

GOOD MORNING

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Northside train kills 58 deer

Wildlife officers found little to salvage along tracks near Dietrich, left remains for other animals

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — A train hit and killed an estimated 58 deer seeking refuge from deep snow on railroad tracks east of Dietrich, state wildlife managers said Tuesday. Idaho Department of Fish and Game employees used snowmobiles to access the Union Pacific Railroad tracks Monday after

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Shoshone railroad employees notified the department. "We don't know whether the deer were heading south from the heavy snows or if they had been bedded down on the tracks," said Gary Hompland, Fish and Game regional conservation officer. "All

we know is when we reached the area, 55 deer were dead and three were badly injured and had to be killed."

No meat could be salvaged. There really was not a whole deer left, Hompland said. Department employees were able to identify 58 carcasses.

Employees cleared remains from the tracks and left them for scavengers.

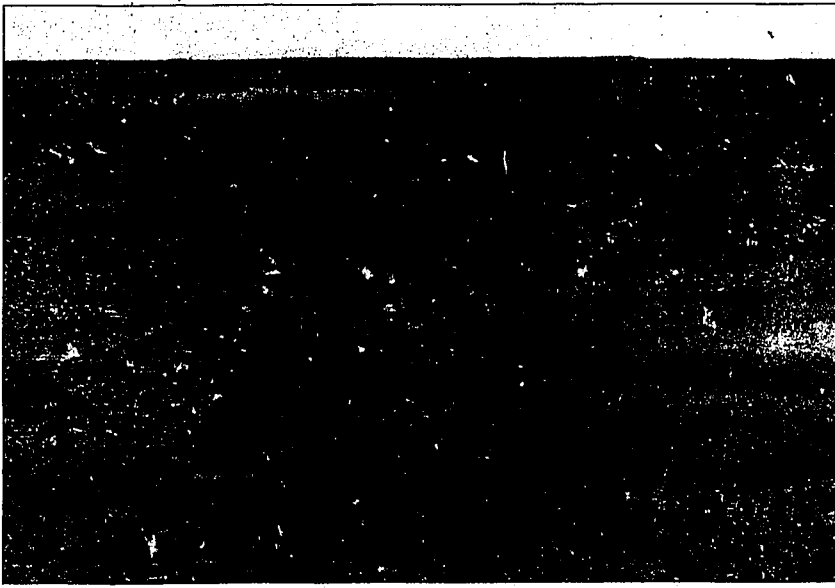
"This is a pretty big train kill. We haven't had one like this in quite some time," Hompland said.

Two years ago, about 20 deer were killed near the same area. A witness driving along Idaho Highway 24 reported that he watched as the train sounded its horn. Instead of moving into the deep snow, about 60 deer tried to outrun the locomotive. Union Pacific spokesman John

Bromley, based in Lincoln, Neb., said that while he did not have specifics about Monday's train kill near Dietrich, 58 is an unusually high number. The railroad is more likely to encounter large numbers of antelope on the tracks, especially in western Wyoming. Most times, though, the numbers are smaller.

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OUTTA THIS WORLD



Showing a rust color that a human would see standing in the same spot, Mars came to Earth in full color Tuesday when NASA released this panoramic image from the Mars Exploration Rover's navigation camera. A mesa, an estimated 18-19 miles away is faintly visible on the horizon; just to the left of the centerpoint of the photograph. For more, please see page A4.

Cops nab escapee in Boise

By Chereen Langill
Special to The Times-News

BOISE — An 18-year-old man who escaped from the Twin Falls Community Work Center in October was arrested by police after he hid inside a Boise Branch home for more than three hours Tuesday afternoon.

Joshua Buchanan, also known as Joshua Trudeau, was arrested at about 3 p.m. at 2190 Hilton St. in Boise.

Buchanan escaped Oct. 30 from the work center in Twin Falls, where he was being held on burglary charges from Boise. Buchanan had arrived at the work center the day before he fled. An Ada County judge sentenced him to the program, which houses minimum and community custody offenders — those who are considered the lowest risk.

Witnesses told police Tuesday that Buchanan had a gun and was hiding inside the home, Boise police spokeswoman Lynn Hightower said. Police activated the department's special operations group, which includes a crisis negotiations team, a special weapons team and a K-9 unit, she said.

Rico, a Belgian Malinois that has worked with the department for

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BACK FROM THE BRINK

Wary nuclear neighbors agree to wide-ranging talks

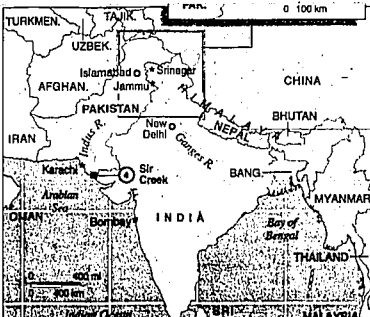
The Washington Post

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Less than two years after their countries nearly went to war, the leaders of India and Pakistan agreed Tuesday to begin formal talks aimed at ending more than half a century of bloodshed and hostility, including their struggle over the divided Himalayan province of Kashmir.

India's prime minister, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and Gen. Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan's president, agreed during a morning phone conversation that representatives of their governments would begin talks next month, officials said. The announcement came a day after the two leaders held their first face-to-face meeting since July 2001.

The agreement on talks, which provided a surprise ending to a summit of

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SOURCE: Associated Press

Bush plans to grant immigrants legal status

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush will propose today an overhaul of immigration laws that would grant temporary legal status to millions of undocumented workers in the United States and their families as long as the workers can prove they are employed, a senior administration official said Tuesday night.

In a White House speech, the president will ask Congress to create a new temporary worker program — open to undocumented workers now in the United States and to foreigners who want to come — that would give them legal status for a yet-to-be-determined number of times, the official said.

Bush's supporters in the business community have made liberalization of immigration laws a top

priority because of a shortage of workers willing to take low-wage jobs. And both political parties see Latino voters, who generally support more liberal immigration policies, as crucial to the November elections. But some congressional conservatives object to looser immigration policies, and a Republican leadership aide predicted that opposition will be swift and loud.

The administration estimates that 8 million undocumented people, more than half of them from Mexico, are in the country. All would qualify for the program as long as an employer will vouch for them, the official said. Administration sources described the program broadly, and lawmakers will determine its details and fate.

"So long as the undocumented

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New rules get mixed reviews from truckers

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

The new rules — A3

TWIN FALLS — With someiced tea and onion rings, trucker Steve Varner takes a load off.

Since Dec. 30, he's logged thousands of miles on his 53-foot Freightliner truck, beginning in Carthage, Mo., winding through the Carolinas and on to Cincinnati before ending up in Twin Falls Tuesday.

His lunch break at the Flying J off I-84 is different from those

spent at lunch counters at the beginning of his trip. Now, the time he spends eating is counted against him.

The U.S. Department of Transportation, at the prompting of Congress, established new rules governing truck drivers' schedules.

The regulations, which went

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A waitress at the Flying J Travel Plaza walks by truck driver Steve Varner, left, while he has his dinner break Tuesday. Truck drivers are under new regulations initiated by Congress and issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation that could affect their driving, sleeping and eating schedules.

OREY BYRON/The Times-News

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and breezy with occasional snow. Highs in the upper 30s.
Tonight: Snow showers will come to an end early. Lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated snow showers. Highs in the lower 30s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Breezy with periods of snow. Highs in the upper 30s.

Tonight: Snow showers will come to an end early. Lows in the middle 20s.
Tomorrow: Clouds, breezy winds and isolated snow showers. Highs in the middle 30s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Wintery conditions will stay in the mountains through the next few days. Snow could be heavy, especially on west facing slopes. Saturday appears the best day to take advantage of the great snow conditions.

BOISE
 Cloudy, chilly and unsettled weather is expected over the next few days. Periods of snow will be likely today. Rain on showers and Friday.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Clouds and snow showers will be expected today, increasing sunshine and drier conditions are expected on Thursday and Friday.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 20 at Deer Flat Dam; Low -16 at Challis. Weather key: sunny, partly cloudy, mostly cloudy, overcast, thundershowers, sh-showers, rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, wind, m-mist/snow.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breezy with periods of snow	A snow shower early	Isolated snow showers	Scattered rain or snow showers	Mostly cloudy and dry	Occasional snow showers
High 39	Low 27	32/25	42/28	40/20	37/22

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low 1 Month to Date 0.05" Yesterday's Low 73%	Record High 52 in 1962 Water Year to Date 0.7" Today's Forecast Low 41%	Thursday Sunrise: 6:07 AM Sunset: 6:22 PM	Friday Sunrise: 6:07 AM Sunset: 6:24 PM	Forecast and maps prepared by Day Weather, Inc. Cheyenne, Wyo. www.dayweather.com

MOON PHASES

Full Moon	1st Qtr	Jan. 21	Jan. 29
Jan. 7	Jan. 16 <td>New Moon</td> <td>First Qtr</td>	New Moon	First Qtr

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Thursday Moonrise: 6:20 PM Moonset: 8:14 AM	Friday Moonrise: 6:20 PM Moonset: 8:14 AM
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REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Bonanza Ferry	34 31 an 30 33 sh 29 29 sh		
Chaffee	27 18 an 24 20 an 30 18 an		
Challis	29 20 h 38 20 sh 41 21 mc		
Gooding	41 28 an 34 20 sh 44 29 sh		
Hailey	42 20 an 35 24 h 45 17 sh		
Idaho Falls	32 24 an 34 34 h 41 27 sh		
Jerome	41 27 an 40 27 an 43 27		
Malad City	40 23 an 38 10 sh 40 28 sh		
McCall	29 20 an 30 24 an 32 20 sh		
Pocatello	36 27 an 37 22 h 39 24 sh		
Rupert	39 27 an 34 29 h 42 27 sh		
Richland, WA	41 37 h 43 37 mc 44 33		
Salmon	29 19 an 26 21 an 32 19 sh		
Spokane, WA	34 31 an 36 34 sh 39 30 sh		
Sun Valley	32 17 an 33 18 an 34 16 an		

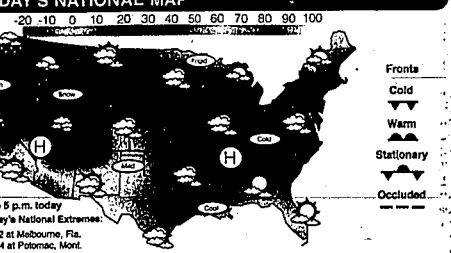
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta, Ga	30 11 su 32 18 pc	Phosphate, Ar	29 18 su 31 18 pc	Athens, Ga	46 39 sh 41 36 sh
Biloxi, Miss	43 30 mc 47 31 pc	Portland, Me	24 3 pc 11 7 su	Bangkok, Thailand	93 72 su 93 73 su
Boston, Mass	29 11 mc 38 20 su	Reed City, Mich	37 15 pc 40 17 pc	Berlin, Germany	27 12 h 34 23 su
Cleveland, Ohio	19 13 mc 22 16 mc	St Paul, Minn	17 8 pc 10 12 mc	Osaka, Japan	41 27 pc 43 27 su
Dallas, Texas	58 43 r 58 43 r	San Diego, Calif	64 48 pc 65 50 sh	Dayton, Ohio	50 43 pc 48 42 pc
Denver, Colo	60 41 pc 53 33 su	Seattle, Wash	46 43 r 45 43 r	Kauai City, Hawaii	73 65 sh 73 59 r
Honolulu, Hawaii	81 72 su 81 72 su	Waco, Texas	60 50 sh 63 50 sh	Zurich, Switzerland	38 28 h 39 27 sh
Los Angeles, Calif	65 50 mc 70 52 mc	Miami, Fla	73 62 pc 74 62 pc	Nashville, Tenn	34 20 an 44 33 sh
New York, N.Y.	37 18 pc 39 18 pc	Omaha, Neb	27 18 mc 25 19 su		

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta, Ga	30 11 su 32 18 pc	Phosphate, Ar	29 18 su 31 18 pc	Athens, Ga	46 39 sh 41 36 sh
Biloxi, Miss	43 30 mc 47 31 pc	Portland, Me	24 3 pc 11 7 su	Bangkok, Thailand	93 72 su 93 73 su
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Cleveland, Ohio	19 13 mc 22 16 mc	St Paul, Minn	17 8 pc 10 12 mc	Osaka, Japan	41 27 pc 43 27 su
Dallas, Texas	58 43 r 58 43 r	San Diego, Calif	64 48 pc 65 50 sh	Dayton, Ohio	50 43 pc 48 42 pc
Denver, Colo	60 41 pc 53 33 su	Seattle, Wash	46 43 r 45 43 r	Kauai City, Hawaii	73 65 sh 73 59 r
Honolulu, Hawaii	81 72 su 81 72 su	Waco, Texas	60 50 sh 63 50 sh	Zurich, Switzerland	38 28 h 39 27 sh
Los Angeles, Calif	65 50 mc 70 52 mc	Miami, Fla	73 62 pc 74 62 pc	Nashville, Tenn	34 20 an 44 33 sh
New York, N.Y.	37 18 pc 39 18 pc	Omaha, Neb	27 18 mc 25 19 su		

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	31 20 sh 34 28 h	Toronto	27 16 an 27 18 an		
Edmonton	9 8 h 14 6 h	Vancouver	38 30 su 18 14 an		
Regina	-2 -22 mc -11 -29 pc				

At least four die in Pennsylvania pileup

BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP) — A blinding snowstorm caused three separate chain-reaction crashes Tuesday on Interstate 80 in central Pennsylvania, one of them involving about 50 vehicles and at least four deaths, police said.
 Police said that they had not been able to examine all the vehicles because many caught fire and continued to burn.

The first pileup, in both the east-bound and westbound lanes between Bellefonte and Milesburg, occurred about 11:15 a.m. It involved about 30 tractor-trailers and 20 passenger vehicles and killed at least four people, state police said. State Trooper David White said 17 people were taken to hospitals and fire crews were brought in from four counties.

Deer

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 "It's an ongoing problem for us," Bromley said. "The train crews are very unhappy about it. Many of them are sportsmen."
 The deer aren't likely to leave the tracks for deep snow, Hompland said. In a perfect world, migration bridges or underpasses would be available, but those options haven't shown good results in areas where they have been used, he said.
 Hundreds of deer and antelope seeking relief from snow more than a foot deep are migrating toward lower elevations, valley farm fields and Interstate 84 in search of better wintering grounds and forage.
 "They are headed this way as we speak," Hompland said.
 Two years ago, large herds that had migrated south grazed in fields on the north side of Interstate 84 between Eden and King. By a number of deer attempted to cross I-84 and didn't make it. The interstate acts as a barrier to their migration.

Living with big game

Here are a few tips from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game about living with wildlife:

- **Store food, hay and grain in a shed or building.**
- **Wear shoes with burp, or fence around them, to prevent wildlife from feeding on them.**
- **Report large herds of congregated wildlife to Fish and Game.**
- **Do not feed wildlife, even just a few, for more will be sure to follow.**
- **Drive with caution and watch for wildlife.**
- **Keep dogs kennelled or chained.**
- **Keep a safe distance from wildlife. If they move, you're too close.**

Small critters also can cause problems. Here are additional tips:

- **Place garbage in covered containers.**
- **Don't feed pets outside at night.** When night comes, bring food dishes inside.
- **Place bird feeders on metal poles.**
- **Clean up wood, brush and garbage piles near the home.** For more information on living with wildlife, contact Fish and Game at 324-4359.

Neighbors

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 South Asian leaders, fueled hopes for a possible end to a conflict that has haunted the world with the prospect of a war between the nuclear-armed neighbors and stunted development in the region for decades.
 "Ladies and gentlemen, history has been made," a smiling and relaxed-looking Musharraf said at a packed news conference Tuesday afternoon. "Victory is to the moderates in India and moderates in Pakistan."
 Since their simultaneous founding—in 1947—India and Pakistan have fought three wars—two of them over Kashmir—and nearly fought a fourth war following a December, 2001 terrorist attack on India's parliament that India said was attributable to Pakistan.
 Since that crisis was defused under intense U.S. and British pressure, Pakistan has been pushing India to begin formal peace talks aimed at reaching the "puto over Kashmir, but Indian officials have refused, citing what they say is Pakistan's support for a violent Islamic insurgency in

U.S. plans detainee release, bounties

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The top U.S. civilian administrator in Iraq will unveil a plan Wednesday to release more than 500 nonviolent detainees who are among some 12,800 prisoners held by the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq.
 L. Paul Bremer III, who heads the Coalition Provisional Authority, is also expected to outline a bounty program — with

for people of as much as \$200,000 — for those providing information leading to the capture or death of any of about 30 suspects believed to be important figures in the armed insurgency.
 The new strategy represents a major initiative by the U.S.-led occupying forces aimed at smashing the insurgency that has thwarted reconstruction of Iraq and cost the lives of hundreds of coalition soldiers and Iraqis.



Boise SWAT team members apprehend Joshua Trudeau after a standoff in Boise Tuesday. Trudeau escaped from the Twin Falls Community Work Center Oct. 30.

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Immigrants

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 person represents that they are working here and can confirm that, that it could be as many as 8 million people" as affected, the official said at a conference call for reporters. The official gave an example of "somebody who is working at the Holiday Inn" illegally. If the employer says, "We're a match, she's been working here as of such-and-such date," that "that person is now legal, let's say, for the three years of this program," the official said.
 The temporary workers would receive Social Security cards and would be eligible for driver's licenses in most states, officials said.

Nabbed

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 three years, was sent into the house to find Buchanan, Hightower said. Buchanan walked out of the house in bare feet and boxer shorts after he heard the dog scratching at the fates wall where he was hiding, she said.
 Police closed two blocks and a couple streets during the standoff between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., she said. Residents in the area were not evacuated because police did not think they were in danger. Buchanan had not made threats and had simply refused to leave the house, Hightower said.

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Report: Teams sought 'dirty bomb' on New Year's Eve

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With huge New Year's Eve celebrations and college football bowl games-only days away, the U.S. government last month dispatched scores of casually dressed nuclear scientists with sophisticated radiation detection equipment hidden in briefcases and golf bags to scour five major U.S. cities for radiological or "dirty bombs," according to officials involved in the emergency effort.

The call-up of Department of Energy radiation experts to Washington, New York, Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Baltimore was

the first since the weeks after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. It was conducted in secrecy, in contrast to the very public cancellation of 15 commercial flights into this country from France, Britain and Mexico, the other major counter-terror response of the holiday season.

The new details of the government's search for a dirty bomb help explain why officials have used such dire terms to describe the reasons for the nation's fifth "code orange" alert, issued Dec. 21 by Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge. U.S. officials said they remain worried today — in many cases, more concerned

than much of the American public realizes — that their counterparts would fall short.

"Government officials are surprised that people (in the U.S. public) aren't more hyped about all this," said one source familiar with counter-terrorism preparations.

Even now, hundreds of nuclear and bio-weapons scientists remain on high alert at several military bases around the country, ready to fly to any trouble spot. Pharmaceutical stockpiles to treat biological attacks were loaded on transportable trucks at key U.S. military bases.

Officials said that intelligence

can be misleading, and some law enforcement acknowledged that there is no way to know the actual urgency of the threats.

Officials said one of their key challenges is determining whether al-Qaida is planting provocative but false clues as a diversion or as deliberate disinformation to test the U.S. response. Some foreign governments have voiced concerns that the United States is overreacting.

In recent days, intelligence has become even more difficult to sort through, officials said Tuesday, because of what one described as "circular" repeating of information that has been made public.

The attention to a potential dirty bomb, for example, resulted not from specific recent information indicating such an attack, but from the belief among officials that al-Qaida is sparing no effort to try to detonate one.

The terror crisis began late on Friday, Dec. 19, when analysts assembled what they described as extremely specific intelligence, including electronic intercepts of al-Qaida operatives' telephone calls or e-mails. One fear was that al-Qaida would hijack and crash an overseas flight into a U.S. city or the ocean. Another was that terrorists would shoot down an airliner with a shoulder-fired missile.

Army appears to side with Halliburton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Contracting Pentagon auditors, Army officials have backed Halliburton's contention that it charged a fair price for fuel delivered to Iraq from Kuwait.

The Army Corps of Engineers officials overseeing the contract wrote to superiors last month that Halliburton got the best price for the gasoline supplied by a Kuwaiti company. A spokesman said Tuesday, however, that the corps had not completely exonerated Vice President Dick Cheney's former company of overcharging allegations.

The Defense Contract Audit Agency has questioned whether Halliburton subsidiary KBR overcharged the Army by more than \$60 million for the fuel, which was provided to Iraqi civilians. Halliburton has denied overcharging and said it saved the Army more than \$100 million by buying some of the fuel for Iraq more cheaply in Turkey.

Democrats immediately called on Army officials to investigate the Corps of Engineers action. Critics of the no-bid Halliburton contract call it an example of Bush administration cronyism, while administration officials say the Pentagon awards contracts without political considerations.

The Pentagon audit agency said Tuesday it was waiting for Army contract managers to certify that Halliburton paid the best price for the fuel. The agency will decide the issue after getting the information from the Army but may not issue a formal report, Pentagon spokeswoman Lt. Col. Rose Ann Lynch said.

Halliburton says it had no choice but to pay the price charged by the Altamnia Marketing Co., the only gasoline supplier approved by Kuwait's government. Altamnia charged more than \$1 per gallon more than Halliburton's supplier in Turkey.

Firms will test airline protections

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration announced Tuesday it has chosen three companies to develop plans for anti-missile systems to defend commercial planes against shoulder-fired rockets.

BAE Systems, Northrup Grumman and United Airlines will receive \$2 million each over six months to determine whether existing military technology can be used to counter the terrorist threat, said Charles McQuay, the Homeland Security Department's undersecretary for science and technology.

Existing defenses, such as infrared jammers that redirect heat-seeking rockets away from aircraft engines, already are used on military planes and Air Force One.

The companies, chosen from among 24 that sought the contracts, will develop and test prototypes, and the government then will decide whether to choose one or more to more fully develop.

Concerns about terrorists using lightweight rocket launchers to take down commercial airliners increased in November 2002 when terrorists fired two SA-7 missiles that narrowly missed an Israeli passenger jet after it took off from Mombasa, Kenya. Officials concluded that al-Qaida probably was behind the attack, which coincided with a bomb blast at a nearby hotel.

Comet craft heads back toward Earth

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Stardust spacecraft was on its way home Tuesday after surviving a virtual flyby shooting as it plowed through a hail of dust particles to successfully collect samples of a comet and take unprecedented pictures.

The main goal of the \$200 million mission was to collect samples of the cometary dust, trapping them in a collector grid that has since been clammed up inside a capsule for return to Earth in 2006, when it will plummet down in the Utah desert.

The particles are believed to be primitive leftovers from the formation of the solar system.

Truckers

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Pro effect Sunday, are meant to provide commercial truck drivers work and rest schedule in alignment with natural body rhythms, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, which operates within the Department of Transportation.

The rules are expected to reduce driver fatigue and, by extension, driver-caused accidents.

The new regulations are getting mixed reviews from Magic Valley businesses and truckers.

"It has its good points and its bad points," Varner said. "He lists one of the bad points as being forced to count overtime as work time."

"We can't log it as off duty, but we can't log it as miles," he said.

"He gets paid by the mile, and any mile he's not able to drive means less money in his paycheck.

Since truckers can't log on and off as they please, Varner worries about the effects that it might have on truckers who are used to making their own schedule.

"I hate to see the outcome of guys who are afraid to pull over and take a nap," he said.

His company, D&D Sexton Inc., pays him for time he has to stop doing, such as in bad weather conditions.

MEMORIAL AT GROUND ZERO



Pedestrians in this drawing look through sheets of water pouring into pools 30 feet below street level as part of the winning design for the World Trade Center memorial in New York City. "Reflecting Absence: A Memorial at the World Trade Center Site," by Michael Arad, was chosen Tuesday as the design for the memorial, capping an eight-month international contest that drew more than 5,000 submissions.

Jury selects World Trade Center memorial

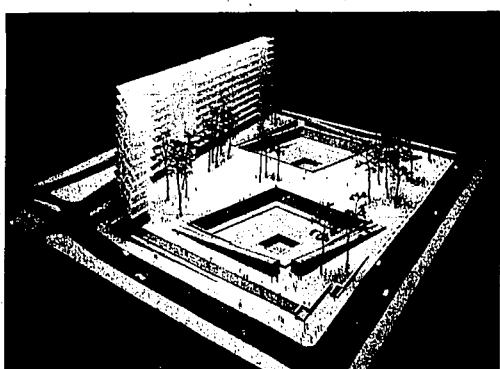
NEW YORK (AP) — A design consisting of two reflecting pools and a paved stone field was chosen Tuesday for the World Trade Center memorial after an eight-month competition that drew more than 5,000 entries from around the world.

The "Reflecting Absence" memorial, created by city designer Michael Arad, was chosen by a 13-member jury of artists, architects and civic and cultural leaders. The winning memorial was announced by the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., the agency overseeing the rebuilding of the site.

The memorial drew an icy reception from victims' families, who accused the jury of ignoring their input during a hasty deliberation and said the design failed to convey the horror of the attack.

Anthony Gardner, who lost his brother in the Sept. 11 attack and is a member of a coalition for family groups, said the design is "unacceptable."

"It's minimalism, and you can't minimize the impact and the enormity of Sept. 11," Gardner said. "You can't minimize the deaths. You can't minimize the response of New Yorkers."



The memorial design places two reflecting pools in the exact locations of the World Trade Center towers that came down Sept. 11, 2001. The trees are meant to signify rebirth.

honor the six people killed in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

The memorial will be one of two focal points at the trade center site, along with the 1,776-foot glass skyscraper known as the

Freedom Tower. Four other buildings are planned where the trade center once stood.

The jury reviewed 5,201 submissions from around the world beginning last summer, narrowing the field to eight in November.

Some adjustments might be needed eventually, he said.

"We understand there's going to be a shake-out period to see how it affects the industry at large," Carlson said. "We'll see what parts of these (rules) need to be revised."

Changes

Long-haul truckers are subject to new rules.

- Drivers ...
- Can drive 11 hours after 10 consecutive hours off duty.
- Can drive after being on duty for 50 hours in a seven-day period, or 70 hours in an eight-day period.
- Can restart their work cycle after taking a "weekend," or 34 hours of off-duty.
- Previous rules allowed for 14 hours of driving within a 16-hour, on-duty period and required only eight hours of off-duty time.

"When you're working for the right company they allow you to shut down and get some sleep," he said.

Out of the nation's 3 million truckers, thousands pass through Magic Valley every day.

According to Idaho Transportation Department's Office of Highway Safety, there was an average of 5,100 commercial trucks daily on I-84 between Twin Falls and Burley in 2002, the most numerous available.

Of those who travel along I-84 through Southern Idaho, there have been no fatalities caused by drowsy driving since 1998, but

four incapacitating injuries since that year.

The number of trucker-caused accidents is small, said Paul Sudmeier, president of Idaho Trucking Association. He takes issue with federally mandated truck driver schedules.

"The trucking industry is a very responsible operator in terms of the space that they take up on America's highways," he said. "Taking the number of accidents out of context makes it appear bigger, he said, and focuses attention in the wrong area."

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System reports that in 2001 drowsy or fatigued drivers of large trucks accounted for 1.4 percent of fatal accidents caused by driver-related factors. Speeding accounted for 7.8 percent of fatalities.

"We think the regulations are ill-advised in quite a few respects," Sudmeier said. "The whole intention was to reduce highway accidents caused by driver fatigue. We're not sure this is going to do that. If it did, it would be 'minuscule' to the disadvantages of the regulations."

Still, the U.S. Department of Transportation estimates that the new hours-of-service rule will save 75 lives, prevent 1,326 fatigue-

related injuries and prevent 6,900 property damage-only crashes annually. This, proponents say, would result in a cost savings to the economy of \$628 million a year.

Many in the trucking industry disagree about such savings.

"Some of the large fleets in this country got together in D.C. a couple of months ago to estimate the impact on their operations," Sudmeier said. "Their concerns were that they'd need between 2 and 19 percent more trucks to move the same freight."

Others in the trucking industry don't see a big impact.

"Yes, it's going to affect us to some degree," said Lyn Orsland, human resources manager at Jerome-based Giltner Inc. "But it's really hitting the carriers that don't have sleeper berths because drivers don't have the option of going into them."

The 10-hour shift can be split in half, with the rest period not counting toward the total, as long as it lasts for at least two hours.

Most of Giltner's drivers operate under the eight-day, 70-hour rule, which has not changed, Orsland said. The new 34-hour rule, which allows for a mini-weekend not counted against total hours worked, is seen as a positive, she said.

"The factor that's made it appealing to truckers is the 34-hour benefit," she said.

The American Automobile Association has thrown initial support behind the new law.

"If we're looking at safety and putting it ahead of economic concerns, that's a good start," said spokesman Dave Carlson. "We're happy to see some sort of intervention that takes a look at the issue."

Some adjustments might be needed eventually, he said.

"We understand there's going to be a shake-out period to see how it affects the industry at large," Carlson said. "We'll see what parts of these (rules) need to be revised."

In the short term, he said, the intent to address the issue is a good one.

"Sleep deprivation can really hurt drivers," Carlson said. "It's not just a myth that we are more tired at certain times of the day. There's enough evidence that we should have looked at this a long time ago."

Although he acknowledges he has seen some sort of safety drowsiness is a contributing factor to accidents and deaths on the road.

"How many is enough to qualify to do something about it?" he said.

Firms with ties to U.S. officials win contracts

WASHINGTON (AP) — A partnership of giant companies with ties to U.S. officials has been awarded a \$1 billion Iraq reconstruction contract, the government said Tuesday.

The Bush administration also announced plans to open bidding on an additional \$5 billion in Iraq reconstruction work.

Pentagon and State Department officials acknowledged they had not worked out a bureaucratic squabble over which agency would ultimately oversee more than \$18 billion in reconstruction funding approved by Congress last fall.

The team of Bechtel National Inc. and Parsons Corp. won the deal for major reconstruction projects in Iraq, said Gordon West of the State Department's U.S. Agency for International Development. The two California firms will be responsible for rebuilding Iraq's electricity and water systems, as well as roads and schools, West said.

Bechtel already has a similar reconstruction contract with USAID, which could be worth up to \$580 million by the end of next year. That contract, unlike the latest one, was not awarded through competitive bidding.

Bechtel executives gave thousands of dollars to President Bush's 2000 campaign, and two of the company's top executives serve on advisory boards for the White House and Pentagon.

Democrats have criticized Bechtel's no-bid contract, calling it an example of Bush administration cronyism.

NATION

Kerry goes on attack in Iowa debate

Senator's campaign strengthens against Dean, Gephardt

The Washington Post

DES MOINES, Iowa — The two Democratic front-runners in Iowa came under attack here Tuesday on the issue of middle class taxes as Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., seized an opportunity to build on what appears to be growing support by charging that Howard Dean and Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., would hurt working families.

In a two-hour National Public Radio debate, Kerry said that Dean's and Gephardt's support for repealing all of President Bush's tax cuts would fall hardest on families already struggling to pay higher health care and tuition costs and property taxes.

The former Vermont governor dismissed the charge as "hog-wash," and Gephardt said his health care plan would provide four times as much relief as the Bush tax cuts. But Kerry pressed his attack, saying his rivals had abandoned the economic policy of protecting the middle class that proved successful for former president Clinton. "We didn't take it out of the hide of the middle class," he said.

Kerry's aggressiveness came amid indications from the other camps and from Iowa Democrats that he has moved into a position to challenge both Dean and Gephardt, who for weeks have been in an head-to-head battle for first place here. Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., who has made similar criticisms of Dean and Gephardt, skipped the debate in favor of campaigning in the state, and Lieberman, who supported Kerry's arguments, is not competing in Iowa. That gave Kerry a platform he was quick to seize.

One sign of Kerry's apparent momentum was Gephardt's decision to shift some of his fire away from Dean toward the Massachusetts Senator. Kerry said Bush's proposal to provide workers with a one-year payroll holiday would jeopardize Social Security's finances. "I think that's a risky proposal. I don't see



Candidates John Kerry and Carol Moseley Braun greet each other and speak briefly moments before beginning a radio debate Tuesday in Des Moines, Iowa. Kerry is second behind former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean in polls taken in New Hampshire, the site of the nation's first primary.

how we're going to beat George Bush if we undermine the Social Security system," he said. Kerry's payroll tax plan would help workers who pay no income tax and bolster the economy without harming Social Security. Referring to Gephardt and Dean, he said, "You're going to add to those people's burden the taking away (of) the child credit, taking away the 10 percent bracket. Everybody in Iowa will pay additional taxes ... and the marriage penalty be reinstated. ... I think it's wrong."

Lieberman joined by saying, "I don't know of a case where a Democratic candidate president has been elected who called for a massive increase in taxes on the

middle class. These are our people."

While Gephardt and Dean call for repealing all the Bush tax cuts, the other major candidates favor rolling back the cuts aimed at the wealthiest Americans, generally defined as those earning more than \$200,000 annually. They argue that Democrats fought for several provisions aimed at families earning less than \$100,000 and those should be preserved.

Dean said he would use the revenue from Bush's tax cuts to expand health care coverage, help with college costs and lower property taxes by fully funding special education while at the same time using some of the money to reduce the federal budget deficit.

Dean garners ex-Sen. Bradley endorsement

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Calling Howard Dean's campaign "one of the best things to happen to American democracy in decades," former Sen. Bill Bradley endorsed the Democratic front-runner on Tuesday and praised his ability to engage voters.

Bradley, who represented New Jersey in the U.S. Senate for 18 years, joined his rival for the 2000 nomination, Al Gore, in supporting Dean among the nine Democrats seeking to challenge President Bush. The endorsement added to the momentum that has carried Dean to the head of the pack.

"His campaign offers America new hope," Bradley said. "His supporters are breathing fresh air into the lungs of our democracy. They're reviving politics, showing a way to escape the grip of big money and to confront the shame of forgetting those in need."

Dean said he was grateful for the endorsement of a "thoughtful, careful person who sought to lead this country with honor and integrity and who stood up against the same forces that we're standing up against in Washington."

Bradley said: "The Dean candidacy engages active participation, not from those who want special favors later, but from those who dream of building a better world now. And that is why the Dean campaign is one of the best things that's happened to American democracy in decades."

Bradley said more and more Americans are awakening to the fact that they need not have four more years of the Bush administration, and he touted Dean as the alternative.

"When Governor Dean says that his campaign is more about his supporters than about him, he shows admirable modesty, but he sheds light also on why his campaign offers the best chance to beat George Bush. That is, he has tapped into the same wonderful idealism that I saw in the eyes of Americans in 2000, and he has nourished it into a powerful force."

Church audit finds compliance with rules

Nation in brief

WASHINGTON — Close to 90 percent of the Roman Catholic dioceses in the United States have complied with the rules set by the nation's bishops 18 months ago to prevent sexual abuse of children, auditors hired by the church reported Tuesday.

But 20 dioceses have not yet fulfilled instructions issued by the auditors to address specific shortcomings, such as failure to conduct "safe environment" training for children or delays in conducting criminal background checks on church employees.

Victims' groups voiced caution. They noted that the auditors did not have power to comb through personnel records or other church files. Rather, the teams of former FBI agents who fanned out across the country relied on interviews with church officials, prosecutors and small numbers of victims.

The church spent about \$1.8 million, or just under \$10,000 per diocese, to conduct the audits in 191 of the 195 Latin-rite dioceses and Eastern-rite parishes in the United States. The consulting contract was given to the Gavin Group, a Boston firm headed by a retired assistant director of the FBI, William Gavin. Of the 54 investigators he hired, 50 were former FBI agents.

Judges uphold GOP-drawn Texas congressional map

AUSTIN, Texas — A three-judge federal panel Tuesday upheld a new congressional map for Texas that the Republicans pushed through the Legislature after months of turmoil and two walk-outs by the Democrats.

The decision followed a December trial on the heated redistricting issue.

Democrats and minority groups claim that the new map is unfair to Hispanic and black voters in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and in South Texas.

But the judges said Democrats "failed to prove" the plan violates the Constitution or the Voting Rights Act, which protects minority voters.

CDC: Flu season still hasn't reached its peak

ATLANTA — The flu season has yet to reach its peak, despite a drop-off in cases in some states, health officials warned on Tuesday.

At least five states — Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, Washington and West Virginia — no longer have widespread outbreaks of flu, but 42 others still do, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The flu season in the United States got off to an unusually early and harsh start, raising fears that this could be one of the deadliest seasons in years, especially among children.

Idaho health officials said two weeks ago that flu activity in the state had begun to slow, although the CDC still lists the state as having widespread activity.

Sen. Clinton regrets joke about Gandhi at fund-raiser

ST. LOUIS — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton apologized for joking that Mahatma Gandhi used to run a gas station in St. Louis, saying it was "a lame attempt at humor."

The New York Democrat made the remark at a fund-raiser Saturday. During an event here for Senate candidate Nancy Farmer, Clinton introduced a quote from Gandhi by saying, "He ran a gas station down in St. Louis."

After laughter from many in the crowd of at least 200 subsided, the former first lady continued, "No, Mahatma Gandhi was a great leader of the 20th century."

After being approached by The Associated Press to clarify the remarks, Clinton suggested in a statement late Monday that she never meant to fuel the stereotype — often used as a comedic punch line — that certain ethnic groups run America's gas stations.

Woman sues, claiming she had winning ticket

CLEVELAND — A hospital worker came forward Tuesday and collected a \$162 million lottery jackpot, and another woman who told authorities she had the winning ticket but lost it has filed a lawsuit seeking to halt any payout to the winner.

Rebecca Jemison, 34, of suburban South Euclid, turned in the ticket for the 11-state Mega Millions jackpot at Ohio Lottery headquarters.

The woman with the competing claim, Elicia Battle, filed a lawsuit later Tuesday asking a Cuyahoga County judge to block the lottery from paying Jemison.

"My ticket was lost. I do recall all the numbers. They are all somehow family related. No one can tell me what I did and did not play. I did it honestly and I have, no doubt," Battle told The Associated Press at the office of her attorney, Sheldon Starke.

— compiled from wire reports

Dean outpaces rivals in raising funds, but trails Bush badly

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Howard Dean has shattered all Democratic presidential fundraising records, but he will have to quadruple the rate at which he can raise money in order to achieve his goal of matching President Bush's goal for dol-

lar during the primary season.

In the second half of 2003, the former Vermont governor raised \$5 million a month, far more than any prior Democratic contender, including Bill Clinton.

But, if Dean, the leader in most Democratic polls, is to equal Bush's fundraising target during

the primary season — \$170 million to \$200 million — he will have to raise \$20 million to \$26 million every month before openers July 25.

Dean based his goal of matching Bush on the assumption that he will win enough early primar-

ies and caucuses to become the de facto nominee by mid-February. Fundraising specialists, and academics who study political money, strongly question Dean's ability to keep pace with Bush, but Dean campaign officials say they are confident they can do it.

Rover with 20/20 vision captures Mars in unprecedented detail

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Spirit rover yielded the sharpest picture ever taken of the surface of Mars, revealing in breathtaking detail Tuesday a completely rust-colored landscape strewn with rocks.

NASA scientists said the "postcard," sent across 105 million miles of space to Earth, had three to four times the resolution of any other pictures ever taken of the Red Planet. Spirit used a camera with the robotic equivalent of 20/20 vision.

"My reaction has been one of shock and awe," said Jim Bell of Cornell University, the main scientist on the rover camera team. President Bush telephoned to congratulate the mission team, calling Spirit's successful landing on Mars over the weekend a "reconfirmation of the American spirit of exploration."

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe announced the Spirit landing site would be named Columbia Memorial Station, in memory of the six astronauts who died in February in the space shuttle disaster.

“My reaction has been one of shock and awe.”

— Jim Bell, Cornell University

"Spirit carries the dream of exploration the brave astronauts of Columbia held in their hearts," O'Keefe said.

Spirit is half of an \$820 million project. Its identical twin, Opportunity, should land on the opposite side of Mars on Jan. 24. The rovers, the size of golf carts, were designed to probe Mars for evidence it once might have been a warmer, wetter place conducive to life.

Scientists said the picture was just a taste of bigger and better things to come from Spirit.

The postcard shows a vast plain scattered with a wide variety of rocks, including one in the far distance thought to be the size of a Volkswagen. Poking above the horizon, perhaps 16 miles to 19 miles away, a mesa could be seen standing against the reddish-pink of the martian sky.

Spirit continued to prepare to roll off its landing to begin its 90-day mission to prospect for geologic evidence. It severed the second of three cables connecting it to its lander.

Temperatures aboard the rover were higher than expected, and NASA turned off the rover's UHF radio to cool Spirit down. Once Spirit rolls into action, no earlier than Monday, it should cool off further. Temperatures on the ground ranged from 32 to minus 58.

Engineers continue to study an intermittent spike in the current in one of two motors that drive the rover's high-gain antenna. None of the problems appeared serious, and NASA remained in excellent health, NASA said.

Report: Leak doesn't threaten station crew

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Flight controllers here Tuesday flew aboard the international space station on Tuesday that they are trying to chase down the source of a slow loss of air pressure and said the problem could take weeks to solve.

American and Russian space officials stressed there is no immediate danger to the crew even as operation of the orbiting outpost. If the pressure were to fall dangerously low, astronaut Michael Foale and cosmonaut Alexander Kaleri could abandon

the space station in the docked capsule and quickly return to Earth.

"We're going to take a very measured and methodical approach to sort through this problem," said Mike Suffredini, the station's operations and technical manager. "If this was in fact a leak, we have, oh, about a little over half a year's worth of gas on board to feed it and so we're in no particular hurry to overreact."

Foale and Kaleri spent a second day looking for the potential leak.

They used an ultrasound leak detector to check hatchets, windows and valves throughout the complex, but found nothing suspicious. On Friday, they will inspect a Russian-built air purifier that engineers believe may be the culprit. "Let's keep our fingers crossed that we're narrowing in on this guy," Foale said.

Suffredini said the space station has lost 2.25 pounds of air a day over the past two weeks. That is 34 pounds gone out of the roughly 500 pounds of air normally inside the complex.

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EDITORIAL

Sense of purpose should expedite legislative work

With a calendar full of issues and a goal of a speedy finish, Idaho's legislators will have no time to waste when they show up for work on Monday.

The raise probably won't be much. But the state needs to push some revenue into the payroll. All eyes will be on national and state economic figures to see how that adds up.

Our view: The Legislature begins next week with an eye on major issues that won't ripen until 2005. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Water disputes - Competing demands for scarce water by farmers, fish producers, recreationists and environmentalists have forced a number of lawsuits. Some much-needed relief will come from this winter's heavy snowfall, but the long-term problem remains. How much the legislature can help resolve the issue is unclear.

Not all of this year's Idaho legislators have some strong momentum helping them in their matters:

Corrections - Idaho's prison population has started to flatten out for the first time in many years. A big reason is the success of drug courts. Lawmakers should maintain adequate funding for the program, since it reduces the overall cost of incarcerations.

Schools lawsuit - One by one, plaintiff school districts have been settling with the state and getting the facility repairs they need. The passage of HB 403 last year will further help districts get the help they need from property taxpayers. For the law to pass constitutional muster, however, lawmakers may need to amend it so that local school boards - rather than judges - increase the necessary tax increases.

By keeping the progress on these issues going forward, and by getting a jump on issues that will extend into 2005, legislators can give taxpayers their money's worth in a short session.

Lack of primary competition aids Bush

Among the reasons George W. Bush is a good bet for re-election is the lesson of history that presidents challenged for renomination are one-termers. Those who escape primary-election fights get four more years. Presidents are not defeated for renomination, but the absence of a primary battle is an accurate gauge of a favorable political environment and the November outcome.

PETER A. BROWN

Hence, the lack of major opposition to Bush's renomination is an omen, among a host of others, that his re-election chances are strong. Primaries have picked presidential candidates for the past half-century, seizing the power once held by the backroom bosses.

During this period, no president who has faced a major primary fight for renomination has been re-elected. No incumbent has lost who did not face such a challenge.

John Ashbrook, an Ohio congressman who considered the California too liberal, and his California colleague Paul McCloskey, who thought him too conservative, challenged Richard Nixon in 1972.

But neither Ashbrook nor McCloskey were household names outside their neighborhoods, much less major contenders. Together, they won 5 percent of the total GOP vote in 1972. Nixon, you might remember, carried 49 states against Democrat George McGovern that November.

Presidents who have faced primary re-election have decided not to seek re-election - Harry Truman in 1952 and Lyndon Johnson in 1968. Both would have faced difficult campaigns had they run again.

Most presidents haven't faced primary challenges - Dwight Eisenhower in 1956, Lyndon Johnson in 1964, Ronald Reagan in 1984 and Bill Clinton in 1996. Each was re-elected, more or less, in his final year.

Incumbents Gerald Ford in 1976, Jimmy Carter in 1980 and George Bush, the elder, in 1992



each faced serious primary opposition, which they defeated. But those hard campaigns engendered fiery feelings among their party's core supporters and prompted greater problems that surfaced in the general elections.

In Ford's case, the challenge from Reagan was exceptionally strong, with the incumbent just barely winning the nomination because, as an appointed president, Ford lacked widespread public support. Ford had been named vice president by Nixon when Spiro Agnew resigned in disgrace and then took over the Oval Office when Nixon resigned over Watergate.

Carter's intraparty victory over Edward Kennedy four years later was more sound, but that campaign showed the public unhappiness with the sorry state of the economy and the impotence of the president in rescuing the U.S. Embassy's diplomats in Tehran who were held as hostages. Reagan used those issues to defeat Carter easily that November.

The elder Bush was never in danger of losing the Republican nomination in 1992, but the rela-

tively strong showing by conservative broadcaster Pat Buchanan - whose negative ratings with the public were much higher than his positives - helped soften up their president for Clinton in the fall campaign.

Incumbents who don't face primary challenges are freed from having to deal with the harsh reality of American political life: Activists within the two major parties have different views and values than the mass of November voters.

Democratic activists are much more liberal, and Republican primary voters are more conservative.

Not having to cater to those ideologically narrow groups in a primary - that's a nice way of saying being able to take one's base for granted - frees a candidate to court the much larger group of voters who swing back and forth between the parties.

It also eliminates the possibility of a president being forced to make promises in primaries that could be used against him in November.

Moreover, incumbents who avoid primaries reap a huge

financial bonanza. They run unopposed for renomination, spending tens of millions of dollars (in Bush's case) getting a hundred million-plus per hour of their message and organizing for November.

Without primary opposition, Bush can key his entire campaign - and the seemingly endless string of TV ads - to the larger electorate.

Meanwhile, the Democratic (in this case, the party) candidates beat each other up. Their winner, even one who rejects the spending limits that come with government subsidies, will likely be a financial disadvantage until the summer infusion of federal money that funds the fall campaign.

History, of course, is not infallible. But when combined with a recovering economy, it's not chopped liver, either.

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A strong U.S. keeps winning new fans

ZEV CHAFETS

All across the planet, 2004 was ushered in to the clinking sound of falling dominoes. They are falling America's way.

On Friday, it was announced that North Korea has invited an unofficial team of American experts to inspect its nuclear facilities. Kim Jong Il's motives are always opaque, but this seems like good news. It appears he may finally understand that the United States won't allow him to turn North Korea into the atomic arsenal of fascism.

North Korea's move is especially interesting because it follows a decision by Iran to permit U.N. oversight of its nuclear program and the announcement by Libya's Muammar Gadhafi that he is renouncing weapons of mass destruction.

Such cooperation doesn't come from the goodness of anyone's heart. Gadhafi, for example, has been an enemy of the United States since Richard Nixon was president. But after surveying the successes of the Bush doctrine and calculating the odds of the jihad, he has decided to switch sides.

A similar change of heart seems to be taking place in Sudan. It has long been a fixture on the State Department's terrorist list. But now the Islamic regime in Khartoum is on the verge of accepting an American-

brokered end to its civil war against the black Christian and animist tribes in the southern part of the country. Sudan, like Libya, wants to be friends with the Great Satan.

Egypt, too. After three years of wild anti-American and anti-Israeli propaganda, Cairo is now desperately trying to convince Washington that it is on the right side of efforts to halt the Palestinian intifada.

This is a change of policy so stark that a Palestinian mob recently attacked Egypt's foreign minister during his visit to a Jerusalem mosque. Palestinians, who have become perhaps the most rabidly anti-American population in the world, know a defector when they see one. Palestinians seem poised to fall elsewhere in the Islamic world, too. Damascus, after decades of anti-Indian hostility, is suddenly making friendly overtures to New Delhi. This is no coincidence.

In his year-end assessment of foreign policy, Secretary of State Colin Powell stressed that the improvement of U.S. relations with India. Powell noted a similar improvement in relations with China and Russia. Taken together, these three countries

with the United States and its Anglophone allies - constitute about half of humanity.

Powell's message to Germany and France: We, not you, are the world.

Old Europe is starting to get it. Both France and Germany have now agreed to the American demand (phrased, of course, as a request) that they forgive some of Iraq's debt. This can be seen as a de facto recognition that the United States is the winner in Iraq.

It is much too early to declare a Pax Americana. North Korea and Iran remain dangerous and deceitful regimes, and it is likely that they are simply playing for time. Russia and China are pragmatic nations with their own interests. Right now, those interests coincide with Washington's, but that could change. Old Europe, humiliated, will rise again.

And, of course, the jihad con-

tinues. Many of the Islamic dictators who have hopped on the American bandwagon would happily jump off again at the first opportunity. Whether they get such an opportunity depends on Washington. As long as it stays resolute, it will have the (often grudging) cooperation of the countries that matter. American power, seriously and consistently applied as President Bush has applied it, is simply too great to be effectively opposed.

Only America can stop Axis of Evil dictators and French diplomats are all hoping for Bush's defeat this year. They know from experience that Democratic multilateralists don't care for the sound of falling dominoes. Not even when they are falling America's way.

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LETTERS

Harsh humor about leaders goes both ways

I agree to what Keith Owens said about Mike Simmons' letter. Where is everybody's sense of humor?

It bet if it was about Mr. Bush or The Times-News, they would be happy and make derogatory comments.

I guess it depends on what side of the fence you are on.
BARB STRATTON
Gooding

Bankruptcy data counters right-to-work laws

An Associated Press report carried in the Jan. 3 issue of The Times-News reveals that Idahoans

marked 2003 as the third consecutive record-setting year for bankruptcy filings. It posted a 7.3 percent increase over 2002, which set a previous all-time high. This translates into one of every 62 households in the state opting to "go for broke" last year, earning the eighth highest personal bankruptcy rate in the nation.

The union, only seven states in the meantime can claim a lower annual per capita income than Idaho. To those agitators who would use this to work for repeal of Idaho's right to work laws, I say, bring 'em on! - One party rule and we mindless followers will whip 'em every time!
ROBERT PARRISH
Twin Falls

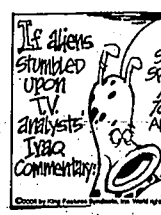
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Penchant for gaffes remains an issue for Democratic front-runner

DES MOINES — Howard Dean is now racing the clock to see what comes first — nomination or detention. The former Vermont governor is closing in on the honor of leading the Democratic ticket at the same time that his critics and rivals are busily converting his own utterances into controversies that can blow his chances to smithereens. The nightmare possibility for the Democrats is that the two might happen at once — that Dean will polish off his opponents just as he commits the gaffe of all gaffes, the one for which no repairs are possible.



DAVID S. BRODER

has to turn out the true believers. Even modest plurality wins in those races would translate into a wealth of favorable publicity, and with more money to spend than any of his opponents, Dean could well run the table of the early February contests before anyone else could effectively mobilize a counterattack.

Because this possibility is now so evident, the efforts to detonate a political bombshell under his express-train candidacy have become steadily more frantic. The nationwide televised debate held on Sunday, sponsored by The Des Moines Register and Iowa Public Television, was essentially a series of attempts to make Dean explain — or recant — some of the remarkable things he has said in the last few weeks.

In the area of foreign policy, his rivals say Dean has demonstrated his inexperience and naivete. To argue, as Dean did, on the day after Saddam Hussein's capture, by American troops, that jailing the Iraqi dictator left America "no safer" was a classically ill-timed remark. Whatever the ultimate judgment of history, that was a day for celebrating the success of the manhunt for this thoroughly malignant character.

His remark to the Concord Monitor that he did not want to prejudice the guilt or innocence of Osama bin Laden left Dean arguing a legalistic point that once again set him apart from public opinion. As he later acknowledged, no real doubt attaches to the al Qaeda leader's role in masterminding the attacks that took nearly 3,000 lives at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Dean himself later said that a death sentence would be just punishment when bin Laden is found. His effort to rationalize his earlier remark on the grounds that he might be president when bin Laden is brought to trial and that

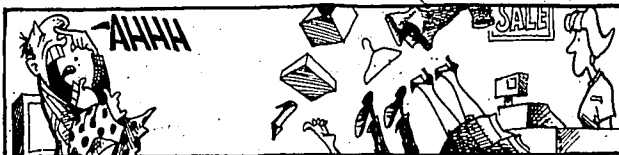
a government official "must uphold the rule of law" put a hypothetical barrier in the way of identifying himself with a near-universal sentiment among the American people.

When rival candidates criticized Dean's utterances in the debate, he did not erupt nor did he bother to extricate himself. He simply put the same words back on the record in a more benign context — hoping to damp down the explosive potential.

Were these isolated incidents, the damage might be minimal. But Dean has found so many ways in a short time to set people's teeth on edge — with his comments about the Confederate flag, about his struggle to bring himself to talk religion in the South, about his variant positions on Medicare and trade and other issues — that this is clearly a pattern.

The voting can't come too soon for this accident-prone star.

David Broder is a columnist for the Washington Post.



It is hard to recall another challenger who has simultaneously outmaneuvered, out-organized and outmaneuvered the other candidates as thoroughly and swiftly as Dean has done, and at the same time has so thoroughly demonstrated a penchant for embarrassing himself.

Whatever happens the rest of the way, it is clear that the doctor has an instinct for the political jugular — other people's and his own. Dean has been scoring despite himself — and because of himself.

It was near genius for him to grasp as early as he did — well before the Democratic fusion in the midterm election of 2002 — that grass-roots party activists were disgusted by the congressional party leaders' futile efforts to finessé both the tax issue and the war with Iraq and were wide open to being recruited by a dogmatic, even demagogic critic of President Bush and the Washington establishment.

It was brilliant of Dean and his aides to make the Internet the most effective organizing and fund-raising mechanism the Democrats have seen since John Kennedy's sisters used tea parties with Mama Rose to recruit willing workers.

These insights have put Dean into an exceptionally favorable position in the opening contests, here in Iowa on Jan. 19 and in New Hampshire on Jan. 27. With nine candidates contesting for votes, he doesn't have to persuade a majority to support him. He just

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT To Propose or Promulgate State Agency Rules

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the state Administrative Bulletin.

IDAPA 01 — BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0002

01-0101-0401, Idaho Accounting Rules. Incorporates by reference the 2004 AICPA Professional Standards and standards issued by the Public Company Accountability Oversight Board (PCAOB). Comment by: 1/28/04.

IDAPA 16 — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036

16-0203-0401, Rules Governing Emergency Medical Services. Implements legislation that created a new designated Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I) described in Section 56-1012, Idaho Code; sets training and qualification standards for EMT-I position. Comment by: 1/28/04.

16-0210-0401, Idaho Reportable Diseases. Adds and defines West Nile Virus and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) as reportable diseases in Idaho. Comment by: 1/28/04.

16-0601-0401, Rules Governing Family and Children's Services. Section 63 is being amended to reflect an increase in foster care payment rates that began July 1, 2003, as provided for by the 2003 Legislature. Comment by: 1/28/04.

IDAPA 57 — SEXUAL OFFENDER CLASSIFICATION BOARD
1299 N. Orchard St., Suite 110, Boise, ID 83708

57-0101-0401, Rules Governing the Sexual Offender Classification Board. New chapter establishes an application system to certify sexual offender evaluators; provides quality assurance for evaluators and evaluations; and sets procedures for designating high-risk sexual offenders as Violent Sexual Predators. Comment by: 1/28/04.

IDAPA 58 — DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
1410 N. Hillon, Boise, ID 83706-1255

58-0101-0302, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho. Adopts and incorporates federal regulations that change the requirement for compliance certifications from Title V sources to identify whether compliance with each air quality permit term and condition that is the basis of the certification was continuous or intermittent during the covered reporting period. All sources of air pollution that fall within the scope, or may fall within the scope, of Title V of the federal Clean Air Act are affected by this rule revision. Comment by: 1/28/04.

58-0102-0401, Water Quality Standards and Wastewater Treatment Requirements. Updates the Idaho Water Quality Standards to be consistent with the Snake River Hell's Canyon TMDL temperature and regional temperature criteria guidance; revises the salmonid spawning and incubation temperature criteria to 13°C as a maximum weekly maximum temperature. Comment by: 2/6/04.

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, January 7, 2004, Volume 04-1 for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact names.

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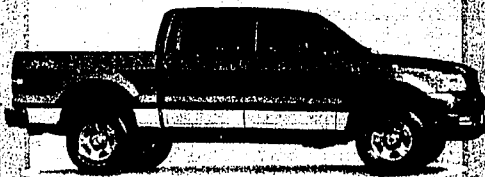
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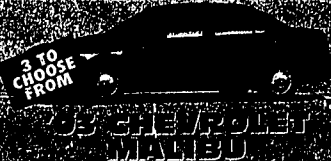
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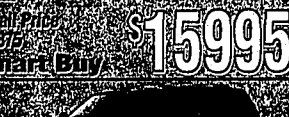
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Historical Society

hosts annual meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Historical Society will host its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Twin Falls County Historical Museum, located at Curry Crossing 3 1/4 miles west of the Magic Valley Region Medical Center.

Tim Woods, director of the Herrett Center for Arts and Science, will be a guest speaker. Woods is internationally known for his work in anthropology. His topic will be "The last 120 Centennials," a discussion of those things unique to this area over the last 12,000 years.

Upcoming events for the Twin Falls Centennial also will be discussed. The Historical Society's general membership will be electing members of its board of directors as well.

The meeting is open to the public. Anyone interested in becoming a Historical Society member is encouraged to attend.

National Guard conducts training in Gooding

GOODING - The Idaho National Guard unit in Gooding will be conducting a four-and-a-half-hour urban tactics training exercise in the city beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Soldiers and equipment will travel down Main Street and other roads in the city during the exercise covering a distance of five miles, according to a press release from the Gooding Police Department. The urban tactics training also will include a firing exercise using blank ammunition at the fairgrounds.

Residents are advised not to be alarmed by the training exercise and not to interfere with soldiers or their equipment.

Anyone with questions or concerns is encouraged to contact the Gooding Police Department at 934-8435 or 934-5515.

CBS plans 'Survivor' auditions in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - CBS will hold auditions for the next round of its "Survivor" reality series here on Jan. 9 and 10.

The auditions are scheduled for Jan. 9 at Papa Murphy's, 710 N. Bake Pizza and on Jan. 10 at Rob Green Pontiac Bulk GMC. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. both days.

KMYT-TV, the local CBS affiliate, will tape three-minute audition videos, in which applicants must tell something about themselves and why they would be good candidates for "Survivor." Those who make the first cut nationally will go through another round of interviews in Los Angeles in April. "Survivor" will be taped starting in May.

Applicants must be at least 21 and be in good mental and physical health. For more information, call KMYT at 733-1100 or log to the KMYT Web site at www.kmyt.com.

Killer commute?

Share your story

The Times-News is preparing an article on precarious winter driving, and would like to talk with readers who have extraordinarily long regular commutes - such as to the Boise area and back.

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

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Snowpack levels

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg., % season peak. Rows include Upper Snake Basin (114%, 53%), Salmon Falls (133%, 57%), Salmon (107%, 47%), Oakley (129%, 55%), Big Wood (118%, 53%), Little Wood (137%, 58%), Henrys Fort/Teton (134%, 50%), Big Lost (123%, 53%), Little Lost (101%, 48%).

A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average. % of the 30-year average for the same date is shown, which helps in...

School workers testify against boss

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

BOISE - Several employees of the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind testified against Angel Ramos, the embattled superintendent of the school, during the second day of a hearing Tuesday.

Problems mentioned Tuesday included more financial troubles, an altercation between a student-teacher and a student when the teacher was allowed to spend a night in one of the school's cottages, and the discovery of substantial material from Ramos's recently published book on a laptop computer previously used by

Ramos's wife, Maria, when she was developmental director of the school foundation.

Angel Ramos has been on administrative leave since July 30, and his fate will be decided by the State Board of Education after the hearing. Ramos's attorneys are scheduled to start presenting their case today.

Shirley Neal works as a financial technician at the school. She said that she remembered when a previous superintendent started at the school, his wife quit working there. Neal's view of Maria Ramos's position with the foundation was that it was a conflict of interest.

Neal also said she had difficulty reconciling Ramos's purchases with purchase cards because she usually had to ask him for the receipts. He also did not submit purchase orders for capital purchases, and Neal would often have bills come in by surprise.

She also said there was favoritism at the school and that people Ramos didn't like were ignored. She also said she discouraged Ramos from hiring Bob Sewell, who eventually became project manager developing the failed Optischool computer program, because Sewell had been hired by the school twice and both times had unsuccessfully

attempted to get disability payments before leaving.

Under cross-examination, Neal did say that advising on hiring is not in her job description.

Carl Peterson is the director of student services at the Gooding school and oversees the cottage life and post-secondary school transitions. Peterson narrated the history of Sewell's hiring originally as a temporary employee, then full time supported by money earmarked for a vacant therapy technician position. That position was supposed to pay between \$10 and \$13 an hour, but eventually it was changed to \$27 an hour.

Peterson said he was routinely

consulted in the hiring of new employees, but not for the Optischool employees or for Judy Caron, the schools' first American Sign Language and deaf culture specialist.

Peterson also described problems with the school allowing people to stay in the school's cottages with students without background checks. Both he and Ramos allowed it. An incident report from October 2001 was used as evidence. Peterson narrated the incident when a student-teacher stayed in a cottage, somehow became drunk and got into a fight with an older male

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In the running



Former Idaho Attorney General Jim Jones, center, talks with Jerome County Commissioner Alvin Chojnacky, right, and county Treasurer Mary Childers after the Jerome Rotary Club meeting Tuesday. Jones announced his candidacy for the Idaho Supreme Court at the meeting.

'Farm boy' announces candidacy for Supreme Court

The Times-News and The Associated Press

JEROME - Jim Jones says he's proud that he grew up as a farm boy.

And because of that, coupled with his experience in private practice and as Idaho's former attorney general, Jones told a Rotary luncheon crowd Tuesday that he'll make him a better Idaho Supreme Court justice.

Jones, 61, returned to his roots to formally announce his candidacy for the state's highest court Tuesday.

He grew up in Eden and graduated from Valley High School before attending Northwestern University law school. He also did a tour of duty in Vietnam and settled in Jerome to practice law in 1973. Ten years later he was elected

to the office of Idaho attorney general. After serving two terms, he left the office to go into private practice in Boise, where he has been since.

"A justice must have some familiarity with the broad range of important legal issues that are brought before it for decision," Jones told the Jerome Rotary Club audience. "I have practiced in almost every field of law."

Jones is running for a six-year term in the seat currently occupied by Wayne Kidwell, who is not seeking re-election. Jones is the first to formally declare himself for the seat. Kidwell won in 1998. State Senate Republican Floor Leader Bart Davis has expressed interest in the race as well.

Candidates must officially file for the May 25 election between

March 8 and March 15.

While he was attorney general, Jones said his office dealt with a wide variety of issues: victims rights, combating white supremacists, consumer rights and even water rights. When he left office Jones said he thought he had solved many of the issues facing the state, but now problems among water users are escalating. There is conflict between the ground water and surface water users, between up stream and down stream water users.

"Then you have people from out of state wanting to get into the discussion, Jones said.

"One has to be a willing listener to all sides," Jones said. "Even those who may not have a case may have valid points to make."

Jones was among the chief negotiators of the 1984 Swan Falls

Agreement that ended the legal battle between Idaho Power Co. and others over rights to water in the Snake River and launched the largest adjudication of water rights in western history. That process of sorting out more than 150,000 water rights throughout Idaho is nearing the end of its second decade, already costing more than \$60 million.

He revitalized the consumer protection division in the attorney general's office and gained widespread attention for his efforts in the late-1980s to check escalating gasoline prices.

Jones' supporters span the political and philosophical spectrum, including former Democratic state Sen. Bruce Sweeney, moderate former Republican state House Speaker

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Blaine sheriff talks national security

By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Since most of America's rural areas lack strategic targets favored by international terrorists, is the nation's colored-coded Homeland Security alert system useful to law enforcement officials in out-of-the-way places such as Blaine County?

Sheriff Walt Fennling said Monday that, yes, he receives and studies daily, coded confidential information from the Department of Homeland Security as do law enforcement agencies throughout the nation.

But, no, when colors on the alert system change, his department does not change its footing.

The current alert is orange, "High," second only to the top alert of red, "Severe." Lower risk color codes are green for "Low," blue for "Guarded" and yellow for "Elevated."

"We're always alert," Fennling said. Some local law enforcement officials around the county have questioned the color-coding, saying police can't be in various states of alert as the color-coding changes.

But if rural areas such as Blaine County don't have tunnels, major communications centers, nuclear power plants, major military bases, meg-sized airports and huge sports facilities, what could be of interest to terrorists?

Rural areas, for example, could serve as hideouts for terrorists, the sheriff explained. Part of the information he receives from federal agencies are photos of persons who're considered suspicious.

The presence of a large unattended truck stuck in the snow, he said, would attract the special attention of law enforcement.

Fennling also said that Blaine County's reputation as a major gathering place for entertain-

ment, business and political celebrities is of possible concern for law enforcement.

Terrorists seeking to stage a spectacular act of violence that attracts attention might well consider the Wood River Valley's celebrity residents as targets, although Fennling added quickly that he has no indication that such a risk even exists.

Most of the area's celebrities have arrangements for their own security, he said. The most prominent figure with a Wood River Valley home is the actor-turned-California governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, who now is provided security by the California Highway Patrol.

One of the nation's largest gatherings of international tycoons, the annual summer Allen & Co. conference of major media CEOs and their families, is heavily guarded by special security officers brought to Sun Valley.

Airport struggles to keep runway snow-free

By Pat Murphy Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Snow plow operators at Halley's Friedman Memorial Airport don't talk in terms of how many inches of snow fell during the New Year's storm that battered the Wood River Valley region last week.

"They deal in mega tons of the white stuff."

In the most intense 25 to 30 hours of the storm that began New Year's Eve, airport operations manager Peter Kramer calculates that the field's two giant snow blower trucks were removing 5,000 tons of snow per hour from the airport's 6,952-foot runway and adjoining taxiways, parking lot and aircraft parking ramps.

For a 25-hour period, that would total some 125,000 tons of snow.

Moreover, when they had to deice the runway to provide landing aircraft with adequate braking traction, Kramer said 300 gallons of liquid needed to be sprayed - at a cost of \$2,000 per application.

Airport Manager Rick Baird told the airport authority Tuesday night that the unusually severe snowstorm was a learning experience that the airport staff will study for mistakes and improvements. He also said it was unusually costly, with complete expenses yet to be totaled.

Baird told the board the field had to be shut down for a total of about 24 hours because snow

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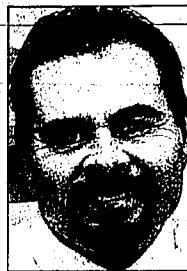
Terance Martin Hagemann - Portland, Ore./Eden

Terance Martin Hagemann died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Ore., at the age of 54. Terance (Terry) was born on Jan. 15, 1949, to Elmer Martin Hagemann and Melba Schwarz Hagemann in Eden. He attended Trinity Lutheran School through the eighth grade, graduated from Valley High School in Eden and the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. He married Linda RaNaac Hagan on Aug. 14, 1970, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Eden. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Ryan Hagemann and Chad Hagemann of Portland, Ore.; two daughters, Heidi Hagemann and Brandi Hagemann Bellevue, Wash.; one brother

Richard (Marilyn) Hagemann of Rupert; and one sister, Judy (Gerry) Martens of Jerome. Terry worked for the J.R. Simplot Company for 34 years. He moved to Hermiston in 1977, to assume the electrical maintenance manager position for Simplot. He taught electrical apprenticeship courses at Blue Mountain Community College for the past 25 years and served on the State of Oregon's Electrical Board. Terry was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Hermiston, serving as Elder and Property Director. Terry enjoyed sports participating in football, basketball, baseball, and track in high school, coaching numerous Little League baseball and AAU basketball

teams, and supporting his four children in their high school and college athletic endeavors. Other hobbies that Terry enjoyed were carpentry, cooking, target shooting, camping, and hunting. Terry's family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W. Locust Street, Hermiston, Ore., or to Boston University School of Medicine's Amyloid Research Fund, 715 Albany St. K-503, Boston, Mass., 02118. Service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W. Locust Street, Hermiston, Ore. Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Eden.

Jesse (Jesus) Hernandez - Twin Falls



Jesse (Jesus) Hernandez, 49, of Twin Falls, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at home with his family by his side.

This past year, Jesse has fought the most inspirational and courageous battle of cancer. He was born in San Antonio, Texas, on Feb. 13, 1954. He is the son of Fernando and Olivia Hernandez, the first born of seven children.

Jesse attended Twin Falls High School and graduated in 1974. He furthered his education by attending Boise State University for one year and has continuously taken courses offered at the College of Southern Idaho. Throughout Jesse's career he also obtained several certifications, State of Idaho insurance license, and nationally certified in risk management consulting. Jesse spent most of his life in the Twin Falls area. He worked as a B.L.M. firefighter, owned JCP (Jesse's Concrete Placement), he was a dedicated employee for 13 years at the Twin Falls City Water Department, and worked for PAIA Insurance. In this last year, he obtained his dream job with the Idaho State Insurance Fund working as a Risk Management Consultant.

Wherever Jesse worked he made many lifelong friends.

While water skiing on a hot summer day, Jesse lost eyes. On Jan. 2, 2004, at his home with his family by his side, he was declared he would marry Kim Breeding. On Aug. 6, 1978, they were married and have shown an enduring love and compassion for one another over the past 28 years. This year they were given the opportunity to celebrate

their 25th wedding anniversary by fulfilling a life long desired trip to go fishing in Alaska. On July 18, 1979, they were blessed with their only child Lacie. She was the apple of his eye and through her accomplishments has made him a very proud father. Jesse valued working with kids and helping in the community. He spent time developing a Southern Idaho Baseball League through Idaho Migrant Council. On the weekends he refereed for the Twin Falls Recreation Department in youth basketball, and high school basketball. In his most treasured sport, golf, he helped send students to various tournaments and clinics throughout the United States, provided scholarship donations and his time to anyone who wanted to learn. Jesse enjoyed the outdoors more than anything, his favorite activities were hunting, camping, fishing and

golf. He loved tying his own flies to catch Steelhead on the Salmon River. His competitive nature shined while playing golf with his buddies and participating in many tournaments. Recently he was honored and deeply touched by friends who surprised him with a dedication party of "Jesse's Pond" on the number 4 hole at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Jesse is survived by his wife Kim; daughter, Lacie Goitandina (Joe); his brothers, Fernando Jr., Johnny (Mary Ann), and Marty; sisters, Rosa (Danny) Paiz, and Cynthia (George) Salinas; grandmother, Maria Galvan. He also has an extended family of many uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Olivia Maria; grandfathers; and grandmother. A celebration of Jesse's life will take place at 3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Twin Falls Reformed Church Worship Center with the Pastor Jerry Steele and the Pastor Ron Heath officiating. At Jesse's request, no viewing will take place. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

In Jesse's wishes for memorial donations, he asks that people contribute to the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Junior Scholarship Foundation. Contributions may be left at any First Federal Savings Bank, left with funeral chapel staff at the service, or may be mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303. We love and miss you, your girls!

Jack Elmer Parrott - Twin Falls

Jack Elmer Parrott, 66, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at his home following an extensive illness.

Jack was born Feb. 17, 1937, in Twin Falls, the son of Alfred and Elsie Peter Parrott. He attended school in Twin Falls, until he enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. at the age of 17. Jack served his country for two years of active duty and six years in the reserves. Jack ended up as an atomic veteran from the radiation of the bombs out at the test site in the deserts of Nevada. Jack was employed by McRill Auto Service as an auto and truck mechanic for several years and then became a deputy sheriff for Twin Falls County. He later owned and operated I-84 Wrecker Service and Wrecking Yard out of Eden for 22 years; farmed 80 acres of land and ran cattle on 250 acres of land when he retired and moved back to Twin Falls. Jack had one daughter, Debra Lynn Parrott Howard, by his first wife, LaDonna Martin. Jack married Geraldine Barker Jansson in 1960, and he helped raise her two children, Connie and Mike, as his own.



ers, Bruce Parrott of Jerome, Pat Parrott of Kimberly, Larry Parrott of Boise, Danny Parrott of Kimberly; and numerous nieces and nephews who loved him dearly. Jack's whole life was about his church, his family, hunting, and fishing. He loved to go up in the pines in the fall and by the lake in the summer. Jack's love of music took up all his free hours after he moved back to Twin Falls. He played the guitar, sang all of Hank Williams and Hank Thompson songs, and many of his own. Everyone loved to hear the tapes that Jack made and then the videos when they came out. He had many, many friends who valued his friendship. Jack was an active member of the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter Day Saints, was president of the Sunday school and then secretary and group leader of the High Priests Quorum prior to his illness putting him down. He was sealed to his wife and one daughter, Conni in the LDS Boise Temple prior to his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Elsie and Alfred Parrott; two brothers; and one sister.

Funeral service will be conducted 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at the 11th Ward LDS Chapel, 847 Eastland Dr., N. Twin Falls. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., Friday at the church.

John 'Jack' Coulam Frederickson - Twin Falls



John "Jack" Coulam Frederickson, 95, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at his home with his family by his side.

He was born September 30, 1908, to David Franklin and Ellen May Coulam Frederickson in Salt Lake City, Utah. He attended grade school, the LDS High School and the LDS Business College in Salt Lake City. He married Leona Murphy and had one son. He started a career in banking, but due to the depression the bank closed. He went to work for the first Snegroves Ice Cream Store. Due to difficulties of the depression he was left unmarried.

Not long after he was called to serve a mission in Wyoming. After his mission he was given the opportunity to work and later manage Green's Ice Cream Store in Twin Falls. In time he made the acquaintance of Zelpha Richins Darrington, who had returned to Twin Falls with her two sons. Jack and Zelpha were soon married and he adopted the two boys as his own. The Green's Ice Cream Store failed and Jack with help and advice purchased the store and it became Frederickson's Ice Cream Company. It was later that his father advised him to make candy during the winter months.

Later on he operated a drive-thru restaurant from 1945 through 1952. In 1952, Jack built a new building in its present location.

Jack and Zelpha had seven children from this marriage. Zelpha died in 1965. It was not too long after that he married Bonnie Stimpson, a widow with two children. Together they jointly operated Frederickson's Ice Cream, Candy and Crafts. As the years passed he taught some of his grandchildren the art of making candy.

Five years ago when his eyesight and his Parkinson's got worse, the grandchildren took over the candy making. He taught us well and his legacy of making the finest candies will go on under the watchful eyes of his wife, Bonnie; his daughters, Mary; and his grandchildren, Angie, Nicole, and Nathan. His goals for the store were not to gather wealth but to serve the commu-

nity with the finest candies, and to be able to greet and visit with the valued customers and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie of Twin Falls; his children: Dick (Bernice) Frederickson of Salt Lake City, Utah; George (Mary) Frederickson of Lawrence, Kan.; Bob (Arietta) Frederickson of Salt Lake City, Utah; Jean Ann (Golf) Course of Corvallis, Ore.; Del Mar, Calif.; Kent (Vigean) Frederickson of Idaho Falls, Alice (Lloyd) Brown, Fillmore, Utah; Grant (Valeta) Frederickson, Napa, Calif.; Dennis (Kathy) Frederickson, Lawrence, Kan.; Garey Stimpson, Twin Falls, and Mary Thral of Twin Falls. He is also survived by his sister, Ellen Bolander, Salt Lake City, Utah; brother Gleyre Frederickson, Spokane, Wash.; 67 grandchildren; 132 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; and many more to come.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Dave, Paul, and Grant; an infant son, Bryan; and a great-granddaughter, Tylor Mason.

Services will be held at noon, Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at the 6th Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St., in Twin Falls, with burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Park. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Jessie D. Pickett Glenn - Twin Falls

Jessie D. Pickett Glenn, our loving mother, grandmother, wife, and friend, 89, passed away Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Marion County Regional Medical Center, in Twin Falls.

Jessie was born June 16, 1914, in Annabella, Utah, to James Henry Nielson and Lillis Louisa Davis. She married Leon Pickett June 17, 1932. They farmed all of their life together in Murtaugh. They had three children: Shirleen, Paul, and Robin. Jessie was an extremely talented person. During her lifetime she took professional wedding pictures all over Southern Idaho. She took school pictures for the Murtaugh High School yearbook for many years and pictures to put in the newspaper. Jessie was a wonderful seamstress and taught sewing lessons.



She loved the times she was able to spend in the Temple. In September of 2000, Jessie married Calvin Glenn of Murtaugh, who became her loving companion and friend. They bought a beautiful home in Twin Falls, which they surrounded with lovely flowers and plants.

Surviving Jessie is her husband, Calvin Glenn; her daughters, Shirleen (Warren) Okelberry of Las Vegas, Nev., and Robin (Gene) Stinner of Twin Falls; her sister, Ruby Thorne of California; her half sisters, Louella, Olive, and LaVee; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren; and many other loving extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Leon Pickett and Floyd Brown; her son, John Paul Pickett; two granddaughters; and one great grandson.

Funeral service will be conducted 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at the Murtaugh LDS Chapel, with Bishop Brad Barnes, conducting. Interment will follow in the Marion Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," and from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the church.

altered clothes when needed. She sold cameras and supplies and was the extra that she did after she helped work on the farm. Jessie also had time to help take care of children that needed a place to stay, and to be a wonderful mother and grandmother to her own children. Leon and Jessie spent many happy retirement years in Yuma, Ariz. before he passed away in 1986. Jessie was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She loved her association with the members of her many wards over the years. Each ward she lived in was the best

Ruth Sudgen Chaffee - Portland, Ore./Twin Falls

Ruth Sudgen Chaffee, 95, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at the Wilsonville/Hampton Assisted Living Residence Community south of Portland, Ore., from complications associated with Alzheimer's disease.

She was born in Elwood, Neb., in 1908, and moved to Idaho with her family when she was a child. Following high school, Ruth attended Link Business College in Boise, an education she applied working as a secretary/office administrator for Boise-area businesses, as well as keeping her family's business interests well managed. Ruth married Emery Kenneth Chaffee in 1933, and the couple lived in Boise, Meridian, and Nampa, as well as Valina, Wash., before settling in Twin Falls in 1954. In Twin Falls, she was a long-time member of Chapter BE

of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, the Ladies Golf Association at Blue Lakes Country Club, and a successful investment club. Ruth truly loved learning. From her personal research she developed an astute knowledge of the financial markets. She was an informed selector of stocks and a "Guru" for her friends and family. Known as a very capable lady, Ruth exuded warmth, humor, and wisdom throughout her lifetime. Her long-time passion was gardening. She willingly shared her outstanding flowers and vegetables with others. In 1993, Ruth moved to Boise to be nearer her daughter, Susan Chaffee, and then moved with Susan to Portland, Ore., in 1995. Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Emery, in 1986; her mother and stepfather, Florence and Fred Eggers; her father, Thomas Sudgen; and her sister

Doris Davis. In addition to her daughter, Ruth is survived by her granddaughter, Julie Rounds; her grandson-in-law, Michael Rounds; her great grandchildren, Kaitlin and Alex Rounds; her granddaughter, Kristen Brown; and her grandson-in-law Norm Plaistowe. A celebration of Ruth's life was held at Wilsonville/Hampton Assisted Living Community. A memorial reception for family and friends will be held at 11 a.m., on Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, in the Ivy Room at the Grove Hotel, Boise. Cremains will rest at Cloverdale Cemetery in Boise. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your local community chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Local arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," Twin Falls.

BSU chief vows to keep college dominant

BOISE (AP) - Boise State University President Bob Kustra has vowed to protect the university's role as the leading institution of higher education in Boise and southwestern Idaho.

"I think it is important that our sister institutions respect Boise State for the institution it is today and recognize the fact that our primary service region is southwestern Idaho, and Boise in particular," the first-year president said Monday in his State of the University address.

In recent years, the University of Idaho has tried to build the problem-plagued University Place project in downtown Boise to extend its reach in the Boise area.

Also, Idaho State University wants to expand its health offerings in the Treasure Valley and is still interested in seeing how the University Place project will pan out.

Kustra said he expects to work this semester with leaders of Idaho's other public colleges and universities as they try to cut out duplicate programs and efforts.

Kustra also said a major priority will be to seek new money and support from the Legislature, which convenes next Monday. He stressed the need to increase faculty pay and fund the educational needs of BSU's growing student body.

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OBITUARY

Burley council gains new members

J.H. (Julie) Domowitz - Castledford

J.H. (Julie) Domowitz, 81, of Castledford, died peacefully at home on Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, surrounded by his loving family.

Julie is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughters, Susan and Janet; and son, Fred; daughter-in-law, Candi; son-in-law, David, six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and by sisters, Ruth and Marion.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Julie was predeceased by parents, Theodore and Eva; sisters, Ida and Marge; brother Irving; and son-in-law Loren.

Julie served in the U.S. Army in New Guinea and the Philippines during World War II after being enrolled in the Army Specialized Training Program in French at the University of Idaho, where in addition to his army training, he was well known as a scat singer. He returned from the war in 1946, to marry Dorothy, and to enroll at the University of Idaho, where he played football for the Vandals. He was on the team that beat Stanford.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of Idaho in 1948, and his Master of Science in Economics from UCLA in 1949. He worked as an analyst at North American Aviation in Los Angeles until he realized his real passion was teaching and coach-

ing. He was a lifetime teacher, coach, and school administrator in California, Michigan and in Twin Falls, Jerome and Castledford. He always gave his all, umpiring and officiating baseball, softball and football at area schools. He served as business manager of the minor league baseball team, the Magic Valley Cowboys. He coached track and lined basketball games at CSI, and he volunteered as an official at many Idaho State track meets. He was given a lifetime achievement award from the Idaho State High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) for his decades of service. After his retirement, he volunteered as a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) at CSI, always challenged, encouraged and helped his students succeed. He was a doer, and loved life and his family. He will be remembered by anyone who ever met him for his courage, wisdom, integrity, vitality, joy, love, and legendary sense of humor.

Private service was held for his family under the direction of Parkes' Magic Valley Funeral Home and Crematory. To honor Julie's lifelong commitment to education, contributions may be made to the Castledford School, attention Superintendent Kelly Murphy, 500 Main Street, Castledford, Idaho, 83321.

Council recognizes Norm Ashby for his 43 years of service

By Shelley Rideout Times-News writer

BURLEY - Praise flowed and plaques were passed around the Burley City Council chambers Tuesday night during a changing of the guard.

Three councilmen were sworn into office Tuesday, one longtime councilman said his goodbyes and named the longest-tenured city employee was honored for his years on the job.

Brent Kerbs sat at the council table for most of Tuesday's meeting, before stepping down and watching the rest of the event from a chair in the audience.

Kerbs didn't run for re-election in 2003. He served two four-year council terms from 1992 until 1999, was appointed in April 2000 to fill a council vacancy and then ran for a two-year term in November 2001.

Mayor Jon Anderson pointed out it's not easy to replace the years of experience that Kerbs takes with him as he exits city government.

"There's a time for celebration and a time for sorrow and when

someone leaves, that's time for sorrow," Anderson said. "We'll miss you."

Kerbs joked that he thought his 28 years of work as a basketball official would prepare him for public-service. "When every call you make is right with 50 percent of the people and viewed as the wrong call by the other 50 percent, it should have better prepared him, he said.

In nearly 12 years on the council, Kerbs said he "made some friends and made some enemies."

He thanked his wife, Lori, who was at the meeting, and his two sons for their support and for taking the hits that sometimes came with being family members of a councilman.

Councilwoman Adria Masoner, who wasn't re-elected in November, was absent from the meeting, having had a baby on Friday.

Anderson said she'd be invited to a future meeting to be recognized.

After being sworn into office, new Councilman Ruben Saldana thanked his family, including several relatives who were at the meeting, for their support and encouragement.

Burley resident John Walsh presented Saldana with a plaque that included the signatures of former

Burley Police Department officers. Saldana is a former BPD officer and a former Cassia County Sheriff's Office employee.

Reading the signatures, Saldana told Walsh there were "a lot of good names" on the list. Saldana and fellow council newcomer Don Dean both thanked the voters of Burley for electing them.

Saldana said he looks forward "to the challenges we have in our community."

Denry Curtis also was sworn into office. Curtis was elected in November, too. He's been on the council for two years, filling the vacancy created after Anderson was elected mayor and left his council seat.

Norm Ashby, an employee in the city's electric department, was presented a plaque Tuesday, noting the 43 years he'd worked for the city. Ashby retired Dec. 31, 2003, after starting as an apprentice lineman on Sept. 1, 1960. He worked for nine mayors. Anderson said Ashby is the city's longest-tenured employee.

Former Burley mayors Frank Bauman and Ken Frank were on hand to help present Ashby a plaque and check.

Other council business included:

- Law enforcement contract - Council members agreed to let the administrative committee hammer

out the final language in the city's letter to Cassia County officials providing notice that the city wants to renegotiate the terms of the joint law enforcement agreement.

Council members concurred with the draft letter prepared by Anderson in which he suggests a citizen committee be established to evaluate and offer suggestions about the agreement.

The draft letter states that the city doesn't want to pay the county more money for law enforcement than the city actually collects in property taxes, which it has been doing for years.

Essentially the city pays 65 percent of the costs of most parts of the sheriff's office and the county pays 35 percent. That split isn't across all divisions of the department.

Terms of the contract require that either party notify the other in January of any given year of its desire to change contract terms.

- Easement - Council members directed the mayor to sign an agreement with Project Mutual Telephone for an easement along the G canal on city property near the Gem Cemetery on Overland Avenue. The approval is conditional, pending City Attorney Randy Stone's review of the legal description.

DEATH NOTICES

Anna Irene Phelps

TWIN FALLS - Anna Irene Phelps, 76, of Twin Falls, died Dec. 6, 2003, at her home.

The memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at Rock Creek Community Church with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary.

Gertrude Speckman

OAKLEY - Gertrude Speckman, 89, of Oakley, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Sunbridge Care and Rehabilitation in Twin Falls.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Oakley Stake Center with Bishop Gary Lloyd officiating. Burial will be in the Gem Memorial Gardens in Burley. Friends may call at from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary, 1000 N. St. in Burley, and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Margaret Moeller

JEROME - Margaret Moeller, 89, of Jerome died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at the St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Arrangements will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Paul Eiman

HANSEN - Paul Eiman, 65, of Hansen, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Jose L. Arrate

SHOSHONE - Jose "Joe" Legarra Arrate, 62, of Shoshone, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, in Kuna. A rosary service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Shoshone First Baptist Church. Services will conclude at the church. Cremation will follow.

Ethel A. Bowers

RICHFIELD - Ethel Clarissa Alred Bowers, 89, of Richfield, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, in Richfield.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Mildred M. Jones of Filer, celebration at 2 p.m. today, at the Filer Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. John Forster officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls).

Lee George McCoy of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. today, at White Mortuary with the Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

Dryvella Camilla Rasmussen Sorenson of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley, with Bishop John Cox officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley.

Lurline Irene (Dais) Schroeder-Jones and Daniel Allen Jones, of Buhl and Earp, Calif., service at 11 a.m. Friday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl; interment will follow at West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Kelly Neal Qualls, of Nampa and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave. S., Nampa.

Gladys "Leona" Poog Paladino, of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Filer Ave. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, at Parkes' Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls.

Scott C. Jex, of Boise, remembrance at 2 p.m. Saturday at Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise.

Esther Fairman, of Ketchum, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum; and a memorial in Boise on Esther's birthday, May 4, 2004, at her daughter's home (Wood River Chapel in Hatley).

SERVICES

Renaissance Art Center doors swing wrong way

But Rupert could benefit from contractor's error

By Rosa Marie Parsons Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - A contractor's error may have actually decreased the city's liability, Rupert City Attorney Kelly Anthon said Tuesday.

Anthon told the Rupert City Council that the contractor working on the west side of the Renaissance Art Center mistakenly

installed doors to open outward instead of inward.

The doors are part of the storefronts in the historic Wilson Theatre. They open onto Fremont Avenue.

Anthon said discussions with City Administrator Roger Bagley, the city fire marshal, the city building officer and art center staff have resulted in a recommendation that the doors be left opening outward.

Permanent planters will be placed near the doors to prevent pedestrians from being struck by them. The planters will not impede traffic because the sidewalk is wide.

The state law that requires that exits open outward applies to a

door toward the northwest end of the building. A planter also will be placed there.

Final approval of the agreement between the city of Rupert and the Renaissance Art Center was delayed until the Jan. 20 meeting because the center's board members have not completed their review of the document.

Other business before the City Council included:

- Senior citizen center - A request from the Minidoka Senior Citizen Center for an increase in the electric energy credit the city provides was tabled until Jan. 20. Last week the city gave the center a \$4700 electricity credit. Councilman Steve Barras said the council needs to follow up on an

energy audit done at the center.

- Surplus property - Mayor Audrey Neirwerth was authorized to sign papers to close the sale of a small parcel of land at the corner of K Street and 11th Street in Rock Clawson for approximately \$700.

- Transportation plan - Final consideration of the transportation plan was tabled until Jan. 20 because Sunrise Engineering is waiting for comments from the Idaho Department of Transportation.

- Howarth building - The resolution declaring the Howarth building surplus was tabled once again until Jan. 20. Bagley said the bill has not been able to obtain a salvage value for the property.

Ramos

Continued from B1 student, injuring that student's leg. The cottage supervisor called the police, the infant-teacher was removed to the infirmary to sleep it off, and Ramos fired the student-teacher the next day after originally opposing the firing.

Dick Grover, maintenance supervisor at the school, also testified that building a deck at the house diverted his crew from regularly scheduled summer repair projects for two weeks. The crew had to catch up during the school year.

Grover became concerned about spending at the school and once used the maintenance department camera to document what he saw a rough draft of a jacket for Ramos's book lying around near the computers in the Optischool room.

Jeff Woods, the school's director of financial services, testified that Ramos had made comments after he was put on leave that threatened retaliation against people who opposed him, should he be

reinstated.

Harry Lyter, the operations/performance officer for the State Board of Education, testified about a series of e-mails in July 2003 among him, state board Executive Director Gary Stivers and Ramos about the job description for the director of instruction and consolidated principal positions.

Ramos wanted to require applicants for both to be fluent in sign language, but Lyter and Stivers eventually overruled him.

Lyter said the Optischool program was not shut down until the end of July, when it was supposed to be shut down July 1, according to a corrective action plan issued to Ramos by the state board.

After Ramos was put on leave and Lyter became acting superintendent, Lyter discovered concerns about the information contained on the laptop used by Maria Ramos when she was developmental director of the foundation. Lyter said he had Randy Bow, the school's information technology specialist, investigate. He found a large amount of material

related to Ramos' book on the laptop.

Lyter also wanted to investigate the contents of the Optischool computers, but when the room was unlocked and searched, all the hard drives were gone and there no disk copies.

Tom Haddock, a managing auditor for the state's legislative services department, oversaw the routine audit of the Gooding school, a normal occurrence every three years. Haddock said he saw no evidence that the school checked with other state agencies to see if they needed the school's surplus property - a normal procedure in the disposal of surplus items - before the school's surplus vehicles and furniture were auctioned to the public in October 2002. Haddock also said that the state Board of Examiners policy is that only items that are worth less than the cost of their disposal can be donated to nonprofit organizations - not the case with the vehicles and furniture.

Proceeds from the auction went to the ISDBz Foundation.

About seven people came to watch parts of the hearing, some to show support for Ramos.

Jerry Wilding heads both the Idaho Association for the Deaf and the Save Our Superintendent Committee, which was formed in February 2003 to support Ramos and let people know they did not want the school controlled by the opposition, Wilding said in written statements.

He said the root of the conflict is between the new and old board at the school. He said the first day and a half of the hearing had a lot of important fact finding.

Counterfeit

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Department and Eric Snarr did a great job with tremendous cooperation from probation and parole, the Minidoka County Sheriff's Office and the folks in Boise.

As a result he was able to get the information to the people who ended up arresting the suspects."

Snarr found out the names of people who were allegedly involved in making and passing

the counterfeit money in Minidoka County. He learned two of the people had very recently left Minidoka County so he prepared a tracer file, which is similar to an all-points bulletin, on the two suspects. That was shared with the Secret Service and the Boise Police Department.

Within 36 hours of the release of that information, Boise police officers had McGuffin and Paoli

in custody, Walker said. Walker said the suspects are believed to have manufactured bills of many denominations, including ones, fives, 10s, 20s, 50s and 100s.

Law enforcement agencies in the Magic Valley have been investigating counterfeit money reports for the last couple of weeks and several businesses and banks have encountered the money.

Airport

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removal crews couldn't keep ahead of the snowfall's volume. In addition to the blowers clearing the runway, crews with shovels had to manually remove snow from around runways and taxiway lights and signs on which pilots rely.

During most of the temporary airport shutdown, Baird said the weather was too severe for aircraft operations in any event, and hundreds of passengers were bused to and from Twin Falls for flights that couldn't use the Halley airport.

But Baird told the board that the airport's new Transponder

Landing System - a relatively inexpensive and uncomplicated navigational aid for landing and takeoff during inclement weather - would be certified in March and then used "significantly reducing" the number of canceled arrivals and departures.

The \$1.2 million TLS system is installed and working, but awaiting Federal Aviation Administration approval for use. Once approved, the TLS will enable Skywest and Horizon airlines flights to takeoff and land in more restricted visibility and ceilings.

Baird also reported that an experimental "Terminal Host"

program during the Christmas holidays was so successful that it will be repeated next Christmas, and perhaps during high-volume summer travel.

The airport hired four college students at \$10 per hour; outfitted them with identifying Terminal Host vests, and assigned them to provide a wide range of assistance to air travelers.

The unique program generated positive passenger reaction, Baird said, especially at a time when nerves and tempers were frayed by delays or flight cancellations during the severe weather.

Baird told the governing body

that he plans a trip to Jackson, Wyo., to talk with that community's airport officials about "silver bullet" legislation in Congress that specifically allows Jackson to buy jets with noisy Stage II engines, which Halley's airport has been unable to do.

Stage II jets have been the source of the majority of noise complaints from homeowners near Friedman Memorial. Baird said he believes Friedman Memorial ought to join renewed pressure on Congress to give airports more authority in controlling noise with absolute bans on certain aircraft.

Candidate

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Don Boyd of Genesee and human rights activist Marilyn Shuler, the former director of the state Human Rights Commission.

Regarding his experience as an attorney in private practice, Jones said "you take the cases that walk through the door and you learn from the ground up as you go along." That gives him a "jump start on the issues," Jones said.

Jones said he has continued to work on the family farm near Eden off and on over the years. His wife, Kelly, originally is from Twin Falls.

In his announcement, Jones noted that both he and current Justice Roger Burdick will both be on the ballot, but running for different seats. He joked that if he is elected to the seat Burdick is returning to the seat he currently occupies, "Jerome will have the highest percent of Supreme Court justices in the state of Idaho."

Local attorney Gene Frederickson is Jones' campaign chairman.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale also contributed to this report.

IDAHO/WEST



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger delivers his first State of the State address Tuesday to a joint session of the California Legislature in Sacramento.

Schwarzenegger calls for cuts in new budget

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In a turning point marking his transition from Hollywood idol to California's leader, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger focused his first major address Tuesday on a financial crisis he said would entail painful budget cuts.

The speech, delivered to a worldwide television audience as well as a joint session of the California Legislature, set an aggressive legislative agenda for the coming year.

"We have no choice but to cut spending, which is what caused the crisis in the first place," Schwarzenegger said. "These are cuts that will challenge us. But we cannot give what we do not have. If we continue spending and don't make cuts, California will be bankrupt."

Elected in California's historic recall election in October, Schwarzenegger takes over at a critical juncture. California has a deficit of close to \$15 billion. Although voters will be asked to borrow the money needed to pay off that debt, Schwarzenegger also faces a new deficit of at least \$14 billion next year.

In his two months in office, Schwarzenegger has been busy cutting car taxes, forging agreements on borrowing billions of dollars and invoking emergency powers to make payments to cities and counties, but the biggest tests are still to come.

Schwarzenegger did not detail his budget proposal, to be released Friday, but he noted that cuts would be imposed at all levels of government. And he asked voters to approve the \$15 billion bond on the March ballot.

"The alternative is economic chaos," he said. "During his campaign, Schwarzenegger promised to find billions of dollars in waste, but so far he hasn't found any he's acknowledged publicly. On Tuesday he

announced the creation of a commission to find where state government is duplicative and wasteful. "This good news is that the spending crisis forces us to bring badly needed reform to government," he said.

The big target of the cuts is expected to be public health and welfare programs. The governor has already released a list of about \$4 billion in spending reductions he wants, including changes to the state health insurance program that costs taxpayers about \$10 billion annually.

The governor's tone was generally upbeat, and he shied away from areas that might ignite partisan bickering while noting he wants to work with both parties.

Schwarzenegger has proposed sweeping legislation aimed at bringing the state's worker compensation costs down to at least the national average, and hinted that if lawmakers fail to solve the problem, he would also take the issue to voters. His proposal would limit how much doctors, pharmacies and clinics are paid and impose new restrictions on how job-injuries are evaluated and how medical disputes are resolved.

The average cost to employers for worker compensation insurance has nearly tripled since 1999 to nearly \$30 billion a year. Schwarzenegger's plan is designed to cut more than \$1 billion.

Observers said the speech marked a major turning point in Schwarzenegger's career.

"Right now he's no longer Arnold Schwarzenegger the international movie star, he's Arnold Schwarzenegger the governor of California," said Ken Khachigian, a Republican political consultant who once served as the chief speech writer for former President Ronald Reagan.

"All the rehearsals are over," he said. "This is opening night."

Developers buy land in N.E. Nevada

WEST WENDOVER, Nev. (AP) — An investment group based in Las Vegas has purchased 42,000 acres in north-east Nevada, including the old Big Springs Ranch between West Wendover and Wells.

Officials for the Big Springs Land & Resource Co. in Carson City confirmed Tuesday they sold the land totaling more than 65 square miles to the Las Vegas-based Wendover Project LLC.

The project is led by real estate entrepreneur Fred Sadr and Roy Koroghli. It is located between West Wendover and Wells and includes much of the Big Springs Ranch, a working cattle operation for more than a century.

Steve Hartman, vice president of Big Springs Land & Resource Co., said the terms of the deal were being kept secret.

The key holding includes a 6,500 parcel in and around West Wendover just west of the Nevada-Utah line near Interstate 80 and the Union Pacific railroad, he said.

"With their proven track record of real estate development and generation of positive economic activity, the sale marks another positive step for the area in and around northeast Nevada," Hartman said.

Court backs business in anti-gay case

BOISE (AP) — Hewlett-Packard Co. acted legally when it fired a veteran employee at its Boise facility for posting anti-gay Bible verses in his work cubicle to protest the company's diversity campaign, a federal appeals court panel ruled Tuesday.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco held that the constitutional right to freedom of religion did not guarantee Richard D. Peterson the right to post biblical verses condemning homosexuality with the stated purpose of emotionally hurting gay employees so they would change their lifestyle.

He was fired, and then sued the company for \$1 million claiming religious discrimination. A lower court granted the company's request to throw out the lawsuit, and Peterson appealed to the 9th Circuit.

"Peterson may be correct that the campaign devoted special attention to combating prejudice against homosexuality, but such an emphasis is in no manner unlawful," Judge Stephen Reinhardt wrote for the unanimous panel.

"To the contrary, Hewlett-Packard's efforts to eradicate discrimination against homosexuals in its workplace were entirely consistent with the goals and objectives of our civil rights statutes generally," Reinhardt wrote.

But Christ Troupis, Peterson's attorney, claimed the appeals court unfairly portrayed Peterson as a religious extremist, and he warned that the ruling could silence, freedom of religious expression in the workplace.

SNOWY IN SEATTLE



With Elliott Bay in the background, shledders fill Seattle's famous Queen Anne Avenue Tuesday after it was closed to traffic due to heavy snow. Much of West-end Washington took a snow day Tuesday as the most widespread storm since 1996 dumped up to a foot in places, closing schools, businesses and roads.

Feds reject appeal for grouse listing

BOISE (AP) — Conservationists did not show enough evidence for an eastern subspecies of sage grouse to be on the endangered species list, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has concluded.

The agency said a petition to list an "eastern sage grouse" lacked evidence that it is a distinct population segment from sage grouse as a whole. Last February, the agency declined to continue evaluating the "western sage grouse" for the same reason.

The Institute for Wildlife Protection had filed the two petitions. Since the 1940s, experts have considered whether there was western subspecies, said Fish and Wildlife biologist Pat Deibert in Cheyenne, Wyo., but modern genetic testing has determined there is no difference.

The grouse's entire American range covers parts of Idaho and 10 other states, and experts think as many as 2 million birds inhabit that area and Canada when Lewis and Clark encountered them in 1805. Today, their American numbers are estimated at 140,000 to 250,000. Canadian populations have plunged as well.

The western grouse petition involved states on the West Coast and a tiny area of Idaho near the Oregon border. The eastern grouse document took in the rest of the range, including the majority of southern Idaho's grasslands, Deibert said.

Under the Endangered Species Act, a species, subspecies or distinct population segment can be listed as threatened or endangered. The service looks at factors such as isolation and significance to the rest of the species.

But the federal agency is conducting a preliminary review of several petitions to list the species as a whole, with its findings expected by March 29.

The largest upland game bird behind the wild turkey. The loss of sage to wildfires and development has reduced their numbers, but the Idaho Department of Fish and Game continues to allow sage grouse hunting.

Idaho, software firm reach deal

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Education has signed a \$16.8 million letter of agreement with PLATO Learning, Inc. to provide software and support for a new student information management system.

The agreement, funded partly with a grant from the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation, is subject to state funding, company officials said Tuesday.

PLATO Learning's software will be used for the Idaho Student Information Management System — a system designed in part to

help teachers create lesson plans and review students' disciplinary history, attendance records and grades.

Eventually, the network will connect all the schools to provide data for parents, teachers, students, administrators, lawmakers and the public. It will be one of the first statewide systems in the nation, officials said.

A pilot project will start next month, and all Idaho public schools will have the software by the 2006-2007 school year, the company said.

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Nampa school gets computer windfall

NAMPA (AP) — South Middle School on Tuesday became the first Idaho beneficiary of an after-school computer program operated by the company whose machines dispense state lottery tickets and sportsmen's licenses.

Rep. Butch Otter, R-Idaho, attended the opening of the state-of-the-art computer laboratory financed with the \$15,000 grant from GTECH Corp.

"Schools can't do it alone, the community can't do it alone, the state can't do it alone," Otter said. "So it's important to have this partnership."

While it's the first school in Idaho, South Middle School in Nampa is the 84th GTECH has equipped with a computer lab since launching the program four years ago.

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Within months
of opening
a steakhouse
in Wendell,
Caryn Grossman
won an award
from the Idaho
Beef Council.

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Cooking up a prize

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - This Wendell cook won an award from the Idaho Beef Council for her rib eye steak only



A rib eye steak is served with baked potato, green beans and bread.

six weeks after she opened her own restaurant.

Caryn Grossman was reared on a dairy in the Pacific Northwest. Her mother owned a restaurant. So Grossman, the youngest of seven children, helped Mom with the chores. Today, Grossman has three children of her own - ages 18, 13 and 3 - to help her.

Grossman moved with her husband and family to Wendell two years ago and soon heard that a restaurant was for sale. After a bit of remodeling, she opened her Branding Iron Steakhouse and Grill on site.

That was July 3. By the end of August, Grossman had won an honorable mention prize in the Idaho Beef Council's annual competition, for Best Beef Entree.

Grossman prefers to use prime beef, the highest grade available, because she says it

makes better roasts and steaks. It has plenty of marbling - flecks of fat within the lean - to enhance flavor, tenderness and juiciness.

A lot of people have been concerned about mad cow disease, since an animal with the disease was discovered in a meat-packing plant in Washington recently.

"I would hope that people are not under the impression that they can get mad cow disease by eating steak and roasts," Grossman said. "I'm no expert on the disease, but I believe you have to eat brain or spinal cord tissue from an infected animal in order to get the disease."

She added, "People need to educate themselves about it. Meat distributors in this country are very stringent and enforce guidelines on what is and is not allowed. I believe our meat supply is safe."

Experts interviewed in a Jan. 4 Los Angeles Times wire story are in general agreement with

Grossman.

John Scanga, an assistant professor at the Center for Red Meat Safety (Colorado State University) said there is little risk in eating steaks and chops from a cow and only a slight risk with ground beef where parts of the brain could get into the mix. Keith Belk, associate professor of meat science at CSU, says he thinks the current interest in mad cow disease will remain high, while risk of human infection from American beef remains low.

"The risk now is infinitesimal," he said.

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Delicious classic desserts can be speedy

Family Favorites

Dessert makes any meal special. Especially desserts that have old-fashioned, homemade taste, yet can be made in just minutes.

CARAMEL APPLE SUNDAE PIE

6 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
35 Nilla Wafers, finely crushed
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
3/4 cup caramel topping, divided
1 quart (4 cups) ice cream, softened
2 medium apples, peeled, cored and coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons light brown sugar
MELT 4 tablespoons of butter, mix with wafer crumbs and

granulated sugar until well blended. Press mixture firmly onto bottom and up side of 9-inch pie plate. DRIZZLE 1/2 cup of caramel topping evenly on prepared crust. Top with scoops of ice cream. Freeze 4 hours or until ready to serve. COOK apple pieces in remaining 2 tablespoons butter and brown sugar in large skillet on medium heat 5 minutes or until apples are tender, stirring frequently. Cool. SPOON apples over pie and drizzle with remaining 1/4 cup topping just before serving. Makes 10 servings.

LEMON-GINGER REFRIGERATOR ROLL
1 cup cold milk
1 package (4-serving size) Jell-O any flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
1 1/2 cups thawed frozen whipped topping

30 Nabisco Ginger Snaps
POUR milk into medium bowl. Add pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Gently stir in whipped topping. SPREAD about 1 1/2 teaspoons of the pudding mixture onto each cookie. Begin stacking cookies together, standing on edge on serving platter to make a log. Frost with remaining pudding mixture. REFRIGERATE overnight (at least 8 hours). Cut diagonally into 12 slices to serve. Makes 12 servings.

EASY SOUTHERN BANANA PUDDING
3 cups cold milk
2 packages (4-serving size each) Jell-O Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling
32 Nilla Wafers
2 bananas, sliced
2 cups thawed frozen

whipped topping
POUR milk into large bowl. Add pudding mixes. Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes. ARRANGE layer of wafers on bottom and up side of 2-quart serving bowl. Add layer of banana slices, top with 1/3 of the pudding. Repeat layers, ending with pudding. Spread whipped topping over pudding. REFRIGERATE 3 hours or until ready to serve. Makes 12 servings.

GINGER SNAP-APPLE MALLOW CRISP
4 medium cooking apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced (about 4 cups)
1 cup miniature marshmallows
18 Nabisco Ginger Snaps, finely crushed
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Clockwise from top: Cherry Orange Delight, Tiramisu Parfaits, Caramel Apple Sundae Pie and Lemon-Ginger Refrigerator Rolls are picture perfect.

Photo courtesy of Sugar Snaps, Jell-O and Nilla Wafers

FOOD & HOME



This Macadamia Caramel Tart is easy, but looks elegant.

Caramel tart draws in everyone

Taste of Home

"Knowing my co-workers are willing guinea pigs, I made a Macadamia Caramel Tart for an office 'potluck,'" says Debbie Emerick of Castle Rock, Colo. "When I returned from a break, I found a big frilly blue ribbon on my desk with a note from the boss, saying, 'You get a blue ribbon for bringing us a slice of heaven!'"

MACADAMIA CARAMEL TART

- 2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 1/2 cups sugar, divided
- 1 cup cold butter (no substitutes), cut into chunks

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 2 1/2 cups macadamia nuts, toasted
- 1 egg white, beaten

In a food processor, combine the flour, 1/2 cup sugar and butter. Cover and pulse until blended.

Add eggs; pulse until blended. On a lightly floured surface, gently knead dough five times or until a ball is formed.

Between two sheets of waxed paper roll two-thirds of dough into a 13-inch circle; press onto the bottom and 2 in. up the sides of an ungreased 9-inch springform pan.

Cover and chill. Roll remaining dough into a 9-inch circle; chill.

In a large heavy skillet, cook and stir the remaining sugar, oil and medium heat until melted and dark brown, about 20 minutes.

Slowly stir in cream until blended. Remove from the heat; stir in nuts. Cool for 15 minutes. Pour into prepared pan. Top with 9-in. pastry circle. Fold pastry from sides of pan over the top pastry; seal edges with a fork. Brush top with egg white. Bake at 325 for 50-55 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on a wire rack for 20 minutes.

Carefully run a knife around edge of pan to loosen. Remove sides of pan. Cool completely before cutting. Yield: 10-12 servings.

Recipes

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CARYN'S RECIPES

PRIZE-WINNING RIB EYE STEAK

Use aged prime meat. Either cut your own or have your butcher cut a 14-ounce steak as thick as you like. Sprinkle Montreal steak seasoning on the steak and char-broil it to the desired degree of doneness. Steak goes well with salad and baked potatoes.

ROAST PRIME BEEF

Use high-quality beef. It makes the best roasts. Use whatever size roast you like. Estimate at least 1/4 pound per serving. Let the

roast set until it reaches room temperature. Mix enough crushed bay leaves, peppered steak seasoning, salt and pepper together to cover the outside of the roast with a thick crust on all sides. Place the roast on a rack in a pan with 1/2 inch of water in the bottom of the pan. Place in the oven at 425 degrees. Cook until the seasoning forms a hard crust on the outside of the roast, about one hour. Remove from oven and wrap in foil. Turn oven temperature down to 300 degrees and cook slowly until the internal temperature of the roast reaches 110 to 115 degrees. Remove roast to the oven and allow to rest for about 30 to 40 minutes. The roset will

be done to cook while it rests. Serve as desired, either rare, medium or well-done.

TARTER SAUCE

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup dill relish
- 1 cup sweet relish
- 1 cup red onion, chopped fine
- 1 teaspoon lemon pepper
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika

Mix everything together, cover and chill overnight. NOTE: This doesn't look like store-bought tartar sauce. Because of the paprika, it will have a slight orange tint.

Desserts

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- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, softened

PLACE baking in greased 8-inch square baking pan. Top with marshmallows; set aside. MIX ginger snap crumbs, pecans and butter in medium bowl until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Sprinkle evenly over marshmallow layer. BAKE at 350 F for 20 to 25 minutes or until apples are tender, covering loosely with foil after 10 minutes to prevent over browning, if necessary. Makes 9 servings.

TIRAMISU PARFAITS

- 20 Nilla Wafers, divided
- 1 container (8 ounces) whipped cream cheese spread
- 3 tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1/3 cup cold brewed coffee, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup thawed frozen whipped topping

RESERVE 4 wafers for garnish. Coarsely break remaining 16 wafers; set aside. BEAT cream cheese, sugar, 3 tablespoons of the coffee and vanilla in medium bowl

with electric mixer on medium speed until well blended. Gently stir in whipped topping. DRIZZLE remaining coffee over wafer pieces in small bowl. Spoon 2 tablespoons of the cream cheese mixture into each of 4 dessert dishes; top with 1 to 2 tablespoons soaked wafer pieces. Repeat layers, ending with cream cheese mixture. REFRIGERATE at least 1 hour. Top with reserved wafers just before serving. Makes 4 servings. Serve topped with additional thawed frozen whipped topping.

CHERRY ORANGE DELIGHT

- 2 1/2 cups boiling water
- 3 packages (4-serving size each) Jell-O Brand Cherry Flavor Gelatin
- 2 3/4 cups cold water
- 1 can (11 ounces or 15 ounces) Mandarin orange segments, drained
- 4 ounces (1/2 of 8-ounce package) cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tub (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed. STIR boiling water into gelatin in medium bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water. Refrigerate about 1 1/4 hours or

until slightly thickened (consistency of unbeaten egg whites). Gently stir in oranges. BEAT cream cheese and sugar in separate medium bowl with wire whisk until well blended.

Add whipped topping; stir with wire whisk until well blended. Spoon into large serving bowl; cover with gelatin mixture. REFRIGERATE 2 hours or until firm. Makes 16 servings.

Water gardens require work all year

Even in the dead of winter, water gardens are hard at work. Today's back yard ponds are miniature ecosystems, sustaining plants and animals, as well as entertaining you with their varying rocks and other landscape features.

Here are a few tips to make sure your water garden is swimmingly healthy.

- Check the water level. We live in a desert. Evaporation occurs even during these cold months.
- Just 2 feet. Water level is vital if you're a fish trying to survive out there in a frozen pond. All the fish need is 2 feet of water. All the fish need is 2 feet of water to survive the season. And maybe some air.
- Conserve energy and keep your fish, too. To conserve energy, you can mostly shut down a pond for winter.

Just put in a small heater to keep an air hole open in the ice (so the fish can breathe) and a portable in-pond pump to help oxygenate the water.

Plan ahead. If you plan to install a new pond or renovate the old one, don't wait till spring thaw. By then, all the good contractors will already be booked up. Find a contractor who understands the concept of "ecosystem ponds" and schedule now.

Flip-flops catch on

The Washington Post

How adorable are these? Flip-flops as floating candles. They are the centerpiece of www.flipflopstyle.com, a new Web site showcasing all things flip-flop, from home decor to jewelry and other fashion accessories.

What started out as dime-store beach shoes are turning up in some very high-end dressing rooms. Prada studs its version with rhinestones and marks them up accordingly. A jeweler in Hawaii is marketing diamond-studded flip-flop pendants for just south of \$1,000.

Building a site's founder, Lynne Aulota, a former mortgage broker from Austin, Texas, and also founder of the popular www.monmymshop.com - even more flip-flop fun is headed our way this winter: doormats, place mats and more candles. The flip-flop candles are tiny - just 1 1/4 inches long - and sell in sets of four for \$9.95.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS Cathy Walworth

• You don't make the invitation list. Remember: If you have a back yard water feature, you are creating a small oasis. That "ecosystem" we mentioned before. All kinds of animals will flock, slither and crawl to an oasis, especially if you live out a ways.

DEAR CATHY: How can I get rid of mold on the soil of my houseplants?

—FUZZY

DEAR FUZZY: Mold on soil surfaces means that you're watering too much.

Hold off on water until the top of the soil looks to shade or two lighter than it did before - and feels dry to the touch if you wiggle your finger down into it a little.

Sometimes, we see a little white stuff on the soil surface because there's too much fertilizer and

alkalinity added to the mix.

I add maybe a couple of table spoons of vinegar to my watering can every once in a while to kill any mold spores that might be lurking. It also helps wash out any built-up salts. Sometimes you can gently scrape away the top layer of soil and throw it out, too.

Better air circulation might help the problem. Sometimes there's almost no air circulation on a windowsill, and that is just the way fungal spores like it - still, warm and moist.

Where can you move the plant so that it gets more air, as well as enough light?

So: Add some vinegar to the watering can to kill the existing spores. Don't water again until the top of the soil feels dry to the touch. Move the plant to a place with better air circulation.

Thanks for writing.

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

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The Susanville is a mid-size contemporary home designed for families who prefer comfortable, informal living spaces. It has no living room, but the bayed front-facing room can be outfitted as a dining room. Or it could be a den. Great room, nook and kitchen flow together. All are large, and all but the kitchen have lofty vaulted ceilings that make these areas seem even more spacious. Windows line most of the rear wall. The space filled by the fireplace is the widest unglazed expanse. Sliders in the nook open onto a patio that spans the entire rear of the home and is also accessible from the master suite. Expanded by a windowed alcove, the nook is exceptionally bright.

Kitchen amenities include an angled eating bar, efficient design, plenty of counter space and built-in appliances. Enter through the garage, and you can step right into a tiny bathroom or the laundry room without tracking mud elsewhere in the house. The bathroom is equally close to the front door, and handy to the kitchen as well.

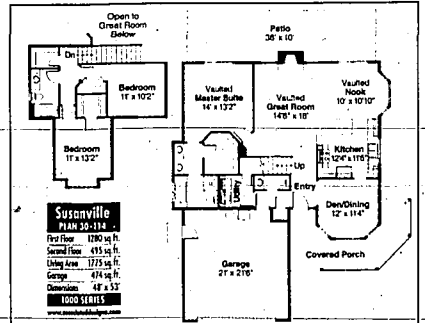
The vaulted master suite is the only bedroom on the ground floor. It has a large walk-in closet, which provides about twice the storage space of the other bedroom. Two more bedrooms are upstairs, where they share a third bathroom. A storage closet is at the top of the stairs. The front bedroom is tucked under a dormer with a boxed bay that could be outfitted as a window seat. This room also has a walk-in closet, which provides about twice the storage space of the other bedroom.

For a review plan, including scaled floor plans; elevations; section and artist's conception, send



Great room, nook and kitchen flow together. All are large, and all but the kitchen have lofty vaulted ceilings.

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Engineered lumber can help keep a floor from squeaking.

Squeaky floors can be fixed with simple kits

DEAR JIM: The floors in several rooms have annoying squeaks. We are selling the house, so we want to fix them cheaply. When we build our new efficient house, how can we avoid squeaky floors again?

—JOHNNY D.

DEAR JOHNNY: Every home seems to have squeaky spots here and there throughout the rooms. The problem is generally worse during the winter when the humidity level is lower making lumber shrink. This shrinking often creates tiny gaps between the subflooring and the joists causing the squeak when someone steps on them.

There are several inexpensive do-it-yourself kits available to stop floor squeaks. They all work by securing the subflooring to the supporting floor joists. When installed correctly, they will eliminate squeaks and help prevent joists from forming. You can find them at most home centers.

If you do not have access to the underside of the floor, use a no-squeak kit that drives screws from above through the carpeting and subflooring and into the joist. This permanently fixes the subflooring to the joist.

These kits include an aluminum jig that rests on the carpet. Using cordless drill, special long screws are driven down, through the carpet. After the screws are installed, bend the exposed screw head with the jig. The head is designed to break off slightly below the surface of the subflooring.

If you have access to the joists and subflooring from beneath, use brace-type no-squeak kits. One is a small cast aluminum brace that screws to the subflooring and joist and draws them together. Another design is screwed to the subflooring and a nut is tightened drawing it down against a joist.

When you build your new house, maximum stability will eliminate squeaks and maintain



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dullea

its airtightness for energy efficiency. Using engineered lumber instead of standard board lumber will result in the most stable house.

Engineered lumber is made from smaller pieces of wood that are combined to form large support pieces such as joist and beams. This is good for the environment because less virgin wood is needed. Smaller wood pieces can be used which might otherwise be discarded as scrap or used less effectively.

When building your new house, you should use several types of engineered lumber — laminated veneer lumber (LVL), glulams and I-joists. LVL and glulams are produced by permanently laminating several thin layers of lumber together.

I-joists are similar to steel I-beams with LVL boards separated by a thin vertical web. They are ideal for floors to eliminate squeaks and settling. When the kids jump in a room with I-joists, everything will not rattle.

Write for (instantly download - www.dullea.com) Update Bulletin No. 407 — buyer's guide of 12 manufacturers of do-it-yourself "stop-squeak" kits and engineered lumber showing installation instructions, specifications, sizes features, and prices. Please include \$3 and a business-size SASE. Write to James Dullea, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45244.

Try some new recipes for a delicious new year

By Susan Selasky
Detroit Free Press

We're celebrating the new year by showcasing favorite recipes published in 2003.

PASTOR WINAN'S FAMOUS FRIED CORN

Serves: 12
12 ears of corn
5 to 8 strips of bacon
1/2 cup diced green pepper
1/2 cup diced yellow pepper
1/2 cup diced red pepper
1/4 cup diced red onion
2 cloves garlic, peeled, minced
1 tablespoon seasoned salt
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup cornstarch
Chopped parsley for garnish, optional

Shuck the corn, then rinse and shave the kernels off the cob, scraping to release the milky juices; set aside. You should have about 8 cups of kernels. In a large

skillet fry the bacon until crisp and reserve the bacon drippings. Transfer bacon drippings to a saute pan and heat over medium heat. Add the green, yellow and red pepper to the pan along with the corn, onion, garlic, pepper and seasoned salt. Let it cook, while stirring, for 10 to 15 minutes or until the corn and peppers are tender, then stir in the sugar and cornstarch. Cook about 3 to 5 minutes until the sugar and cornstarch are incorporated. Chop the bacon and add it to the pan. If the corn begins to stick, add a little butter.

SWISS AND BACON DIP
Serves: 10
8 slices center-cut bacon, chopped
8 ounces cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 rounded teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese

3 green onions, washed, ends removed, chopped
1/2 cup smoked almonds, coarsely chopped
Baby carrots for dipping
Selection of spiced flatbreads, cocktail-size pumpernickel or eye breads, or sliced whole-grain baguettes for dipping
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, brown the bacon. Remove crisp bacon bits and drain on paper towels. In

a large mixing bowl, combine the cream cheese, mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, Swiss cheese and green onions with the cooked bacon. Transfer to a shallow small casserole or baking dish and bake until golden and bubbly at the edges, about 15 to 18 minutes. Top with the chopped almonds. Place the dip on a platter and surround warm casserole with carrots and breads for dipping.
—From "Rachel Ray 30-Minute Meals Get Together!"

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FOOD & HOME

Serve fruit pizza for dessert

By William Rice
Chicago Tribune

Chef-Waldy Malouf, who commands the kitchen at Beacon restaurant in New York City, has developed a formula for chocolate pizzas with fruit variations that will charm cooks and party-givers of any age. "The crust is decadently brownie-like, and the fruit toppings are fun and colorful," he writes in "High Heat, Grilling and Roasting Year-Round." If you're aiming for a pizza look-alike, the strawberry ricotta pizza is the most convincing.

CHOCOLATE PIZZAS WITH FRUIT VARIATIONS

- Makes four 10-inch pizzas, 16 to 20 pieces
- 1 1/2 teaspoons active dry yeast
 - 2 1/2 tablespoons sugar, plus additional to proof yeast
 - 3 3/4 cups all-purpose flour, plus additional for dusting
 - 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder
 - 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons fine sea salt or kosher salt
 - Caramelized pineapple-raspberry topping:
 - 2 tablespoons apricot jam
 - 1 large peach, thinly sliced (about 1 cup)
 - 1/4 cup grated white, milk or dark chocolate
 - Ginger-mango topping:
 - 2 tablespoons ginger mar-

- malade or preserves
 - 1 cup thinly sliced peeled mango
 - 1/4 cup grated white, milk or dark chocolate
 - Strawberry-ricotta topping:
 - 2 tablespoons strawberry jam
 - 1 cup thinly sliced strawberries
 - 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
 - 2 teaspoons sugar
 - Honey for drizzling
 - Fresh mint leaves for garnish
- To prepare the pizza dough, warm 1/2 cup water to 110-115 degrees (it should feel warm to the touch). In a bowl of an electric mixer fitted with a dough hook, mix the yeast with the warm water and a pinch of sugar. Let sit for 15 minutes. If the yeast is not foaming, discard it and begin again with fresh yeast.

Add the flour, cocoa, oil, salt, remaining sugar and another cup of water to the foaming yeast and mix on medium speed until the dough is smooth and elastic and springs back when pinched, about 15 minutes. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let rise in a warm place until doubled in bulk, about 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

Meanwhile, heat the broiler. Sprinkle the pineapple slices with sugar. Lay the slices on a rimmed baking sheet and place it in the oven as close to the heat source as possible. Broil, turning once, until the slices are browned, about 5 to 6 minutes per side.

Place a pizza stone on an inverted baking sheet on the lower rack of the oven and heat it to 500 degrees. Press the risen pizza dough flat and turn it onto a flat, lightly floured surface. Lightly knead the dough a few times.

Divide the dough into 4 equal balls. Roll out each round on a piece of parchment paper to 1-inch thickness (they will be about 10 inches in diameter). Slide the rounds, on the paper, onto unheated cookie sheets or upside-down rimmed baking sheets.

- For the pineapple pizza, slice each pineapple ring into 6 pieces. Spread the jam evenly over the top of the dough to the edge and arrange the pineapple over it. Scatter the raspberries between the pineapple pieces and sprinkle the chocolate over all.
- For the apricot-peach pizza, spread the jam evenly over the top of the dough to the edges and arrange the peaches over it. Sprinkle the chocolate over all.
- For the ginger-mango pizza, spread the marmalade evenly over the top of the dough to the edges and arrange the mango over it. Sprinkle the chocolate over all.

- For the strawberry pizza, spread the jam evenly over the top of the dough to the edges and arrange the strawberries over it. Drop teaspoon-sized dollops of ricotta evenly over the pizza and sprinkle the sugar over all.

Trim the parchment paper around the pizzas, leaving a narrow border around the dough. Slide the pizzas on the paper onto the preheated pizza stone or baking sheet, one at a time, and cook until the bottom is browned and crisp, about 8 to 10 minutes.

Slice the pizzas and serve warm, drizzling the strawberry pizza with honey and garnishing it with mint.

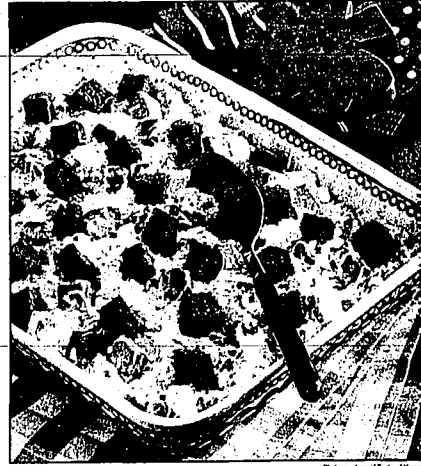
Reuben dish will please everyone

Taste of Home

Wondering what to serve for St. Patrick's Day? Try this savory Reuben Casserole. "It features corned beef, sauerkraut and other ingredients that make Reuben sandwiches so popular," says Margery Bryan of Royal City, Wash.

REUBEN CASSEROLE

- 1 jar (16 ounces) sauerkraut, rinsed and well drained
 - 1 1/4 cups chopped cooked corned beef (about 1 pound)
 - 1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream
 - 1 small onion, chopped
 - 1 garlic clove, minced
 - 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Swiss cheese
 - 2 slices rye bread, cubed
 - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- In a bowl, combine the sauerkraut, corned beef, sour cream, onion and garlic.
- Transfer to a greased 11-by-7-by-2-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese and bread; drizzle with butter. Bake, uncovered, at 350 for 25-30 minutes or until heated through. Yield: 4 servings.



This Reuben casserole will please the family any time of the year.

Carbs don't deserve all the bad press

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

NEED SOME CARBS: Despite the bad press carbs have been given lately, carbohydrates do fuel your muscles. An easy way to get your carbs in the morning is this Chopped-Potato Breakfast Salad from the Idaho Potato Commission:

Cut three large, scrubbed Idaho potatoes into 3/4-inch cubes and place in a large saucepan. Add water, cover and bring to boil over medium-high heat.

Boil for 5 minutes or until tender. Drain and place in a serving bowl. Coat a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and cook 6 egg whites over medium heat without stirring, until cooked through but not overcooked. Flip skillet onto

clean cutting board, releasing egg whites.

Chop egg whites and add to serving bowl. Add 1 chopped red pepper and 1 cup canned chickpeas (garbanzo beans), rinsed and drained.

Stir all ingredients to combine. Purée in a blender 1 cup of fresh, chopped parsley, 1/3 cup olive oil, 2 tablespoons of fresh lemon juice and 1 tablespoon of maple syrup. Add to salad and toss gently to combine. Serves Six.

NEW GADGET: You may want to start your New Year's diet with a new gadget: the Grapefruiter from Chef'n. Simply insert the Grapefruiter into a halved grapefruit and squeeze. You'll get a grapefruit section without the mess. The Grapefruiter sells for a suggested retail price of \$19.99 at

kitchen stores and online at www.chefn.com.

MILLION-DOLLAR RECIPE: Do you have a recipe that's worth a million?

Find out by entering the Pillsbury Bake-off Contest, the United-States-Richest cooking contest with more than \$1.5 million in cash, merchandise and trips given away, including a \$1 million grand prize.

This year, the contest features new categories - Dinner Made Easy, Weekends Made Special, Fast Snacks & Appetizers, and Breakfast Favorites.

The 100 top contestants will compete in Los Angeles in June. The deadline to enter is March 10. For information and entry forms, visit www.pillsbury.com/bakeoff.

Irish foods expand past stereotypes

By Linda Cleora
The Miami Herald

Much changed in the past decade as Ireland prospered and became the hottest economy in Western Europe.

Whether you're in Dublin or in a place where, as U2 puts it, the streets have no name, the culinary options have expanded exponentially.

You can find so much more than the brown bread, shepherd's pie and potato soup that were once culinary mainstays.

This recipe uses suggestions from Darina Allen's "The Complete Book of Irish Country Cooking," Mary Kinsella's "An Irish Farmhouse Cookbook" and memories of the soup my Irish grandparents, from County Tyrone.

The soup would change from one meal to the next with the addition of rutabaga, turnips or cabbage, and often a lamb stock would be used, made from the bones after Sunday dinner.

IRISH POTATO SOUP

- 2 tablespoons butter
 - 3 tablespoons flour
 - 1 leek, well washed and chopped fine
 - 1 1/2 medium, chopped fine
 - 2 1/2 cups chicken, vegetable or lamb stock
 - 1 bouquet garni (see note)
 - 8 medium potatoes, about 3 pounds, peeled
 - 1 cup heavy cream
 - Salt and white pepper
 - 1/4 cup chopped green onion, parsley, watercress or chives
- In a large, heavy pot, melt the butter over medium heat. Sprinkle on the flour and stir briskly until flour is dissolved and mixture turns golden, about 5 minutes.
- Add the leek and onion. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook 5 minutes, stirring once or twice.
- Whisk in some of the stock,

scraping up any browned bits.

Add remaining broth, bouquet garni and potatoes.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until potatoes are soft, about 25 minutes.

Remove potatoes from pot and mash coarsely.

Discard bouquet garni. Return potatoes to pot, stir well, add the cream and salt and pepper to taste and cook just long enough to warm through.

Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve. Makes 4 generous servings.

NOTE: To make a bouquet garni, tie together sprigs of fresh parsley and thyme and a bay leaf with kitchen string.

We get requests for a bourbon chicken recipe all the time. I've tried a few of the many versions on the Internet, but have found the bourbon taste too pronounced.

Some recipes say bourbon doesn't even belong in the recipe and that the title refers to Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

At any rate, I've come up with a recipe that pleases my bourbon-chicken loving son. You can easily multiply it to serve a crowd.

BOURBON CHICKEN

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, or 8 skinless, boneless chicken thighs (1 to 1 1/4 pounds total)
 - 1/2 cup soy sauce
 - 1/2 medium onion, chopped very fine
 - 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 - 1/4 cup bourbon or to taste
 - 1 clove garlic, minced fine
 - 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- Dice chicken into bite-size pieces and place in a single layer in a glass baking dish.
- In a small bowl, combine the soy sauce, onion, brown sugar, bourbon, garlic and ginger.
- Pour over chicken. Cover and

refrigerate at least 6 hours and preferably overnight, turning chicken several times.

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Uncover pan and bake chicken, basting with pan juices several times, for 1 hour, until meat is cooked through and nicely browned.

Serve with rice. Makes 4 servings.

Ciamallone is like a pound cake with just a hint of anise.

If you like a more pronounced anise flavor, add aniseette to the batter or brush it onto the baked cake while it is still warm.

CIAMALLONE

- 3/4 cup vegetable shortening
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon anise seeds
- 1 cup milk
- 1 egg, beaten
- About 2 tablespoons baker's or granulated sugar (plain or colored)

Generously grease a 10-inch tube pan. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Cream the shortening with the sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then the vanilla.

In another bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and anise seeds.

Add alternately with the milk to the creamed mixture, mixing until just combined. Pour into the prepared pan.

Brush or spread the beaten egg on top, then sprinkle on the sugar.

Bake about 1 hour at 375 degrees, or until cake tests done.

Authentic bread salad requires improvising

By Jim Coleman
and Candace Hagan
Philadelphia Daily News

QUESTION: I am looking for an authentic recipe for panzanella (bread salad). Can you help?

ANSWER: I guess we spent a little too much on the holidays if one week later, we're stuck eating bread salad. All kidding aside, that really is the theory about why this dish was invented - out of necessity. Centuries ago, creative but money-strapped Italian cooks could little afford to waste a loaf, so they came up with a salad that would use stale bread as well as anything growing in the garden.

So here is where we run into a little problem with giving you an authentic recipe. All gardens are not created equal. What I mean is that what you have in your garden (or produce market) may differ completely from another cook's choices. So you can feel like an authentic panzanella maker, feel free to throw in additional ingredi-

ents you have on hand.

PANZANELLA SALAD

SHARON'S WY

- 1 loaf day-old Italian bread
- 1 unwaxed cucumber, thinly sliced
- 2 beefsteak tomatoes, cored and cut into 8 wedges
- 1/4 sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- Salt, pepper to taste
- Pinch of sugar
- Fresh basil leaves to taste
- Optional: anchovies, capers, olives, green or red peppers, fresh mozzarella.

Or, experiment with chopped fennel, yellow squash, arched hearts, celery or pine nuts. Cut in a salad bowl. Add the cucumber, tomatoes and onion and toss.

Combine the garlic, olive oil, vinegar and seasonings. Toss with the bread mixture, and add optional ingredients if you wish.

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Combine the garlic, olive oil, vinegar and seasonings. Toss with the bread mixture, and add optional ingredients if you wish.

Shallots bring new twist to old recipes

The Washington Post

BUY THOSE SHALLOTS: Kin to the onion, there are two basic types of shallot (SHALUHT). The "false" shallot is larger and somewhat harsher flavored than the smaller, "true" shallot. Look for shallots that are pleasingly plump and bear no

trace of soft spots, green sprouts, dampness or shriveling. Snish them in a relatively cool, dry, dark, well-ventilated place for three to four weeks.

Prepare pretty much any way you'd like to use them, or whir them raw into a vinaigrette

or creamy dressing. Or coarsely chop, saute and incorporate into a deglazed pan sauce or mushroom saute. Or slice into paper-thin wisps (a mandoline works best), fry in peanut oil until crisp and scatter over just about anything. Or drizzle them with oil and roast them whole in a hot oven until tender and sweet

Birdfeeder snacks hit the market

The Washington Post

CRUNCH LIKE A CHICKADEE: There's no denying it, you'll think of the birdfeeder when you see the curious cubes of sweetened seeds and nuts. But when the munchies strike, the bite-size snacks are as crunchable as they are portable (\$1.69 per two-ounce pouch). Made by Mrs. May's Naturals, the line of Crunch snacks

contain no genetically modified ingredients and are vegan, gluten-free and a decent source of fiber. Opt for sunflowers, walnuts, cashews, peanuts, sesame or black sesame seeds. (We'd advise against noshing on the black sesame seeds in public unless you have a toothbrush handy.) Mrs. May's Crunch snacks cost \$1.69 per two-ounce pouch. For more information, see www.mrsnats.com

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COMMUNITY

Community Editor: Pat Marcantonio - 735-3288

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Buhl Arts Council seeks commitment on programs

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council was founded to provide an outlet for members of the community to explore the arts and invites the community to be involved in the planning and the creation of its programs.

The community is invited from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St. in Buhl to attend a preview party in which the council will show excerpts from potential performers for the next season. Anyone who attends will have the opportunity to evaluate these performances and select what they would like to see performed.

Many of council's programs also involve young people. In hopes of involving the young people in the area in the planning and design of future programming, the council's Americorps asset builder, Jennifer Hamilton, will host a Teen Art meeting at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 21. Snacks will be provided.

Anyone with ideas or requests for future programs or opportunities or want more information are asked to contact the Arts Council or one of our board members or call Kelly Dalouis at 543-2888.

Burley Elks Hoop Shoot takes place this weekend

BURLEY - The Burley Elks Hoop Shoot will be held Saturday at Burley Junior High School, 700 W. 16th St., Burley. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The event is open to girls and boys in age categories 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. Birth certificates are required to show proof of age. For more information, call 678-5681.

Mindoka seniors plan trip to Jackpot for Sunday

RUPERT - A bus trip to Barton's Club 93 casino in Jackpot, Nev. is planned for Sunday. The bus will leave at 10 a.m. from the Mindoka Senior Center, 702 11th St., Rupert.

The cost is \$10 per person and includes transportation, Barton's Club 93 buffet and gaming fun pack. For more information or to sign up, call 436-9107.

AARP holds monthly meeting, installs officers

BURLEY - American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 853 will hold its first meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave., Burley. New officers will be installed and video presentation of "An Environmental Choice - Immigration by the Numbers," featuring Roy Beck will follow. New members are welcome. Rollo B. Harrison is president. For more information, call 878-4705.

M.V. Symphony League plans annual card party

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Symphony League will hold a meeting at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the home of Dottie Miller, 2780 Longbow Dr. Plans for the annual league card party benefit will be included in the agenda. All league members and friends of the league are invited. For more information call Jennifer, 733-2013.

Twin Falls Shrine Club holds first meeting of year

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Shrine Club will hold its first meeting of the new year at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Curry Cafe, 2133 Highway 30, Filer. All Shriners and their Ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Store offers 'Flavors of New Mexico' workshop

TWIN FALLS - Rudy's a Cook's Paradise, 147 main Ave. W., offers a "Flavors of New Mexico" workshop with Greg Smith at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 14. The tuition is \$30. Smith, co-owner and co-chef at Senior Caesar's, Royal Restaurant

in Twin Falls, shows how to prepare favorites from New Mexico: salsas and sauces, chicken jalapeno, pork carnitas and Spanish rice.

To register, call 733-5477. Class space is limited so tuition must be paid in full or reservation cannot be guaranteed.

CSI Offers Holistic Health Workshops during spring

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a series of three integrated holistic health workshops throughout the spring semester taught by board certified alternative medical practitioner Bob Willhite.

Each one cost \$48 and takes place from 7:30-9 p.m. in Taylor Building room 255 on the CSI Campus.

"Why Weight Won't With?" students will discover why pounds may be difficult to lose, about body acidity and its relation to excess weight, how toxicity retains fats, why being overweight may be an indication of overall health risk and what needs to be changed for permanent weight loss. This workshop will take place Jan. 21.

"In 'Quit Killing Yourself' students will learn why illness is directly related to foods omitted, eaten and prepared; about digestion/intestinal imbalances; why most people worsen their long-term conditions by taking remedies that provide temporary symptom relief instead of dealing with the root issues; what degrades health; and the need to be careful with vitamins and supplements. This workshop will take place on Feb. 11.

"In 'Live Longer and Healthier' students will learn to increase wellness and longevity by applying basic principles of holistic health, the importance of maintaining their 'Inner Terrain,' will explore the impacts of toxins and about how to restore mineral balance, and understand the importance of body systems and how they can be strengthened. This workshop will take place March 2.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 733-6288.



Contestants for the 2003 Mr. MHS contest included, from left, back: Kyle Copeland, Jonathan Wasden, John Lovelace, Nathan Pollard and Bobby Bannar; center: Arlen Hunsaker, Jordan Robbins, Jacob Fulcher, Jason Motley, Nate Bar and Luke McCall; front: Charlton Coates, Levi Anderson, Jason Schenk, Octavio Ambriz, McKay Price and Kit Carnoy. The children in front are Camden and Camilla Chandler and Kendall Carney.

Students applaud new Mr. MHS

RUPERT - The 14th annual Mr. MHS program, "Bound to be Gentleman," was held recently in the Minico High School auditorium.

The winners were, Nathan Pollard, Mr. MHS and Mr. Talent; McKay Price, first runner-up; Mr. Legs; Mr. Personality and Mr. Sportswear, tied with Jason Schenk; and Jordan Robbins, second runner-up. Mr. Congeniality,

who was voted on by the boys, was Levi Anderson.

A record 17 boys vied for the title. The contestants put on a fantastic show this year, organizers said. The boys spent a lot of time perfecting their talents.

Contestants were auctioned at the conclusion of the event by Carl Van Tassel.

served as emcees: Judges were Jill Colflesh, John and Kay Webster, Layne and Janie Rutschko and Charlyn Darrington.

A total of \$2,000 was raised in ticket sales to help the Minico Business Club pay for state and national competitions. Through the slave auction, more than \$3,000 was raised for the Darren Woodward family.

DECORATIVE SCOUTS

Six ornaments from Boy Scout Troop 68 in Twin Falls were sent to the nation's capital to decorate the Capital Holiday Tree in Washington, D.C. The ornaments depicted Idaho and scouting themes.



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CLUB CALENDAR

- Civic**
- Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at West Coast in Twin Falls; call 736-9470.
 - Burley - Noon Tuesdays at Burley Inn Convention Center; call Dorothy at 678-7322.
 - Buhl - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at the Grandstands; call 658-2828.
 - Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Fridays at the Lincoln Inn; call 334-4551.
 - Jerome - Noon Thursdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County, 788-0997 or 788-2144.
 - Jerome - Noon Tuesdays at Chinla Village, 123 S. Alder; 324-7000 or 324-4511.
 - Ketchikan - Noon Wednesdays at Bob Stone at 2626-5000.
 - Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge; call Jack Bell at 436-5611.
 - Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the Senior Center of Blaine County, 788-0997 or 788-2144.
 - Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Turf Club; call 736-0229 or 734-6549.
- Rotary Clubs**
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- Moose**
- Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 2- 8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday at 835 Felt Ave. in Twin Falls; call Dennis or Ron at 733-6913 (days) or 734-6961 (evenings).
 - Women of the Moose - 8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday at 835 Felt Ave. in Twin Falls.
- Other**
- Gooding County Jaycees - 7 p.m. first Wednesday at War Memorial Hall, third and fourth Tuesdays at 835 Felt Ave. in Twin Falls; call 733-6913 (days) or 734-6961 (evenings).
 - Moose Valley Toastmasters - 12:10 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Golden Corral Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard; call Sheri at 733-5408 or 543-6169. North in Twin Falls; call Kristie Collins at 733-4318.
- Support Groups**
- Birds of a Feather, Single Senior Women's Peer Support Group, 12:30 p.m. Mondays at the Twin Falls Senior Center.
 - Moose Valley Toastmasters - 12:10 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Golden Corral Restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard; call Sheri at 733-5408 or 543-6169. North in Twin Falls; call Kristie Collins at 733-4318.
 - Magic Valley Down Syndrome Family Connection (support group); call Tina at 734-1979.
 - Gambler's Anonymous - 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Fellowship Hall in Twin Falls; call 733-8310.
 - Magic Valley Parents of Multiples Club (parents of twins or triplets); first Thursday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls; for third Thursday meeting, call Sheri at 733-8454 or Tara at 733-7972 for location.
 - MOMS Club of Magic Valley - 10 a.m. first Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 209 First Ave. N. in Twin Falls; call Kristie Collins at 733-4318.
 - Hagerman Valley Cancer support - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at New Beginnings Church, call Ralph at 280-2517.
 - Phonemyopia or chronic pain - 7 p.m. first Thursday in Fireplace Rooms at Mindoka Memorial Hospital, or Rupert, call Shirley Kean at 438-5190 or Mary Peterson at 436-6182.
 - Magic Valley Home Educators - For information on support groups, call 734-1233 or 423-4216.
- Weight**
- TOPS - 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at 475 Carwell Ave. W. recreation room in Twin Falls; call 737-4631.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
- Chapter 48 - 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Jerome Public Library, 324-7420 or 324-9722.
 - Chapter ID 3 - noon Mondays at St. Edward's Church, 200 Seventh Ave. E. call 734-6877.
 - Chapter 256 - 5:15 p.m. Thursdays in the Horn Elementary School lunch room, 1431 17th St., call 678-2622 or 436-3010.
 - Overeaters Anonymous - 7 p.m. Monday, Walker Center, 1120 Montana.
 - Ketchikan - noon Monday, noon Friday at the Sun Club on Second Avenue, call Mocha at 623-3704 or Jennifer at 726-4823.
 - Twin Falls - 1 p.m. Monday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St., call Dorothy at 678-1454.
 - Southern Idaho Weight Loss Surgery Support Group - 7 p.m. third Thursday at board room at Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hilland Ave. in Burley; call Marcia at 678-1454.
- Divorcee**
- Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Dr. N. call 678-7013. No child care available.
 - Call Vickie at 734-7571, Ross Drive E. at 733-7313 or Dennis at 324-6257.
 - Burley - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Farm Bureau conference room, 444 E. 5th N., call Jean at 678-2280 or 878-3606.
- Grief support**
- Grief support group - 4 p.m. Sundays, United Methodist Church, 605 11th St., 436-3254.
 - Kids Reaching Out to Each Other - for children who are grieving - 4 p.m. first Thursday at 147 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls; call 733-7373.
 - Grief share - 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, call Connie at 733-6128 or 736-0993.
 - Grief Share - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at First Baptist Church, 2262 Hilland Ave. Burley, call 678-7013. No child care available.
 - Here & Now Growth group - 4 p.m. Thursdays, Hopeless Victims, 308 Shoshone St. E. Suite 1 in Twin Falls; call 733-0211.
- Breast-feeding support**
- La Leche League - 10 a.m. second Thursday in KMVU Community room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. call Bonnie at 736-7231.
 - Magic Valley Breastfeeding Coalition - call Amy for meeting information at 324-9828 for Burley, call Barb at 678-2280 for Jerome.
- Alzheimer's support groups**
- Burley - 7:30 p.m. second Thursday at Burley Senior Center, sponsored by Ashley Manor Care Centers; call Bill at 678-7231.
 - Twin Falls - 10:30 a.m. third Wednesday at St. Edward's Church, call Sue at 678-2280 or 734-8615.
- National Alliance for the Mentally Ill**
- For survivors of mental illness, their families and friends.
 - Haley - 7:30 p.m. 1st, 2nd Tuesdays, Haley - NAMI at Magic Valley lounge, call 738-5854.
 - Twin Falls - NAMI at Magic Valley - 7 p.m. second and fourth Monday at KMVU community room, call 4800-5729940.
- Alcoholics Anonymous**
- Chapter 48 - 10 a.m. Thursdays at the Jerome Public Library, 324-7420 or 324-9722.
 - Chapter ID 3 - noon Mondays at St. Edward's Church, 200 Seventh Ave. E. call 734-6877.
 - Chapter 256 - 5:15 p.m. Thursdays in the Horn Elementary School lunch room, 1431 17th St., call 678-2622 or 436-3010.
 - Overeaters Anonymous - 7 p.m. Monday, Walker Center, 1120 Montana.
 - Ketchikan - noon Monday, noon Friday at the Sun Club on Second Avenue, call Mocha at 623-3704 or Jennifer at 726-4823.
 - Twin Falls - 1 p.m. Monday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church, 910 Shoshone St., call Dorothy at 678-1454.
 - Southern Idaho Weight Loss Surgery Support Group - 7 p.m. third Thursday at board room at Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hilland Ave. in Burley; call Marcia at 678-1454.
- Debtors Anonymous**
- For business owners, call 1-866-368-6224 toll free.
 - Burley - 8 p.m. Saturdays, 132 Oakley Ave. Snow Building, room 3.
 - Gooding - 8 p.m. Mondays, corner of 3rd and Idaho; 7 p.m. Thursdays, 1120 A Montana St.
 - Ketchikan - 7 p.m. Mondays, 1120 A Montana St.
 - Wednesday, Basic Text Book Study, 7 p.m. Fridays - all at 220 E. Elgin.
 - Kimberly - 7 p.m. Thursdays at 151 Main St. Paul - 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays; 6 p.m. Mondays; 8 p.m. Saturdays; Women's group, 7 p.m. Mondays; 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays; 8 p.m. Wednesdays; Basic Text Book Study, 7 p.m. Fridays - all at 220 E. Elgin.
 - Rupert - Noon Thursdays, 121 W. 100 S.
 - WV - 7 p.m. Mondays; at 801 2nd Ave. N.; 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 100 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls; 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, 315 Felt Ave. Taylor Building, room 256; 7 p.m. Fridays at 315 Felt Ave. Taylor Building, room 112. 9 p.m. Saturdays, 801 Second Ave. N.
- 12-step and substance abuse support groups**
- Big Book Study - 6:30 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church, 110 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls; call Dorothy at 678-5790.
 - Hope - 12 steps to a new day - 7:30 p.m. Mondays; Meditation, group, 8 p.m. Mondays; 7 p.m. Thursdays; 6:31 Grandview Dr. in Twin Falls; call 734-1921.
 - Twelve Step Support Group - 6:30 p.m. Mondays, call Vickie at 733-3634.
 - Overeaters Dureesh - 6:30 p.m. Mondays, 2262 Hilland Ave. Burley at 678-2280.
 - 1206 Substance Abuse Recovery Services - 7 p.m. Wednesdays at LDS Employment Center, 1400 W. Main Street, 126 church building in Twin Falls; call Patricia at 678-1985.
 - 7 p.m. Fridays in the High Council Room at

To print or add a listing for your club or organization, please send it to:

Send to: Attention: Club Calendar, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Or fax to 734-5538. Or e-mail: patmar@timesnews.com. For more information, call 735-3288.

The Burley West Sisk Center, 2420 Park Ave., call Eric and Lynn at 862-1393.

Alcohol Chameleon Treatment, Service - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at "N. Everett" at 734-5534 or Matt at 734-2258.

Cocaine Anonymous

8 p.m. Sunday and Tuesdays; and 7 p.m. Thursday at Post of Hope, 2105 Park Ave. call 734-7078.

Other

Refugees Unanimous, adult literacy class, 7 p.m. Fridays at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 315 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls; call Keith at 358-0419.

Military

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7, 2nd Tuesday at Lincoln Courts, 736-5022.

Post 3043 and auxiliary, 8 p.m. second Thursday at VFW Hall, 554 Highland Ave. Deets - Post 2022, N. Andrew Miller Post 8 p.m. first Tuesday at Arrow Electric Building, 678-9310.

Post 4028, 1st 3466, Glenn Perry Post, 7:30 p.m. first Thursday at Veterans Memorial Hall, 366-2710.

Post 3078, Imperial Post, 8 p.m. third Thursday at Gooding War Memorial Hall, 934-6065.

Post 4128, Big Wood River Post, Bellevue, 509 Fourth St., 8 p.m. third Thursday; 944-9002.

Kimberly - Post 10328, Kimberly Post, 7:30 p.m. third Thursday at senior citizens center, 423-4444.

Post 3678, Harlow Hoopes Post, 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Rupert City Hall, 436-6948.

Post 3001, Little Wood River Post, 7 p.m. second Tuesday at Shoshonee center, 800-2750.

Twin Falls - Post 2136, Henry Lytle Post, 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Twin Falls DAV Hall, 459 Shoup, 734-4008.

Wendell - Post 2974, Thousand Springs Post, 7 p.m. first Wednesday at American Legion Hall, call quarter master, 424-4010.

American Legion

Burley - Post 17, 7 p.m. fourth Tuesday at 1201 Oakley Ave., call Lyle Horton at 878-5347.

Fairfield - Post 19, Elmer Miller Post, 8 p.m. second and third Wednesday, contact with Auxiliary at Legion Hall, Gene Behrens at 534-5796.

Gooding - Post 30, Perry Hays, 7:30 p.m. second and third Thursday at 483 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. DeMolay Sweethearts, parents, Macons and Eastern Star welcome.

Twin Falls - Post 3678, Harlow Hoopes Post, 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at Rupert City Hall, 436-6948.

Rebekah Lodges

Idaho Rebekah Lodge - 96 - 8 p.m. first and third Mondays at 120 W. A. Wendell.

Rush Rebekah Lodge - 105 - second, third and fourth Thursdays at the corner of 14th Street and Oakley Avenue, in Burley; call Dorothy at 733-6290.

Margaret Rebekah Lodge - 2 - 2 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at the Lodge Hall, Gooding.

Spring Rebekah Lodge - 110 - 8 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 132 E. Ave. A, Jerome.

Rebekah Lodge - 45 - 2 p.m. first and third Thursdays at Lodge Hall in Hagerman.

Other organizations

Odd Fellows - 8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Odd Fellows Lodge, 139 and Oakley, Burley; 678-1431.

Burley Doves - meets first and third Mondays; Burley Elks Lodge, call Virginia at 678-9057.

Other

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Spice up your salad

Taste of Home

"People always request my mom's recipe for Home-Style Salad Dressing," says Mared Metzger Beling of Eagle River, Alaska. She shared the treasured family recipe in a recent issue of Taste of Home. A sprinkling of blue cheese complements the salad.

HOME-STYLE SALAD DRESSING

- 1 cup mayonnaise
 - 1 small onion, cut into wedges
 - 2 tablespoons sugar
 - 2 tablespoons white vinegar
 - 2 tablespoons ketchup
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
 - 1/3 cup vegetable oil
 - Salad greens and vegetables of your choice
 - Crumbed blue cheese
- Place the first seven ingredients in a blender; cover and process until smooth. While processing, gradually add oil in a steady stream. In a salad bowl, combine greens and vegetables; sprinkle with blue cheese. Serve with dressing. Refrigerate any leftover dressing. Yield: 1 1/2 cups.



This easy-to-make, versatile dressing recipe will enliven your favorite mixture of greens and vegetables.

Looking for luck: Try these vegetarian recipes

By Steve Petusavsky
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Many people think that specific foods bring prosperity. Greens seem to symbolize money in many countries. In the South, collard greens are lucky. The Germans and Dutch push the envelope with sauerkraut or pickled cabbage. I lived in Germany and, let me tell you, pickled herring also is considered lucky. Frankly, I felt lucky that no one made me eat it.

In the South, black-eyed peas bring a good year. Lentils are the

Italians' lucky food; sweet black beans are the Japanese symbol of luck with herring roe and prawns coming in second. The Spanish eat 12 grapes at the stroke of midnight to ensure a prosperous year; the French down oysters, smoked salmon and champagne.

The ancient Romans chose figs, dates and figs. The Vietnamese eat round-bodied fish, such as carp. The Chinese go with little round dumplings. Other Asian cultures prepare round, sticky rice cakes.

I've chosen to make a risotto for

luck. This one's full of round ingredients, bold tastes and vivid color. Use arborio rice, found in specialty food stores. (Valencia short-grain rice or even short-grain brown rice will work.) This risotto is a deep scarlet color because of the fresh beets and red chard. You can use spinach or Swiss chard, if you prefer. For an alternative way to serve the dish, use it to stuff portobello mushrooms. For a vegan version, leave out the parmesan cheese and butter or use soy margarine and soy parmesan.

ROUND RISOTTO

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 small red onion, chopped
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 2 medium beets, peeled and chopped
 - 1 cup arborio rice
 - 4 cups vegetable broth or water
 - 2 cups shredded red chard, Swiss chard, spinach or kale
 - 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
 - 1/4 cup shredded parmesan cheese
 - Salt and fresh-ground black pepper, to taste
- Heat oil in a large saucpan over medium heat. Add onions, garlic and beets. Sauté 4 minutes until vegetables are slightly softened.

Add rice and stir to coat well with oil. Add 1 cup liquid at a time, stirring often and cooking slowly until each cup of liquid is absorbed before adding another cup. Continue cooking 20 minutes in all. Add greens and continue to simmer 3 minutes. Add butter, cheese, salt and pepper. Makes 4 (side-dish) servings.

Per serving: 326 calories, 24 percent calories from fat, 9 grams total fat, 11 milligrams cholesterol, 4 grams saturated fat, 8 grams protein, 52 grams carbohydrates, 3 grams total fiber, 71 milligrams sodium.

I've had this recipe since I

opened a luxurious French-owned hotel in Boston. I was the only American in a crew of about 100 cooks. Although gateau is French for "cake," this gateau is a casserole of layered vegetables. I had never seen vegetables combined this way. You can make several of these in disposable aluminum pans, but they look fabulous in black ceramic dishes. Serve as an entree over pasta or rice. The is caramelizing the onions well and slicing the vegetables very thin. You may want to use a mandolin or Asian slicer. Also, use a good quality extra-virgin olive oil.

FESTIVE VEGETABLE GATEAU

- 1 tablespoon plus 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
 - 2 large onions, chopped
 - 2 medium yellow squash, sliced very thin into rounds
 - 2 medium zucchini, sliced very thin into rounds
 - 2 medium tomatoes, sliced very thin into rounds
 - 3 cloves garlic, sliced thin
 - 4 sprigs fresh thyme, minced, or 1 teaspoon dried thyme
 - Salt and fresh-ground black pepper, to taste
- Preheat oven to 375. Heat 1

tablespoon oil in a large saute pan or skillet over medium heat. Sauté the onions 12-15 minutes until very brown adding a little water to the pan to prevent sticking, if needed. When the onions are well caramelized and very sweet, add about 1/4 cup water to the pan, and scrape up any browned bits from the bottom with a wooden spoon. Place onions with liquid from pan into a 2 1/2-quart casserole. Spread to form an even layer. Use the squash, zucchini and tomatoes to form layers of vegetable over the

onions. Form rows by overlapping the vegetable rounds. Sprinkle the garlic and thyme over the vegetables. Drizzle with remaining oil. Season with salt and pepper. Bake uncovered 35 minutes until vegetables are tender and lightly browned. Makes 6-8 side-dish servings.

Per serving: 87 calories, 58 percent calories from fat, 6 grams total fat, 11 cholesterol, 80 grams saturated fat, 2 grams protein, 7 grams carbohydrates, 3 grams total fiber, 7 milligrams sodium.

Busy people can still cook from scratch

By Linda Gassenholmer
Knight Ridder News Service

Minestrone is Italian for soup, and minestrone is a hearty vegetable soup. The recipe can be doubled easily; if you have time, make a large pot and use it for another meal.

Fennel seeds have an anise taste and can be found in the spice section of your market. Anise seeds are a tiny pasta.

If you have difficulty finding it, use orzo or any small pieces of pasta.

- ### HERBED MEATBALL MINESTRONE
- 1/2 teaspoon fennel seeds
 - 1 tablespoon oregano
 - 6 ounces very lean ground beef
 - Salt and freshly ground black pepper
 - 1 teaspoon olive oil
 - 1/2 medium onion, sliced (about

1/2 cup)
1 carrot, sliced (about 1/2 cup)
1 stalk celery, sliced (about 1/2 cup)
2 medium cloves garlic, crushed
1 cup canned whole tomatoes (including juice)
1 cup tomato juice
4 cups fat-free, low-salt chicken broth
1/2 cup acini pepe or other very small pasta
1/2 cup canned chick peas, rinsed and drained
2 cups washed, ready-to-eat spinach
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Mix fennel seeds and oregano into ground beef. Add a little salt and pepper and form into meat balls about 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Heat oil in a medium-sized, nonstick sauce pan.

Brown meatballs on all sides,

about 5 minutes. They will be cooked through. Remove to a plate and add onion, carrot and celery to pan.

Sauté 5 minutes without browning the vegetables. Add garlic and saute another 30 seconds.

Add the whole tomatoes, including juice, and break them up with a spoon. Add the tomato juice and chicken broth.

Bring to a boil. Add pasta and cook gently for 10 minutes, stirring once or twice to make sure the pasta cooks freely in the liquid. Add chick peas, spinach and basil to soup.

Return meatballs to the soup and cook to heat through, about 2 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Serve in large soup bowls with Parmesan cheese sprinkled on top. Serve with Garlic Crusted Bread and a salad.

Makes 2 servings.

Grapefruit makes a comeback

By Candy Sagon
The Washington Post

Even if pink weren't the hot fashion color for winter this year, pink grapefruit would still be a welcome sight.

Pink grapefruit can vary from the pale shade of pink perfect to deep blush red. It contains more vitamin A than its white cousin, but all shades of grapefruit vary widely in flavor from very tart to sweet.

Warning: Eating grapefruit can interfere with some prescription drugs, including blood pressure medication, some anti-inflammatories and antibiotics, as well as gastrointestinal and thyroid drugs. Check with your doctor or pharmacist.

How To Select: Choose grapefruit with smooth, bright colored skins. They should feel firm and heavy when you hold them in your palm.

The heavier, the juicier. Avoid fruit that looks dented, feels squishy or has white patches, indicating mold.

How To Store: Store at room temperature for no more than two days. Grapefruit will keep up to two weeks in a plastic bag in the produce drawer of the refrigerator.

How To Prepare: Enjoy fresh at breakfast, either halved or segmented, and sprinkled with sugar, if desired.

To peel for segments, stand the grapefruit on one end and slice downward, following the curve of

the fruit, cutting away both the skin and pith but leaving as much of the fruit as possible.

To segment the peeled fruit, use a paring knife and cut between the sections to detach each section from its surrounding membrane. Do this over a bowl to save the juice.

You can whisk together pink grapefruit juice, some oil, a little sherry vinegar, fresh mint and ginger for a quick dressing over broiled or sauteed fish.

Pink grapefruit segments tossed with avocado and spinach with a citrus dressing create a refreshing salad.

To give grapefruit an Asian flavor, try this spicy salad. Turn it into an entree, just top with broiled shrimp.

GRAPEFRUIT SALAD

- 4 servings
- 3 tablespoons fish sauce
- 3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1 tablespoon palm or brown sugar
- 1 large grapefruit (about 1 1/4 pounds)
- 2 tablespoons coarsely chopped peanuts
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped shallots
- 1 cup mint leaves, coarsely chopped
- 2 to 3 bird (or 1 to 2 jalapeno) chili peppers, seeded and finely chopped

Bibb lettuce leaves, washed and dried

In a small bowl, mix together the fish sauce, lime juice and sugar, stirring vigorously to dissolve the sugar completely. Set aside. Peel the grapefruit and separate into segments. Cut off the inside "seam" of each segment and run your thumb between the membrane and fruit to free it. When ready to serve, pour off any juice that has accumulated at the bottom of the bowl; reserve for another use. Add the peanuts, shallots, mint and chili peppers to the grapefruit and toss to com-

bine. Drizzle the dressing over the top; toss to combine.

Taste. If desired, adjust the balance of salt, sour and sweet (by adding additional fish sauce, lime juice and/or sugar). Transfer to a plate lined with lettuce leaves serve immediately.

Per serving: 88 calories, 3 gm protein, 16 gm carbohydrates, 2 gm fat, 0 mg cholesterol, trace saturated fat, 523 mg sodium, 2 gm dietary fiber

Adapted from "Hot Sour Salty Sweet," by Jeffrey Alford and Naomi Duguid

Singles: Make one plate at a time

By Gitta Sitaramlah
Saint Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Singles are the fastest growing group in America. Right now, 27 percent of the population lives alone. That's more than married couples with children.

Yet, singles still get shuffled to the most undesirable tables at restaurants. They're forced to get creative when it comes to grocery shopping. And try finding recipes for

Since his wife of 42 years died, Ed Bohrer has taken to preparing light meals at home. But the 67-year-old part-time lawyer from St. Paul also likes dining out at establishments where he can easily find good company.

He says, "Eating out alone is not much fun unless you can find a way to talk to interesting people ... If I'm in a really good restaurant, I like to read because I feel self-conscious. If there's some sporting event on television, I'll stop by (a local restaurant) and watch it and have a salad or chicken wings and a glass of wine. I also like to stop (at a local) wine bar. There are always fascinating people there."

He adds, "I cook maybe once or twice a week. I make fish, seafood, salad, stir-fry and mixed greens with vinaigrette. ... I usually have a lot of cold fried chicken around, and I'll heat it up. I love fried chicken. Mostly, I do a salad and maybe some steamed vegetables and good bread."

A St. Paul kindergarten

teacher, Kathy Sullivan, 50, prefers takeout or doing her own cooking. But the divorced mother of two has had to make some adjustments since her children have moved out.

She says, "I'll do some takeout, if I don't have anything in the house. Or I'll get something at the deli, like those rotisserie chickens for something hot that's like a home-cooked meal."

She adds, "I don't like repeating dishes I had for lunch. If I'm eating late, I want comfort food like tomato soup and grilled cheese or a bowl of cereal while I watch the news. Other nights, I might crave pasta or tortellini and garlic bread. If I'm craving a burger and I don't want to run out in the cold, I make them with my George Foreman Grill."

CHICKEN BREAST PAPRIKA

This recipe is from "Chicken Breasts" by Diane Rozas. Save leftovers for another dinner.

- Makes 2 to 4 servings.
- 2 whole chicken breasts (about 2 pounds) skinned, boned, flattened slightly
- Salt and black pepper
- 1/2 tablespoons Hungarian paprika (sweet or mild)
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1/2 cup dry white wine

1/2 cup chicken stock
3/4 cup sour cream
Finely chopped parsley

To cook chicken: Sprinkle chicken with salt, pepper and paprika. In saute pan or heavy skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Sauté chicken for 2 to 3 minutes on each side or until lightly browned. Remove chicken to heated platter. Set aside.

To cook chicken: Add onion to pan. Sauté over medium heat until translucent. Increase heat to medi-

um-high. Add wine, stirring to dissolve any brown particles remaining on bottom of pan. Cook until liquid is reduced by half. Return chicken to pan. Add stock. Simmer for 4 to 5 minutes or until chicken is tender. Remove chicken from pan. Place on heated platter.

To make sauce: Over very low heat, stir in sour cream.

Cook sauce for 1 minute or just until heated through. Spoon over chicken. Sprinkle with parsley. Serve.

Mediterranean dishes don't need exotic ingredients

By William Rice
Chicago Tribune

Here is a healthful and satisfying meal to enlighten jaded palates. The main course evokes the eastern Mediterranean without using exotic ingredients. Begin the tasty pilaf of bulgur and lentils first, then make the seasoned lamb meatballs. Simmer the lamb in a mixture of tomatoes and mild green chilies while the pilaf cooks to be ready to serve at the same time.

LAMB MEATBALLS WITH TOMATOES AND BULGUR AND LENTIL PILAF

- Yield: 4 servings
- Pilaf:
 - 4 tablespoons butter
 - 1/3 cup chopped onion
 - 1/2 cup bulgur (coarse cracked wheat), rinsed, drained
 - 1/2 cup lentils, rinsed, drained
 - 2 cups hot water
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint, optional
- 1 pound ground lamb
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 cup panko (Japanese) bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons plain yogurt plus more for serving
- 1 clove garlic, minced

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon fennel seed, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 can (10 ounces) diced tomatoes with green chilies
- 2 strips fresh orange peel

For pilaf, melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in a saucpan; add onion. Cook over medium heat until onion begins to soften, about 2 minutes. Stir in cracked wheat and lentils; cook, stirring, until lightly toasted, about 5 minutes. Add hot water, remaining 2 tablespoons butter, salt and pepper. Heat liquid to a boil; cover. Reduce heat; simmer until liquid has been absorbed, about 20 minutes. Stir in mint. Let pilaf sit in

covered pan off the heat about 5 minutes before serving.

For lamb, combine lamb, egg, panko, 2 tablespoons yogurt, garlic, salt, cumin, fennel and pepper in a bowl; mix well. Shape into balls, about 1 1/2-inches in diameter. Melt butter in a large skillet; add meatballs. Brown on all sides, about 5 minutes. Remove with a slotted spoon to a plate; pour off pan drippings. Add the tomatoes with their juice to the pan; add the orange peel. Heat to a simmer over low heat. Add the meatballs; cover. Cook 10 minutes or until meat is no longer pink in the center. Heat meatballs over pilaf; drizzle each serving with yogurt. Serve with shredded carrot salad, spinach with olive oil and lemon sorbet.

Movies Jan 5 to 8

The Ophelias
16N Main Avenue Twin Falls, 734-2400
Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00, 12 and under \$2.00

Mona Lisa Smile (13) 7:00 - 9:20

Twain Cinema 12
16B Eastline from Falls, 738-2400
Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00, 12 and under \$2.00

Haunted Mansion (R) 7:30 - 9:45
Elf (G) 7:30 - 9:45
Cold Mountain (R) 7:45
Something on Your Mind (G) 7:00 - 9:30
Something Gotta Give (R) 7:00 - 9:30
LOTR: The Return of the King (PG) 7:15 - 9:30

The Odyssey
Inver Mayn Valley Mall, 734-2400
Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00, 12 and under \$2.00

Lois Don't Cost That (G) 7:00
Missing (R) 6:45 - 9:30
Psychick (R) 7:15 - 9:45

Jerome Cinema
155 West Main, Jerome, 734-2400
Adults \$5.00, Children \$3.00, 12 and under \$2.00

Mona Lisa Smile (G) 7:00 - 9:30
Return of the King (PG) 7:00
Psychick (R) 7:15 - 9:45

LAMPHOUSE THEATRE
203 5th Ave S.E. T.F. 736-8600

The Phantom of the Opera
TODAY 4:30-7:00-9:15

The Singing Detective
TODAY 6:45-7:15-9:30

SPORTS

Wednesday, January 7, 2004

Section 9

Coming Thursday

The Pete Rose fallout continues ...

The Times-News

SPORTSQUOTE

“None of the well-wishers, we assume, will tell her to break a leg.”

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- Dwight Perry of The Seattle Times, noting that Nancy Kerrigan will be inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame this week



Paul Molitor heads to first after getting a hit against Cleveland Indians on Aug. 25, 1987.

Getting the nod Molitor, Eckersley elected to Hall of Fame

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — In their final confrontation, Paul Molitor wanted to beat Dennis Eckersley so badly he bunted in the ninth inning to win a game that was meaningless to the Minnesota Twins.

When they see each other this summer, they'll be going into the Hall of Fame together.

The two tough competitors were chosen Tuesday in their first year of eligibility, the only players to gain election. And they thought back to that night at the Metrodome in August 1988.

"I was 43 years old," Eckersley recalled with a laugh. "He dropped down a bunt and, guess what, it worked. He's a little weasel, that's what he is."

Molitor turned 42 that night, and his single gave the Twins a 4-3 win over Boston, which was vying for the AL wild card. Eckersley had a few choice words for Molitor that night. But the two always had great respect for each other.

"He had a way of being unpredictable," Molitor said. "He could throw any pitch at any time, which added to his effectiveness. Not to mention he could throw it to a teacup."

Molitor, a patient, proficient batter, is eighth on the career list with 3,319 hits, many in clutch situations. He was picked on 431 of 506 ballots (85.2 percent) cast by reporters who have been members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America for 10 or more years.

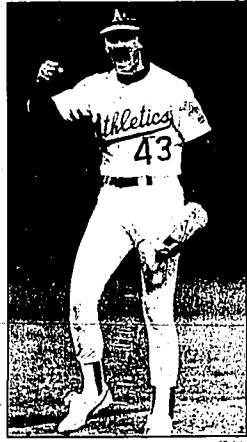
Eckersley, among baseball's most exuberant and colorful players, was selected on 421 ballots (83.2 percent).

To gain election, a player must be chosen by at least 75 percent of the voters (380).

Ryne Sandberg was third with 309 votes, 61.1 percent, up from 49.2 last year. He was followed by Bruce Sutter (301), Jim Rice (276), Andrew Dawson (253), Rich Gossage (206), Lee Smith (185) and Bert Blyleven (179).

Molitor, Seattle's hitting coach, became the first player elected to the Hall who spent more games at designated hitter than at any other position. He was a DH for 1,174

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Oakland Athletics pitcher Dennis Eckersley clinches his first after defeating the Texas Rangers on Sept. 27, 1989.

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who was the football coach at Oklahoma before Bob Stoops?
...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school girls basketball
Shoshone at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Castleford at Glens Ferry, 6 p.m.
High school boys basketball
Snake River at Declo, 4:15 p.m.
Jerome at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Bliss, 8 p.m.
Hillcrest at Burley, 6 p.m.
Minico at Idaho Falls, 6 p.m.
High school wrestling
Buhl/Glens Ferry at Wendell, 5:30 p.m.
Burley/Highland/Pocatello at Jerome, 6 p.m.
Century/Mountain Home at Twin Falls, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Challis, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Coaches have new numbers to call

TWIN FALLS — High school and college coaches are asked to call 1 (800) 658-2883 ext. 230 and 239 when submitting game reports. Extension 229 is no longer a sports telephone. Information left on that extension's voicemail is not available to the sports department.

Regional gymnastics meet set for weekend

TWIN FALLS — More than 150 gymnasts will compete at a regional meet on Friday and Saturday Jan. 9 and 10 at the Magic Valley Gymnastics at 2042 4th Ave. East in Twin Falls.
Gymnasts from Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Rupert will compete, as well as 27 gymnasts from the Twin Falls gym.
Boys will compete Friday, with the beginning class at 4 p.m. followed by intermediate and advanced classes at 6 p.m. Girls at the intermediate levels will compete at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, followed by the advanced levels at 1 p.m. and the beginning level at 5 p.m.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Daycare will be available for younger children at \$3 a session. Call Magic Valley Gymnastics at 734-9900 for more information.

UCLA hires former Idaho coach Cable

LOS ANGELES — Tom Cable, the head coach at Idaho the past four years, was hired Tuesday as the offensive line coach at UCLA.
Cable was told in November his contract wasn't being renewed after Idaho finished the season with a 3-9 record, leaving the Vandals with an 11-35 mark during his four years there. He was the offensive line coach at Colorado in 1998 when UCLA coach Karl Dorrell was that school's offensive coordinator and receivers coach.
Dorrell, finishing his first year at UCLA, fired offensive line coach Mark Weber and tight end/offensive line coach Gary Bernardi last week after UCLA lost to Fresno State 17-19 in the Silicon Valley Bowl.
The 39-year-old Cable was the offensive line coach at California from 1992-97 before becoming an assistant at Colorado, where he worked for two years before becoming Idaho's head coach. He played four years at Idaho as a 6-3, 270-pound offensive lineman.
...Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Blin Blake. He was the Sooner coach for three seasons, 1996-98, and his teams went 3-8, 4-8, 5-6.

Bruins win defensive battle

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Defense is not intended to be played passively.

Although both the Twin Falls and Minico girls basketball teams played tough and hard-nosed all evening long, it was the Bruins who came up with just enough big plays on the defensive end to grind out a 54-37 District III Region Four-Five-Six win here Tuesday night.

Twin Falls (9-3 overall, 5-2 conference) was especially effective in the first half, switching between a zone and man-to-man defense to confuse the Spartans (5-8, 2-4). Minico committed five turnovers in the first quarter and was held to just five points after the first eight minutes.

And although both teams were whistled for 17 personal fouls in the game, the aggressive Bruin defense was perhaps a little too tenacious for the taste of Minico coach Clint Sussanman.
"I thought they were getting away with a lot of slapping on the arms, hand-checking. That's why their defense looked so good," Sussanman said. "Our defense looked great. We were getting called (for fouls), that's all."

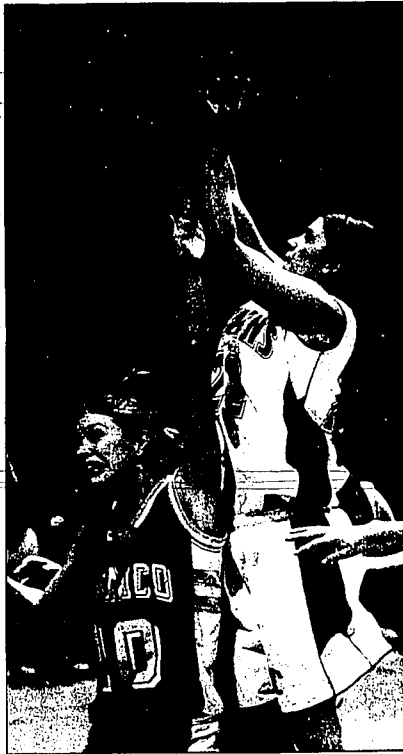
Regardless, Twin Falls was able to deny the Spartans any easy looks at the basket, forcing Minico to be strictly a perimeter team in the first half.

The Bruins jumped out early, thanks to the ability to get into the lane either with the dribble or with crisp backdoor cuts for shots around the basket.

"Once we got the ball up the floor, I thought we did a pretty good job of running the offense and back-cutting," said Twin Falls coach Joe D. Shepard. "They were overplaying us and that allowed us to get open on those back-cuts."

Twin Falls guard Jayme Edwards scored the first bucket of

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Twin Falls High School point guard Jayme Edwards, right, takes a shot over Minico defender Amanda Ottmundering the second quarter of the Region Four-Five-Six girls basketball game in Twin Falls Tuesday.

Penguins Lemieux to miss rest of season

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Mario Lemieux will miss the rest of the season after hip surgery next week, but he doesn't plan to retire.

The six-time NHL scoring leader and two-time Stanley Cup champion hasn't played for the Pittsburgh Penguins since

injury to his left hip Nov. 1 against Boston. Lemieux has since tried therapy and rehabilitation, but an MRI test performed Tuesday showed no improvement.

Lemieux, who also owns the last-place Penguins, will have arthroscopic surgery Jan. 13.

Lemieux, 38, also missed most of the 2001-02 season with a right hip injury that also required surgery. Lemieux had that operation shortly before helping Canada win its first Olympic hockey gold medal in 50 years.

He also led the NHL in scoring for most of the 2002-03 season, before finishing with 91 points in 67 games. He did not score a goal in his final nine games, after the rebuilding Penguins traded most of their other veteran players.

Lemieux injured his left hip three days after becoming only the sixth player in NHL history to reach the 1,700-point mark. He had one goal and eight assists in 10 games and had an eight-game scoring

streak just before getting injured. The Hall of Famer said in a statement released by the team that his ability to bounce back quickly from the right hip operation is one reason why he plans to play again.

"The encouraging thing for me is that the surgery in 2001 was successful, and I have had no problems since then with my right hip," Lemieux said.

Lemieux's comments about his health were his first since mid-November, when he began declining requests to talk about his condition. He has since regularly attended practice to undergo conditioning drills and talk to his teammates — but he never spoke to reporters.

Lemieux's setback comes with the Penguins mired in last place in the overall NHL standings, a season after they were 29th in the 30-team league. Without Lemieux, their biggest drawing card, the team's attendance has plunged by about 3,000 per game to its lowest level since before the team drafted Lemieux in 1984.

With no real scoring threats and a threadbare, mostly young lineup, the Penguins are unlikely to dramatically improve their record without Lemieux.

"We'll be hoping to get him back in the lineup, but I know he's been frustrated by the lack of improvement," coach Eddie Olczyk said. "It's very unfortunate, because he worked so hard in the summer and was in such tremendous shape to start the year. He was looking forward to having a great season."

Coughlin signs on as N.Y. Giants' new coach

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Tom Coughlin didn't say no to the New York Giants this time around, signing to coach them on Tuesday.

The former Jacksonville Jaguars coach signed a four-year contract, vowing to bring back a brand of smashmouth, mistake-free football that led New York to two Super Bowls under his mentor, Bill Parcells.

It is a tremendous challenge, and I am looking forward to working with these players and re-establishing the New York Giants' tradition of physically controlling the line of scrimmage," Coughlin said. "We want to win the battle at the line of scrimmage, eliminate the disease of turnovers and control the position of special teams."

Coughlin and the Giants finalized the deal worth around \$12 million on Tuesday, a day after Coughlin held his second round of meetings with the team.

Coughlin, 57, succeeds Jim Fassel, who was fired following a 4-12 season in which the Giants lost their final eight games.

"Tom Coughlin is the man we wanted 11 years ago and he is the man we wanted now," general manager Ernie Accorsi said. "Aside from his family, Tom has no other interest."

A former Giants assistant under Parcells, Coughlin was 72-64 in eight seasons with the Jaguars,



Tom Coughlin argues a call with officials against the Baltimore Ravens in Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 25, 2001. Coughlin said he has reached an agreement Tuesday to become the New York Giants' coach. Twice leading them to the AFC title game, he was fired after 2002, his third straight losing season. "I am really looking forward to getting back into the competitive part of it," Coughlin said.

Coughlin was the only candidate granted a second interview for the opening created when Fassel was fired on Dec. 17. Fassel was allowed to coach the final two games.

New England Patriots coordinators Romeo Crennel and Charlie Wels, and St. Louis Rams defensive coordinator Lovie Smith also were interviewed.

Coughlin was first interviewed by the Giants last month, shortly after Fassel was fired.

Weathering the storm



Donovan McNabb

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — They are two quarterbacks with a strong passion for the game, an unrelenting desire to win, a willingness to play through pain, inspiring their teammates through their leadership and courage.

Brett Favre and Donovan McNabb took a similar road to Sunday's showdown between the Philadelphia Eagles (12-4) and

McNabb, Favre overcame tough season



Brett Favre

Green Bay Packers (11-6), enduring a season filled with injuries, controversy and personal low points.

Favre's Packers needed a miraculous final-second touchdown in Arizona against Minnesota just to get in the playoffs. McNabb's Eagles overcame an awful 0-2 start, and didn't secure the NFC's top seed until lowly Detroit upset St. Louis on the final day of the season.

The perennial Pro Bowl quarterback has much in common — except their playing styles — and

they'll go at it again with a berth in the NFC championship game at stake.

"To be on the same stage as Brett Favre is exciting for me," McNabb said. "But I'm not going to get caught up in the whole situation. I'm just going to go out and play my game like we did on Monday night (in November)."

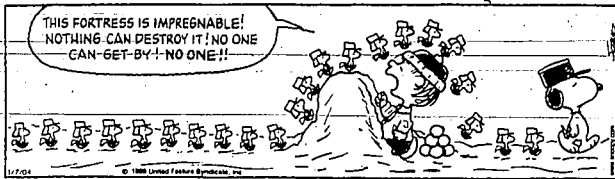
On a rainy night at Lambeau Field two months ago, McNabb upstaged Favre, beating the three-

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COMICS

Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



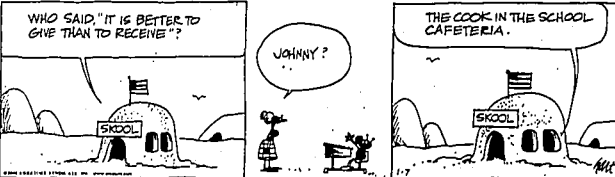
Dilbert

By Scott Adams



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



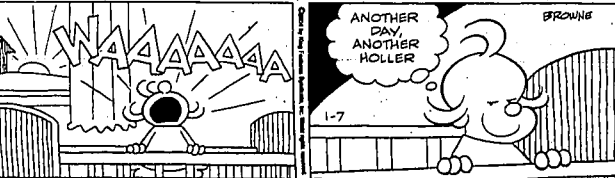
Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



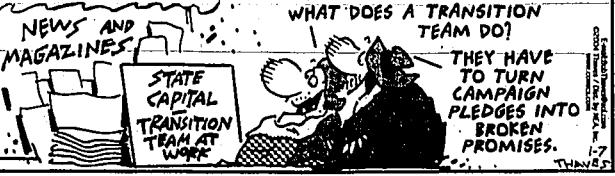
Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



Pickles

By Brian Crane



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Joslin Field gets new flight schedule

TWIN FALLS - Beginning today, commencing flights on SkyWest Airlines to and from Joslin Field will have a modified schedule that's meant to streamline and improve flight connections at Delta Air Lines' Salt Lake City hub.

Here's the new flight schedule at the Twin Falls airport:

Twin Falls-to-Salt Lake City departures: 6:53 a.m., 9:37 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 3:19 p.m. and 6:24 p.m.
Salt Lake City-to-Twin Falls departures: 8:20 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:50 p.m., 5 p.m. and 9:10 p.m.

There's no reduction in local service by the Delta Connection carrier. The Twin Falls airport is retaining all five of its daily round-trip flights in SkyWest's schedule change.

In general, local air travelers going through Salt Lake City will experience shorter layovers in Salt Lake - particularly on late-flight returns to Twin Falls - said Bill Carberry, the Twin Falls airport's manager. He expects late-evening travelers headed home to Magic Valley will be glad to reach Twin Falls earlier than they did before today's schedule change.

Maryland ConAgra plant plans to close

QUEENSTOWN, Md. - ConAgra Foods plans to close its Maryland food manufacturing plant in a consolidation move, leaving 100 workers without jobs, the company announced.

The Queen Anne's County plant, which is expected to close in the third quarter, is being consolidated with an existing complex in Quincy, Mich., ConAgra spokeswoman Julie DeYoung said Tuesday.

ConAgra's Queenstown plant produces hot dogs that are sold under the Armour, Butterball, Eckrich and Decker brand names as well as other foods. The plant was built in 1967 and has been owned by ConAgra since 1982.

ConAgra, based in Omaha, Neb., says it's the third-largest packaged food company in North America. ConAgra has the Lamb Weston Inc. potato-processing plant in Twin Falls and various other business operations around Magic Valley.

Propane company makes new acquisition

TULSA, Okla. - Heritage Propane Partners LP - owner of V-1 Propane operations in Twin Falls and Rupert - acquired Metro Lift Propane, a company founded in Nashville, Tenn., in 1996.

The deal adds 10 locations and about 10 million gallons annually to Heritage. Metro Lift operates in 10 metropolitan markets, including Nashville; St. Louis; Charlotte and Greensboro, N.C.; Boston; Louisville, Ky.; Dallas; Houston; and New Orleans.

The deal marks the 74th acquisition for Heritage since becoming a publicly traded master limited partnership in 1996. Heritage serves more than 650,000 customers in 31 states.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

New private company buys trash hauler

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After almost six years under national corporations' control, Magic Valley's largest waste-removal company is returning to private ownership.

The shift will add a handful of local jobs. Twin Falls-based PSI Waste Systems, formerly owned by Allied Waste Industries of Scottsdale, Ariz., has split from the parent company. The sale of PSI Waste Systems and of operations in several other states

completes a \$300 million divestiture program by Allied Waste, according to an Allied Waste statement this week.

PSI Waste Systems will now serve as the corporate headquarters for a newly formed company, PSI Environmental Services, manager Les Reitz said Tuesday. The company, with ownership in Indiana, will be comprised of the Twin Falls waste-hauling operation and three other waste-removal companies based in Idaho Falls, Jackson Hole, Wyo., and Rock Springs, Wyo. PSI Waste Systems currently has 41 local

employees, Reitz said. The formation of the new company will establish an corporate accounting center in Twin Falls, creating five to seven new jobs.

"We're back to being a community-based service again," Reitz said. "As a local, privately owned company, the benefits will now go back to the community, including increased service donations to local charities."

PSI Waste Systems currently holds residential service contracts with a number of cities in Magic Valley, including Twin Falls,

Jerome, Castleford, Hollister, Filor, Kimberly, Heyburn, Hazelton, Eden and Wendell.

While the companies now comprising PSI Environmental Services were profitable enterprises, Reitz said, Allied Waste sold the companies due to "a shift in the corporation's overall plans." The companies were not integrated with Allied Waste's other business ventures including landfill ownership, according to Reitz and the Allied Waste statement.

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INSURING THE SKIER



Ron Iverson of Skier Insurance Services sits at his desk in his office near Kallispell, Mont., Dec. 31. The company is offering an insurance policy that refunds part of that investment in a season's ski pass if a skier or snowboarder misses 30 consecutive days on the slopes because of an injury or illness.

Company offers insurance on ski season passes

The Associated Press

The exhilaration of skiing can come with a hefty price, with season passes costing more than \$1,200 at premier resorts. So an injury can mean lost money as well as lost fun.

A Montana company is offering an insurance policy that refunds part of that investment if a skier or snowboarder misses 30 consecutive days on the slopes because of an injury or illness.

"The general response we get from the ski industry is, 'Oh, gee, why didn't somebody think of this before?'" said Ron Iverson, president of Skier Insurance Services, which offers the coverage.

The policy costs 6 percent of the price of the pass, and includes \$15,000 coverage for emergency evacuation from a mountain and up to \$10,000 in accidental death coverage. That means a \$1,029 pass would cost about \$61 to insure.

Insurance industry officials say Iverson is most likely the first provider to offer such a policy in the United States. It's part of a larger industry trend of creating niche products for specific use, said Jean Salvatore, spokeswoman for the Insurance Information Institute, a nonprofit that tracks trends in insurance.

"There are only so many homes and cars out there, and business being business, you're always looking for something new," she said. "You can

Is your ski pass covered?

A Montana insurance company is offering a policy that refunds part of a season's ski pass if a skier misses 30 consecutive days of skiing due to an injury or illness. The policy costs 6 percent of the season pass and includes coverage for emergency evacuation and accidental death.

SKI AREA	SEASON PASS
Killington, Vt.	\$1,049
Loon Mountain, N.H.	\$439
Mammoth Mountain, Calif.	\$1,200
Squaw Valley, Calif.	\$1,239
Stowe, Vt.	\$1,175
Sunday River, Maine	\$1,249
Vail-Snowbird Creek, Colo.	\$1,849
Winter Park, Colo.	\$270

*Includes access to other ski areas.
NOTE: Prices are based on a preseason purchase of an adult season pass.

SOURCES: Killington Ltd.; Loon Mountain; Mammoth Mountain; Squaw Valley Ski Corp.; Stowe Mountain Resort; Sunday River Skiway Corp.; Vail Resorts Management Co.; Winter Park Resort.

insure so many things, and if someone notices there's a need, they can create a product, though you don't know if it's going to succeed."

"You can already get travel insurance to make sure the trip goes well, and insuring the pass goes hand-in-hand," she said. "It's a good complement for careful consumers."

About 150 people have bought the insurance so far, which is promoted by resorts but purchased through Skier Insurance Services' Web site. Iverson acknowledged that the company got off to a slow

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Finding the beef

Tracking cattle still poses a problem; industry works on high-tech solutions

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - There was a time, before villages were global things, when heated iron pressed into the hide of a calf was system enough for tracking cattle.

Today a steer or heifer might change hands a half dozen times before it arrives on the killing floor. A brand won't tell you all the places the animal grazed, what calves it bore, what mills it fed from.

In the age of mad cow disease, and in a day when an Amazon.com paperback can be tracked from warehouse to doorstep in real time, even the beef industry concedes the need for a better database to assure consumers that the source of their beef can be pinpointed.

The ownership of perhaps 10 percent of American cattle can't be traced completely. Even for the rest, a hodgepodge paper trail can take months to reveal a cow's heritage and travels.

The current system for tracking cattle is completely inadequate to the crisis at hand, said John Stauber, an industry critic and co-author of "Mad Cow USA: Could the Nightmare Happen Here?"

The federal government is launching a high-tech plan to track in 48 hours precisely where cattle, swine and small cud-chewing livestock are born, bred and fed.

It's not scheduled to go into effect until July 2005, however. Just how much it will cost - and whether government or industry will pay for it - remain uncertain.

No one doubts that it's possible or that it couldn't have been done sooner.

"We've all bounced a check before we've realized it's time to balance the checkbook. This is the same thing," said Gary Weber, executive director for regulatory affairs at the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "Sometimes it takes a significant, emotional experience to force change."

The new tracing plan was developed by the U.S.

Department of Agriculture last October after years of negotiation between regulators and industry lobbyists.

Detailed tracking of cattle is not new to the industry. Just are.

At its sales and marketing offices in Kansas City, PM Beef Group has for 10 years boasted a ranch-to-retail beef program that offers its high-end grocery store customers in Ohio and Virginia grass fed steaks about the meat it sells. It's the same technology the government plans to use.

For the past three years, PM Beef has used radio tags - similar to those all cattle in America will soon wear - to make the record-keeping seamless with computer data banks.

For most of its history, the ranch-to-retail program has been about promising good taste through the ability to document that its cattle spent more days than most feeding on grain rather than grazing. Even before the 1997 federal government ban on feeding of meat and bone meal to cattle - the primary suspect in the spread of mad cow disease - PM Beef could assure customers its livestock was free of that risk.

"But it was more about quality, rather than safety up until the last two months or so," said Rick Carlson, a company vice president. "For consumers, the safety was just assumed."

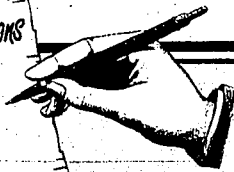
The firm buys cattle from farms in Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama, Montana and the Dakotas. The animals wear ear tags that carry radio frequency identification devices. As an animal passes through a chute, or within about 8 feet of an electronic reader, a signal turns on the chip and the animal's progress is charted in a computer.

Packlerland Packing in Green Bay, Wis. uses a similar system, and senior vice president for food safety Rod Bowling said it provided a marketing advantage.

"Our customers have questions," he said. "With this, we can answer them."

2004 New Year's Resolutions

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MONEY

Wall Street holds most of holiday rally gains

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street stalled in quiet trading Tuesday as investors booked profits from the New Year's rally and searched for new reasons to buy. Prices closed narrowly mixed, with technology stocks showing the biggest gains.

Some selling had been expected following the big advance a day earlier, and analysts said the absence of vigorous buying did not mean the market, which has been gradually moving higher since late 2003, is losing momentum.

"What you're seeing is a slight pause in what is still an upwardly biased market," said Brian Bush, director of equity research at Stephens Inc. "And I expect to see more upside."

The market shrugged off a Commerce Department report of a 1.4 percent decline in November in orders to U.S. factories.

The market's broader indicators were higher. The Nasdaq composite index closed up 10.01, or 0.5 percent, at 2,057.37.

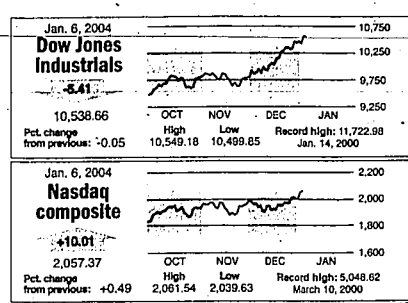
It was the biggest setback for orders in seven months, but analysts discounted the numbers as a blip in a generally improving economic outlook.

Brian Williamson, an equity trader at the Boston Company Asset Management, said investors are focused on the future, and identifying the next catalysts for a rally. He said Wall Street would be closely watching new-job data and retail sales figures expected later this week.

After that, the attention is likely to be on how many companies warn of earnings disappointments or revised fourth-quarter forecasts upward ahead of actual reports later this month.

"We need to see more positive stories from companies, we need to see the shape of the economy

improving," Williamson said. "In order to keep this going, we're going to need good numbers, good figures from retailers and good earnings."



Shares of Gateway Inc. fell 64 cents to \$3.84 a day after the computer company reduced its fourth-quarter revenue forecasts because of low inventory on some products and pricing competition among PC makers.

Factory orders suffer setback in November

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories, after posting two months of solid increases, fell by 1.4 percent in November, the biggest decline in seven months. But analysts viewed the drop as a temporary blip in what has been an improving picture for American manufacturers.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that while a number of sectors suffered declines in orders, the weakness was concentrated in communications, which saw orders plunge by 41.1 percent.

facturing, after suffering through the loss of 2.8 million jobs over the past three years, is on the verge of a rebound.

This indication of expansion in services followed a report last week that the supply manager's closely watched manufacturing gauge climbed to a two-decade high in December.

New York Stock Exchange

Table listing NYSE stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, Cumulative, and Open/Close. Includes major indices like S&P 500 and Dow Jones.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ. Includes Most Active, Gainers, and Losers sections with stock names and price changes.

INDEXES

Table showing various market indices such as S&P 500, Dow Jones, and NASDAQ with their respective values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing stocks of local interest with columns for Name, Div, PE, Last, Chg, and YTD.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 500 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Market funds are listed in the table below. Stocks are listed alphabetically by company's full name (not the abbreviation). Company names used as initials appear at the beginning of each entry line.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing American Stock Exchange stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD.

Dollar drops to new lows

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar plunged to a new low against the European common currency Tuesday, sinking more than a penny to cross the \$1.28 per euro mark for the first time. The dollar also fell another 11-year low against the British pound.

Woolfolk said the dollar could go as low as \$1.58 against the euro by the end of this year.

The dollar has been spiraling sharply lower against the euro and other major currencies for months, with the pace accelerating in recent months by growing concerns about the U.S. budget and trade deficits.

"There isn't any macro economic force or policy force preventing the slide of the dollar," says Noralyn Marshall, international economist at Maria Fiorini Rummel Inc., an economic advisory firm. "This is such a repeat of what happens when there are currency adjustments. It is unpleasant, but there it is."

"It's a self-fulfilling prophecy," said currency analyst Christopher Mueller at DZ Bank in Frankfurt. "Europe's 12-nation currency reached \$1.2812 before slipping back a bit. That peak broke the previous all-time high, set Monday at \$1.2681, and meant a 4.87 percent gain over the rally's starting point of \$1.2767 in late trading in New York.

The dollar hit another 11-year low Tuesday against the British pound at \$1.5262, before ending at \$1.8238 in late New York trading — still up from \$1.8077 late Monday. The dollar also was at a seven-year low against the Swiss franc, trading at 1.2288 Swiss francs in New York, compared with 1.2335 a day earlier.

"The pace of the decline is a cause for worry," said Michael Woolfolk, senior currency strate-

gist at the Bank of New York. "All our customers are selling dollars at this point, either outright or further hedging the weakness. If this is what the U.S. Treasury wants, it should be careful. It wishes for because there really is no limit to how far the dollar can fall under these circumstances."

Trash

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"Allied Waste's" corporate goals were to maintain corporate hauling companies that would haul to corporate landfills," Reitz said.

Butte, west of Burley. Allied Waste also owns Wood River Rubbish of Ketchum but is in the process of selling the company, said Jeff Jones, general manager of Wood River Rubbish. Jones declined to give details on the pending sale.

He declined to give financial figures for the Twin Falls company.

The trash collected by PSI Waste Systems is ultimately taken to the publicly owned Southern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District landfill at Milner

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Table listing NASDAQ National Market stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, D-E-F, and H-I-J-K.

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing American Stock Exchange stocks with columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and YTD.

MARKETS

BEANS

Valley Beans
Price are for 100 lb. green, 100 lb. U.S. No. 1
beige, less 40¢ beans and storage charges. Prices
are quoted without notice. Producers are quoted
without notice. Producers are quoted without notice.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile
Exchange: 1-2500; 1-2000; 40-pound boxes 1-3000; no
other. 1-2500; 1-2000; 40-pound boxes 1-3000; no
other.

POTATOES

CHICAGO (AP) - USDA - Major potato markets FOB
Chicago prices for Monday, January 5, 2004:
Columbia 70 count 0.99-1.00; 100 count 1.00-1.01;
Washington 70 count 0.99-1.00; 100 count 1.00-1.01;
Washington 70 count 0.99-1.00; 100 count 1.00-1.01;

SUGAR

NEW YORK (AP) - Sugar futures trading on the New
York Board of Trade Tuesday:
SUGAR-WORLD 11
1000 metric tons, cents per lb.
Mar 5.80 5.92 6.73 6.85 -1.15

LIVESTOCK

POCAHONTO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Institutional
Market Report for Tuesday:
LIVESTOCK-AUGUST-NOV-NOV-NOV
LIVESTOCK-AUGUST-NOV-NOV-NOV

CATTLE

40,000 lbs. cents per lb.
Feb 74.00 74.00 73.00 73.00 -1.40
Mar 75.00 75.00 74.00 74.00 -1.00
Apr 76.00 76.00 75.00 75.00 -1.00

NEW YORK (AP) - Key currency exchange rates

NEW YORK (AP) - Futures trading on the New York
Mercantile Exchange Tuesday:
LIGHT-SWEET CRUDE
1,000 bbl. cents per bbl.
Mar 33.50 34.07 33.10 33.48 -0.08

FOSSIL FUELS

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