SUV was bought and financed. If it is shown to be an improper gift from an outside source, James could forfeit his amateur status and his school would have to forfeit its games from the time the 6-foot-8 sensation acquired the extravagant vehicle.

James, a senior, reportedly got the Hummer — with a base retail price of \$50,000 — as an 18th birthday gift from his mother, Gloria, who has told school officials that she obtained a bank loan to finance the vehicle.

Gloria James has refused to comment on the situation.

One of the OHSAA's bylaws says an athlete forfeits his or her amateur status by "capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value."

James' SUV is reportedly outfitted with three televisions, has seatbelts embroidered with "King James", and hookups for computer games.

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Area 51 report
The report of a UFO sighting in the desert near the Nevada Test Site, 1946, was the first of a series of sightings that led to the creation of Area 51, a secret military testing facility.

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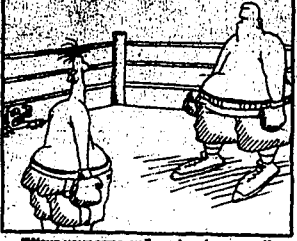
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"Weave your arms, fold, and make yourself appear as large as possible. If that doesn't work, curl into a fetal position and play dead."

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Famous, fans attend tribute to Boston Globe columnist
BOSTON — Mayors and media, sports figures and their fans filed into the FleetCenter on Tuesday to pay tribute to Boston Globe reporter Will McDonough.

McDonough, a man who was among the first to report the controversy surrounding the Boston Bruins' 1994 Stanley Cup victory, died last week.

During his 14-year career, McDonough was a head coach, Hartley's won five championships, including the Stanley Cup he won with Colorado. He also won two major league and two junior league titles.

Five NHL coaches have been fired this season, but two — including Hartley — already had been fired.

Darryl Sutter, fired by San Jose, was hired a few weeks later by Calgary.

Bryden makes offer to buy bankrupt Senators
OTTAWA — Ottawa Senators majority owner Rod Bryden and a co-conspirator met Tuesday to submit an offer to buy the bankrupt hockey team and its arena.

Bryden filed the offer — backed by an unidentified New York-based corporation — at the NHL's offices in Manhattan.

Bryden placed the value of the bid for the team and the Corel Center between \$80 million to \$100 million.

The Senators filed for bankruptcy last week, another team, the Buffalo Sabres, sought protection from creditors Monday.

Bryden met with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and representatives of Covanta Energy Corp., a bankrupt U.S. firm owed \$60 million to the Corel Center.

A decision on the bid is expected within 10 days.

Authorities question Cowboys DB in hit-and-run
DALLAS — Cowboys reserve defensive back Dwayne Goodrich was questioned Tuesday about a high-speed hit-and-run accident on a Dallas freeway that killed two people and injured two others.

"He turned himself in today and told them what happened. He's devastated. It was a tragic accident," Goodrich's agent, Stephen J. Zucker, told The Associated Press late Tuesday.

Police said a car clipped a tractor-trailer rig and caught fire about 2.5 a.m. Tuesday on Interstate 35 in North Dallas.

As a result, the car was stuck for those in the burning car, another car came speeding through the scene at an estimated 110 mph. Officers said the driver tried to swerve between the disabled vehicles and hit several people, two of whom were killed.

No charges were filed as of Tuesday night. Zucker said his client will surrender to police Wednesday.

Thrashers hire former Ays coach Bob Hartley
ATLANTA — If Bob Hartley wanted a challenge, he came to the right place.

The Atlanta Thrashers hired Hartley as head coach Tuesday, hoping the 2001 Stanley Cup winner can turn around the team with the NHL's worst record.

Hartley was fired less than a month ago by the Colorado Avalanche after a 10-8-9 start.

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SPORTS

NHL bankruptcies don't stop sponsors from

NEW YORK (AP) — On the day the Buffalo Sabres became the second NHL franchise in a week to declare bankruptcy, the league signed a \$1 million sponsorship deal with the Kellogg Company.

So how bad can things be?

Jim Andrews, editorial director of IEG Sponsorship Reports, which monitors corporate sponsorship of sports, sees the Kellogg buy as a sign of a healthy league.

"In terms of marketers, it takes more than those bankruptcies to disrupt interest in a league," he said. "The NHL is still a good buy. If you take a three-, four-, five-year view of its health, there might be serious questions. But most sponsors look short-term."

"Until the ratings plummet and people stop buying tickets — and at this point there's not a compelling reason to do that — it remains solid."

Commissioner Gary Bettman

endorses that perspective. Following the Sabres' filing, he addressed the state of his league.

"Overall, we're coming off five years in a row of record attendance," he said. "We have unprecedented exposure and, in fact, we have unprecedented revenues."

"In the last decade, we have managed to grow revenues from a little over \$400 million to \$2 billion. So in some respects, the business side, as it relates to revenues, has never been stronger."

There are, however, other issues like spiraling salaries, poor business decisions in individual markets, limited revenue streams from broadcasting and perhaps an overambitious expansion to 30 teams. Half the teams reportedly lost money last year. Ottawa filed for bankruptcy protection from more than \$160 million in debts. Court papers indicate the Sabres owe their 40 largest creditors

more than \$200 million.

"In retrospect, the league probably expanded too fast with the result that for an industry without a major television contract, it was probably predictable that in the current economic environment some teams would run into problems," said Ed Edwards, chairman of the financial and commercial law department at Western Michigan University.

Yet the league has no trouble attracting sponsors with more than 20 in the fold. Corporate spending increased from \$350 million last year to \$400 million this year. Eleven of 13 sponsors renewed and five new sponsors have signed on over the last two years.

Still, \$1 million is small change for a company the size of Kellogg, which had \$8 billion in sales in 2001. And unfortunately for the league, the small change image surfaces in its television con-

tracts.

Each NHL team gets about \$5.7 million for TV rights in the United States and Canada. Compare that with each NFL club receiving \$77 million. And yet, the average salary in the NFL in 2001 was \$1.1 million compared with \$1.64 million in the NHL.

The problems of the Sabres and Ottawa Senators are the latest financial hits for the league. In 1998, the Pittsburgh Penguins filed for bankruptcy and were rescued by retired star Mario Lemieux, who converted \$25 million in deferred salary and cash into an equity stake to lead a new ownership group of more than a dozen investors and returned to play.

The Los Angeles Kings filed for bankruptcy in 1995 to allow the purchase of the team to proceed.

Bettman does not think any team will fold because of money



Buffalo Sabres' Taylor Pyatt skates over the team logo during practice at HSBC Arena in Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 8. Despite bankruptcy filings by the Sabres and the Ottawa Senators, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman says he doesn't think any team will fold because of money problems.

Matsui draws crowd at Yankees introduction

NEW YORK (AP) — Even the mayor showed up to greet Godzilla.

For Hideki Matsui's formal introduction to New York, he was given a news conference befitting a head of state: Hundreds of reporters and dozens of camera crews filled a hotel meeting room.

Yankees manager Joe Torre interrupted his Hawaiian vacation and Roger Clemens came up from Texas.

As he put on the famous pinstripes for the first time, he turned around to proudly display his usual

Yoshihiro Nishida, Japan's counsel general in New York, was on the podium. In all, 12 people sat alongside Matsui on the dais — four more than the Yankees' current total of starting pitchers.

"Spend a lot of money," Mayor Michael Bloomberg told him.

"Goodness, we need the sales-tax revenue. If George is ever going to get a new stadium, you'll have to spend a lot."

Matsui, speaking through a translator, said he would learn English. For now, his best buddy on the Yankees will be second baseman Alfonso Soriano, a Dominican who played in Japan as a teenager and learned the language.

"I would like to try as hard as possible to be one of the team members of the New York Yankees and to be accepted in the city," Matsui said.

Matsui arrived Thursday from Japan to take a physical and complete details of the contract, and planned to return home Wednesday.

Torre took a redeye flight from Maui to St. Louis, then caught a connection to White Plains, went home for a shower, shave and a change into coat and tie, and went straight to the news conference. The manager heads right back to Hawaii on Friday for two more weeks of sun and golf.

The 28-year-old Matsui probably will be a left fielder for the Yankees, adding a bat that has produced .304 career average with 332 homers and 889 RBIs in 1,268 games. He has hit .300 or more in four straight seasons with at least 36 homers and 95 RBIs, and he's walked 100 or more times in four of the last five years, and his addition makes it likely New York will lead the major leagues in runs once again.

No. 55. Flashes popped and shutters clicked, and Matsui grinned widely, giving thumbs-ups.

With a uniform number like that, some Yankees fans might be expecting a double Joe DiMaggio. But the three-time MVP of Japan's Central League only has to hit enough to please owner George Steinbrenner, who is paying Japan's biggest baseball star \$21 million over the next three seasons.

It's tough to project when he's never played in this league before," Torre said. "He's going to have to get adjusted. Robbie Alomar had trouble last year switching teams in the same country."

Matsui isn't just a player, he's a symbol of Japanese baseball. Former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani sent him a handwritten note welcoming him to the city. The news conference was televised live in the United States on the Yankees' YES Network and beamed back to Japan, where it was 2 a.m. Wednesday.

LOOKING FOR A SUPER EMPLOYMENT OR NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITY?



Sunday, January 26

On January 26, 2003, The Times-News will publish our first ever **SUPER JOB SUNDAY** section. It will contain local and syndicated career related articles and tips for the job seeker, and a Super Sunday of employment and career opportunities you can take advantage of — all in one place!

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January 15, 2003

Kmart continues cutbacks

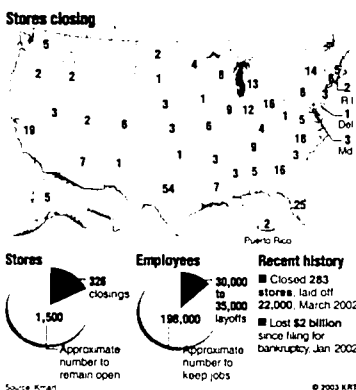


The front page of the Detroit Free Press Tuesday announces job cuts at Kmart outside a store to be closed in Detroit. Kmart Corp. will close 326 stores and cut 30,000-35,000 jobs as the retailer works to emerge from bankruptcy by April 30. Kmart said Tuesday.

Company announces it will close 326 more stores

The Times-News and
The Associated Press

Turning off the blue light
Kmart says it will close an additional 326 underperforming stores in 44 states and Puerto Rico as part of its plan to emerge from bankruptcy



including ones in Burley and Mountain Home - affecting

22,000 jobs. Analysts had predicted that this spate of closings

would be 300 to 600 stores.

The closings also include one

distribution center in Texas.

"We're all upset. I've been here

since 1998. I helped build this

store up," said Sharon Knight, an

employee at a Detroit Kmart who

learned Tuesday morning that her

store is one of those closing. "It's

kind of a tremendous loss to me."

Knight, who works behind the

store, said employees were told at

a meeting that the store is plan-

ning to close within

60 to 70 days.

Kmart filed for bankruptcy

nearly a year ago after a stock

dividend and disappointing 2001

holiday sales. Kmart is scheduled

to appear in U.S. Bankruptcy Court

in Chicago on Jan. 28 to address

the store closings.

Kmart needs to close stores

while under bankruptcy protection

to allow it to get out of leases.

Burt Flickinger, a retail analyst

with Beach Marketing, says while

store closings are necessary, the

company isn't going about it the

right way.

Kmart is basing its closures on

performance over the last year

"and should be looking at what

the business will look like the

next 12 months," Flickinger says.

Since Kmart filed for bankruptcy

Jan. 22, 2002, it has lost an

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Employee lawsuits dull Wal-Mart's image

The Baltimore Sun

SAGINAW, Mich. - They had already clocked out for the day, one employee said, but an announcement over the PA system called them back. We need help tiding the purse department. Another employee said she would punch out for lunch but be asked to stop during her break and compare prices at a competing store or pick up some office supplies.

The complaints may seem like petty grumbling - 15 minutes of off-the-clock work here, an abbreviated lunch there. But when the company accused of incrementally shorting its workers of wages is Wal-Mart, the United States' largest employer, with more than 1 million "associates" nationwide, the potential for free labor could add up to untold millions of dollars - out of the pockets of people who are already at the bottom of the pay scale and can least afford it.

That the phenomenally profitable retailer would make such nickel-and-dime intrusions on their time was bad enough, employees say, but what particularly rankled was how they would then have to ask over and over again simply to be paid for the extra work.

"I just got tired of asking," said Sada Zurek, testifying in a lawsuit she and other Mexican workers filed here against the company, demanding compensation. "You feel like you're begging after a while."

"It was kind of a shock to think it was happening to every one who worked there," Lindsay Armatrout said.

The two women are plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit, one of about 40 similar cases that for more than a year have pitted Wal-Mart against the United States' largest employer. The suits charge that employees regularly had to work off the clock, and were sometimes even locked in their stores and prevented from leaving before their scheduled shifts.

Together, they cast a shadow on Wal-Mart's otherwise glowing economic performance - it is the darling of both consumers who flock to its stores for name brand merchandise at low prices, and of Wall Street, where the chain's high profit margins and unparalleled growth make it the envy of its industry and a star performer in many a stock portfolio.

But Wal-Mart's success comes at a price, the employees claim.

"It has added the backs of its hourly employees to extreme profitability," the lawsuit filed here charges.

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Auto sales increase

Sales of used automobiles by dealers in the Magic Valley rose 0.5 percent from 2002 to 2003. Here's the breakdown, (Coe and Lincoln counties had no sales.)

County	Cars	Trucks	Total
Blaine	212	543	755
Cassia	1,184	1,141	2,325
Gooding	186	145	331
Jerome	862	828	1,690
Minidoka	637	796	1,433
Twin Falls	5,561	8,276	11,837
TOTAL	8,942	9,729	18,671

County	Cars	Trucks	Total
Blaine	246	589	835
Cassia	1,004	966	1,970
Gooding	146	133	279
Jerome	711	714	1,425
Minidoka	640	735	1,375
Twin Falls	5,997	6,399	12,396
TOTAL	9,744	9,536	19,280

Here's a little recent history: Used automobile sales by dealers in the Magic Valley rose 5 percent from 2000 to 2001.

Source: Idaho Automobile Dealers Association

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Economic Breakfast addresses tourism

SUN VALLEY - This year's Economic Outlook Breakfast on Jan. 23 will address "Tourism, Recreation and Resort Development Trends Occurring in the Rocky Mountain West."

Ford Erick, managing director of BBC Research and Consulting in Denver, will be the featured speaker.

The breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. Jan. 23 at the Sun Valley Lodge Dining Room. Cost is \$19, and reservations are required by Tuesday.

To reserve call Stefany at the Sun Valley/Ketchum Chamber and Visitors Bureau at 725-2108, fax her at 726-4533 or e-mail her at sma-honey@visitsunvalley.com.

First Federal bank plans grand opening in Jerome

JEROME - Twin Falls-based First Federal Savings Bank plans to celebrate the grand opening of its new Jerome office today.

The celebration is planned from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a ribbon cutting at 11 a.m.

First Federal chose the southwest corner of Jerome's South Lincoln Street and 100 South Road for its eighth branch, a full-service operation.

Qwest disciplines workers who inflated commissions

DENVER - Qwest has disciplined company supervisors who ordered employees to log bogus sales. Chief Executive Officer Richard Notebaert said an undisclosed number of employees inflated sales commissions by "millions of dollars" last year.

A former employee warned the telecommunications company about the problem months ago, but the computer software glitches that made it possible were not fixed until earlier this month, Notebaert said.

An internal audit is being conducted to determine how many false bonuses may have been paid to employees who abused the system, he said. Before the crackdown, salespeople were reportedly advised to claim revenue that had been booked into companywide computers by other representatives working at Qwest. They claimed the practice, known as "flashing," was fueled by competition to meet outdated and inflated sales quotas.

Notebaert said the inflated commissions were confined to an internal tracking system and would not have been included in the company's financial results, which are based on actual billing.

Experts and employees have said the problems could affect shareholder value because of the baseless commissions that have been paid.

-compiled from staff and wire reports

Sprint PCS unveils many new features for its wireless phones

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - How competitive is the wireless phone industry?

If there was any doubt, Sprint Corp. last week turned to Devo, those new-wave rockers who made triangle-shaped red "energy domes" into must-wear concert headgear in 1980, to help sell one of the company's newest services.

At the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Sprint PCS - which has a store in Twin Falls - unveiled several new services designed to lure customers with something besides traditional voice phone service. The new features range from a downloadable version of that grandfather of all computer games, Pong, to a service that allows PCS users to listen to music before it's formally released.

All the new services are designed for PCS Vision, Sprint's next-generation wireless data network.

Backed up by Jerry Casale of Devo, Sprint announced a deal with Warner Music Group that allows PCS customers to let the voices of their favorite musicians announce when they have a call.

Dubbed "celebrity voice ringers," the service is part of a deal with Warner Music that

"There's a strong drive to give customers things to do with their phones other than just make phone calls."

-Jeff Hallock, Sprint PCS consumer marketing

allows Sprint customers to listen to 30-second clips from new and prereleased music on their wireless phones, and turn rock songs into musical ring tones.

"There's a strong drive to give customers things to do with their phones other than just make phone calls," said Jeff Hallock, senior director of consumer marketing for Sprint PCS.

Hallock said the Warner Music service will give PCS customers another way to while away their downtime as well as giving them an opportunity to be creative with their phones.

Using the celebrity voice ringer service, for instance, a PCS user could hear pop singer Michelle Branch announce some-

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IHOP Corp. halts company-supported financing for restaurant franchises

Knight Ridder News Service

GLENDALE, Calif. - IHOP Corp. flipped the way it handles its franchisees this week, announcing an ambitious new business model that reverses 45 years of past practice.

For decades, the operator of International House of Pancakes relied on company-supported financing of its franchised restaurants. Unique in the industry,

the company lent money to its independent operators, allowing individuals to open locations without third-party financing. But the practice tied up tens of millions of dollars of the chain's operating revenue, bogging it down with debt and depressing return to investors.

Franchisee Stanley Wong owns the Twin Falls IHOP and 21 other IHOP restaurants throughout Northern California, Utah

and Idaho.

The chain will disperse with its old style and ask franchisees to seek loans from other sources, allowing an expansion of up to 400 stores, but perhaps squeezing out prospective small operators.

"Now our new operations model enables us to create long-term shareholder value while improving the overall economics

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Teens can avoid hard lessons about money



KIDS AND BUSINESS
Steve Rosen

Picture a typical teen-ager's room: Wet bath towels and dirty clothes fanning out in all directions on the floor. School papers tossed everywhere, except where they belong. Textbooks and dirty dishes stacked in the middle of the room.

In short, a disorganized hovel best suited for tiny, creepy things. But that's not the worst of it. A teen's humble abode also can become a breeding ground for financial trouble.

That's not a stretch. If your son or daughter has a hard time keeping track of note cards for a high school chemistry class, how can you be assured that he or she will be responsible enough to hang on to a checkbook or ATM card? Even the most responsible kids

might have trouble remembering new financial tasks.

Teaching your children good money management skills will go for naught if you overlook the organizational details. Taking care of those basics - such as keeping the plastic safely tucked away when not in use, or balancing the checkbook every month - just might save you or your son or daughter from making a parucky

call to the bank to report a lost card or overdrawn checking account.

Take debit cards, which have become a way of life for many teens. Before handing one over to your youthful consumer, explain how debit cards work. The plastic, also called a check card, is linked to a checking account and can be used two ways - to make a purchase or to go cash from an ATM. Whichever way it is used, the transactions are deducted from your checking account.

When you receive a debit card, you also are given a personal identification number, or PIN, to make ATM transactions. Remind your teen to memorize the number, file it in a safe place, and

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MONEY

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keep the card and PIN separate at all times.

What if the card is lost or stolen? It almost happened to my wife last month when she was distracted during a holiday shopping trip. With a carload of kids and festive music blaring, she pulled into the bank drive-through lane and made an ATM transaction. A quick in and out. Problem was, she failed to remove the card and started to drive away before realizing the mistake and hitting the brakes. Sound familiar?

It's good to know ahead of time that if your debit card is lost or stolen, federal law provides some protection. If you report the loss within two working days, the most you will be responsible for is the first \$50 of unauthorized purchases. After that, the potential loss rises to \$500. Another reason to be organized.

A few other money management tips for your teen:

- Do not give your PIN to anyone.

Kmart

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additional \$2 billion and faces declines in same-store sales at stores open at least a year.

"As the company contracts, there's still no sign that it can make any money," Flickinger says. "There's so much uncertainty in what Kmart can do to solve its problems."

But Jordan Kaplan, a professor of managerial science at Long Island University, said the store closings may buy some time for Kmart.

"Hopefully, it will stave off a complete liquidation of Kmart — which of course is always a possibility," Kaplan said.

Kmart has struggled to compete with discount rivals Wal-Mart and Target. Some analysts have suggested there isn't room for Kmart

one by telephone or online, even if the person says he is your banker or a police officer. Do not write your PIN on your card or keep the number in your wallet.

- Do not leave your ATM receipt in the machine or on or near the ATM. Important account information may be printed on the receipt.

- Do balance your checkbook monthly, and keep your ATM receipts on file until your account is reconciled.

Final thought: You may talk to your teenager until you are blue in the face about keeping a near room. Don't sweat it — you might never win that battle. Believe me, I've been there.

Better, however, to win over your son or daughter to the importance of keeping track of things like debit cards, checkbooks and financial statements.

With a question or column idea, call Steve Rosen of The Kansas City Star at (816) 234-4879 or send an e-mail to rosen@kstar.com.

Stocks rise moderately higher

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors looked past a disappointing retail sales report Tuesday, sending stocks moderately higher as they awaited fourth-quarter earnings data to help determine the economy's strength.

"The market is going to be choppy for a while," said Barry Berman, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. "The market is looking for positive economic news indicating that things are picking up."

"On the other hand, there's a lot of money on the sidelines. People are looking for opportunities to come into the market, so you have a lot of crosscurrents," he said.

The Dow Jones industrial

average gained 26.54 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 9,342.62.

Earlier in the day, blue chip stocks fell as much as 39 points.

The broader market also finished higher. The Nasdaq composite index climbed 14.95, or 1 percent, to 1,460.39. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.40, or 0.6 percent, to 931.66.

The Commerce Department reported sales at the nation's retailers rose 1.8 percent in November, to 1.460.39. The advantage of incentives and drove up car sales by the largest amount in over a year.

That followed a solid 0.9 percent gain in November.

Wal-Mart

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That Wal-Mart — whose chain of stores includes locations in Burley and Jerome — would draw litigation from its own workers was perhaps inevitable. The company has increasingly become a lightning rod for a range of critics, from anti-sweatshop groups seeking to prevent big-box retailers from blighting their landscape, to anti-sweatshop activists who dread the store's use of cheap foreign laborers, to lawyers who have sued the company so frequently that it now draws more litigation than any entity except the federal government.

In many states, Wal-Mart is the single largest employer, a role that reflects how the jobs continue to shift from manufacturing to service. The stores may bring hundreds of jobs to a community, but labor activists complain that they are not always good ones — pay averages less than \$9 an hour, lower than the old, unionized manufacturing jobs that they replaced. Wal-

Mart, though, has successfully rebuffed attempts to unionize its employees.

The company denies that it regularly makes employees work off the clock but concedes that there have been isolated incidents of this happening, and we don't tolerate it," said spokesman Bill Wertz, adding that the company has fired managers who have failed to pay employees for all the time they were worked.

The suit in Michigan is similar to others filed elsewhere by workers seeking certification as a class to represent all Wal-Mart employees in their state. Plaintiffs have had mixed results.

Wal-Mart successfully beat class certification attempts in Ohio, Texas and Louisiana. But a suit filed in Colorado was settled out of court after Wal-Mart reportedly agreed to pay \$50 million. Similarly, employees won their case in Oregon, where a federal jury decided last month that the company violated wage-

Pay

TO CONTINUE

COURT RULING: The former chief financial officer of Court & Alameda Mines is returning to the company's based company and his executive position.

James Sabala is rejoining Court & Alameda Mines as executive vice president and chief financial officer after spending four years as finance chief for Stirling Mining Co. in Colombia, Mont.

He replaces Geoffrey Burns. The company did not say why Burns was no longer in the job. Sabala, 48, was a senior vice

president of the company with primary offices in Denver, Colorado. Sabala worked for the company from 1995 to 1999.

Stillwater, which was not immediately reached by Sabala, is the United States' only producer of platinum and palladium.

"800 number."

In the thousands of pages of documents that make up the case's files, former Wal-Mart employees describe a workplace decidedly at odds with the company's carefully crafted image of stores with friendly greeters at the door and an atmosphere of small-town warmth.

Instead, the plaintiffs described jobs where the company's vaunted ideals of having the lowest prices and the highest customer service came at their expense. They had to pester managers for the breaks, to which they were entitled. They could be interrupted during lunch to help something in their department. Even clocking out for the day didn't end their responsibilities — they were expected to assist customers who stopped them on their way out the door or other departments that needed help.

And then they were brushed off when they tried to get paid for the extra tasks, former employees testified.

and-hour laws. A subsequent jury will determine the amount of damages Wal-Mart will pay.

Wertz said Wal-Mart is likely to appeal that verdict.

In Michigan, a Circuit Court judge took testimony in November, then put the case on hold until later this month.

The company contends that most of its employees are pleased with their work conditions. Attorneys for the company have argued that the employees who have sued may have individual complaints against their respective managers but do not represent the entire class of Wal-Mart workers, as their lawsuits seek to do.

"There is nothing about this lawsuit that makes it appropriate for class-action treatment," Wal-Mart's attorneys wrote in a response to the suit here. "Even the named plaintiffs share virtually nothing in common with each other, except that they were all solicited to join this suit by the same counsel through the same

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

How to read the 825 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the American Stock Exchange and 100 most active on the NASDAQ National Market.

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"Biography" - Actor Ray Liotta portrays a mobster turned FBI informant in "Goodfellas." (CC) (TVG) ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT, 6 p.m.
"The Miracle Worker" - A dedicated Anne Sullivan helps young Helen Keller emerge from her silent prison in this Oscar-winning classic. (CC) TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES, 6 p.m.
"My Wife and Kids" - Rebellious Claire rejects the boyfriend her father likes and takes up with one he views with disfavor. He draws his mother's portrait. (CC) (TVPG) ABC, 7 p.m.

Thursday
"Biography" - Zany game-show host Chuck Barris claims to have been a CIA assassin in the 1960s. (CC) (TVG) ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT, 6 p.m.
"Guys and Dolls" - A screen

Horoscope

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TV Best Bets

version of the Damon Runyon-inspired musical about a gambler who attempts to woo a Salvation Army missionary. **TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES**, 6 p.m.

Friday
"Final Justice" - With Erin Brockovich, (CC) THE LIFETIME CHANNEL, 6 p.m.
"Monte Walsh" - A die-hard cowboy refuses to bend to the winds of change that threaten his way of life. Based on Jack Schaefer's novel. (CC) (TV14) TURNER NETWORK TELEVISION, 6 p.m.

LAMPHOUSE THEATRE

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 430-9115

Harpy will last for 50 years

Figure a good harpy will last 50 years. In that matter of mothers-in-law, the China of bygone times worked this pattern: The husband's mother was in charge. The wife's mother was an outsider.

Parties see in color. If you need more water, you might try digging a coal mine. Such a mine typically produces 13 tons of water for every ton of coal.

Q. What's the difference between "coco," "cocoa" and "coca"?
A. Coco, the coconut palm. **Cocoa**, the chocolate bean of the cacao tree. **Coca**, the cocaine shrub.

Pocahontas is genetic. Item No. 614R in our Love and War man's file folder labeled "Beginner's Luck" reads:

Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses II had his own harem at age 10.

Mary, Queen of Scots, loved billiards. So much so, according to the historical footnotes, that she, beheaded in 1587, was buried in the cloth ripped off her billiard table.

That flatfish called the flounder can change color to match its surroundings, but not if it's blind.

Q. Where'd the "chair" in the term "chairman" of a meeting come from?

A. That goes all the way back to medieval times when only VIPs sat on chairs while everybody else sat on stools or benches.

Laboratory rats prefer cocaine to heroin three to one.

Q. Women are more emotional than men, right?

A. No, sir, just more talkative about matters emotional, that's all. Recent tests so prove.

As men grow older, they get more conservative. As women grow older, they get more radical. So contends Gloria Steinem.

Each of these men either discovered or developed a certain flower: Michel Begon, Anders Dahl, Alexander Garden, Pierre Magnol and Leonard Fuchs. Name the flower of each, Sherlock.

In Milwaukee court records is the case of a woman granted a divorce - long before no-fault, this - because her husband required her to address him by his military title of Major and salute whenever he walked into the room.

Those healthy rosy-cheeked Hollanders eat almost twice as many apples per capita as we do.

You've read perfume attracts wasps. It's also true only the female wasp has wings long enough to fly. So that wasp buzzing around your head has to be a female, and is probably saying, "What is that you're wearing, dear? Chanel? I love it!"

Movies

Orpheum Theatre
 1001 Main
 From 1:30, 7:15-7:40
Gangs of New York (R)
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Twin Cinema 12
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Jerome Cinema 4
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Odyssey Theatre
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HONOR BAND AND CHOIR

Four Castleton High School music students have been selected as members of the Fourth District Honor Band and Choir. They are, from left, front: Angie Contemman, band, and Lisa Eastman, choir; back: choir members Kalliah Oudley and Jessica Bobango. The students participated in the two-day workshop that concluded with a special evening performance.



ANGIE CONTEMMAN/CHOIR, LISA EASTMAN/CHOIR, KALLIAH OUDLEY/BAND, JESSICA BOBANGO/BAND

OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Students of the week during October in Decio High School's Renaissance Excellence in Education Program are, from left, Chris Baker, senior; Roster Osterhout, freshman; Cassie Brown, senior; Sierra Farnsworth, freshman; Lauren Gillette, junior; Amy Walker, freshman; Aaron Edgar, sophomore; and Nick Ramsey, junior. Eric Olson, sophomore, and Sara Smith, junior, were not pictured. They were selected by the faculty for outstanding achievement during the week they were nominated and each received a meal from the Dairy Queen in Burlington.

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at WestCoast North Hills, call 340-6201.
Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at Burlington Convention Center, call 807-7201.
Built - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at the Grandstands, call 646-6225.
Imperial - 12:15 p.m. Fridays at the Lincoln Inn, call 441-1111.
Harley - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center, call 344-5255.
Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at China Village, 12:30 p.m., call 324-7410.
North Valley - Noon on Tuesdays at El Comodoro and Pasa Restaurant, both 344-5255.
Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert High School, call 344-5255.
Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Citizens Center, call 807-7201.
Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Twin Falls Senior Center, call 344-5255.
Lions Clubs -
Burley - Noon Fridays at Civic Club, 2444 Orchard Ave., call 344-5255.
Burley - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesdays at El Comodoro restaurant, 444 E. 5th N. **Shoshone** - 7:30 p.m. second and third Wednesdays at the Lincoln Inn, call 441-1111.
Gooding - 9 p.m. on the second and third Wednesdays at the Lincoln Inn, call 441-1111.
Burley - Noon first and third Wednesdays at WestCoast.
WestCoast - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at the WestCoast Convention Center, call 807-7201.
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Kiwanis Clubs

Buhl - Noon Wednesdays at the Grandstands, call 646-6225.
Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Shoshone Senior Center, call 807-7201.
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Optimist Clubs

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Soroptimist International

Burley - Noon second and third Thursdays at George's, call 344-5255.

CSI North Side Center

announces coming classes

GOODING - The College of Southern Idaho - North Side Center, 202 14th Ave. E. in Gooding, announced the following upcoming classes:
Introduction to Excel will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 28 through Feb. 25 at Wendell High School. The class provides hands-on training in practical application of Microsoft Excel software. Students will create, save and print spreadsheets using simple formulas and formatting commands. Introduction to Computers and "Introduction to Windows" are prerequisites or permission of the instructor. The course fee is \$99.50, plus the book.
Microsoft Office XP will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 29 through Feb. 26 at Jerome High School. The class will introduce students to word processing, spreadsheets, presentations and the integration of these applications, and provide numerous tips designed to increase productivity. The fee for this one-credit course is \$99.50, plus the book. The prerequisite is basic computer skills or permission of the instructor.
Conversational Spanish will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 28 through March 18 at the North Side Center. Students will learn pronunciation and basic vocabulary, recognize and use common verbs and basic phrases, learn how to ask and answer simple questions, and discuss cultural differences. The fee is \$50, plus the book.
For more information, call the center at 934-8678.

Minidoka 4-H holds

"horseless" horse camp

RUPERT - The Minidoka County 4-H will hold an overnight "horseless" horse camp Jan. 24-25 at the Minidoka County University of Idaho Extension Service office, 85 E. Baseline Road in Rupert.
The event will include a horse bowl competition, saddle maker, chariot races, candles, popcorn and movies. Cost is \$10, and a rope halter class will be an additional \$3.
Registration forms can be picked up at the Cassia and Minidoka County Extension Service offices. Deadline for registration is Friday.
For more information, call 436-7184.

CLUB CALENDAR

To make or add a listing to your club or organization, please send in a notice with Name of the organization or club; Time, day and week of the meeting; Place of meeting; and Telephone number of a group contact person.
Weight
Twin Falls - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 475 Casswell Ave. W. recreation room in Twin Falls. Call 344-5255.
Chapter 3 - 11:30 a.m. Mondays at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, call 344-5255.
Chapter 4 - 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the Jerome Public Library, call 344-5255.
Dele Landon - Twin Falls, 7 p.m. third Wednesdays, call 344-5255.
Jaycees
Harley Owners - 7:30 p.m. second Tuesday at Garibaldi's Restaurant, 702 E. 2nd Ave. in Twin Falls, call 344-5255.
Gooding Duplicate Bridge - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Gooding Senior Center, call 344-5255.
Elks
Snake River Elks Lodge - 8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at 1112 E. 2nd Ave. in Twin Falls, call 344-5255.
Ladies of the Elks - 7 p.m. first Tuesday at 1112 E. 2nd Ave. in Twin Falls, call 344-5255.
Other civic
Snake Valley Jaycees - 12:10 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays at Adlon Best Restaurant, 344 E. 2nd Ave. in Twin Falls, call 344-5255.
Jerome County Historical Society - 7:30 p.m. second Thursdays at Jerome Civic Library.
Support Groups
Christian 12-Step Life Recovery Support Group - 8 p.m. Mondays, call 344-5255.
Family Connections, Down Syndrome Support Group - 7 p.m. first Tuesdays at the Jerome Valley Historical Society, call 344-5255.
Wendell Valley Family Support Group - 7 p.m. second Thursdays at the Wendell Valley Historical Society, call 344-5255.
Snake Valley Family Support Group - 7 p.m. second Thursdays at the Snake Valley Historical Society, call 344-5255.
Alzheimer's support group - 7:30 p.m. second Thursdays at the Alzheimer's Association, call 344-5255.
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CSI offers series

of workshops for women

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer "Stress and Burnout" workshops from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 23 in Taylor Room 277 at CSI. The cost is \$40.
The workshop is the first in a series designed for women. The class will present self-care and self-enhancement techniques. Topics will be self-care through aromas, therapy, imagery, breathing, restorative relaxation, the use of color as energy and more.
Instructor Morgan Jeno is a licensed cosmetologist, certified health yoga instructor and licensed massage therapist. She also served as an educator for Redken NYC and a consultant for pageant contestants.
Followup workshops include: "Peak Performance," "Posture and Confidence," "Skin Care and Cosmetics," "Hair Design" and "Clothes and Style."
For more information or to register, call 732-6280 or 732-6288.

M.V. Harley Owners

Group meets Thursday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Chapter Harley Owners Group (HOG) will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at Happy Days in Twin Falls. Members will continue to plan the annual HOG ride and events and the Magic Valley Mail bike show scheduled in March.
Application forms will be available to renew membership for 2003.
For more information, call Garry at 423-6743 or Helen at 324-8526.

Idaho Writers League

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Community events

Diabetes Association

WENDLELL - The Magic Valley Diabetes Association will hold a "Diabetes Day" on Friday, Jan. 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wendell Post Office. Podiatrist Timothy Tomlinson will conduct the exams.
According to the American Diabetes Association, about 82,000 non-traumatic lower-limb amputations are performed each year among people with diabetes, said Susan Bess, diabetes program coordinator for South Central District Health. "Diabetes is the leading cause of amputation of the lower limbs. However, it is clear that as many as half of these amputations might be prevented through simple, yet effective, foot care practices."
To make an appointment for a foot examination or to register, call 734-5900 or 734-5901, ext. 246.

Snake River Elks Lodge

hosts dance each Friday

JEROME - The Snake River Elks Lodge will host a dance from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. every Friday at the lodge, 405 E. 200 S., Jerome. Live music will be provided by Diner also will be available in the restaurant.
For more information, call 324-0200.

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center holds dance

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the center, 616 Eastland Drive in Twin Falls.
The cost is \$3.50.
For more information, call 734-5084.

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Hailey Public Library begins discussion group

HAILEY - The Hailey Public Library will offer a new book discussion group on "Shaking the Family Tree."
The free series will begin Jan. 23 with "The Blackwater Lightship" by Colm Toibin. The program will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
For more information, call 934-8371.

Veterans Health Commission seeks donations for sale

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Veterans Health Commission, a nonprofit corporation, is in need of donations for a yard sale that will be held at the end of January.
Items may be dropped off at 800 Elm St. in Twin Falls, call 344-5255.
For more information or to have items picked up, call Roland Gardner at 344-3612.

Gooding man celebrates 80th birthday Saturday

GOODING - Dick Cole will celebrate his 80th birthday with an open house from 1-5 p.m. Saturday at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding.
Those unable to attend may send cards to Cole at 541 California St., Gooding, ID 83330.

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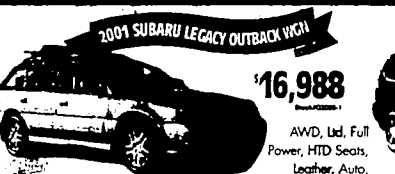


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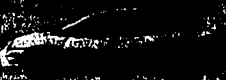
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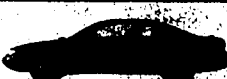
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