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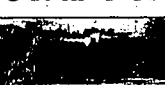
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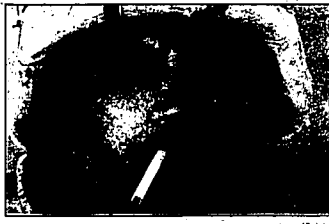
Sunni clerics call for boycott of elections

The Associated Press

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq - U.S. troops powered their way into the center of the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah on Tuesday, overwhelming small bands of guerrillas with massive force, searching homes along the city's deserted, narrow passageways and using loudspeakers to try to goad militants onto the streets.
As of Tuesday night, the fighting had killed 10 U.S. troops and two members of the Iraqi security force, the U.S. military announced. The total already equaled the 10 American military deaths when Marines besieged the city for three weeks in April.

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U.S. officials issued no estimate of insurgent casualties, but one American commander said his battalion alone had killed or wounded up to 90 guerrillas.
As the offensive moved into a second full day, up to eight attack aircraft - including jets and helicopter gunships - blasted guerrilla strongholds and raked the streets with rocket, cannon and machine-gun fire ahead of U.S. and Iraqi infantry who were ad-
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A member of Charlie Company of the U.S. Marines First Division, Eighth regiment, smokes a cigarette in Fallujah, Iraq, Tuesday.

Idaho water users mull effects of aquifer plan

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BOISE - Questions are surfacing about the so-called "straw man" proposal that a legislative committee made public last month in order to see how the public responds to tentative plans to reduce the water pumped out of the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer.
South-central Idaho canal companies are asking what kind of short-term relief they will get if they buy into the plan. Department of Water Resources Director Karl Dreher told the Idaho Water Resource Board on Tuesday. Dreher, who consults with the Expanded Interim Legislative Water Committee, expressed the board about water users' concerns at their regular monthly meeting. Legislators on the special water committee have until March 15, 2005, to get a plan in place.
Both the Twin Falls Canal and the Northside Canal companies went short during the 2004 season due to reduced spring flows at American Falls and low storage water. If the five-year drought continues and there is an unusually hot summer during 2005, the plans for restoring water to the canals in the long term by buying back junior water rights over several years won't do much good next year, explained Sen. I. David Noh, co-chairman of the special interim legislative water committee that came up with the straw man proposal.
A number of water users are concerned about what if we can't build the aquifer back up and it continues to decline," Noh said. "They're concerned about how to avoid devastation in the short term."
Out of some 160,000 water rights on file for the entire Snake River Basin with the Department of Water Resources, there are 36,857 surface and groundwater rights in the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, according to Dreher sources. But the rights to some 220,000- to 260,000-acre-feet surface in the proposal as part of the solution to aquifer restoration can come from anywhere along the Snake River drainage above Hell's Canyon. An acre-foot is enough water to cover one acre of land one foot deep.
The estimated cost is between \$80 million and \$100 million. House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, H. Hurler, said there are a number of possibilities being kicked around in private on where the money would come from.
But one possibility is putting a surcharge on groundwater pumpers. And that has worried the cost might be so high it would drive some of them out of business, Dreher said.
The Department is about to start out the process for proposals to water users in the designated area who are interested in selling their rights. From that arises another concern among water users and taxpayers alike - that the solicitation of water rights
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HALO MANIA

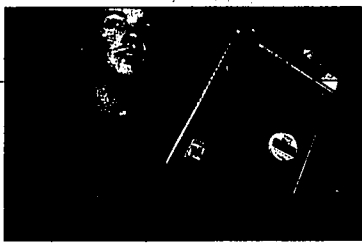


Some 160 people wait to pick-up reserved copies of Halo 2, a Microsoft Xbox game, at the Magic Valley Mall at around 12:15 a.m. Tuesday morning. Gamers started to line up at 9 p.m. Monday outside of the mall for the midnight releasing of the game.

Crowd gathers for release of video game sequel

By Karin Kowalski
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - What could lure about 160 people to line up outside Magic Valley Mall for hours on a cold night?
Was it the show's "Discounted gasoline?" Or maybe a wildly popular video game?
Fans of Halo 2 braved temperatures in the upper 30s to buy or pick up reserved copies of the Xbox game as soon as it was available at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday.
Caleb Holloway, 19, of Piler, was the first in line. He started waiting outside the mall at 8:30 p.m. Monday. His plan was to get the game, go home and play it. "As much as possible until I get too tired," he said.
There's something addictive about the futuristic first-person shooter game. The main character is a cyborg soldier called the Master Chief, who fights off evil aliens.
Blake Arrington, 22, of Jerome, said the great thing about the game is that players can work together to conquer the world, then they have to conquer each other. The game can be hooked up for 16 players and online games.
The popularity of the original Halo led to more than 1.5 million fans leaving deposits to be assured copies of the \$50 game.
Representatives of Game Stop at the mall did not release sales information, although the store was open until 2 a.m. It reopened at 8 a.m. to steady business Tuesday.
Hastings Entertainment also had a midnight release party for the game. The store served about 30 or 40 people, said Joe Talney, the store's manager.
People in the mall's line, mostly young men, made no bones about it - the Monday night release was a geeks' gathering.
"This is the line for Star Wars" one of them quipped.
Richard Sabey, 17, of Kimberly, stayed warm by wearing a Brigham Young University sweatshirt.
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Jordan Lundgren, 17, of Jerome holds a copy of Halo 2, which he paid for in advance, before leaving the Magic Valley Mall parking lot early Tuesday morning.

Potato growers unite in what may be last stand for survival

The Associated Press

BOISE - Hundreds of Idaho growers, who provide about one of every five potatoes Americans eat in restaurants or buy in stores, are banding together in an unprecedented show of cooperation to prop up prices.
The cooperation is necessary, they say, to reverse a depressed market before it pushes even more of them off the land.
"We've lost half the potato farms in Idaho in the last decade," said David Beesley, who grows about 400 acres of potatoes in eastern Idaho's Upper Snake River Valley.
"With last year's pricing the way it's slinking things up, we could probably lose another third," Beesley said. "The industry's over on its knees."
Over 400 growers, who sold over 2 billion pounds of Idaho potatoes to the fresh market last year, have formed a new cooperative whose members have agreed to sell for nothing less than the weekly price set by the group's own economists and statisticians.
It's not the first time growers have looked for ways to boost a market that has covered their production costs - about \$5 per hundred pounds - only three times in the last 15 years.
Consumer demand for potatoes hasn't fluctuated more than 2 percentage points in any year for the past two decades,

despite aggressive marketing campaigns. Production costs have steadily risen and could jump as much as a third in the coming year because of increased fuel prices.
"Times are tough," said Keith Frank of the Potato Growers of Idaho. "Prices have been low for so long now, they have started feeling the pain right along with the rest of the growers."
Formed a week ago, the United Fresh Potato Growers of Idaho will issue its second price directive on Wednesday. The first sent out a week ago - calling for members to hold out for prices modestly higher than they were running - has had an effect.
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Rabid skunk attacks Gooding teenager

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Gooding and Wendell residents might want to think twice before getting too close to that skunk in the yard.
A local teenager was attacked by a rabid skunk Thursday, according to South Central District Health.
It was the first rabid skunk ever diagnosed in Idaho, Karin Frodin, a nurse epidemiologist at the agency, said Tuesday.
The teenager was attacked in her backyard in broad daylight, according to the agency. Four days later, the Idaho State Laboratory reported the skunk had tested positive for rabies.
The teenager is under treatment to prevent the disease and is doing fine, the agency said.

Rabies is a fatal viral infection that affects the brain. It is spread in the saliva of an infected animal during a bite, but any contact with saliva or blood from an infected animal could transmit the disease.
"Make sure you have your pet vaccinated," Frodin said. "If people come into contact with any animal that is acting unusual, they need to notify their local health department."
If you do get bit, wash the bite with soap and water to get it as clean as you can and contact your physician immediately.
There is the possibility the rabid skunk in Gooding County could have spread rabies to other domestic or wild animals.
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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cool with cloudy periods. Highs from 52 to 58. Tonight: Cloudy with a chance of rain moving into the area. Lows from 32 to 38. Tomorrow: Break with rain showers likely. Rain mixing with snow possible. Highs from 50 to 56.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy with a slight chance of rain showers. Highs from 52 to 58. Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a few light rain showers possible. Lows from 31 to 37. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with lingering precipitation chances. Highs from 50 to 50.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cloudy skies are expected through Thursday along with a slight chance of rain and snow showers. Drier conditions are expected to move in on Friday.

Today Highs 38 to 51; Lows 24 to 32. Boise: Cool temperatures, cloudy skies and a slight chance of rain will linger across the area through Thursday. Drier conditions and clearing skies are expected to finish out the week.

NORTHERN UTAH Rain and snow are expected to continue through weeks end. High temperatures and partly cloudy skies will prevail.



Weather Key: Sun/Storm: 56 at Lewiston; Low: 10 at Stanley. Winter Key: Sun/Storm: 56 at Lewiston; Low: 10 at Stanley.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 55, Low 35, 53/30, 49/29, 45/28, increasing clouds).

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, HI/LO/Prep. Lists weather for Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Lewiston, Pocatello, Rupert, Shoshone, Teton, Twin Falls, and Yellowstone.

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Table with 6 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

MOON PHASES

Table with 4 columns: Nov 12, Nov 19, Nov 26, Dec 3. Shows moon phases: New Moon, First Cr., Full Moon, Last Cr.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table with 2 columns: Thursday, Friday. Shows Moonrise and Moonset times.

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Table with 2 columns: Low, Moderate, High. Shows U.V. index levels and protection needed.

REGIONAL FORECAST

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NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various cities across the United States.

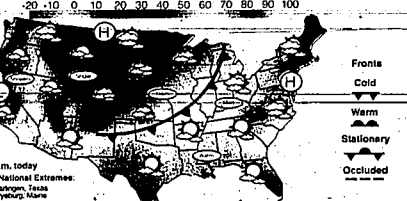
WORLD FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various cities across the world.

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Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various cities in Canada.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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Halo

Continued from A1. He's a veteran of late-night releases, having gone to see Lord of the Rings Return of the King at midnight. He first bought Halo at a friends house, then bought his own Xbox and got hooked on the game. He throws Halo parties on weekends so friends can get together and play.

He plays Halo with his son and said the son enjoys beating him. The midnight release event was a first for the mall, said Marketing Director Shellien Gilliland. The closest thing the mall has done is early openings on the day after Thanksgiving. She said the game is expected to bring in more money in the first 24 hours than the best-selling movies.

Skunk

Continued from A1. In the area before a family member of the teen killed it. Skunks tend to live communally with around five to eight per den so there may be more rabid den mates roaming the area. They are attracted to readily available food sources such as dog and cat food, so it is possible skunks coming into contact with pets could transmit the rabies virus. In addition to skunks, other carriers of rabies include bats, raccoons, foxes, coyotes and other biting animals, according to South Central District Health.

Preventing rabies

South Central District Health encourages people to take the following steps to reduce their risk and control the spread of rabies. Make sure your dogs and cats are up-to-date on all vaccines, especially rabies. Avoid wildlife that does not appear to be behaving normally. Abnormal behavior in skunks includes daytime activity, aggressive behavior, convulsions and foaming at the mouth.

Nearing 57th

birth, woman gives birth to twins. New York - America's oldest new mom of twins cradled her long-awaited babes in her arms Tuesday morning, gazed at their downy heads and nibbled and burped in care of joy. 'Aren't they beautiful?' Aleta S. James, soon to turn 57, cooed at newborn daughter Francesca and son Gian, as friends and family looked on.

Water

Continued from A1. by the state might be creating an artificially high market, water resources spokesman Mike Redner said. Dreher emphasized that any water rights that the state ultimately decides to buy back will be existing rights that have sufficiently early enough priority dates to try to meet the shortages. Rights with junior priority dates won't be considered because they are at risk of being curtailed, he explained.

are questioning how much water the plan will actually cause to be restored to their depleted springs at the end of the current Snake River aquifer. Dreher said. The different water user groups are meeting frequently to negotiate agreements based upon the straw man proposal. The interim committee is hoping to have agreements firm up by mid-December so that the Legislature can begin discussing it in early January. If the Legislature approves the package, the water board would have the authority to issue bonds, said board member Leonard Beck of Burley. Legislators from other areas of the state are already questioning why their constituents should pay for water rights that fuel an almost \$1 billion southern Idaho economy. That question has prompted discussions about how much responsibility other areas of the state should bear in restoring the aquifer that starts near Ashton and ends near King Hill, Dreher said.

Potato

Continued from A1. Beesley said the price for those smaller brown potatoes sold at the biggs in markets is up to 62 1/2 cents per 10 pounds from 60 cents a week earlier. The target price was 65 cents. The impact will be limited, if felt at all on consumers since those same potatoes are already selling in retail markets for \$2 to \$3 per 10 pounds. 'What was always missing in our industry was communication and cooperation,' said Frank Muir, director of the Idaho Potato Commission. 'Sometimes they can be their own worst enemies. But in the

past year, they have seen maybe a more long-term view of the industry and not just short term terms. And as you look long term, you see you have to make some short-term corrections to achieve what you want long-term,' Muir said. While the commission is not involved in market pricing, he called the relative unity among growers a major development, one that could make this attempt to control prices more successful than all those of the past. It could be crucial to potato growers across the nation. 'All the other states base price

ing on Idaho,' Beesley said. 'It's the benchmark, and as we become weaker and weaker in our marketing strategies, the return to all the other states falls. It's wiping out a whole industry.' Grower representatives from Washington, Colorado, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Oregon and California met with organizers of the new Idaho cooperation about adopting their approach, and Idaho growers expressed some optimism that eventually a multistate federation of growers controlling an even greater share of production could date prices. Muir said the price targets

have to be reasonable and it appears from the initial recommendation last week that the growers are not trying to make up three bad years in one year.' Mike Atchley, who grows nearly 1,000 acres of potatoes along wheat, canola seed and hay for his cattle near Ashton, is an independent operator who didn't get involved in the cooperative fight away. But he's giving it serious thought now. 'I don't know that there's any choice if we're going to try to make it work,' Atchley said. 'If they can turn it around, we're going to be doing that last-man-standing thing.'

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Fallujah

Continued from A1. am waiting here for the brave terrorists. Come and kill us. Plant small bombs on roadsides. Attention, attention, terrorists of Fallujah. Faced with overwhelming force, resistance in Fallujah did not appear as fierce as expected, though the top U.S. commander in Iraq said he still expected "several more days of tough urban fighting" as insurgents fell back toward the southern end of the city, perhaps for a last stand. Some U.S. military officers estimated they controlled about a third of the city. Commanders

said they had not fully secured the northern half of Fallujah but were well on their way as American and Iraqi troops searched for insurgents. U.S. and Iraqi troops captured two key landmarks Tuesday - a mosque and neighboring convention center that insurgents used for launching attacks, according to Los Angeles Times reporter embedded with U.S. forces. 'I'm surprised how quickly (resistance) broke and how quickly they ran away, a force of foreign fighters who were supposed to fight to the death,' Lt. Col. Pete Newell, a battalion commander in the 1st Infantry Division, told CNN. Newell was quoted on CNN's Web site as saying his battalion had killed or wounded 85 to 90 insurgents. The move against Fallujah prompted influential Sunni Muslims to call for a boycott of national elections set for January. A widespread boycott among Sunnis could wreck the legitimacy of the elections, seen as vital in Iraq's move to democracy. U.S. commanders have said the Fallujah invasion is the centerpiece of an attempt to secure insurgent-held areas so

voting can be held. Prime Minister Ayad Allawi declared a nighttime curfew in Baghdad and its surroundings - the first in the capital for a year - to prevent insurgents from opening up a "second front" to try to draw American forces away from Fallujah. Clashes erupted in the northern city of Mosul and near the Sunni bastion of Fallujah, which lost control in at least two cities and masked militants brandished weapons and warned merchants to close their shops. In Fallujah, U.S. troops were advancing more rapidly than in April, when insurgents fought a force of fewer than 2,000 Marines to a standstill in a three-week siege. It ended with the Americans handing over the city to a local force which lost control to Islamic militants. This time, the U.S. military has sent up to 15,000 U.S. and Iraqi troops into the battle, and U.S. forces are using anti-aircraft troops. More than 24 hours after launching the main attack, U.S. soldiers and Marines had punched through insurgent strongholds in the north and east of Fallujah, which reached the major east-west highway that bests the city.

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NATION

Bush looks anew at Alaska oil

GOP gains may make drilling possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican gains in the Senate could give President Bush his best chance yet to achieve his No. 1 energy priority — opening an oil-rich but environmentally sensitive Alaskan wildlife refuge to drilling.

If he is successful, it would be a stinging defeat for environmentalists and an energy triumph that eluded Bush his first four years in the White House. A broader agenda, that includes reviving nuclear power, preventing blackouts

and expanding oil and gas drilling in the Rockies will be more difficult to enact.

Republicans in the House and Senate said this week they plan to push for Alaska refuge drilling legislation early next year, and they predict success, given the 55-44-1 GOP Senate majority in the next Congress. Democrats and some environmental activists say continued protection of the refuge has never been as much in doubt.

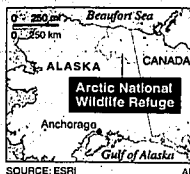
"It's probably the best chance we've had," Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., chairman of the House Resources Committee and a vocal drilling advocate, said in an interview.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said he will press to open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) as part of the government's budget deliberations early in 2005. That would enable drilling proponents to skirt an otherwise certain Democratic-led filibuster that would be difficult to overcome.

"With oil trading at nearly \$50 a barrel, the case for ANWR is more compelling than ever," said Domenici. "We have the technology to develop oil without harming the environment and wildlife."

Drilling prioritized

President Bush may try to open an oil-rich but environmentally sensitive Alaskan wildlife refuge to drilling.



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Ashcroft, Evans leave Cabinet

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft, a favorite of conservatives, and Commerce Secretary Don Evans, one of President Bush's closest friends, resigned Tuesday, the first members of the Cabinet to leave as Bush heads from re-election into his second term.

Both Ashcroft and Evans have served in Bush's Cabinet from the start of the administration. Ashcroft, in a five-page, handwritten letter to Bush, said: "The objective of securing the safety of Americans from crime and terror has been achieved."

"Yet I believe that the Department of Justice would be well served by new leadership and fresh inspiration," said Ashcroft, whose health problems earlier this year resulted in removal of his gall bladder.

"I believe that my energies and talents should be directed toward other challenging horizons," he said. Ashcroft's letter was dated Nov. 2, Election Day. Evans, a longtime friend from Texas, wrote Bush, "While the promise of your second term shines bright, I have concluded with deep regret that it is time for me to return home."

Two Bush cabinet members resign

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Ashcroft

1985-93: Governor of Missouri
1995-Jan. 2001: U.S. Senate
2001-04: Attorney General of the United States

Education
Yale University, 1964
J.D. University of Chicago, 1967
Family
Married with three children, one grandchild

Don Evans, 58
Career
1975-00: Tom Brown Inc., a large independent energy company.



Evans

worked his way up to becoming CEO
2001-04: Secretary of Commerce
Education
University of Texas at Austin; B.S. Mechanical engineering, 1969; M.B.A., 1973

Family
Married with three children, one grandchild

Ashcroft's legacy — A4

tion with honor, distinction, and integrity." Bush's farewell to Evans was more effusive and more personal, fitting to their more than three decades of friendship dating to the oil business in Midland, Texas, where they

would attend church together and meet every day for a three-mile jog.

"Don Evans is one of my most trusted friends and advisers," Bush said. "Don has worked to advance economic security and prosperity for all Americans. He has worked steadfastly to make sure America continues to be the best place in the world to do business."

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SUPER PILL?

Study: New diet drug helps keep weight off

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The first new diet pill found that people not only lost weight but kept it off for two years, longer than any other diet drug has been able to achieve, scientists reported Tuesday.

In tests on more than 3,000 people throughout the United States and Canada, those who were given the flier of two doses of the drug lost more than 5 percent of their initial body weight, and a third of them lost more than 10 percent.

"They achieved and maintained a weight loss of 19 pounds as compared to 5.1 pounds in the placebo group," said Dr. P-Xavier Pi-Sunyer of Columbia University in New York, who led the study and presented results at an American Heart Association conference.

Those who got the lower dose fared just slightly better than those given fake pills. About a third of them lost 5 percent of their weight and about one-fifth lost 10 percent.

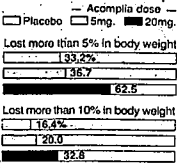
The drug's maker, the French pharmaceutical firm Sanofi-Aventis, has named the drug Acipimola and plans to seek federal approval for it next year.

It's the first aimed at blocking the "pleasure center" of the brain and interfering with the

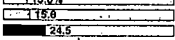
Diet pill shows promise

A new drug developed by Sanofi-Aventis promises to help people lose weight and quit smoking by targeting the "pleasure center" of the brain. In a study of 3,040 obese people, the drug, Acipimola, helped them lose up to an average of 19 pounds and keep it off for a year and a half.

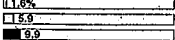
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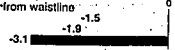
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cycle of craving and satisfaction that drives many compulsive behaviors and addictions.

"What we have here now is essentially a brand new mechanism to treat an epidemic of staggering progression," said Dr. Douglas Greene, vice president of regulatory affairs for Sanofi-Aventis.

"The results are very encouraging. The safety profile looks good. It seems like people toler-

ate the medication," said Dr. Sidney C. Smith Jr., a University of North Carolina cardiologist who had no role in the study.

"It would be nice if this could be used as a jump-start to get people to permanently change lifestyle habits so they didn't have to depend on a drug for the benefits," he said. "The more we can change behavior and modify risk factors in that manner, the better."

9-11 attacks shaped Ashcroft

WASHINGTON (AP) — During his nearly four years as attorney general, John Ashcroft was a willing lightning rod for critics who said he got tough policies for thwarting terrorism infringed on the rights of innocent people.

Ashcroft, 62, championed many of the most controversial government actions following the Sept. 11 attacks, most notably the Patriot Act. It bolstered FBI surveillance powers, increased use of material witness warrants to hold suspects incommunicado for months and allowed secret proceedings in terrorist-related immigration cases.

Democrats, the American Civil Liberties Union and other critics said Ashcroft used the threat posed by al-Qaida to weaken privacy and civil liberties protections and to unfairly cast suspicion on all Muslims and Arab-Americans.

Ashcroft described his efforts as essential to thwarting a diabolical foe that would stop at nothing to attack the United States.

"We have been criticized for these tough tactics. But we will continue to use every means within the Constitution to deter, disrupt and destroy terrorist threats," he said in testimony to Congress.

Wives and associates have described Ashcroft as worn down by the war on terror. Stress was a factor in Ashcroft's health problems earlier this year that resulted in removal of his gall bladder.

In a letter Tuesday to Justice Department employees, Ashcroft hinted at the strain: "For the past three years, my every working day has begun with a report — a catalog of the murderous acts being plotted against Americans."



John Ashcroft

President Bush tapped Ashcroft for the nation's top law enforcement job after he lost his 2000 Senate re-election bid to an opponent.

Former Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan — who had died weeks earlier in a plane crash — A preacher's son and a former Missouri governor, Ashcroft was a favorite of the religious conservatives who make up a key part of the Republican political base.

But his nomination was controversial from the start, with opponents in the Senate focusing on Ashcroft's steadfast opposition to abortion and his record on racial issues. He eventually was approved by a 58-42 vote, the narrowest margin of any of Bush's original Cabinet members.

Before the Sept. 11 attacks, Ashcroft's main initiatives involved increasing prosecution of gun crimes and bolstering the war on illicit drugs. His focus shifted dramatically after the attacks.

After designing the Patriot Act and helping push it through

Congress, Ashcroft urged his prosecutors to use every legal tool imaginable to stop operatives before they could launch attacks.

"I tell everyone to think outside the box, but not outside the Constitution," was Ashcroft's oft-repeated mantra.

The strategy resulted in few convictions "on terrorism charges." Instead, suspects were charged with lesser crimes so they could be taken off the streets more quickly. The Justice Department said 368 people had been charged in terrorism-related cases since the Sept. 11 attacks, with 194 convictions.

Like Bush, Ashcroft stuck to conservative positions on a wide range of other issues. He sought to limit judges' flexibility to reduce criminal sentences, to have the federal death penalty applied more uniformly nationwide and targeted Internet pornography for high-profile crackdowns.

He approved court actions seeking abortion records despite criticism that they were an improper invasion of privacy. And he pushed for tougher sentences while scoffing at critics who worried about overpopulating prisons.

"The underlying cause of crime in America is criminals," Ashcroft frequently said.

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NATION

Judge removes juror in Peterson case

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — A juror in the Scott Peterson murder trial who apparently did her own research on the case was removed and replaced with an alternate Tuesday, and the judge ordered the panel to "start all over again" with their deliberations.

"We're going to send you back. Start all over again and keep in touch," Judge Alfred A. Delucchi told the panel on the fifth day of deliberations. It was not immediately clear

what the woman, a retired utility company employee, specifically did to get kicked off the jury. But a source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity that she had apparently disobeyed the judge's orders to consider only the evidence presented at the trial. "You must decide all questions of fact in this case from the evidence received in this trial, and not from any other resource," the judge said. "The people and the defendant have

the right to a verdict reached only after full participation." The judge removed the juror after meeting behind closed doors with lawyers in the case. A day earlier, Delucchi lectured the jury about the importance of deliberating with an open mind, prompting speculation among trial observers that the panel could be reaching a deadlock.

Peterson, 32, is charged with two counts of murder in the deaths of his wife, Laci, and the

fetus she carried. Prosecutors claim Peterson killed Laci around Christmas Eve 2002, then dumped her weighted body from his boat into San Francisco Bay. The jury has two choices should they decide to convict Peterson — first- or second-degree murder. A first-degree conviction would mean jurors believe Peterson planned the killings in advance, and it could carry the death penalty of life without parole.

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Airlines agree to test water

WASHINGTON (AP) — New water quality inspections on airliners were initiated Tuesday by the Environmental Protection Agency in response to the discovery of coliform bacteria in the drinking water of one in every eight planes it tested. The agency said it will randomly test 169 domestic and international passenger aircraft at 14 airports throughout the United States and will publish the results in January.

In addition, EPA announced that 12 major airlines have agreed to conduct more tests of their own on aircraft drinking water and disinfection procedures. The agreement also requires that the drinking water systems aboard planes be flushed every three months.

The increased random inspections by government officials are in accordance with commitments from U.S. passenger airlines to implement new aircraft water testing and disinfection protocols, EPA said.

In August and September, the EPA tested drinking water aboard 158 randomly selected domestic and international passenger aircraft and found that 12.6 percent did not meet federal standards.

Twenty of the planes that were tested — which ranged from small commuter aircraft and turboprops to jetliners — tested negative for total coliform bacteria, signaling the possible presence of other harmful bacteria. Two planes tested positive for E. coli bacteria, which can cause gastrointestinal illness if it is severe enough.

EPA officials have advised passengers whose immune systems are compromised to avoid drinking water from airplane galleys or lavatories.

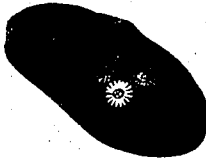
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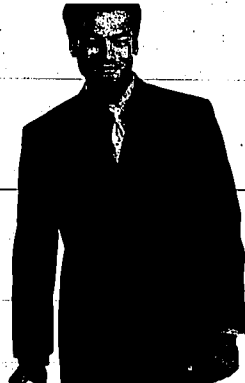


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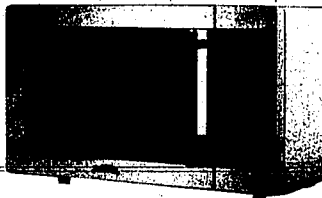
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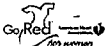
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Firm will make flu vaccine on year-round basis

The-Associated-Press

The nation's sole flu shot supplier said Tuesday it had won a federal contract to move toward year-round vaccine production, a step that should mean faster action if a new killer flu emerges.

The \$10 million contract to Aventis Pasteur, the vaccine division of French-based Sanofi-Aventis, comes just two days before the world's vaccine makers gather in Geneva to plan how to respond to a pandemic.

Flu vaccine is made from chicken eggs that are produced on a seasonal basis. The contract will allow Aventis to maintain chicken flocks that are laying eggs year-round. That would ensure a constant supply of eggs that could be used to make a new vaccine if one were needed in a hurry to fight a new deadly strain.

The new contract will have no effect on the current flu shot shortage, but experts believe it will help address a more dangerous threat — a flu strain for which people have no immunity.

The company also will make a potential pandemic vaccine once a year from a virus identified by federal health officials that can be held in reserve in case a worldwide epidemic emerged.

Aventis already has made 8,000 doses of an experimental "bird flu" vaccine to be tested in people early next year and another 2 million doses to be held in bulk in case the worrisome outbreaks in Asia become more widespread.

The company already is involved in multiple pandemic vaccine development efforts in Europe and the United States and would welcome the chance to make similar arrangements for year-round flu shots in other countries, said a statement from Aventis chairman David J. Williams.

EDITORIAL

Pauls still hasn't served her time for murder role

If convicted murder accomplice Autumn Marie Pauls thought she had earned a "get-out-of-jail-free" card, she got a rude awakening last Thursday.

The Idaho Court of Appeals ruled that Pauls will be sentenced again to the fifth District Court now that she's 21. Pauls pleaded guilty three years ago to first-degree murder, when she helped her aunt murder Aleta Diane Ray.

Then 5th District Judge Roger Burdick sentenced Pauls to juvenile corrections as part of her penalty, since she was 15 when the murder took place. Since then, juvenile officials have reported Pauls' successful rehabilitation and recommended that she be freed on probation.

But the state argued that it was always Burdick's intent for Pauls to serve at least six years in an adult prison after her juvenile term was up.

The three-judge appeals panel agreed with the latter, and for good reason. Pauls' role in the heinous killing goes well beyond a three-year stint in juvenile prison. The judges also determined that because Pauls was tried as an adult, her post-juvenile prison sentence can't

be ignored. Vicki Arlene Jensen recruited her niece, Pauls, in the plot to kill Ray, who was dating Jensen's estranged husband. Pauls convinced her ex-boyfriend, Matthew Pearson, to also take part in the murder. Together they pinned down Ray, so Jensen could inject her with a lethal dose of methamphetamine and insulin. They left Ray to die with her 3-year old child still in her Twin Falls home.

Jensen later got a life sentence, with no chance for parole. Pearson also got a life sentence, with no possibility for parole for 15 years.

When asked about a new sentencing, Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loebbs didn't mince words. She's not likely to get much more sympathy around here.

Under the state's minimum mandatory sentencing laws, a first-degree murder guilty plea requires at least 10 years in prison, with a maximum of life. Most importantly, this was a textbook case of premeditated murder in which the act was rehearsed and planned well in advance. Setting Pauls free after three years would be an enormous mistake. Additional prison time is certainly merited in this case.

Our view: Convicted murder accomplice Autumn Marie Pauls should serve additional time in an adult prison.

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

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LETTER

Birds, crisp air brighten morning

A morning for the birds. As if beckoning winter, this autumn morning nurtures a fierce wind, crippling the temperature to below 20 degrees.

Treaty cold to be taking a walk along the river, but the crisp air whisks a challenge I can't refuse. Upon leaving the car, I notice a magnificent bird flying just above the shoreline — a bald eagle.

Seconds later, its mate follows and, as I silently watch, they slowly meander down river oblivious to my admiration.

I turn up my collar, pull down my hat and begin to trudge along the paved trail. Numerous trees provide shelter most of the way except by the boat docks. I stop there, turn my back to the wind, adjust my flapping coat and absently look up. I find the sky filled with sea gulls riding air currents with half-folded wings. So many of them! They perform their aerobics in absolute silence, adding intrigue to their flight. I marvel

at their stamina against the cold and sense they must surely enjoy it. As I move on down the trail, the gulls seem to follow me — perhaps wondering at my plodding human steps anchored so constantly to the ground.

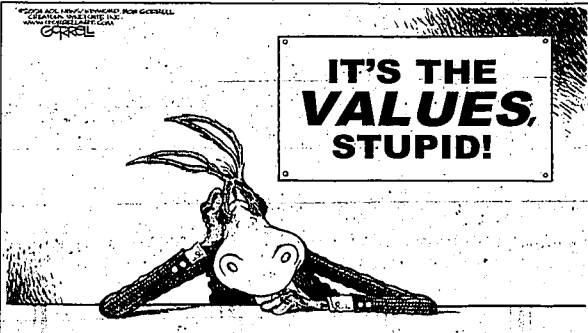
From the corner of my eye, I see distant flashes of white wings. I can tell these are quite large birds trying to fly in a "v" formation but the wind keeps blowing them out of order. As they struggle in my direction, I can't help but wonder what they are. They can't be Canadian geese, even though I see long necks. For a few moments, I watch totally entranced, then I hear it — the very soft, muted call of swans. Their mingled voices offer encouragement not just to each other but to quiet hearts on the ground. I smile as they honor me by flying directly overhead, a pure white arrow heading south.

I, too, head for home, my soul renewed with joy.
DEANN GOODWIN
Heyburn

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Bush won — get used to it

MICHAEL GOODWIN

Post. Hey, buddy, wanna hear a secret? I've heard Bush won the election.

Desperate times call for desperate measures, so we may soon need to send out smoke signals or bang on jungle drums to spread the news.

Somehow, we've got to get the word out to John Kerry supporters that their guy isn't going to be president.

They seemed to have missed the election returns. How else to explain the avalanche of puzzling demands that Bush move leftward so the polarized nation can "heal" and "come together"?

Even before all the votes were counted, dire warnings poured forth from pundits and pulpits that Bush must abandon his agenda and principles. It seems too many Americans are so upset over his win that he must become the nanny-in-chief. Or they're just gonna cry and be really, really mad.

The usual suspects, left-wing media and Democratic-affiliated groups who daily demonized Bush, are also suddenly concerned about the president's legacy. Why, he'll go down in history as the great divider if he doesn't move to their idea of the middle!

Color me confused. I thought elections were about winning and losing. You know, the old-fashioned idea that you put forth your plans and promises, the other guy does the same — then the voters decide which one to hire. The winner gets the job and the right to carry on with his plans. Indeed, he has an obligation

is loud enough. Bush clearly isn't their kind of guy, even though a majority of Americans voted for him.

That makes their demands all the more ridiculous. Especially when they come from people who bear much of the responsibility for the rancid tone of the campaign in the first place. Did any of those now warning Bush tell Kerry to stop calling him a liar about Iraq? Did they tell Michael Moore or Howard Dean to shove it?

Of course not. They encouraged the low road, thinking it would fire up the Democratic base.

There is a way for the losing side to get back into the game. Bush has already said he would work with those who share his goals — whether it's defeating terror or fixing Social Security. Those are good starting points for all Americans who care about their country.

There's something else the Bush bashers can do. They can study the election returns and spend time listening to ordinary Bush supporters about why they voted for him.

And they can ask what Democrats, having lost five of the last seven White House races, can do to connect with the heart of America.

Or they can just keep banging their heads against the wall, hoping the wall wises up.

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Pro-choicers face reality of ultrasound pix

A few weeks ago, I went to lunch at a diner with Rick Marino, a moral philosopher disguised as a home renovation contractor.

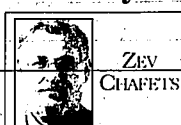
The subject turned to pregnancy and ultrasound. A decade ago, when I was having my last crop of kids, the pictures came out fuzzy. The doctor would point — "Here are the fingers" or "There is the head" — and I'd nod. In truth, I couldn't make much of the blurry images.

Today's ultrasound photos come in 3-D and color. At 18 weeks you can easily discern fingers and facial features. At seven months, you have a fully recognizable human baby. It's so clear that even a man can see it.

For a couple of hundred bucks a pregnant woman can go to the mall nowadays and have a picture taken of her baby. Or even a video with a musical soundtrack.

Rick and I were marveling over this when we were interrupted by the waitress. "You guys talking about ultrasounds?" she asked. At first I missed the edge in her voice. "Amazing, aren't they?" I asked.

"They're going to be used against women," the waitress said. She was obviously ready to sacrifice a tip to make a point. "She was right, of course. Ul-



trasond images are already changing the perception of abortion. Once, the idea of fetal humanity was a matter of religious conviction. Now, it is an observable fact. If you don't believe me, go to Google Images on the internet and type in: Ultrasound, 30 weeks.

The implications are both political and philosophical. In the new Bush administration, abortion is going to become the hottest of hot buttons. The president will probably appoint three or four Supreme Court justices. At the very least, a Bush-leaning court would probably reverse previous rulings that outlaw a federal ban on third-term abortion. Ultimately, Roe v. Wade itself may be in danger.

Obviously this is a crisis for the abortion-rights movement. It is also a problem for the Democrats. Most Americans are already queasy about third-term abortions. As ultrasound imagery improves, abortion-rights may find themselves without significant support in their own party.

Dogmatic orthodoxy on abortion is also a philosophical problem for the left. In the great moral debates of our time, they have rested their case on science, not blind belief. Lately they have taken to calling themselves "reality-based," in somewhat sneering contrast to presumably simplistic "faith-based" conservatives. The problem is, this time they are on the wrong side of science.

It is true that millions of opponents of abortion arrived at their position without the need for photographic evidence. They have always believed that human life begins at conception. But there are millions of others, neither reactionary nor religious, who have now concluded — or are in the process of concluding — that at some point, before birth, fetuses become babies, deserving of protection.

Finding that point will be the crux of the coming debate. If the abortion-rights movement wants the support of the middle-aged, socially liberal guys in the diners of America, it had better find a more convincing tone than anger — and an argument that doesn't require us to deny, on doctrinal grounds, the evidence of our own eyes.

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LETTERS

Why Bush shouldn't have been re-elected

It sure is great to be having George Bush serve as our president for another four years.

Reason 1: With his strong Christian values that he picked up from that secular Skull and Bones Society, I'm sure he would have unwavering support for the pro-life organizations (I'm pretty sure Bible study and prayer goes on inside the Skull and Bones frat houses because even the name sounds very Christian, don't you think?).

Reason 2: George Bush has demonstrated his abilities as a brilliant tactician. Conquering Iraq! Now that's getting to the root of the terrorist problem. Why bother with using spy satellites to locate those al-Qaida training camps and such?

Reason 3: With Bush having been a failed oil tycoon and Vice President Dick Cheney no longer being the chairman of Halliburton, the Iraqi people would never suspect that they are after their oil because if you're going to conquer a country you might as well take all of its resources.

Reason 4: Bush's uncanny foresight kept shining through — having Home Land Security keep an eye on us and leave the borders wide open. They why not? We could all be a potential threat to national security and the terrorists would never think of coming in from Mexico with a dirty bomb or a suitcase nuke because something that easy to pull off would spook them.

Reason 5: Bush has a contingency plan in case the terrorists do manage to attack the United States again — relocate the draft to attack Syria and Iran; and our fearless leader would also declare martial law, thereby nullifying the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. We'll show them because the draft is what the terrorists want is our freedom to be taken away from us.

Reason 6: If I ever have trouble sleeping at night I could always think of our current president's words of love and peace: "Our enemies are innovative and resourceful and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways of harming our country and our people and neither do we. That puts me to sleep every time."

AARON CLINE
Hagerman

Cartoons are offensive and anti-Christian

The political cartoons on Oct. 14 and Nov. 4 (by Pat Oliphant) are as crude and mean-spirited and anti-Christian as I have seen. They are a true reflection of the hypocritical, tolerant, loving, left-wing liberals.

The Nov. 4 cartoon depicts a headless Christian following President Bush. Yes, my head is off and in the clouds because of the great win of President Bush on Nov. 2.

The loving liberal left also has his head off in a much lower place.

J. PAT BRANCH
Kimberly

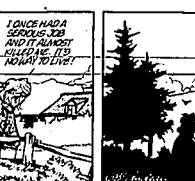
Politics aren't the only sport worth covering

I guess you have been so busy covering the Republican party that you couldn't put Saturday's football scores in the paper.

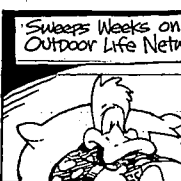
I want to thank Blaine County, where I lived for 40 years, for getting Donna Bancroft's name in the paper.

I still have my great-grandfather's soup kitchen kettle, so when George W. Bush messes up, I'll be ready.
RICHARD DAVIS
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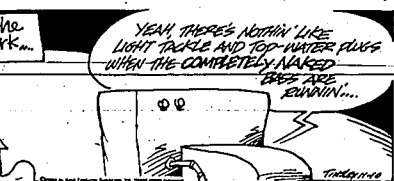
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Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



OPINION

It's hard to be humble

As President Bush gallops into a second term astride his favorite steed, "Mandate," it's hard to suppress the urge to holler: "Whoa, Ho!"

Confidence is good; conviction is fine; cocksure is even tolerable for a day or two. But hubris, as most second-term presidents and a host of fallen kings will attest, is nearly always fatal. It offends the gods.

Bush's first foray into the winner's circle following the Nov. 2 election was something shy of humble and had even supporters squinting. At a press conference, he responded to questions about what he intends to do by saying he was going to spend his political capital.

"I earned capital in the campaign," he said, "and now I intend to spend it."

As questioning continued, Bush was prickly with a couple of reporters who asked several questions within one, as they typically do. In the first instance, the question(s) went like this:

"Mr. President, thank you. As you look at your second term, how much is the war in Iraq going to cost? Do you intend to send more troops or bring troops home? And in the Middle East more broadly, do you agree with Tony Blair that revitalizing the Middle East peace process is the single most pressing political issue facing the world?"

Hardly a malevolent question. Don't we all want to know the answers to those questions? Bush answered:

"Now that I've got the will of the people at my back, I'm going to start enforcing the one-question rule. That was three questions."

Again, *Whoa, Hoos*.

Bush's bristling probably was reflective of nearly four years of repressed anger toward an often hostile press. But the man who owns the most nukes, and in whose name young Americans are dying, can afford to be charitable. Especially to people whose unappreciated job it is to hang on his every syllable, including the extra ones.

Responding to another three-part question during the same press conference, this time about bringing people together, vis-a-vis a consensus candidate for the Supreme Court or a Democrat on the cabinet, Bush responded:

"Again, you violated the one-question rule right off the bat. Obviously you didn't listen to the will of the people."

Republicans have a right to celebrate their hard-won victory. And if George W. can leap for joy clicking his heels, he should. In private. Remove the



KATHLEEN PARKER

spurs first.

In public, however, if you would serve Bush well to remember that though 51 percent of voters may have issued a mandate, another 49 percent or so begged to differ. And among those who cast their ballots in the red zone — as in red "Bush" states and regions — were a good many who voted without enthusiasm.

I'm not suggesting that Bush should go out of his way to make nice. Most of those who voted for Bush probably would applaud him if he sent the networks — among the lead dogs at press conferences who sit up front and always are called upon — to the back wall, never to be heard from again.

Given Bush's history with the current crop of reporters, four or five of whom insisted that he admit to mistakes during one recent press conference, it's easy to understand his urge to hurl a brushback pitch their way — high and inside.

Nevertheless, Bush has an opportunity to be recorded as a great president, a historic figure, if he doesn't squander what remains of American goodwill. Don't laugh. If he succeeds in Iraq and Afghanistan; if a Palestinian state evolves; and Middle East peace gets a toehold; if Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida are extinguished; if no more terrorist attacks occur on U.S. soil; if he makes strides toward balancing the budget, growing the economy, saving Social Security and improving education — and, oh, by the way, rescuing the continent of Africa from the AIDS pandemic — he'll go down as one of history's most brilliant, if accidental, presidents.

Obviously, those are formidable "ifs," but Bush would be easier to root for if he'd jump down off that high horse. People can forgive honest mistakes — failed presidential policies — are not rare — but few find it easy to forgive a bad winner.

Without a crystal ball, we may not be able to predict the outcome of the next four years, but we know this much about human nature. Pride usually goeth before a fall. We can afford neither.

Kathleen Parker is a syndicated columnist for the Orlando Sentinel. Her columns are available via e-mail at kparker@kparker.com, although she cannot respond to all mail individually.



LETTER

Thank a veteran on Thursday

On Nov. 11, Veterans Day, please take a moment to remember our soldiers fighting right now around the world for your freedom, especially those

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Idaho will use animal ID system

BOISE — The Idaho State Department of Agriculture will implement the National Animal Identification System using a recently approved \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"NAIS is a system that will enhance the efficiency of animal trace-back," said Dr. Clarence Stokoy, administrator of the Division of Animal Industries. "If we need to identify and locate exposed animals, as was necessary during last year's mad cow disease incident, the NAIS project will help create state and federal infrastructure to accomplish this objective within 40 hours."

At the present time, producers must register their animals at no charge. The agency plans to provide direct funding and producer incentives for various projects throughout the state, besides registering premises and establishing necessary data transfer procedures, many states and tribes will also conduct field trials or research in order to test and fine-tune ID technologies and collect animal movement data.

For more information on the program, call Dr. Debra Lawrence or Dr. Marilyn Simunlich at 209-332-8540.

Marine Corps banquet will be today in T.F.

TWIN FALLS — There are still a few seats left for the Marine Corps League's banquet to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps.

Tonight's celebration at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs on Blue Lakes Boulevard will begin with a social hour at 6 followed by a keynote address and the posting of the colors at 7. Dinner will be served, followed by words from guest speaker County Commissioner Bill Stockman.

Dinner is \$30 per person and money raised from the event will benefit the Marine Corps League. For more information, call George Kinslow at 733-7846 or Skip Howard at 736-0299.

Water Resources Dept. OKs applications

HAGERMAN — The Idaho Department of Water Resources approved two minimum stream flow applications intended to preserve the aesthetic beauty of Niagara Springs and Niagara Springs Creek near Hagerman.

But the applications, granted to the Idaho Water Resources Board on behalf of the people of the state of Idaho, are subject to future stream flow depletions that may result from development proposed earlier in the water right application.

As a result, additional monitoring and analysis of in-stream flows are required to determine how much water is available for minimum stream flow development proposed by the earlier applications is complete.

The Idaho Legislature must approve all Water Resource Board stream flow applications before they can be finalized.

In addition to aesthetic beauty, the water board seeks minimum stream flow water rights to protect recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat at Niagara Springs and Niagara Springs Creek.

CSI will develop new smoking survey

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho's student senate will develop an online survey to gather more input on possible smoking policies, the senate decided Monday.

The possibilities for recommendations include a smoke-free campus or a smoking ban near buildings with designated smoking shelters or areas around campus. The student senate can recommend a policy, but the college's board will have the final say.

Dean of Students Graydon Stanley said the senate hopes to have a new survey developed next week to be posted online for about two weeks. Senators are also looking at alternatives for students who don't have computer access.

"We're making sure that we have enough support before we make a decision," said Luke Braniff, the student body vice president.

— compiled from staff reports

City approves Jayco permit

By Megan Hilda
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Facing no public opposition, the city's Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday unanimously approved a special-use permit to allow a recreational vehicle manufacturer to open a Twin Falls plant.

Last month, Middlebury, Ind.-based Jayco Inc. announced its intentions to occupy the former Norco Windows building at 821 Washington St. S. The company has said it will produce by Fifth brand travel trailers and fifth-wheel campers at the Twin Falls plant, adding an initial 50 jobs to Magic Valley's economy and expected to grow to 80 jobs by next October.

The 154,000-square-foot

If you go . . .

Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency will discuss its plans to purchase the former Norco Windows property in order to lease it to Jayco Inc. at noon Friday in the City Hall conference room, 321 Second Ave. E. The meeting is open to the public.

As part of the meeting, Urban Renewal will discuss the \$500,000 federal Idaho Community Development Block Grant announced by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne Tuesday. The grant will help pay for the city's purchase of the Norco property.

Burley receives grant for sewer and water systems

Also announced Tuesday by the state was a \$499,900 Rural Idaho Initiative grant for the City of Burley.

The grant will be used to revamp the sewer and water systems and improve roadway access at the Burley/Heyburn Industrial Park, where Hogen, Utah-based Gossner Foods is building a cheese plant.

building was vacated by Norco Windows in 1997 and since has been used for a variety of purposes.

Twin Falls' Urban Renewal Agency plans to purchase the

old Norco building for \$2.4 million. A federal Idaho Community Development Block Grant — applied for by the city and announced Tuesday by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

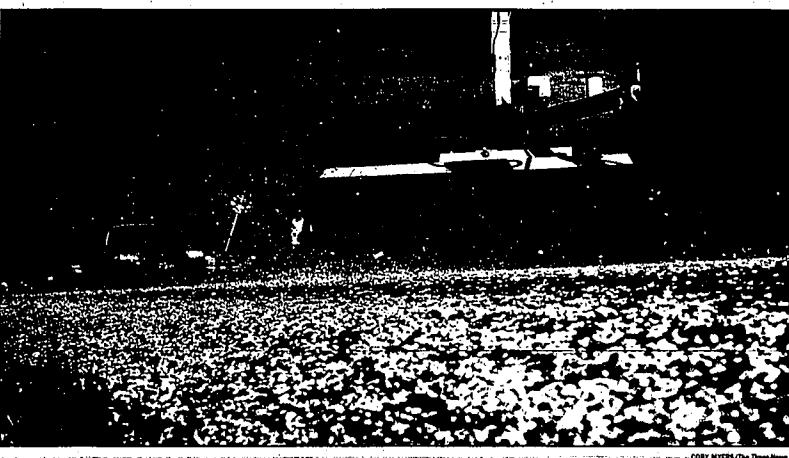
— will cover \$500,000 of that.

Jayco would sign a 10-year lease on the property — while paying property taxes on the building and land — and would have the opportunity to buy the property outright for \$1 when the lease expires. Lease payments would be the same size as Urban Renewal's loan payments.

The 14.5-acre property is zoned for light manufacturing, requiring Urban Renewal to apply for a special-use permit for Jayco to conduct heavy manufacturing there. Jayco plans to operate one shift from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with summer hours of 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. said Twin Falls economic development director Dave McAlindin. As the company adds employees, the company

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POPPED CORN



The Idaho State Police stop traffic near mile marker 173 in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 Tuesday morning as an Idaho Transportation Department truck sweeps feed corn off the highway. A 16-foot trailer carrying the corn broke off from its truck, rolled and spilled the corn about 9 a.m., stopping traffic until about 10:20 a.m.

Buhl council looks into safety, sidewalks

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — A sidewalk safety issue is on hold while city officials take a look at the big picture.

Jed Wilde, a 10-year-old Popplewell Elementary School student and his 8-year-old sister Veronica decided a sidewalk was needed on Seventh Avenue North after Jed was nearly hit by a car on his way home from school one day last month. Since the street lacks sidewalks, youngsters either walk on the pavement, across people's yards or in the borrow pit on the east side of the road.

The safety issue had been a

Council meets

The Buhl City Council will discuss safety and sidewalks at the next council meeting. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at Buhl City Hall at 203 N. Broadway.

topic in the Wilde household for about two weeks before Jed's near accident. Jed and Veronica collected more than 160 signatures on a petition asking city officials to provide sidewalks.

Buses, cars and students congest the lower five blocks of Seventh Avenue in the mornings and afternoons going to and from the nearby elemen-

tary, middle and high schools. Sidewalks would be the responsibility of the property owners on Seventh Street.

"If this is for public safety, then you need to do both sides of the street," said Fire Chief Mark Grimes.

The majority of the property on the east side of Seventh is owned by the Buhl School District. Individually owned residential lots line the west side of the street.

City officials could pass a resolution designating the area as a Limited Improvement District. Property owners would be notified that a sidewalk must be built, but would have an opportunity to appeal that decision.

"The downside of an LID is

that everyone has to approve it," said City Councilman Chuck Geska.

City officials question if the safety issue may extend beyond Seventh Avenue. Geska estimated that 25 percent of Buhl streets do not have sidewalks.

Another consideration is that "administrative costs for an LID are the same whether it is a small or a large project," said Bill Nungesser, the city's attorney. City officials decided to look at ways to address the large or sidewalk safety issue in Buhl before making any decisions.

Councilman Bob Vandewater will work with city engineer Scott Bybee — to come up with possible solutions to the problem.

Ethanol producer will reopen Simplot plant

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A major ethanol producer has agreed to reopen the plant in Heyburn under a 10-year lease with the city of Burley.

The plant, formerly operated by the J.R. Simplot Co., was given to the city along with the company's former potato processing plant in July. Since then, city officials have held several meetings to discuss the possibility of leasing the plant to an established operator.

Jim Glancey, president of Wyoming Ethanol, gave a short presentation to the City Council Tuesday before the council voted unanimously to approve the contract. Wyoming Ethanol is owned by Oklahoma-based Renova Energy.

Under the terms of the lease, which takes effect Jan. 1, 2005, Renova will lease the leased plant for a minimum of \$5,000 per month and pay 10 cents per gallon of ethanol it produces. Renova will also pay a minimum of \$10,000 per month for use of the industrial sewer plant owned by the city.

Glancey, who had a hand in construction of the plant in 1983

and its marketing for more than nine years, estimated that the plant could begin production in as little as four months.

The plant will use whey from a planned cheese factory at the former Simplot site and other local cheese makers to produce an estimated 2 million gallons of ethanol annually. This means that revenues to the city could approach \$400,000 per year.

"I think it's a project that will be beneficial to Burley and to Heyburn," Glancey said.

City officials have indicated that all proceeds from leases of the donated property would be re-invested in superstructure, development and other upgrades to the site.

The plant is expected to create 16 "well-paying" jobs and will cost approximately \$2 million to re-fit. When it was shut down two years ago, the plant used potatoes to produce ethanol and different equipment is required to convert to using whey, Glancey said.

The announcement of the contract is another step forward for the Milk-Castilla area, coming on the heels of the groundbreaking for a Gossner Foods, Inc. Swiss cheese plant at the site. The \$20 million Gossner plant is

expected to employ some 35 workers.

"I'm grateful for the opportunities the Simplot family has given us," Councilman Dennis Curtis said. "And you can see more of them coming up here tonight."

Meetings have been held recently with a European cheese maker interested in the former Simplot facility now known as the Burley/Heyburn Industrial Park. No announcement has been made about an agreement, but the interested party is said to be proposing a plant even larger than Gossner's.

Ethanol, which can be produced from almost any fermentable substance, is added to gasoline in a variety of proportions. Fuel in Idaho is currently E-10, meaning that it contains 10 percent ethanol and 90 percent gasoline. Newer, multi-fuel vehicles can run on a mixture of 85 percent ethanol or E-85.

"My understanding is that we can supply 85 percent of our fuel needs here at home and become a little less dependent" on imported oil, Curtis said.

Glancey said there are currently four million E-85-equipped vehicles on the road and that General Motors alone plans to

produce 1.2 million more next year. E-85 vehicles are able to run on pure gasoline or E-10 fuel, but conversion of older vehicles to multi-fuel is cost prohibitive, he said.

"It would cost more to do a conversion than to turn it in and get a new vehicle," Glancey said. "While it's less expensive than pure gasoline or E-10, the higher ethanol fuel offers a higher octane rating," Glancey said. E-85 has an octane rating of 105.

Ethanol fuels also create fewer emissions, Glancey said that E-10 produces 30 percent less harmful gas than pure gasoline.

The plant will run a 350-horsepower boiler and have a smoke stack that will be subject to Department of Environmental Quality regulation. But Glancey said pollution from the plant will be more than offset by the use of ethanol, meaning that overall, air quality in the area will improve.

Mayor Jon Anderson said that contract was the result of hard work on the part of a number of interests and thanked Glancey in particular for his help.

This is not something that's just happened tonight," Anderson said. "I appreciate all your efforts to get to this point."

Notoriety causes jury selection problems

By Gary Stivers
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Fifth District Court Judge Barry Wood expressed concern Tuesday during the seventh pretrial hearing for 17-year-old Sarah Johnson that her upcoming double murder trial may draw down the number of jurors available for other trials in coming years.

A total of 100 potential jurors will be selected in order to find jurors who haven't formed an opinion on whether the defendant is guilty in the case removes all doubt about the teenager, who is accused of slaying her parents, to death, in the family's Belle-

ve home on Sept. 2, 2003.

Diane Johnson was shown in her bed, authorities say — and Alan Johnson was shot while showering. Body died instantly. Officers say they found Sarah Johnson's robe and a pair of rubber gloves in the family garbage can.

There is little chance the case would deplete Blaine County's jury pool, but notoriety surrounding the case will make it difficult to find 12 impartial jurors and four alternates, said Clerk of the District Court Marcia Reimann.

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CALF NAP



A calf naps in a pasture near Bakersfield, Calif., on Tuesday.

BLM prepares to sell oil, gas leases in Colorado, spurring protests

DENVER (AP) — Environmentalists said the auction Tuesday of oil and gas leases on about 48,000 acres of federal land in western Colorado further endangers the state's pristine areas.

The BLM's decision can be appealed to the Interior Board of Lands Appeal in Washington, D.C. The agency's recent auction of leases of oil and gas drilling in western Colorado has spurred a flurry of protests.

Climate expert says Western drought could linger for years

DENVER (AP) — A government climate researcher is predicting that the five-year Western drought could linger for several more years and likely frequent droughts are likely.

of the Geological Society of America. Colorado River flows at Lee's Ferry were lower between 2000 and 2004 than in any other five-year period since record keeping began in 1931.

governors' Association said the United States needs a national policy so it can respond to drought in a swift, coordinated fashion.

SERVICES

Donzel Jack "Skip" Runyan of Gooding, funeral at 3:30 p.m. today at the Gooding High School (Demaray Funeral Service).

Shirley Arnold of Kuna, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Meridian's Chapel of the Chimes Funeral Home.

Mary L. Onelda of Shoshone, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Demaray's Shoshone Chapel, 404 W. B St., Shoshone.

DeAnne F. Thomas of Hagerman, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Hagerman Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E.

Karen Ann Hatfield funeral at 10 a.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 300 Bridgercrest, Sagle, 76179 (Greenwood Funeral Home).

Manuel "Manny" Veiga JEROME — Manuel "Manny" Veiga, 51, of Jerome, died Nov. 4, 2004, at his home.

Floyd E. Miller, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Filer Memorial Church, Filer (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Gwen Jacobsen HEYBURN — Ruth Gwen Jacobsen, an 83-year-old resident of Heyburn, formerly of Jerome, died Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Elezazar Artega Ceja of Paul, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Burpert, with a rosary to be recited at 6 p.m. today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Ruptert Chapel).

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Leonor Smith - Oakley

Leonor Smith, a 79-year-old resident of Oakley, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, at the Warren House in Burley.



and grandmother and was a wonderful sister and daughter. She liked to travel, bowl, fish and crochet.

(Maria) Smith and Ira James (Jonick) Smith both of Las Vegas, Nev., and Lori Ste (Scott) Emery of Oakley; two sisters, Lily Hendricks of Rupert and Lynn Hulser of Ogden, Utah; two brothers, Charles (Nancy) Warner of Shoshone, Idaho, and Orlando "Toby" Warner of Hawthorne, Nev.; 37 grandchildren; and 51 great-grandchildren.

Lewis and Clark re-enactors return

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Lewis and Clark re-enactors are enjoying naps, cold beer at home and a little time with their families now that they've paused their expedition for the winter.

engine-on their wooden-boats and cell phones — they also had a tight schedule, timed for dozens of educational appearances while they traveled 1,370 miles.

Camp — Lakota-Indian-who lives on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota — said he believes the true history of American Indians still remains unknown to many.

A core group of about a dozen re-enactors traveled the bulk of this year's journey and 200 of the group's 315 members nationwide took turns joining in for part of the travels.

He said the re-enactors were met in communities with pancake, breakfasts, barbecues — even offers of help with laundry.

Norman Bowes, 65, of Maryland Heights, Mo., said the re-enactors endured hardships in the outdoors, as the explorers rarely had.

Groups sue over Yellowstone snowmobile paths

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Environmental groups have filed a lawsuit over the National Park Service's plan for allowing snowmobiles in Yellowstone National Park for the next three winters.

The lawsuit was filed last week in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., after the Park Service issued a finding of no significant impact for its winter use plans, an attorney said.

turn a phone call Tuesday. Beginning this winter, the Park Service plans to allow up to 720 guided snowmobiles each day into Yellowstone and 140 snowmobiles, with no guiding requirement, in Grand Teton National Park and on the parkway connecting the parks.

The groups claim the government failed to take into account the effect that roads groomed for snow machines have on the park's particularly hison, under the temporary plan.

The groups are asking the judge to prevent officials from implementing the plan and to stop trail grooming "in some or all of Yellowstone until there is compliance with snow machine laws and Park Service policies.

Nearly all snowmobiles will have to meet standards as cleaner, quieter machines. The plan would be in place through the winter of 2006-07.

Test results prove unhelpful in murder case

POCATELLO (AP) — Preliminary results from laboratory tests have not helped investigators solve the September murder of a young woman.

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Burley OKs new noise ordinance

By Chip Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The thumping bass from cars fitted with subwoofers and powerful amplifiers should soon cease thanks to a noise ordinance approved Tuesday by the Burley City Council.

The council passed a scaled-down version of an ordinance borrowed from American Falls which deals with several noise issues beyond loud stereos. The final version focuses only on car stereo systems, horn, compression brakes and exhaust systems.

The issue was first raised by Tony Hart, who said he signed several citizen complaints against people with the loud systems more than six weeks ago.

Since then, the proposed ordinance has generated considerable public comment for and against.

Following a reading of the final ordinance, Hart said he was pleased with the wording and that he believed it concentrated on the issue he originally brought before the council.

Councilman Dennis Curtis was the only dissenting vote. Curtis said at previous meetings that the loud stereo systems are no more offensive than loud mufflers his generation used to install on their cars. He claims that every generation finds fault with certain youth activities and fads.

"There's different noises that are offensive to different people," Curtis said after reading a letter criticizing the noise from home basketball hoops. "Where do we stop?"

But councilmen and citizens who spoke or organized at previous meetings overwhelmingly agreed that the loud systems needed to be curbed.

"Sure there are other things that offend people and there are other ways to handle them," Hart said, adding that he thinks the ordinance is right on the mark.

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Last we know: A public noise ordinance was proposed Oct. 5 at the Burley City Council meeting but failed to get enough council support to pass after a single reading. It was agreed to bring it back for further readings before taking a vote.

The latest: A third reading Tuesday of a scaled-down version of the ordinance, which concentrates on loud car stereos, exhaust and horns, garnered support.

What's next: The ordinance will be effective following publication.

Burley's noise ordinance

The following constitute infractions of the ordinance and will result in a fixed \$50 fine:

- The frequent, repetitive or continuous sounding of any horn or siren attached to a motor vehicle except as a warning danger or as specifically permitted or required by law.
- The use of motor vehicles with

- but mufflers and the use of engine or compression brakes on commercial semi-tractor trucks or other diesel powered vehicles.
- Sound from motor vehicle sound systems such as tape players, radios and compact disc players operated at a volume so as to be audible greater than 50 feet from the vehicle itself.

Some citizens expressed concern that the inclusion of those things might affect auto repair shops or organized at previous meetings overwhelmingly agreed that the loud systems needed to be curbed.

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After discussions with law enforcement officials, City Attorney Randy Stone said each of the additional items were covered by existing laws and didn't need to be included in the final version of the ordinance.

The ordinance, which allows a fixed fine of \$50 per infraction, will go into effect after it is published according to state law.

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Woman gets probation after serving 15 months

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A woman has been placed on supervised probation after serving 15 months in connection with the drowning death of an autistic child in her home.

"I thank the court for a chance to learn to change," Denise Whitte told 1st District Judge John Mitchell after he agreed to release the 35-year-old woman on probation.

Whitte had faced the possibility of completing a 10-year prison term without any possibility of parole for nearly seven more years for her role as legal guardian of Elizabeth Goodwin.

In suspending the rest of her sentence, Mitchell ordered Whitte to undergo counseling

and therapy, find full-time work and perform 100 hours of community service. She is barred from having contact with any children.

The judge ordered her husband, James, 37, to spend another six months behind bars before his case is again reviewed.

The Whites pleaded guilty to failing to supervise a child after the 6-year-old girl drowned two years ago in the bathtub in their home. Denise Whitte claimed she had turned away only a moment from the child and when she came back the girl was face down in six inches of water.

James Whitte was accused of allowing the girl's leg to be broken 19 months before her death.

The Whites signed a private agreement with Emily Goodwin in 2000 to become the guardians of Goodwin's three children — Elizabeth, Ethan and Blake.

Ethan and Blake Goodwin are now in foster care.

Goodwin met the Whites through a local church and initiated the custody agreement because she was suffering from depression. She later moved to New Orleans.

Because the Whites were the legal guardians and not foster parents assigned through the state, they did not face criminal background screenings, and state officials had limited authority to monitor the children.

Mount Rainier shakes with quake under crater

SEATTLE (AP) — Mount Rainier shook with a 3.2-magnitude earthquake under the volcanic crater, but scientists said Tuesday that the quake is not related to activity at Mount St. Helens and does not signal an eruption soon.

The small quake at 11:23 a.m. Sunday was centered about 1 mile below the surface of Rainier's volcanic crater, said Bill Steele, coordinator of the Pacific Northwest Seismograph Network at the University of Washington.

"Directly under the volcano, that's a significant site," Steele said. One other 3.2-magnitude quake has been recorded at the mountain in the past 30 years: on Feb. 19, 2002.

"Sunday's quake occurred within a cluster of 17 to 18 shallow tremors, most of which occurred over several hours, he said.

"This doesn't mean there's an increased chance of eruption, but we will watch it carefully," Steele said.

Steele said quake activity at Rainier has increased over normal levels in recent weeks. Five quakes greater than magnitude 2.0 were recorded Oct. 25-31.

But Mount Rainier calmed down Monday and has been "blessedly quiet" since, he said.

Scientists are watching for continuing earthquakes near the volcano's surface as a particular type of seismic activity that results from fluid moving through rocks. Those clues might signal an eruption, Steele said.

"Mount Rainier has been quiet for a long time and it would take a lot of pounding away from magma (molten rock) to work its way up toward the summit," he said.

Rainier is considered the most hazardous of all Cascade Range volcanoes because debris flows could affect thousands of people living in nearby communities, he said.

"We hope to have weeks to months of warning, and perhaps even a year, but volcanoes can move pretty quickly and so we're always keeping an eye out," Steele said.

The quakes are not related to activity at Mount St. Helens, 50 miles south of Rainier, said seismologist Seth Moran at the U.S. Geological Survey's Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash.

St. Helens continued Tuesday to build its lava dome, with molten rock reaching the surface at the rate of 7 to 8 cubic meters — about one large dump-truck load — per second.

Teens arrested in killing of aquarium creatures

Los Angeles Times

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Three Long Beach middle school students have been arrested for allegedly breaking into the aquarium of the Pacific and torturing and killing two sharks and a stingray, police say.

The attack occurred sometime after 11 p.m. Sunday, when the fish were not even alive, said Perry Hampton, the aquarium's director of aquarium husbandry. Aquarium staff arrived early Monday morning and found debris in the shark habitat and the velvet black conchise stingray on the concrete pool deck. They then noticed other sharks missing.

A two-foot-long striped bamboo shark was found on the mesh covering of the bird cage next door to the shark habitat.

Cecil Fisher, who added that Michelle had been at the aquarium since it opened more than six years ago. Leaving a shark or ray out of water would stress them, Hampton said, like "choking a person of water."

Aquarium officials said the fish were also stabbed or poked with plastic pipes.

Another shark — a leopard shark — suffered superficial wounds suggesting it also had been struck with a pipe, and three or four other small sharks had been tossed into the large shark tank, where they survived but could have been eaten.

Monday about 9 p.m., a security guard called police after spotting a boy dropping over an 8-foot chain link fence into the shark lagoon area. The boy and three other teenagers were charged with trespassing along Shoreline Drive and Long Beach Police Sgt. David Cannon

the Sunday attack were being held Tuesday at a juvenile facility on suspicion of felony animal cruelty and conspiracy to commit animal cruelty, and misdemeanor trespassing, Cannon said.

The fourth teenager apparently was not present during the Sunday night attack and was being held on the felony conspiracy charge.

Police said the suspects have no previous criminal records. Cannon said he could not recall much else about them other than to say they were "cooperating" with investigators.

The Los Angeles district attorney's office will decide about filing criminal charges against the suspects.

That animals would be attacked in the aquarium's most popular exhibit — designed to test respect for sharks — and the fact that the fish are largely harmless to humans — seemed an especially tough blow for people who work and volunteer at the aquarium.

"It's very, very disheartening and saddening to our folks here," Hampton said. "We aren't even conceive of someone doing this."

\$52,000 grant will help local nurses

TWIN FALLS — The Health Care Development Council, a partnership of the College of Southern Idaho and Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, has been awarded a \$52,000 grant from the Idaho Alliance for Leaders in Nursing.

The funds will be used to enhance training for currently working in local healthcare settings and to expand the knowledge of new nurses in the community, according to a news release from CSI and Magic Valley Regional.

"We're going to teach veteran nurses how to coach and lead newer nurses," said Dr. Claudene Buttner, dean of CSI's Health Sciences and Human Services. "One of the key elements will be to catch the newer nurses at those vulnerable times in their careers and give them the tools and support they need to succeed in this noble profession."

Approximately \$5,000 from the grant will be used to send current nurses from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to specialized training focused on education and mentoring techniques. The remaining funds will purchase a patient simulator, or SIM-man, to be used in a lab setting at the hospital.

Grant writer Monica Kessel said 28 organizations around the state competed for the 14 grants, which were awarded. Of those, the one that went to CSI and Magic Valley Regional was the largest.

Filer holds meeting to plan centennial events

FILER — A Filer centennial planning meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Filer Public Library, 219 Main St.

The meeting's central theme will be "100 Years of Memories." Events and fund-raisers will be discussed. Everyone is encouraged to attend and share ideas — give input and provide background on the city's first 100 years.

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SUV vandalizing case opens in L.A.

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — William Jensen Cottrell, a California Institute of Technology graduate student, suffers from a form of autism that makes him an arson rampage that destroyed or damaged 125 sport utility vehicles in the San Gabriel Valley last year, his defense lawyer told federal court jurors Tuesday.

The juror charged that the prosecution portrayed the boyish-looking, 24-year-old physics student as not just a willing participant, but as the bustling leader of a gang of SUV vandals that targeted the area in the name of a radical environmental group.

Those were the battle lines drawn as both sides delivered opening statements in Cottrell's trial on charges of conspiracy, arson and using a destructive device.

If convicted, he would face at least 35 years in prison.

In her remarks to the jury, Assistant U.S. Attorney Beverly Reid O'Connell outlined a chronology of events that, she said, began in the early-morning hours of Aug. 22, 2003, when Cottrell and two friends drove to a service station in Pasadena

Magic Valley in brief

The city paid a \$75,000 down payment using capital improvement sanitation funds. The total purchase price for the 2005 Peterbilt truck was \$127,052. The truck was purchased from Boise Peterbilt and replaces a 1996 model Peterbilt. The old truck will be retained by the city as a backup vehicle.

Gooding County will get new patrol vehicle

GOODING — A patrol car will soon be added to the Gooding County Sheriff's Department's fleet of vehicles.

Commissioners on Monday approved the lease/purchase agreement for a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria at a cost of \$19,400. The car, with 12,000 miles, will come equipped with everything but a police radio.

Commissioners also approved the canvass of votes for the general election presented by county Clerk Hilda Edwards. The abstract of votes showed the seven county polling stations registered 712 new voters on election day. During the last presidential race in 2000, the county registered 547 new voters. Of the 719 registered voters in the county, 5,503 ballots were cast. Voter turnout was listed at 76.23 percent. In 2000, voter turnout was 69 percent of registered voters.

Declo plans Veterans Day program and fund-raiser

DECLO — American Legion Post 144 is sponsoring a Veterans Day commemoration program, dinner and auction fund-raiser beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the conference room at Southside Electric, 90 N. Clark St., on Highway 77.

The program will feature a Veterans Day tribute by Sue Keller and Gloria West and patriotic songs performed by Steve and Debbie Blais. A 10-hour dinner catered by Farmers Corner will follow. Menu choices are baron of beef or broasted chicken quarter or a combination of half-serving of both. An auction conducted by Nick Duffey will conclude the evening.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to send care packages to military personnel currently serving in Iraq, and

'Alghanif for the 2004 Food Convoy for Idaho's veterans homes and other American Legion children's and youth programs.

Seating is limited, and RSVP is requested. For more information, call Post Commander Rodger Bovec at 678-2630 or Post Adjutant Charlotte Bossert at 436-5296 or 436-4717.

M-C Chamber will hold appreciation banquet

BURLEY — The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to hold its 11th annual Farmer-Business Appreciation Banquet Nov. 19 at the Burley Inn convention center.

The year, the Chamber will honor Dr. Joseph and Linda Peterson and Dennis Christensen for their achievements in business and Bruce Newcomb and Brent Griffin as exemplary farmers.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and reservations must be made by Nov. 17.

For more information, please call the Chamber at 679-4733.

Public hearing tonight on Declo expansion

DECLO — Cassia County and Declo officials have scheduled a public hearing tonight concerning possible changes to the city's impact area.

An action to changes in the impact area, a review of regulations that apply to the zone will also be conducted.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the hearing and provide written or oral comments on the issue.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of South Side Electric on North Clark Street.

Heburn will discuss water conservation

HEYBURN — The City Council tonight will hear a third and final public hearing on a proposed water conservation ordinance before taking a vote.

Council members will also discuss cancellation of their Nov. 24 meeting and the electric line restoration policy.

The council meets at 7 p.m. at City Hall on the corner of 18th and J streets. The meeting is open to the public.

— compiled from staff reports

SUV vandalizing case opens in L.A.

Los Angeles Times

and filled plastic bottles with gasoline for use as Molotov cocktails.

She said the attackers first struck a Mercedes-Benz dealership in Arcadia, where they spray-painted phrases such as "SUV (equus) Terrorism" and "EL" — allegedly a reference to the militant Earth Liberation Front, on the sides of SUVs.

Over the next few hours, she said, they hit dealerships in Norwalk, Duarte and West Covina, vandalizing scores of sport utility vehicles and setting fire to at least eight SUVs and a small building at one business.

According to O'Connell, Cottrell bragged about his exploits afterward to Caltech friends, who will testify for the prosecution.

"The prosecutor said Cottrell actually proposed marriage to one friend, so she would not testify against him."

Cottrell was arrested after investigators linked him to a series of e-mails he admitted sending under a pseudonym to the Los Angeles Times, claiming responsibility for the attacks and criticizing the FBI for having arrested an innocent man, a young environmental activist who was freed after four days.

Michael Mayock, Cottrell's lead defense attorney, disputed the prosecution's account of events and contended that his client was "duped" by his two friends — Tyler Johnson and Michie Oe — into thinking they would do nothing more than spray paint slogans on the cars. Johnson and Oe are officially listed as fugitives, though no charges have been brought against them.

"Bill's plan was not to commit arson but to commit vandalism for which he has not been charged, although he probably should be," Mayock said.

He told jurors the government has no evidence showing that Cottrell tossed any of the Molotov cocktails. He also said his client protested when his acquaintances set fire to the SUVs.

Though Cottrell is described by colleagues as having a brilliant mind, Mayock said he suffers from Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism that makes it difficult to read people's intentions.

Despite prosecution objections, U.S. District Judge R. Gary Klausner agreed to allow the defense to present testimony from a University of North Carolina psychologist that Cottrell has the illness.

Patty Duke released from hospital after bypass surgery

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Oscar-winning actress Patty Duke Pearce was released from Kootenai Medical Center on Tuesday after undergoing single bypass surgery.

Hospital spokeswoman Lisa Johnson said Pearce, 57, was released from the North Idaho Heart Center six days after the Nov. 3 surgery.

Pearce has lived in the Coeur d'Alene area since the early 1990s with her husband, Mike Pearce.

She is chairwoman of the Festival of Trees, an annual benefit for the heart center Nov. 26-29.

Jayco

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could add a second shift, McAlindin said.

Residential areas are adjacent to the north, south and east of the property, including one subdivision planned by Norco building co-owner David Price.

While the property is fenced and mostly unoccupied, it blocks the view of the property on three sides, the commission recommended slats be added to the east-side fence to further obstruct the view of the plant from residential areas.

Price spoke in favor of approving the permit, saying the addition of the Jayco plant to the area could be attractive to potential homebuyers who also could work at the plant.

The growth of subdivisions in southern Twin Falls has increased the traffic on

Washington Street South and the Jayco plant will further increase traffic, said City Engineer Gary Young.

Jayco anticipates the plant will handle 10 to 15 daily deliveries of materials, with nine truckloads of finished trailers leaving the plant each day, McAlindin said.

Young suggested the addition of two conditions pertaining to traffic, including the dedication of 12 feet of additional right-of-way to the plant.

Also, 670 feet of Washington Street South along the Jayco property must be widened to 37 feet by September 2006.

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WEST

Battelle wins \$4.8 billion contract to run INEEL

The Associated Press

The federal government on Tuesday awarded the \$4.8 billion contract to run the research operations at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory for the next 10 years to a consortium headed by Battelle.

The nonprofit organization based in Columbus, Ohio, teamed up with Boise-based Washington Group International Inc., BWXT Services Inc. and other research institutes to secure the contract over three other bidders including existing INEEL contractor Bechtel Corp.

It takes over from Bechtel on Jan. 1, the same day that the name shortens its name to the Idaho National Laboratory.

"We expect the Battelle Energy Alliance to bring its expertise to ensure the Idaho National Laboratory's place as a leader in energy research, homeland security, national defense and environmental programs," Gov. Dirk Kempthorne said.

With 7,000 employees, the Idaho Falls-based INEEL is eastern Idaho's largest employer.

Battelle President Carl Kohrt promised that the facility "will be synonymous with interna-

tional nuclear leadership."

The alliance will merge the two research efforts at the site — the INEEL laboratory and the Argonne National Laboratory-West — into one operation and then elevate it to a world-class status in nuclear energy research and development.

The Energy Department is still evaluating proposals for a contractor to oversee the cleanup of radioactive and other hazardous material on the 900-square-mile complex under a 1995 court-enforced agreement between the state and federal governments.

William Magwood IV, director of the Energy Department's office of nuclear energy, science and technology, said the Battelle alliance won the bid because of its proposed leadership team and the plan it proposed for achieving the site's new mission as the nation's lead facility in nuclear energy research.

But Magwood declined to discuss any details of Battelle's bid beyond saying that specific contract provisions will be negotiated in the coming days.

"It's not going to be an easy transition bringing parts of two

laboratories together," he said. "They're in charge. They can manage this lab the way they think best. But with that kind of freedom comes a lot of responsibility so we will be holding them closely to performance measures."

The contract length is double the contracts of the past two decades with an option for an additional five years. But Battelle's laboratory operations chief, Bill Madia, called it appropriate.

"To achieve this very bold vision of the Energy Department is going to take a decade to do," Madia said.

Battelle currently manages the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Washington, and in conjunction with other partners it operates the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado.

Washington Group International — currently has prime contracts at the Savannah River Site in South Carolina, the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico and the West Valley Demonstration Project in New York.

Feds reject protection for prairie dog

DENVER (AP) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rejected a request Tuesday to consider federal protection for the white-tailed prairie dog, saying there wasn't enough scientific information to warrant studying whether the animal should be placed on the federal

endangered species list.

The white-tailed prairie dog is generally found west of the Continental Divide in the sagebrush-covered swaths of land in northwestern Colorado, northeastern Utah, central and western Wyoming and in parts of Montana.

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DNA evidence clears Utah inmate of killing

DRAPER, Utah (AP) — A man who spent 19 years in a Utah prison was freed Tuesday after DNA evidence suggested he was the wrong person convicted in the rape and beating death of a 21-year-old girl.

Bruce Dallas Goodman, 54, of Culver City, Calif., walked out of prison wearing khaki pants and a borrowed brown sweater on a rainy afternoon. His first seconds of freedom in almost two decades seemed both gleeful and overwhelming.

"I'm glad it's over. I'm outta here," a smiling Goodman said to a crowd of reporters before being led to a car by two lawyers from the Rocky Mountain Innocence Center, which helped free Goodman.

He had spent more than one-third of his life in prison for the brutal murder of Sherry Ann Fales Williams of Salt Lake City. The woman was raped, sodomized, beaten to death and left bound just off an interstate exit just north of Beaver in November 1984.

Goodman, who emerged with long graying hair, a mustache and tattoo-covered arms, had long maintained his innocence. He told his lawyers he was most looking forward to tossing back a bit of whiskey and smoking a cigarette.

Goodman said he planned to move to Indiana with his girlfriend, who he met through a Web site that he made in prison and work at a grill in Michigan City.

The former inmate and his lawyers were jubilant, but some didn't think the case was so clear cut.

For prosecutors, there was enough evidence to shed reasonable doubt on the conviction, but not to exonerate Goodman of any wrongdoing.

Test on vaginal and other bodily fluids requested by the Rocky Mountain Innocence Center showed two DNA profiles at the crime scene — neither of which matched Goodman's DNA, said Josh Bowland, who represented Goodman in the latest proceedings.

The Utah Attorney General's office, which had defended the case on appeal, called for the conviction to be set aside, but made clear that the evidence did not necessarily prove Goodman wasn't guilty. They argued that the new tests only showed other people were at the crime scene, not that Goodman wasn't.



Bruce Dallas Goodman talks about his new freedom after his release from prison during an interview on Tuesday in Salt Lake City.

Beaver County Attorney Von Christensen decided Monday not to retry Goodman. He said Tuesday he wasn't positive that justice had been served, but he hoped he made the right choice.

"It's tough in the sense that the evidence showed it was just such a brutal murder," he said. "I'm still uneasy. I guess I made my decision because it seems the new DNA results create reasonable doubt."

During his 1986 trial, Goodman and two defense witnesses testified they were together in Stockton, Calif., the night Williams was found.

Goodman claimed he was in California after stealing his employer's truck, but prosecutors said the truck was found in Las Vegas the night before Williams died, and a service station attendant saw her and a man fitting Goodman's description there.

Goodman and Williams had been living together in Las Vegas, and Goodman testified she left him after the two had an argument, gathering her belongings and saying she planned to hitchhike home.

Goodman said he followed her and attempted to stop her until she reached the interstate, the last time he saw her.

Prosecutors alleged in the trial that Goodman was angered when Williams told him she was returning to her estranged husband. An employee of the Peppermill Casino in Mesquite, Nev., identified Goodman as trial as the man she saw arguing with Williams in the early hours of Nov. 30. Williams' body was found that night.

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NATION

U.S. troops work their way through Fallujah's mean streets

By Matthew McAllester
Newspaper

FALLUJAH, Iraq — A crescent moon appeared between the gray clouds that hung over Fallujah early Tuesday and from across the fields came the sound of music.

It was the Ride of the Valkyries, by Richard Wagner, booming from the loudspeakers of a Humvee. The music from a famous scene in the 1979 movie "Apocalypse Now" echoed over the rooftops of the northern edge of this now war-torn city.

Apache helicopters circled, firing Hellfire missiles through the fresh light of morning. A black flag fluttered in the breeze, the flag of the militant group now calling itself Al Qaida in Iraq. Its leader is the Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and the American military is hoping he's holed up inside the Jolan neighborhood in northwest Fallujah.

Troop-laden vehicles from the 3rd Battalion 1st Marines streamed across the desert into the city along a route made possible only hours earlier by the Abrams tanks and Bradley Fighting Vehicles of the 2nd Battalion of the 7th Cavalry Regiment which a Newsday reporter is accompanying.

Lt. Col. Jim Rainey, commander of the 2nd Battalion, had been lying down in the back of his Bradley, living by one of his maxims: "Sleep is a weapon." He described the progress of the battle.

"It's going well. Initially it was light. Kind of like I expected. They stay down at night. They know we can see them well," he said.

The insurgents are moving around the city in groups of two or three, he said, using rocket-propelled grenade launchers and Kalashnikov automatic rifles. His vehicles had been hit during the nighttime advance by several roadside bombs and RPGs, but none suffered any meaningful damage. One soldier was injured with a slight shrapnel wound to the left leg. Three Americans were killed in combat in Fallujah Tuesday overall.

"I don't think his strategy is doctrinal defense, urban defense," Rainey said, smiling at the thought of his enemy. "I think they're committed fighters who want to die fighting... There's a lot of fighting to do still."

So far, his battle group had made good progress toward the heart of the city. "We're ahead of our day schedule," he said. At about 10 a.m., Rainey and his operations officer, Maj. Tim Karcher, set off in their Bradleys through the newly secured north-south thoroughfare that the American military here has named Henry. They moved past apparently deserted houses — some damaged by explosions and gunfire, and wind-swept eucalyptus trees.

Turning on the spot, the Bradleys took a right onto another main road, Hubbs Pennsylvania, which leads into the heart of Jolan. Rainey's infantrymen of his first and second platoons have set up a base there at a pink, bombed-out building that until recently was a school.

First Lt. Daniel Kilgore, 24, of Dallas, had parked his Bradleys in an open square almost un-



U.S. Marines arrest Iraqi men at the railroad station in Fallujah, Iraq, as U.S. Army and Marine units pounded the city with air strikes and artillery Tuesday.

derneath an enormous, dust-colored water tower. There were sounds of fighting all around; but few of the soldiers seemed concerned, confident that most of the area was under the control of the 2nd Battalion and the Marines who were flooding the adjoining area.

As Kilgore was speaking about the fight he and his men had just gone through, an incoming mortar or RPG exploded about 20 yards away. James Hider, a reporter for the Times of London who was also accompanying the 2nd Battalion, cried out in pain. A fragment of metal from the explosion had torn into a part of his upper left arm, causing profuse bleeding.

A medic quickly applied a makeshift bandage to Hider's arm as he sat down on the back ramp of a Bradley. The medic said the injury was probably not serious. Rainey ordered Hider evacuated in Karcher's Bradley.

After Hider had gone, the soldiers settled down and lay on the floors of the schoolhouse and other nearby buildings, their mission accomplished for now.

Some didn't seem happy that their job seemed done.

"Hey, what other follow-up mission we got after this?" Sgt. Sean Nicholson, 33, asking a fellow soldier. Like many in the 2nd Battalion, Nicholson is a veteran of the battle in August against Shia insurgents in Najaf.

He didn't like the idea that the Marines would be the ones to pursue the enemy through the "warren-like" streets of Jolan.

"This is it," said Sgt. Douglas Queen, 26, of Chicago.

"We came all the way from Tajik for this?" Nicholson asked rhetorically, referring to the 2nd Battalion's base.

All around — all the time — explosions — large and small — broke the silence. There was the insistent pounding of the Bradley 25-millimeter cannons, the whizz of the insurgent RPGs, the crack of incoming sniper fire and the wall-shaking boom of the Abrams tank cannons.

Kilgore walked to an industrial building just south of the school where the second platoon earlier had discovered mortars piled up by the dozen. A few meters away was a blue BMW that soldiers had discovered to be packed full of explosives. They were waiting for a bomb disposal unit to

come and defuse it.

The men of the second platoon lay prone on the floor of the cinderblock building, sleeping for the few moments they could grab, oblivious to the explosions outside. Alongside one wall lay a dead Iraqi man, a piece of cloth draped over his face, shot by the platoon as they approached the building early in the morning, soldiers said.

In a nearby building, four sniper teams of two men sat in positions on the second floor overlooking an amusement park and abandoned marketplace, searching for their insurgent counterparts, whose bullets intermittently cracked through the afternoon sky.

At about 3:30 p.m., an enormous explosion shook the building and sent clouds of dust through the unfinishe windows. Everyone threw themselves to the ground.

"As night fell, a squad of soldiers went to reconnoiter another taller building in the hope that it could be used as a better sniping position.

The explosions continued.

Despite ruling, review tribunals press ahead

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) — Shackled in front of a three-member panel, Guantanamo detainees continued to go before military tribunals Tuesday despite a landmark ruling that could halt the proceedings and future trials.

would continue until further guidance is issued, Lt. Gary Flores, a spokesman for the review tribunals, said.

The decision threw into question U.S. plans to try alleged terrorists as "enemy combatants," a status that affords

them fewer legal protections under the Geneva Conventions than POWs. The some 550 prisoners at this U.S. outpost were declared enemy-combatants by the United States before they arrived in Guantanamo Bay.


A federal court in Washington ruled Monday that Salim Ahmed Hamdan, the 34-year-old Yemeni driver of Osama bin Laden, should not be tried by a military commission until its rules conform to the established code of military justice. It also said he is entitled to a hearing on whether he is a prisoner of war.

The U.S. government said it would seek a stay of that ruling and file an appeal. The hearings

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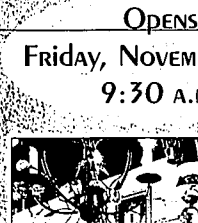
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New gold rush brews after California stem-cell measure

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A 21st-century gold rush is on in California after the voters approved \$3 billion for human embryonic stem cell research.

At least one out-of-state biotech company is already making plans to move to California. Stem cell start-up businesses are expected to emerge. And universities are hoping to recruit some of the field's brightest minds to take part in the biggest state-run research project in U.S. history.

The voters' 59 percent approval of the bond measure on Election Day represents a resounding rejection of Bush administration policy, which has sharply restricted federal funding for research that involves the destruction of human embryos.

Stem cells can potentially grow into any type of human tissue — cells could someday be used to repair crippling spinal cord injuries and treat an array of diseases, including diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

Proponents and critics alike expect the new agency created under the ballot measure, the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine, to serve as a state version of the National Institutes of Health.

But myriad questions remain to be resolved as election night euphoria gives way to the hard work of creating an agency that can dole out \$300 million a year in grants for 10 years.

No one is sure when the first dollar will be allocated or where the agency will be located, though biotechnology booster groups from San Diego to the San Francisco Bay Area are working on their sales pitches.

University of California officials said the measure will help them attract top stem cell researchers to the state and encourage talented undergraduates to enter the field.

"California will be the epicen-

Rush to research

California's Proposition 71, which voters approved on Election Day, opens the door to more stem cell research in the state.

► \$3 billion in bonds will be sold by the state to fund stem cell research in California

► California Institute for Regenerative Medicine will regulate the research and provide funding through grants and loans paid for by the bonds; no more than 50 employees

► Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee will govern the institute; the 29-member board will be appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and other state and university officials

SOURCE: California Legislative Assembly's Office
 AP
 ter of stem cell research in the future," said Dr. Edward Holmes, medical school dean at

UC-San Diego. "Many people were reticent to move into this field, but this will attract some of the best and brightest young minds."

Worcester, Mass.-based Advanced Cell Technology, said it will soon open a California laboratory so it can apply for grants. Its chief executive has already moved to the San Francisco Bay area, and the company is trying to line up financing from California investors.

"It's a very favorable environment, and this could serve as a wake-up call for the rest of the country," said Dr. Robert Lanza, Advanced Cell's research chief. Lanza also said he has been approached by California venture capitalists and other investors to launch a stem cell start-up company. He said he declined the offer.

Proposition 71 foes worry that long before any useful therapies are discovered, most of the benefits will go to venture capitalists and others with ties to the biotechnology industry, who contributed \$28 million to get the measure approved.

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Woman faces charges of having sex with 8-year-old

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — The mother of an 8-year-old boy who was allegedly sexually abused by a woman who considered him her boyfriend said she knew something was wrong when the boy began to act out at school and even threw a chair at another student.

"He tried to jump out the window at school," the woman said Monday. "He was acting out last year — all kind of stuff."

She said he would cry if he wasn't allowed to go to a neighbor's house, where he helped a 7-year-old girl with her homework and played games.

Then the woman's older son found a letter in his brother's room that shocked the family and authorities. The letter led to charges that the girl's 29-year-old mother, Tammy Imre, had engaged in sexual relations with the boy.

Imre, a divorced, part-time receptionist, has been charged with multiple offenses, including sexual assault and risk of injury to a minor. A judge set bond at \$250,000 Monday.

According to the arrest affidavit, Imre told investigators she considered the relationship "like a fantasy and she was the girlfriend and he was the boyfriend and that someday they could end up together in a relationship."

When confronted, police said Imre acknowledged having sexual acts with the third grader. In the affidavit, Imre describes kissing and fondling the boy and being in bed together naked.

Authorities said it is unclear when the alleged abuse began.

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Busy, busy, busy!
With so much to do, it's tempting to eliminate cooking from the day's priority list and succumb to another round of pizza, fast food or deli takeout.
But deep down, most of us secretly believe there's nothing more nourishing than a home-cooked meal. And certainly nothing says home like the tantalizing smells that drift from a kitchen when something delicious is cooking. These mouthwatering aromas whet the appetite and become treasured memories that can last a lifetime.

If you'd like to cook more often but think you're too busy, try the four wholesome, family-pleasing recipes on this page. They take no more than 30 minutes from start to finish and banish the myth that satisfying, home-cooked meals are beyond the reach of today's time-pressed families.

These meals start with pre-cooked smoked sausage and instant specialty potatoes to jump-start your dinner. Smoked sausage is easy to have on hand in the refrigerator, while instant potatoes, such as mashed, au gratin or scalloped, keep well in your cupboard. Convenient to use and easy to store, sausage and potato products also offer flexibility if something unexpected happens to prevent you from cooking tonight, these ingredients will keep for later in the week with no worries about spoilage or waste. These recipes liberate — so you stay in control, ensuring downtime in your time.



Western BBQ Sausage and Potatoes

QUICK & EASY

Here are more dinner-time strategies that will save you time in the kitchen.

Stock your refrigerator and cupboard with ingredients that are fully or partially prepared so you're ready to get cooking in an instant. In addition to smoked sausage and specialty potato products, frozen vegetables, packaged salad greens and bottled salad dressings are helpful to have on hand.

• For greater convenience and flavor, use smoked sausage instead of beef or chicken in stir-fries, pastas, sauces, soups and stews, and on pizzas.

• Think outside the box. You can have soup for dinner, sandwiches for dinner, even breakfast for dinner for a change of pace.

• If it's leftovers night, make it a treat by whipping up some instant flavored mashed potatoes to accompany that last bit of roast beef or chicken. Today's instant mashed potatoes taste like fresh and are the ultimate convenience food. Keep a variety of flavors on hand, such as roasted garlic or sour cream and chives.

• Keep a few extra packages of smoked sausage in your freezer, where they'll keep well for two or three months. When you haven't had time to plan the meat for dinner, micro-thaw the sausage, then heat and eat. Keep a jar of good-quality mustard on hand as an accompaniment.

• Add your own simple signature touches to instant mashed potatoes. Mix in some chopped fresh herbs and top with shredded cheese.

• Start a collection of 30-minute recipes gathered from newspapers, magazines and Web sites. Try a new one occasionally to add to your cooking rotation for mealtime variety.

• For more fabulous mealtime ideas for busy family cooks, visit www.bettycrocker.com and www.hillshirefarm.com.

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Smoked Sausage

Western BBQ Sausage and Potatoes
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Start to Finish: 30 minutes
1 package (1 pound) smoked sausage, sliced
1/2 medium green and yellow bell peppers, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 small onion, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 pouch Betty Crocker® homesite creamy butter mashed potatoes (from 7.2-ounce box)
Hot water, milk and margarine as called for in mashed potatoes package directions
1 tablespoon parsley flakes or chopped fresh parsley

1 can (11 ounces) whole kernel corn with red and green peppers, drained
1/4 cup barbecue sauce
1. Spray 10-inch skillet with cooking spray. Cook and stir sausage, bell peppers and onion in skillet about 5 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
2. Meanwhile, make potatoes as directed on box for 1 pouch. Stir in parsley and corn. Let stand.
3. Stir barbecue sauce into sausage mixture. Heat until hot, about 5 minutes. Serve with potatoes.
4 servings
Tip: Substitute 1 bag (1 pound) frozen stir-fry vegetables (green, red and yellow bell peppers and onions), thawed, for the bell peppers and onion.

Potato-Stuffed Sausage Boats
Prep Time: 12 minutes
Start to Finish: 30 minutes
1 package (1 pound) smoked sausage
1 pouch Betty Crocker butter & herb mashed potatoes (from 7.2-ounce box)
Hot water, milk and margarine as called for in mashed potatoes package directions
2 tablespoons thinly sliced green onions
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese (2 ounces)

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Cut sausage into 4 pieces; slice each piece lengthwise almost through to bottom, and spread open. Place cut sides up in 13 x 9-inch baking dish.
2. Make potatoes as directed on box for 1 pouch. Stir in onions and mustard. Spread potato mixture evenly over sausage.
3. Bake 10 to 15 minutes or until hot. Sprinkle cheese over potatoes; bake about 3 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.
4 servings

Bow-Tie Pasta With Smoked Sausage
Prep Time: 15 minutes
Start to Finish: 25 minutes
12 ounces uncooked bow-tie pasta
1 package (1 pound) Hillshire Farm smoked sausage, sliced
1 jar (16 ounces) Alfredo pasta sauce
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1. Cook and drain pasta as directed

on package.
2. While pasta is cooking, in 10-inch skillet, cook sausage 5 to 6 minutes or until edges begin to brown.
3. Add cooked pasta, Alfredo sauce and Italian seasoning to sausage. Heat over medium heat until hot. Sprinkle with parsley.
4 servings
Tip: For a spicier version, try substituting Cajun seasoning for the Italian seasoning.

Broccoli Chowder
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Start to Finish: 30 minutes
1 box (4.9 ounces) au gratin potatoes
2 cups milk
1/2 cup canned or frozen (thawed) whole kernel corn
1/4 cup chopped celery
2 cans (14 1/2 ounces each) chicken broth
1 package (9 ounces) frozen cut broccoli
1 1/2 cups shredded Swiss cheese (6 ounces)

1. In Dutch oven, heat potatoes, sauce mix and remaining ingredients except cheese to boiling over high heat, stirring occasionally and breaking up broccoli with fork.
2. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until potatoes are tender.
3. Stir in cheese. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, just until cheese is melted.
4 servings
Tip: Top off bowls of steaming chowder with popped popcorn or fish-shaped crackers.

Class will teach new strategies for gardening in a drought

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Maximizing the limited availability of water available to high-desert gardeners during drought years is the focus of a conference this weekend hosted by the Magic Valley Master Gardeners.

Jo Ann Robbins, University of Idaho horticulturist with the Jerome County Extension office, will teach a class called "On the Path to Saving Water — Seven Xeriscape Principles." Almost 20 years ago, the city of Denver established a xeriscape "xeri" means dry — program and developed seven principles to save water in the landscape. Robbins will outline each and its use to save water.

Mike Bowman, the city forester in Lewiston, will teach "The Selection for Streets and Landscaping." Bowman will cover environmental and aesthetic qualities that affect the contribution trees make to streetscapes.

Lamar Orton, planning and zoning administrator for the City of Twin Falls, will speak on "Water-Wise Herbaceous Perennials," a topic that covers

Want to attend?

The conference, "Consider Water in Your Landscape," will be held Saturday from 8 to 5 p.m. at the Red Lion Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Tickets cost \$40, include lunch and can be purchased from any Master Gardener or from Jo Ann Robbins, University of Idaho Extension educator, 600 Second Ave. W., Jerome 83338. Call her at 324-7578. The program will be limited to the first 100 to register.

drought-tolerant plants with an emphasis on shrubs, perennial flowers and succulents that do well in Magic Valley.

Bill McDorman, from High Altitude Garden Seed Company in Holley, will speak on "Native Plants in the Landscape." McDorman has helped provide seeds to more than 1,000 native landscape projects in the arid Mountain West over the past 20 years.

Larry Sager, gardening expert at Utah State University, will

speak on "Landscaping for the Total Effect." This is intended to help folks understand how to combine water saving techniques to create a satisfying landscape. Sager will also speak on "Gardening in a Water-Challenged Environment" and will share insights of his 20-plus years of high-desert gardening experience.

Door prizes will be given away and a silent auction will be held. The conference will be limited to 100 people.

For information on the conference, call Shirley Lee, 731-0447; Mary Michener, 625-5778; Polly Nae, 788-0080, or Terri McFee, 436-9191.

Becoming a Master Gardener requires passing a 13-week course offered by the University of Idaho Extension service. The classes cover topics such as soils, perennials, annuals, garden pests, plant diseases, weeds, bugs, pesticides, feeding plants and watering, according to Lee, a member of the Magic Valley Master Gardeners.

Every year, the Master Gardeners conduct a plant clinic at which people can phone and ask questions about gardening problems.



Photo courtesy of University of Idaho Extension Service

The Master Gardeners research the problems and answer the gardeners' questions.

Master Gardener clinics are held all over Idaho every spring or summer.

Club dues are \$10 a year, and meetings are held at the Twin Falls Extension office, 246 3rd Ave. E., at noon on the third Tuesday of each month.

Prospective members can attend two meetings to see if they

A group of University of Idaho Master Gardeners observes drip-irrigated cane fruit (black raspberries) in a home orchard.

are interested. Call President Earleen Peterson at 734-8176 for information.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached at 324-3670.

FOOD & HOME

Winter cleaning: Vacuum the fireplace

Got a fireplace? You've probably got bugs.
Booklice, springtails, sawbugs, centipedes, millipedes, spiders, beetles and the occasional wasp queen all like to spend the winter in a snug, protected spot, such as just under tree bark, bark beetles, powder post beetles, longhorn beetles or roundheaded borers and woodwasps (sometimes called horn tails) wait out the winter deeper in the wood.

When you bring firewood into the house, garage or basement, the temperature warms up enough to make the winter nappers think spring has sprung, so they spring out of their hiding places — right onto your living room carpet. They'll head for the light, and that's where you're likely to find them — running around the window sills.

These visitors don't intend to



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

eat you out of house and home, but their presence might put a damper on Thanksgiving dinner with the vacuum cleaner. Then put the vacuum-cleaner bag into a sealed plastic bag and into the trash.

Speaking of the upcoming holidays, you might want to consider a live tree this year. Now, while the ground is still easy to dig, is the time to choose where the new tree will live.

Do some research on evergreens. Find out which ones will fit in the spot(s) you have in

mind when they've reached their full growth. Spruce, for example, will only grow to a tidy 25 feet in diameter, while Austrian pine can get pretty hefty. Both are good in alkaline soils and make excellent windbreaks. When you've decided on a tree, species, dig the hole so it will be waiting for your tree as soon as it has done its Christmas duty. If the soil still hasn't frozen by that time, you can plant it right away. If it is too cold, the little tree can still be stored in the spot until spring. Make sure it gets plenty of water as there isn't much moisture in the snow.

Some families begin the tradition of living Christmas trees when their children are young. You know who they are because often their yard is lined with trees — stair-stepping along the property line, each one just a little taller than the last.

Tip of the week: Learn to water your houseplants the right way. Too much or too little water can result in wilting, marginal leaf browning, yellowing leaves and leaf drop.

Water plants when the soil surface feels dry to the touch. Give the plant water slowly; fill it steps out the drain holes. Then stop watering.

If the water is still in the saucer 30 minutes after you watered, pour it out and let the roots breathe.

Remember that clay pots can dry more quickly than ceramic or plastic, so keep an eye on those. A little touch to the soil will tell you when plants need another drink.

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

Prepare plants for new season

By Maureen FitzPatrick
The Stamford Advocate

With Halloween behind us, you can't be "there" a lot ahead, although the balmy days imply otherwise. The remaining house plants are in, including the Christmas cactus and cool-temperature orchids that "rip" "got" rights" to "sue" buds. While I hate to move it from the patio, the Plecranthus Hilliardiae, a wonderful patio plant, will bloom indoors with spikes of tubular white (or lavender) flowers all fall and winter if I can find it a partially sunny spot.

I've taken cuttings of my favorite coleus, Persian Sword, that amazing still-blooming dragon's wing begonia, and variegated ivy that won't make it through our winters. After dunking the vacationers in a soapy water mix to kill any eggs or piggybackers in or on their foliage, you should check the soil for "borders." Drench the soil with Safer's soap or a similar natural insecticide, or isolate the plants in a cleaner bag and spray into it.

This is also a good time to report: With a sharp knife,

prune roots of plants you want to keep in the same size pot, then return to the container and fill with fresh soil. If you want a larger specimen, move it into a pot one size larger. Add soil to the bottom and sides, so the plant sits in its new home at the same height; water well and fertilize lightly once a month. The winter rest period for many house plants that are not in bloom.

Keep the leaves raked as they fall, and compost what you can. I know folks who farm cylinders with chicken wire that they fill with leaves. Early winter, they remove the cones and turn the resulting pile of leaves, then pile them back into the wire tubes to decompose further. By early summer the leaves have broken down to the point that you can spread them around your beds and borders to use as mulch. (Leaves that have been chopped by a mower will break down even more quickly.)

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Soy or wax? Become enlightened on candles

By Meda Kessler
Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — In a recent episode of "Sex and the City," sassy Samantha lamented the fact that women who buy candles have replaced women who buy cats as the next sad thing. It made us laugh, but then we winced because we wondered hey, what if you have candles "and" cats?

So, a commentary aside, chances are if you're interested in candles and reading this article, you are a woman. According to candle manufacturers, 96 percent of all candles purchased are bought by females.

But I also know plenty of guys, including ones who have never heard of the term "metrosexual," who've learned that candles make great gifts. Safer than chocolate or liquor, a gift of candles suggests warmth or romance.

So it's safe to say a lot of you like candles. You have your favorite size, your favorite color, your favorite size. But as a candle consumer, you should know more. You should be enlightened if you will.

For those not afraid to admit they love candles, here's a primer on how to burn a candle properly, how to avoid those nasty wax splatters, how to find candles beyond cinnamon or vanilla. You should also know that not all candles are created equally.

Chances are, most candles you buy are made of wax. Wax comes from five main sources: animal, vegetable, mineral/fossil, petroleum and synthetic. The differences are their melting points, color and odor. Petroleum-based wax is the cheapest; it's refined from black crude oil into the clear, solid substance we know as a candle. Color and fragrance are added later.

Environmentalists do not love wax candles, because they release carcinogens into the air (even the expensive ones will leave soot on nearby surfaces).

Beeswax is an all-natural product produced by surprise, honeybees. It has a high melting point and burns cleaner and longer than synthetic wax, plus there's minimal dripping. It's also fairly expensive, because it takes about 150,000 bees to produce the 60 pounds of honey that results in a pound of beeswax. Beeswax candles come in solid and rolled forms, and are one of the easiest candles to make yourself, because you can buy sheets of beeswax at hobby stores.

Soy candles have been deemed eco-friendly by environmentalists. Made from soy beans, a renewable resource, they've only been on the market since the mid- to late 1990s and make up only a small share of the candle market. Soy candles don't burn as hot, but do burn much longer and more cleanly.

The wax is water soluble, so you can clean up spills a lot more easily. Soy candles are only available in glass containers because of the way the soy wax melts.

Although wax candles still make up most of home candle selections, lately I've become enamored with the soy versions. Burn tests have proven them to be as long-lasting as they claim (5-7 ounces of soy will burn approximately 50-60 hours). Ergo, a Dallas-based company, has been making soy candles since 1999 under the guidance of Jimmy Beascoa.

Soy candles might seem pricey (the majority run in the \$20-\$30 range for 5-8 ounces, but considering the burn time, you're actually getting a bargain).

A big candle store is no place for the meek of smell. The onslaught of scents is overwhelming and headache inducing. Flow is one to make choices when rendered senseless by too many choices and too many colors?

Still, according to Rudy Cramer, who along with partner Bruce Hilton, owns Paper Trails, a cool little stationery store in downtown Fort Worth, Texas, fragrance is the biggest factor consumers consider when buying a candle.

Many scented candles use a combination of natural and synthetic ingredients. The more high-end candles contain pure essential oils. It's like comparing cologne and perfume.

Boutique candles have fragrances that read like a grocery list: lemongrass, grapefruit, red currant, fig and bamboo.

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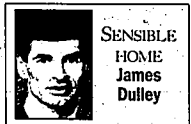
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FOOD & HOME

Many warm up to wood-burning stoves

DEAR JIM: We have a standard open fireplace, but I would like to also install a wood-burning stove. I have seen some attractive ornate ones with brass and gold trim. How do I go about selecting and sizing one?

DEAR KARL: Many of the new freestanding wood-burning stoves are not only very ornate, but they are efficient and clean-burning as well. If your house is more than 10 years old, many modern wood-burning stoves are more efficient (up to 83 percent) than your existing builder-installed furnace.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Duiley

It is wise to consider an ornate stove because, with the comfort and ambiance of the fire, it will become the gathering place for family and guests. Decorative features, though, such as gold-plated doors and legs, large glass viewing door, and glossy finish can almost double the cost of some stoves.

Your first decision will be whether to get a cast iron or welded-steel stove. Both function equally well, but cast iron construction allows for much more intricate and ornate styling and surface detailing. Some steel stoves offer a cast iron door to jazz up the appearance. Cast iron is slightly more brittle than steel and generally more expensive.

Most manufacturers state a heat output and the size (in square feet) of the area one can heat. These are really just estimates and vary substantially based on many factors such as type of firewood, efficiency of house, climate, etc.

Determine how large an area you intend to heat and talk with several local stove shop professionals to get a consensus on the size required. Don't just buy a large, pretty one. If you install a stove that is too large, you will have to damp the fire down, which lowers efficiency and increases pollution.



Wood-burning stoves are beautiful and efficient.

You have choices between a catalytic and noncatalytic design. A catalytic combustor is a device located at the flue outlet. It works similar to the catalytic converter in your car to reduce emissions into the air.

As the smoke and unburned volatile gases leave the firebox, the hot combustor ignites them. This extra combustion also increases the stove's heat output and efficiency. By burning the volatile gases before they enter the chimney, there is less creosote buildup and less chance of a chimney fire.

A catalytic stove costs a couple of hundred dollars more than a standard stove. You must clean (you can do it yourself) a combustor annually. If you are going to use your stove often and you live in a residential area where smoke may annoy neigh-

bors, a catalytic stove might be the best choice.

Since you have an open fireplace, another efficient option is a fireplace insert. It will have a blower to circulate the hot air throughout the area.

Write for (instantly download - www.dulley.com) Update Bulletin No. 777 - buyer's guide of 11 wood-burning stove/fireplace insert manufacturers listing combustion type, efficiency, burn time, heat output, features, prices, and firewood selector chart. Please include \$3.00 and a business-size SASE. James Duiley, Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244

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— MAC K.
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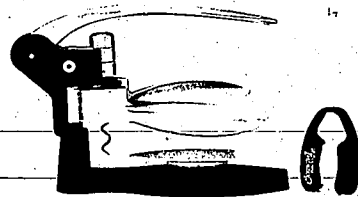
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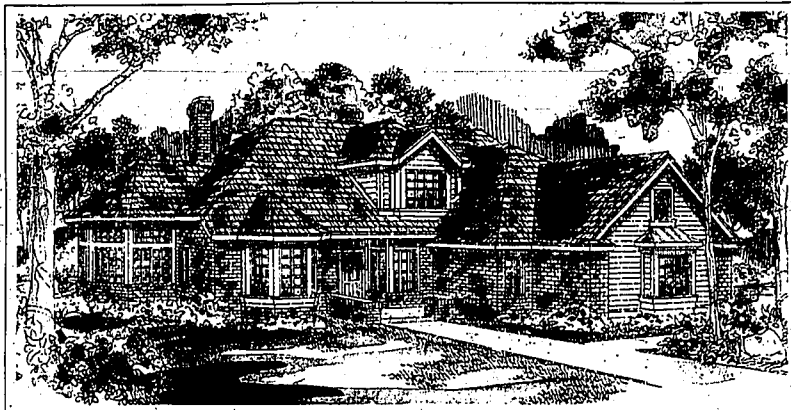
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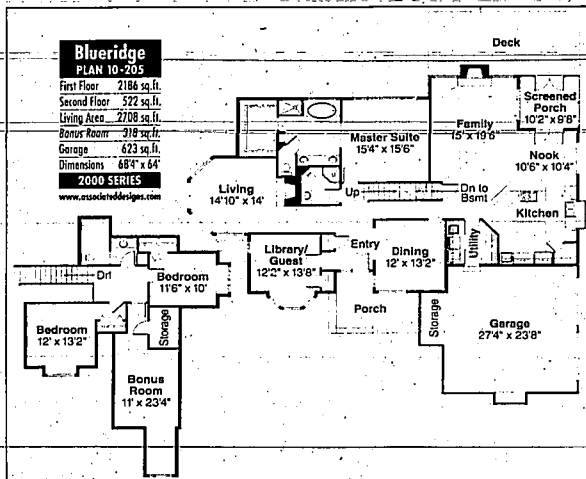
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Knight Ridder News Service

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over the home bar.

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FOOD & HOME

Get hors d'oeuvres down cold

By Carolyn Jung
Knight Ridder News Service

I believe in delayed gratification.

When it comes to making holiday appetizers, that is. Martyrs and deadline dynamos might live for that adrenaline rush of preparing everything in a last-minute frenzy as guests stampede through the door. Not yours truly. I believe in a well-considered plan of attack in doing most of the work ahead of time and in patiently sitting back for the kudus to cascade in later.

The key to managing all of this? Nurturing an unshakable, unmistakable bond with your pal, the freezer.

You could exhaust yourself by whipping it all up on the spot. You could take the easy way out and buy the same prepared goodies that everybody else will be serving. Or you could do what I do—spend 90 minutes to two hours now, before the holiday madness is fully upon us, assemble a unique, made-from-scratch appetizer sure to knock your guests' socks, gloves and hats off and then store it in the freezer until needed.

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Makes about 36 turnovers
1/2 ounce dried porcini mushrooms

1 1/2 cups flour
1/4 pound (1 stick) butter, cut in 1-inch pieces, plus 2 tablespoons butter

8 ounces cream cheese, cut into 1-inch pieces
2 shallots, minced
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, finely chopped

1 tablespoon brandy
3 tablespoons heavy cream
3 tablespoons oil/minced fresh Italian parsley, chives and thyme

Coarse salt
Freshly ground black pepper
To reconstitute dried mushrooms, place in glass measuring cup and barely cover with hot water. Let sit until softened, about 20 minutes.

To make dough, place flour, 1 stick butter and cream cheese in bowl of food processor and process until smooth ball forms. Wrap dough in waxed paper and chill 20 minutes.

Drain porcini, saving liquid, and finely chop. To make mushroom filling (duxelles), cook shallots in 2 tablespoons butter in frying pan over medium-high heat 2 to 3 minutes until soft. Add dried and fresh mushrooms and cook, stirring, until they release liquid and liquid evaporates. Stir in some of reserved mushroom liquid (about 2-3 tablespoons of it), being careful not to add the last tablespoon, because it may be sandy. Add brandy and cook 1 minute. Add cream and herbs and cook 1 minute. Remove from heat. Season well with salt and pepper.

To serve now: Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Roll out dough on lightly floured work surface to 1/25-inch thick. Cut rounds from dough with 3-inch cutter or drinking glass. Place 5 teaspoon mushroom mixture on each round; do not overfill. Fold round of dough in half over filling and press edges together firmly with tines of fork. Prick top of turnover with fork and transfer to lined baking sheet. Bake on top rack of oven until pastry is golden, about 25 minutes.

To serve later: After folding all turnovers, and pricking them, place in zipper plastic bag in freezer. To serve, place frozen turnovers on cookie sheet and bake in preheated 400-degree oven 20-25 minutes, or until golden brown.

EMSPANADAS DE PICADILLO

Makes about 15 empanadas

For dough:
2 cups flour plus additional for dusting
12 tablespoons cold butter
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 cup water

For filling:
1 pound lean ground beef
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
1/2 cup raisins, chopped

1/2 cup green olives, chopped
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon pepper
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1 tablespoon brown sugar (optional)

1/3 cup store-bought salsa
1 egg combined with 2 tablespoons milk, lightly beaten for brushing on dough
Purchased or homemade salsa, for garnish

To make dough: Combine flour and butter in a large bowl. Lightly blend with your fingertips until butter is evenly distributed in chunks. Dissolve salt and sugar in water and stir into flour mixture.

On lightly floured surface, turn out mixture and lightly knead dough until it forms a ball, adding a bit more water if necessary. Knead by pushing ball of dough away from you with the heel of your hand and then gathering it up, making a quarter turn before repeating. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate at least 1 hour or freeze as long as a week.

To make filling: Brown ground beef in large heavy skillet over medium-high heat, stirring frequently, about 7 minutes. Drain oil and discard excess fat. Add onion and sauté for 5 minutes. Then add garlic, raisins, olives, salt, pepper, cumin, cloves and, if desired, brown sugar. Cook until aromas are released, about 2-5 minutes. Stir in 5 cup salsa. Bring to boil and set aside to cool.

To assemble: Bring dough to room temperature before rolling. Divide dough in half. On floured board, roll out half the dough to a thickness of 1/25-inch. With cookie cutter or drinking glass, cut out 3-inch circles. Place generous teaspoon of beef filling in center of each pastry round. Fold over and press edges together to seal.

To serve now: Transfer turnovers to baking sheet and chill for half an hour. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Brush pastries all over with egg wash. Bake until golden, about 15 minutes. Serve hot with homemade or purchased salsa.

To serve later: Transfer

turnovers to zipper plastic bag and place in freezer. They will keep at least 3 weeks. To heat, place frozen turnovers on baking sheet, brush with egg wash, and bake in preheated 400-degree oven 15-18 minutes, or until golden. Serve hot with homemade or purchased salsa.

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That's a wrap: If you bake with butter, storage matters

The Washington Post

Manufacturers are listening to you, Mr. and Ms. Butter Consumer, though some bakers wish it weren't so.

About two months ago, Land O Lakes stopped wrapping its four-pack sticks of grade AA sweet unsalted butter, as it has for years, in paper-backed foil. The quarters are now bound, like most others, in heavy waxed paper, because you let the company know that the old way was not convenient. Some people like to soften their butter by microwaving it.

"We did market research for months to test product packaging," says Land O Lakes spokesman Lydia Botham. "Consumers wanted to be able to microwave (the butter), and we wanted consistency across all our products in wrapping material." (Softening butter in the microwave is not recommended for butter you're going to eat, says Botham.) Botham says the taste testing revealed no discernible difference in quality or flavor-saving properties between foil-wrapped and wax paper-wrapped butter, "as long as it was stored properly."

"Stored properly" is a condition that called for further inquiry. It created a bit of a stir, in fact, when we consulted those who do great things with unsalted butter.

"You mean people are too lazy to unwrap a stick?" was "Baking-in-America" author, cooking teacher and radio host Greg Paterni's reaction when reached by phone. He has been baking since he was 11, and is among those who believe that foil helps preserve butter's flavor better. Paterni's not worried about Land O Lakes' change in packaging, since the butter he buys doesn't hang around long; he goes through three to four pounds a week when he's testing recipes.

Salted butter does have a bit more staying power than unsalted butter. But kitchen scientist and "Cake Bible" baking authority Rose Levy Beranbaum affirms that unsalted butter is the baker's choice, because it's difficult to adjust for the amount of salt found in a pound of salted four-ounce sticks — a whole teaspoon or more.

Beranbaum had no qualms about her own butter storage. "I have loads of butter in my

freezer," Beranbaum said last week, calculating about 12 pounds on hand between her city place and weekend home.

"In general, we do tell consumers not to keep (butter) in the dairy section of their refrigerators," says Botham. Land O Lakes recommends that butter be kept in its original packaging — no butter dish or door compartment — in the coldest part of the refrigerator. And although the company does not spell it out on its familiar blue one-pound package, Botham says that consumers should wrap their unsalted butter in another layer of plastic if it's headed straight for the freezer. The American Butter Institute also suggests extra layers of plastic wrap for the freezer to reduce butter's tendency to absorb other food smells.

Extra wrapping? Who's doing that?

"Not me," says Gale Gand, executive pastry chef at a restaurant in Chicago and host of Food Network's "Sweet Dreams." Gand is accustomed to using wax-paper-wrapped butter (Oberveils) at home. She freely admits to rotating single sticks from her freezer to the

butter dish in her refrigerator.

For the record, butter is essentially the fat separated from milk — saturated, cholesterol-laden and caloric. But for those who can "have it" real butter makes baked foods taste great. Its butterfat content must be at a minimum of 80 percent (the remaining percent is mostly water) according to regulations for butter made in the United States.

Some European-style butters that contain higher amounts of butterfat do still come wrapped in foil. But serious bakers who buy retail say that the richer product can alter the outcomes of baked goods like cake and puff pastry, and therefore prefer the 80-percent minimum, unsalted kinds. Examples of higher butterfat-content products are Straus Family Creamery (85 to 86 percent butterfat), Organic Valley (84 percent) and Plugra (82+ percent). They have a correspondingly lower water content, which can affect baking outcomes as well.

In the Washington area, people have lots of other branded unsalted stick butters in the 80-percent-butterfat range to

choose from, such as Breakstone's, Cabot, Horizon Organic, Kate's and Keller's (known as Hotel Bar in New York). What those brands have in common, besides their wax wrapping, is a USDA ruling of AA, which means the butter was produced in an approved plant and checked for product wholesomeness.

Beranbaum provided a tip that you, Mr. and Ms. Butter Consumer, will be grateful for, no matter what the wrapping may be on your baking-designated sticks of butter: Even though the quarters are marked as four ounces each, weigh them. Every once in a while, a stick might only measure 3.7 ounces.

She says the difference can create an unwanted variable in recipes. In our own random sampling of at least four dozen unsalted butter quarters from various manufacturers, only one stick weighed less than four ounces.

In the search for better butter quantity, then, is as important as quality. And both may be trumped by the way it is stored.

The editors of *Gourmet's* new

cookbook included this note about our favorite fat: "The way butter is wrapped may be more important than how it is made or shipped. Our favorites were

all wrapped in foil. Paper, we found, does not protect butter — and the flavor of paper-wrapped butter doesn't compare."

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FOOD & HOME

Avocado: Fruit captures a culture

By Greg Morago
The Hartford Courant

I never considered an avocado an aphrodisiac, but then again, I don't think like an Aztec. The ancients regarded the pebbly-skinned fruit as a powerful agent of sexual arousal as well as a dietary staple.

My mother's Mexican kitchen was rarely without avocados in various stages of ripeness. Like the Aztecs, we knew avocados to be part of our regular diet but we never thought of them in any erotic manner.

Yet, in hindsight, there had to be sensual, romantic qualities insinuating beneath the rich buttery surface of our avocado binges. When my mother wanted to make my father's breakfast special, she would fan out perfect slices of avocados on top of his eggs. Why was my father always in a better mood after my mother's dinner of chicken "flautas" liberally spread with creamy guacamole? When guests we wanted to impress came to our home, guacamole made from that same recipe — hot with fresh jalapeno, bright with lemon and sweet tomato — was served for all to enjoy. The

childhood comfort food was a warm corn tortilla filled with ripe avocado, lightly salted.

In Arizona we knew only one type of avocado, the dark-skinned Hass. In good years, we could get them for as little as 10 for \$1. (Although much more expensive now, my grandmother, God rest her soul, probably would have fainted if she heard I've spent as much as \$1.75 on a single avocado at Stop & Shop. She, as well as any Mexican housewife raising a family in the 1940s and '50s, knew how to stretch an avocado as far as it could go.)

Avocados, by nature of their easy bruise-ability and finicky ripening nature, were handled gingerly, even lovingly. There is no plainer kitchen disappointment that I know of than cutting open an anticipated avocado, only to see brooding dark spots or stringy insolence. Finding perfection in a just-sliced avocado can be as triumphant as baking a perfect loaf of bread — that much care went into the result.

I'm reminded of the avocado recently for a number of reasons. October marked the

beginning of harvesting season for the Mexican Hass avocado, to my mind the best avocado you can eat. Mexico is the largest producer of Hass avocados, which account for more than 65 percent of the world's supply of Hass, grown in the state of Michoacan, according to the Mexican Hass Avocado Importers Association.


We've also just passed Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, a tradition in Mexican culture for honoring the dead, celebrated on Nov. 2, All Souls Day. People who participate in the tradition often set out "ofrendas" (altars) in their homes, decorated with candles, flowers and pictures of loved ones who have passed. Families gather at the graves of loved ones to clean them and set out offerings. I have seen elaborate declarations of familial love during Day of the Dead in the community graveyards where I grew up. It's not unusual to see the favorite food and drink of the departed brought to the grave — tortillas, tamales, menudo, sweet breads, candy, fruit, beer and wine.

It's a holiday for rejoicing, for maintaining communion with the souls of the dear departed,

for recognizing that death is inextricably linked to life. Perhaps one of the most beautiful things I've seen offered to the dead is one of life's most precious fruits — a basket of avocados.

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The CSI women's basketball team is back in action in Arizona.

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SPORTSQUOTE

When I get to 1,000 percent, it'll be scary around here.

- Miami center Shaquille O'Neal about the Heat's 4-0 start and his injured hamstring

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

What number does the Indiana Pacers' Ron Artest wear on his jersey, and what is its significance?

...answer below

IN-BRIEF

TFHS plans booster buses

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls High School is offering student booster buses to travel to Boise for the state 5A football semi-final against Capital. Students must sign up by the end of school today.

The cost is \$10 for the ride and game ticket at Bronco Stadium. The bus loads at the Roper Auditorium parking lot at 4:15 Friday and leaves by 4:30.

Salt Lake CC gets to national touney play-in

SALT LAKE CITY - Salt Lake Community College defeated Dixie State 30-14, 30-24, 27-30, 30-28 Monday to advance to Saturday's regional qualifier against Arizona Western at 7 p.m.

The winner advances to the national tournament Nov. 22-24 in West Plains, Mo.

Boise hosts Junior Olympic Championships

BOISE - The 2004 Snake River Association Cross Country Junior Olympic Championships will be held on Nov. 12 at Carnes Back Park. This meet is a qualifier for the National USATF Junior Olympics in Schaumburg, Illinois to be held Dec. 11. The top 10 finishers and the first place team in the Association Championships will qualify for the Nationals. The Snake River Association Championships is open to Youth 18 and under and Adults 19 and up. The meet will be run in age divisions from 10-under, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18 and the Open division which includes 19 and up. Age is determined by the age of participant on Dec. 31, 2004.

Cost is \$4 per event and the deadline to sign up is Nov. 11. A late charge will be \$6 for anyone signing up after Nov. 11. Medals will be given to top 10 finishers.

For more information, please call the downtown YMCA at 344-5501 or e-mail times@ymcaidaho.org.

Tri-Cities basketball registration begins

RUPERT - The Tri-Cities boys basketball program will be taking registrations from Monday, Nov. 15 to Dec. 15 at the Rupert City Hall, Mondays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The program is open to boys in grades 1-6 and 9-12. The cost for grades 1-6 is \$16, with a \$20 registration fee for grades 9-12.

Games will be played at the Rupert Civic Gymnasium, starting in January. Coaches and sponsors are also needed. For further information, please call 434-2400.

Milnco plans girls basketball jamboree

RUPERT - The Milnco Girls Basketball Jamboree will be held at 6 tonight at Milnco High School. The schedule will be as follows: 6 p.m., Milnco versus Century; 6:45 p.m., Buhl versus Century; 7:30 p.m., Milnco versus Buhl.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

91, as a tribute to Dennis Rodman. It is Artest's third number in his five-plus seasons in the NBA. Artest, who wore No. 23 last season as a tribute to Michael Jordan, says he wants to wear as powerful numbers as possible before he retires.

Twin Falls hustles on the hardwood

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - As usual, the Twin Falls High girls basketball team is a tad undersized. As usual, they will rely on hustle and hard work to perhaps book a return trip to the state 5A tournament.

With three-year varsity returner Hannah Heidenreich back in the middle, the Bruins will rely on exceptional depth at guard to harass opponents into turnovers.

At Monday's scrimmage, the nine seniors and three juniors on the varsity squad showed they know how to play defense. "That's a good thing to be sure, seniors will need to be very stingy this winter, creating transition chances.

Girls basketball season previews

Today: 5A
Thursday: 4A, 3A
Friday: 2A, 1A

"We'll look to go uptempo," said third-year coach Joe D. Shepard. "We don't want to force it. Last year, we started to do that better."

With a senior-laden squad, the Bruins could be ready to make a push for the regional title against Highland, another team coming of age after playing a lot of juniors last winter.

Senior point guard Jamie Edwards started as a junior and Please see TWIN FALLS, Page D2



Twin Falls High guard Carla Marin goes up for two against Centennial at the Nampa Center during last winter's Class 5A state girls basketball tournament in Nampa.

FOR THE RECORD

Clemens wins seventh Cy Young Award

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Clearly, sticking around the major leagues was a great career move for Roger Clemens.

As dominant as ever after reversing his decision to retire, the 42-year-old Rocket easily won his record seventh Cy Young Award on Tuesday after taking the Houston Astros within one win of the World Series.

He received 23 of 32 first-place votes and 140 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, becoming the oldest pitcher to win a Cy Young. Gaylord Perry was 40 when he won the NL award in 1978.

Will Clemens pitch in 2005 or finally call it quits?

"I just have to wait and see," he said. "I kind of have a feeling on what I need to do and what the future holds."

Clemens retired after pitching for the New York Yankees in the 2003 World Series, then changed his mind in January and signed with his hometown Astros. He won his first nine decisions and finished 18-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 218 strikeouts.

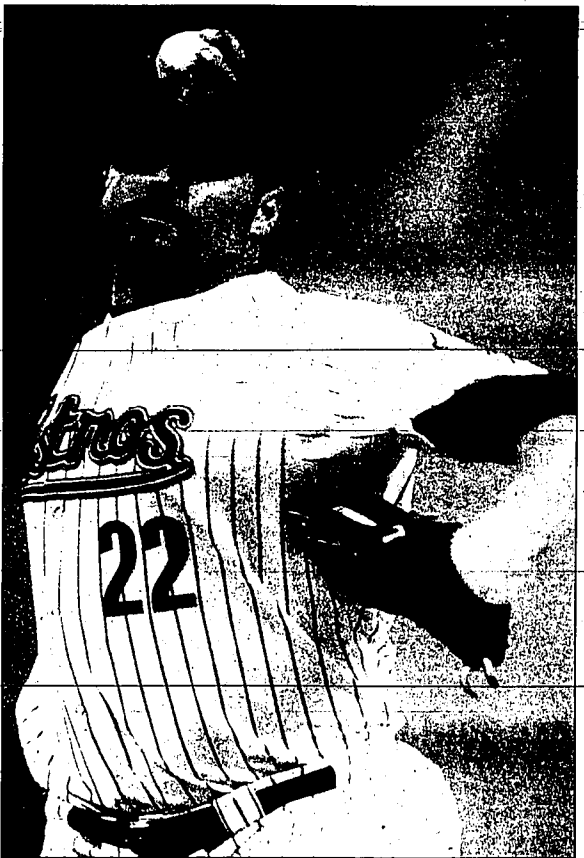
"His competitive fire still burns bright," said Tim Lincecum, the Astros' new general manager.

Arizona's 41-year-old Randy Johnson, second to Clemens with five Cy Youngs, was second in the balloting with eight first-place votes and 87 points. The Big Unit went 16-14 with a 2.60 ERA and a major league-leading 290 strikeouts - Arizona scored two runs or fewer in 17 of his 35 starts.

Houston's Roy Oswalt, who went 20-10 to lead the NL in wins, was third with 19 points, followed by San Francisco's Jason Schmidt with 13.

Currently in Japan with a touring major league all-star team, Clemens said he considers himself "99.9 percent" retired - what he said last year. He said he must decide whether to get his body into shape to pitch and whether he has enough time to be with his family - his oldest son, Kolby, is eligible for the June amateur draft.

After getting to the team hotel in Japan, Clemens said he found out he had won about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday (11:30



Houston Astros pitcher Roger Clemens delivers a pitch against the Chicago Cubs during the first inning in Houston, in this file photo.

a.m. EST Tuesday). He immediately called his mother.

"I kind of teased her," he said. "I told her someone in Osaka called me at 1:30 in the morning and told her I was going to have to redo my fireplace."

On the second floor of his house in Houston, where he has jerseys signed by all living players with either 300 wins or 500

homers, Clemens has his six prior Cy Youngs - all from the American League - arranged above the fireplace.

Clemens won three Cy Youngs with Boston (1986-87, 1991), two with Toronto (1997-98) and one with the New York Yankees (2001).

He is the first player to win BBWAA awards with four

teams - the first to win eight awards - he was the AL MVP in 1998; and the fourth to win Cy Youngs in both leagues, joining Perry, Johnson and Pedro Martinez.

With a 328-164 record, Clemens is 10th on the career wins list, and his 4,317 strikeouts are second to Nolan Ryan's 5,714.

Six shots shape PGA Tour season

By Doug Ferguson Associated Press writer

The first sign that Vijay Singh would be a relentless force on the PGA Tour came in a tournament he didn't win, with a putt that ultimately didn't matter.

Singh was five shots behind with five holes to play at the season-opening Mercedes Championships. He came within an inch of forcing a playoff when his 100-foot eagle putt on the 10th at Kapalua grazed the cup.

He finished one shot behind, but that putt was a powerful statement that he should never be counted out.

Please see PGA, Page D2



Vijay Singh of Fiji hits from the tee on the first hole during first-round play in the Tour Championship last Thursday in Atlanta.

Great Basin Conference names volleyball all-stars

The Times-News

BURLY - Wood River setter Rachael Richards was named Most Valuable Player and Wolverines coach Tim Richards was named coach of the year for the Great Basin Conference in volleyball. It was announced Tuesday.

The first team members were: Mary Fennell, Milnco, junior middle blocker; Stacie Severson, Milnco, senior opposite-hitter; Hannah Richards, Wood River, junior outside hitter; Lindzie Kuhl, Jerome, junior outside hitter; Jayno Lyons, Burley, junior

middle blocker.

The second team honorees are: Wendy McIners, Milnco, senior outside hitter; Kelsie Arriett, Milnco, senior libero; Ryann Menges, Wood River, junior outside hitter; Jaime Stone, Wood River, junior outside hitter; Roney Glassett, Jerome, senior middle blocker; Liza Sagers, Burley, junior setter.

Those earning honorable mention were: Danielle Best, Milnco, senior libero; Spring Stark, Wood River, senior middle blocker; Rashaya Lott, Jerome, junior outside hitter; and Jessica Garn, Burley, junior outside hitter.

Davenport, Mauresmo race to end year as No. 1 Serena's back but out of contention

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Serena Williams squeaked into this week's WTA Championships, but she's out of contention for the year-end No. 1 ranking, leaving Lindsay Davenport and Amelie Mauresmo to contend for the top spot.

"It doesn't matter that I have no real shot at No. 1 because I feel like I have less pressure and it really doesn't matter. It's OK," she said Tuesday. "It's like Tiger (Woods). It's weird when Tiger loses. It's kind of weird when I lose. It's definitely bigger news for me to lose. I make people's careers."

WTA Championships TV: ESPN2, 9 p.m.

Williams won the tournament in 2001 and lost to Jennifer Capriati in the 2002 final, then missed last year while recovering from knee surgery.

She has won two titles and has a 36-7 match record this year - respectable, but not up to her Grand Slam expectations.

Not winning one of the year's four major tournaments "definitely increased my intensity to work harder and do better," Williams said.

Williams opens play at Staples Center on Wednesday night against French Open champion Anastasia Myskina, one of five Russians in the eight-player field.

U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsov plays fellow Russian Vera Zvonareva, and Davenport takes on Elena Dementieva.

"It's a great field and you have to come out in the beginning on your top game," Williams said.

"Everyone is going to want to win."

The players are assigned to two four-woman groups and they play each other once. The two players with the best record from each group advance to Sunday's semifinals. The singles winners will earn \$1 million and a car to donate to charity.

Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova plays her first match against Kuznetsov on Thursday night, when Mauresmo takes on Zvonareva and Williams plays Dementieva.

Both Davenport and Mauresmo could end the year at No. 1, despite not winning a Grand Slam title. The same thing happened last year to Belgian Kim Clijsters.

"I personally would love to have a Grand Slam title (this year) and be competing for No. 1," Davenport said.

"It's a little bit different of a feeling."

Mauresmo spent five weeks in the top spot after the U.S. Open before Davenport overtook her.

"I have a great opportunity even though Lindsay is still ahead," Mauresmo said. "She's been playing some great tennis the last six months, so she's not going to let it go. It's a good competition."

SPORTS

Shaquille Diesel runs over Wizards

MIAMI (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal has the Miami Heat off to their best start ever after scoring 20 points, grabbing three rebounds and blocking three shots in a 103-93 victory over the Washington Wizards on Tuesday night.

Dwanye Wade continued his strong start, too, with 22 points and nine assists, and Udonis Haslem chipped in with 18 points and 10 rebounds for Miami. The Heat are 4-0 for the first time in club history, and also set a record by winning their 14th straight-regular season home game dating back to last season.

O'Neal arrived in Miami from the Los Angeles Lakers promise to bring the Heat an NBA title. So far, the Heat have been unbeatable with O'Neal, who also had four assists against the Wizards.

Gilbert Arenas scored 20 points for Washington, which lost to the Heat for the second time in four nights and failed to score 100 points for the first time this season. Antawn Jamison finished with 14, well off the 27-point average he carried into the game.



Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal (32) scores over Washington Wizards' Michael Ruffin (51) in the first quarter Tuesday in Miami.

Magic 94, Mavericks 84

ORLANDO, Fla. — Grant Hill scored 17 points and had nine rebounds, and Steve Francis nearly posted a triple-double for Orlando.

Francis had 16 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists. Howard Turkoglu had 19 points in a reserve role, and rookie Dwight Howard added 15 points and 11 rebounds for Orlando.

Dirk Nowitzki led the Mavericks with 20 points, but made only five of 16 shots from the field. Dallas (4-1) shot just 29 percent (28 of 96) from the field.

The Mavericks lost shooting guard Michael Finley to a strained ankle in the third quarter. He is listed as day-to-day after a collision with Orlando's Hedo Turkoglu.

Nets 64, Trail Blazers 60

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Alonzo Mourning scored 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and New Jersey added some late offense to beat Portland in what was nearly the lowest-scoring game in modern NBA history.

The 124-point total was only

five off the previous record for combined scoring faculty. Boston beat Milwaukee 62-57 in a game at Providence, R.I., in 1955, the first year of the NBA's 24-second clock.

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Denver's early-season misery with a 106-88 victory.

Rashard Lewis scored 27 points. Luke Ridnour had 11 assists, and the Sonics, not viewed by many as a playoff team this year, improved to a surprising 3-1.

Carmelo Anthony scored 20 points for the Nuggets, who are considered playoff contenders this season, but fell to 1-4 with the NBA champion Detroit Pistons coming to town next.

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Pacers 102, Timberwolves 101

MINNEAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal had 22 points and eight rebounds to help Indiana hold off Minnesota.

Minnesota missed two late chances to win. Kevin Garnett's turnaround jumper fell short with 5 seconds left, but the Timberwolves retained possession after the ball went out of bounds.

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ACC should be even better this season

By Keith Parsons
Associated Press writer

The Atlantic Coast Conference has six teams in the AP's preseason Top 25. Eleven of the 15 players on last season's all-conference teams return.

Another college basketball season on Tobacco Road. But to make this one just a little more special, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski will be back, too.

The Hall of Famer turned down a \$40 million offer to coach the Los Angeles Lakers and decided to stay with the Blue Devils. He begins his 25th year in Durham with one of his biggest challenges: eight recruited players and a roster filled out with walk-ons.

For the first time in five years, Duke wasn't picked to win the ACC league that includes Miami and Virginia Tech for the first time and will add Boston College next year.

"There'll never be low expectations for a Duke team because we've been so successful," Krzyzewski said. "Everyone's going to show up to play Duke, just like they have for most of the years that I've been here."

And that's what we have to be excited for.

The Blue Devils reached the Final Four last season for the 10th time in 19 seasons, then lost point guard Chris Duhon to graduation and losing senior Luol Deng to the pros. Prized recruit Shaun Livingston skipped college and went straight to the NBA.

Nova Duke is looking up at Wake Forest, Georgia Tech and North Carolina, at least in the "Top 25." Those three teams are ranked 2-4, with Duke 11th. No. 15 Maryland and No. 19 North Carolina State were also in the preseason rankings.

Fourth is the lowest the Blue Devils have been placed in the ACC preseason poll since 1996-97, when they went on to win the ACC title. They've been in the top two ever since. This might be the season all that changes.

Wake Forest and North Carolina have their entire teams back from last season, and Georgia Tech reached the NCAA championship game.

Among those back for Wake Forest are the three-guard rotation of leading scorer Justin Gray, ACC Rookie of the Year Chris Paul and Tyrone Doney. Over the summer, Gray and Paul helped the U.S. team win a qualifying tournament for the Young Men's World Championship in Taiwan.

The Demon Deacons led the conference in field goal percentage and points, averaging more than 80 while reaching the NCAA tournament's round of 16 for the first time since 1996.

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In the early part of the season, the Bruins will work on rebounding and offensive execution. The shorter Bruins must take advantage of their chances from inside or outside, because there may not be a lot of second-chance points available on the offensive glass.

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Denying offensive rebounds will be big in every game.

"That's where a team can hurt us," Shepard said.

"We're giving up 2-3 inches at



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski stands on the sideline during the NCAA tournament game against Alabama State in Raleigh, N.C., in this file photo.

The Tar Heels should be adjusted to the system used by second-year coach Roy Williams, who added talented freshman Marvin Williams to an impressive roster. Stars Rashard McCants (scoring), Raymond Felton (assists) and Sean May (rebounding) are the first trio of teammates to lead the ACC in those categories in the same season.

Fred's last season's ACC player of the year, is back at North Carolina State.

Southeastern Conference teams Kentucky and Mississippi State were ranked ninth and 28th, respectively. The Wildcats have only two returning starters, but four recruits are ready to step in: guards Rajon Rondo, Ramel Bradley and Jeff Crawford, plus 7-foot-1-center Randolph Morris.

Drexel and Hofstra should battle for the automatic tournament bid from the Colonial Athletic Association, even though Pride coach Tom Pecora dismissed all-conference forward Benny Adeleke before the season.

In the Southern Conference, coach Bob McKillop and Davidson hope to return to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2002. The Wildcats have six of their top seven players back.

North Texas' Leonard Hopkins should be fully recovered from a foot injury that forced him to miss the 2002-03 season, and the Mean Green are the favorite in the Sun Belt Conference.

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McDougle, Rockets soar past N. Illinois 31-17

DEKALB, Ill. (AP) Scooter McDougle ran for 133 yards on 28 carries and scored two touchdowns to help Toledo top Northern Illinois 31-17 on Tuesday night.

With the victory, Toledo (7-3, 6-1) can claim at least a share of the MAC West title by defeating Bowling Green on Nov. 23. Northern Illinois (7-3, 6-1) can still claim the MAC West if it defeats Eastern Michigan on Nov.

20 and Bowling Green beats the Rockets.

The Huskies played without Garrett Wolfe, who missed the game due to an unspecified injury. Coming into the game, Wolfe led the nation in scoring (12 points per game), touchdowns (18) and points (108).

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in the second half. After Jason Robbins' 25-yard field goal tied the game at 17, the Rockets took their first lead with 3:27 remaining in the third quarter when McDougle's 10-yard touchdown run, Jalen Parmele capped the scoring with a 1-yard touchdown run with 9:28 remaining in the game.

Northern Illinois jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter on Chris Nedelk's 47-yard field

goal and Adrian Davis' 1-yard TD run.

The Rockets got on the board in the second quarter when Parmele scored from 2 yards out. After Shatone Powers' 18-yard touchdown reception gave the Huskies a 17-7 lead, McDougle's 3-yard touchdown run gave them the 80 while reaching the NCAA tournament's round of 16 for the first time since 1996.

Beltran, Beltre, and Ordonez are keeping their agent, Boras, busy

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Magglio Ordonez headed down a hotel hallway, off to a meeting. Carlos Beltran and Adrian Beltre made big impressions, too, from far away.

Standing in front of an enormous arrangement of pink roses in the lobby, Scott Boras, agent of the three hole-in-one, dinged-dressed down in jeans, the agent to all three prime free agents — and a few more — is smelling big bucks.

"I've heard from all teams, I've talked to all teams," he said.

So while general managers de-

bated moving back the July 31 trade deadline, reshaping the Arizona Fall League and other procedural topics, the real business of the GM meetings never strayed very far from players.

And this offseason, Boras might be the top impact player with the likes of that talented slugger, he has rushed for 1,247 net yards on 198 carries.

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postseason with Houston, and Beltre may look for something similar after his MVP-caliber year with Los Angeles.

Ordonez, if the slugger proves he's healed after knee surgery, could command a healthy contract. Coming off Boston's win in the World Series, Varitek wants to catch onto a five-year deal.

"Icon players have proven to be great investments for their businesses," said Boras, who previously negotiated megapacts for Alex Rodriguez and Kevin Brown.

Only a few teams might be

willing to spend the kind of money Boras' guys want. Of course, the New York Yankees are at the top of that list, despite any rumblings that they're worried about a \$200 million budget.

"This is my 24th year of doing this, and the Yankees' payroll has grown dangerously high," 41 of 24. Boras said. "They've been the Goliath of the game, and I don't expect their position to change."

Which would put them in perfect position to get Beltran, a five-tool center fielder. The Yankees already have Bernie

Williams playing that position — he's another Boras client.

"That's something between Carlos and Bernie," Boras said. "That's something they've talked about."

Their conversation took place during the season, Boras said, and he did not reveal the details, or whether that meant the Yankees were the front-runners to sign Beltran.

So many potential moves this winter involve about where top free agents might go, with Pedro Martinez, Nomar Garciaparra,

Troy Glau and Carl Pavano among those available. While the winter meetings usually produce more action, there's a chance some big-name players could move before that session Dec. 10-13 in Anaheim, Calif.

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PGA

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Singh proved that over the next nine months. He shot 29 on the back nine to win in New Orleans. He refused to get flustered at the Buick Open after Johnny Daly started birdie-eagle-birdie.

He won the PGA Championship despite trailing by two shots as he stood on the 16th tee.

And in perhaps the most amazing of his nine wins, Singh made two triple bogeys and still won the Canadian Open.

Singh's best shot of the year was his 3-iron into 6 feet on the par-3 17th at Whistling Straits during the three-hole playoff at the PGA Championship, which assured him a one-shot lead going to the final hole.

There were dozens of other memorable shots — Craig Parry holing out with a 6-iron in win at Doral, Ted Hamilton's bump-and-run with a utility club on the 18th at Royal Troon; Mike Weir chipping to 5 feet

from the side of the hill at Riviera to save par and win for the second straight year.

But other shots, some of them obscure, helped shape the year on the PGA Tour.

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Wake Forest's Paul leads votes on All-America team

NEW YORK (AP) — Chris Paul is going to hear Tim Duncan's name a lot this season. The sophomore guard from Wake Forest was the leading vote-getter Thursday on the Associated Press' All-America team...

first team last season, the first time they got that far since 1997, Duncan's last year. "One of the hardest things for Chris to understand last year was that I trust him completely," Wake Forest coach Skip Prosser said...

ing All-Americans from last season. Jay-Williams of Providence is the other, but he finished sixth in the voting for the preseason team. "The 6-foot-9 Roberts started his college career at Baylor and left there when the program fell into disarray after a player was killed...

the preseason rankings. The 6-9 Simlen, who shot 53 percent from the field and 81 percent from the line, battled knee, shoulder and groin injuries over his first three seasons. "He got hurt in an ACC play-off of the year last season after averaging 18.2 points, 6.4 rebounds and 3.6 assists for the Wolfpack...

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Joyner-Kersey, Johnson lead 2004 inductee list. INDIANAPOLIS — Jackie Joyner-Kersey and Johnson were named to the 2004 inductee list of the National Track & Field Hall of Fame...

setting the stage for Boston's first World Series championship in 86 years. "Drew said Schilling's ankle and foot will be immobilized for about a month. He also needs six weeks of rehabilitation, so any delays could cause him to miss the start of spring training..."

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL National Basketball Association

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Football

TCU at Louisville, ESPN2, 5:30 p.m.

Tennis

WTA Championships, round robin, ESPN2, 9 p.m.

Baseball

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LSU star leads preseason

LSU star leads preseason women's All-America team. BATON ROUGE, La. — Give Simone Augustus the basketball and watch her go to work. Nothing is more comforting to the LSU Lady Tigers...

Alou leads major league stars to win in Japan

FUKUOKA, Japan — Moises Alou drove a pair of runs with a leadoff single in the first inning to lead his major league teammates to a 7-2 win Tuesday over the Japanese All-Stars in Game 4 of an eight-game exhibition...

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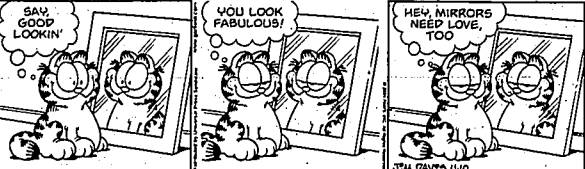
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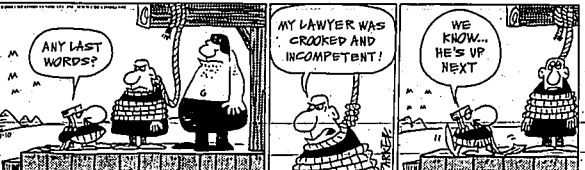
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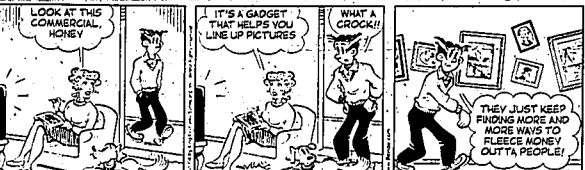
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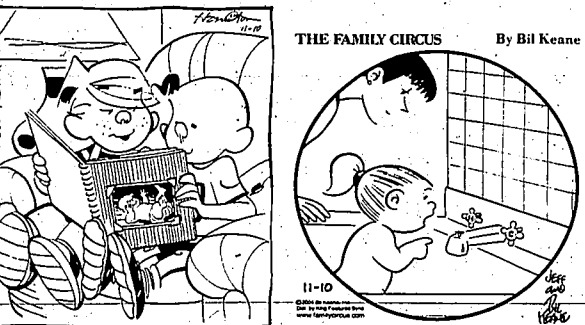
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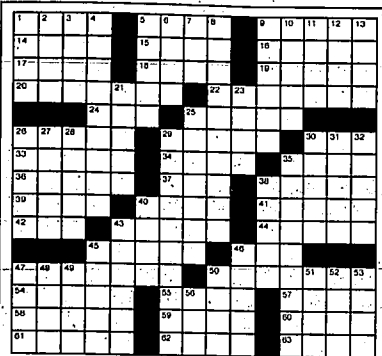
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Dentist's son hits nerve over lab bill

DEAR ABBY: I am struggling with a family problem that could permanently break the bonds with my parents. I am a dentist, married with a family, who followed my father's footsteps into the profession. After five years working at my father's practice, I purchased the practice at full market value.

When this happened, our roles were instantly reversed. I was now running the show. Over the next six years, I took the practice in new directions. My relationship with my parents became more strained and distant as they saw me become more successful.

Father is now retired, and recently needed to have two crowns redone. Although my parents' dental care is free, there was an outside laboratory bill for the fabrication of the two new crowns that came to about \$300. I asked my father to pay the lab bill.

I thought things were all right until my mother came in for a



DEAR ABBY
 Jeanne Phillips

routine cleaning a few weeks ago and called me every name in the book. She couldn't believe I would charge my own father for his dental work after raising me as their son. What should I do? I told my mother I'd pay the lab bill myself. Am I wrong on this? My parents and I seem to have completely different views.

—D.D.S. IN DEEP DOG-DOO

DEAR D.D.S.: Geez Louise, it was your father. Where would you be today if you hadn't followed his career path? Allow me to share a philosophy I learned from my own dear mother: "If you're going to do

something, give it your best effort." In your case, since you were providing your father's dental care "gratis," that means you should have gone all the way—and been happy to do it.

DEAR ABBY: My son was invited to a birthday party. When I called the mom to RSVP, I asked her what kind of toys her son was interested in. She replied that it was rude to ask what to buy him, and to just buy him "something suitable for a boy."

"Abby, I wasn't trying to be rude. I just thought that if I was going to purchase a gift for the child, I ought to know what he was interested in so I wouldn't buy him something he wouldn't use."

Was I rude to ask the question? I shall think twice about asking again.

—ANONYMOUS IN CANADA

DEAR ANONYMOUS: The mother was wrong to chastise

you. Not only do I not think you were rude to ask the question, but I think it was intelligent of you to ask.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my wife "Selma" for two years. I'm sure we both do things that bother each other, but the one thing she does that gets on my nerves is to open my mail. If the mail is addressed to both of us, then I don't mind.

When I come home from work, I find my personal mail opened, read and scattered on the table. How do I tell her to stop reading my mail?

—NO PRIVACY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

DEAR N.P.: Tell her in plain English that it is an invasion of privacy and you resent it, and that you expect to find the envelopes intact when you get home from work. If she doesn't comply, get a post office box in your name only and have your mail delivered there.

Put impulsive urges aside, Aquarius

IF NOVEMBER 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... Gentle ways and a sympathetic outlook may give way to an eagerness to fight for what is right. In the coming year, you will no longer be content to sit on the sidelines. You will be ready to leap into action whenever you hear the call. Your initiative is enhanced in December and April when you will be more than able to practice what you preach. Be on the lookout for blessings that could permanently brighten your life in May and June.

ARIES (Machr 21-April 19): Your unwavering energy may waver a bit later today; plan to take some time out to recharge your batteries. The glow of loving togetherness is still shining, so you should find warm arms waiting at home to embrace you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Shining celestial conditions signify that you should take a little break from decision-making. Your charisma and sex appeal are still robust and unflagging, so continue to enjoy special moments with a significant other tonight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your balanced opinions can be a valuable commodity but a downturn in the mood signals a halt to starts of new projects. However, romantic embers may still be burning on the home front and need little encouragement to rekindle loving flames.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may need to take a breather from a tough schedule and relax this evening. Avoid making important agreements

or decisions for the next few days. Kick back and take it easy preferably with a romantically inclined other.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Continue to move forward on whatever has been recently started, but be circumspect and considerate. Hold off putting any additional irons in the fire at this time. New ties and connections are still glowing with helpful enthusiasm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Practice what you preach. Your common sense makes you a valued adviser — especially since you can rise far beyond personal interests. Employ your wisdom where your own finances are concerned.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your low light may still be shining today, so use your attractive appeal to secure existing agreements or enliven a network of new connections. Plan to take a few days to review and digest new situations before making additional moves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Quiet while you are ahead. While things are running smoothly you can cash in the chips and take a break. Kick back and relax for the next few days and enjoy the fruits of your labors.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A period of rest and relax-

ation is the best prescription for those who work and play hard. Cozy intimate relationships can still bring a smile to your face and joy into your life, but career objectives should be put in a holding pattern.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Too many cooks spoil the broth. Let things that have been started recently simmer in the background and take time out for reflection. Get some needed rest and relaxation and put aside ambitions for a few days.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): From little acorns great oaks grow. Although you can think deep thoughts about the future and visualize needed changes, it isn't quite the time to put your ideas into action. Write down your ideas and put impulsive urges to the side for now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Peaceful discussions can smooth misunderstandings and lift you and an important other to a higher plateau of agreement. Take time out from a busy schedule to recharge your batteries with a visit to a spa or get a relaxing massage.

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JFK, Oswald, Ruby all died here

John Kennedy, Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby all died in the same hospital: Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Despite what you've seen in cartoons, roadrunners don't really go "meep-meep." They cop like a dove.

This day in history: Although it seems like just 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 years ago, Nov. 10, 1969, saw the broadcast premiere of "Sesame Street."

What do you call a government intent on curtailing freedom? Before it becomes illegal for us to reveal this, the word is "liberalism."

Poisons used by South American natives on their arrow tips have been found to have medicinal applications. Curare kills birds and animals by relaxing them so much that they can't breathe — it's used to relax pa-



RANDOM KINDS OF FACINNESS
 Jack Mingo
 Erin Barrett

patients' abdominal muscles during surgery. Ouabain has effects similar to digitals, used for treating congestive heart failure.

The net worth of the median white household is 11 times greater than a median Hispanic household, and 14 times greater than an African-American one.

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Arafat's condition worsens

PARIS (AP) — A deeply comatose Yasser Arafat clung to life Tuesday after suffering another downturn, his major organs still functioning but his survival dependent "on the will of God," the Palestinian foreign minister said.

Palestinian leaders made preparations for Arafat's eventual death. They said they would bury Arafat at his sandbagged headquarters in the West Bank and turn the site into a shrine.

But the 75-year-old leader, whose condition has steadily worsened since he was flown to a military hospital outside Paris on Oct. 29, would not be removed from life support, Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said.

"His brain, his heart and his lungs are still functioning and he is alive," Shaath said after he and other Palestinian officials met with Arafat's doctors, his wife and French President Jacques Chirac.



Palestinian men react to the news that the condition of Yasser Arafat had worsened as they sit in the center of the West Bank city of Ramallah, on Tuesday.

"He will live or die depending on his body's ability to resist and on the will of God," Shaath said. Shaath's remarks at a news conference underlined that the Palestinian leadership was now

in control of information about Arafat after days of confusing and often conflicting reports about his undisclosed illness. Palestinian officials had been denied access by Arafat's wife,

Suha, who used France's strict privacy laws that give authority to the family.

Shaath also tried to dispel concerns about the possibility for chaos in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the event of Arafat's death and said the leadership transition would be smooth.

"What I would say is that on the political level, our government is functioning," he said.

On a visit to Mexico, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said the Bush administration was ready to engage with the emerging Palestinian leadership to make progress toward establishing a Palestinian state at peace with Israel.

Shaath was part of a senior Palestinian delegation led by Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and Mahmoud Abbas, the No. 2 man behind Arafat in the Palestine Liberation Organization. The group left for Jordan late Tuesday after a 24-hour visit to the French capital.

French forces open fire on demonstrators, kill 7

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — French forces opened fire Tuesday as protesters massed between the Ivory Coast president's home and an evacuation post for foreigners. A hospital reported seven people were killed and more than 200 wounded.

French military officials said they were assessing the events, and refused immediate comment.

At least four days' of confrontations have killed at least 20 other people, wounded 700 and shut down cocoa exports from the world's largest producer.

The clash took place as thousands of loyalists massed outside the home of President Laurent Gbagbo, next to a hotel that the French have converted into a temporary evacuation center.

Dr. Sie Podpite at Cocody Hospital said the facility was treating more than 200 wounded and that seven people had died.

South African President Thabo Mbeki met with Gbagbo earlier Tuesday, launching an African effort to rein in chaos that has erupted in this west African nation.

The U.N. Security Council,



An injured Ivory Coast protester is helped in a hospital in Abidjan Ivory Coast, Tuesday, after French troops opened fire on demonstrators.

African Union, European Union and a bloc of West African leaders have all condemned Gbagbo's government in the violence, which began when Ivory Coast warplanes killed nine French peacekeepers and an American aid worker in an airstrike on the rebel-held north.

Powell, Fox will discuss legal status for aliens

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday that President Bush will place a high priority in his second term on granting legal status to millions of migrants who live illegally in the United States.

Powell spoke at the inaugural session of the U.S.-Mexican Binational Commission, which annually brings together top officials from both sides to discuss a range of cross-border issues. Powell was joined here by five other members of Bush's Cabinet.

"The president is committed to comprehensive immigration reform as a high priority in his second term, and he will work closely with our Congress to achieve this goal," Powell said, with delegations from both sides in attendance at a Foreign Ministry auditorium.

In separate remarks, Mexican Foreign Secretary Luis

Ernesto Derbez made no specific reference to the migration issue but praised the "high level of confidence and understanding between the two countries."

Mexico is the primary source of the 10 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States. Persuading the United States to push ahead with migration reform is a major goal of President Vicente Fox's administration.

Last January, in an apparent bid for the votes of Hispanics and segments of the U.S. business community, Bush unveiled an ambitious immigration reform proposal whose key feature would provide temporary legal status to illegal migrants provided they are employed.

In the 10 months since Bush spelled out the proposal, it has failed to make any headway.

Protesters ransack building in troubled Russian region

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — Hundreds of protesters ransacked and occupied the regional administration building in a southern Russian province Tuesday, demanding the resignation of the region's president, whose former son-in-law has been linked to a multiple slaying.

Hundreds of armed riot police were standing guard outside the office of regional President Mustafa Butdiev, a duty officer for the Karachayev-Cherkessiya regional interior ministry said.

The protesters got into the building by battering down the doors with metal barriers. Television footage showed men and women inside breaking windows, pulling down curtains and window frames and throwing papers and potted plants out the windows as uniformed police fled.

They people were injured in the melee, including six law-enforcement officers who were hospitalized, one in serious condition, said the duty officer, who declined to give his name. One

World in brief

woman was seen wielding a police truncheon against an interior ministry soldier.

Netanyahu withdraws resignation threat

JERUSALEM — Benjamin Netanyahu said Tuesday he has withdrawn his threat to resign over Israel's plan to pull out of the Gaza Strip and part of the West Bank, adding that Yasser Arafat's illness had affected his decision.

Netanyahu's announcement gave a boost to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who has lost his parliamentary majority because of hard-line opposition to his withdrawal plan.

— compiled from wire reports

Conflict shuts down cocoa exports

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Deadly violence in Ivory Coast has shut down cocoa exports in the world's largest producer, closing ports that ship more than 40 percent of the world's raw material for chocolate, cocoa traders said Tuesday.

Clashes that have pitted Ivory Coast's government and supporters against French forces come at the peak of Ivory Coast's main harvest, last year at a record of 1.4 million tons.

Violence has closed the country's two main ports, in Abidjan and San Pedro, since Saturday afternoon, traders and other officials told The Associated Press.

speaking on condition of anonymity.

Cocoa buyers are not venturing out into the bush to buy cocoa, they said.

"Not at all," one trader in Abidjan said by telephone. "Even in the bush, you can't get the cocoa from the farmers' because of the turmoil."

Cocoa workers in the cities, like most other residents of Ivory Coast's southern population centers, are staying inside their homes for fear of street violence.

Ivory Coast normally produces 80 percent of its cocoa between October and January.

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Notes on the economy

Magic Valley report

Heads in beds

Hotels, motels, campgrounds, recreational-vehicle parks and other lodging facilities in Magic Valley's eight counties reported these lodging sales during October:

Table with 3 columns: County, Oct. '04 reports, Change from Oct. '03. Rows include Blaine, Bama, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lewiston, Minidoka, Twin Falls, Magic Valley.

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

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

T.F. chamber will offer seminar

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce estimates that 30 percent of the businesses that fail do so because of employee theft, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce said.

Because occupational fraud and abuse are a tremendous problem affecting most organizations, the Twin Falls chamber said, the chamber is offering a two-hour seminar titled "Fraud Prevention and Detection."

The seminar will cover topics such as fraud red flags, common cash theft schemes and methods to prevent and detect fraud. It will be led by Nancy Wonderlich Koonce, a local certified public accountant and certified fraud examiner.

The seminar is set for 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the chamber office, 658 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. Fee for the seminar is \$10; additional people from the same firm pay \$5 each.

Register by calling 733-3974 or 1-866-TWINFALLS.

Howard joins science and technology effort

BOISE — Julie Howard joined the Idaho Office of Science and Technology as a specialist in business and capital development.

Howard will work with economic development organizations, capital networks, technology entrepreneurs and the states technology community to foster a more robust business environment in Idaho, state officials said.

"As our economy recovers, now is a perfect time for Idaho to take the next step in its science and technology initiative," Howard said in a statement.

Howard is a former teaching Idaho companies on the Office of Science and Technology and services available to help entrepreneurs reach a higher level of business development.

Howard is a former technology reporter for the Idaho Statesman and has a degree in journalism from California State University, Fresno. Past positions include working as a reporter and editor for various publications, including the Sacramento Bee, Maturity News Service and Las Vegas Review-Journal.

Created in January by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, the Idaho Office of Science and Technology works to drive the state's efforts to build its science and technology research and industry base.

— compiled from staff reports

Property site gains popularity

TWIN FALLS — An online database of available commercial and development properties in Idaho is growing into an important asset for area economic development leaders. Idaho Commerce and Labor launched the Idaho Land and Building Web site April 1. The state's Web site (www.ida-

howorks.com/sites) offers a comprehensive list of properties throughout the state, searchable by a number of factors. To take advantage of the database, Realtors and property owners with Idaho industrial or commercial properties for sale or lease fill out an online form with property details. Each listing is updated every six months.

There is no charge to post or view listings. The site has had more than 300 properties listed since its inception, said Wendi Dunham, business development manager for Commerce and Labor. The database currently lists 179 properties, 26 of which are in south-central Idaho. "We thought if we had 100 or 200, we'd be doing well," Dunham said. "Magic Valley is pretty

well represented." About 85 percent of the research done by companies looking to expand or relocate in Idaho is done via the Internet, Dunham said. But the anonymity that Web searches offer means local communities often don't even know about it, she said. "We could be dismissed and not know we were even in consideration," Dunham said.

Jim "Scotty" Scott, economic development specialist for the Rural Magic Valley Economic Development Association, said the site has become a useful tool in rural development efforts. The site provides information on rural properties that prospective companies might otherwise never see when searching for a place to do business in Idaho, he said.

GOING GREEN



A grove of what forest owner John Henrikson calls 'legacy trees' is shrouded in fog Nov. 4, on Henrikson's farm near Oakville, Wash. Henrikson very selectively logs his own land — leaving standing the best and oldest trees still in the healthy stages of their lives — and soon he and several other Western Washington forest owners will band together to get 'green certification' through the environmentally strict Forest Stewardship Council.

Small-time foresters band together for certification

The Associated Press

— OAKVILLE, Wash. — John Henrikson logs his own land, downing the worst wood first and letting the best stuff keep growing.

There are tall, thick alders and gargantuan maples that could line his pockets handsomely, but he leaves most of them standing — chopping down only the ones nearing the end of their life span.

"I'm not going to touch this," he said, admiring one of the red alders on his 100 acres in this tiny town south of the Capitol Forest. "This is an unbelievably healthy tree."

Like many small forest owners who want to treat their land well, he's thought about trying to get "green certification" through the environmentally strict Forest Stewardship Council.

But he can't afford it. It can cost thousands of dollars just to get a tract of land checked out.

Soon, though, Henrikson and several other Western Washington forest owners will band together to get certified as a group. At most a five-year contract will cost him \$1,000, and he won't have to finally emerge from the hardest part: marking out his eco-friendly wood to mills.

"This is a good opportunity for me," Henrikson said. "The alternative prior to this was doing it on my own, which would be too expensive and a difficult process trying to figure out by myself."

Richard Pine, part owner of a Salem, Ore.-based timber company, decided to go it alone and get his 2,200 acres in Lewis and Thurston counties green-certified in 1999. It has cost him close to \$1,000. But as a charter member of the nonprofit Northwest Natural Resource Group, Pine expects to pay about half that over the next five years.

Henrikson, Pine and other landowners aren't expecting to make a quick buck because most mills aren't yet clamoring for more green-certified wood. They see green certification as more of a rewarding seal of approval for the extra care they take logging their land than any sure economic bet.

"Making forestry profitable is a lot tougher than it used to be, but this program gives landowners a new opportunity to connect with consumers that value their work," said Ian Hanna, who will run the group certification program when it launches early next year. Green certification is an



John Henrikson sizes up a pair of alder trees on Nov. 4, on his farm near Oakville, Wash. He hopes to get 'green certification' soon. Most of the flooring Starbucks now buys is green certified, and do-it-yourself furniture retailer IKEA is also big buyer.

emerging market that's gaining the most ground in cities and states like Seattle and Washington that encourage environmentally sound building techniques for big public projects.

Major retailers including Home Depot and Lowe's have

buying policies that favor certified wood. Most of the flooring Starbucks now buys is green certified, and do-it-yourself furniture retailer IKEA is a big buyer, said Michael Washburn, vice president of forestry and marketing for the U.S. chapter

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Analysts: Fed's rate hikes will continue

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is expected to nudge interest rates up for a fourth time this year today, acting on the belief that the nation's businesses adding 337,000 workers last month, the biggest one-month gain in seven months and more than double what had been forecast.

The big surge in hiring was taken as the strongest signal yet that the economy is starting to regain steam after slowing dramatically during the summer largely because of surging energy prices.

"We are certainly out of the soft patch, and I think the economy is getting on firmer ground," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. The Fed started raising interest rates last June with the

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Edward Jones hosts life insurance satellite course

The Times-News

BURLEY — Tim Henrikson and Lori Henrikson, local Edward Jones investment representatives, will host a course titled "Life Insurance, Estate Taxes and Succession Planning" at noon today at 1327 Albion Ave. in Burley.

The program, broadcast via Edward Jones' satellite system, will be produced by the firm's Professional Education Network — exclusively for certified public accountants and attorneys.

The program introduces viewers to the multifaceted use of life insurance in the context of income estate and business planning and discusses how its

inclusion in the gross estate may be avoided, organizers said.

Topics include general income tax treatment of life insurance proceeds; types of life insurance policies; selection of the owner and beneficiary of a life insurance policy; establishment and administration of an irrevocable life insurance trust; and life insurance planning techniques.

The course offers three continuing education hours for accountants. Organizers also were seeking education credit for attorneys who participate.

The course costs \$50, including materials. Reservations are required; call 678-1131.

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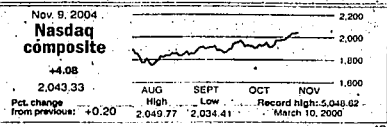
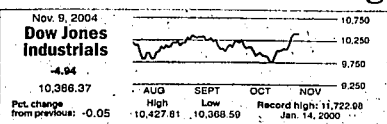
Stocks sluggish ahead of Fed meeting

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks barely budged Tuesday while investors awaited the Federal Reserve's decision on interest rates and while they digested troubling developments at insurance broker MetLife & McLennan Cos. and drugmaker Merck & Co.

While the Fed's policy committee is expected to boost interest rates again at Wednesday's meeting, analysts warn of more aggressive strikes against inflation, questions remain over what signals the central bank might issue on the overall economy in its policy statement.

Robert Christian, chief investment officer at Wilmington Trust Co., said the market had already factored in a rate increase but was anxious about what the Fed might say about the economy, including the inflationary impact of the recent decline. A weaker dollar might prompt the Fed to move more aggressively than it would otherwise. Higher rates would make U.S. investments more attractive, helping boost demand for dollar versus other currencies.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 4.94, or 0.05 percent, at 10,386.37. Broader stock indicators were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slipped 0.81, or 0.07 percent, to 1,164.08, while the Nasdaq composite index was up 4.08, or 0.2 percent, at 2,043.33.



trend of recent weeks. A barrel of light crude settled at \$47.37, down \$1.72, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Marsh & McLennan was down 56 cents at \$26.80 after the company posted disappointing quarterly results and said it would cut 3,000 jobs, or about 5 percent of its work force, amid the continuing fallout over charges of insurance fee-bidding by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

Merck was down 57 cents at \$26 as the Dow's biggest decliner after disclosing last Monday that the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Federal Reserve were examining the company's handling of Vioxx. Merck recently pulled the leading arthritis drug off the market after studies showed it increased the risk of heart attacks.

Elsewhere in the Dow, Caterpillar Inc. was up \$1.30 at \$88.31 as the measure's biggest

gainer, followed by Boeing Co., up 64 cents at \$52.51.

Cisco Systems Inc. was down 22 cents at \$19.75 in anxious trading before the technology bellwether's quarterly profit report, which came in after the close.

The networking giant saw its profits rise 27 percent for the quarter, and its earnings of 21 cents per share were in line with analysts' forecasts. Cisco shed another 51 cents to \$19.24 in after-hours trading.

The market also was digested after earnings news as the third-quarter reporting season entered its final stages. Satellite TV broadcaster EchoStar Communications Corp. was up 69 cents at \$30.71 after reporting that its earnings nearly tripled as the company added about 350,000 new subscribers. EchoStar also said it would pay a one-time dividend of \$1 a share, or a total of \$455 million, next month.

Cablevision Systems Corp. was up 46 cents at \$20.49 after the Long Island, N.Y.-based cable TV provider reported a much stronger third quarter and loss than Wall Street had been expecting.

Green

Continued from E1

The American Tree Farm System, a national forest conservation organization, was created in 1941 to promote sustainable forestry, making it the country's oldest "green certification" agency. Its members include about 51,000 family forest owners who manage about 33 million acres of land in 48 states.

In 1993, a coalition of timber traders, environmental groups and human rights organizations created the Forest Stewardship Council, a global nonprofit based in Bonn, Germany. Its mission is to promote environmentally sound, socially beneficial and economically viable management of the world's forests.

has about 45,000 green-certified acres, mostly on Port Lewis; an Arroyo south of Tacoma.

Tom Doak heads up a group certification program in Maine that's seen its membership rise from about 20 to 60 in the past 18 months.

They pay less each year than the other two of the Washington group will, because getting certified through the American Tree Farm System's program is cheaper than going through the Forest Stewardship Council.

It costs more to certify and money to process FSC-certified wood, because one of the standards requires that wood can be traced from the stump to the store. That means certified logs have to be kept in a separate stack, and a mill's sawdust has to be wiped clean before being used as mulch.

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Eric Fritch, a mill owner in Snohomish, has been buying and selling certified wood for about three years. Sometimes he gets more orders than he can fill. Other times there's hardly any demand for it. Either way, he sees certified wood as a promising market.

He's already told the Northwest Natural Resource Group's eager to buy more certified wood and still pay an extra \$25 for every 1,000 board feet of wood. He pays for noncertified wood. As long as he breaks even, he said, he's willing to give the market time to mature.

"I don't have the luxury of doing it from a position of charity for very long," Fritch said. "You could lose money doing this in a hurry if you're not careful."

Workers wish boss would stand up for them

The Associated Press

If you're a manager, how do your employees think you should become a better communicator? Many want to feel that the boss stands up for them when necessary, according to a poll of 571 workers. The issue was cited by 28 percent.

Some suggestions for better communication include:
- Squelch the rumor mill. If your staff doesn't hear the news from you, they're rarely sure to get it elsewhere, Doney said.

Listen during meetings. How do your colleagues react to and about your staff? If someone is questioned or criticized unfairly, come to the defense.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing various stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Name, Div, Last, Chg, and Volume. Includes sub-sections for Most Active, Losers, and Gainers.

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BEANS table listing prices for various bean types like Valley Beans, Soybean, etc.

CHEESE table listing prices for different cheese varieties such as Cheddar, Swiss, etc.

POTATOES table listing prices for Idaho potatoes in various grades and quantities.

GRAINS table listing prices for wheat, corn, and other grains.

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Inter-mountain Livestock Report for Tuesday.

CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade.

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FTC targets six companies in 'Operation Big Fat Lie'

WASHINGTON — Six companies that claimed their products enabled consumers to shed pounds and inches...

The actions, filed in a federal district court, are part of a new FTC legal and educational initiative aimed at the weight-loss industry and called 'Operation Big Fat Lie.'

The FTC has won temporary restraining orders against two companies — Fenema, Inc. of Pembroke Pines, Fla., and Sear's, Inc. of Pembroke Pines, Fla.

The restraining orders require both companies to preserve their business records and provide the FTC with their sales and financial records.

The FTC, if courts permit, will use the records to seek refunds for consumers who bought the bogus products.

The FTC is also seeking to force Fenema and Sear's to stop advertising their products as weight-loss aids.

A service representative for a fourth named company, New England Diet Center of Westport, Conn., declined to comment.

Since 1990, the FTC has recovered some \$66 million for consumers from fraudulent weight-loss operations, according to the agency.

FTC Chairwoman Deborah Platt Majoras read one disputed ad that touted a diet tablet that "works faster than a hunger strike."

"These claims are about as credible as a note from the tooth fairy," Majoras said.

But with 61 percent of U.S. adults overweight and roughly 70 million Americans trying to lose weight, the market for too-good-to-be-true weight-loss creams, gels, capsules, teas, skin patches is huge, she said.

Companies cited by the FTC include: Fenema, Inc. of Pembroke Pines, Fla., which marketed Spanish consumers with ads for its Siluette Patch, a weight-loss skin patch made from pure seaweed and 'Fat Solter Reducer,' a diet supplement.

The company also marketed the '1-2-3 Reduce Fat' kit that includes diet pills, a gel containing sea algae and a course to wrap around the body. The products claimed substantial weight loss without dieting or exercise.

CHK Trading Co. Inc. of New Jersey and CHK Trading, Corp. of New York City. Both companies claimed their 'Himalayin Cellulose Cream,' when rubbed on the stomach, buttocks and thighs caused permanent weight loss of 10 to 35 pounds.

'Natural Products, LLC,' austin, Calif., company that sells 'Bio-Trim' and 'Body Trim' diet supplement powders and capsules.

Ads claimed the products block fat and calorie consumption, work for all users and are clinically proven to reduce weight without reduced calorie intake.

New England Diet Center, of Westport, Conn., claimed its 'Chinese Diet Tea' and 'Bio-Sil' diet supplement caused consumers to shed weight without dieting or exercise.

AVS Marketing, Inc., of Thomson, Ill. claimed its dietary supplement, 'Himalayin Diet Breakthrough' contained Himalayan Mineral Pills, "a taste-like material" that "oozes out of the cliff cracks" in the Himalayas.

Consumers lost up to 37 pounds in eight weeks without dieting, according to ads.

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Selected world gold prices, Tuesday. Hong Kong late: \$433.00 per 100 grams.

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Case No. 51791B
On March 2, 2004, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock P.M. of said day of the 11th day of October, 2004, Fourth Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, TITLE-FACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee will 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 property, situated in the County of Jerome, State of Idaho, and the rights therein to-wit:
All that portion of Lot 8, TYLER'S ADDITION to the City of Kimberly in Twin Falls County, Idaho, as shown on the plat of said addition, and more particularly described as follows:
Section 42, Township 20N, Range 12E, 14th Principal Meridian, in the Northwest corner of said Lot 8 and running:
THENCE Easterly along the North boundary line of said Lot 8 a distance of 99.27 feet to a point on said North line;
THENCE Southerly and parallel with the West boundary line of said Lot 8 a distance of 539.64 feet or less, to the South boundary line of said Lot 8;
THENCE Westerly along the said South boundary line a distance of 100.00 feet or less, to the Southwest corner of said Lot 8;
THENCE North along the West boundary line of said Lot 8 a distance of 526.75 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 8, the POINT OF BEGINNING.
Sometimes known as: 543 Taylor Street West, Kimberly, Idaho 83303.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, and the obligation secured by the deed and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust from J. A. Loedon, a single man, to TitleFact, Inc., an Idaho corporation, Trustee, and E. W. K. and Carol A. Loedon, his wife, Beneficiary, dated December 16, 1997, recorded December 16, 1997, as Instrument No. 2004-11-0001, and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is 533,092.43, plus 11% interest and foreclosure costs.
The amount on hand of the 2002 taxes and all of the 2003 taxes, which are delinquent in the total amount of \$15,535.41, plus penalty and interest, is \$15,439.99, and the address of the Trustee is:
TitleFact, Inc.
15/R, Todd Bloss, Vice President
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LEGALS

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO INVITATION TO BID: HUMAN SIMULATOR
Sealed bids for the specified human simulator will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 24, 2004, in the office of the Vice President of Financial Institutions in the Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho, and then through public opening.
Bids must be sent or delivered to the above address on or before the above listed date and time to be accepted. The outside of the envelope should clearly indicate "SEAL-ED BIDS ENCL. ONLY".
For complete bid specifications, procedures, bid forms and additional information, contact Dr. Clauden Bugner at the College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1238 or telephone 208-732-6705.
The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the College.
John M. Mason, Vice President of Finance
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INVITATION TO BID
Gooding J. School District is accepting bids for snow removal on the District property. Bids are being requested for each building separately. Job must be completed by 5:00 P.M. Approximate footage is: High School, 131,766 sq. ft. Elem. Middle, 142,797 sq. ft. GALS: 24,000 cu. yd.
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101 LOST AND FOUND

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On 2/28/2005, at 1:00 A.M. (recognized local time in the Idaho State of Idaho) 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83303, TitleFact, Inc., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, will 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 property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and more particularly described as follows: Lot 11 block 2, Woodridge Estates, Twin Falls County, Idaho filed in book 11 of said County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, under Deed No. 2004-11-0001, and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust executed by Julie N. DeHaire, an unmarried woman, as Grantor, to, as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Das Financial Services, Inc. an Idaho Corporation, as Beneficiary, dated 8/10/2004, recorded 8/15/2004, as Instrument No. 2004-11-0001, and the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is \$1,638,895.00, plus 11% interest and foreclosure costs.
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vs. CARRIE BURNETT,
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff.
A copy of the Petition, as served with this summons, if you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that you can respond. If you may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.
An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10 (a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:
1. The name and number of the case.
2. If your response is an Answer to the Petition, it must contain admissions and denials of the separate allegations of the Petition and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney, as designated above.
To determine whether you may file a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.
DATED this 18th day of October, 2004.
Kristina Glascock, Clerk
By Gary Daw, Deputy Clerk

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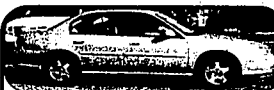
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