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Shooting brings prison term

Paul might still face charges connected to bank robbery in M-C town

By Marianne Kobak
Elko Daily Free Press

ELKO, Nev. — A Paul man has been sentenced to up to 40 years in prison for shooting a Minidoka County deputy who was trying to arrest him in Jackpot in September.
Elko District Judge Michael Menno sentenced John Kurkowski, 23, to two consecutive 6- to 20-year prison terms Monday for attempted murder with use of a deadly weapon.

Kurkowski entered a guilty plea to the charges as part of an agreement to have his Nevada sentences run concurrently with any sentence from a federal conviction for bank robbery. Kurkowski is a suspect in the Sept. 19 armed robbery at Key Bank in Paul, which still is under investigation by federal authorities. Deputy U.S. Attorney Jack Haycock said. Charges in that case have not yet been filed.
According to police, Kurkowski

shot Minidoka County Sheriff's Detective Lt. Randy White, 51, three times on Sept. 23 as officers attempted to arrest him at a Jackpot casino. At the time of Kurkowski's arrest, White and several officers with various law enforcement agencies had tracked him to Cactus Pines on information that he might be connected to the Key Bank robbery. The officers called Kurkowski in his ninth-floor hotel room by telephone and told him to come out, according to

reports. Kurkowski quickly emerged from the room and fired four shots from his Glock 9 mm handgun, hitting White three times — once below his bulletproof vest and twice in the thigh.
At the sentencing hearing Monday, White testified that he could no longer walk without the aid of a cane. His injuries also limit his ability to assist his family with tasks
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John Kurkowski

LET FREEDOM RING



Bert Remeley voices his support for Sen. John Kerry while Virginia Linnell, left, listens during roll call at the Twin Falls County caucus Tuesday night.

Valley Democrats side with Kerry

By Rebecca Meany
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry picked up another state as Idaho's caucuses closed Tuesday and party officials added up the numbers.
Kerry had 572 votes, compared to just 160, or 20 percent, for North Carolina Sen. John Edwards. With 22 out of 45 precincts reporting as

Dean comes in surprisingly strong second

of 9:40 p.m. MST, Howard Dean had 48 votes, and Dennis Kucinich had none. Dean has dropped out of the race. Six percent of voters were uncommitted.
Democrats held caucuses in every Idaho county Tuesday, except in Camas, Clark and Franklin counties.

Kerry was the favored contender among voters in Twin Falls County, but support for Howard Dean remained strong.
The caucus in Twin Falls drew 153 people, 148 of whom were able to stay through the pledge roll call and have their vote counted.
Kerry received 74 pledges, giving

him eight delegates. Dean got 40 people to pledge their support, allowing the one-time front-runner four delegates. Supporters of John Edwards numbered 34, netting the North Carolina senator three delegates for the Idaho State Democratic Party Convention in June.
"Dean had the best organization
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Tenet warns of new wave of terrorists

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — CIA Director George J. Tenet warned Tuesday that a wave of smaller, scattered terrorist organizations had eclipsed al-Qaida as the most serious threat to the United States and its allies, and that Iraq was increasingly seen as a "golden opportunity" for jihadist groups

Troops kill aide to key al-Qaida operative — A4

to rally their cause.
Tenet told a Senate panel that al-Qaida had been badly damaged by military and intelligence operations in the wake of the

Sept. 11 attacks, but that the network had splintered into a collection of smaller franchises — and inspired the proliferation of others — that see the United States as their main enemy and prime target.
"Describing the rise of such organizations as 'the next wave of
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CIA chief George Tenet testifies Tuesday on Capitol Hill.

AP photo

After months of buildup, viewers finally get to see Mel Gibson's crucifixion epic

By Richard N. Ostling
Associated Press writer

Now, at last, the viewing public gets to decide if Mel Gibson's vision of Jesus' final hours is a blood-soaked failure or artistic and spiritual genius.
"The Passion of the Christ," officially opens in 2,800 theaters tonight, Ash Wednesday in the traditional church calendar, after months of intense interfaith debate over its portrayal of Jews and R-rated violence. Already, church groups anxious to get a peek at Gibson's crucifixion epic have been seeing the film in private showings.
And the heartfelt discussion

What do you think?

Controversy has swirled around Mel Gibson's new movie, "The Passion of the Christ." Now it's your turn to offer your opinion.
The Times-News will print your responses, or excerpts from them, in a future issue. You can send your opinions to Denise Turner, Religion

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Colleen Gasser, left, and Khristina Gorman, right, try to hold back tears after leaving a private screening of the film Monday in Indianapolis, Ind.

over whether the movie focuses too much on Jews as responsible for Jesus' torture and death continued Tuesday at a meeting in Los Angeles. Jewish and evangelical Christian leaders agreed to disagree about the film, and said their respect for each other would survive regardless of the movie.
Gibson's "personal embellishment of the Gospels" denigrates the masses of Jews who were not followers of Jesus," said Rabbi Marvin Hier of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.
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Bush: Ban gay marriage

President calls for constitutional change

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Bush called Tuesday for a constitutional amendment restricting marriage to the union of men and women, voicing concern that gay marriage would weaken society.

Bush's support for a ban on gay marriage put the weight of the White House behind conservatives working to thwart a Massachusetts court ruling that could permit same-sex wedding vows as soon as May 17, and the subsequent decision by San Francisco to issue marriage licenses to more than 3,200 gay couples so far.
"After more than two centuries of American jurisprudence and millennia of human experience, a few judges and local authorities are presuming to change the most fundamental institution of civilization," he said. "Their actions have created confusion on an issue that requires clarity."

"To become part of the Constitution, an amendment must win a two-thirds vote in each chamber of Congress and be ratified by 38 states, a process likely to take years. Opponents pointed out that this would be the only time a constitutional amendment had restricted rather than expanded liberties besides the since-repealed prohibition on the sale of intoxicating liquor in 1919.
Bush said he wants to preserve marriage as a union of one man and one woman but allow state legislatures to determine whether same-sex couples should receive various benefits, a formula that apparently would allow the kind of civil unions and domestic partnership arrangements that exist in Vermont and California.

Such arrangements confer some rights of marriage but are not recognized by the federal government
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President Bush Tuesday in D.C.

Drawing a line — A2

Concern grows over piercings, tattoos

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Erik Hansen rolls up his left sleeve to reveal a roughly drawn skull-and-crossbones tattoo. A friend did it for him a few weeks ago, using a needle and ink at what Hansen calls a "poke and stick party" — a growing trend among young people as tattoos and piercings have surged in popularity.



Joska Borsen, a professional body piercer at Saint Sabina's in Minneapolis, pierces the nose of a patient.

Body art between friends can be a rite of passage, a backroom ritual often done on the sly. Teens talk about school athletes doing tattoos or piercings for one another as an initiation. "It's more fun to have a friend do it — and it was free," says Hansen, a 20-year-old from Minneapolis.

But officials where he lives — and in other places nationwide — are worried. In Hennepin County, which includes Minneapolis, they've started a poster campaign in schools and neighborhood hangouts to encourage young people to have their tattoos and piercings done by licensed professionals.

"Get the good design, not a bad disease," says one poster about tattooing. Another features a photo of a young piercer with warnings about the risk of infections, blood-borne diseases and nerve damage.

The Oregon Health Licensing Office has a similar Web-based campaign, begun after several young people from the town of Klamath Falls got serious upper ear infections from piercings done at a jewelry kiosk with lax sterilization procedures. The cases — and resulting disfigurement — were documented in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Meanwhile, the Texas Department of Health has since produced a video for teens and young adults titled "Tattooing and Body Piercing: Thinking Smart About Body Art." And Connecticut is among states offering a brochure with similar information.

The biggest concerns include the potential spread of tetanus and

hepatitis B or C if people share tattooing needles, or whatever sharp objects — pins and nails included — they use to do their piercing.

"It's just not something you can do in your garage," says Shahn Anderson, a licensed tattooist and president of the Alliance of Professional Tattooists, who helped design the Hennepin County campaign.

Eighteen-year-old Katie Klaren thinks posting the information is a good idea.

a permission slip.
 • If someone knowingly gives an underage person a tattoo, that person would be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable up to \$1,000 for a second offense.
 • The measure was approved by the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee and is awaiting debate in the full Senate.

"Anything but ears, I would want a professional to do," the high school senior from Roseville, Minn., says as she waits at a licensed piercing studio in Minneapolis with her friend, Leslie Barker. The fresh-faced teens were there to have their nipples pierced — a procedure that's become trendy since Janet Jackson's Super Bowl flash.

"It's an on-the-edge kind of thing," Barker says, adding that both waited until they didn't have

Piercing cartilage in ear riskier

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association reveals upper cartilage ear piercings are more susceptible to infection than lobe piercings.

Cartilage	Of 63 piercings, there were 18 confirmed or suspected infections
Lobe	Of 112 lobe piercings, there were 7 confirmed or suspected infections

SOURCE: Journal of the American Medical Association

to have written parental permission — required in Hennepin County since last summer.

Several states have laws that prohibit minors from getting tattoos or "body art," regardless of who's holding the needle.

Often, licensed piercers and tattooists have even stricter standards than states or cities, requiring a parent to be present or, in some cases, setting their own age limits for certain procedures. Some youth think that banning them from having work done, or requiring parental permission, is only causing more minors to do the piercing themselves or seek out unlicensed amateurs, known in the industry as "scratches."

"You can't just outlaw things," says Hansen, who says he could not have afforded a professional tattoo even if he'd wanted one. "It's like prohibition; it doesn't work."

Justices: Firms may reward elders workers

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Laws against age discrimination don't prohibit employers from rewarding older workers and retirees with enhanced benefits such as insurance policies, pension plans and buyout offers, the Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday.

The 6-3 decision, written by Justice David H. Souter, preserves the widespread use of enhanced benefits for the 70 million American workers who are over 40. It rejects arguments by a group of young workers and the federal government that any attempt to differentiate among employees by age is discrimination.

"It's a very important decision that clarifies the definition of discrimination, and expands on what the court meant in some earlier opinions," said Lawrence Lorber, a partner at the Prosskauer, Rose law firm in Washington and a labor law expert. "The court is making it clear that the word 'age,' in the context of age discrimination, means older age, not younger. It's discrimination if you do something that disfavors older workers, but not if you create packages that benefit them over younger ones."

The age discrimination case springs from a dispute between defense contractor General Dynamics and a group of its employees over a labor contract.

Supreme Court rebukes Texas in death penalty case

The Supreme Court delivered a stern critique of Texas's conduct in a high-profile death penalty case Tuesday, ruling unanimously that the state had wrongfully sentenced a man who came within 10 minutes of being executed last year. By a vote of 7-2, the court ruled that prosecutors violated the constitutional rights of Delma Banks Jr. by withholding information that his defense lawyers could have used to discredit a key prosecution witness during his 1980 sentencing hearing. The court also ruled 9-0 that Banks should be allowed to appeal his murder conviction, because prosecutors may have improperly withheld information during the phase of the trial in which jurors found him guilty of killing 16-year-old Richard Whitehead — a crime he denies committing. Banks is African American; Whitehead was white, as were all 12 jurors.

The deal provided full health benefits upon retirement to workers who were at least 50 at the time. That excluded a group of workers between 40 and 50, who complained to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the deal was a violation of their rights under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

Survey takes bite out of kids' fare at sit-down restaurants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Food choices for children at table-service restaurants chains aren't necessarily healthier than the food offered at fast-food outlets, according to a survey out Tuesday.

The Center for Science in the Public Interest said the bulk of menu choices for kids at table-service restaurants — french fries, chicken fingers, burgers and pizzas — have enough calories, bad fats and salt to make McDonald's Happy Meal look like a healthy feast.

The survey of 20 of America's biggest table-service chain restau-

rants that offer kids' menus showed that all but one menu offered french fries and 85 percent had burgers.

The group also commissioned independent analysis of typical foods from seven chains to determine calories, total fat, saturated-plus-trans fats and sodium.

"Many parents appreciate the kid-friendly atmosphere and free crayons at places like Applebee's, but not many would expect adult-sized calorie counts in a children's meal," said Joyce C. Huntley, the group's senior nutritionist.

Feds drop plans to let companies form safety regs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government shelved a proposal Monday that would have let contractors at federal nuclear facilities pick which safety rules they should follow.

The idea had come under fire from lawmakers, a government safety board and even some contractors themselves.

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said in a letter to John Conroy chairman of independent Defense Nuclear Safety Board, that he was suspending the drafting of new regulations to get more suggestions. Abraham said he was "deeply concerned by the perception" that the rule proposed by the agency two months ago would have endangered workers.

After The Associated Press recently reported on the plan, the safety board, members of Congress, union officials and other safety advocates questioned replacing long-standing government safety requirements at the plants.

Astronauts schedule space walk today

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) —

The two men aboard the international space station will venture outside today, leaving the orbiting complex unattended during a spacewalk for the first time ever.

NASA gave its final approval Tuesday for the spacewalk and insisted that the safety precautions will be ample, even though no one

will be inside the space station to serve as a watchman.

Normally, two crew members go out at a time, employing the buddy system for safety reasons, while the third astronaut stays behind to watch over them and the spacecraft. But the station has had just a two-man crew since last spring to reduce the need for supplies while

the shuttles are grounded because of the Columbia disaster.

NASA was initially skeptical of the Russian Space Agency's idea for an all-hands spacewalk and agreed to the 5.5-hour outing only after months of safety analyses.

'Terrorist' brouhaha

A teachers' union calls for Education Secretary Paige to be fired.

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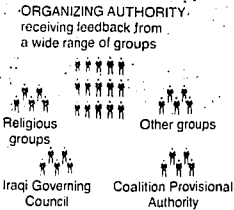
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Direct elections widely supported by Iraqis

A U.N. envoy to Iraq reported Monday a broad consensus for a single election to appoint an Iraqi government. Currently there is no credible electoral register derived from census that could be updated in time to meet the June 30 deadline for an election. One alternative under

consideration is to rely on the ration card database used for the oil-for-food program which includes 23.5 million Iraqis. A partial list could be compiled for individuals not registered and for Iraqis abroad.

The political transition in Iraq:



SINGLE ELECTION using an electoral register possibly obtained from a ration card database or derived through a national campaign to register voters

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY would draft a constitution and pass major laws

Iraqi GOVERNMENT with executive branch and appointed ministers



Iraq leaders call for plans for elections

They want immediate start for ballot preparations after U.N. report

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi leaders said Tuesday they want to start planning elections immediately after the United Nations estimated that it would take until next January to organize a nationwide ballot.

In the meantime, U.N. officials must offer a new method for choosing the provisional government due to take power from the U.S.-led coalition on June 30, a prominent Shiite Muslim party said. Shiites led the push for elections before the handover date, but the U.N. report issued Monday said the country couldn't hold elections until at least the end of the year.

"If there is no election ... then who is going to take over sovereignty from the Coalition Authority? The Iraqi people need to know," said Hameed al-Bayati, a spokesman for the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, which holds a seat in the current, temporary Iraqi administration.

But the United Nations believes it's up to the Iraqis to come up with a formula for establishing a provisional government.

U.N. envoy Lakhtar Brahimi wrote in his report that the world body, if asked, would help come up with an alternative to the original American plan to pick a new government using regional caucuses, a

formula that Iraq's powerful Shiite clergy rejected as illegitimate and that drew most of the 25-member Governing Council opposes.

Brahimi's report ruled out the caucuses plan, saying it was seen as too open to manipulation by the Americans. The United States now wants to expand the council to make it more representative and give it the power to rule until elections can be held.

Frustrated by the U.N. ruling on early elections, Shiite leaders are pressing for guarantees that a vote won't be postponed again and say the provisional government must be limited in its powers.

"Now, we have no choice but to

accept it whether we like it or not. But we want to reach an agreement with the United Nations on a fixed unchangeable date for elections through a U.N. resolution," said Mowafak al-Ibbai, a Shiite on the council. "We do not want to enter in a vicious circle where elections is postponed forever and this what had been done by former governments in Iraq."

In Najaf, Saddam's official, suggested that the Americans were afraid of the outcome of an election.

"Maybe the American administration is afraid that elections would give power to an Islamic current or to an independent current that doesn't serve its interests," he told reporters. "We think that is the reason for hindering elections."

Tapes: Top bin Laden associate taunts Bush

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Two audiotapes purportedly of Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant were broadcast on Arabic TV stations Tuesday, one taunting President Bush and threatening more attacks on the United States, the other criticizing France's decision to ban Islamic headscarves in schools.

The tapes, attributed to Ayman al-Zawahiri, came as Pakistani forces backed by helicopters searched villages in a remote region between Pakistan and Afghanistan where bin Laden and Taliban suspects are believed hiding. Al-Zawahiri, an Egyptian-born physician, is thought to be with bin Laden in the rugged mountains.

In the past, U.S. intelligence officials have noted that some tape releases have been preludes to attacks. On an April 7 tape, a speaker believed to be bin Laden exhorted Muslims to rise up against Saudi Arabia and foreshadowed suicide attacks against U.S. and British interests. Suicide bombers struck Western housing compounds in the Saudi capital of Riyadh May 12.

The latest audiotapes aired a few hours apart on Al-Arabiya and Al-Izerra networks, competing Arabic TV stations based in the Persian Gulf.

U.S. charges two men with war crimes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two men alleged to have been bodyguards and aides for Osama bin Laden were charged with conspiracy to commit war crimes and ordered to stand trial before the first U.S. military tribunals convened since World War II, officials announced Tuesday.

The two men are among more than 600 foreign prisoners held at the U.S. Navy's Guantanamo prison camp in Cuba. Both spent time in terrorist training camps and served as bodyguards for bin Laden, according to military charging documents similar to indictments in the civilian court system.

Although President Bush has authorized the death penalty for suspects convicted by military tribunals, prosecutors will not seek it for the two suspects charged Tuesday, the Pentagon said. The two face a maximum of life in prison if convicted.

Pakistan detains 20 terror suspects

WANA, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani troops using helicopters and artillery flattened three housing compounds and detained at least 20 people Tuesday in a remote border region where Osama bin Laden and other al-Qaida fugitives are believed to have sought refuge.

The sweep followed a warning to tribal elders to hand over foreign suspects who were reportedly in the area. The Pakistani military searched house-to-house for six hours in villages near Wana, just a few miles from the border with Afghanistan.

It was not clear if any senior Taliban or al-Qaida fugitives were detained, though foreigners—including three Arab women—were among the 20 arrested. Weapons, ammunition, passports, written materials and audiotapes were also seized.

This seizure confirms that foreign elements were given shelter by some tribesmen. Pakistan Army spokesman Gen. Shaukat Sultan told The Associated Press.

Authorities had talked for days

about launching the operation if tribal authorities didn't hand over the suspects. Troops set up heavy guns and brought in troops in a show of force.

The government set Feb. 20 as the deadline for tribal elders to hand over al-Qaida fugitives and their supporters. So far, about 58 suspects have been detained and another 38 are still being sought, officials say.

The decision to announce the operation in advance suggested that officials saw little hope of surprising bin Laden, his top lieutenant, Ayman al-Zawahiri, or other al-Qaida leaders believed to be hiding in the rugged border area.

As troops scoured the region for fugitives, two Arabic television stations released audiotapes purported to be from al-Zawahiri, including one claiming that al-Qaida was still running operations from Afghanistan.

The Pakistani maneuvers could be designed to make the border area less hospitable and force the suspects to flee into Afghanistan, where

the United States leads an 11,000-strong military force and can operate freely.

Authorities in Kabul deployed a battalion of Afghan army troops on their side of the border about 10 days ago, officials have said.

Pakistan denies that any American troops are involved in operations on its soil, though residents have in the past said they have seen what they believed to be U.S. special forces in the region.

The operation comes weeks after CIA director George Tenet is believed to have made a secret trip to Pakistan to discuss the hunt for bin Laden as well as ways to fight nuclear proliferation.

Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri said Monday that any top al-Qaida fugitives wanted in the United States would be handed over. However, President Gen. Pervez Musharraf has assured tribal elders that suspects who turn over their weapons and surrender would not be extradited.

U.S. troops kill aide to key al-Qaida suspect

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. troops last week killed a lieutenant of suspected al-Qaida-linked militant Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi, the military said Tuesday, and Polish soldiers arrested nine suspects, including one thought involved in suicide bombings that killed 63 people.

American troops distributing leaflets knocked on the door of a house in a western town, and the alleged al-Zarqawi associate, Abu Mohammed Hamza, opened fire from inside, the military said. The soldiers returned fire, killing Hamza, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said.

Three other men who tried to run from the scene were captured Thursday by Iraqi police and troops from the 1st Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division, the military said.

In the house in Jabbaniyah, soldiers found bomb-making materials and explosives — including a suicide bomber's vest rigged with a

grenade and ball bearings — pro-Saddam Hussein literature and letters of al-Zarqawi, Kimmitt said.

U.S. officials have offered a \$10 million reward for al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian, saying he is trying to build a network of foreign militants in Iraq to work on al-Qaida's behalf. Hamza was a Jordanian passport official, but he was trying to confirm his nationality.

American officials have not determined who is behind the string of suicide attacks that have killed more than 300 people — mainly Iraqis — this year. Some officials have suggested al-Zarqawi is organizing the campaign, but others have said Saddam loyalists are responsible.

"We believe al-Zarqawi has some associates around him and is reaching out to other disaffected organizations," Kimmitt said. "We don't believe he came into the country with a huge infrastructure, but he is trying to develop an infrastructure here."

U.S. considers bases in Uzbekistan

TASIKENT, Uzbekistan (AP) — The U.S. military is considering this central Asian nation for expeditionary bases that could be activated during a crisis, but it has no plans to establish a permanent presence in the region, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

After the Sept. 11 attacks, Uzbekistan provided U.S. troops a base near its border with Afghanistan, from which U.S. troops launched strikes against the Taliban and in 2002, the two countries signed

a strategic partnership agreement.

Since then, the Bush administration has praised Uzbekistan's support in the war on terror. But Uzbekistan President Islam Karimov's government has been frequently criticized for human rights issues.

Uzbekistan failed last year to make improvements in human rights under requirements for funding under a U.S. nonproliferation program, forcing President Bush in December to grant a waiver in the interests of national security.

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Opponents of reform have suggested the Legislature form a committee to study the issue, and put off solving the problem ... until after Election Day.

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Prison

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around the house, such as shovel
snow, White said.
"I just let the judge know that
(Kurkowski's) decision to fire the
shots changed my life forever,"
White said.



Lisa Ledford

"Tuesday, I got a steel
rod in my leg held
down by four screws
and I've had
so many
problems
where the
bullet went
through my
abdomen.
And my
ability to enjoy recreation activities
has changed."

Kurkowski also was ordered by
Judge Memon to pay \$250 restitu-
tion to White for the clothes the
detective was wearing when he was
shot.

A second suspect, Lisa Ledford,
34, also was arrested with
Kurkowski Sept. 23. She was found
hiding in the rear room bathtub
following the shooting, police have
said.
Ledford, of Paul, remains in the
Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice
Center facing charges of accessory
probation and two other unrelated
felonies: fraudulently obtaining
welfare and possession of
methamphetamine. She waived
her right to a preliminary hearing
on each charge.
Deputy Minidoka County

Prosecuting Attorney Nicole
Cannon said she is working with
Ledford and her defense attorney
on a plea agreement, but added
that she could not provide any
details.

After Ledford appeared in
District Court for the first time
Monday, a second hearing on the
three felony charges was set for
March 1.

"I anticipate she will likely enter
a guilty plea to all three charges on
that day," Cannon said.
As for White, the shooting has
forever changed his life.
Following the incident, White
was flown to Saint Alphonsus
Regional Medical Center in Boise,
where he underwent surgery and
spent nine days recovering.
Doctors removed a bullet from his

torso and inserted the rod in his
right leg where his femur had been
shattered.

White returned to work on limited
duty Nov. 2, but he's still in a lot
of pain.

"Mornings are better than after-
noons," he said, "and I get tired
pretty quick."

Kurkowski's sentencing Monday
hasn't brought complete closure,
White said, because the young still
has more court battles ahead.
"I would have liked to have seen
more (prison time) but that was
within the sentencing guidelines
the judge had to work with," he
said.

*Times-News Assistant City Editor
Troy Foster also contributed to this
story.*

Terrorists

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the terrorist threat." Tenet said al-
Qaida's message and methods
have spread so swiftly that "a seri-
ous future will remain for the fore-
seeable future, with or without al-
Qaida in the picture."

"These far-flung groups increas-
ingly set the agenda and are
redefining the threat we face,"
Tenet said, pointing to attacks by
organizations in countries from
Morocco to Indonesia. "They are
not all creatures of (Osama) bin
Laden, and so their fate is not
tied to his. They have autonomous
leadership, they pick their own tar-
gets, they plan their own attacks,"
Tenet's sober assessment of the

evolving terrorist threat came dur-
ing testimony before the Senate
Intelligence Committee as part of
its annual hearing on global secu-
rity issues.

But because it was Tenet's first
public appearance before the
panel since the war in Iraq last
year, he also spent much of his
time fending off criticism of his
agency's prewar assessments on
Iraq and its weapons programs.
Tenet said that Iraq has become
"a very large drain of people and
resources" at the agency, and sug-
gested that the CIA's clandestine
service is struggling to stay on top
of overseas trouble spots that
aren't related to Iraq or the war on
terrorism. "The issue for us will be
global coverage" against "other
issues," Tenet said.
Tenet rejected suggestions that

his agency failed to aggressively
track one of the Sept. 11 hijackers
after receiving his first name and
phone number two years before
the attacks, saying the informa-
tion wasn't sufficient.

"You got a name, named Joe,
and here's the phone number,"
Tenet said. "We didn't have
enough, but we didn't sit around."
A federal commission reviewing
the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks said
Monday it was examining the
adequacy of the U.S. response to
the March 1999 tip from German
intelligence officials. The infor-
mation appears to be one of the
earliest indicators of the 2001
hijacking and may have been a
missed chance for U.S. intelli-
gence to uncover a terror cell in
Germany that was key to the
hijacking plot.

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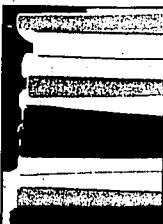
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Passion

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President Ted Haggard of the
National Association of
Evangelicals responded that "we
understand our Jewish friends'
tears and concerns, born of long
historical experience.

The relationship between us is
too important and too strong to be
compromised by our differences
regarding this film," Haggard said.

The final cut that audiences will
be seeing is virtually identical to
the version previewed by The
Associated Press two in months ago.
Key changes are in fine-tuning:
a soundtrack, mournful music
and special effects. Gibson also has
added a brief flashback of Jesus
teaching disciples to "love one
another."

The most incendiary and often
misinterpreted line in the Gospels
and the film, the Jewish scribe
"this blood be on us and on our
children" (Matthew 27:25), is
absent in the English subtitles.
However, Gibson says it's included
amid the barely audible crowd
chatter spoken in Aramaic (the
movie's dialogue is in Aramaic and
Latin).

As with everything regarding the
two-hour film, early reviews have
bounced between extremes.

One-time altar boy Roger Ebert,
expressed respect for Gibson's
vision and astonishment at the
level of violence, while David
Denby saw "a sickening death trip"
that is worsened by "some serious
mistake" regarding Jews. Kenneth
Turan of the Los Angeles Times
said the film's unrelenting and
sadistic violence obliterates every-
thing else about the film, and fos-
ters a one-dimensional view of
Jesus, reducing his entire life and
world-transforming teachings to
his sufferings, to the notion that he
was exclusively someone who was
willing to absorb unspeakable
punishment for our sins.

Imaginative additions to the
Bible's spare version of events,
showing Jewish guards as remark-
ably brutal and the high priests as
cold-blooded, remain intact in the
film's final version, along with the
portrayal of Pontius Pilate as a
reluctant executioner that's closer
to the Gospel records. These
aspects are bound to perpetuate
the ongoing outrage from Jewish
organizations.

Anticipating such reactions, the
Union of Orthodox Jewish
Congregations sent members a
video to warn against anti-
Semitism the movie might foster,
and the possible negative psycho-
logical impact on any Jews who
view it.
Without ever mentioning the
film, the U.S. Conference of
Catholic Bishops issued a 112-page
booklet with texts of church teach-
ings on relations with Judaism —
and warnings about portrayals
of the passion and New Testament
interpretation.

Whatever the critical and official
religious verdicts on the film, it
seems bound to be a money-
maker.

Gibson spent \$25 million of his
own on "The Passion," which he
produced, directed and co-wrote,
and has benefited from a skilled
marketing campaign and months
of word-of-mouth buzz as the film
has been screened for private,
often conservative Christian audi-
ences.

"It is gory. It's a bloody mess," the
Rev. Michel Côté said after a
Tuesday preview in Albany, Ga.,
hosted by his Baptist church. "But
the greatest message is that we
our sins on the cross so that bore
our sins on the cross so that we
could have forgiveness."

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EDITORIAL

Setting limits on CHIP made sense for savings

As Idaho legislators continue to wrestle with yet another bare-bones budget for 2004-05, the difficult task of knowing where to cut isn't getting any easier.

Last week, the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee approved a \$407.5 million general fund appropriation for the Health and Welfare Department budget. That amount comes in about \$9.5 million less than what Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recommended in his budget plan.

The move attracted criticism from Democrats on the panel, who called the decision a cruel swipe at Idaho's working poor. Predictable comments to be sure, but the decision isn't so easy to characterize.

Some legislators say Kempthorne's economic forecast is too rosy. State tax collections in January fell \$12 million below expectations, and December saw a \$7.5 million dip.

JFAC members (led by Sen. Dean Cameron of Rupert and Rep. Maxine Bell of Jordan) are in no position to spend lavishly. The lower appropriation makes sense. Also, the \$407.5 million signifies an 8.4 percent increase over last year's Health and Welfare appropriation of \$375.3 million, a point many critics fail to recognize.

Democrats' biggest beef over the new bill is that it places limits on the Children's Health Insurance Program.

By capping the number of kids from poor families who can qualify for certain reimbursements, the Legislature is exercising control over the growth of welfare program costs. Without these

caps, demand for assistance could exceed the state's ability to pay.

CHIP pays health coverage under Medicaid for children in families with incomes between 133 percent and 150 percent of the federal poverty level - or roughly \$24,000 to \$27,600 a year for a family of four. (Families earning less than that are usually covered by Medicaid.) This program is called CHIP Plan A.

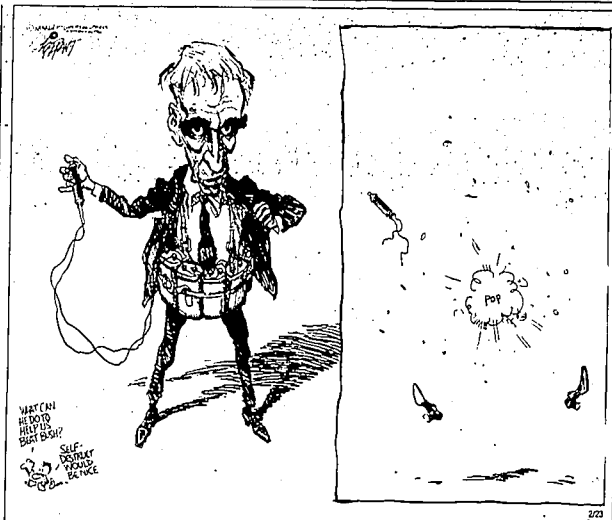
Last year, legislators passed a CHIP expansion, called Plan B, for kids in families with incomes between 150 percent and 185 percent of the federal poverty level - as much as \$34,000 a year for a family of four.

These families would qualify for trimmed Medicaid coverage, or they would get an Access Card for a \$100 monthly payment for each child. The \$100 could help pay each child's premium on a parent's employee health plan, translating into more benefits from private employers.

But because the income ceiling for qualifying would include so many families, the costs of funding the program would have skyrocketed for Idaho.

So legislators applied a 6 percent annual growth cap on CHIP Plan A. A second limits participation in Plan B Medicaid funding to 1,000 new children. All other kids who qualify for CHIP will still have access to the Access Card and \$100 monthly payment.

The basic challenge in CHIP expansion is to make the states generous in its resources. No one wants to turn away kids and families who need help. But legislators are using their heads and their hearts wisely by applying the caps.

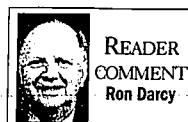


'Custodial' label insults ISDB

I have been watching the situation at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind for the past several months and letting the news releases go by without making any comment, as I know many times all the facts are not presented in the articles. After reading *The Times-News* editorial about the recommendations by the hearing officer stating the school had to move away from being "custodial" to "educational," I felt it necessary to clarify what ISDB is all about in this limited format.

Let me say first that the school is not just a school for the deaf. It is actually three schools in one: a deaf and hard-of-hearing school, a blind and visually impaired school and a deaf and blind school.

Had the privilege of working with two of the superintendents and knowing the programs they initiated, part of which for the deaf or hard of hearing child was to improve reading and language acquisition. In the 20 years I had been associated with ISDB, it has never been "custodial." Under Mr. Ed Healy, the regional program was started to assist parents with communication with their deaf-child and teaching sensory stimulation to blind children. ISDB was ahead of the game in knowing the critical need of early intervention. All superintendents insisted that teachers be certified at the school in their specific areas of deafness or blindness, and this was difficult as there is not a college in the state



READER COMMENT
Ron Darcy

that has a bachelor of arts certification in deafness or blindness. Mr. Itainier had the term "state" legislatively removed from our name as we were often associated with the State School and Hospital in Nampa, which had been primarily custodial.

The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind has been exactly the guidelines established by the State Department of Education for school districts; we followed a curriculum, if we had been only custodial, why does Idaho State University, which has a master's program in deaf education, want to send their student teachers to ISDB?

Our communication system with the deaf was total communication, signing and speech. The support staff was given sign classes because many were hired from the local community. Our school had a wide variety of skill level students, high achievers to students needing one on one.

If the hearing officer would have done his homework, he would see the classes in the high school

offering science, English, history, mathematics. He would have become aware of the number of students who have attended Gallaudet and other institutions of higher education.

Ask the teachers who taught there for the past 30 years or those presently teaching how it feels to only "baby-sit" the students until they turn 18!

ISDB is only custodial why did the Legislature recognize and give a share of the lottery money for building improvements, why were we given accreditation with merit for three straight years, why were we recognized by the Kathryn Albertson Foundation to receive grants for computer innovations? These were given only to school districts. If ISDB is custodial, then we had better look closely at what we are calling school districts!

Yes, the situation with Dr. Ramos has to be brought to a conclusion, but the school existed and did quite well before Dr. Ramos arrived, and the dedicated staff will carry on educating the students who attend there, and the school will continue to support other school districts with their expertise in deaf and blind education - not as a custodial institution but as a school district.

Ron Darcy of Gooding is a retired director of regional services and superintendent of the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind.

LETTERS

State Board should dismiss Ramos at ISDB

Dr. Ramos' original hiring at Gooding State School is similar to a story told when a new superintendent was hired at the State Hospital in Blackfoot. A patient asked him who he was. His reply, "I am Dr. Ezequiel Isaacson, cum laude, Ph.D., Yale and Oxford universities, and they sent me here to straighten this institution out." "Well, responds the patient, "I won't take you long to beat that notion out of your head. When I came here, I was Napoleon."

Dr. Ramos' objective was to change the school from "custodial" to "educational." Why try to fix something that is not broken?

My wife and I brought our deaf granddaughter to the Gooding State School at age 4, making the 160-mile round trip each day until the little girl felt comfortable enough to stay overnight. Due to the school's total communication concept, the girl soon learned to communicate in sign language and her mother also became proficient. Due to the commitment and dedication of her teachers, she graduated from the state school, also from Gallatin and earned bachelor of arts degree from Utah State University.

Many other students earned similar honors, consistent with Gooding State being an educational institution as opposed to being labeled "custodial."

This terminology is an insult and degrading to the hundreds of students who have graduated from this fine school. My wife and I, along with our granddaughter's parents, have attended many of the schools at Gooding State over several years and are always impressed with the commitment and dedication of the administration and teachers to the education of these youth.

During my 37 years in administration in our Cassia County schools, I cannot imagine being placed on administrative leave for nearly a year with full pay and ever wanting my job back. My credibility with my students, my parents and teachers would be completely eroded, negating any possibility for me to return and develop pride and harmony in my school. The state board should quickly find a replacement for Dr. Ramos to avoid any further polarization of the school and community.

This would certainly be in the best interests of the school, and with Dr. Ramos' credentials, comparable employment would surely be available.

LOVELL AND BETH TURNER
Declo

Pot hole presents challenge on Falls

Talk about a road hazard. How about the one on Falls Avenue near the Fillmore Street by the fire station and entrance to the tennis courts and College of Southern Idaho?

Getting in ain't too bad, but coming out to go east on Falls can really be a pain.

What say you? (Got that from O'Reilly)

MEL MUELLER
Twin Falls

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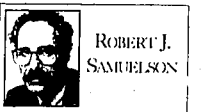
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In the end, presidents can't do much about employment

We are having a ferocious and desultory debate about the fraudulent, if presidents could easily create jobs, the unemployment rate would rarely exceed 3.5 percent. But all they can usually do is influence the economy through taxes, spending and regulatory decisions - and hope that job growth follows.

In our market system, private employers play the pivotal role. They will add jobs only if: (a) demand justifies new workers; (b) labor costs aren't unprofitable levels; and (c) they think healthy economic conditions will last. Electing a president based on job creation makes as much sense as selecting a doctor based on palm reading.

The jobs rhetoric captures Kerry's casual cynicism. John McCain and John Edwards must grasp a president's modest job-creating powers; otherwise, they wouldn't be fit for the White House. Their jobs obsession is dishonest expediency. They know Bush is vulner-



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

able. To be fair, the deceit is bipartisan. The Bush administration is ready to claim credit for almost any good economic news.

The contrast with Iraq is instructive. The administration is accused of falsifying the case for war by distorting the intelligence on weapons of mass destruction. This allegation of dishonesty is a legitimate issue. But no one considers it dishonorable to blame a president falsely for job loss (or to credit him falsely for gains). The dishonesty is so routine that it's respectable. The press abets the hoax because it must report what candidates say and because it favors campaign combat over substance.

Admitting the truth is no fun: on

jobs, presidents are mostly prisoners of the business cycle.

The present cycle has been particularly confusing. On the one hand, the monthly unemployment rate peaked at 6.3 percent in June 2003, much lower than in the slump of the early 1990s (7.9 percent). On the other hand, job creation has lagged badly. By the government's payroll survey, non-farm employment is about 2.35 million below its March 2001 peak and up 346,000 from its August low.

What went wrong? Job losses stem mainly from the aftermath of the recent boom. Even weak companies can flourish in a boom. There's enough business for almost everyone. Rampant optimism encourages expansion. Once the boom collapses, surplus capacity means that vulnerable firms shut, shrink or merge.

Facing a weak economy, a government can do three things: cut interest rates; run a budget deficit and allow - or cause - its currency to depreciate. The first two pro-

mote borrowing and spending the last makes a country's exports cheaper and its imports costlier. All three weapons have been deployed.

Bush's policies are mostly standard economics. Based on past patterns, these policies should have produced stronger job growth. But private employers have remained wary.

Some jobs have moved abroad. Slow foreign growth and (until recently) the high dollar have hurt U.S. exports and encouraged imports. Mark Zandi of Economy.com estimates that almost 900,000 manufacturing jobs have been lost to the higher trade deficit. By contrast, he reckons that "offshoring" of service jobs - call centers, software design - has cost only about 200,000 jobs over the same period. That's out of more than 130 million jobs.

There are other theories. By one, higher fringe benefits (mainly health insurance and pension costs) have deterred companies from hiring. Although wage

increases are slowing, total labor costs including fringes are actually rising. They grew 3.8 percent in 2003, up from 3.4 percent in 2002. Another theory is that employers have delayed hiring because they worry that the recovery will falter.

We don't know. But what we can know is that policies from a President Gore, or Kerry or Edwards wouldn't have improved matters much. Of course, Democrats might have discarded some Bush policies: say, tax cuts for the rich. Still, the main forces shaping the job market would have remained well beyond presidential reach.

During elections, politics overwhelms reason. Perhaps continuing economic growth and a weaker dollar will soon produce more jobs. That's what occurs, someone will be blamed or credited. In war, truth is often said to be the first casualty. It's the same in campaigns.

Robert Samuelson is a columnist for Newsweek magazine.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

Dear President Bush, Presidents 20 seem to get into trouble in their second terms. Just look at Nixon and Clinton. I see you're taking steps to avoid having to serve four more years, including spending like a drunken...

Democrat. I do have more experience in this regard than you. If I can be of any help here, don't hesitate to ask. Sincerely, Your Dad...



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

LETTERS

GOP needs to dump Bush from ticket

Considering the state of affairs now in Iraq and the need to conclude them expeditiously and efficiently with a competent commander-in-chief, an accomplished military record is probably the qualification most needed.

The incumbent commander-in-chief recently told us the details of his military record have been sought for use against him since 1994. He insisted there is nothing in his record to hide because he was honorably discharged. This begs the question: Can one have questionable activities (or questionable absenteeism) on record and still be honorably discharged? Also, if there is nothing in his record to hide, why not ungrudgingly release the complete record, chronologically accounting for all of his in-service duties and activities? A further question: As a supporter of the war in Vietnam, why didn't he volunteer for duty there as some have asked who did volunteer?

This less-than-exemplary military record, the trumped-up reasons for the invasion of Iraq in the first place, the obviously incompetent lack of foresight and handling of the war's aftermath, all degrade GOP re-election chances. The GOP therefore should consider replacement of their presumed nominee with someone else if they want to at least keep a GOP member in charge at the White House. Commensurate with that, John McCain is seen to have an honorable military record which might be the unique factor needed to tip the contest in favor of a Republican victory. To many Republicans, military experience is a visceral issue and is a mandatory qualification for commander-in-chief. Furthermore, McCain is a more logical opponent for head-to-head with John Kerry, the likely Democratic nominee. Kerry's military record is well-known, not secretive and certainly trumps the military career of the incumbent commander-in-chief.

In addition to the foregoing reasons, other significant reasons that the GOP should consider a replacement candidate for the White House includes but are not limited to the poor state of the economy and the snowballing deficits.

JACK HARTLEY
Twin Falls

Costly numbers are going up under Bush

The nation's misleader claims that where there are taxes, campaigning at taxpayer expense, he finds only optimism that the economy is stable and looking up. A former Twin Falls County Democratic Central Committee Chairman and businessman confirms upward trends. To point out just a few:

The price of steel, he notes, rose by 25.25 percent in 2003 and has almost doubled in price since Jan. 1, 2004. Gasoline is up 16 cents a gallon (about 12 percent) over last year. His insurance rates generally are up 29 percent and vehicle insurance is up by 20 percent.

Idaho Power wants a 20 percent boost in residential rates. Intermountain Gas has asked for a 34 percent rate increase, and the Republican-controlled Idaho Legislature recently passed a bill that will arm Qwest with the ability to sock us with phone rate increases of an estimated 67 percent. Further, truck freight rates have risen by 22 percent since Jan. 1. How much has your paycheck grown in that time? Still, the misleader and his Federal Reserve Board today tell us that inflation is in check.

Meanwhile, the unprecedented \$521 billion 2005 budget deficit and unbelievable record \$7 trillion-plus national debt are driving our economy ever deeper into the toilet. Last week (Feb. 15), it took \$1.28 U.S. to buy one Euro dollar. And the "outsourcing" of formerly good-paying U.S. jobs continues unabated.

Do these data reflect an improving economy to you?

LINDA PARRISH
Twin Falls

Relocation signified a racial indignity

I hate to write letters about a topic that will never be resolved, but the latest letter written about the Japanese relocation and attacks on "intellectuals" was so outrageous that it merits a response.

First, I can only assume intellectual means being able to read and write. One can understand war hysteria, especially after Pearl Harbor, but we had other enemies also. My mother's maiden name was Berkenmeier. You don't get any more German than that. Many people in the Eden-Hazelton area alone have German surnames. My uncles as well as my father served with distinction and my uncle, Russell Berkenmeier, gave his life for his country in the Battle of the Bulge.

Were the Berkenmeiers interned? Was anyone with the Italian name of Andreotti or such interned or even have a government inquiry? No. There were hundreds of confirmed cases of German espionage in the United States as people at Miami beach would stand on the shore and watch U-Boats torpedo transport ships. Did this make all German suspected persons spies? Preposterous!

Why were Japanese interned? They looked different. These people, for the most part, were natural born citizens of the United States and their lives were disrupted, their assets lost. These Americans bore this indignity with grace and dignity and still loved their country, and many served with great honor in our armed forces, as did many African-Americans in a segregated army.

We can pass it off at the time as war hysteria and maybe justify it at the time. But with 60 years of perspective, we can see it was a racial indignity on a scale with our record with Native Americans and African-Americans. The Declaration of Independence says we are "endowed by our Creator with the inalienable rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happi-

ness." How can we in the 21st century condone anything that deprives our innocent citizens of those? There is no excuse ever for racial prejudice. The old argument is that there was a war on. Granted, but did that make it right? This is an argument that will go on, but since I read and write, this "intellectual" just had to put his 2 cents worth in.

GREG ROGERS
Hazelton

Ecos keep pushing for a major land grab

Environmental murderers who forced the ban on DDT that now results in 3,000 Africans unnecessarily dying of malaria every day want to kill the Idaho and Northwest economy by demanding more water to supposedly save fish!

Elitists who want to control the world decided 40 years ago at Iron Mountain, N.Y., that environmentalism would be used to create world government. On Earth Day, April 22, 1970, Saturday Review editor Norman Cousins reviewed the world government. "Humanity ... requires a world-government."

The goal of The Wildlands


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Environmental groups, financed by elitists, have filed suit to demand up to 3 million acre feet of Idaho water for salmon recovery despite the largest salmon run in years. This would dry up 600,000 to 800,000 acres of irrigated cropland and would destroy Idaho's economy.

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The Times-News Opinion pages

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Center warns of avalanche danger

TWIN FALLS — The Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center announced Tuesday that avalanche danger on the forest is widespread and considerable.

Backcountry skiers and people using snowboards, snowshoes and snowshoes are urged to use caution when venturing into the backcountry. There have been numerous recent reports of human-triggered avalanches.

The snowpack has several weak layers that lie 1 to 3 feet beneath the snowpack's surface. Slopes may appear to be stable but could be triggered by a single person crossing a weak spot. An avalanche may even be triggered from an adjacent slope or ridge line or from a low angle slope or a flat area beneath a steeper slope. With conditions right for a chain reaction, an avalanche can become large and deadly.

The best recourse for backcountry travelers is to stick to low-angle slopes and to be conscious of the incline of slopes above and beside their routes of travel. Many safe recreation areas still exist.

The warning does not apply to developed ski areas, which have their own snow-safety programs. But does apply to any out-of-bounds slopes that are accessed from a ski area.

Hailey forum discusses merger between agencies

HAILEY — Roger Madsen, acting director of the Idaho Department of Commerce, is hosting an economic development forum from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Saturday at the Hailey Senior Center.

The purpose of the forum is to answer questions about the proposed merger between the state departments of Commerce and Labor. Madsen will be joined by Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and Sen. Clint Stenmetz, D-Ketchum.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is proposing the agency partnership in hopes that merging the two will maximize resources among two executive agencies that share common goals.

Under the merger, core services would continue to deliver core services. The commerce elements would continue to promote job growth, strengthen communities and market Idaho. The labor elements would continue to support the employment training needs of Idaho businesses and help the unemployed and underemployed find jobs.

Anyone planning to attend should R.S.V.E. to Amy Hoodhain with Hailey Job Service at (208) 788-3525 ext. 3404. Or contact her by e-mail at ahoodhain@observice.us.

BLM advisory council holds public meeting today

BURLEY — The Bureau of Land Management's Upper Snake River District will host its quarterly Resource Advisory Council meeting today and Thursday in Burley.

The Advisory Council, a 15-member public advisory group to the BLM, at 2:10 p.m. today will discuss proposed grazing regulations out for public review until March 2. The council also will discuss statewide application of the BLM's Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines.

Thursday's agenda includes updates on planning for the Craters of the Moon National Monument resource management plans for BLM offices in Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Shoshone; and the Shoshone Basin Sage Grouse Working Group.

Today's public meeting begins at 2 p.m. Public comments, if any, will be accepted until that time. Today's meeting begins at 8:30 a.m. The meetings will be held at the BLM Fire Warehouse Conference Room, 3630 South Overland Ave. in Burley.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak**
Upper Snake Basin	92%	70%
Salmon Falls	109%	88%
Salmon	94%	72%
Castle	112%	89%
Big Wood	94%	74%
Little Wood	101%	78%
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Big Lost	101%	74%
Little Lost	89%	63%
Aa of Feb. 24		

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

Hansen will announce Senate bid

He won't wait for Smith to decide whether to seek Noh's seat

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A Republican primary race could be shaping up for the state Senate seat that will be vacated by retiring Sen. Laird Noh later this year.

Former legislator Randy Hansen of Twin Falls has scheduled a press conference for 1:30 p.m. today to announce his candidacy for the District 24 seat, while Rep. Leon Smith of Twin Falls and former

Twin Falls Mayor Gale Kleinkopf said Tuesday they were still considering bids to replace Noh in the Senate.

On Monday, upon hearing that Noh would not seek re-election to the post he has held for 24 years, Hansen said he would run for the office. But when he learned that Smith was also thinking of throwing his hat into the ring for that seat, Hansen said he would be willing to run for Noh's seat or Smith's

seat in the House if Smith decides to run for the Senate.

On Tuesday, however, Hansen said he's not waiting to see what Smith decides. His press conference today at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce office is to announce his candidacy for the Senate.

"I'm going to announce," he said. "I am for sure."
Informed of Hansen's plans, Smith said: "If (wife) Jan and I



Sen. Laird Noh announcement

decide to run for the Senate, I'll run for the Senate. We're still weighing the pros and the cons."
Kleinkopf reiterated Tuesday that he will also consider running for the Senate.
He said Noh's caught him



Randy Hansen Noh, a rancher who lives near

by surprise. "I hadn't prepared any kind of campaign committee," he said. "I have three weeks before the end of the filing period to complete it, and I'll probably need most of that time."

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HARNESSING THE WIND



Orin Walsh and her twin brother, Brian, both seniors at Twin Falls High School, test their working model of a wind turbine Tuesday at the school. The competition was held by the Magic Valley chapter of the Idaho Society of Professional Engineers.

Students compete for best turbine design

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Anybody planning to build a wind turbine might want to consult with Nick Mindock or Daniel Moreno.

Mindock and Moreno are engineers and don't have college degrees, but the two Twin Falls High School seniors won a model wind turbine design contest at the school Tuesday.

The contest, sponsored by the Magic Valley chapter of Idaho Society of Professional Engineers and supported by the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls High School and EIM Engineers Inc., was held in conjunction with National Engineering Week.

"We chose this competition because wind energy is a big topic now," said Richard Hawkes, a member of the engineers group. "Idaho ranks 12th or higher as far as wind."

But Idaho has only three or four working wind generators, he said.

"It's not been tapped," Hawkes said.

Thirteen teams of two to three students each competed using turbines with blades constructed from

5- by 8-inch note cards. Among other specifications, the turbines could have up to eight blades with a maximum diameter of 24 inches.

The contest was judged by connecting the turbines to a computer and measuring voltage and current. Samples were taken every minute and data downloaded onto a spreadsheet.

Materials used to construct the turbine bases included PVC, copper pipe, wood dowels and cardboard. Spray paint was used on some of the blades.

"We wanted to jazz it up a bit," said Kate Harding, who along with partner Nicole Bulcher built a turbine fashioned after a pinwheel.

"When we were little kids, we were fascinated with pinwheels," Harding said. "We took that idea to make blades. The blades have a flap to direct the air in."

The team did not spend any money, she said. "We used stuff we found around the house."

Virginia Reynolds and Josie Morse also based their turbine on a pinwheel.

"When we moved it, we noticed air escaped through the back. So we put a plate behind it," Reynolds

said. "It goes a lot faster that way."

Eric Nutsch and Jared Adams used a large paper funnel-like object behind their turbine, reasoning that a funnel would give more wind.

Inertia, torque, velocity, and RPM — which the boys learned about in their physics class — were all factored into the experience, Nutsch said.

"This is all physics," Adams said. "After a certain amount of torque — you need enough to turn the motor — after that you want as much RPM as possible," he said.

The ratio of torque and RPM is dependent upon the shape and angle of the blades, Nutsch said. "If you have a steep angle, it will give you more torque," he said. "A shallow angle gives higher RPM. You have to balance that. Higher RPM will give you more voltage."

While Adams and Nutsch had put a lot of thought into their turbine, Mindock and Moreno explained what it was that gave their machine the winning touch.

"It was the asymmetrical airfoil," Mindock said. "We maximized the lift while minimizing the drag."

The blades were placed as far out

as was allowable to get the maximum torque for the lift of each blade, he said.

Moreno said they debated about the shape of the blades.

"We researched the shape of the blades," he said. A book on helicopter blades was used for research.

"Different shapes produce different levels of lift and drag," Moreno said.

For their efforts, Moreno and Mindock won engineering calculators, compliments of the CSI math and engineering departments.

Second-place winners Justin Doble, Chert Griffith and Greg Kahla won \$60 Barnes and Noble gift certificates, and third-place winners Diamond Isham and Eric MacMillan won \$30 Barnes and Noble gift certificates.

"Each design is different and has unique characteristics," Eberlein said. "There are a number of different ways to accomplish this endeavor. Some ways are more reasonable."

Times-News correspondent Lorraine Cavener can be reached at 208-438-8446 or lcavener@pm.com.

Governor reels out legislation for Idaho's charter schools

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE — While some 500 charter school advocates picketed outside the Statehouse Tuesday, inside a curious memo with "talking points for governor's public charter school" legislation began circulating.

"I was looking outside at all the charter school people and saw signs saying 'Support the governor's charter school legislation, and I wondered what was going on,'" said Sen. Tom Gannon, R-Butte.

"I couldn't figure out what those were about until I saw this," Gannon said, pointing to the two-page memorandum. "I mean, at a 10 o'clock this morning no one on either of the education committees knew anything about this."

Gannon had a reason to be interested, since he is the vice chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

He has listened to hours upon hours of testimony from charter-school parents touting the benefits of the schools.

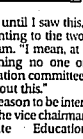
Charter schools are operated under a contract between the people running the school and a board of trustees.

Legislation was passed in Idaho in 1998 to allow charter schools. There are currently no bricks-and-mortar charter schools in Magic Valley, but there are Magic Valley parents using the state's virtual-school curriculum via the Internet. Gannon predicted it's just a matter of time before Magic Valley will be entering into the charter school business, too. There currently are 16 in the state.

The talking-points memorandum is the collaborative effort of both the governor's office and the Idaho State Board of Education, said Kent Kunz, who lobbies for the governor's office. It touches on nine ideas that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne as well as the state board intend to put forth soon in proposed legislation to straighten out problems with current charter school laws.

"That's nothing new," Gannon said. "Almost everything in this we have talked about in Senate Ed."

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Sen. Tom Gannon

Panel finishes budget work

Committee freezes spending for DEQ air quality programs

The Associated Press

BOISE — Legislative budget writers on Tuesday finished work on the state spending plan for 2004-05, taking a last swipe at environmental enforcement while still missing their overall spending goal by millions of dollars.

In the final dispute during a brief nine days of deliberations, the Republican majority on the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee froze general tax spending for the Department of Environmental Quality's air quality

programs at this year's level.

Department Director Steve Alred called it a threat to the state's economic recovery and its ability to keep federal environmental regulators off the backs of Idaho businesses.

The Idaho Conservation League warned of public health impacts.

And budget analysts said the committee coming in \$2.3 million higher in overall spending than its target only compounds future financial problems.

The committee wanted to leave

a surplus of about \$65 million to help fill the gap in the 2005-06 budget. It must write a year from now without \$180 million in revenue the state loses in July 2005 when the temporary penny increase in the sales tax expires.

While \$2.3 million is just a tenth of a percent of an overall general tax budget that approaches \$2.1 billion, it was evidence of how difficult lawmakers found holding the new state budget to only a 4 per-



Rep. Maxine Bell



Sen. Dean Cameron

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Albion debates flood control

By Mary Lynne Bristol
Times-News correspondent

ALBION — Possible action to prevent future flooding of College Creek, which runs through Albion, was discussed at the February City Council meeting.

Albion businessman Roger Jenkins asked about maintenance of the creek, which flooded following a rainstorm last summer and damaged, among other things, his businesses on North Street.

Councilman Len Marrs said he'd met with representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers and the Idaho Department of Water Resources about the creek flooding. Officials from those two agencies recently inspected the ditch.

The corps official said people may need to obtain permits for

emergency flood repair work on the ditch, Marrs said. Some limited "emergency" repair and maintenance activities do not require permits.

Marrs had information about how to obtain permits, what work requires permits and the application process. People may contact the corps for specific information, he said.

Marrs was told that the two agencies have limited funding sources. They suggested a flood control district be formed in Albion and tax dollars be used to seek matching grant funds to do work.

Jenkins presented different information and said the city could work on the ditch without a permit.

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Ignacio 'Nacho' Silva - Twin Falls

Ignacio "Nacho" J. Silva, age 45, has gone to be with his Heavenly Father after complications from a liver illness.

Ignacio was born on March 17, 1958, in Gila Bend, Ariz., to Julian and Maria Eva Gonzalez Silva. Ignacio attended school in Arizona.

Ignacio was employed as a seasonal worker at Green Giant, and later worked in construction, which he was forced to leave due to his illness.

Ignacio enjoyed spending time playing guitar and being with his family and friends.

He survived by his seven brothers and one sister, Julio (Gloria) Silva, Juan (Josephine) Silva, Robert Silva, George (John) Silva Cantu, Alfredo (Shawn)



Silva, Hector Silva, all of Twin Falls, Idaho; Jose (Angie) Silva of Filer, Idaho; and George (Monica)

Silva of Glen Flora, Wis. Ignacio was also survived by his three children, Javier, Christina and Mario of San Antonio, Texas; as well as many nephews and nieces.

Ignacio is preceded in death by his grandmother, Adelina Medina Gonzales; one uncle, Rutil Gonzales; his beloved father, Julian Silva; and beloved mother, Maria Eva Silva.

Memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Cremation and funeral services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

William E. 'Bill' Maas - Jerome

William E. "Bill" Maas passed away peacefully Feb. 22, 2004, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Facility with his family by his side. Bill was born on Oct. 7, 1927, to Henry and Juliana Fink Maas in Freeman, S.D.

He was the 14th of 17 children. Bill married Ileva Cook in Billings, Mont., on Aug. 22, 1945. They had two children, Vicki and Janet.

Bill was always a caring, giving and loving husband, father, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great-grandfather and friend who will be missed by all who knew him.

Surviving Bill is his wife, Ileva; his daughters, Vicki (Tom) Davis, Janet Maas; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one great-great-granddaughter; and



numerous nieces and nephews. Also surviving are his two brothers, Ray (Ruby) Maas and Oscar

(Melba) Maas; his five sisters, Agnes McGuinness, Helen (Gerald) Wilson, Vermette (Oscar) Gunn, Francis Land, Alice Hill and one sister-in-law, Genevieve Maas.

His parents, five brothers, four sisters and a grandson preceded him in death.

A funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with Bishop Andrew Lott officiating. Interment will be held following service at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Idaho.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at the funeral home.

Jay Baker - Wendell

Jay Baker, 83, of Wendell, former Hazelton resident, died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

He was born Nov. 26, 1920, in Webbers Falls, Okla., the son of Allen and Pidgeon Shoemaker Baker. He spent his early years in Oklahoma and in the early 1930's moved with his family to California.

He was married to Vivian Morris, and they were later divorced. In 1954 he moved to Hazelton where he farmed until his retirement in 1980. Jay loved to hunt, fish and was an avid gardener.

He is survived by his children, Bill Baker of Anchorage, Alaska, Brenda (Don) Whitehead of Queen Creek, Ariz., Coy (Sue)



Baker of Hazelton, Idaho, Deloy (Kathy) Baker of Jerome, Idaho, Daryl (Tammy) Baker of Kuna,

Idaho; nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, Lelloy Baker of Fresno, Calif., Allen Baker of Prather, Calif.; six sisters, Lillian Phillips of Porterville, Calif., Hazel Shirley of Wendell, Idaho, Kathleen Smith of Twin Falls, Idaho, Helen Orlando, Dorothy Orlando and Frances Henson all of Fresno, Calif.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Shelly; one brother, Bill Baker; and by his parents.

Graveside service for Jay Baker will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at Hazelton Cemetery, with Pastor Bronson Oiste officiating. Friends may call at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Florence V. 'Deanie' Moore - Jerome

Deanie, age 78, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, in the arms of her daughter and the presence of her sons, of a long illness. She surrounded as she lived with grace and dignity. Her warmth and love will be deeply missed.

She was born March 17, 1925, the daughter of Charles and Ethel Slappee.

She was born in Wendell, Idaho, the sixth child in a family of seven.

She is survived by her daughter, Beverly Williams; and sons, Lyle, Richard and Ron Moore, 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother and two sisters.

She had a passion for gardening, bowling, fishing and friends.



She nurtured and loved her children and grandchildren. Deanie was a member of the

Jerome County Election board for 39 years; a member of Itebak Lodge #110 and Lady Elks.

She worked as a riveter during the war, and owned and operated the Smoke Shop Café. She worked in Jerome County Law Enforcement for 17 years.

Mom, we will miss you every-day of our lives.

A funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Paul Jackson officiating.

Friends may call from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel. Donations may be made to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospice.

Eugene Arthur Gary - Kimberly

Eugene Arthur Gary passed away Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly, Idaho, after a long illness.

He was born on May 17, 1924, in Memphis, Tenn., the son of Matthew and Sadie Gary. He grew up, attended schools and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in Memphis in June 1942.

His senior year report card shows an almost straight A record in several difficult subjects and exemplary in conduct. As a child he was stricken with polio. But with determination and hard work, Eugene was able to conquer his muscular handicap and became an excellent shipfitter.

In 1957, he was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for many years of service to the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. He married his wife, Tommie Lee, in California. In 1982, he moved to Twin Falls from Berkeley, Calif., to be near his sister, Sadie, and her family. He was 79 years old. He retired as a welder and also



from work at the United States Post office.

Surviving Eugene is his brother-in-law, Randolph King of Twin Falls; two nephews; one niece; and one grand-nephew, Randolph King Jr. and Sandra King of Twin Falls and Jamie King and Ethan King of Nampa, Idaho.

His parents; two sisters, Sadie G. King and Muriel Moon; one brother, Matthew Gary, and his beloved



wife, Tommie Lee, all preceded him in death.

Memorial service for Eugene will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 1, 2004, at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with Pastor Mike Kestler officiating.

Cremation and private interment are under the direction of the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Idaho byway paves way for international road tripping

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - The state's designation of the Wild Horse Trail Byway in northern Idaho could usher in the planet's first official scenic international highway.

Last month, the Idaho Transportation Board named a stretch of U.S. Highway 95 north of Sandpoint as the Wild Horse Trail Byway. There are 25 such roads in the state.

But it was the last link needed for national recognition of a larger route called the International Selkirk Loop, said Carol Graham, whose group International Selkirk Loop promotes the route.

The loop encompassing roads in the Panhandle, eastern Washington and British Columbia was formed by regional American and Canadian civic groups to promote tourism.

"It's a big status symbol," said Graham, who works in Bonners Ferry.

The Wild Horse Trail follows U.S. Highway 95 from Sandpoint to the Canadian border. It is one of four scenic byways in Washington and Idaho that are included in the Selkirk Loop.

The Canadian half of the loop awaits official designation. Canada has no equivalent to the American scenic byway system, but politicians are pushing for one, Graham said.

The Selkirk Loop organization is seeking a scenic byway designation from the U.S. Congress as well, making the route eligible for up to \$25 million in federal funding for signs, tourism development and marketing.

International status would attract

plenty of tourists, especially recreational vehicle drivers, said Mike Ward, editor of RV Life magazine.

The Wild Horse Trail segment of the loop was named after a well-trodden route to the gold fields near Cranbrook, British Columbia. Gold was discovered in Wild Horse Creek in 1683.

News of the discovery sent 20,000 people north.

The Forest Service backs the national designation and will partner with the Selkirk Loop organization to target recreational opportunities such as hiking and fishing, Graham said.

Much of the loop in Idaho follows the Kootenai River and travels through the dramatic mountains created by the geological Purcell Trench that dips into the state.

Wyoming House backs away from wolf suit

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Wyoming lawmakers tentatively backed away from a possible lawsuit against the federal government over the state's wolf-management plan.

But a proposed change adopted Tuesday by the state House could further delay efforts to remove the predators from the Endangered Species List.

Legislators and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are at loggerheads over the agency's rejection of the state's wolf-management plan,

which has probably delayed delisting and turning management of Yellowstone-area wolves over to Wyoming, Idaho and Montana wildlife officials.

The quagmire is: Should lawmakers hold fast to a management plan that was rejected and take its case to the courts - or should they fix the weaknesses in the state plan and begin the review process all over again?

"We're faced with almost having to start over again one year later or

having to file a lawsuit to enforce something we don't like," said Rep. Colin Simpson, R-Cody.

Simpson successfully offered an amendment to a bill that would allow regulated hunting if 15 packs are established statewide, regardless of whether they are inside or outside Yellowstone and Grand Teton parks. The current plan would not trigger hunting of wolves as "trophy game" until at least seven packs are established outside the parks and 15 overall.

OBITUARY

Fred Turner - Twin Falls

Fred Turner died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the VA Hospital in Boise.

He was born to Mary and Edward Turner in Chambers, Neb., in 1926. He served in the Navy in World War II.

He is survived by daughters, Diana (Larry) Wilcox of Twin Falls and Linda Werner of Oceanside, Calif.; brother, Jerry Turner of Buhl; sister, Patricia Webb of Nampa; grandson, Specialist Ben E. Nogler of Fort Sill, Okla.; along

with other numerous family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marilyn Beam.

A service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the Immaculate Conception Church, 1631 Poplar, Buhl, with burial to follow at the Buhl Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.



SERVICES

Ferne G. Ware of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park. (White Mortuary)

Peace Lutheran Church in Filer. Interment at Filer cemetery following service. (Parke's Funeral Home)

Robert Wesley Bartlett of Twin Falls, friends may call from 5-7 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Service of remembrance will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

Mary Kamp RUPERT - Mary Kamp, a 72-year-old Rupert resident, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at Mindoka Memorial Hospital. Arrangements will be made by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Florence M. Nielson of Wendell, service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Wendell United Methodist Church. (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, Boise).

Delphia RUPERT - Delphia Ling, 92, of Rupert, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility. Arrangements will be made by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Jesse Gerald Nicholson of Filer, service at 10 a.m. Saturday at

DEATH NOTICES

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Norman Eugene Arrington

TWIN FALLS - Norman Eugene Arrington, 68, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the Maurice St. LDS Chapel, 421 Maurice St. in Twin Falls. Viewing from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," and from 10-10:45 a.m. on Saturday at the church. A complete obituary will follow at a later date.

Security upsets congressional delegation

The Associated Press

For the second time in a month, Idaho's Republican congressional delegation is at odds with the federal government over contracting decisions for the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory.

The delegation criticized the Energy Department for awarding a contract for safeguards and security at the Idaho Falls lab without competitive bidding to a non-union security company.

U.S. Rep. Michael Simpson said the no-bid deal with the native Alaskan corporation Inletiq appears to contradict the federal government's policy of demanding rigorous competition for new contracts.

Simpson went so far as to withdraw any support for the security contract, saying it contained decisions at INEEL, including the new five-year general operations contracts for both the research and cleanup programs.

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Charter

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In fact, Gannon himself is sponsoring bills to make charter schools more accountable for how they use public money. Gannon and Senate Education Committee Chairman Gary Schroeder, R-Moscow, say bundling all the committee's ideas to untangle the current charter school problems is not a bad idea—except for one thing.

"The more dogs you bring to a fight, the more likely you are to lose the fight," Gannon said. "If you bring three dogs, and someone shows up with a fourth, you may lose the whole fight because of that fourth one."

That fourth dog just might be the one in the governor's talking-points memo that sets up a process and an agency for awarding charters to groups wanting to start their own schools using government money. Up until now, it has been up to local school districts to grant charters through their boards of trustees. Setting up an agency divorced from local school districts, while robbing those same districts of students and money to run the charter schools might be a little hard for the Senate Education Committee to swallow, some members say.

Relying on research from the Fordham Institute, the U.S. Department of Education and the Center for Education Reform, collaborators of the memo say charter schools and local school districts are benefited by the presence of single-chartering agencies.

But Gannon said such a process could also give big business a straight shot into setting up charter schools if lawmakers aren't careful. "If we're going to turn education over to the private sector, we have a lot of homework to do before we get there," Gannon said. "And this

encompasses more than just Idaho."

Referring to a study by Arizona State University, Gannon noted that Wall Street is well aware of the charter-school movement. The concept has become so commonplace that Wall Street has a term for the concept, called EMOs, or Education Management Organizations. The study found that during the second part of the 1990s, EMOs have taken advantage of permissive charter school legislation throughout the land. The groups are primarily focused on the management of publicly funded charter schools.

The study also suggests to education policy makers that reining in for-profit education will be among the most important challenges they will face in the coming years.

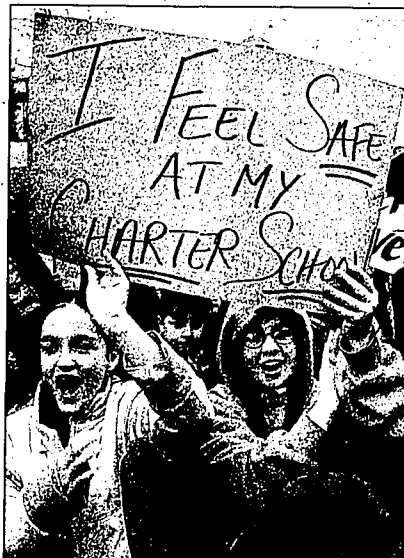
And interestingly, the Association of Idaho Commerce and Industry is backing the governor's proposal, Schroeder pointed out.

"It's a business lobby, and it's only natural it would be interested in making money," Schroeder said.

That is not to say Schroeder is against the governor's proposal. The Moscow moderate said he's open to negotiations.

"There are a lot of things in there I like," Schroeder said. "I think we could come very close in one meeting — provided there are some people at that meeting from the other side."

On the other side of the Legislature, Rep. Jack Barnecough, R-Idaho Falls, said he's looking forward to discussing the legislation next week.



Amanda Gilmore, left, and Elise Moebe, both 10, from Pampa, hold up a sign and cheer along with a crowd of about 500 supporters of charter school in Idaho Tuesday on the steps of the Statehouse in downtown Boise. The supporters from all over the state were on hand to rally for increased autonomy from school districts and the Department of Education.

Commission seeks public comments on Idaho power's savings program

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is accepting public comments on an Idaho Power proposal to offer as many as 200 irrigators a chance to enroll in a program to turn off selected pumps during the peak summer use period in exchange for financial incentives.

In south-central Idaho, eligible irrigators farm in the Rupert, Paul and Mountain Home areas. Other eligible areas include Brunau, Grand View, Kuna, Melba, Nampa and American Falls.

Participating irrigators would receive financial compensation from Idaho Power for shutting down pumps between 4 and 8 p.m. on a regular basis each week during the months of June, July and August. The company estimates the program will cost about \$294,750.

More information can be found online at www.puc.state.id.us under the "File Room" section. Comments can be submitted online or mailed to the PUC at P.O. Box 83762, Boise, 83720-0374 or faxed to 208-334-3762.

CSI sponsors an informative workshop for caregivers

TWIN FALLS — A seminar for caregivers, sponsored by the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging and Adult Services, will be held this month.

"Communicating Effectively with Healthcare Professionals" is set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 28 at the CSI Office on Aging Annex, 918 Washington St. N. Lunch break is scheduled for noon to 1 p.m.; lunch is the responsibility of individuals attending.

"This workshop gives family members and caregivers new insights and the tools they need to function as an effective member of

Magic Valley in brief

the health-care team, along with the physicians, nurses, social workers and others who may be involved," said Page Geske, workshop presenter and public information and contracts manager for the Office on Aging.

The cost is \$25, which includes manual, workbook and instruction. Advance registration is required. To register or for more information, call Geske at 736-2122, Ext. 308, or 420-6234.

WWII veterans can join the registry of national memorial

WASHINGTON — The National World War II Memorial will be officially dedicated in special ceremonies on May 29. The memorial site is on the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial.

Any American who served in the armed forces or contributed to the war effort on the home front, whether in war plant factories, shipyards, civil defense, neighborhoods or farms is eligible to be added to the registry — free of charge, said Dennis Serpan of Twin Falls, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Individuals can be enrolled through the Web site, at www.WWII Memorial.com or by calling 1-800-639-4992 and following the menu.

Serpan said it would be uplifting for the remaining World War II veterans, whose numbers are growing shorter each year, to see their memorial on the National Mall. — compiled from staff reports

Navel presents final report on Nevada's baffling leukemia cluster

FALLON, Nev. (AP) — An expert panel involved in extensive studies of a childhood leukemia cluster in this rural northern Nevada town reported Monday it knows no more about the cause of the cancer than it did when the studies began three years ago.

The panel's final report, presented at a meeting attended by more than 100 people, was a disappointment for families of children afflicted by the cancer. But researchers said the massive amount of data they compiled should help in future efforts to determine the cause of the disease.

"We were hoping we'd get more information here," said Dr. Malcolm Smith of the National Cancer Institute. "The studies didn't do that — but they certainly gave us a great deal about what does not exist as health threats to the community."

"All of us would love to be able to identify what causes childhood leukemia," added Dr. Thomas Sinks of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "We simply can't afford to be disappointed every time we fail."

In the cancer cluster, 16 children were diagnosed and three had died since 1997. The last child diagnosed was a boy who lived in Fallon, moved and was diagnosed elsewhere in July 2002.

Hansen

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Kimberly said he would retire to spend more time on family matters. He said he would not endorse a potential successor.

District 24 Republican Legislative Chairman Grant Loebis issued a press release Tuesday saying the GOP would actively seek a replacement for Noh on the May primary ballot.

"Senator Noh will be missed. He has served long and well," Loebis said. "But, now we are focused on finding the best possible candidate to run in the district that the Republicans and serve the citizens of District 24 in the Senate."

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The filing period for legislative candidates is March 6-19. Hansen and Smith both were elected to the state House in 1998. Smith defeated Chuck E. Chapman of the U.S. Representatives Party, 6,613 votes to 1,261, while Hansen beat Democrat Tim Todd, 6,015-2,892. The two replaced former Reps. Mark Stubbs and Ron Black, respectively, when Stubbs ran for Congress and Black for state schools superintendent.

Hansen, 47, initially filed for re-

election in 2000, but he withdrew one business day after the filing deadline when he accepted the position of bishop in the LDS Church. He was replaced on the ballot by George Swan.

After the unexpected death of Swan in 2001, Hansen asked for appointment to the position. But the Twin Falls County Republican Women prevailed in seeing to it that Rep. Sharon Block got the job.

Hansen owned car dealerships in Twin Falls but sold them about a year ago. Since then, he said he spends about two days a week involved in an automobile partnership in Pocatello.

The rest of the time he spends working for the Republican Party on fund-raising and shoring up candidates around the state, he said. He's most interested in sitting on the Legislature's powerful budget-writing committee, as he once did.

Smith, 66, was re-elected with no opposition in 2000 and 2002. With degrees in both civil engineering and law, he works as a Twin Falls attorney. He served as Twin Falls mayor and sat on the state transportation board for eight years. He now sits on the House Revenue and Taxation, Transportation and Judiciary and Rules committees.

Keinkopf, 63, spent his career as a research professor of plant science for the University of Idaho Extension Service Center near Kimberly. He served as the Twin Falls mayor for two terms and sat on the City Council for 17 years.

Kerry wins Utah as a state; Dems see high primary turnout

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Democratic front-runner John Kerry added to his stockpile of states Tuesday, handily winning the Utah presidential primary over North Carolina Sen. John Edwards.

With 85 percent of voting locations reporting, The Associated Press projected Kerry as the easy winner. The Massachusetts senator had 11,327 votes, or 55 percent, to Edwards' 6,251 votes, or 30 percent.

Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich had 1,365 votes, or 7 percent, with Howard Dean collecting 714, or 4 percent.

Kerry also easily won Tuesday's Idaho caucuses with about two-thirds of the vote and was expected to win in Hawaii.

Going into Tuesday, Kerry held a large and growing lead in the national Democratic delegate chase, with 632 in the Associated Press count to 190 for Edwards. Tuesday's three states held 61 delegates. Kerry's wins give him first momentum heading into next week's "Super Tuesday" 10-state event.

"Turnout for Utah's primary, which was funded by the party, exceeded projections and had party officials scrambling late Tuesday to print more ballots to accommodate the people who still want to vote, party chief Donald Dunn said.

With 85 percent of locations reporting, nearly 21,000 votes had been counted, easily surpassing the 2000 primary when about 15,000 votes were cast.

"The right wing Republicans in our state Legislature, apparently feeling that democracy is defined by only one party voted not to fund our presidential primary," Dunn said. "But with the help of hundreds of dedicated volunteers ... we did it

Budget

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rep. Wayne Meyer of Rathdrum was the only Republican to oppose Pearce.

The freeze eliminates \$171,000 the program needed to cover escalating operating costs and continue operating at existing levels. It was the latest setback for a department that has already undergone \$3.4 million in cuts during the budget crisis of the past two years.

Allred said the loss of the cash will mean permits sought by businesses to build new plants or expand existing ones will be delayed as they were before an infusion of cash to erase the backlog three years ago.

"When you're going into a growth mode, which we hope we are now, they won't be able to get their permits as quickly," he said. "The delays as they were before an infusion of cash to erase the backlog three years ago."

Justin Hayes of the Conservation League called the current air quality program "vital to human health. Cutting that program further will mean tens of thousands of people, on the quality of their lives."

University will close UI Press

BOISE (AP) — The University of Idaho is closing the UI Press because of increasing deficits, Provost Brian Pitcher announced Tuesday.

UI Press leaders had hoped to enter into a partnership with the Hemingway Foundation Press as a way to improve the budget's bottom line, but the proposed alliance was not able to solve the deficit problems, officials said.

By the end of June, the UI Press is expected to have a deficit of \$385,600.

"The administration made a commitment to fix sell or close programs with chronic deficits," Pitcher said. "Despite the meaningful accomplishments of the Press over the years, the university cannot continue to subsidize its operations."

Press director Ivar Nelson

reduced staff, but officials said the savings were not enough to offset the deficit.

Linda Morris, interim associate vice provost for academic affairs, said the school reviewed the press' budget using both its accrual accounting system and the university's fund-based accounting system.

"Both accounting methods provide a clear indication that the Press is not a viable business operation. It is best to cut the losses now, rather than continue with spiraling cash deficits," Morris said.

Morris is working with the Hemingway Foundation and the UI Library Press to ensure that The Hemingway Review, a biannual journal featuring articles on the life and work of Ernest Hemingway, will be preserved.

Albion city councilman resigns

By Mary Lynne Bristol Times-News correspondent

ALBION — Len Marrs has announced his resignation from the City Council, effective May 1.

Marrs submitted a letter of resignation at the February council meeting.

"It is with deep regret and a heavy heart that I am submitting my resignation," Marrs said. Marrs cited health problems in his family and the demands of his business as his reasons for resigning. "I am not able to devote the time needed."

Marrs said he'll try to wrap up his

current responsibilities before leaving office and apologized to the council and Albion citizens and offered to help "this wonderful town" whenever possible.

"With regret we accept your resignation," Mayor Don Danner said. Councilwoman Jacquie Whiting commended Marrs' work.

The mayor will submit the name of a possible replacement council member for approval at a future council meeting. City Clerk Mary Yeaman said.

Marrs' term expires at the end of 2005.

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Council members told Jenkins they wanted written documentation of his information.

Other City Council business at the February meeting included:

- Action plan — Council members approved the gem community action plan. Mayor Don Danner said the plan must be submitted to the Idaho Department of Commerce by March 15.

A public meeting to discuss the plan was scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 at the Albion Grange Hall.

The plan includes short- and long-term goals for the community related to infrastructure improvement, economic diversification, business retention and expansion and strategic financial planning.

Goals include updating the city water system, repairing and remodeling the former Masonic Hall into a community center, working with highway districts on a countywide transportation plan, preparing a plan to handle developers, encouraging business growth and retention and developing a comprehensive financial plan.

scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 at the Albion Grange Hall.

The meeting is arranged by Dyke Nally, superintendent of the Idaho Liquor Dispensary.

- New signs — Lorna Calliouette and Mary Amende of the Albion Four Leaf Clover Club discussed where the new entrance signs to the city can be placed. The club is donating new signs. Several ideas were discussed, but no decisions were made.

- Law enforcement hours — Cassia County Sheriff's Sgt. Robert Nay reported he logged 21 hours of patrol time in January, wrote 10 citations and took five reports. Albion Police Chief Bruce Bristol reported that he patrolled for 76 hours in January, wrote 15 citations and took two reports.

- Zoning hearing — A public hearing is scheduled for Feb. 26 to consider a request to change the zoning of a lot on the southeast corner of Market and West streets from residential to commercial.

- Legion ceremony — Council members learned the Albion American Legion plans to host a local ceremony during the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., on May 29.

Crude remarks make work a downer

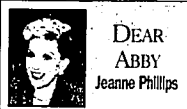
DEAR ABBY: I recently turned 18 and started a new job as a waitress in an upscale cafe. I love my job, but there's one drawback.

The other waitresses and I get hit on left and right by men in their 40s and 50s. I'm not talking about a few cute remarks but lewd suggestions and asking for our phone numbers. One guy even had to file a police report because a 61-year-old man kept coming by and waiting for her to get off work, even after she declined his invitation to go out.

Where does a man that age get the idea that he can get a girl who's still in high school? And how do we let them down without sounding rude or picking out jobs?

GROSSED OUT IN FLORIDA

DEAR GROSSED OUT: Where does he get the idea? In his dreams, honey? How should you deal with it? Be firm, be polite, and tell him that he reminds you of someone very special - your grandfather.



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My friend, "Harry," and I are having a disagreement about proper etiquette. He says he doesn't have to open a door for me, only for his wife - even though we are both females.

My boyfriend and I feel that the door should be opened for both women by the first male to reach the door.

Harry claims that he needs to open the door only for his wife because they are a couple, and my boyfriend should open the door for me. My boyfriend always opens the door for me and continues to hold it open for Harry's wife.

Who is right?

-LESLIE IN MAPLE GROVE, MINN.

DEAR LESLIE: You are. Harry should continue to hold the door until both women have entered or exited. To do otherwise is rude and thoughtless. I don't know who taught Harry his manners, but it appears he's a little rough around the edges and could use some polishing.

DEAR ABBY: How should I respond to my husband who constantly corrects me when I'm talking to friends and relatives? We can be talking about anything - movies, weather, the day of the week we did something, And, according to him, I am always wrong. (FYI - I am usually right.)

It's bad enough when he does it at home, but it's humiliating when we're out. I've tried talking to him privately about this, but he becomes defensive. Then I get the silent treatment.

I have reached my limit. Abby, what can I say to him that won't embarrass either of us or put him on the defensive? Any advice will be appreciated.

-ALWAYS WRONG ANYWHERE IN U.S.A.

DEAR ALWAYS WRONG: Loving spouses do not correct each other in public; they do it privately. Since you have spoken to your husband about this and he continues, recognize that he is insecure and trying to make himself look smarter in superior by making you look foolish. Most people recognize this ploy for what it is.

Nothing you can say to him about his behavior will make him less defensive. He's already on the defensive and it has nothing to do with you.

Marriage counseling might help him see how detrimental this is, and improve your level of communication. I wish you luck.

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Virgo: You have need to be charitable today

IF FEBRUARY 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY ... you may expect perfection in your life, but the risk is that you may treat yourself too harshly if anything goes wrong.

Ambitions may occupy your thoughts. One of your great skills is organizing, which leaves you with a sound base and the freedom to move ahead. By fulfilling your obligations, you will be happiest; by forgiving yourself for having human faults, you will be sanely.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): There's a lot of positive vitality bubbling under the surface, but today is a truly bad day to put any fresh irons in the fire. Power lies in the hands of those who make the rules, so don't break them.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20): A little self-reflection today or tomorrow could bring positive ideas into focus. Career aims may still loom as the most important in your world, but adhering to routine today is the wisest choice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The necessity of making a living is still the most important thing on the agenda. The weekend ahead is made for love, so concentrate on the work at hand today so you will have no nagging doubts then.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): You may have a glimmer of altruism in the next day or two, but at the moment your ambitions are coloring your attitudes to the point where you may make a big mistake. Keep that shoulder to the wheel and keep on plugging along.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You should not make financial decisions today as you may be following negative subconscious ideas that can cause problems. Strict attention to the business at hand will bring you better results. The weekend will be a more beneficial time to examine love and money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may have an impulse to be charitable, but for the most part the atmosphere today is harsh and coldly analytical. Put your generous

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

impulses aside until tomorrow, and stick to organizing matters at hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Warm fuzzies aren't on today's agenda. You will need to toe the line and meet deadlines. Don't tempt fate by running red lights. You may wish to limit public appearances and keep a low profile until the stars are more hospitable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may feel compelled to control situations and people, and may judge others too stringently. Put off important decisions for a few days. Your aspirations can be achieved without the need for subterfuge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tone down your buoyant charm today as the majority of people will be hypercritical and exacting. People are not in the mood for horsing around and will resent attempts at humor. Delay new projects until the mood shifts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may think you can go it alone, but you could learn some harsh lessons if you disrespect primary relationships. You may find fault with the very people who can help you the most. Be wise, as this mood will pass in another day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may feel hemmed in by restrictions today. It is a dismal time to address important details, especially finances, so stick to dealing with necessary responsibilities. Today is a day for perspiration, not inspiration.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Anything short of perfection may irk you today, including yourself. All you can do is promise to do better in the future. No one is able to control everything in life, so don't feel guilty. Avoid taking on new responsibilities today.

A FRIENDSHIP



A macaque sits on the back of a maned sheep in an enclosure of the Debrecen Zoo in Debrecen, east of Budapest, Hungary, Tuesday. Animals of the two species living here have established a friendly co-existence as the monkeys cling to the thick winter fur of the sheep to warm themselves up and in exchange they scratch through the fur to find fleas.

Chickens blink by closing eyes from the bottom up

Q. What makes chickens look so funny when they blink?
A. They close their eyes from the bottom up.

A professional cooker of turkeys says turkey is done when you can move its legs freely.

If there were a pill that would let you live 500 years, would you take it? Folks just put that query to about 1,300 people. Far more men than women in said yes. Analysts concluded there were more than women view life as a challenge, and more women than men view it as a losing battle.

Turors in Medieval England had to come in with their vertebrae before they were fit for the table.

In William Shakespeare's day, physicians didn't treat fractured legs, dislocated thumbs or the like. That was the strong-handed calling of the practitioner known as the bonesetter.

First Model-T Fords were green with red stripes.

To stop shoplifters, a department store in Australia weighs its customers - when they walk in and when they walk out. If walk-out doesn't match walk-in-weight, hold on there. It reports it works.

No trick to control poison ivy. Goats eat it. Trick is to control the goats.

Claims is almost every nation in the world has one or more brass bands named after the city in the world plays "The Bear Barrel Polka."



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You can say this about birds: Ground nesters walk, tree nesters hop. Mostly.

Just because it looks like a horse doesn't mean it's a horse. If it's not at least 4-feet-10-inches high at the withers - that's shoulders, dude - it's not a horse but a pony.

"Your manners," contends an expert on such, "begin with you wear."

Most bears are left-pawed. Selsmologists after serious study have concluded Earth's orbit would be utterly unaffected even if all the people worldwide were to jump up and down at the same time. Good.

A professional cooker of turkeys says the turkey is done when you can move its legs freely.

In 1913, H.G. Wells wrote that by 1933 "atomic disintegration" could release "limitless power." The chain reaction of atomic theory was discovered in 1933.

Any physics student will tell you there has never been a palat either perfectly black or perfectly white.

Cuba covers about as much land as Pennsylvania.

Women repays random act of kindness made 70 years ago

MALONE, N.Y. (AP) - Ruth Buck never forgot the act of kindness that improved her eyesight 70 years ago.

So she recently sent a \$100 check to her former upstate New York hometown as repayment for the glasses she received as a 13-year-old student struggling to read what the teacher wrote on the blackboard.

During the Great Depression, towns provided extra assistance to struggling families. To this day, Buck doesn't know who made the request to the town on her behalf, but she was thrilled when the glasses arrived.

"I knew we couldn't afford glasses, and I've always wanted to do something," said Buck, now 84 and living in Colorado. "I was talking with some of my friends and decided to finally do something about it."

Malone Town Clerk Susan Hafner opened the office mail and found the card and check from Colorado.

"I thought, 'What in the world is this?' Then I read the note and thought it was so sweet," Hafner said.

Hafner said the town could not keep the money and decided to give it away to the Lions Club for its eyeglasses program, a move welcomed by Buck.



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Poll: Parents raise, spend funds for schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — The three-campus Capitol Hill Cluster School needed it all: paper, paint, ink cartridges, locker parts and those little metal glides to fix wobbly chairs. ... Who raised the money? Parents, mainly.

Most of the \$105,000 raised by the school's PTA this school year is going for classroom basics, a trend playing out nationwide, according to a poll of public school parents commissioned by the 6.2-million-member National PTA.

Beyond fund-raising, the poll found, many parents are spending their money for teacher salaries, sports equipment, art supplies and other items schools used to cover. "I don't recall my parents ever having to purchase what I consider essential items just to make a school run," said Suzanne Wells, vice president of the PTA at Capitol Hill Cluster School, where her son, Joshua, attends fifth grade. Parents in her community — by no means wealthy, she said — raised money with events from gift-wrapping to Capitol Hill home tours.

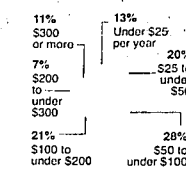
"This is not the answer," she said. "Every school won't have parents who can do this."

The PTA hopes the poll will help propel its election-year drive for

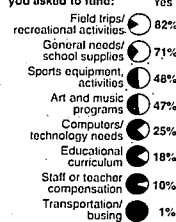
Paying for school items usually covered

A recent poll shows that 79 percent of public school parents are being asked to fund items traditionally covered by school budgets. Nearly a third pay between \$50 and \$100 a year.

Thinking about all the contributions you will make to all your children's classrooms this school year, does that add up to:



At your children's school are you asked to fund:



NOTE: 800 public school parents surveyed nationwide between Jan. 19-21; margin of error plus or minus 3.5 percent.

SOURCE: National PTA, Ipsos-Public Affairs. AP

schools. But fund raising is a Band-Aid, not a solution," said Linda Hodge, National PTA president and a parent of three children.

Education is traditionally a responsibility of state and local governments, which pick up about 90 percent of the cost and have seen their cash flows fall in recent poor economic times.

At a Washington news conference, PTA leaders pushed hardest Tuesday for more money from federal officials, who are demanding more of schools than ever.

The No Child Left Behind Act orders states to ensure that schools make yearly progress and that all students can read and do math at grade level by 2014, with a mix of help and sanctions for those that fall short. The Bush administration says it is spending record levels on schools, particularly for poor and disabled children. Some parents say they don't see it.

"I have to wonder why a school system is so underfunded that it can't do its basic job," Wells said. "I'm torn over what the right balance should be — parents volunteering and contributing money versus having a school system that should be doing these basic things."

Cronkite lends voice to oppose Medicare law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of the new Medicare prescription drug law have recruited Walter Cronkite for a campaign that highlights what they see as the law's shortcomings.

Cronkite, the 87-year-old broadcasting legend, appears in and narrates an 11-minute video that the non-profit Families USA plans to send to 10,000 senior citizen centers and retirement communities to explain changes in Medicare.

"Instead of doing a tax-financed 30-second political ad that uses actors, we use one of the most respected journalists in America and provide detailed information about the new law," executive director Tom Pollack said in an interview.

Families USA plans to spend \$50,000 on the campaign, which also will include events in two dozen cities, Pollack said. The Bush administration is spending more than \$12 million on a TV, radio, newspaper and Internet campaign in support of the law and an additional \$10 million on a mailing to each of the nation's 10 million older and disabled Americans.



Education Secretary Rod Paige said Monday at the Education Department in Washington he was joking when he called the National Education Association a 'terrorist' organization.

Teachers union asks Bush to fire Paige

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Education Association asked President Bush on Tuesday to fire Education Secretary Rod Paige for calling the union a "terrorist organization."

The White House said Paige's job was safe.

Paige, who made his comment in a private meeting with governors Monday, later apologized for his choice of words but maintained the union uses "obstructionist scare tactics" in its fight over the nation's education law.

Reg Weaver, president of the union of 2.7 million teachers and other school workers, said Tuesday that those members deserve more than "unfair labels and mean-spirited apologies."

"Our members say that once again this national leader has insulted them, this time beyond repair, with words filled with hatred — and merely because they raised legitimate concerns about the president's so-called 'No Child Left Behind' law," Weaver asked Bush "to express his regret to the nation's educators and demand that Secretary Paige step down."

Paige said he is not leaving. "I have a job to do and that is to make sure that we remain steadfast in our efforts to bring a quality education to all our children — every single one," Paige said. "I remain committed to ensuring that the promise of No Child Left Behind — getting all of our nation's students reading and doing math at grade level — is fulfilled."

Bush spokesman Trent Duffy said "The president expects the secretary to do his job, which is to improve public education for America's school children."

Championed by Bush, the new education law calls for expanded standardized testing, top teachers in all core classes, school choices for many parents and several other reforms.

The NEA says it does not oppose the law but wants Congress to change some of its provisions. And it wants to recruit states to sue the Bush administration over funding of the law. A move Paige has equated to assembling a coalition of the willing to hold kids back.

At least two Democratic lawmakers, Betty McCollum of Minnesota and Jim McDermott of Washington, called for Paige to resign or be removed from his job. But otherwise, Paige's comments did not seem to cause immediate fallout for him on Capitol Hill.

Meanwhile, key Democrats who enacted the law won strong support in 2001 met with Paige on Tuesday to share their frustration in the way his agency enforces the measure.

Stewart won't take the stand during trial

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart will not take the stand in her own defense at her stock-fraud trial, her lawyer said Tuesday.

Lawyer Hoben Morvillo said Stewart's defense team would call just one witness — a former lawyer who attended an interview she gave to investigators in 2002. That witness is expected to testify Wednesday morning.

Lawyers for Stewart's former stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic, presented their last witness Tuesday and will rest their case today as well.

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Hailey Library continues the science book discussion series

HAILEY - Atul Gawande was a surgical resident and medical writer for "New Yorker" when he wrote his debut book, "Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science." The book will be discussed at 6:30 p.m. March 4 in the multipurpose room of the Hailey Public Library at the center of Gray and Main streets.

The discussion is part of the library's "Science: Pain or Rescue" series. Participation is free and everyone is welcome. Copies of the book are available at the front desk.

The book's title comes not just from the unexpected ailments that can result in medicine but also from our concern with the larger uncertainties and dilemmas that underlie what we do," the introduction reads. "We have taken medicine to be both more perfect than it is and less extraordinary than it can be."

Gawande is the son of two doctors and a Harvard Medical School graduate with an undergraduate specialty in philosophy and ethics.



Photo courtesy of Hailey Public Library

He worked as a laboratory scientist and public health policy maker.

Gawande's eight years of surgical residency provide fascinating illustrations for the dilemmas that doctors face each day, the library reported. He discusses patient's rights and responsibilities, the fallibility of doctors, the mysteries of chronic pain and how a surgeon learns to yield the scalpel. Although his admitted interest in what goes wrong in medicine, the book also has uplifting stories about scary situations that turned out brilliantly.

For more information, call the library at 789-2036.

Minico hosts singer, master voice class



Jessi Burkey

RUPERT Jessi Burkey will perform at 9:30 p.m. Friday in the auditorium at Minico High School, 292 W. 100 S., Rupert.

A master voice class begins at 6:15 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person or \$20 per family. The public is invited.

Burkey, native of Coeur d'Alene, is pursuing a master's of music degree in vocal performance at Ball State University where she is a graduate assistant in opera and Opera Outreach coordinator. She studied at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark and at Idaho State University where she received a bachelor's of music degree.

She is studying under the direction of Mel Zhong.

For more information, call Leslie Crafton at 832-4626.

4-H horse club schedules service auction, tack sale

TWIN FALLS - The Rock Creek Rebels 4-H horse club will have its third annual stallion service auction and tack sale beginning at 6 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls Livestock Commission, 630 Railroad Ave.

Proceeds will benefit local 4-H children.

For more information, call 733-5317, 423-6441, 423-5952 or 420-6099.

Cooperative announces annual meeting Saturday

MALTA - Raft River Rural Electric Cooperative Inc. announces the 65th annual meeting of the members Saturday at Raft River High School, 55 N. 100 W. Trojan Drive, Malta.

Registration will be held at 9 a.m. There will be a member information booth and a health fair from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing will be available for \$15 and blood chemistry analysis for \$25. Those wishing to be tested should fast for 12-hours prior to the test.

An arts and crafts display will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A roast beef dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. followed by the membership meeting at 1 p.m. Door prizes will be given.

For more information, call Tudy at 645-2211.

organic, heirloom, specialty food products and their artisan members to create quality handmade gift and souvenir items, organizers said.

The next planning meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Hagerman Senior Center, Community Center, A University of Idaho Extension agent and/or a representative from the Idaho Department of Agriculture will attend.

For more information or to participate, call Linda McLaughlin between 6-8 p.m. at 637-6113.

CSI announces class on business for craft, hobbyist

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Small Business Development Center will offer "Keys to Business Success for the Crafter/Hobbyist" from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. March 6 in the Evergreen Building, room A05.

The cost is \$40; lunch is included. Spouses can register for \$10 more. Pre-registration and prepayment are required.

Training will include the benefits of good bookkeeping, marketing, wholesale buying and selling, pricing, shipping, copyrights, patents, originals, photographing and digitizing your crafts for show entry.

Wendy Giles, owner of G&G Trading and the promoter of the Shoshone Art in the Park, will conduct the workshop.

For information, call Sherry Rust at 733-6455 or e-mail srust@csi.edu.

for the book.

A minimum of seven to 10 students are needed for each class. Students are required to pre-register. For more information, call Connie Clander at 643-6553.

Buhl Art Council offers class on healing soups

BUHL - "Healing Soups with LuAnn Sites," which is sponsored by the Buhl Arts Council, will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 3 at the Buhl Street Center, 200 N. Eighth in Buhl.

Chief Sites will present ingredients and demonstrations to help fight fevers and flu with a variety of soups.

The cost is \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register, call Kelly Dalouis at 543-2888.

Make-A-Wish, Camp Rainbow Gold plans ball

SUN VALLEY - Camp Rainbow Gold and Make-A-Wish Foundation will have their second annual Mardi Gras theme, "Share Your Heart Ball" at 6 p.m. March 6 at the Sun Valley Linnell Room.

Tickets are \$100 and include appetizer, dinner and best and live. The event includes auctions, cocktails and dancing.

Packages to be auctioned include an Indy 500 weekend with fully catered private weekend in an MBA all-Star weekend in Denver; a private wine-pairing dinner for 20 people with live entertainment by local jazz musician Royal Martin; and a wine tour of the Napa Valley with round trip airfare for two.

Some of the 100-plus silent auction items include a tennis cap for one child, ski gear, a mountain bike, tickets to Company of Fools Theater Productions, designer handbags, weekly video rental with food for a party, wine baskets and more.

Camp Rainbow Gold is a week-long summer camp for children with cancer located north of Ketchikan.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. All money raised in Idaho goes to help Idaho Wish Kids.

For more information call the Make-A-Wish office at 1-877-405-WISH or Rob Cronin, director of Camp Rainbow Gold, at 208-578-9740. Corporate sponsorships are available.

Wicky and Cole require dedicated, loving parents

"My name is Wicky. I like to read and write and play. I am happy when my foster mom hugs me and tickles me."

Wicky is described as a very playful and bubbly little girl who makes everyone smile.

Wicky needs family members who are dedicated to her educational and emotional needs. Her parents can show her how to have a sibling relationship with her brother. It is instead of feeling responsible for his safety all the time.

Cole is a beautiful, good-natured toddler. His eyes crinkle and nearly disappear every time he smiles. He loves his older sister and likes to give her hugs.

Cole is in the developmental preschool. He feels like a big boy going to school just like Wicky. He has difficulties speaking, however, he is always willing to try to say a new word.

He has significant medical and educational health care needs. He needs a family that can access many support services. Cole does most of his eating is through a tube. His adoptive family must have the skills and the patience to encourage him to eventually be able to eat solids.

Family Needs:

Although Wicky and Cole need

Wednesday's Children



Victoria Age 6 Cole Age 3

dedicated and realistic parents. Be prepared to wait several months before careful adoption provisions can be made.

For more information on Victoria and Cole, call the Idaho CareLine at 1-800-926-2588. Inside Idaho you can dial 2-1-1. You may need to the following reference numbers respectively: 30093 (Victoria) and 30094 (Cole).

Cassia School District offers parenting classes

BURLEY - The Cassia School District presents a 12-week program entitled "Strengthening Family and Relationships."

Workshops will be held at 7 p.m. Thursdays through May 13 at Dvorshak Elementary School, 102 E. 19th St., Burley.

Topics covered will include building trust relationships, communication, discipline, parenting styles, dealing with anger in the home, setting family goals and more.

Parents can join at any time, and the workshops are free.

For more information, call Dvorshak Elementary at 878-6615 or Ron Jones at 878-0125 or 670-0125.

Meeting will focus on quilting with specialty threads

TWIN FALLS - The Desert Sage Quilt guild meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the KMYT Community Room.

The program will be presented by Jean Anderson about quilting with specialty threads. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to attend.

Farmers' market starts planning for new season

HAGERMAN - The Hagerman Valley Farmers' Market has started planning for its 2004 markets. The markets will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 2 at the National Guard Armory at the Burley Municipal Airport.

For more information or to schedule and appointment, call Joyce at 878-2984.

Red Cross schedules blood drive in Burley

BURLEY - March is National Red Cross Month. The American Red Cross is sponsoring a blood drive from 12-6 p.m. March 1 and 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 2 at the National Guard Armory at the Burley Municipal Airport.

For more information or to schedule and appointment, call Joyce at 878-2984.

Buhl Community Education Center offers March courses

BUHL - The Buhl Community Education Center, 216 7th Ave. N., will have several courses in March.

"Microsoft Word" will be held from 6-9 p.m. Monday in the Buhl High School, 525 Sawtooth, room 110. The cost is \$7.

"Juggling for the Young and the Young at Heart" will be held from 6-7 p.m. starting Tuesday for three weeks in the Buhl High School Gym. Participants are asked to bring three oranges, balls of small bags and learn the basics of three ball and bag juggling. The cost is \$7.

"Investing Basics" will help participants sort information about the stock market, manage risks and minimize taxes. The course runs for two weeks from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays beginning March 3 in the Buhl High School room 126. The cost is \$8 plus \$10

Other

Jobs Daughters

Bethel 18 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 100 W. 4th.

Bethel 14 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at 225 First E. in Jerome.

Bethel 10 - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at 883 Lake Lakes Hill.

Bethel 56 - 7 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at 815 Third N.

Masonic activities

Buhl Masonic Lodge 53 - 8 p.m. second Thursday at Buhl Masonic Lodge at corner of 11th Avenue North and Locust Street, call 543-5812.

Buhl Royal Arch Masons Chapter 21 - 8 p.m. second Thursday at Buhl Masonic Lodge, 215 Main St., call 326-9559.

Filer/Hollister Masonic Lodge 55 - 7:30 p.m. second Thursday at Masonic Temple, 5th Avenue and California Street.

Jerome Chapter 54 Order of the Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at Jerome Masonic Temple, 225 First E. St., call 324-3243.

Edah-oh chapter 77 Order of the Eastern Star - first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, 113 E. Idaho in Paul, 436-6106.

Rupert 30 Order of the Eastern Star - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, 620 E. S., 436-0282.

Star of the West 35 Order of Eastern Star - 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, 100 N. Idaho in Paul.

Rupert Masonic Lodge 65 - 8 p.m. first Wednesday at Masonic Temple, 630 p.m. first Wednesday at 883 Lake Lakes Hill.

Twin Falls Lodge 45 - 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday at 883 Lake Lakes Hill, 423-0937.

Rupert Lodge 65 - 8 p.m. first Wednesday at Masonic Temple, 630 p.m. first Wednesday at 883 Lake Lakes Hill.

Royal Arch Masons 22 - 8 p.m. second Tuesday at Masonic Temple, call Dale Stoller at 523-4310.

Paul Lodge 77 - 8 p.m. first Thursday second and fourth Wednesdays at 883 Lake Lakes Hill, 423-0937.

Twin Falls Chapter Order of DeMolay - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays at 883 Lake Lakes Hill, 423-0937.

Masons and Eastern Star welcome.

Rebekah Lodges

Idaho Lodge 7 - 8 p.m. first and third Mondays at 100 W. 4th.

Rupert Lodge 107 - meets the second and fourth Thursdays in the corner of 14th Street and Broadway in Burley.

Margaretta Lodge 98 - 7 p.m. first and third Wednesdays at Buhl, 423-0937.

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

Idaho Lodge 2 - 8 p.m. first and third Thursdays at Lodge 131 in Hagerman.

Other organizations

Odd Fellows - 8 p.m. Thursdays at the Odd Fellows Hall at 734-8755.

Marine Corps League - 7 p.m. third Monday at Twin Falls DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., call 324-3243.

Civic

Rotary Clubs

Blue Lakes - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Red Lion Hotel in Twin Falls, call 736-8470.

Burley - noon Tuesdays at the Burley Inn, call Dorothy at 678-7823.

Buhl - 12:05 p.m. Thursdays at the Grandstand, 543-6282.

Gooding - 12:15 p.m. Friday at the Lincoln Inn, 543-6282.

Hailey - noon Tuesdays at the Illine County Senior Center, 788-0697 or 788-2114.

Jerome - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at China Valley, 123 S. Alder, 324-7000 or 324-4511.

Ketchum/Sun Valley - Noon Tuesdays at Idaho and Best Restaurants call Bob Stone at 726-4100.

Rupert - Noon Wednesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge, call 326-2888.

Shoshone - Noon Wednesdays at the senior center, call 896-2888.

Thwin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the turf Club, 736-1029 or 734-3443.

Loss Clubs

Burley - Noon Fridays at Pite's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., call 878-7235.

Builey Sage - 7:30 p.m. third Tuesday at Builey Sage conference room, 444 E. 5th N. Alameda, call Janet Lenzberger, 678-0033.

Idaho - 6 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at the Lincoln Inn, 543-6111.

Hailey - Noon first and third Wednesdays at Wells Fargo Bank.

Jerome - 7 p.m. first and third Mondays at Jerome Civic Library, 324-7910.

Gooding - 7 a.m. first and third Tuesdays at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 423-5589.

Rupert - noon second and fourth Wednesdays at Wayside Cafe in Heyburn, call 326-5699 at 678-5909.

Rupert Springs - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Mondays at United Methodist Church, 666-3982.

Twin Falls - Noon Wednesdays at the Jade Restaurant, call Tina at 736-6563.

Twin Falls Menorah - Meets first and third Thursdays at Longing Living Restaurant.

Khanas Clubs

Buhl - Noon Wednesdays at the Grandstand Sports Grill, call 543-2320 or 543-8576.

Burley - Noon Wednesdays at Pite's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave., 426-3222 or 434-0720.

Filer - Noon Tuesdays at the Filer Methodist Church, 326-4330 or 326-4051.

Rupert - Noon Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge.

Jerome - Noon Thursdays at the Jerome Senior Center, call 324-1616.

Twin Falls - Noon Thursdays at the Turf Club, 736-4276 or 734-4214.

Optimist Clubs

Burley - Noon Thursdays at Mandarin House on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, 733-2278, 733-7035 or 734-7862.

Gooding - 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Ours Market, 156 E. Main St., call Julie at 543-3466.

Wendell - 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays at the Cavazos Restaurant, Wendell, 469-4649.

Soroptimist International

Burley - noon second, third and fourth Wednesdays at George Kay, call Arlene at 438-0656.

Twin Falls - noon first, third and fourth Tuesdays at the China Buffet, call 734-9496 or 736-3900 for summer meetings.

Rupert - noon first and third Thursdays at PVT Tech room, call Tudy at 878-2004.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority

X Alpha Theta chapter - 7:30 p.m. first and third Thursdays, call Staggi at 423-4703 or Judy at 724-1477.

X Omega Chapter - 7 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays. Sept-Inv in Burley, call Ruth Ann at 636-0201.

X Mu Chapter - second and fourth Thursdays in Jerome. Call Tia at 324-0811.

Alpha Kappa Chapter - 7 p.m. first and third Thursdays. First and third Thursdays in November. Call Crystal at 734-7105 or Shirley at 735-0545.

Preceptor Pi Chapter - Burley - 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays, September through May, call 436-3333.

Delta Xi Chapter - 7 p.m. third Thursdays, call Stacy at 737-6665.

Elks

Snake River Elks Lodge - 8 p.m. first and third Tuesdays at 183 G. Call Fred and Thelma at 324-0000.

Ladies of the Elks - 7 p.m. first Tuesday at Elks Lodge, 91 Goll Ranch on Highway 93, call Mary Ann at 733-2321.

Moose

Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 812 - 8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at 815 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

Idaho Falls, call Dennis or Ron at 733-0637 (Dennis) or 733-0961 (Dennis).

Wolves of the Lincoln - 8 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at 815 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls.

Other

Gooding County Jaycees - call 934-3125 for more information.

Magie Valley Toastmasters - 12:10 p.m. second and fourth Tuesdays at the Golden Corral restaurant on the Idaho Boulevard North in Twin Falls, call 733-5400 or 843-0169.

Support Groups

Births of a Feather, Single Senior Women's Peer Support Group, 1:25 p.m. Tuesdays at the Twin Falls Senior Center.

Mothers in Touch International - moms meet weekly to pray for children and their spouses.

FORCES: Fathers on Rights for Custody Enforcement - Twin Falls, call 733-3300.

Magie Valley Syndrome Family Support Group - call Tina at 734-8787.

Gambler's Anonymous - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Fellowship Hall in Twin Falls, call 733-4010.

Magie Valley Parents of Multiples Child Parents of twins or triplets - first Thursday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1700 Hobart Ave. E. in Twin Falls, call 733-1044.

Magie Valley Horse Educators - 7:30-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays.

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Idaho Falls - 7:30 a.m. first Friday at First Presbyterian Church, 203 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls, call Kitus Collins at 733-1118.

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WORLD



A U.S. Marine guards the U.S. embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday. U.S. Marines were flown in Monday to protect the American embassy and diplomats as rebels threatened to attack the city soon.

Haiti's Aristide appeals for help

Rebels threaten nation's capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's president urgently appealed for the world's help Tuesday to avert a bloodbath and a new exodus of boat people as rebels threatened the capital. Despite last-ditch diplomacy, several opposition leaders indicated they were rejecting a U.S.-backed peace plan.

Supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide armed with old rifles and pistols built junkpile barricades blocking the road into Port-au-Prince, setting some of the barriers ablaze with burning tires. Rebel leader Guy Philippe, who seized the second-largest city of Cap-Haitien on Sunday with about 200 militants, told The Associated Press his fighters were readying an attack on the capital.

"I think taking the capital will be just as easy," Philippe said, claiming "No one wants to fight for Aristide any more."

Aristide's impassioned appeal came hours before the Democratic Platform opposition coalition was to respond to the internationally backed peace plan. Their response was delayed for 24 hours at the



Holding a photo of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a group of his supporters scream at the entrance of presidential palace in Port-au-Prince, Tuesday.

request of Secretary of State Colin Powell. Opposition leaders intent on forcing Aristide to resign said Powell was seeking to assure them that the international community would call for Aristide to step down if he did not honor any agreement.

Even before the 5 p.m. deadline, several opposition leaders indicated they would say no.

"There will be no more delays. Our answer remains the same. Aristide must resign," said Maurice

Lafortune, president of the Haitian Chamber of Commerce, a member of the opposition coalition.

He said a letter was being composed to that effect, addressed to Powell and to be delivered to David Lee of Canada, the Organization of American States' representative in Haiti.

Aristide would remain president under the plan, but with diminished powers, and would be compelled to share government with his rivals.

Putin fires Russian prime minister and his cabinet

MOSCOW (AP) — Less than three weeks before the presidential election, President Vladimir Putin fired his prime minister Tuesday in a surprise stroke that rids the Russian leadership of a top holdover from the Boris Yeltsin era.

The dismissal of Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov and his Cabinet also apparently bolstered the authority of Putin's inner circle of former KGB agents and set the stage for a takeover of the country's top leadership.

Kasyanov was a strong advocate of the business tycoons many Russians regarded with disdain. His ouster is likely to widen Putin's already overwhelming lead before the March 14 presidential election by attracting voters who accused Putin of continuing Yeltsin-era policies that the tycoons used to amass great wealth.

Under the Russian government system, the prime minister is primarily responsible for steering economic policy. The dismissal of the prime minister also means the dismissal of the rest of the government, though any of them could be reappointed.

In a statement broadcast on state television, Putin said he was reshuffling the Cabinet ahead of the vote

to "avoid uncertainty in the federal executive structures." He said the Cabinet's performance was "satisfactory" but he wants a new government to push reforms further.

"The president wanted to show that he was rupturing ties with the old regime," said Igor Bunin, the head of the Center for Political Technologies, an independent think-tank.



Vladimir Putin

Lilia Shevtsova of the Carnegie Endowment said that firing Kasyanov could allow Putin to "lay blame on the government for everything he hasn't achieved during his term."

Putin named Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Khristenko, widely perceived as essentially a yes-man for the president, as interim premier. Putin has two weeks to submit his nomination for a new prime minister to the legislature.

Kasyanov was named finance minister in 1999 and became prime minister after Putin, then prime minister, was elected president in March 2000.

'Seinfeld' actor helps in peace plan

TELEVISION Israel (AP) — "Seinfeld" actor Jason Alexander helped launch a grass roots peace initiative Tuesday with a twist: Israelis and Palestinians are asked to vote on terms of a future agreement via the Internet.

The "One Voice" campaign, backed by Alexander and several other Hollywood celebrities, seeks to gauge the feelings of ordinary Palestinians and Israelis on core issues in the conflict through an Internet referendum.

Computer giant IBM will analyze the results, and organizers hope a consensus will emerge despite decades of conflict.

"What this initiative wants to do is to embolden moderates on both sides," said Alexander, who played the bumbling George in the hit comedy series.

Fingering a thick beard as he walked onstage at Israel's IBM headquarters, Alexander joked, "No, I'm not Hassidic. I'm unemployed."

In an Associated Press interview, Alexander said he got involved in the project through "pure blind optimism."

Police investigate death of British girl

Teen was unhappy about arranged marriage plans

LONDON (AP) — Police launched a murder investigation Tuesday after finding the body of a British teenager who had fought plans by her Pakistani parents for an arranged marriage.

Shafiqah Ahmed, 17, vanished six months ago, shortly after returning to Britain from a family trip to Pakistan, where she drank bleach after being introduced to a suitor.

Authorities confirmed Tuesday that a badly decomposed body

found three weeks ago near a river in the northwest city of Sedgwick was that of Ahmed. Forensic examinations ruled out the possibility of suicide, they said.

Cheshire Police Detective Chief Inspector Gerald Jones said he believed Ahmed had died shortly after her disappearance.

Jones was reluctant to use the phrase "honor killing" but said her unhappy home life was part of the inquiry.

Her parents, Iftikhar, 44, and Farzana, 41, were arrested at the family home on suspicion of her kidnap in December. They were later released on bail.

Police say the clash between the traditional values of immigrants and contemporary British values sometimes leads to murder, with a dozen cases reported in 2002.

In September, a Kurdish refugee from Iraq was sentenced to life in prison for cutting his 16-year-old daughter's throat because she had become too Westernized and had started dating a non-Muslim.

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Back to the

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Lutherans crank out German sausages

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News correspondent

JEROME—Every year for the past 23 years, right around Valentine's Day, eight or nine men from St. Paul's Lutheran Church gather for their annual ritual—German sausage-making.

Each year, a fund-raising sausage feed is held at the church, about 500 people enjoy pancakes, eggs, applesauce—and German sausage.

Made a little differently from the old days, the men still use the same 75- to 100-year-old sausage presses and the same secret recipe that has been passed down from generation to generation. But now the ground pork and casings are supplied by Independent Meat. In the old days, the men would butcher a couple of pigs, cut the meat off the bone and grind it themselves.

Willard Weigt, who has helped with the project every year, said Nelson Meat Company did the butchering when the group first started making sausage, and the sausage was made in Albert Kulm's garage. Later, Clint Carlin's Meat Packing house was involved.

"I'd had a commercial stuffer with an air press," Weigt recalled. "We used that instead of cranking by hand."

But when Carlin got out of the slaughterhouse business, the group started making sausage the old-fashioned way again. "We started making it by hand," Weigt said.

Those making the sausage are descended from German Lutheran families that have handed down the sausage-making tradition.

All the families around here butchered and made blood sausage and head cheese," said Jeanne Miller, organizer of the church sausage feed. "It was a staple in their life."

Most of today's group members are related to either the Kilmers or the Ahrens.

"I don't know how many of us here are 100 percent German," Weigt said. "But I am."

Miller puts together the spice packets containing the secret ingredients the night before. (She says a lot of garlic is involved.) Otherwise, the women are not allowed to help.

"It's always been a man's project," explained Mark Schroeder.

"If you are on the Kulm side of the family, it is the Kulm recipe," Miller said. "If you are on the Ahren side it's the Ahren recipe." All agree that the sausage is tasty.

Sian Walter, from the Ahren side, said while the men work preparing the sausage, the group fries a bit of it from time to time to sample and "make sure it tastes right."

"That's one of the draws of being out here," he said.

"You get a little treat."

But the biggest draw is the camaraderie.

"You can see we have a good time," Walter said. "It's fun."

The men mix one spice packet per each 25 pounds of ground pork in a big tub. Then the meat from the tub is stuffed into the sausage presses. One man turns the crank on the press while another holds the casings in place and another guides the meat into the casings. Then the long, filled casings are hung on racks in cold storage for two days to allow the flavors to blend.

On the day of the sausage feed, the sausages are cut into 10-inch strips. Then Miller and other women fry sausage from 8 to 11 a.m. in eight skillets at a time on two stoves for the noon feed. They fry again from 2 to 5 p.m. for the evening feed.

Youth from the church refill syrup jars and clear and reset tables, while the women serve. The men cook the pancakes. And Weigt is in charge of coffee.

When the group first started the sausage feeds, they intended to raise enough money to pave the church parking lot.

"We were going to pave the parking lot for 20 years," Ramon Holtzen said. "But it hasn't happened."

The money is always used for something else. The past two or three years, it has gone to pay for a commercial dishwasher, he said.

The event normally brings in \$2,000 clear, depending on how much food is donated.

"That's not too shabby for one day," Miller said.



Bruce Lutz, left, cranks one sausage press while Ramon Holtzen, right, cranks another. The rest of the men perform other tasks in the process of making sausage for the St. Paul's Lutheran Church sausage feed. The group has been making sausage for 23 years.

Go-with recipes

Here are some dishes that go well with German sausage. The first two are from the St. Paul's Lutheran Church recipe book. "Feeding the Flock," which is available at the sausage supper each year.

KARTOFFELKLOESSE (GERMAN POTATO DUMPLING)

2 pounds potatoes, peeled and cooked one day before use

4 eggs

1 cup cornstarch

2 tablespoons parsley

Salt and pepper to taste

Butter to taste

2 slices bacon, sauteed and finely ground

2 slices bread, cubed and sauteed in bacon fat

1 onion, finely chopped

1 tablespoon flour

1 tablespoon bread crumbs (fresh) sauteed in butter

1 tablespoon butter

Put potatoes through food grinder. Mix potatoes, eggs, cornstarch, parsley and seasonings. Blend bacon, croutons and onions.

Make small balls of potato mixture. Make a hole in the center; place a teaspoonful of bacon/crouton mixture inside and seal tightly.

Dumplings may be refrigerated at this point. Roll in flour and cook in salted boiling water until they rise to the top.

Roll in sauteed bread crumbs.

—L. Harbaugh

RED CABBAGE

1 slice bacon or 2 tablespoons bacon fat

1/2 cup seedless raisins

1 cup sliced apples

3/4 cup chopped onion

1 small head red cabbage, shredded (not too fine)

2 tablespoons vinegar

1 teaspoon mixed pickling spices (in cheesecloth)

1/2 cup water

Salt and pepper to taste

4 teaspoons sugar

Place all ingredients in saucepan and simmer slowly for about 30 minutes.

—Thom and Sue Grimsman

LAZY HOLUBSCHI (QUICK CANADIAN CABBAGE ROLLS)

3 cups cooked rice

1 large onion, chopped

1/2 pound bacon, diced

1 (15 ounces) can sauerkraut and juice

1/2 cup water (if needed)

Salt and pepper to taste

Fry bacon and drain on paper towel. Sauté onions slightly in bacon drippings and drain. Stir in sauerkraut and juice; simmer 10 minutes (add water if necessary).

Add rice and heat through.

—Elaine Wolters

Chefs revive the old-fashioned art of cured sausage

By Kristin Eddy
Chicago Tribune

You wouldn't have expected to see such a look of pride on the face of a chef whose food is developing a fine tinge of white mold. Koren Grievason of Avec, Chicago's highest-buzz restaurant at the moment, not only looked pleased, she likely would have inspired envy in other professional cooks had any dropped by just then. The objects of her affection were draped links of homely looking sausage, cutting at a comfortable pace and taking on the natural coating that resembles a dusting of confectioners' sugar.

In any old-style butcher shop, European deli or longstanding ethnic restaurant where the sausage never went out of style, fine rows of fat links not only seem right at home, they express the special character of their origin. Spanish chorizo, Chinese yao cheung and German ploukwurst have never gone away from many stores, kitchen tables and party trays. A little more surprising, however, is to find these dense, humble and heavily seasoned meats debut on the menus of so many fashionable restaurants across the country.

Suzanne Golin, chef of restaurant Laques in Los Angeles, last year opened A.O.C., a much-praised casual spot designed to complement the dining room's extensive selection of traditional sausage. Mario Batali, whose New York restaurants have helped bring new respect to hearty Italian fare, found an audience for Tuscan-style sausage. Tom

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Give this quick cabbage dish a great flavor with sausage

Taste of Home

Everyone is surprised at how this flavorful combination calls for just a few ingredients. Complete the meal with a no-bake fruit dessert.

CABBAGE SAUSAGE SUPPER

2 pounds fully cooked smoked sausage, halved and cut into 3/4-inch slices

1 large onion, cut into chunks

1 medium head cabbage, chopped

1/2 cup water

1 pound carrots, cut into 1/2-inch slices

5 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into 3/4-

inch cubes

In a Dutch oven or soup kettle, cook sausage and onion over medium heat until sausage is lightly browned and onion is tender; drain. Add the cabbage and water. Cover and cook on low for 10 minutes. Stir in the carrots and potatoes. Cover and cook for 25-30 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Yield: 12 servings.

Nutritional Analysis: One 1-1/4-cup serving (prepared with reduced-fat smoked sausage) equals 190 calories, 4 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 34 mg cholesterol, 675 mg sodium, 28 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 13 g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 2 starch, 1 lean meat.

This Cabbage Sausage Supper will warm any chilly night.



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FOOD & HOME

Salads spring to mind

Have you noticed salads are starting to taste good again? The urge for soup and stew is not as strong as it was a few weeks ago.

The days are getting noticeably longer now. The temperature in the afternoon is approaching pleasant. The snow is melting, the front yard is mud and spring is peeking over the horizon. We need some wind to dry everything up and I will be able to get into the flower beds and strawberry patch.

I haven't gotten the urge to fire up my barbecue, but I expect that's not too many weeks away. Right now, I am enjoying salads and starting to think about seeds and bedding plants.

I saw a warning on television recently: The bags of prepared salads that you can buy in the grocery store often claim they have been pre-washed. Don't believe it. Wash them again to be safe.

SPINACH SALAD

- 1 fresh spinach
- 2 boiled eggs
- 1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/2 cup green onions
- 1/2 cup sliced freshishes
- tomato wedges
- 5 strips bacon
- Oil and vinegar dressing
- Wash and stem the spinach. Clean the other vegetables and prepare for salad. Fry the bacon and crumble, toss all ingredients, except the tomatoes and eggs, in a salad bowl. Slice eggs and wedge the tomatoes. Arrange on top of salad for looks. Pour dressing sparingly on top of salad.

STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD

- 1 pound fresh spinach
- 1 pint fresh strawberries
- 1/2 cup walnut pieces
- Poppy Seed Dressing
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon poppy seeds
- 1/2 cup sliced minced onions
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- To make the dressing: Mix together sugar, sesame seeds, poppy seeds, onion, Worcestershire, paprika and vinegar in a jar. Shake well until sugar dissolves. Add oil and shake again. Refrigerate.
- Wash and spin-dry the spinach. Remove stems and tear into bite-sized pieces. In a salad bowl, combine the spinach and strawberries. Add walnut pieces and toss with dressing just before serving.

LIME STRAWBERRY SURPRISE SALAD

- 1 package lime jell-O
- 1 package strawberry jell-O
- 1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
- 1/4 cup mayonaisse
- 1 small package frozen strawberries

Sausage

Continued from C1
Colicchio's Craft restaurant in New York offers a selection of house-cured sausages, from mortadella and bresaola to a pistachio- and peppercorn-stuffed porchetta rich with pork fowl and pork fat. Head northwest and you'll find Feenie's, a bistro that Vancouver chef Robert Feenie opened next door to his award-winning fine dining restaurant. Featured on the menu is a selection of Mexican-style chorizo, finocchiona and sopressata. Farther south, Paul Bertolli, the former Chez Panisse, got the opportunity to show off the skills he learned as the grandson of an Italian butcher by giving his customers a taste of - and appreciation for - good European salami.

There are subtleties in every sausage-making step. The choices include grinding meat and fat to different sizes for different sausages; choosing all pork or a blend of meats; mixing everything in the right proportions; seasoning appropriately; stuffing the casings so there are no air pockets; managing the smoking; and finessing the curing time.

If you want to make your own sausage, check out "Bruce Aidell's Complete Sausage Book: Recipes from America's Premium Sausage Maker," by Bruce Aidell and Denis Kelly; "Cooking by Hand," by Paul Bertolli or "The Great Book of Sausages," by Antony and Amanda Hippisley Cox.



VALLEY COOKING
Dixie Thomas Reale

- 1 package cream cheese
- 1 package dessert topping mix, prepared
- 1 cup nuts

Prepare the lime jell-O as directed on package. Chill until slightly thickened, and fold in the drained crushed pineapple. Pour into an 8-inch square pan chill until firm. Gradually add mayonaisse to the softened cream cheese, mixing well until blended. Prepare dessert topping mix according to package directions. Fold in cream cheese and nuts. Spread over molded layer, chill until firm. Prepare strawberry jell-O according to package directions. Chill until slightly thickened. Add thawed strawberries, and chill until partially set. Pour over cream cheese layer. Chill until firm.

SPICED CHICKEN AND WILD RICE

- Serves 4
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 4 chicken breast halves
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 carrots, sliced
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 1/4 cup celery, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 6 ounces long grain and wild rice mix
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/4 cup sliced almonds
- Red bell pepper slices

Combine the salt, cumin, pepper, cinnamon and turmeric and rub spice mixture on both sides of the chicken breast pieces. Place chicken on plate and refrigerate for 30 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9-inch baking dish with pan spray. Heat oil in large skillet. Add chicken, and cook 2 minutes on each side or until browned. Remove from pan and set aside. In same pan place carrots, chopped bell pepper, celery and garlic. Cook and stir for 2 minutes. Add rice and cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add broth. Bring to a boil over high heat. Remove from heat, and stir in raisins. Pour into prepared baking dish, place chicken on rice mixture. Sprinkle with almonds. Cover tightly with foil and bake 35 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink in center, and rice is tender. Garnish with bell peppers, if desired.

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

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Spend a day adoring daylilies

Bardon me while I dote on daylilies. I can't get enough of them. They're hardy, gorgeous in any color you want, faithful and insect- and disease-free. And did I mention that they're gorgeous?

Daylilies (hemerocallis) are perfect for our area. They tolerate alkaline soils, tell bugs to shove off and never suffer from disease. Once established, they drink daintily. (Read: They are not problem drinkers; give these girls soil with great drainage.) They bloom their heads off and laugh at winter. They even multiply, (but not too much. You shouldn't have to divide them till they're at least 6 years old.)

Sunset's "Western Garden Book" says, "Few plants are tougher, more persistent, or more trouble free. Daylilies adapt to almost any kind of soil." Yeah, like that.

So every year I've got to have more. I visit BKD Lily's booth at the Northwest Western Garden Show in Seattle annually and come away with an armload. One of these days I'm just going to admit my addiction and use one of their courtesy baskets.

Anyway, once I get my new friends home, they're bursting from their little plastic bags. They want air and sunshine, and they want it now.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

So I gather 6-inch pots from my stash, haul in the potting soil (I like Sunshine brand - it's the only potting soil I've found that has enough vermiculite and perlite in it to please me) and mess up the kitchen.

The potting soil though still in its sterile bag, is usually dried out by this time of year. So I pour water in while stirring till it is once again just moist. I wash out the pieces gleaned from the garage and put coffee filters in the bottoms.

Though it is said that you don't have to put anything in the bottoms of the pots, that the soil will soon stop dribbling out the bottom, I like paper coffee filters. They let air and water through, and my pot saucers are neater.

You might have heard you should put pot shards in the bottoms of your pots before filling them with soil. Not so. They can block the holes, and there goes your drainage.

Instead, break up the pot shards a little more and put them under the pot, in the saucer. I've found that that gives the roots a little more air, further insurance against root rot.

Put just a little soil in the bottom of the pot. Those daylily roots are often long - too long for pots. It's OK to trim the roots to fit, but no more than that. Gently spread out and arrange the roots in your pot, then fill in with soil. Water it in. When the soil sinks in and around the roots, add more water again. Let the pot drain thoroughly before you set it on its saucer. Set the plant in a sunny window.

When the top of the soil is dry to the touch, and usually a little lighter

in color, it is time to water again. Slowly add water until it drips out the bottom of the pot. After 30 minutes, pick up the saucer and throw out the extra water.

Come spring - I usually wait till Mother's Day - set your daylilies out in a sunny spot. They love rock gardens. They'll grow alongside the driveway or under tall deciduous trees. Some of mine live happily in the rose garden. They will multiply, and thicken, keeping weeds at bay.

And did I mention that they provide you with gorgeous flowers?

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Masonry fireplaces become popular

DEAR JIM: I would like to add one of the huge decorative masonry fireplaces to my living room. I saw several of them on a recent trip to Europe. Are they available here and do they burn firewood efficiently?

—KATHY E.

DEAR KATHY: The large decorative masonry fireplaces are manufactured by many companies and individual masons in the United States. They are often referred to as "European" fireplaces because they are so common overseas. The popularity of these fireplace designs is increasing in the U.S.

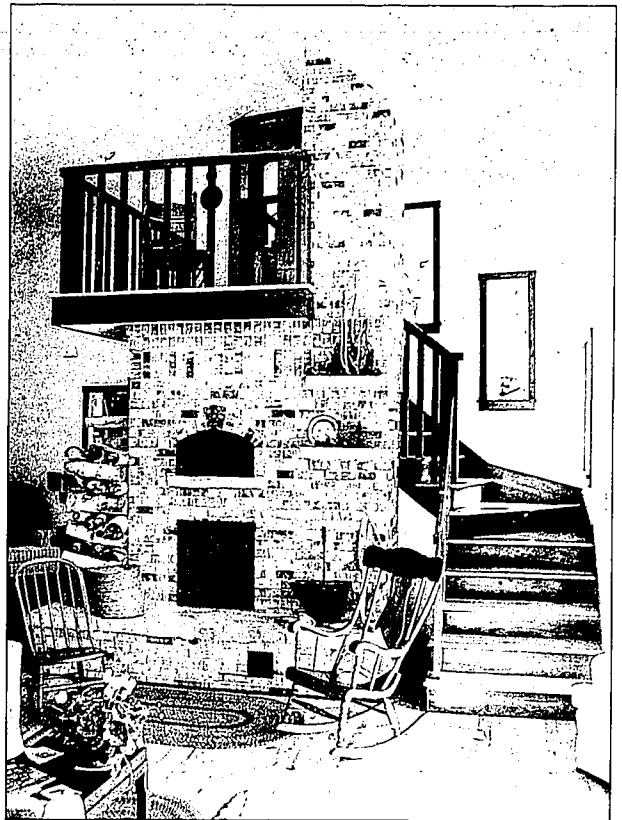
Most of them are truly beautiful works of art with decorative tile, stone or contemporary smooth flowing stucco contours. Some have built-in benches, boot warmer racks, shelves, and tiny ovens for baking breads.

An interesting design is one built into a stairway on the second floor. A massive Russian design often works well as a decorative room divider. These types of masonry fireplaces are very convenient to use, safe, energy efficient, and create very little air pollution. Instead of trying to keep a fire burning all day long as in a typical fireplace, a European masonry fireplace requires only a couple short fires per day to heat your home.

The keys to the efficiency of these fireplaces are their huge size and the long smoke path inside the fireplace. In the morning, a very intense fire is burned for 30 minutes or less. As the hot smoke flows through the long passages inside the fireplace to the chimney, most of its heat content is absorbed by the masonry mass.

For the next eight to 10 hours, the fireplace slowly radiates this heat out into your house. Other than the firebox door during the short burn period, the fireplace exterior never gets dangerously hot. This makes it safer with children around it than other types of standard fireplaces. Another advantage of this design is the very intense short fire burns the firewood very efficiently and completely. You won't see sooty black smoke exit the chimney as is common with airtight wood stoves. Also, you never have to go to bed at night with a fire still burning in the fireplace to have heat all night long.

Some of the masonry fireplace companies make the interior masonry sections in basically kit form which stacks together. You



A masonry fireplace can add charm and beauty to a home.

may be able to build this yourself, but it would be best to have an experienced mason do it. A mason will definitely be required to construct and finish a decorative exterior.

Various countries in Europe are known for different internal designs. A German design often uses long horizontal smoke chambers inside so it is not very tall. A Finnish fireplace uses a vertical counterflow smoke path. This makes the fireplace taller, but it requires less floor space.

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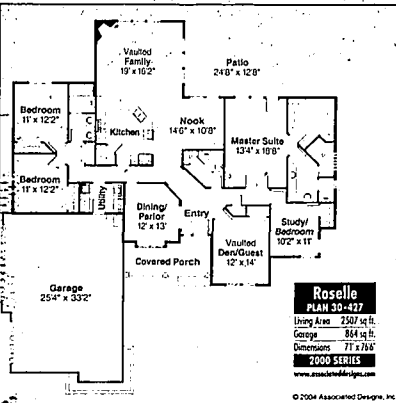
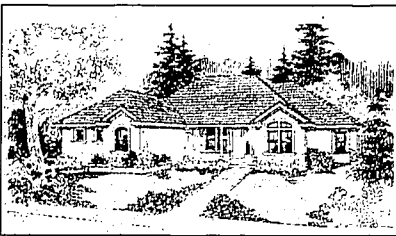
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ufacturers and builders of decorative masonry fireplaces. Detailed descriptions, design types (many styles pictured), and a firewood

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Roselle offers elegance of the Mediterranean

smooth columns, clean lines and gently arched windows lend a breezy, sun-washed Mediterranean look to the Roselle. A raised stucco planter wraps around the inner front corner of the garage, accentuating its arched windows. Foliage and flowers will be seen in their best light here, against the uncluttered stucco backdrop.

This mid-size home is all on one level, so it could be easily adapted for wheelchair accessibility. Its four bedrooms, plus a vaulted den or guest room that could be used as a home office. If desired, a door can be added for direct access from the front porch.

Natural light illuminates the entry, spilling in through a side-light and transom. An arched opening on the left leads into a room that could be furnished as a parlor or dining area.

The centrally located bathroom is convenient to evening. Next to it, a second arched opening feeds into the combination family room, nook and kitchen. Sliders

in the nook offer patio access. A fireplace fills one rear corner of the vaulted family room.

Two or three cooks can easily combine culinary efforts in this large kitchen. Counters and cupboards are in abundant supply, including a walk-in pantry. The long work island across the room is rimmed with a raised eating/conversation bar.

Double doors open into the large master suite. Luxuries include a roomy walk-in closet and a private bathroom with dual vanity and cultured marble walk-in shower.

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Make home-cooked, healthy meals for your busy family

By Joy E. Zacharia, R.D.
Southern Living

When I talked to Jamie Baldwin of Acworth, Ga., she was ready for a family nutrition makeover. Two kids, a full-time job, and a long commute make it difficult for her to prepare tasty, wholesome entrees that everyone will eat. Here's what I proposed:

- Plan and shop for at least two home-cooked meals on Saturday or Sunday for the following week's suppers. Make double batches of casseroles; freeze one for another night. Grill or bake extra servings of marinated chicken or lean beef, and freeze it for an upcoming dinner.

- I gave Jamie a three-ring binder of family-friendly, healthy recipes to keep in the kitchen for quick access to easy weeknight meals. Start collecting nutritious recipes that you think your family will enjoy, and place them in plastic sheet protectors inside a binder. Review them while making your grocery list.

- Limit dining out to one or two times per week, and order good-for-you items from the menu. Choose grilled, baked, or broiled lean beef, pork, chicken, and seafood (fish, scallops, shrimp, and oysters).

- Ask the server how sautéed dishes are prepared. (They may use generous amounts of oil or butter.) Avoid dishes in butter or cream sauces and fried selections. Stay away from all-you-can-eat restaurants-period.

- Split entrees with your spouse or kids. In many restaurants, one entree can feed two to four people.

- Well-balanced meals include a lean protein (fish, chicken, lean pork or beef); a non-starchy vegetable (collard greens, green beans, carrots, tossed salad, broccoli, yellow squash); and whole grains (brown rice, wild or wheat pasta) or starchy veggies (sweet potatoes, corn).

- Makes 8 servings**
- 3 green onions, minced
 - 2 tablespoons lite soy sauce
 - 1 tablespoon honey
 - 1 teaspoon dark sesame oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon dried crushed red pepper
 - 3 garlic cloves (about 3 teaspoons), minced and divided
 - 1 pound beef sirloin, thinly sliced
 - 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
 - Hot cooked brown rice (optional)

- Makes 8 servings**
- 8 (4-ounce) catfish fillets
 - 3/4 teaspoon seasoned salt, divided
 - 1 1/2 cups fat-free milk
 - 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
 - 2 cups crushed crispy corn cereal squares, such as Corn Chex (about 5 cups uncrushed)
 - 1/4 cup cornstarch
 - 1/2 teaspoon pepper
 - 1 cup cooking spray
 - Curried Rice
 - Cut each fillet lengthwise into 3 strips. Sprinkle fish evenly with 1/2 teaspoon seasoned salt. Whisk together milk and mustard.
 - Combine crushed cereal, cornstarch, pepper, and remaining 1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt. Dip fish in milk mixture; dredge in cereal mixture.

Dry or fresh beans, such as kidney, lima, black, and black-eyed peas, are excellent sources of protein, complex carbohydrates, and soluble fiber and may be substituted for lean meats.

- Read Nutrition Facts labels on food packages carefully. Serving sizes are often misleading. For example, the nutritional information on a 20-ounce can says it contains 2 1/2 (8-ounce) servings, but that size soft drink is rarely shared.

SWEET SKILLET SIRLOIN

Cooked frozen mixed vegetables (optional)

Combine first 5 ingredients and 2 teaspoons minced garlic in a large zip-top plastic freezer bag; add beef. Seal and shake to coat. Chill 30 minutes.

Saute remaining 1 teaspoon minced garlic in hot oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat until tender. Add beef mixture; cook over medium-high heat 3 to 5 minutes or to desired degree of doneness. (Do not overcook or beef will burn.)

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derive with rice and vegetables, if desired.

Calories (including .5 cup brown rice and 1 cup cooked frozen vegetable medley) 352 (25 percent from fat); Fat 9.6g (sat 2.9g, mono 4g, poly 1.6g); Protein 30g; Carbohydrates 35g; Fiber 5.9g; Cholesterol 67mg; Iron 3.2mg; Sodium 503mg; Calcium 54mg.

CRUNCHY CATFISH FINGERS WITH CURRIED RICE

Place rack in an aluminum foil-lined broiler pan. Lightly coat fish with cooking spray.

Bake at 375 degrees for 20 to 22 minutes or until fish flakes with a fork.

Serve with Curried Rice.

Curried Rice:

- 1 cup uncooked long-grain white rice
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 apple, peeled and chopped
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- Vegetable cooking spray
- 2 cups fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

So instead of 100 calories, you get 250 calories.

- Make exercise a priority. Begin by walking 15 to 20 minutes two to three times per week. Work up to a challenging pace and eventually 30 minutes every day. Other good choices include biking, hiking, dancing, and swimming.
- For weight loss, getting one hour of exercise on most days is ideal.

Take the chill off with a creamy mussel chowder

By Kristin Eddy
Chicago Tribune

Here is a lightly creamy chowder that should do the trick as winter lingers. Serve with a tossed green salad and garlic bread.

MUSSEL-TOMATO CHOWDER

- Yield:** 6 servings
- 2 slices thick-cut bacon
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 onion, chopped
 - 2 cloves garlic, chopped
 - 3 canned plum tomatoes, seeds removed, chopped
 - 1 large potato, diced
 - 1 cup dry white wine
 - 4 pounds mussels, scrubbed
 - 1 cup each: whipping cream, milk
 - Zest of 1/2 orange
 - 1/8 teaspoon red pepper flakes
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - Freshly ground black pepper
 - 1/4 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley

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Entrepreneur turns no-frills magazine into gold

Cook's tests recipes for chefs

By Candy Sagon
The Washington Post

BROOKLINE, Mass. — In 1979, Christopher Kimball was a gangly 28-year-old getting ready to launch a food magazine out of his Westport, Conn., home. He had \$110,000 from investors, a stubborn dedication to home cooking and a shrewd business sense. Twenty-five years later, Kimball heads up a publishing empire that racked up \$25 million in sales last year.

His flagship magazine, *Cook's Illustrated*, is a bimonthly that has turned obsessive recipe testing into a gold mine. In the past five years, the magazine has expanded with a public television show, "America's Test Kitchen," plus two subscription Web sites (www.cooksillustrated.com and www.americastestkitchen.com), and a steady flow of cookbooks.

Boston Common Press — the umbrella company for Kimball's many enterprises — has just completed a million-dollar renovation of its test kitchen and a doubling of its office space. Next month begins a 12-city tour for "Baking Illustrated."

Kimball is also planning to introduce a new magazine, *Cook's Country*, which he says will be a "friendlier, warmer, less intellectual" publication with reader recipes. He likely is modeling it after Wisconsin-based *Taste of Home*, the world's largest-circulation food magazine (about 5 million readers).

Kimball's staff call him a man of contradictions. He can be stiff and uncomfortable around people he doesn't know well, but gushingly sentimental in the *Cook's* editorials: he writes about his wife, four children and their weekend farm in Vermont.

"When Chris came up with the idea for *Cook's*," says John Willoughby, executive editor of *Gourmet* magazine, "we all thought it was crazy. No color photos, no ads, 32 pages, every other month, no discount subscriptions — it sounded nuts. But we all liked each other and thought it was fun while it lasted. And then it took off."

The magazine's subscription is pricey — \$24.95 for six issues — but from a circulation of just 25,000 when it started, the magazine has built to around 600,000. Men like its scientific approach to cooking and make up 40 percent of subscribers.

"We develop recipes defensively," he says. "We not only test all

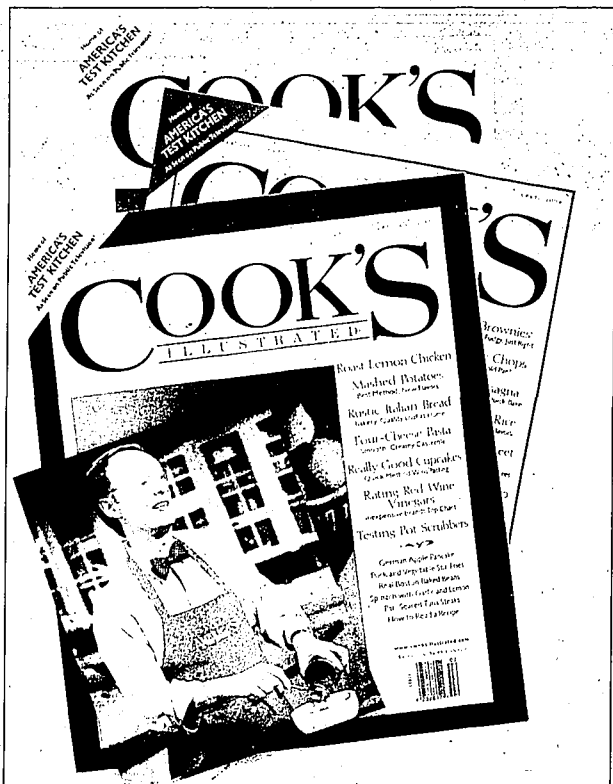


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In 1979, Christopher Kimball was a gangly 28-year-old getting ready to launch a food magazine out of his garage. Now, he heads up a publishing empire that racked up \$25 million in sales last year, thanks to its flagship, advertising-free, magazine *Cook's Illustrated*, a bimonthly that has turned obsessive recipe testing into a gold mine.

the obvious ways to make something, but we also try to figure out what people will do to a recipe to cause it to fail, (like) bad substitutions, the wrong oven temperature, the wrong flour, cheap cookware."

Once the test kitchen staffers have reached what they feel is the best recipe, it's sent to professional recipe tester Elizabeth Germain, who makes it in her home kitchen on Martha's Vineyard and invites in about a dozen friends to rate it.

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SESAME NOODLES WITH SHREDDED CHICKEN

sauce such as Tabasco
2 tablespoons lightly packed light brown sugar
About 5 tablespoons hot water
Nonstick spray oil
3 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (1 1/2 cups), trimmed of excess fat
1 tablespoon salt
1 pound fresh Chinese egg noodles or 12 ounces dried spaghetti
2 tablespoons Asian (dark) sesame oil
4 scallions (white and light green parts), sliced thin on the diagonal
1 medium carrot, peeled and grated on large holes of box grater (about 2/3 cup)
Toast the sesame seeds in a medium skillet over medium heat, stirring frequently, until golden and fragrant, about 10 minutes. Reserve 1 tablespoon sesame seeds in a small bowl. In a blender

or food processor, puree the remaining 3 tablespoons sesame seeds with the peanut butter, garlic, ginger, soy sauce, vinegar, hot sauce and sugar until smooth, about 30 seconds. With the machine running, add hot water, 1 tablespoon at a time, until the sauce has the consistency of heavy cream, about 5 tablespoons total. Set the mixture aside (it can be left in the blender jar or food processor work bowl). In a stockpot over high heat, bring 6 quarts (24 cups) of water to a boil. Meanwhile, adjust an oven rack to 6 inches from the broiler element and preheat the broiler. Spray the top of the broiler pan with nonstick spray oil. Place the chicken breasts on top of the pan and broil until lightly browned, 4 to 8 minutes. Using tongs, flip the chicken over and continue to broil until the thickest

part is no longer pink when cut into and registers about 160 degrees on an instant-read thermometer, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a cutting board and set aside to rest for 5 minutes. Using 2 forks, shred the chicken into bite-sized pieces and set aside. Add the salt and noodles to the boiling water and boil until the noodles are tender, about 4 minutes for fresh and 10 minutes for dried. Drain, rinse with cold running tap water until cool to the touch and drain again. In a large bowl, toss the noodles with the sesame oil until evenly coated. Add the shredded chicken, scallions, carrot and reserved sauce and toss to combine. Divide among individual bowls, sprinkle each bowl with a portion of reserved sesame seeds and serve immediately.

PAN-ROASTED CHICKEN BREASTS WITH SAGE-VERMOUTH SAUCE

The test kitchen at *Cook's Illustrated* wanted a foolproof recipe for bone-in, skin-on chicken on breasts and flavorful pan sauce. They brined the chicken. They eliminated oven roasting (the skin wasn't crisp), sauteing only (overcooked meat) and grilling. Pan-roasting — in which the chicken is first seared on the stovetop then finished in a hot oven — proved the perfect method.

4 servings
For the chicken:
1 cup kosher salt (or 1/2 cup table salt)
2 quarts (8 cups) cold water
4 bone-in, skin-on chicken breast halves (about 3/4 pound each)
Ground black pepper to taste
1 teaspoon vegetable oil
For the sage-vermouth sauce:
1 large shallot, minced (about 4 tablespoons)
3/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth
1/2 cup dry vermouth (may substitute white wine)
4 medium fresh sage leaves, each leaf torn in half
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 3 pieces
Salt and ground black pepper to taste

For the chicken: In a large container, dissolve the salt in the water. Submerge the chicken in the brine and refrigerate until fully seasoned, about 30 minutes. Rinse the chicken pieces under running water and pat dry with paper towels. Season the chicken with pepper. Adjust an oven rack to the lowest position and preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Heat the oil in a heavy-bottomed, 12-inch, ovenproof skillet over medium-high heat until it begins to smoke. Swirl the skillet to coat with the oil. Add the chicken, skin-side down, being careful not to crowd the pieces. (You may need 2 skillets to accommodate all 4 chicken breasts. If so, add an additional 1 teaspoon oil to the second skillet.) For the sauce, use only 1 skillet.) Brown the chicken until deep golden, about 5 minutes. Turn the chicken and brown until golden on the second side, about 3 minutes longer. Turn the chicken skin-side down and transfer the skillet to the oven. Broast until the juices run clear when the chicken is cut with a paring knife, or the thickest part of the breast registers 160 degrees on an instant-read thermometer, 15 to 18 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a platter, and let it rest while making the sauce. (If you're not making the sauce, let the chicken rest 5 minutes before serving.)

For the sage-vermouth sauce: Using a paring knife to protect your hands from the hot skillet handle, pour off most of the fat; add the shallot, then set the skillet over medium-high heat and cook, stirring frequently, until the shallot is softened, about 1 1/2 minutes. Add the chicken broth, vermouth and sage; increase the heat to high and simmer rapidly, scraping the skillet bottom with a wooden spoon to loosen the browned bits, until slightly thickened and reduced to about 3/4 cup, about 5 minutes. Pour the accumulated chicken juices from the platter into the skillet, reduce the heat to medium and whisk in the butter 1 piece at a time, waiting until the butter is incorporated before adding the next piece. Season to taste with salt and pepper and discard the sage. Spoon the sauce around the chicken breasts and serve immediately.

Vegetarian? You can still eat chili

By Steve Petusevsky
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

When I worked in Texas, I learned that real chili has no beans. The story goes that chili was invented by the cowboys to sustain them for long cattle drives through the desert. Cowboy cooks were creative enough to plant onions, oregano, chili peppers and spices amid pesky mesquite plants to discourage the cows from finding and eating these delicacies. The plants grew so that each time the cook returned to the spot, he could collect these ingredients to use in big pots of chili. I've refined my chili recipe to this one that has overcome the inherent challenges to making good vegetarian chili. I usually use canned beans unless I have the time to soak and simmer dried beans. Serve my Chunky Garden Vegetable Chili with chopped avocado, steamed basmati or jasmine rice and some homemade cornbread. You can use dried tofu or an equivalent amount of soy isolate. I always accompany my chili with sour cream or plain yogurt and shredded cheddar cheese for my dairy-eating friends. This dish freezes extremely well.

CHUNKY GARDEN VEGETABLE CHILI

1 tablespoon olive or canola oil
1 medium onion, chopped
2 carrots, peeled and chopped
2 ribs celery, chopped
1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 jalapeno, minced
1 tablespoon dried oregano
2 teaspoons cumin
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 small chipotle chiles in adobo, minced

1 cup tomato puree
1 (28-ounce) can chopped tomatoes
2 quarts water or vegetable broth plus more if needed
2 cups chopped seitan or Gimme Lean soy protein
1 (16-ounce) can red or white beans, rinsed and drained
1 (8-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
Juice of 2 limes
1/2 cup tamarind soy sauce
1/2 cup cilantro, minced
Tomato juice, optional
Heat olive or canola oil in a non-reactive large saucpan over medium heat. Add onions, carrots, celery, peppers, garlic, jalapeno, oregano, cumin, chili powder and chipotles and saute 2 minutes to combine well. Add tomato puree, tomatoes, 2 quarts water or broth, seitan, red or white beans and black beans; simmer 50 minutes until blended. You can add additional vegetable broth, water or tomato juice to adjust consistency if needed. Add lime juice, tamarind and cilantro; stir to combine. Serve. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Per serving (with soy sauce): 216 calories, 11 percent calories from fat, 3 grams total fat, no cholesterol, 21 gram saturated fat, 5 grams protein, 35 grams carbohydrates, 26 grams total fiber, 1,830 milligrams sodium.
Per serving (without soy sauce): 214 calories, 11 percent calories from fat, 3 grams total fat, no cholesterol, 21 gram saturated fat, 5 grams protein, 35 grams carbohydrates, 8 grams total fiber, 1,847 milligrams sodium.

— Adapted from *The Whole Foods Market Cookbook* (Random House, 2002) by Steve Petusevsky

Crab makes great appetizer

By Ellen Hawk
The Baltimore Sun

Verina Kishel of Baltimore sent this recipe that she says her daughter, Barbara Janofsky, served at a party. The festive, pale-orange mix can be scooped with small spreaders and spread on crackers, or, alternately, it could be sliced and served as a salad course with crisp greens. Be sure to chill it at least three hours to set entirely.

CRAB MOLD

1 package unflavored Knox gelatin
8 ounces cream cheese
1 medium onion, finely chopped

1 1/2 cups finely chopped celery
4 to 6 ounces crab meat, picked over
1 cup mayonnaise
1 can tomato soup
Soak gelatin in 1/4 cup water, according to the package directions. Heat cream cheese until fluffy. Add onion, celery, crab meat and mayonnaise. Mix well. Heat undiluted soup to boiling. Mix together with cream-cheese mixture and gelatin. Oil mold with vegetable oil or nonstick spray. Spoon mixture quickly into mold, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until set. Serves 8 to 10 as an appetizer.

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Don't sit on your duff – serve one to your friends

By Linda Cicaro
The Miami Herald

Duff is another word for boiled pudding. The name is a Scottish variation of the word dough, which was apparently pronounced like "dough," according to Sharon Tyler Herbst's "The Food Lover's Companion." Vintage recipes call for boiling the dough in a pudding bag. A mold works fine, but if you want to replicate the original, wrap the dough in a double thickness of cotton cheesecloth, tie it securely at the top and simmer in 3 quarts of water for 1 1/2 hours. Drain and, when cool enough to handle, unwrap and slice. The recipe here is adapted from Newfoundlanders. It's heavy, moist and mild-sweet – not unlike Boston brown bread.

- FIGGIE (RAISIN) DUFF**
- 2 cups unseasoned bread crumbs (see note)
 - 1 to 1 1/2 cups raisins
 - 1/2 cup molasses
 - 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1 1/2 cups hot water
 - 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon dried ginger
 - 1 teaspoon allspice
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt

MOLASSES COADY:

- 1 cup molasses
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vinegar

Crease a 4-cup pudding mold. Mix together crumbs, raisins, molasses and melted butter. Combine baking soda and hot water and add to crumb mixture; mix well. Stir together flour, ginger, allspice, cinnamon and salt. Stir into crumb mixture. Pour into prepared mold. Cover top with a large piece of greased foil, folding it snugly over the sides of the mold to keep steam out. Remember to leave some slack in the foil because pudding will expand. Place mold on rack in a steamer or large pot. Add boiling water to hallway up sides of pudding mold. Cover and steam over simmering water for 2 hours or until firm to the touch. Meanwhile, make coady: Bring molasses, butter, vinegar and 1/4 cup water to a boil in a saucepan. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. Slice warm pudding into wedges and serve with sauce. Makes 8 servings.

To make crumbs, soak dry bread crusts in enough water to soften. Drain and squeeze bread gently to remove excess water. Break into crumbs by hand or in a food processor and measure 2 cups.

Diane Friedberg e-mailed a recipe for Key lime cake made from a mix.

- KEY LIME CAKE**
- 1 box yellow cake mix
 - 2 ounces sour cream
 - 2 eggs
 - 1/3 cup vegetable oil



Traditional Hot Cross Buns will look great on your Easter table. Photo courtesy Tania of Home

Warm up your table with Hot Cross Buns

Taste of Home

Try Barbara Joan Lull's recipe for hot cross buns this year. The country cook from Glanconon, Calif., tried on her mom's tasty tradition with this time-honored Easter morning treat.

- TRADITIONAL HOT CROSS BUNS**
- 2 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast
 - 2 cups warm milk (110 to 115 degrees)
 - 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
 - 2 eggs, lightly beaten
 - 1/4 cup sugar
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 6-7 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 cup raisins
 - 1/2 cup dried currants
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
 - 2 tablespoons water
 - 1 egg yolk

Cook's corner

3/4 cup fresh Key or other lime juice (divided)
1 tablespoon lime zest
3/4 cup granulated sugar
1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Butter and flour a 9- or 10-inch Bundt pan. In a mixing bowl, beat the cake mix, sour cream, eggs, oil, 1/4 cup of the lime juice and lime zest on low speed until combined. Increase speed to medium and beat 2 minutes. Scrape batter into pan and bake 40 to 45 minutes, or until cake pulls away slightly from sides of pan and cake tester inserted in center comes out clean and dry. Transfer to a cooling rack.

To make glaze, heat 1/2 cup lime juice and granulated sugar in a small pan over low heat until sugar dissolves; aside. Poke top of cake all over with a thin skewer or toothpick. Brush with half the glaze. Cool cake in pan 10 more minutes; invert on a platter. Poke top and sides of cake with skewer and brush with remaining glaze. Just before serving, sift confectioners' sugar over top.

I found this recipe for baked steak in my 1972 edition of "Little Lark Cooks" by the Little Rock, Ark., Junior League. The method works quite well. I would suggest using a pound of mushrooms, and see no reason to discard the garlic.

BAKED STEAK WITH MUSHROOMS

- 3 1/2 pound sirloin steak (2 inches thick)
 - 1 tablespoon vegetable or olive oil
 - 2 tablespoons butter, divided
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 3/4 teaspoon dried thyme
 - 2 garlic cloves, minced
 - 1/4 pound sliced fresh mushrooms
 - 1/2 cup Burgundy
 - 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- Heat oven to 375 degrees. Fat steak dry with paper towels. Heat oil in large, heavy, oven-proof skillet until very hot. Brown steak well on each side. Remove steak and pour off fat. Return steak to pan and spread with 1 tablespoon butter; sprinkle with salt and thyme. Place garlic beside steak. Bake, uncovered, 25 to 30 minutes, or until meat registers 140 degrees (or rare) or 150 degrees for medium rare on an instant-read thermometer. Transfer to cutting board and cover with foil. Place skillet on a burner over medium-high heat. Sauté mushrooms until browned. Add wine; heat to boiling over high heat. Stir to dissolve browned bits in pan. Boil, uncovered a few minutes, to reduce liquid slightly. Meanwhile, cut steak into thin slices and arrange on a platter. Remove sauce from heat. Stir in remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Pour over meat and sprinkle with parsley. Makes 8 servings.

Get saucy with chutneys

By Barbara Hansen
Los Angeles Times

Put that mango chutney back in the cupboard. The new trend is crossover chutneys – blends of Indian spices and Western ingredients that are as good with steak sandwiches and grilled chicken as with "pappadums" and "pakoras." At the forefront is Neela Paniz of Bombay Cafe in West Los Angeles. She noticed how updates of Mexican salsas had caught on in mainstream cuisine and decided that chutneys, with their similar combinations of fruits, vegetables, chiles and spices, could cross over too. Now she's selling bottled chutneys at the cafe and over the Internet.

Her cranberry and green apple chutney, terrific with turkey sausage, is seasoned with "nigella" seeds, known in India as "kalonji," along with ginger, cinnamon, cloves and hot chiles. It's worlds apart from the usual cranberry sauce.

Paniz also makes an appetizer chutney that blends peanuts, cilantro and garlic with serrano chiles. You could serve that one with tortilla chips.

Avinash Kapoor, owner of the Akbar Cuisine of India restaurants, makes a sweet chutney with dried plums. At a Stag's Leap Wine Cellars dinner, Kapoor paired his chutney with lamb pockets – bite-sized fried pastries stuffed with spiced minced lamb – accompanied by a Sauvignon Blanc.

Sanjay Kumar, chef at Tantra in Los Angeles, makes at least seven chutneys, including a creamy golden saffron chutney, a garlic chutney and a fiery red chile mixture smoothed out with yogurt and mayonnaise. Although it's intended as a table condiment, Kumar's basil and mint chutney is terrific tossed with pasta.

In Northern California, a sandwich "with everything" at Amelia's Deli/Bistro and Catering in Pleasanton, includes a thin, green layer of, you guessed it, chutney. One of the easiest chutneys to make, it requires no exotic ingredients, just cilantro, golden raisins, serrano chiles, onion and lemon juice.

GREEN CHUTNEY

- 2 bunches cilantro, both stems and leaves, ends only trimmed
 - 3/4 cup golden raisins
 - 2 serrano chiles, seeded and coarsely chopped
 - 1 small onion, coarsely chopped
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon salt
- Place the cilantro, raisins, chiles and onion in a blender or food processor. Process to form a thick paste. Stir in the lemon juice and salt. Taste and add more salt if needed. Makes 2 cups.
- Amelia's Deli/Bistro and Catering in Pleasanton, Calif.

PLUM CHUTNEY

- 1 pound (about 3 cups) pitted dried plums
 - 1 (4-inch) piece fresh ginger, peeled and mashed (1/4 cup paste)
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon garam masala
 - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 - Salt to taste
- Soak the plums in enough water to cover for 2 hours. Blend the plums and soaking water into a paste in a blender or food processor. Stir aside. Heat a small saucepan on low heat; add the ginger paste and cook for 1 minute to dry out the paste. Add the pureed plums, brown sugar, cayenne, garam masala, lemon juice and salt. Cook on low heat for 5 minutes to blend the flavors. Serve with lamb, duck or chicken appetizers. Makes 3 cups.
- Avinash Kapoor of Akbar Cuisine of India.

CRANBERRY AND GREEN APPLE CHUTNEY

- Nigella seeds are available in Indian markets, where they are called "kalonjirom."
- 2 cups water
- 1 heaping cup dried cranberries
- 1 Granny Smith apple, cored and minced in a food processor
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon nigella seeds
- 1 (1-inch) piece fresh ginger, cut into thin matchsticks
- 2 (1-inch) pieces cinnamon stick
- 2 dried arbol chiles
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 3 whole cloves



Plum Chutney is great served with lamb, duck or chicken appetizers. Photo by KEVIN MAZUR/LOS ANGELES TIMES

BASIL-MINT CHUTNEY

Sanjay Kumar, chef of Tantra restaurant in Los Angeles, recommends this chutney with Indian snacks and grilled meats. "Sambal oelek" is a paste made of red chiles and is available in the Asian food sections of many markets.

- 3 bunches basil
 - 2 bunches mint
 - 1 bunch cilantro
 - 1 teaspoon chopped fresh ginger
 - 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
 - 1 to 3 serrano chiles, seeded and chopped
 - 5 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon sambal oelek
 - 3/4 teaspoon salt, or to taste
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper, or to taste
 - 1/4 cup pomegranate seeds
- Wash and dry the basil, mint and cilantro; remove the stems and place the leaves in a food processor. Add the ginger, garlic, chiles, olive oil, sambal oelek, salt and pepper. Blend to a fine puree. Check for seasoning and adjust the amounts of garlic, chiles, salt and pepper as desired. Garnish with pomegranate seeds. Makes 1 1/4 cups.



Cilantro and serrano chiles color Green Chutney, foreground. Cranberry and Green Apple Chutney, center, is spiced with nigella seeds and ginger. Pomegranate seeds garnish Basil-mint Chutney.

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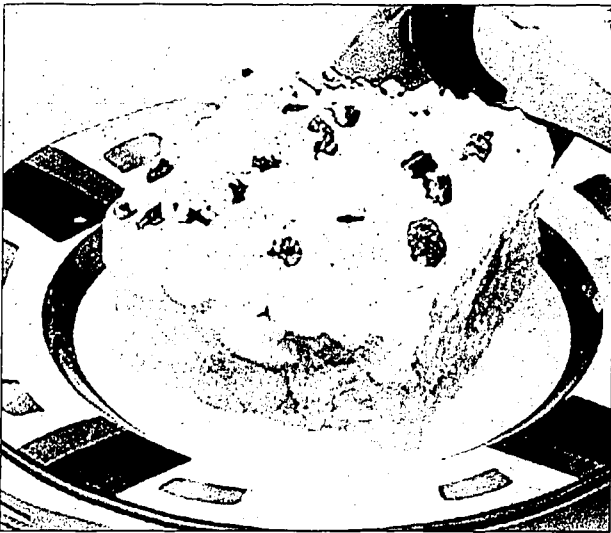
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This Frosted Orange Salad is extremely refreshing.

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Pineapple, bananas and marshmallows are folded into orange Jell-O in this salad. Frosted with a creamy topping, pecans and coconut, this yummy dish is a real crowd-pleaser.

FROSTED ORANGE SALAD

- 3 packages (3 ounces each) orange gelatin
- 3 cups boiling water
- 1 can (20 ounces) crushed pineapple
- 3 cups cold water
- 4 medium firm bananas, sliced

- 2 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup whipping cream, whipped
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut, toasted

refrigerate until firm. Meanwhile, in a saucepan, combine sugar and flour. Stir in reserved pineapple juice until smooth. Bring to a boil over medium heat; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened and bubbly. Reduce heat; cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Remove from the heat. Stir in small amount of hot filling into the egg; return all to the pan, stirring constantly. Bring to a gentle boil; cook and stir 2 minutes longer. Cool. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth; add cooled filling. Fold in whipped cream. Spread over gelatin (dish will be full). Sprinkle with nuts and coconut. Yield: 12 servings.

Fast food tries to go more Atkins-friendly

By Brad Barnes
Knight Ridder News Service

I'll say right off that I'm not on the Atkins diet. But maybe that makes me a little more objective in trying out these Atkins-friendly fast food offerings.

WHOPPER KING'S LO-CARB BURGER The burger meat is plopped rather unceremoniously into a plastic salad bowl, then topped with lettuce, onion and tomato. The snap-tight lid is handy for car spills, though.

There's a psychological disadvantage to this burger for anyone who's married to the idea of picking up a burger and taking a bite. The folks at B.K. suggest foregoing the idea of "sandwich" altogether and stock the bag with a fork and knife. Don't eat and drive.

Even though the bowl was handy for transport, it made a tough job out of maneuvering the fork and knife. However, the taste of the flame-broiled Whopper is there.

SUBWAY'S ATKINS-FRIENDLY WRAPS: Ordering either of the Atkins-style wraps — the chicken bacon ranch or the turkey bacon melt — was simple. They're compact little chunks of meat in a special low-carb tortilla made of wheat gluten, cornstarch, egg, sesame flour and soy protein. You can hold it in one hand while the other handles the wheel.

For the easiest time, ask your sandwich artist to give the thing a cut down the middle before they bag it up.

Since the wraps are closed on top and bottom, there's nary a problem with dribbling sauces. The wraps are easily customized with vegetables and other toppings, but the stock versions — with turkey, bacon and chipotle sauce, or chicken, bacon and ranch — were quite tasty.

Leek's humble roots trace back to Wales

By Lauren Chaplin
The Kansas City Star

"It's time to raise a pint to the lowly leek. While the majestic bald eagle is the national symbol of the United States, Wales claims leeks and actress Catherine Zeta-Jones — as its symbol of national pride.

Leeks are part of the Liliaceae family as are onions, chives, scallions, garlic and asparagus. They are called "poor man's asparagus" because their flavor is less refined and their aroma is more pronounced. They are in season from fall to spring, although they can be found year-round.

Pencil-thin leeks can be sliced raw into salads, grilled or steamed; mature leeks can be braised or slow-roasted or chopped and used as a seasoning for stocks.

The tough outer leaves can be fashioned into a bouquet garni, the herbs and spices tucked into the leaf that is then folded and tied with kitchen string.

Leek for leeks that are bright green and show no sign of yellowing or wilting. The white part should be snowy white with no brown or soft spots. Avoid ones that look bulbous, an indication they were preparing to bolt to seed just before they were harvested and will likely be woody and bland.

One leek has 76 calories and 73 milligrams of calcium. Leeks provide some fiber, vitamin C and folate.

LEEKS IN RED WINE SAUCE

- Makes 4 servings
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 large leeks, trimmed, cut in half lengthwise and washed
- Coarse or kosher salt
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup red wine
- 1/4 cup beef stock or water

In a large sauté pan, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the

leeks cut-side down. Sauté 2 or 3 minutes until the edges begin to brown. Turn them over and color the other sides, about 2 or 3 minutes. Season with salt. Turn once more so the leeks are cut-side down. Add the bay leaf, wine and stock. (You might be tempted to cover the pan with a lid, but don't. This will cause the leeks to change from a bright green to a moss green. That's also why you want to cook the leeks cut-side down; otherwise the acid in the wine dries the vegetable's vibrancy.) Reduce the heat and simmer until the leeks are tender, about 20 to 25 minutes. Bring the leaf ends when pierced with a fork, 10 to 12 minutes. The leeks will have turned slightly pink on the edges. Transfer them to a serving platter and keep warm in a low oven (about 200 degrees). Bring the pan juices to a boil. Reduce to 2 or 3 tablespoons and spoon over the leeks. They can be served warm or cold. The leeks will taste even richer and sweeter after a day in the refrigerator. For a buffet, double or triple the recipe and line the leeks on a long platter.

Trimming and cleaning leeks: Pull off any tough outer layers. With winter leeks, you will have to peel more many layers than summer; just think of them as a winter coat that must come off. Cut off the root ends at the point where the roots meet the white layers. Make sure you don't leave too close or the layers will come apart when slicing. Finish by cutting off the top green blades 1 inch above where the green begins. Cut leeks lengthwise in half from root to stem end. Rinse each half under cold water. Flipping each layer open like a deck of cards. Place them root-side up in a bowl of cold water, and let them soak for 10 minutes, allowing time for the grit to fall to the bottom. Dry by rolling them in a kitchen towel.

—Source: "The Cook and the Gardener" by Amanda Hesser

Go Mexican with guacamole soup

By Renee Schettler
The Washington Post

Yes, guacamole soup. This avocado- and lime-enhanced take on the Mexican tortilla soup turns canned chicken broth, limes and imperfect avocados into the basis for a surprisingly soothing yet light soup. The recipe is adapted from "Good Fat," by Fran McCullough.

GUACAMOLE SOUP

- 2-4 servings
- Two 14.5-ounce cans low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 yellow onion, peeled and quartered
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and smashed
- 2 chicken breast halves, preferably bone-in and skin-on
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 ripe avocados, halved and pitted
- Juice from 1 lime, plus additional lime wedges for serving
- 1/2 to 1 jalapeno chili pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- About 1/2 cup finely chopped cilantro leaves
- Crumbled Mexican white cheese or feta
- Fresh corn kernels, very thinly sliced red onion, thinly sliced baby spinach leaves or whole watercress sprigs and/or pureed chipotle.

Put in a large pot over medium-high heat bring to a boil, water, onion, garlic and chicken to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium-low, cover partially and simmer gently, turning the chicken once, until the chicken is cooked through, 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the size and whether using bone-in or boneless pieces. Skim any scum that appears on the surface of the broth. Transfer the chicken to a plate; set aside to cool. Strain the broth, reserving the onions and garlic if desired, and return the broth to the pan. Season with salt and pepper to taste and cover, off the heat, to keep warm. Meanwhile, scoop the avocado flesh from the skin, place it on a cutting board and sprinkle with salt and lime juice to taste. Using a fork or the flat side of a large knife, mash the avocado as much or as little as desired. Divide the mash evenly among individual bowls and sprinkle with jalapeno to taste. When the chicken is cool enough to handle, shred the meat, discarding the skin and bones. If using the reserved onion and garlic, finely chop them. If necessary, reheat the chicken broth. Pour the hot broth over the mashed avocado, add the shredded chicken, onion and garlic (if using), cilantro, cheese and any additional ingredients. Serve immediately with lime wedges on the side.

Try this broccoli and cheese combination

Taste of Home

Melody M. Myerstown, a Pennsylvania cook, says she's received loads of compliments on this crunchy salad, and it's often on her Sunday dinner menu. It's also a great salad to take to a potluck.

CHEDDAR BROCCOLI SALAD

- 6 cups fresh broccoli florets
- 1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup chopped onion
- 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar or cider vinegar
- 12 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

In a large bowl, combine the broccoli, cheese and onion. Combine the mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar; pour over broccoli mixture and toss to coat. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour, just before serving, stir in the bacon. Yield: 8 servings.



This Cheddar Broccoli Salad has flavors that blend so nicely that it's a good old standby recipe.

Photo courtesy of Taste of Home

Oat-and-almond quick bread brings cheer to wintry days

By Liz Atwood
The Baltimore Sun

BAKING AROMAS: Banish the winter blues with the smell of an oat-and-almond quick bread wafting through your kitchen from the Almond Board. To make, preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease a 5-by-9-inch glass loaf pan with corn oil. Combine 2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour, 1 cup oat bran, 1/2 cup All-Bran cereal, 1 1/2 teaspoons ground nutmeg, 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt in a bowl and set aside. In a large bowl, beat together 2 eggs and 1/2 cup packed light-brown sugar. Beat in 1 1/4 cups plain or vanilla-flavored soy milk, 1/2 cup almond oil or corn oil, 1 tablespoon white vinegar, and 2 teaspoons of almond or vanilla extract. Add dry ingredients and stir until just moistened. Pour batter into pan and sprinkle with 1/4 cup sliced almonds and 1/4 cup oat bran. Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until

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done. Cool in pan for 5 minutes, then remove from pan to cool on rack.

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already enjoying," said Ed Klein, vice president of Coca-Cola's Diet Coke division. The new flavor is available in 20-ounce and 2-liter bottles, multi-pack cans and 8-ounce bottles.

COFFEE TODAY: These days ordering a cup of coffee can be a daunting experience, given the various sizes, flavorings and ways of preparing it. At Starbucks alone, there are more than 19,000 beverage possibilities, ranging from a single decaf to a grande, quad ristretto, nonfat dry cappuccino. To help its customers navigate the selections, Starbucks has introduced a pocket-size beverage guide that explains the options for making Starbucks drinks. The company also offers "customization tumblers." Coffee lovers place stickers on the tumblers that give baristas directions on how customers want their drinks. The tumblers are available at Starbucks locations for \$9.95.

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RASPBERRY SWIRL CHEESECAKE PIE

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
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 - 2 eggs
 - 3 tablespoons plus 1 teaspoon lemon juice from concentrate, divided
 - 1 (9-inch) graham cracker crumb crust
 - 1/2 cup raspberry preserves
- Preheat oven to 300 F. In large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth, add egg and 3 tablespoons lemon juice; mix well. Pour 1/2 the batter into crust. Combine remaining 1 teaspoon lemon juice with preserves in small bowl. Spoon half the preserves over batter. Pour remaining batter on top. Using a knife, swirl remaining preserves into decorative pattern on top. Bake 55 minutes. Cool. Refrigerate leftovers.



Raspberry Swirl Cheesecake Pie is picture perfect.

Photo courtesy of Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk.



Banana Mandarin Cream Cheese Pie adds a light look to dinner.

- 1 (8-ounce) tub frozen nondairy whipped topping, thawed
 - 1 (9-inch) graham cracker crumb crust
- In large mixing bowl, melt chocolate squares in microwave for 15 seconds or until completely melted. Add sweetened condensed milk and peanut butter to melted chocolate; mix well. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Freeze 6 hours. Garnish as desired. Freeze leftovers.

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BANANA MANDARIN CREAM CHEESE PIE

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
 - 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
 - 1/2 cup lemon juice from concentrate plus additional for dipping banana slices
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 3 medium bananas, divided
 - 1 (9-inch) graham cracker crumb crust
- 1 (15-ounce) can mandarin orange segments, well drained, divided
- In large mixing bowl, beat cream



Frozen Peanut Butter Chocolate Pie is kid-friendly.

dip in lemon juice and drain. Line crust with bananas and about 2/3 of the orange segments. Pour filling over fruit. Chill 3 hours or until set. Before serving, slice remaining banana; dip in lemon juice and drain. Garnish top with banana slices and remaining orange segments. Refrigerate leftovers.

FROZEN PEANUT BUTTER CHOCOLATE PIE

- 2 (1-ounce) squares semi-sweet baking chocolate
- 1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
- 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter

cheese until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk

until smooth. Stir in 1/3 cup lemon juice and vanilla. Slice 2 bananas;

Jump-start your morning with time-saving recipes

By Cybil B. Talley
Southern Living

Making time for breakfast needn't be so complicated. Try baking a batch of muffins at the beginning of the week, and freeze them; a quick reheat in the microwave will turn out pastries that beat toaster snacks any day. Also, keep a variety of fresh or sliced refrigerated fruit on hand for recipes and healthy snacks.

You can make this drink at a moment's notice when you have a handy supply of banana slices in your freezer. Simply toss fresh slices in lemon juice, and freeze 'em up to six months in zip-top freezer bags.

TROPICAL SHAKE

- Makes 4 cups
 - 1 medium-size ripe banana, cut into 1-inch slices
 - 2 teaspoons lemon juice
 - 1 medium mango, peeled and cut into pieces
 - 1 1/2 cups pineapple-orange juice, chilled
 - 1 (8-ounce) container nonfat vanilla yogurt
- Toss banana with lemon juice; drain, reserving lemon juice. Place banana slices on a baking sheet, and freeze 1 hour and 30 minutes. PROCESS frozen banana slices, reserved lemon juice, mango, 1 1/2 cups pineapple-orange juice, and yogurt in a blender until smooth, stopping to scrape down sides. Pour into chilled glasses; serve immediately.

Calories (per 1-cup serving): 151 (2 percent from fat); Fat 0.6g; Sat 0.2g; mono 0.1g; poly 0.1g; Protein 4g; Carb 36g; Fiber 1.6g; Chol 0.9mg; Iron 0.4mg; Sodium 41mg; Calc 116mg.

BANANA-PRALINE MUFFINS

- Makes 1 dozen
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar

- 1 tablespoon light sour cream
- 3 small ripe bananas
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 cups pancake mix
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Vegetable cooking spray. STIR together pecans, brown sugar and sour cream. Set aside. MASH bananas in a medium bowl; add egg and next 3 ingredients, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. PLACE paper baking cups in muffin pans, and coat cups with vegetable cooking spray. SPOON batter into muffin cups, filling three-fourths full. Carefully spoon pecan mixture evenly in center of each muffin. BAKE at 400 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes or until golden. Remove from pans immediately, and cool on wire racks.

Calories per serving: 181 (31 percent from fat); Fat 6.2g; Sat 0.6g; mono 3.2g; poly 1.6g; Protein 2.6g; Carb 30g; Fiber 1.5g; Chol 22mg; Iron 0.6mg; Sodium 205mg; Calc 49mg.

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FOOD & HOME

Serve soup, Tuscan style, and experience the charm of Italy

By Becky Homan
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

One inauspiciously warm and sunny afternoon last October, two friends, my husband and I sat on a balcony overlooking the village of Vinci - Leonardo's hometown - as I tucked into one of the best soups I've ever tasted. Perhaps the fruity, golden-green olive oil drizzled over the top made the difference. Or the Parmigiano-Reggiano, roughly grated by our server. Or the rustic bread. Or the company. Or the view. But even in the dreary midwinter landscape of St. Louis, I am learning to reproduce those sunny Tuscan memories with the flavor of that soup, called ribollita. The word "ribollita" means rebolled. Authentic versions take days to prepare. Some ribollitas are so thick, the spoon can stand upright. Make yours as thick or thin as you like, with the addition of either more bread or additional stock or water.

EASY RIBOLLITA
Yield: 4 servings
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra for drizzling
4 large cloves garlic, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
2 carrots, peeled and sliced
2 ribs celery, chopped
1 bay leaf
Coarse salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 (16-ounce) cans small white cannellini beans
6 cups chicken stock or broth
2 cups tomato sauce
3 cups kale, stems discarded
1 pound baked ham, cut into 1-inch cubes
3 cups day-old Italian bread, crust removed and bread torn into pieces (about 1 1/2 loaf)
1 small white onion, thinly sliced or finely chopped, for garnish
1 cup grated Parmigiano-Reggiano, for garnish
Heat a deep, heavy-bottomed pot over medium heat. Combine oil,

garlic, onion, carrots, celery and bay leaf to the pot. Season vegetables with salt and pepper; saute until they begin to soften, 5 to 7 minutes. Add beans, stock, tomato sauce, kale and ham. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Remove lid; stir in bread. Stir soup, incorporating bread as it breaks down. When soup becomes thick and bread is distributed evenly, adjust seasoning. Serve the soup in shallow bowls, garnished with raw onion, a drizzle of extra-virgin olive oil and a generous sprinkling of Parmigiano-Reggiano. —Adapted from Rachael Ray's "30 Minute Meals," on cable TV's Food Network.

WHITE BEAN SOUP WITH WINTER VEGETABLES
Yield: 10 to 12 servings
6 ounces pancetta (Italian bacon), 1 inch thick, cut into 1/4-inch cubes
1 pound (2 1/4 cups) dried cannellini beans, rinsed and picked over

1 large onion, unpeeled and halved lengthwise
7 medium cloves garlic, divided
1 bay leaf
Salt
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra for drizzling
1 small onion, chopped medium
2 small carrots, chopped medium
2 ribs celery, chopped medium
2 small leeks, white and light green parts, cut crosswise into 5-inch pieces
1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes, drained
8 ounces kale, stems discarded, leaves cut into 1/2-inch strips (about 6 cups)
1 spring fresh rosemary
Ground black pepper
Cook pancetta in a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat until just golden, 8 to 10 minutes. Add 1 1/2 cups water, beans, halved onion, 4 unpeeled cloves garlic, bay leaf and 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cover

the pot partially, reduce the heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally until the beans are almost tender, 1 to 1 1/4 hours. Remove from heat, cover and let stand until the beans are tender, about 30 minutes. Drain the beans, reserving the cooking liquid. You should have about 5 cups cooking liquid. Add enough water to yield 9 cups. Discard the pancetta, onion, garlic and bay leaf. Spread the beans in an even layer on a rimmed baking sheet; let cool. While the beans are cooling, heat oil in the stockpot over medium heat until shimmering. Add chopped onion, carrots, celery and leeks; cook, stirring occasionally, until softened but not browned, about 7 minutes. Meanwhile, mince the remaining 3 cloves garlic. Stir in the minced garlic; cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the bean cooking liquid, increase the heat to medium-high and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce the heat to low and simmer for 30 minutes. Add the tomatoes,

beans and kale; increase the heat to medium-high and bring to a simmer. Submerge the rosemary sprig in the simmering soup, cover the pot, remove from heat and let stand for 15 to 20 minutes. Discard the rosemary sprig. Season soup to taste with salt and pepper. Ladle the soup into individual bowls; drizzle each serving with olive oil. Serve immediately.
Ribollita for one:
• 1 cup White Bean Soup With Winter Vegetables (see recipe)
• 5 (1-inch) cubes country-style bread (about 1 1/2 ounces)
• Extra-virgin olive oil
Place the soup in a medium saucepan; warm over medium-low heat until hot. Add the bread. With a potato masher, break down the bread until the soup is creamy; about 1 minute. Ladle the soup into a warm shallow bowl; drizzle with oil to taste. Serve immediately.
—Adapted from "Italian Classics," by the editors of Cook's Illustrated

Pies

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Frozen Mixed Berry Pie is ready for company.

FROZEN MIXED BERRY PIE
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
1/2 cup lemon juice from concentrate
1 1/2 to 2 cups assorted fresh berries (raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, etc.)
4 cups frozen light whipped topping, thawed

1 (9-inch) baked pastry shell or chocolate graham cracker crust
In large mixing bowl, stir together sweetened condensed milk and lemon juice until well combined. Mix in berries. Fold in whipped topping. Spoon into crust. Freeze 5 hours or until set. Let stand 30 to 40 minutes before serving. Garnish as desired. Freeze leftovers.



Cherry Dream Pie has been a family favorite for years.

CHERRY DREAM PIE
3 egg yolks
1 (14-ounce) can Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (NOT evaporated milk)
1/3 cup lemon juice from concentrate
1 (9-inch) graham cracker crust
1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling, chilled

Whipped topping, if desired
Preheat oven to 350 F. In medium mixing bowl, beat egg yolks; stir in sweetened condensed milk and lemon juice.
Pour into crust; bake 8 minutes. Cool. Chill 3 hours or overnight. Prior to serving, top with (chilled) pie filling. Garnish with whipped topping. Refrigerate leftovers.

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The Joe Ruttman thing was sort of a sham.

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NASCAR vice president Jim Hunter said Tuesday, Ruttman ran one lap of the Subway 400 on Sunday before NASCAR blackjagged him because he didn't have a pit crew to service his car. Ruttman earned \$54,196 just for starting the race.

IN BRIEF

Flier H.S. softball plans meeting

Flier — Athletes and their parents interested in playing softball at Flier High School this spring are asked to meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the school's gymnasium for an informational meeting. For more information, call 308-5623.

CSI women move up one spot in final poll

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team was swept by Salt Lake Community College over the weekend, but moved up a spot from No. 22 to No. 21 in the final national junior college Division I poll announced Tuesday. Trinity Valley CC of Texas (28-0) remains No. 1.

Gooding bowler rolls near perfect game

GOODING — Tony Brass of Gooding rolled a 299 at the Ranch Bowl in Gooding Monday night on Lanes 3 and 4. He left a five pin in the 12th frame. He rolled a 299 before in Shoshone at Mountain View Lanes.

Minico boosters plan meeting Monday

The Minico Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 1 at the Minico High School Library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are urged to attend. Please call 436-5670 for more information.

YMCA announces start of tennis lessons

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls YMCA will offer two beginning adult tennis lesson sessions on Saturdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. starting with the first session running March 6-7 and the second on April 3-4. Each session costs \$15 per player. Only 12 are allowed in each class so sign up now by calling 733-4384.

M.V. church league plans meeting March 11

TWIN FALLS — An organizational meeting for the Magic Valley Church League will be held at 7 p.m. March 11 at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Avenue East in Twin Falls. The meeting concerns both men and coed leagues. Call Kevin Newberry during the day at 737-1425 or in the evenings at 734-3169.

T.F. moves Cabin Fever Day to February 28

TWIN FALLS — The scuba and open swim segments of Cabin Fever Day will be offered Saturday, Feb. 28. The scuba for ages 8 and up is held at 9 to 11 a.m. while the open swim will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for all ages. For more information, call the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Office at 738-2255.

Youth spring soccer registration begins

RUPERT All Mini-Cassia youth ages 5-16 are welcome to register for the Tri-City coed youth spring soccer program sponsored by the Rupert Recreation Department. Registration runs until March 12. Drop by the Rupert city office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays with a \$15 registration fee payment to sign up. For further information, please call 434-2400.

Compiled from staff reports

Next stop: Idaho Center

Twin Falls boys head to state for first time since 1993

By Kevin Colbert
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The poise the Twin Falls boys basketball team showed down the stretch of Tuesday night's game on the way to a District Four-Five-Six title shouldn't come as a surprise. The Bruins have shown it for the past month.

In a game where Highland of Pocatello almost erased a 14-point deficit in the second half, Twin Falls kept its composure down the stretch to earn a 58-53 win in earning the team's first trip to the state tournament since 1993. "We figured we were one of the better teams," Twin Falls coach Matt Harr said. "It just took us 18, 19 games to put everything together."

"That's where we're a different team than we were mid season," Harr added. "There were a couple times this year we kind of folded when the going got tough. In the last two games, when the other team came back we answered the bell."

Highland (8-16 overall) pulled to within 56-53 with 51.8 seconds remaining when Tyler McKee hit a 3-pointer along the right baseline to cap off a possession in which the Rams collected seven offensive rebounds.

After Twin Falls (14-7) turned the ball over on the ensuing possession, Highland had a chance to tie. But Travis Martin, who was spotting up outside the 3-point line, was called for traveling while he positioned his feet for the shot.

"I've hit one of those, that makes a big difference," said Highland coach Chris Frost.

"The traveling call kind of hurt us on a good look at the basket."

After possession went to Twin Falls on a jump ball, Bruins senior Graham Stanley was fouled and sent to the free throw line in a 1-and-1 situation. He calmly hit both tosses with 23.4 seconds remaining to give TFHS a 58-53 lead and a trip to Nampa. "I was just thinking, just trying to zone everything out," said Stanley, who scored 14 points. "That's what I try to do when I go to the line. The Highland (crowd) was yelling at me, but I was just thinking about me and the rim and put them in."

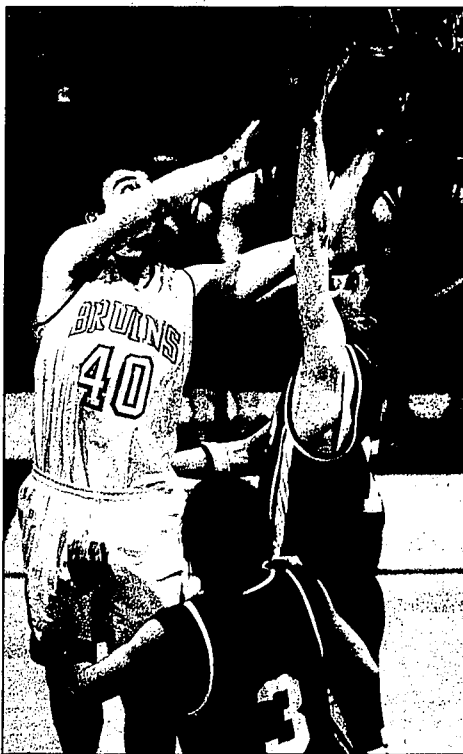
Twin Falls led 33-19 early in the second half on Luc Martin's putback of Cory Albertson's miss. But the Rams closed to 40-34 by the end of the third quarter and kept within shouting range throughout the fourth.

The Bruins appeared to have the game and momentum well in hand when Mitch Smith leaked into the front-court unnoticed on an inbound play from the opposite end of the floor for an electrifying one-handed dunk. But Highland immediately clipped into Twin Falls' 11-point lead with a spurt that pulled the Rams to within 54-50 with 2:20 remaining.

"When Mitch dunked it, it was supposed to give us momentum," Stanley said with a laugh. "But they got on a (7-0) run, so we're, like, 'Ahh!'"

Brian Wilde led Highland with 12 points. His production was needed with the struggles of standout guard Cole Nielson, who finished

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Twin Falls post Brett Wriseman fights for a rebound with Highland defender Will Carter during the first quarter of their district title game in Twin Falls Tuesday. Twin Falls won, 58-53, to advance to the state tournament for the first time since 1993.

MEMORIES REMAIN STRONG EVEN AFTER 40 YEARS:

Ali captured the heavyweight title with upset against Sonny Liston

Gene Kilroy wanted to talk about this friend, Muhammad Ali. Not about the time Ali stopped George Foreman in the Rumble in the Jungle, or the time Ali fought a brutal fight with Joe Frazier in Manila, though Kilroy was at both fights.

He wanted to talk about Ali, the man. It was 40 years ago Wednesday that Ali won the heavyweight title with an improbable upset of the feared Sonny Liston in Miami. "The years have gone by too fast, and the once brash, mouthy young champion now trembles with age and disease and talks sparingly in whispers."

But the memories are fresh for Kilroy, who was at Ali's side for much of his career as his trusted confidante and pal.

His love for Ali is as fresh as the day they met. "If I was to die today and go to heaven it would be a step down," Kilroy said. "Because my heaven was being with Ali."

That heaven stretched from the

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jungles of Zaire to the mountains of Pennsylvania, from Ali's triumphant reign as champion to his sad final title fight with Larry Holmes. Kilroy was there most of the way, working as Ali's business manager and enjoying the ride of a lifetime.

Everyone who was around Muhammad, who was a part of his life, says he was a great guy to be around for him," Kilroy said. "I felt the same way."

His stories sound bigger than life, because the man he was with was bigger than life. That they are all true only makes them better. There was the flight to Zaire, where Ali was going to take on the dreaded Foreman in a fight most thought he had little chance of winning. There were several thousand people waiting in the early morning darkness for the plane and, as it landed, Ali turned to Kilroy and asked him who the people of Zaire disliked most.

It was 40 years ago Wednesday that Ali won the heavyweight title with an improbable upset of the feared Sonny Liston in Miami. The years have gone by too fast, and the once brash, mouthy young champion now trembles with age and disease and talks sparingly in whispers.

"I told him white people. He said, 'I can't tell them George Foreman is white,'" Kilroy recalled. "Then I said, 'They don't like the Belgians, who used to rule Zaire.'"

Ali stepped out on the tarmac to greet a crowd buzzing with excitement. Calling for quiet, he yelled out: "George Foreman's a Belgian!" The crowd erupted, chanting "Ali boma ye. All boma ye (Ali, kill him)."

Zaire was now his, and soon Foreman would be, too. Then there was the time Ali bought a converted bus and drove with his brother, Rahman, and

Kilroy from his training camp in the Poonos to Las Vegas for a fight with Jerry Quarry.

Along the way, Ali pulled over to help a stranded motorist. "The man looks up and sees Ali and can't believe who it is," Kilroy said. "After Muhammad helped him, he asked where he was going."

"I'm going to Las Vegas to whip Jerry Quarry," Ali thundered. "One February morning in 1978, Ali was in Las Vegas getting ready for what he figured would be an easy title defense against an inexperienced

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Tiger Woods basks in the California sunshine as he drives the ball on the par-four 15th hole during a practice round at the World Golf Championships Accenture Match Play Championship Tuesday in Carlsbad, Calif.

NO GUARANTEES:

An encore performance for Woods is not a sure thing at Match Play Championship

The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Tiger Woods called the Match Play Championship his best performance last year.

He made two bogeys on the first 102 holes he played and just five in his six matches. He only saw the 18th hole three times, and one of those was in a practice round.

"It felt like it was a stroke-play event? "I felt like I would have won by a lot," Woods said Tuesday. "I mean, I really played well."

The funny thing about this \$7 million World Golf Championship is that even if Woods plays just as well this year, there's no guarantee he won't be among 32 guys heading for the airport after the first round.

"It's the unpredictability of match play," Woods said. "If we had to play

match play every single week, guys would retire by the age of 40 because of the emotional ups and downs and roller coasters you go through on 18 holes."

The most fickle format in golf gets under way Wednesday at La Costa Resort with 32 first-round matches where seeds are about as valuable as an unsigned check.

Last year was the first time two top-10 seeds have reached the 36-hole finals, and Woods outlasted sixth-seeded David Tomms on the 35th hole.

The No. 2 seed has lost in the first round each of the last three years, which doesn't bode well for Vijay Singh. Besides, the Fijian has never made it past the second round.

Seeds of the other Accenture Match Play Championship winners look like lotto numbers — 24, 18, 55, 62. Those belonged to Jeff Maggert, Darren Clarke, Steve Stricker and Kevin Sutherland.

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SCIC CHAMPIONSHIP

Hornets return to state

By Dustin Lappay
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Declo Hornets rode a 20-point lead through much of the second half to rout the Kimberly Bulldogs 77-51 in the championship game of the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference District IV tournament Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho gym in Twin Falls.

"Kimberly and Declo is such a big rivalry," Declo coach Dennis Smyer said. "They are a great bunch of guys well coached. We just had it all clickin' tonight."

The Hornets ousted Kimberly in every quarter Tuesday, taking a 42-29 halftime lead. They did so with a persistent full-court press and consistent offensive pressure toward the hoop.

"We put tons of pressure on them," Smyer said. "We knew we had to make it a full-court game and we did."

Bret Wardle scored a team-high 18 points and five steals to lead Declo. Hornet Sophomore Spencer Stoker chipped in 15 points.

"They have done it all year," Smyer said. "Wardle's a quiet leader. He leads by example. Stoker's the one who gets us going."

The Bulldogs committed 27 fouls in the contest which led to a 24-for-36 night for Declo from the free-throw stripe.

"They stepped up and knocked them down," Kimberly coach Roger Keller said.

Ricky Zidrow scored a game-high 19 points for Kimberly, most of it coming from shots deep in the paint.

Zidrow was one of six Bulldogs to score. Declo put 11 players into the scorebook.

"We're just looking to forget about this one and come back out tomorrow," Keller said.

The Hornets advance to play Preston at 1:15 Thursday at Meridian High School. That game is a re-match of the 2003 state championship game which Declo won. Preston returns all five starters from that team.

"They're the team to beat," Smyer said. "But, we've got the toughest team in the state. If we rebound and play defense like we did tonight we can beat anybody. We're going to be ready for them."

Kimberly drops into the second-place game to play Wood River today at 7 p.m. at CSI. The game is

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Northside announces all-conference girls team

The Times-News

DIETRICH — The 2003-2004 Northside Conference girls basketball all-conference team was announced Tuesday with two players from Shoshone and another two from Richfield named to the first team. Shoshone senior Sarah Hubshart joined sophomore teammate Katie Strunk on the first team along with senior Michelle Schum of Shoshone and fellow Tiger Cassie Wood. Alycen Sorenson of Dietrich rounded out the first team.

Gene Shaw of Dietrich was named the head coach.

Second-team honorees included: Jana Ellis, Richfield; Beth McClam, Carnas County; San Lynn Schaffer, Carey; Jessica Royal, Carey; and Hailey Harris of Shoshone. The team's earning honorable mention were: Karie Engstad, Carnas County; Amy Olsen, Carey; Cheyanne Bingham, Carey; Jenny Sutherland, Community School; Blake Ellis, Community School; Jackie Goddard, Community School; Nikki Towne, Dietrich; Michelle Anderson, Dietrich; Jutiek Weber, Dietrich; Lindsay Shaw, Dietrich; Nicki Miller, Dietrich; Caitlin Dill, Dietrich; Brock Norman, Richfield; Meghan Sorenson, Shoshone; and Sis Perkins, Shoshone.

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SPORTS

Tummy troubles

Mariners' Soriano will be out a month with sprained abdomen muscle

PHOENIA, Ariz. (AP) - Seattle Mariners reliever Rafael Soriano will be sidelined for three to four weeks after an MRI exam Tuesday revealed a strained inferior oblique muscle on his left side.

The 24-year-old right-hander was throwing off the mound Monday when he felt a pinch in his left abdomen. The injury occurred midway through workouts, and manager Bob Melvin immediately cut off Soriano's pitching for the day.

"Anytime you hear three weeks, it gets your attention," Melvin said. "The silver lining is that he has pitched deep into winter ball. It's not a starter we're going to have to stretch out."

Soriano said he felt sore Tuesday but predicted he could be ready to return within one week, if necessary. Melvin said team officials expect Soriano to be available in mid to late March.

The Mariners open the regular season April 6 against visiting Anaheim.

Soriano, who throws in the upper 90s, was called up from the minors last season to work from the bullpen. He went 3-0 with a 1.53 ERA and was the AL's rookie of the month in August after going 2-0 with a 1.62 ERA in 12 appearances.

Also in Peoria, Nomar Garciaparra said he was hurt by Boston's attempt to trade him during the offseason and was a little surprised to be back with the Red Sox for 2004.

"Can you believe after these three months I'm still here?" he said with a smile Tuesday after reporting to spring training in Fort Myers, Fla.

At times, Garciaparra didn't think he would be back. If the Red Sox had acquired Alex Rodriguez from Texas for Manny Ramirez, they planned to deal their long-time shortstop to the Chicago White Sox for outfielder Magglio Ordonez. The White Sox, in turn, might have sent Garciaparra to Los Angeles.

In Tampa, Fla., the picture was just too perfect, even for people who forecast a stormy relationship between Alex Rodriguez and Derek Jeter.

All smiles, Rodriguez was relaxing after his first full workout with the Yankees. Surrounded by All-Star players and adoring fans, it had been a wonderful day.

That's when Jeter joined him at a picnic area right outside Legends Field for a media session. And within a minute of them sitting together, the fair skies turned foul, the wind whipped and a wicked rain started to fall.

Coincidence or correlation? Who knows?

About 2,500 fans watched Rodriguez work out at third and Jeter at shortstop.

New York made another move, reaching a preliminary agreement on a \$2.25 million, one-year contract with Travis Lee, who will back up Jason Giambi at first base.

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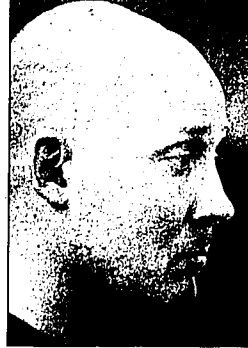
Seattle Mariners' Rafael Soriano throws during a workout Saturday at the team's spring training facility in Peoria, Ariz. Soriano strained a muscle on the left side of his abdomen about halfway through an eight-minute throwing session Monday. The extent of the injury wasn't immediately known, and was to be re-evaluated Tuesday.

worried about batting practice than trade rumors. He is entering the final season of a \$2.95 million, three-year deal that will pay him \$14 million.

Kansas City's Carlos Beltran, also eligible for free agency after this season, reported for what

could be his final year with the Royals.

In other news, Philadelphia closer Billy Wagner will be sidelined for a week with an inflamed left middle finger that caused pain during a workout Tuesday.



Baltimore Orioles pitcher Robert Ramsay is seen Tuesday at spring training in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Ramsay's head bears the scar from a brain cancer operation in January 2002. Two years after having a cancerous baseball-sized tumor removed from the front of his brain, Ramsay is trying to revive his major league career.

His return

Back from brain surgery, Ramsay makes his pitch for Baltimore Orioles

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press writer

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - Radiation treatments have made it impossible for Rob Ramsay to grow hair on the front of his scalp, so he's no hiding the car-to-ear, zipper-like scar across the top of his head.

People stare, but Ramsay doesn't mind. His survival from brain surgery is a remarkable story, and the scar proves just how fortunate he is to be able to tell the tale.

"The scar is a blessing. A miracle," said his wife, Samantha.

Two years after a cancerous baseball-sized tumor was removed from the front of his brain, Ramsay is trying to revive his major league career. His comeback began last season, when he pitched for the San Diego Padres in an exhibition game before being sent to a Class A farm team.

Now he's at spring training with the Baltimore Orioles, who last month signed the left-hander to a minor league contract.

Several of Ramsay's new teammates do a double-take when they see him walk through the clubhouse. They look at me a little funny and kind of leer. "What happened to that guy? It certainly isn't the type of scar you see every day," he said. "But it's a good platform for me to try to get the word out about brain cancer awareness."

Ramsay, 30, last pitched in the majors for the Seattle Mariners in 2000, when he threw 12-3 innings of scoreless relief against the New York Yankees in the AL championship series.

He pitched in Triple-A ball in 2001 before experiencing severe headaches and nausea that fall. After finally heeding Samantha's advice to see a doctor, Ramsay was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme, a form of brain cancer.

"At the time I was just like, 'Let's get this thing out of there, and I'll be on my way,'" he recalled. "But it was a lot more serious than I thought."

Samantha, who remembers the night Ramsay was diagnosed as the worst she ever experienced, ultimately was won over by her husband's determination to survive. The couple has been inseparable since then. Samantha is with Rob in Florida while he works to make the

Orioles. She will remain by his side, no matter what his quest to play baseball takes them.

"It's an adventure watching the person you love doing what he loves," she said.

Ramsay underwent brain surgery on Jan. 23, 2002, and sat out the 2002 season. But he had no intention of giving up on baseball, and one year after the operation signed a minor league contract with the Padres. The decision stunned his wife, who probably would have preferred to see him take an office job.

"We had just had a crazy year, and I thought, 'This is kind of strange,'" Samantha said. "But he never once told me that he was done with baseball, so I resigned from my job and went with him."

Ramsay was undergoing chemotherapy treatments when he tried out for the Padres. He didn't make the club, although he fasted on an indelible memory for him during the exhibition season by blanketing the San Francisco Giants for an inning in his return to the mound.

He still takes oral chemotherapy to prevent a recurrence, yet Ramsay is convinced that the battle is all but over. "This is kind of strange," Samantha said. "But he never once told me that he was done with baseball, so I resigned from my job and went with him."

"The scars now for over a year have been clean, so barring a recurrence, I'm clear," he said.

Ramsay said he feels well, physically and mentally.

"I'm just going at this like every one else," Ramsay said.

Not exactly. His doctors and the Orioles' physicians are monitoring his health, and his limited participation thus far hasn't helped him improve his odds of making the team.

"I feel like I'm being held back at times. But it's something I just have to deal with," he said. "How many guys in this clubhouse have had the same thing? I've had it, I feel as though I'm just like everybody else, but realistically I'm not."

The scar is evidence of that.

"Rob has never been the type of person to put up a front, so he's not going to cover up the scar," Samantha said. "He lets me rub it. I love it. It's not something that he's ever going to hide, and I don't want him to. It's cool."

Boston ace focuses on new season

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) - Pedro Martinez wants to forget his contract flap, his Game 7 flop and his Doc Zimble flip.

The star pitcher is preparing for another attempt at helping the Boston Red Sox win their first World Series title since 1918. Last year, they lost to the New York Yankees 6-5 in 11 innings in Game 7 of the AL championship series.

"I hope ... we are the team to beat," Martinez said Tuesday. "But I don't want to say it. I want to do it." For now, he considers the Yankees the team to beat because they went to the World Series. In Game 3 of the ALCS, Martinez pushed New York bench coach Zimmer to the ground during a no-hitter. In Game 7, he gave up three runs in the eighth inning, letting the Yankees tie it 5-5.

Now Martinez enters his seventh year with the Red Sox knowing he could leave next offseason as a free agent. He said no contract talks have been held.

Martinez said he wants to end his career in Boston and will give the team a chance to sign him - even if it's after the season. If that doesn't happen, he should have several options.

"Forget about what's going to happen to me. I don't have anything to prove," he said Tuesday, his first day of spring training workouts. "If they don't want to sign me, fine. In my opinion, I'll probably get a job with somebody else. But if they do, I'll be more than happy to stay here."

Martinez probably won't throw off a mound for about a week. He reported three days after the team's other pitchers; the Red Sox gave him permission to arrive late because of a family medical issue.

"Pedro's got a pretty good history of being a pretty good pitcher," new Red Sox manager Jerry Franconzo said. "I'll be ready to go."

Last season, Martinez went 14-1 with a league-best 2.22 ERA. In his



Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez goes through a pitching motion without a ball and fielding practice during infield drills Tuesday in Fort Myers, Fla., where he made his first spring training appearance since pitching his game seven of the American League Championship Series which the Yankees won.



six Red Sox seasons, he is 101-28 with a 2.26 ERA and two AL Cy Young Awards. He also won the 1997 NL Cy Young Award with Montreal.

If Martinez falters this season, the Red Sox will have one of baseball's best pitchers to send to the mound in the next game: Curt Schilling. Boston obtained him in a trade with Arizona, a move that drops Derek Lowe, 38-15 the past three seasons, into the No. 3 starting spot, and Tim Lincecum to No. 4.

"Anybody can carry the load that I might not on a certain day," Martinez said.

Wakefield had an outstanding ALCS until allowing Aaron Boone's series-ending solo homer in the 11th. The game wouldn't have reached extra innings if Boston had held its 5-2 lead in the eighth.

Martinez retired the first batter, before Derek Jeter doubled and scored on Bernie Williams' single. Manager Grady Little went to the mound and left Martinez in to pitch to Hideki Matsui, even though reliever Alan Embree was warming up.

Matsui doubled Williams to third before Jorge Posada blooped a double that tied the game. Martinez

left, Embree entered - and Little was sent packing in the offseason.

"I was asked a question (by Little) whether I wanted to pitch to Matsui," Martinez said. "If you ask me if I could pitch to Matsui again, I would say yes."

"I would never say 'No,' because I'm paid to do that for nine innings and there's no one to blame," he added, "but that was the question. I wasn't really insisting on staying in the game. I was a little bit scared to leave the game, but it really wasn't my decision."

Less than two weeks later, Little was gone.

he won the world with his heart," Kilroy said.

Kilroy and Ali still talk regularly, and he says Ali is doing well despite the Parkinson's disease that limits his speech and makes his body tremble uncontrollably at times. He worries that Ali travels too much.

It's been 40 years since Ali won the title against Liston, 30 years since he beat Foreman. To some, the memories are as distant as a black-and-white film clip.

Not to Kilroy, who treasures the time he had with his friend.

"He always said, 'Did we have fun?' Kilroy said. "I'd say, 'Muhammad, we sure did.'"

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Memories

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enced and awkward Leon Spinks, Ali and Kilroy were getting off an elevator at about 4:30 a.m. so Ali could go running at a nearby gym. I'll probably get a job with somebody else. But if they do, I'll be more than happy to stay here."

"Champ! How's it going?" Spinks slurred.

Ali wasn't happy with getting up so early to begin with. "Now, he had to straight for the hotel coffee shop, refused himself in a booth and planned to go to train."

"In an Olympic champion, a two-time heavyweight champion, and I have to go through this for him?" Ali said.

Spinks, of course, upset Ali to win the title.

Other stories didn't have happy

endings.

All was training at his camp in the Pecos for the Foreman fight when a father and son asked if they could meet him. The boy had a skull cap on, and Ali asked him why he was wearing it.

"Ali, I got cancer and lost all my hair," the boy told him.

"Well, you're going to beat cancer and I'm going to beat George Foreman," Ali said. "Remember that."

Kilroy took a picture of the boy and Ali, who signed it with the same inscription. A few weeks later, the father called to thank Kilroy and said his son was now in the University of Pennsylvania hospital.

Ali didn't hesitate. He and Kilroy got in the car and drove to the hospital, where Ali went to the boy's bed-

side and told him again he would beat the cancer.

"He said, 'No champ, I'm going to meet God and tell him I know you and your my friend.'" Kilroy said.

Three days later, the boy died. Kilroy went to the funeral, and lying next to the boy in the casket was the picture Ali signed.

"I'd go to hospitals from the goodness of his heart," Kilroy said. "He didn't do it for the publicity. He didn't even want anyone to make a fuss over him while he was there. It was just the kind of person he was."

Kilroy said that kind of thoughtfulness every day. He saw the impact Ali had on people, whether it was stopping traffic while crossing a street in New York or filling hotels in Las Vegas.

"I've won his titles with his fists, but

Guarantees

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There are no upsets, just lots of upset players.

Woods plays the first round against John Hollins, who hasn't been in match play since he lost to Matt Kuchar in the round of 16 at the 97 US Amateur.

Single plays Shingo Katayama, while third-seeded David Lee III takes on Brian Baird and fourth-seeded Mike Weir, coming off a victory in the Nissan Open, faces Rich Beem.

Woods isn't unbeatable - just ask

Peter O'Malley, who knocked him out of the first round two years ago - but his record indicates he remains the guy to beat.

Woods is 12-3 at the Match Play Championship, his other losses coming against Clark in the 2000 final and to Moggart in the 1999 quarterfinals.

"The thing about stroke play is the best player about that week wins," he said. "In match play, the best player that week doesn't always win. It's the best player that particular day."

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Thursday, February 26, 2004

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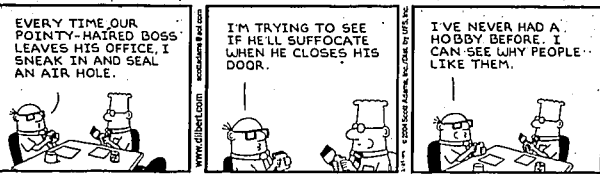
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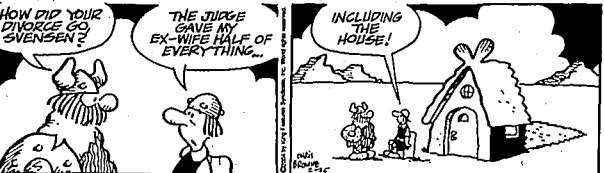
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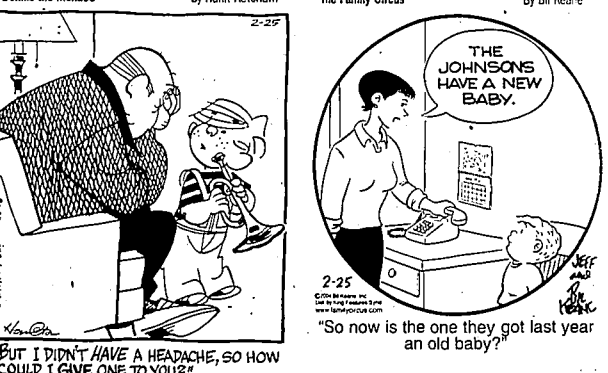


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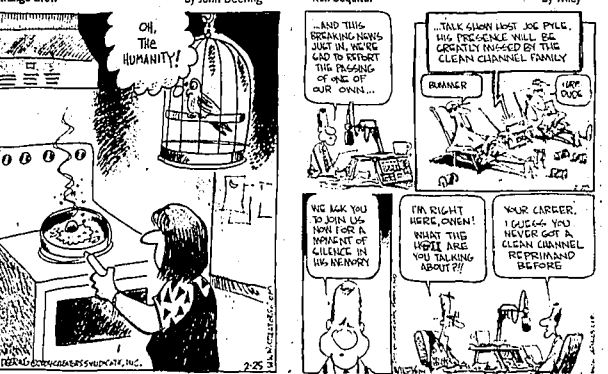


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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Home, garden show starts Friday at CSI

TWIN FALLS - This year's Southern Idaho Home and Garden Show will be held Friday through Sunday at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center, 315 Fifth Ave. Admission is \$3 for ages 12 and older. Ages 11 and younger get in free.

The show will feature over 100 exhibitors from Oregon, Nevada, Washington, Montana and Idaho. Exhibits will include new home construction, remodeling, pools, spas, gardens and landscaping.

Also, organizers said, expect to see financing experts from banks and mortgage lending institutions, as well as heating, air conditioning and other companies offering innovative ideas for home improvement projects - even pets and pet care.

Food will be available for purchase, and Kimberly Nurseries plans a special presentation.

The 24th annual show is presented by Clear Channel Radio Stations, Newsradio 1310 KLIX and KOOL 96.7.

For information, call Janice Deper at 733-7512, ext. 231, or Chris Mulvaney at 733-7513, ext. 237.

Union Pacific plans to increase hiring to 3,000

OMAHA, Neb. - Union Pacific Corp. expects to hire about 3,000 people this year, the high end of its 2003 hiring plan. Because the economy is improving somewhat more than expected, a spokesman said.

In October, the Omaha-based railroad, which has a freight office in Rupert, had said it planned to hire 2,000 to 3,000 workers in 2004, mostly to replace people who are retiring.

"Everybody expected the economy would be a lot flatter than it turned out to be," spokesman John Bromley said. "The economy's rebounded a little faster than we thought it would," so the railroad's hiring should reach the 3,000 mark.

Union Pacific hired about 2,400 workers in 2003, adding about 1,000 people to its 46,000-person work force.

Bromley said the railroad would need to hire at least 2,000 people a year over the next five years to meet its manpower requirements, also because of expected retirements and growth.

Of the planned hires this year, Bromley said, 121 people will be added in North Platte, Neb., where the railroad has a major transfer point, and 15 at its rail operations in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Most of the jobs will be entry-level train workers, including many conductors, with pay starting at about \$40,000 a year.

The other hirings will be spread across the railroad's 22 other states.

J.C. Penney buys airline during Academy Awards

NEW YORK - J.C. Penney is ready for its close-up.

After spending four years in a heavy turnaround mode, Penney is turning itself an \$8.25 million coming-out party during this year's Academy Awards.

The millions will buy Penney, which has Magic Valley stores, enough airtime to unveil a new image campaign in five separate commercial spots.

It's all designed to spotlight the mowies-by-fix-it-whiz Allen Quisenberry who, since taking over in 2000, has revamped nearly every aspect of the stores that some women still remember as strudy.

One of the edgier ads will feature "Drew Carey" star Dietrich Bader vying for space in an elevator full of beautiful ladies and their cleavage.

The company expects Penney's largest during an Oscars telecast, but also include a live, on-air sweepstakes giveaway of \$100,000 cash; plus a trip to next year's Academy Awards.

"This is absolutely the kick-off of a renaissance to change the perception of J.C. Penney," said chief marketing officer Mike Boylson. "The hopes is that we entice contemporary women who haven't shopped at our stores before."

Quisenberry's formula has been to close sagging stores, upgrade remaining ones, and build out new brands and hire an army of top-flight talent.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Construction maintains hearty pace

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

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more than in October 2002.

For local business owners, that's a positive economic sign. For workers, it signals demand for construction labor.

By the end of October, year-to-date valleywide permit values were \$271.2 - up by 0.5 percent from the \$269.9 million in the first 10 months of 2002. During full-year

GOING UP

2001 and 2002, valleywide construction values rose 4.9 percent annually.

A few parts of the valley are excluded from the bank's monthly survey. However, the Wells Fargo report provides businesses and consumers a good indication of

Magie Valley's economic activity. The bank's report provides only dollar totals, not project specifics. The Times-News gathered these October highlights from building departments in several local markets.

Twin Falls - With eight six-digit commercial projects - a shop, a preschool and six building shells for future tenants - Twin Falls saw October construction values shoot up 86.5 percent. The city last month issued building permits for projects totaling an estimated

\$7.16 million for combined construction types. That's \$3.32 million more than in October 2002.

The month's permits included: Charmac Trailers Inc.'s new \$363,418 finishing shop where workers will install wiring, lights and trim on new trailers; Magie Valley Regional Medical Center's \$150,000 reconfiguration of its surgical area; South Central Community Action Partnership's \$42,775 conversion of a 1708 Poplar Ave. property to a duplex for

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Home Depot reports huge jump in profit

The Times-News and combined wire reports

TWIN FALLS - The Home Depot, the largest home-improvement store chain in the United States, reported a nearly 39 percent jump in fourth-quarter profit on a 14 percent rise in sales, saying its growth and the renovation of its stores into a softer, cleaner look are paying off.

The results, announced Tuesday, beat Wall Street expectations.

Home Depot said for the three months ending Feb. 1, it earned \$951 million, or 2 cents a share, compared with a profit of \$866 million, or 1 cent a share, at the end of fiscal 2003. The company said it was expecting earnings of 30 cents a share.

Sales in the quarter were \$15.13 billion, compared with \$13.21 billion in the year-ago period.

"These recent results reinforce the fact that our strategy of investing nearly \$10 billion in business growth and transformation over the past three years is producing the desired results for our customers and our shareholders," said chief executive Bob Nardelli.

Last month, Atlanta-based Home Depot - which has a Twin Falls store - said it would continue its plan to lure customers with brighter stores, easier checkout and a number of new products in 2004. Home Depot had 1,707 stores at the end of fiscal 2003. The company said it will spend \$3.7 billion in 2004 to modernize its stores, upgrade technology and open 175 new stores.

Full-year earnings for Home Depot were \$4.30 billion, or \$1.88 a share, compared with \$3.66 billion, or \$1.56 a share, a year ago. Twelve-month revenue was \$61.82 billion, compared with \$59.25 billion a year ago.

Earnings news from a handful of other companies with Magie Valley operations:

Longview Fibre

Longview Fibre Co., the Washington-based operator of a Twin Falls container plant, on Tuesday announced a net loss of \$9.3 million, or 18 cents per share, on sales of \$169.9 million for its first quarter, which ended Jan. 31. In the year-ago quarter, Longview Fibre had net income of \$1.4 million, or 3 cents per share, on sales of \$189.7 million.

"As a result of severe winter weather across the Northwest, our timber operations are at a standstill for an undetermined period of time," said R.H. Wollenberg, president and chief executive, in a statement.

"Our Longview (Wash.) paper mill experienced its worst capacity utilization rate in the past six years due to a number of factors, some planned, some unexpected. Domestic demand for paper and paperboard showed stability, but export demand declined more than expected primarily due to aggressive pricing employed by sack Kraft paper producers. Finally, our converted products segment reflected a normal seasonal decline, exacerbated by winter weather that further reduced demand from customers in the western region," Wollenberg said.

The company expects several factors to improve results in the second quarter: accelerated timber harvest during the remainder of the fiscal year, higher log prices, and strong export and domestic demand for the company's logs.

Lithia Motors

Oregon-based Lithia Motors Inc., which has a Twin Falls auto dealership, on Tuesday said fourth-quarter net earnings from continuing operations increased 31 percent to \$9.9 million from \$7.5 million a year earlier. Earnings per share from continuing operations grew 27 percent to 52 cents from 41 cents - on a dividend more diluted shares outstanding.

Lithia also declared a dividend of 7 cents per share for the fourth quarter. Shareholders of record as of March 5 will receive the dividend, payable March 19.

Fourth-quarter sales increased 10 percent to \$612.2 million, though total retail same-store sales declined 0.7 percent.

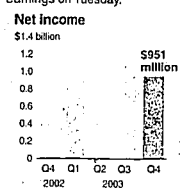
Lithia's full-year net earnings from continuing operations rose 10 percent to \$35.6 million. Earnings per share from continuing operations



An employee carries a clipboard at a Home Depot store in Omaha, Neb. The Home Depot reported a nearly 39 percent jump in fourth-quarter profit on a 14 percent rise in sales, saying its growth and the renovation of its stores into a softer, cleaner look are paying off.

Happening at home

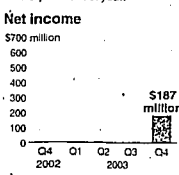
Home Depot, the nation's largest home improvement chain, reported higher fourth-quarter earnings on Tuesday.



SOURCE: Home Depot Inc. AP

Loud and clear

Clear Channel Communications Inc. reported a slim increase in fourth-quarter earnings Tuesday compared to net income for the same period last year.



SOURCE: Clear Channel Communications Inc. AP

rose 4 percent to \$1.92 per share from the year-ago \$1.84 - on 5 percent more diluted shares outstanding than in 2002. Annual sales increased 11 percent to \$2.51 billion.

"We added approximately \$330 million in annualized revenues from acquisitions in 2003, or nearly 15 percent to our base of 2002 revenues," said Lee DeBor, senior vice president and chief financial officer. "The acquisition pipeline looks strong for 2004. In January, we started the year with the acquisition of Reno Chrysler Jeep in Nevada, with approximately \$55 million in annualized acquisition revenues."

Lithia predicts full-year 2004 earnings per share of \$1.35 to \$2.05, and first-quarter EPS in the range of 29-31 cents.

Clear Channel

The Texas-based owner of Twin Falls radio stations K127-FM, KLIX-AM and KLIX-FM on Tuesday reported higher annual earnings for the year that ended Dec. 31.

Clear Channel Communications Inc.'s revenues of \$2.29 billion for the fourth quarter increased 4 percent from a year earlier. Clear Channel reported fourth-quarter net earnings of \$147 million, or 30 cents per diluted share, compared with year-ago net earnings of \$184 million, or 30 cents per diluted share.

For the full year, the company posted revenues of \$9.93 billion, up 6 percent from \$9.36 billion. Full-year net earnings were \$1.15 billion, or \$1.15 per diluted share, for 2003. That compared with net earnings, before cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle, of \$725 million, or \$1.18 per diluted share in 2002 - a year-over-year rise of 50 percent.

Clear Channel's 2003 net earnings included

about \$727 million of pre-tax gains related to its investment in Univision Communications Inc., the sale of investment in American Lower Corp. and the early extinguishment of debt. Those gains were offset by the impairment of investments totaling \$15 million, pre-tax. Excluding those items, net earnings would have been \$726 million, or \$1.17 per diluted share.

The company's 2002 net earnings included about \$49 million of pre-tax gains related to the sale of a television license, extinguishment of long-term debt, sale of a marketable security, sale of other assets and a litigation settlement. Excluding those gains, net earnings per share would have been \$1.13.

Pre-Paid Legal

Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc. said 2003 net income increased 11 percent from 2002 to \$39.9 million.

Diluted earnings per share increased 25 percent to \$2.27 per share, the Ada, Okla.-based company said.

"Membership revenues for 2003 were up 7 percent to \$330.3 million from \$308.4 million for the prior year, making the 11th consecutive year of increased membership revenue," the company said in a statement.

Fourth-quarter net income decreased 13 percent to \$8.4 million from the year-earlier period, the company said. Pre-Paid Legal, whose representatives include some in Magie Valley, designs and markets legal service plans across North America.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins contributed to this report.

Recent Latino immigrants won majority of jobs

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON - Latinos landed a disproportionate share of new jobs created last year, and most of those jobs went to very recent immigrants, according to a private foundation's report issued this week.

More than half the jobs were in construction, and most of the rest were in agriculture and business services - much of it low-paying work requiring little English language skill.

The Washington-based Pew Hispanic Center, a nonprofit

research group, found the gains greatest among Latinos who arrived in the United States after 2000. The findings are based on an analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics and Census Bureau data.

Overall, the number of employed Latinos rose by almost 690,000 between the fourth quarter of 2002 and the fourth quarter of 2003. The total was 17.7 million, which included an unknown number of illegal workers.

By comparison, the non-Latino work force, which consisted of 121 million workers at last year's end,

scored a net increase of 371,066 jobs.

According to Harry Holzer, professor of public policy at George Washington University in Washington, employers prefer "more appreciative and less demanding" immigrants.

"It is a form of discrimination, in a way, in favor of the foreign-born workers," said Holzer, who studies ethnicity and low-wage work.

In 2003, Hispanic unemployment declined from a June peak of 6.2 percent to 6.6 percent in December, Pew reported.

By comparison, according to the recent study by the National Urban League, the unemployment rate for African Americans was 10.3 percent in December 2003.

It's been in double digits for the past 14 months.

William Spriggs, co-author of the Urban League study, said job growth for Latinos wasn't a factor in the higher unemployment rate for African Americans. His report concludes that in Magie Valley, African Americans generally compete in different job markets.

Among Hispanics, unemploy-

ment jumped to 7.3 percent in January 2004, the most Latinos entered the job market, according to the Pew report. African-American employment rose to 10.5 percent.

For the nation as a whole, unemployment rose to 5.7 percent in December 2003 and 5.6 percent in January 2004.

Pew's study found that employment for Latinos born in the United States increased, but by far less than for new arrivals. Gains among Latino males were much greater than among Latino women.

Law eases tax burden on married couples

Knight Ridder News Service

If parenting or married life left you feeling down more days than not last year, take note, taxpayers. There might be something to smile about, thanks to the 2003 Tax Act.

Finally, married couples can take twice the standard deduction as single taxpayers. Parents with dependent children can take an additional \$400 credit for each qualified minor. And military personnel will see additional savings, such as a benefit for dependent care assistance, said Kris Moore, executive revenue service spokeswoman.

But low- and middle-income married couples who don't own a home have the most to gain from an increase in the standard deduction, said Tony Lutson, a partner in the tax department of Humes & Barrington, a certified public accounting firm in Kirkwood, Mo.

It eliminates the so-called marriage penalty. For years, married couples have complained about paying higher taxes than their single counterparts, said Joe Marchant, a CPA with Huber, Ring, Helm & Co. in St. Louis. "And while the new law doesn't completely eliminate the marriage penalty for couples," it provides temporary relief in the form of larger standard deductions for 2003, to \$7,500 from \$7,000 a year ago. Without the new rules, the standard deduction for 2003 would have been \$7,950 for married couples.

The law also expands the amount of pre-tax gains related to its investment in Univision Communications Inc., the sale of investment in American Lower Corp. and the early extinguishment of debt. Those gains were offset by the impairment of investments totaling \$15 million, pre-tax. Excluding those items, net earnings would have been \$726 million, or \$1.17 per diluted share.

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Married couples who file separately also may take twice the standard deduction allowed a single filer - \$4,750 each - as long as their itemizes deductions, Moore said.

"You have to do the same thing," she said. "Either you both itemize or you both take the standard deduction, and you can't use the same itemized deductions on both returns."

Bob Menaldi, a CPA with Rubin, Brown, Gormstein & Co. in Clayton, Mo., recommends that married couples who prepare their returns use tax software to calculate their liability and determine whether to file joint or separate returns. "In the vast majority of cases, married filing jointly will be the most favorable," he said, but there could be unusual circumstances that might favor married filing separately. The best way to determine that is to let the tax software handle the calculation for you."

MARKETS

CLOSING FUTURES

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Metals/Currency

Table with columns for Market, High, Low, and Change. Includes sections for Metals and Currency.

Greenspan warns of mortgage giants

The Washington Post
WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan warned Congress Tuesday that the rapid growth of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac poses a threat to the stability of U.S. financial markets and urged lawmakers to address the issue while the companies are healthy, rather than wait for a crisis.

BEANS

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Construction

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transitional housing. Dr. James Hughes' expansion of his dental office in the Blue Lakes Office Park, condominiums, a \$45,000 project; and Barry Equipment & Rental's construction of a new \$3.5 million storage building for equipment at its 465 Addison Ave. W. location.

GRAINS

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Magic Valley's construction values for all permit types

Table with columns for Area, October 2003, and October 2002. Lists construction values for various areas like Gooding County, Halley, Ketchum, etc.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE No. 02-FSF-35391 NFSF35981023000

Notice is hereby given that, Fidelity National Title Trust, Inc., the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on June 11, 2004, at the hour of 10:00 AM, of said day, at the main entrance to the Alliance Title and Escrow, 311 Second Street North, Twin Falls, ID, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, to wit: Lot 6 in Block 11, of "Twin Falls Townsite," Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the Plat thereon recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but for purposes of compliance with Section 50-204, of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address is 723 2nd Ave W, Twin Falls, ID, 83401. It is sometimes associated with sold real property. Said notice will be made with or without a warranty regarding title, possession or other matters, and the obligation secured by

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Licensed general and roofing contractors may obtain Drawings and Project Manuals from the Architect, Leatham-Krohn-VanOcker Architects, 1735 Fawcett Way, Boise, Idaho 83705 (336-3444) for a refundable document deposit of \$275.00 per set. Plans and specifications will also be available for examination at the following locations:
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A pre-bid conference/walk through will be held at the project site on Tuesday, 2 March, 2004, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The agenda will include: 1. Project Overview. 2. Then proceeding to West Minidoka Middle School for Project "B". Then onto Hayburn Elementary - North Building for Project "C". Then onto the Elementary School for Project "D". Attendance is highly suggested.
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Around his part of town, even original sin is secondhand." - Edward Blishen

Since today is Ash Wednesday, let us look at one of the greatest sins in the world of bridge... or is it?

As East, defending four spades, you see declarer win the heart king, then play a heart to dummy's ace and ruff a heart with his spade ace.

After making two club tricks, you will have to choose between leading a diamond or giving a ruff and discard. Which option should you take?

Well, declarer almost certainly has 5-2-4-2 shape, missing a top diamond. If declarer has the diamond ace, you cannot avoid being endplayed in a trick or two whether you play a club or a diamond.

Suppose, then, that South has just the diamond king, but no 10 - your best chance. If you play a diamond, declarer can hardly avoid making his contract.

The best defense is to give him a ruff and discard - i.e., play a third round of clubs. Now declarer can pitch one diamond from dummy, but he must still lose two diamond tricks whatever he does.

- NORTH ♠ K J 10 2 ♥ A 7 4 2 ♦ Q 7 5 ♣ J 9
WEST ♠ 9 8 ♥ Q J 8 5 ♦ A 10 7 3 ♣ J 9 5
EAST ♠ 5 4 ♥ 10 9 6 ♦ Q ♣ A K 8 6 3 2

Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: South
The bidding: South West North East 1 ♣ Pass 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ All pass

Opening lead: Heart queen
BID WITH THE ACES 02-25-11

South holds: ♠ 5 4 ♥ 10 9 6 ♦ Q 2 ♣ A K 8 6 3 2

ANSWER: Jump to four no-trump, quantitative. This is a rough hand to judge. The degree of club fit partner has had a critical for slam, but using Cerebrot will not help you. The most useful question to ask partner is whether he is minimum or maximum, and the way to do that is to invite slam with a quantitative jump.

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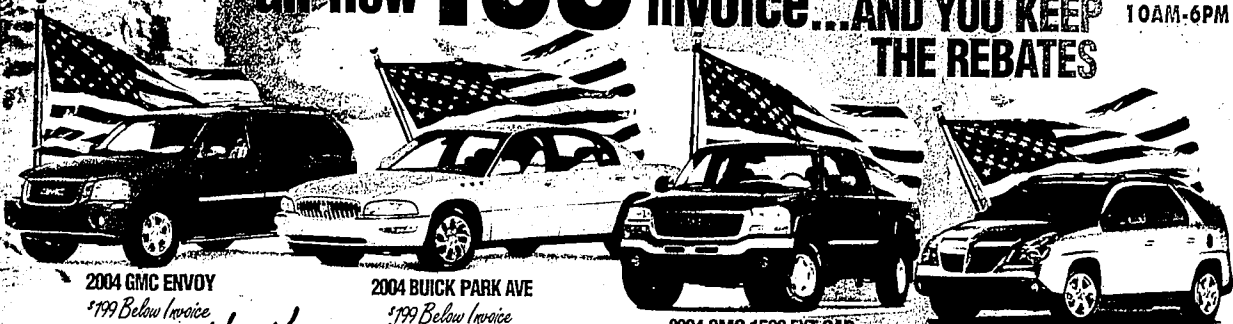
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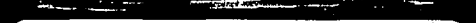
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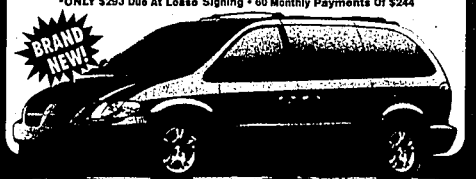
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2004 DODGE DAKOTA

Stock #4TD-087. Color: Silver • 5-Speed • Air

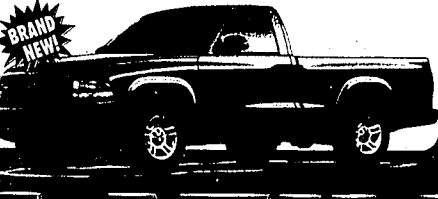
FACTORY INVOICE** \$15796

FACTORY REBATE - \$2500

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2004 DODGE HEMI 2500 QUAD CAB 4X4

Stock #4T-173. Color: White • Automatic • Cassette • Cruise • Air

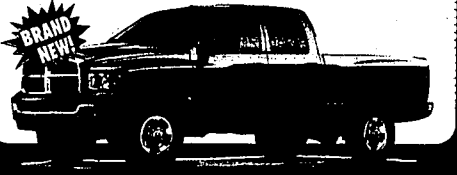
FACTORY INVOICE** \$29157

FACTORY REBATE* - \$3300

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Stock #4TC-041. Color: Silver • Automatic • Air • Power Locks

FACTORY INVOICE** \$20855

FACTORY REBATE - \$4500

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Stock #4DR-153. Color: Red • Automatic • V8 • Cruise • Power Everything

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