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Counties cash in on jail crowding

Twin Falls is not one of them

By Cassidy Friedman
For The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — County jails with excess capacity are cashing in on Idaho's overcrowded prison system, getting extra money from the state when they welcome in the overflow. Shoshone County receives about \$40 a day plus medical expenses to house extra inmates. It took 10 prisoners last week from Kootenai County. "Another person's misery is

our gold," Shoshone County Sheriff Chuck Reynolds told The Spokesman-Review newspaper in Spokane for a story in Monday's editions.

Among the miserable is Twin Falls County.

"Those counties you hear about making all that money... We're paying them," said Sgt. Steve Byars of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. Between October 2004 and October 2005, Twin Falls County paid \$135,270 to house 51 in-

mates in other Idaho counties; a total that doesn't include transportation costs. Idaho counties charge an average of \$45 per day for each prisoner.

Twin Falls County jail is currently two over its 34-bed capacity for female inmates, but within its 194-bed capacity for men. But Byars warned that winter is the annual low point in the county's prison population.

"It goes in spurts," he said. "From March until November is our peak season. In August, we

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Father may face death penalty

Jim Junior Nice, the Twin Falls man who has pleaded innocent to fatally poisoning his three children with rat poison and over-the-counter medication on Dec. 20, might face the death penalty. Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loebbs has filed an intent to seek the death penalty. In that filing, Loebbs wrote the murders were "especially heinous, atrocious or cruel."

A trial date has not been set.

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— Sgt. Steve Byars, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office

Valley Beef and Wendell may pay

State considering fining city and business over blood in sewers

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Meat processor Valley Beef's dumping of blood-rich waste in the Wendell sewer system has caught the eye of the state Department of Environmental Quality.

Both the city and plant may be fined for exceeding biochemical oxygen demand levels, a measurement of how much oxygen is required in the sewer to maintain an aerobic treatment. Higher BOD levels in wastewater equal higher bills in treatment.

“Odor is one of the major issues.”

— Dave Anderson, state official

“Odor is one of the major issues,” said Dave Anderson, DEQ's regional manager of engineering. “The waste also has a higher nutrient level as blood is rich in protein and nitrogen and the nutrients have to be properly disposed of.”

The department is working with Wendell on a compliance plan that will include a timetable and actions to be taken, Anderson said.

Wendell Mayor Rex Strickland said Valley Beef is trying to stay in compliance, but recent tests show the plant's BOD levels at three to five times higher than is allowable.

In a Feb. 16 City Council meeting, Valley Beef owner Curtis Merrill said he is working on the problem. “An engineer will be coming in by the end of the month,” he said. “We are looking at pretreatment of our waste.”

Other options include additional treatment at the city plant. Strickland said Valley Beef was until March 2 to submit an engineering plan. After that, the company will have 60 days to show blueprints of how it will solve the problem and begin construction.

Right now, DEQ just wants to see Wendell stay in compliance. No fines have been assessed, Anderson said. Strickland said he has been told to expect fines.

“When and how much is still not known,” he said.

THE LAST PICTURE SHOW



David Woodhead stands in the projection room Tuesday at the Lamphouse Theatre in Twin Falls. For six years, the theater has been home to foreign and independent arts films. On March 2, it will close.

Lamphouse Theatre to close its doors

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

Things don't always go according to plan in the movie theater business.

It was a spring afternoon six years ago and Lamphouse Theatre owner Dave Woodhead was on the telephone for the umpteenth time trying to find out why the film couriers hadn't yet delivered the Alfred Hitchcock thriller, “Rear Window.” He had scheduled the film to be shown at 7 p.m. It was now 10 minutes to 6.

Finally, two men walked up carrying two bags containing the film. “You have a lot of Fifth Avenues in this town,” one of them told him. Woodhead had to hustle, but he somehow managed to get the film on the screen on time.

Today, six years and many movies later, Woodhead and his wife, Tris, have decided to close the theater's doors a week from Thursday. Competition from online DVDs, pay-per-view and even illegal downloading has made movie theaters a rough business to be in. Woodhead said it's amazing the Lamphouse lasted as long as it did.

“If we didn't own the premises — if we had to pay the landlord — we would have had this conversation a long time ago,” Woodhead said Tuesday. He said he'd been thinking about closing the theater since last summer. Summers, Woodhead said, are typically slow. People are on vacation or outside hoeing their gardens.

“Every summer was bad until the summer of Napoleon Dynamite,” Woodhead said. The Idaho-based sleeper hit ran for 17 weeks.

He and Tris had long been lovers of

independent and foreign films and documentaries. They'd travel to Boise on a Saturday and catch three of them at Flicks. The Crystal Theater in Missoula also is one of their favorite places. So they began to ponder the idea of opening their own theater in Twin Falls.

There were already theaters in Twin Falls showing the latest action flicks, romantic comedies and multimillion-dollar blockbusters. But Woodhead wanted to show “films,” not “movies.” He knew there were other people out there who shared his love for films that would never be shown in the other theaters around town. But he also realized there would be an audience he would never capture, people who would never spend their hard-earned money on films that take a serious, and often dark, look at life.

“People deal with the real world all day,” Woodhead said. “They don't want to see it in a movie. They'd rather escape than be awakened.” The Lamphouse Theatre was the subject of conversation all over town for a good two years before it came to fruition. Woodhead even hung a sign in the Old Towne buildings front window that said, “Coming in your lifetime: The Lamphouse Theatre.” He bought a \$3,000 projector from a friend and spent \$2,000 on a “lamp house” that illuminates the film through the lens. He spent another \$2,000 on a Dolby stereo sound system. He got some theater seats from the Magic Lantern in Ketchum and knocked some holes in the walls and put in emergency exit doors. He found some great deals on videos and DVDs at going-out-of-business auctions and bought a popcorn machine from a gas station on Blue Lakes. Woodhead figures he spent somewhere between \$25,000 and

\$35,000 to get the theater ready for business. And on Friday, March 3, 2000, he opened the 84-seat theater's doors, showing the German film, “Run, Lola, Run,” a story about a mob deal gone wrong. About 30 people showed up that first evening.

The Lamphouse Theatre featured three showtimes a day, seven days a week, and in 2003, Woodhead opened a second, 64-seat theater. Later, Woodhead was forced to close the theaters on Mondays and Tuesdays to cut costs. A few weeks ago, when Woodhead was booking bands for his Woody's Sports Bar, he realized that March 3 again falls on a Friday. So he decided March 2 would be a perfect night to close.

“All of the sudden I had this epiphany that if we closed on March 2, we would have completed a full circle,” Woodhead said. “We will have been open for exactly six years — 312 weeks.”

Woodhead plans to rent out the front part of the building that now houses the rental films and concession stand. But he's going to hold on to the theaters and the projection room. He might even turn them into dollar theaters, he's just not sure yet. But for now, plans are in the works to close the Lamphouse with a special finale, perhaps another showing of “Run, Lola, Run” or “The Last Picture Show.”

The theater might be closing, but Woodhead's love for independent and foreign films lives on. “I've had a steady six-year diet of films like these,” Woodhead said. “I can't understand why people would go see mainstream movies. They seem staid and stale.”

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Outpacing the GDP

By 2015, healthcare spending is estimated to double from 2005 projections of \$2 trillion to \$4 trillion — consuming 20 percent of the GDP.

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\$X x trillion (% of GDP) \$X x trillion

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2002	—	1.6 (15.4)	11.0
2003	—	1.7 (15.9)	10.5
2004	—	1.9 (16.0)	11.7
2005*	—	2.0 (16.2)	12.4
2006*	—	2.2 (16.5)	13.1
2010*	—	2.9 (18.0)	16.0
2015*	—	4.0 (20.0)	20.2

*Projected
NOTE: Gross Domestic Product measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States.

SOURCE: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Health care costs to keep rising, says government

By Kevin Frelking
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Within a decade, an aging America will spend one of every five dollars on health care, according to government analysts who see no end to increases in the cost of going to the doctor and taking medicine.

The nation's total health care bill by 2015: more than \$4 trillion. Consumers will foot about half the bill, the government says. Hospital costs will rise more quickly than previously anticipated, reflecting a construction boom for urban hospitals. Meanwhile, drug costs are expected to be lower because of a greater reliance on generics, and because insurers are mastering the new Medicare drug benefit were able to negotiate steeper discounts than previously anticipated.

The projections, published in the journal Health Affairs, come as President Bush urges Americans to confront the rising cost of health care. In his State of the Union address last month, the president pushed health savings accounts, and the high-deductible insurance plans that go with them.

The administration predicts that Americans would become more thrifty consumers if they had to pay more of the upfront costs, which occurs with health savings accounts.

“We don't expect HSAs to proliferate so dramatically that they would have an impact similar to that of the managed care era of the '90s,” said John Potosi, deputy director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' National Health Statistics Group. Then, health care flattened out at 13 percent of gross domestic product.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies and cool. Highs 30s. Tonight: Mainly dry with more clouds than anything. Lows, lower 20s. Tomorrow: Breezy at times with partly to mostly cloudy skies. Highs, lower 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy, mainly dry. Highs, upper 30s. Tonight: Chilly, continued mostly cloudy. Lows near 20. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy skies and turning breezy at times. Highs near 40.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High/Low).

Yesterday's Weather

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING HITS. The High Country will fare well in the snow department over the next couple of days. Includes a map of Idaho and regional forecasts.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Boise, Burley, Shoshone, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for major US cities.

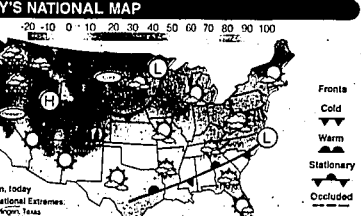
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Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day. 'Most wealth is inconspicuous. The man does the great deed of the nice and can't brag in the maximum could really be a great deal and a lower end wealth.'

CANADIAN FORECAST

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Medicare to pay for more weight-reduction surgery

By Jia-Rui Chong, Los Angeles Times. Medicare on Tuesday approved three types of stomach-shrinking surgery for obese patients who also suffer from other serious health problems such as diabetes, hypertension and heart disease. The average person cannot afford to self-pay for bariatric surgical procedures. 'The average person cannot afford to self-pay for bariatric surgical procedures,' Hatcher said, estimating that the surgeries cost about \$25,000 on average.

Disabled woman accuses Kraft of discrimination; company sued

BOISE (AP) — The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is suing Kraft Foods, accusing the company of discriminating against a woman who has multiple sclerosis. In the lawsuit, filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court, the EEOC claims that Cathy Rutledge was forced to resign after her new supervisor refused to accommodate her disability.

Ex-Sago Mine foreman indicted

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (AP) — A former Sago Mine foreman was indicted Tuesday on federal charges that he falsified inspection reports at the mine in 2004 and was never certified as a miner or mining foreman.

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On the Net

Health Affairs: http://www.healthaffairs.org. Another trend within the new government projections is an ever-growing reliance on the government to foot the bill for health care.

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NATION

Abortion showdown set

Supreme Court will decide 'partial-birth' ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Tuesday it would consider reinstating a ban on what opponents call partial-birth abortion, pulling the contentious issue back to the high court on conservative Justice Samuel Alito's first year.

Alito could be the tie-breaking vote when the court decides if doctors can be barred from performing the abortion procedure.

It is the first time the court has considered a federal restriction on abortion, and conservatives said they expect the membership change to affect the outcome.

"This is the frontline abortion case in the country," said Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the conservative American Center for Law and Justice, who represents members of Congress in the case.

Justices split 5-4 in 2000 in striking down a state law barring the procedure because it lacked an exception to protect the health of the mother. Justice

Sandra Day O'Connor, who was the tie-breaking vote, retired late last month and was replaced by Alito.

Abortion was a major focus in the fight over Alito's nomination, and that of new Chief Justice John Roberts. Neither divulged how he would vote.

Even with O'Connor's retirement, there are five votes to uphold Roe v. Wade, the 1973 landmark ruling that established a woman's right to an abortion.

Abortion rights groups were worried, however, that the new court could make it easier for legislators to limit women's access to abortions.

"Today's action means the core principle of protecting women's health as guaranteed by Roe v. Wade is in clear and present danger," said Nancy Keenan, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America.

Justices will hear arguments this fall, as voters are preparing for midterm elections, with a full-term election next year as presidential campaigns are gearing up.

Congress had voted in 2003 to prohibit the type of abortion, generally carried out in the second or third trimester, in which a fetus is partially removed from the womb and its skull punctured or crushed.

Justices were told that 31 states also barred so-called "partial-birth" abortions over the past eight years.

Doctors who perform the procedure contend that it is the safest method of abortion when the mother's health is threatened by heart disease, high blood pressure or cancer.

The 2003 passage followed nearly a decade of attempts by Republican leaders and two vetoed by former President Clinton.

The law was never put in effect. It was struck down by judges in California, Nebraska and New York because it had an exception to protect the woman's health. Those three decisions were upheld by appeals courts.

Defenders of the law maintain that the procedure is never



Alito

medically necessary to protect a woman's health. The Supreme Court recently ruled on an abortion case from New Hampshire. Justices on a 5-4 vote

reaffirmed in January that states can require parental involvement in abortion decisions and that state restrictions must have an exception to protect the mother's health.

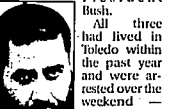
The case that will be heard this fall comes to the Supreme Court from Nebraska, where the federal law was challenged on behalf of physicians.

A judge in Lincoln, Neb., ruled that the law was unconstitutional, and the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis agreed last summer, prompting the Supreme Court appeal. Federal judges in New York and San Francisco also declared the law unconstitutional, and appeals courts agreed.

3 indicted on charges of planning attacks

CLEVELAND (AP) — Three Muslim men from the Middle East have been indicted Tuesday for plotting terrorist attacks against U.S. and coalition troops in Iraq and other countries.

One of the men, a citizen of both the United States and Jordan, was also accused of threatening to kill or injure President Bush.



El-Hindi

All three had lived in Toledo within the past year and were arrested over the weekend. Two of them in Toledo, the third in Jordan, authorities said.

An unidentified U.S. citizen with a military background helped the government foil the plot by working with the suspects while secretly gathering evidence, according to the indictment.

"This case stands as a reminder of the need for continued vigilance in the war on terrorism," Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said in Washington.

The federal indictment does not specify whether any threats were imminent but says the suspects recruited others as early as November 2004 to train for July war against the United States and ally coalition forces.

The three pleaded not guilty in federal courts in Cleveland and Toledo. The most serious charges could bring life in prison.

Two of the men discussed plans to practice setting off explosives on the Fourth of July in 2005 so that the bombs would not be noticed, the indictment alleges. It was not clear whether the men went through with those plans.

The indictment says the group also traveled together to shooting ranges to practice and studied how to make explosives. It alleges that at least one of the men researched and tried to obtain government grants and private funding for the training.

Mohammad Zaki Amawi, 26, is accused of threatening in conversations to kill or injure Bush. He also is charged with distributing information about making and using bombs.

The others are Marwan Othman El-Hindi, 42, a U.S. citizen born in Jordan; and Wassim L. Nazham, 24, who came to the United States from Lebanon in 2000.



An unidentified official guards a shipping container storage area Tuesday at the Port of Miami.

President Bush said Tuesday that a deal allowing an Arab company to take over six major U.S. airports should go forward.

Bush threatens veto of any legislation blocking ports deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Blushing aside objections from Republicans and Democrats alike, President Bush endorsed the takeover of shipping operations at six major U.S. seaports by a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates. He pledged to veto any bill Congress might approve to block the agreement.

The president on Tuesday defended his administration's earlier approval of the sale of London-based Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. to Dubai Ports World, despite concerns in Congress it could

increase the possibility of terrorism at American ports.

The pending sale — expected to be finalized in early March — puts Dubai Ports in charge of major shipping operations in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia. "If there was any chance that this transaction would jeopardize the security of the United States, it would not go forward," Bush said.

"It sends a terrible signal to friends around the world that it's OK for a company from one country to manage the port, but not a country that plays by the

rules and has got a good track record from another part of the world," Bush said.

To assuage concerns, the administration disclosed some assurances it had negotiated with Dubai Ports. It required mandatory participation in U.S. security programs to stop smuggling and detect illegal shipments of nuclear materials; roughly 33 other port companies participate in these voluntarily. The Coast Guard also said Tuesday it was newly finished inspecting Dubai Ports' facilities in the United States.

Doctors withdraw, delay execution

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — State officials on Tuesday postponed indefinitely the execution of a condemned killer, saying they would be unable to comply with a judge's order that a medical professional administer the lethal injection.

Prison authorities called off the execution after failing to find a doctor, nurse, or other person licensed to inject medications to give a fatal dose of barbiturate, said Vernell Crittendon, a spokesman for San Quentin State Prison.

"We are unable to have a licensed medical professional come forward to inject the medication intravenously, causing the life to end," he said. It was unclear when the execution would be carried out, but the delay could last for months because of legal questions surrounding California's method of lethal injection.

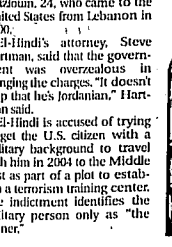
The 24-hour death warrant for Michael Morales was set to expire at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday. After that, state officials have to go back to the trial judge who imposed the death sentence in

1983 for another warrant.

Morales, 46, was executed at 12:01 a.m. but the suspension was put off until at least Tuesday night after two anesthesiologists who were going to be present objected to that they might have to advise the executioner if the inmate woke up or appeared to suffer pain.

"Any such intervention would clearly be medically unethical," the doctors, whose identities were not released, said in a statement. "As a result, we have withdrawn from participation in this current process."

The doctors had been brought in by a federal judge after Morales' attorneys argued that the three-part lethal injection process violates the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. The attorneys said a prisoner could feel excruciating pain from the last two chemicals if he were not fully sedated.



El-Hindi's attorney, Steve Hartman, said that the government was overzealous in bringing the charges. "It doesn't help that he's Jordanian," Hartman said.

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Firefighter who spoke after decade in coma dies at 44

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He was 44. Donald Herbert was injured in December 1995, when the roof of a burning home collapsed on him. Deprived of oxygen for several minutes, he

ended up blind, was largely mute and showed little awareness of his surroundings for years.

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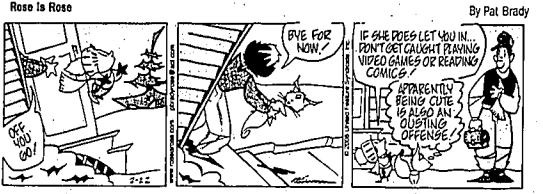
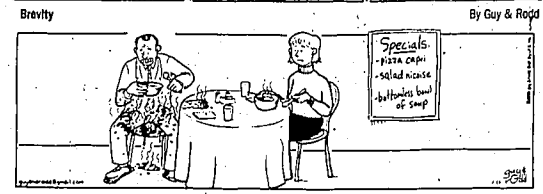
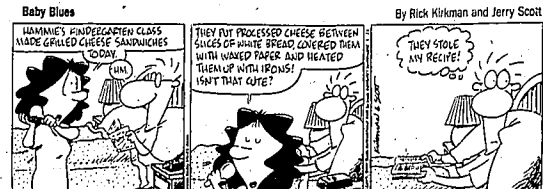
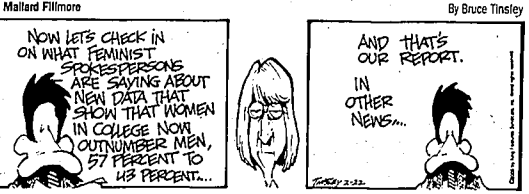
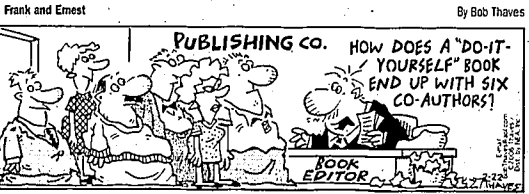
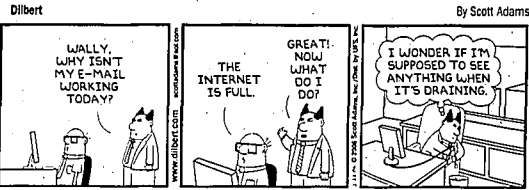
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Capricorn: Redirect your energy

IF FEB. 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This upcoming year you have an appointment with destiny, and meeting your challenges correctly will catapult you into the stardom. You'll need to exercise every bit of wisdom you possess to avoid distractions in the form of wild goose chases or interpersonal squabbling. Talking over your plans with a trusted friend can help to sharpen your focus. Do be sure to get enough rest to maintain inner balance, and buckle up — it will be a year to remember.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are still a major charmer — use this time to build your following, but wait to move forward. Don't let emotional arguments sway you toward discarding your better judgment; hold fast to what you know deep down is right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Plans made now could backfire in undreamed-of ways. Your mind can range, but don't settle on any particular path for the present. Concentrate on just keeping things going generally the way they should.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Avoid pushing too hard or coming on too strong. Confusing stars are creating muddled minds, so wait to think things through or resolve misunderstandings. Today is not your best day to sell yourself or your ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let anyone get your goat today and use great care to treat others with every kindness. Don't let harsh feelings make you ride roughshod over those around you, and discard vengeful thoughts or plans, as they are unworthy of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Overconfidence or rebellion could be your undoing if either leads you into moving ahead now. The wise lion knows when waiting will make for faster progress in the long run. Use your warmth to cheer up someone who needs it now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Even something that seems like it is fated to be could be misleading now. Continue to defer new starts for the time. Double-check even your most painstaking planning after the stars improve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your ability to play the mediator and don't think the grumbler people may be too stirred by difficult stars to see clear and fair solutions. You might suggest waiting before finalizing any agreements, though.

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Jeraldine Saunders

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The possibility of feeling slighted and developing a grudge is very high now. Interestingly, you may be the mediate one helping others not to "go there." You of all people know the futility of holding on to anger, especially if the transgression is blown out of proportion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your optimism is inspirational to others, but be pragmatic within yourself and make sure the lenses of your rose-colored glasses aren't so opaque that they absorb what is really going on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This is another good day to be sure worries and concerns don't overwhelm you. Keep redirecting your attention into positive channels; your outlook is needlessly pessimistic, so don't act on your perceptions today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An emphasis on friendships and affiliations occupies your mind. You should be able to find your way through any thickets now by relying on good judgment and proven principles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let the hot stuff play you today and don't think the grumbler you are hearing are related to who you are personally. Keep a positive outlook and skate gracefully through these petty and perhaps even adversarial days.

COMICS

Pastor's wife with a past could cause future havoc



DEAR ABBY: Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Being a pastor of a church, I had to respond to the letter from "Hates Hypocrites in Washington." She's the woman who discovered that the new associate pastor's wife, "Millie," is the same woman who broke up her marriage, in addition to having had a "history" so to speak.

The senior pastor is probably aware of at least some of what she wrote about — that Millie has had two previous marriages, countless affairs and did time in prison for drugs. However, on the off chance that he doesn't, "Hates Hypocrites" should say something.

As you suggested, she needs to introduce herself to the woman in question: Millie's reaction will give her a pretty good idea of whether she has had a change of heart in recent years. If Millie hasn't, then the writer needs to go quietly to the pastor, approaching it from the standpoint of, "I hope Millie has turned over a new leaf since all of this, but you need to know that..."

I have seen firsthand what can happen when enough questions are asked when a staff person comes into a church. While I hope and pray that Millie has learned from her mistakes, that may not be the case.

— REV. CHET THOMAS, DAWSON, GA.
DEAR REV. THOMAS: AL-

though I am reluctant to see anyone "carry tales" that could ruin a career — specifically the associate pastor's — I bow to your expertise. You are not the only clergy member who weighed in on this one. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am an ordained minister and pastoral counselor. While it's traditional in many churches, simply being a pastor's spouse in no way qualifies someone to teach marriage classes any more than being a doctor's wife qualifies her to teach CPR. That she knows firsthand where the pitfalls are does not make one an expert on how others might form healthy relationships and avoid adultery, drugs, prison, etc.

Whether or not this pastor's wife, "Millie," may have repented of her sin and amended her life, she is still responsible for her past behavior, and one of its consequences is that her credibility as an expert on marriage may rightfully be questioned. Nor should one assume that all pastors' marriages are exempl-

ry. Since clergy families live highly public lives, whatever flaws this marriage has are on public display and given Millie's past, one would assume there might be many that come to light.

The woman's real value to a marriage class could be an example of one who has acknowledged her falling and changed her ways, and shows openness to learn from others who have had longer, more healthy relationships — but not if she hides her past and pretends to be something she's not.

— MARY KRAHN, BEMUS POINT, WY.

DEAR ABBY: If it is true that the new associate pastor's wife broke up the writer's marriage, and has a history of similarly disruptive behavior elsewhere, then the woman represents a potentially destructive force at that congregation. As a parish minister of nearly 30 years, I can see the red flags flying high on this one.

"Hates Hypocrites" should notify the appropriate denominational officials of whatever larger body this church is affiliated with and let them take whatever action they feel may be warranted. This is not about "Hates Hypocrites" getting revenge; it is about protecting the congregation and well-being of the congregation.

— REV. STEPHEN EDINGTON, NASHUA, N.H.

Almost all commercial eggs come from white leghorn chickens

Almost all commercial eggs in the United States are from white leghorn chickens — about 80 percent of them. This day in history: When the flag was raised in earnest at Iwo Jima, photographer Joe Rosenthal wasn't ready, so he asked the soldiers to take it down and to it over again. The second time was the charm. Rosenthal's shot of five U.S. Marines and one Navy Corpsman re-erecting the U.S. flag at Iwo Jima, taken Feb. 23, 1945, has become one of the most celebrated images of World War II.

According to the National Audubon Society, and the best guess anyone can make, cats kill up to 100 million birds every year. Still, the bird-loving group says that greatest threat to bird populations is the loss of forests through human development, including suburban sprawl.

In the 1920s, when Marlboro cigarettes were marketed exclusively to women smokers, they came with red bands around the filters. The company called



RANDOM KINKS OF JACK MINGO Erin Barrett

them "Beauty Tips" and explained that they were meant to hide those embarrassing lipstick stains.

Despite the World War I ace's nickname, "The Red Baron" wasn't really a baron, and he was known by that name only among enemy pilots. Manfred von Richthofen, whom the Germans called "Der Rote Kampfflieger" ("the Red Battle Flyer"), was credited with shooting down 80 aircraft before being shot down by Australian gunners on the ground while dogfighting with a Canadian pilot.

Blimp skin is made of Dacron with added neoprene, so that even though it's only about as thick as a shirt collar, it's extra

tough. This is a good thing. Goodyear estimates one of the blimps gets used as target practice by gun-loving yahoos about 20 times a year.

It's not as if people haven't known the danger of smoking for a long time. King James I banned tobacco in England in 1604, deeming it "toxic" to the eye, harmful to the nose, harmful to the brain, dangerous to the lungs, and in the stinking fume thereof, nearest resembling the horrible Stygian smoke of the pit that is bottomless."

Which came first, asks a reader, the chicken or the egg? There really is an answer: Chickens evolved from an early Indochina bird called the red jungle fowl. Somewhere along the line, one of these fowls laid a genetically mutated egg that hatched something more like a chicken than a red jungle fowl. Hence the egg came first.

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New Yorkers honored for their good manners

ATLANTA (AP) — It may seem a little hard to believe, but New Yorkers are being honored for, of all things, their good manners.

The group Americans for More Civility has honored city residents for their "forcefulness and aplomb" during the transit strike that hit at the height of the holiday shopping season.

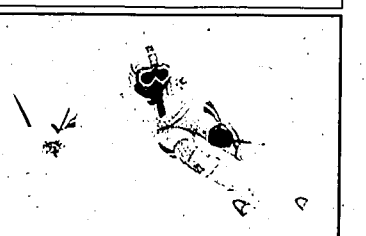
The awards are known as the Cities and are handed out by Atlanta-based Glenn Dromgoole and Alan Gibson. Other winners of the 2005 Cities include Kathy Holmgren, the wife of Seattle Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren, who was doing charity work in the Congo while the Seahawks were playing in the Super Bowl.

Another winner was Army Lieutenant General Russel Honore, the military coordinator who responded to Hurricane Katrina, who was honored for his diplomatic skills in his home state.



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Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

LOOK! YOUR SKIRT IS SPLIT UP THE BACK!
OH MY!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?!!
I WAS GETTING AROUND TO IT

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

SMOLEY! YES, WHEN I CAME HERE, THE FIRM HAD JUST OPENED ITS DOORS.
AND DADGWOOD, I HOPE YOU STAY HERE AS LONG AS I DID!
I DON'T!!!

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

YOU SHOULD BE EATING THESE BLUEBERRIES, TOO, POP!
AND WHY IS THAT—ARE THEY GOOD FOR ME?
YEAR—MOM SAYS THEY'RE FULL OF ANTI-ACCIDENTS!

Garfild By Jim Davis

DINNER WAS GOING SO WELL...
THEN SHE EXCUSED HERSELF FROM THE TABLE AND NEVER CAME BACK.
SHE DIDN'T EVEN TOUCH HER FOOD!
ALL RIGHT ALREADY! GET TO THE DOGGY BAG PART!

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND MEN, MAMA!
I CAN'T EITHER.
THEY ALL TALK WITH THEIR MOUTHS FULL!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

EAT YOUR CREAMED SPINACH AND YOU CAN HAVE ONE OF THE BROWNIES I BAKED.
I GUESS IT COMES DOWN TO HOW MUCH I LIKE BROWNIES.
...OR HOW MUCH I HATE CREAMED SPINACH.

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

WELL, I IMAGINE THE REASON YOU CAN'T THROW A SNOWBALL IS YOU DON'T HAVE ANY HANDS.
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"If George Washington is the father of our country, why aren't we all named Washington?"

EDITORIAL

Jayco expansion hits high gear for local jobs

Whenever said the manufacturing economy was on its knees got it wrong. In Twin Falls, the manufacturing sector is rolling along just fine and gaining speed.

The growth and success of Jayco Inc. and its new assembly plant in Twin Falls continues to be one of the brightest economic development stories for Magic Valley in years. And the future looks even brighter if the pace we are an any indicator.

Jayco officials were joined by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, state leaders and local government officials, to announce an additional expansion for its Twin Falls assembly plant. When the company started the plant, officials planned for the initial roll of 35 employees to jump to 80 in the first year.

If they meet that goal, and they should, the plant has 160 workers and more will be hired with the company's expansion in the coming year. The plant currently assembles 11 trailers a day. It's aiming to increase production to 15 a day by July.

Believe us when we say Jayco's new expansion will not be an isolated event in the local manufacturing sector. The trend with automobile and vehicle assembly plants is well-established. Under that pattern, the success of assembly plants here is the arrival of additional plants and parts suppliers into the same region. It's already happening in Twin Falls, where steel frames are manufactured at K&T Steel Corp through Jayco's Michigan supplier. It's why vehicle plants are so highly pursued by eco-

nomic development officials across the U.S.

And Jayco's good fortune has even defied the odds in 2005. Gas prices have hovered above \$2 a gallon for most of the year. The demand for larger gas-guzzling vehicles has been debated while some Ford and GM assembly plants have cut tens of thousands of jobs.

But Jayco officials say the RV market has not cooled off. "I've got orders to build a house to support production through April 30. These are just dealer and retail sale orders," said plant manager Dave Yoder.

The demand for vehicles, Yoder added, started to jump after Sept. 11, 2001. More families want to stay closer to home and metro-dwellers prefer to camp with an RV on the hitch.

"It's giving people a lifestyle that they're wanting. We see the growth in the market nationwide. The Northwest is no doubt the fastest growing market in the U.S."

The Twin Falls plant is also providing a chaper product for Jayco customers. While most Jayco vehicles are still assembled in Indiana, many of the hottest markets are on the West coast. With a western operation, Jayco now saves more money in transportation costs and those savings are passed on to the customer.

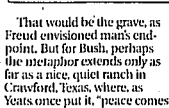
These savings have helped the Jay Flight trailer continue to be the company's best seller for over a year and a half.

The success is inspiring for the company and its enthusiastic and well-trained local work force. Don't be surprised when other Jayco suppliers come to Idaho hitching along for the successful ride.

Port decision a big Bush folly

The Greeks and Sigmund Freud had a name for what may ail President George W. Bush: Thanatos. The death wish.

Thanatos was the Greek personification of death, which Freud later expanded to describe man's "death instinct," or the unconscious wish to abandon life's struggles and return to a state of quiet repose.



KATHLEEN PARKER

That would be the grave, as Freud emphasized man's endpoint. But for Bush, perhaps the metaphor extends only as far as a nice, quiet ranch in Crawford, Texas, where, as Yeats once put it, "peace comes dropping slow."

I know one to explain this administration's inexorable march toward political death? The final throes of Bush's journey toward self-destruction may have found expression with the apparent sale of operational rights to six of our nation's largest ports to a company owned by the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Approved by the Bush administration against all reason, the \$6.8 billion sale includes the ports of New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia.

Despite bipartisan condemnation, the Bush administration defended the sale to Dubai Ports World as not only safe, but prudent. The UAE, which incidentally served as a financial and operational partner in the current and future sale to Dubai Ports World as not only safe, but prudent. The UAE, which incidentally served as a financial and operational partner in the current and future sale to Dubai Ports World as not only safe, but prudent.

Of course they are. And Colombia is an important ally in the war against terrorism. Mexico is an important ally in the fight against illegal immigration. Perhaps, given that much of our illegal drug supply is imported from Colombia and Mexico, respectively, we should



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reconsider our strategy. Meanwhile, is this our new bomb-to-butter play in the Middle East? Instead of blocking the sale, which might have suggested American distrust of Arab and/or Muslim nations, we give them the keys to our houses. Clever.

In the parallel universe we affectionately call Planet Earth, insanity seems the better word. Let's assume that the UAE is, indeed, a power player in the game against terrorists. There's reason to hope, as supporters of the sale have suggested, that the UAE has a vested interest in port security. It's a business deal, after all, and what's good for jihad isn't necessarily good for business.

Plus, as others have noted, the ports themselves are unsecured. They are unsecured and staffed by "Archie Bunker-kind of Americans," in the words of Stephen E. Hyman of the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations. Which is to say, Baltimore's waterfront isn't suddenly going to be swarming with red-checkered kuffiyas.

Irresistible footnote: Notice that we love stereotypical racist white guys like Bunker when we imagine terrorists invading our port cities. In other words, political correctness is a luxury

of deathbolts, full stomachs and anthrax-free air.

Speaking seriously for a moment, it's hardly reasonable to condemn or fear an entire nation—or a federation of emirates—on the basis of a few random acts by a tiny percentage of the world's 1.25 billion Muslims. When weird Christians misbehave, we don't expect the world to stop doing business with Alabama.

But, politically, handing over our ports to a part of the world where the U.S. is not currently beloved is tantamount to taking oneself to treat acne. It is particularly grotesque in the midst of the cartoon melée now consuming parts of the Middle East, where Bush can't stank relief the philosophical chasm between much of the Muslim world and our own.

Again, it bears repeating that not all Muslims are burning flags, embassies and effigies in the protest of a few drawings of the Prophet Muhammad. But just as clearly, Americans are in no mood to embrace the chances that some of these jihad-minded fellows might find easier access to our cities once ports already considered vulnerable are in foreign hands.

Baltimore Mayor Martin O'

Malley aptly summarized sentiments on both sides of the political aisle when he said, "... President's Bush's decision to turn over the operations of any American port is reckless. It is outrageous and it is irresponsible. We are not going to turn over the port of Baltimore to a foreign government. It's not going to happen."

Granting a fantastically elastic benefit of the doubt, perhaps the president was merely seeking a novel way to bridge our divided nation. For the first time in a long while, Democrats and Republicans — from Democratic Sen. Hillary Clinton to Republican New York Gov. George Pataki — are united, this time in opposition to the sale of our ports to a foreign entity.

In the more likely event that Thanatos truly is at the helm of our ship of state at this titanic moment, we can't afford to let Bush's death instinct subsume the national imperative to survive.

Survival now depends on fighter minds.

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LETTER

Deaf students statewide still lacking services

I was disappointed to see that *The Times-News* reporting on the question before the Legislature regarding the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, missed the point of the proposal recently released by the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee. The anecdotal evidence of Mrs. Brank and her grandson as part of ISDB's success ignores the overwhelming majority of "Mrs. Brank's" who are failed by the current centralized system. The report shows that just 10 percent of deaf students in southwest Idaho, only 9 percent of those in eastern Idaho and a mere 2 percent of the deaf students from the northern regions are served by ISDB. What of the other 90 percent, 91 percent and 98 percent of the deaf students, respectively? In my mind, this was called a "failing grade." In the central Magic Valley area, where deaf students can be bussed daily to and from the school only 2 percent of these students attend ISDB. Been as a local program, this is considered a success? On the other hand, the proposed regional program would be accessible to 83 per-

cent of the deaf students in Idaho, as opposed to the 8 percent statewide that ISDB currently serves. The slight increase in the *Times-News* reports in the story actually turns out to be a fraction of the cost per student.

I do understand of the cultural and educational needs of the deaf community, as my wife and many friends are deaf, and I share their concerns. There are a few things in the proposal with which I disagree, though, but as far as the need for change in the service delivery model, I concur with the proposal. All other concerns, such as the need to teach using American Sign Language, the disparity of curriculum levels, state requirements for interpreters to be certified and the like, can and should be resolved at the legislative and local level with, for and by those who know best — members of the deaf community. It is now the time to deal with those concerns as the regional program is developed and implemented. JAMES "ISRAEL" CARBERRY Gooding (Editor's note: James Carberry is a part-time substitute teacher at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind.)

Don't let discord disrupt high school bond

To the Twin Falls School District patrons: On March 14, 2006, a bond election will be held addressing the issue of the current and future facility needs of our local school district. The requested facilities bond will provide funds for a new high school, new classrooms at elementary schools and changes to the junior high schools to incorporate the middle school philosophy. These changes are widely needed, and Twin Falls gross will become more critical in years to come.

Currently, kindergarten, first and second grades, at Perrine at least, are overcrowded, reaching up to 30 students per class. This is unacceptable, and it's going to get worse! The school district administration has been presenting the proposed facilities bond to the district's employees, and information for patrons was published in *The Times-News* on Feb. 17, 2006.

Unfortunately, because of the recent discord between the district's employees and the administration and school board, the facilities bond election has been talked to an exceedingly leery of anything the school board or the administration has to say. In short, they do not respect or trust either the school board or the administration to present the whole truth that is not tainted with hidden agendas or outright lies. This is exceedingly sad, as it will most likely affect the outcome of the needed facilities bond election for all the wrong reasons. We need to recognize that the facilities bond election and the issue of trust with the school board and administration are two separate issues. We will get the opportunity to voice our displeasure with the school board at the next round of elections and, hopefully, any changes will be positive for the system in general. In the election, let's set aside personal issues with the school board and administration and

support the facilities bond election for the best interests of our students and our community.

JOHN H. BONNETT Twin Falls

Petty attacks on Bush are all liberals have

It's an ongoing saga, the hate for George W. Bush. One thing for sure, the more you hear something, they stay with it, don't they? After the 2000 election, their target was "get George Bush." We can't win the war against tragedy or world trauma diversify them. In other words, we see them — national Democratic leaders and major media — searching diligently for a chance to charge George Bush with some deviation from duty.

Barney down in Ingerman, thinks he is a per-brain, and a lady over in Gooding calls him a dumbbell, and they all fancy themselves ahead of the curve on insight about George Bush's present performance. The truth is, they don't have a clue. It looks like he has stayed ahead of the game fairly well and could do a lot better if he would just let the rest of those folks who keep hammering him about needing to be more liberal-minded and descending. If the country wanted to get more liberal-minded, they would have to elect the voting the last two elections. It was close, but we narrowly escaped major catastrophe both times. With the mind-set of both opponents, how would he have survived? It's pretty clear that the hate for Bush overrides any positive direction for the nation in the liberal mind. I fear that it will take another national tragedy to shake them loose from that one goal to "get George Bush!" We can't win the war against the terrorists, for that would support George Bush. Somehow or other, he is at fault for every dreadful thing that comes along, and he becomes terrorist attacks, including 9/11, now Vice President Ch-

eney has accidentally shot a hunting companion. Surely, George Bush is somehow to blame and Cheney must have had ulterior motive! Liberals scheme and connive like 3-year-olds in the sandbox.

For the year, it's a war on terrorists and not a specific nation. It was true military strategy to invade Iraq, for one of the first tactics of a commander is to cut off the enemy's source of supply. That doesn't they?

GENE LAWLEY Twin Falls

High school plan will open space in classrooms

As a Twin Falls High School teacher for 30 years, I have witnessed many efforts to garner community support for public school needs. The bond measure currently in focus, if citizens are one of the most critical, if we are to ensure that a long-range plan is in place to meet the needs of our children, we must support the Twin Falls School District Facilities Bond on March 14.

Many of our elementary schools are at capacity today, and other schools are expected to be overcrowded in the next few years. Besides dealing with projected growth, the bond measure will allow for the implementation of a middle school concept. As a result of new construction and grade reconfiguration, sixth-graders would move to the middle schools and ninth-graders to the high schools. Since ninth-graders must meet high school attendance rules, graduation requirements and state assessment standards, they should be part of the high school. All teachers could facilitate curriculum alignment and staff collaboration more effectively if the ninth-grade teachers were part of the high school staff.

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The community can be proud of the long-range planning committee (Concerned Citizens for Quality Education) who crafted this reasonable and responsible proposal. They devoted countless hours of time and effort in professional dialogue, research and planning before they were willing to let the measure before voters.

This bond will allow for reasonable classroom sizes and provide greater educational opportunities in safer learning environments. No one looks forward to increased taxes, but this bond measure is an investment in the community. Citizens should realize that the Twin Falls School District currently has the lowest facility levy rate (71 cents per \$1,000 of assessed market value) among 10 southern Idaho school districts.

If this bond is approved, my tax increase, for example, is approximately \$110 per year. It is worthwhile in safer learning environments. No one looks forward to increased taxes, but this bond measure is an investment in the community. Citizens should realize that the Twin Falls School District currently has the lowest facility levy rate (71 cents per \$1,000 of assessed market value) among 10 southern Idaho school districts.

George Feabody, a 19th-century American philanthropist, said "Education is a debt due from present generations to future generations." We need your support March 14 because "Every child matters — every vote counts." MARY LU BARRY Twin Falls (Editor's note: Mary Lu Barry is the chairwoman of the Language Arts Department at Twin Falls High School.)

OPINION

Be suspicious of the U.S. brain gap

It's true that in a "knowledge economy" — one where new information and ideas increasingly form the basis of useful products and government programs — nations need an adequate science and engineering work force. But it's emphatically not true, as much of the alarmed commentary on America's "competitiveness" implies, that the United States now faces crippling shortages in its technological elites.



ROBERT SAMUELSON

Here are some facts:
• In 2004, American colleges and universities awarded a record 233,492 undergraduate science and engineering degrees, reports the National Science Foundation. That was up 38 percent from 169,726 in 1990. Within that total, some fields have expanded rapidly. Computer science degrees have doubled since 1990 to 57,405. Other fields have stagnated. Engineering degrees, 64,675 in 2004, have been roughly the same since 1990.
• Graduate science and engineering enrollments hit 327,352 in 2003, another record. They've jumped 22 percent since their recent low in 1998. Computer science graduate students have increased 60 percent from their low point in 1995, and engineering graduate students are up 27 percent since their recent low in 1998. It's true that for these higher degrees, especially doctorates, foreign-born students have represented a growing share of the total. But that's also changing, because — after years of declines — native-born Americans and permanent residents have increased 13 percent since 2000.

degrees" from U.S. community colleges. And the American figures excluded computer science graduates. Adjusted for these differences, the U.S. degrees jump to 222,335. Per million people, the United States graduates slightly more four-year engineers than China and three times as many as India. The U.S. leads are greater for lesser degrees.

Ever since Sputnik (1957) and the "missile gap" (1960), we've been warned that we're being overtaken technologically. Up to a point, that's inevitable. As countries modernize, they need more scientists and engineers. But a country's capacity for scientific and commercial innovation does not correlate directly with its number of scientists and engineers. Hard work, imagination and business practices also matter. Here, the United States has some significant strengths: widespread ambition; an openness to new ideas, especially from the young; an acceptance of skilled immigrants; strong connections between universities and businesses; and well-funded venture capitalists.

In some ways, the worldwide "knowledge economy" is unthreatening. Knowledge is stateless. Two Americans invented the computer chip; now it's used everywhere. Still, we need to maintain a world-class science and engineering work force. We want to keep high-value economic activity here, and we need to ensure superior military technology. Only about 4 percent of the U.S. work force consists of scientists and engineers. Having an adequate supply depends on what thousands — not millions — of smart college students decide every year to do with their lives.

do with their lives. People choose a career partly because it suits their interests. This applies especially to science. "Physics is like sex," the physicist Richard Feynman famously quipped. "Sure, it may give you some practical results, but that's not why we do it." But intellectual satisfaction goes only so far.

On average, American lawyers make 42 percent more than chemical engineers. Successful investment bankers do better. Does anyone wonder why some building physicists switch to Wall Street?

Although we don't now have an science and engineering shortage, the retirement of baby boom scientists and engineers might cause one. There are some sensible ideas for avoiding this, including making it easier for foreign students who have earned advanced U.S. degrees to stay. But the main solution is obvious. "If we want more scientists and engineers, we have to pay them better and give them better careers," argues Harvard economist Richard Freeman. The high-tech executives who wield about scarcity are part of the problem. They "would love to have more science and engineering workers at lower wages," he says.

The good news is that they may not have the last word. From 1993 to 2003, the median salary of engineers with bachelor's degrees and one to five years' experience rose 34 percent (after inflation) to \$58,000, reports the NSF's Mark Regets. Among math and computer science graduates, the increase was 28 percent to \$50,000. By contrast, the average increase for non-science and engineering college graduates was only 7.7 percent to \$37,000. These are encouraging signs. There's a rising demand for science and engineering skills. That may explain higher enrollments and why this "crisis" — like the missile gap — may be phony.

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LETTER

Wolf belongs in the circle of natural life

The wolf behaves as it always has. It is human behavior that has changed. The wolf kills and eats a cow, instinctively, for survival, un-aware of civil violations. Now the wolf must die.

A cow is killed and eaten by a wolf. Defenders of wildlife will pay the full cost of the loss. The prey, however, is down the predator's throat. The wild beast has upset pastoral serenity and disturbed domestic order. The wolf must die.

The livestock producer killing a cow to eat or to sell for his own survival cries out, "Oh, government, protect me from the hungry wolf."

Wolf, you expose our prideful disrespect for the circle of life. You challenge our faith in human superiority. You, a social animal, a flesh eater, have

crossed the barbed wire fence and must die for your transgressions.

The hunter once invited the wolf into the human circle. We changed from that welcome to deliberate extermination. Wolves and humans are connected in the circle of life. We should respect and honor the whole of it. BEN SCHEPPES HELEN STONE Halley

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Rescue workers make slow progress

Victims' relatives seek answers

SAN JUAN DE SABINAS, Mexico (AP) — Rescue workers searching for 65 coal miners trapped beneath the desert scrub of northern Mexico made excruciatingly slow progress Tuesday, working with picks and shovels as anguished relatives threatened to rush past soldiers guarding the pit.

More than two days after a gas explosion filled tunnels with fallen rock, wood and metal, rescuers have found no sign of the workers — either dead or alive — in the Pasta de Conchos mine, about 85 miles southeast of Eagle Pass, Texas.

Crews wearing gas masks and oxygen tanks got through one wall of debris, only to encounter another about 1,000 feet inside the tunnel early Tuesday. At least two conveyor belt operators may be just beyond the wall, but most of the other miners were thought to be as far as one to three miles from the mine's entrance.

A power outage briefly strangled the ventilation system that officials were counting on to pump fresh air to any survivors, but a backup diesel generator quickly kicked in and kept the fans going until power was restored, said



Relatives of trapped miners comfort each other Tuesday after mine officials briefed friends and family outside of the Pasta de Conchos No. 8 coal mine in San Juan de Sabinas, Mexico.

Javier de la Fuente, an engineering contractor with the mine's owner, Grupo Mexico.

Each miner carried tanks with six hours of oxygen at the time of the blast and it was impossible to know if anybody was receiving air through ventilation shafts and oxygen tanks that were scattered throughout the mine, officials said.

"Because of fears that electric

or gas-powered machinery could spark more explosions, rescuers have had to use picks and shovels to move tons of fallen dirt, rock, wood and metal.

A crowd of about 600 family members shouted at Cuahutla state Civil Protection Director Arturo Vilchis until he took refuge behind a line of five soldiers guarding the entrance to

the mine.

"What are you hiding?" shouted one man. "If you don't tell us the truth we will go into the mine ourselves."

Other relatives begged for any information — no matter how bad.

"Just tell us and get it over with," said Maria Trinidad Cantu, who has camped out at the site awaiting word of her 32-year-old son Raul Villasana.

"Why don't you tell us the truth if it was something awful. OK, but we are strong enough to take it."

Some panicked upon seeing a banner headline in Tuesday's local newspaper, La Prensa de Monclova, that quoted a surviving miner as saying "They are surely dead."

"Did you see what the newspaper said?" asked Salvador Estrada, whose son-in-law is trapped in the mine, speaking to Vilchis. "The newspaper is saying everyone is dead. Who gave that information? Why are they saying that?"

Vilchis said officials "can't speculate on the condition of the miners."

Neither could de la Fuente, who has 48 years of experience in mining.

Asked if the miners might be alive, he replied: "Can you tell me what lottery number is going to win tonight?"

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Bomb attack deadliest reported in a month

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb exploded Tuesday on a street packed with shoppers in a Shiite area of Baghdad, killing 22 people and wounding 28, police said. It was the deadliest bombing attack in the Iraq capital in a month.

Terrified children screamed and several women wailed for their dead, crying, "The terrorists, may God punish them." Shattered bits of fruits and vegetables from vendors' pushcarts lay scattered on the street amid pools of blood.

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Police Maj. Gen. Mahdi al-Gharawi said the bomb was detonated by remote control and an Iraq suspect of triggering the device had been arrested. Claims of early arrests in bombing cases often prove premature.

Another policeman, 1st Lt. Muthann Abdill-Huzay, said the blast apparently was aimed at a police patrol but missed its target, killing and maiming shoppers strolling with their families along a street lined with appliance shops and fruit and vegetable stalls.

It was the deadliest bombing in Baghdad since Jan. 19, when a suicide attacker blew himself up in a coffee shop, killing 22 people and injuring 23.

The Dora bombing was the second major attack in as many days against a Shiite target in the capital. Twelve people died Monday when a suicide bomber detonated an explosives belt on a bus in the heavily Shiite district of Kazimiyah.

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No sign of survivors at buried Philippine village

GUINSAUGON, Philippines (AP) — Uncertain if they were even digging in the right place, emergency crews tried to find a mud-swamped elementary school Wednesday as fears grew that time may have run out for rescuing any more survivors of a massive landslide.

Teams of Philippine soldiers and U.S. Marines, along with Malaysian and Taiwanese experts, had suspended the search overnight because of concern that rain was making the area more prone to further landslides. Also, a small generator used to light the area ran out of fuel.

"We have not found any structure to indicate the location of the school," said Joel Son, in charge of a group of miners working at the site. "It's all mud."

Hopes for a miracle have focused on the school largely because of unconfirmed reports that survivors there sent mobile phone text messages to relatives shortly after the landslide hit Friday.

Tuesday was another

frustrating day, with no one found alive since just hours after a mountainside collapsed in a wall of mud and boulders that swamped the farming village of Guinsaugon on Leyte island. The official death toll rose to 107, but authorities fear it could surpass 1,000.

After daybreak Wednesday, in a grizzly familiar routine, Philippine soldiers began digging with shovels, and the Taiwanese teams set up sensors in hopes of detecting sounds from any survivors.

High-tech gear detected some underground sounds late Monday, creating a buzz of excitement and adrenaline among troops, miners and volunteers whose hopes of finding life had all but vanished.

By Tuesday the buzz was gone again, replaced by a grim workmanlike attitude.

Those working had to give up digging at the most promising site because the soft, wet mud kept collapsing.

Officials face charges of allowing spread of HIV

TORONTO (AP) — Three Canadian health officials, a U.S. pharmaceutical company and one of its senior American executives pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges that their neglect allowed thousands of Canadians to contract HIV through tainted blood.

After weeks of delay and initial fears that some charges would be thrown out, hemophiliacs who received the tainted blood and relatives of those too ill to come to court —

or who have already died — were relieved when the trial finally got under way.

The courtroom was filled with victims and family members of those who received the contaminated blood products from Bridgewater, N.J.-based Armour Pharmaceutical Co. One HIV-positive woman sat with her husband and two daughters, a toilet-paper roll at her side as she repeatedly dabbed at her eyes and glared at the defendants.

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Be wary of those maniacal trees

The Tree got fired last week. The Tree — which, bizarrely enough, is the mascot of the Twin Falls State University — was found to be legally drunk while in costume at a basketball game earlier this month.

Stanford senior Erin Lashnits, who dressed as a tree for the school's irrelevant band, was stripped of her duties after her blood-alcohol level showed she was intoxicated.

The university had earlier placed the band on "alcohol suspension," which requires a zero-tolerance policy toward drunkenness, according to the San Francisco Chronicle. Lashnits was dismissed to avoid disciplinary penalties from the athletic department.

Just so, Mascots are trouble. Coaches have lost their jobs for tending with opposing mascots. Rival mascots have gotten into fistfights on the sidelines. But most of all, they're just too weird.

Case in point: The Maniac of Orofino High School. The Idaho Panhandle town is the home of State Hospital North, which is an institution for the insane. The Maniacs have long been the nickname of the school's athletic teams.

Years ago when I was a sportswriter in Idaho Falls, I covered a state basketball tournament at which Orofino was playing a local team.

The Maniacs had a crazed-looking mascot at the time who wore at his (her) hair and did a lot of wild, maniacal running up and down the sidelines.

In the final minute, the Maniacs' opponent missed six straight free throws and lost the game.

Coincidence? I don't think so. That mascot — or at least his wild-eyed glare — won the game for Orofino.

Some years earlier in Montana, I witnessed a high school football game in which the quarterback threw a long pass to his receiver, who juggled the ball and then ran full-speed into the opposing team's mascot, an oversized owl with a gigantic plaster head. Knocked the receiver cold.

The owl, needless to say, recovered the fumble.

Later, I was in Seattle watching a baseball game between the Mariners and the Oakland Athletics. We had good seats behind the Seattle dugout, so good that the Seattle mascot, the Mariner Moose, sometimes blocked our view of the game as he strode up and down on top of the dugout.

It was the ninth inning, the Mariners had the bases loaded, and the Oakland pitcher threw a curve ball that his catcher couldn't handle. The pitcher retrieved the errant ball, which reached the plate at the same time as the baserunner coming

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Burley lands jobs from California

Manufacturer says he will create 35-50 positions

The Times-News

BURLEY — A California-based manufacturer of human motor-development support systems has inked a deal to move into the vacant Kings Discount Store this spring, eventually creating 35-50 local jobs.

Multiholland Positioning Systems, Inc. will begin moving its entire operation from Southern

California to Idaho as soon as renovations to the city-owned building are completed. According to Multiholland's owner, the move can't come quick enough.

"I am really excited about coming to Idaho," said Larry Multiholland, owner of the company that provides postural scanning standing and walking systems for children and adults with cerebral palsy, spinal bifida

and other types of motor development disorders. According to Multiholland, the pitch by the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization (SIEDO) to relocate was exactly what he was looking for.

"They (SIEDO) really hit all the factors, including cost, livability, and the cost of living for families," said Multiholland during a phone interview with The Times-News. "Economically,

Learn more
For more information concerning Multiholland Positioning Systems, Inc., go to www.multihollandinc.com.
For more information on the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, go to www.southernidaho.org.

California is a disaster zone for manufacturing," Multiholland. Please see JOBS, page B3

California is a disaster zone for manufacturing."
— Larry Multiholland, owner of Multiholland Positioning Systems, Inc.

HIGH-FLYING DOGS



One of the stars of Border Collies International played to a packed house last week at the Burley Public Library. The dog show was part of the library's after-school program.

Talented canines put on a show at Burley library

By Marie Mischel
For The Times-News

BURLEY — They fly through the air with the greatest of ease, those black-and-white dogs as they chase Frisbees.

Border Collies International drew about 450 people to the Burley Public Library Thursday as the four canines demonstrated their sports skills. In addition to flipping for flying discs, the border collies scored soccer goals and caught baseballs on the fly.

Children in the audience had a chance to throw balls for the collies to chase.

"The ball was all slimy," said Christal Godfrey, one of those

chosen to throw. Despite the slush she said she liked the dog.

The event was so popular that those who couldn't fit into the library stood outside to watch through the windows.

For Gina Voss, one of the adults who crowded into the library, the best part was the educational message from the dog's owner, Greg Gustafson.

"He got kids to learn to take care of working dogs and that you can have fun doing it," Voss said.

All four of Gustafson's dogs were rescued from homes where they would have been euthanized if he hadn't adopted them, Gustafson told the crowd.

The performing dogs are 13-year-old Rita, brothers Rock and Mr. Black and Tessa.

"The biggest thing I'm concerned with is how many of these dogs are being put down," Gustafson said during an interview after the show.

During the show, he told the audience that border collies are cute as puppies, which makes people want to own one. As the dogs mature, they demand lots of exercise and attention, which makes people return them to shelters because they don't have the time or energy to care for them.

At the shelters, the dogs often don't get adopted and are euthanized.

Gustafson recommended that before people decide to get a border collie, they check out books from the library to learn about dogs and which breed would be right for them.

Libraries are good places to spread his message, he said, because patrons appreciate "the intellectual aspects we teach."

Darby Hawkes, who brought his three children to the event, said he thought Gustafson did a good job communicating with the audience.

"He was on both an adult and the kids' levels," he said.

Border Collies International has put on demonstrations at libraries for six years.

Nice may face death penalty

By Bob Kirkpatrick
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man accused of killing his three children is being convicted of murder.

J. Lynn Loebs, 37, of Twin Falls County Prosecuting Attorney Grant Loebs has filed an intent to seek the death penalty in the case of Jim Junior Nice. Nice is accused of killing his three children Dec. 20 with a combination of over-the-counter medications and rat poison.

Nice has pleaded not guilty. A trial date has not been set.

"This is an important decision," Loebs said. "I believe it is appropriate punishment for the crimes committed."

But filing the intent doesn't mean Loebs will actually seek the death penalty, nor does it ensure it will be imposed. Several factors have to be considered by a jury or judge.

"First of all, the defendant has to be convicted of the crimes he is accused of," Loebs said. "Then during the sentencing hearing, the jury has to determine if the aggravating circumstances outweigh the mitigating circumstances."

The presence of an aggravating circumstance must be determined before the death penalty can be imposed.

In the Feb. 3 filing, Loebs cited aggravating circumstances that the murders were "especially heinous, atrocious or cruel" and that Nice exhibited "extreme disregard" for human life.

By filing the intent, it leaves Please see NICE, page B3

Bridge plan hits troubled waters

Lawmakers balk at Kempthorne's road proposal

By Michelle Dunlop
Times-News writer

BOISE — Funding for the governor's state roads plan, which includes a bridge over the Snake River near Twin Falls, ran into opposition from both Senate and House transportation committee chairs on Tuesday.

"I believe we need to step back and take a good look at where we're going," Sen. Skip Brundt, R-Kooskia, told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee. "I feel we are trying to move forward without the ability to feel comfortable with these projects."

Brundt and Rep. Jo Ann Wood, R-Highway, chair the transportation committees in the Senate and House.

Last year, Kempthorne wielded his political weight and vetoed bills, essentially forcing the Legislature to approve his \$1.2 billion "Connecting Idaho" program. The plan relies on bonds to finance 13 road projects in the state, including the turning a 26-mile stretch of State Highway 75 between Tim-

Tracker

■ **Last we know:** Gov. Dirk Kempthorne vetoed several bills last legislative session to pressure the Legislature into approving his roads-improvement project.

■ **The latest:** House and Senate transportation committees expressed reservations on Tuesday about the governor's first-year budget request for "Connecting Idaho."

■ **What's next:** The budgeting joint committee is scheduled to determine state transportation funding on March 7.

merman and Ketchum into a millilane road.

Federal highway funds would pay interest and other debt on the bonds. However, both Wood and Brundt felt uncomfortable betting on increases in those funds as a way to pay for road projects. Wood warned that some of those federal funds could be decreased depending on the pressures of other states.

Being uncertain of federal funds makes borrowing against the future unwise, she said.

"I am not of that era that be-

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lives in debt or maxing out my credit cards," Wood said. "Idaho must balance its budget."

Brundt suggested prioritizing the first year of funding rather than sinking money into 11 of the 13 projects this year.

In Kempthorne's \$2.18-billion plan, the Idaho Department of Transportation would allocate \$5 million for a preliminary engineering analysis of the proposed bridge over the Snake River near Twin Falls.

Like Kempthorne, Sen. John McGee, R-Caldwell, believes that due to rising inflation rates, the "Connecting Idaho" proposal essentially saps Idahoans' money in the long run, McGee, and other "Treasure Valley lawmakers, emphasized the need to prioritize road improvements on Interstate 84, saying that the congestion there only adds to increased emissions and traffic deaths.

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Social Security agency issues ID theft warning

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Beware of e-mails asking you for your Social Security number or bank information.

"Whether on our online Web site or by phone, Social Security will never ask you for your credit card information or your PIN number," Barnhart said in the news release.

Social Security Inspector General Patrick O'Carroll recommends people always take precautions when giving out personal information.

"You should never provide your Social Security number or personal information over the Internet or by telephone unless you are extremely confident of the source to whom you are providing the information," O'Carroll said.

"To report receipt of this e-mail message or other suspicious activity to Social Security, call the Inspector General at (800) 269-0271. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call the OIG TTY number at (866) 505-2101. A public fraud reporting form is also available online at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/oig>.

Social Security and bank information along with specific information about credit card numbers, expiration dates and PIN numbers.

"The Social Security Administration has issued a warning about a new e-mail scam."

The agency has received several reports of an e-mail message being circulated addressed to "Dear Social Security Number And Card owner" and purporting to be from the Social Security Administration, according to a news release from the agency. The message informs the reader "that someone illegally is using your Social Security number and assuming your identity" and directs the reader to a Web site designed to look like Social Security's Internet Web site.

"I am outraged that someone would target an unsuspecting public in this manner," said U.S. Senator, Commissioner of Social Security. "I have asked the inspector general to use all the resources at his command to find and prosecute whoever is perpetrating this fraud."

Once directed to the phony Web site, people are asked to confirm their identities with

Snowpack levels

Watershed	1/23/06	1/20/06	1/17/06
Salmon	115%	85%	85%
Big Wood	125%	85%	85%
Little Wood	115%	85%	85%
Big Lost	115%	82%	82%
Little Lost	101%	70%	70%
Henry's Fork/Teton	115%	82%	82%
Upper Snake Basin	115%	86%	86%
Oakley	115%	118%	118%
Salmon Falls	141%	110%	110%

As of Feb. 21

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

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Police: Trooper was speeding before crash

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Nevada Highway Patrol cruiser was speeding without emergency lights and siren when it slammed into another moving car, Tuesday, killing one person and injuring a trooper and a teenage girl, police said Tuesday.

It was unclear whether the trooper, Joshua Corcoran, was pursuing another vehicle or responding to a call when his marked 2005 Ford Crown Victoria crashed "pretty square" into the back of an aging Cadillac from Utah on Sunday night on Interstate 15, Las Vegas police Capt. Tom Conlin said.

"It doesn't appear that the Ford police car was flashing lights and siren at the time of the crash," said Conlin, whose department was handling the investigation to avoid having the Highway Patrol investigate a crash involving one of its own officers. "By our preliminary analysis it appears the Cadillac was moving at or about freeway speeds." It did not know how fast the NHP cruiser was traveling.

A 16-year-old girl was the only survivor among the five people in the 1988 Cadillac. She remained unconscious and unidentified in critical condition Tuesday at University Medical Center in Las Vegas.

Killed were the 21-year-old driver of the Cadillac, Victor De La Cruz-De Leon, and a female passenger, Reynalda Lopez Vazquez, 21, both from Washington, Utah, and passenger Jose Roberto Mejia Lang, 19, from Santa Clara, Utah.

The identity of a 42-year-old woman who died in the Cadillac was not released by police or the Clark County coroner's office.

Investigators had five to interview Corcoran, 28, a veteran NHP officer, who was treated Monday at a Las Vegas hospital for broken bones, cuts and bruises and released. Corcoran was expected to meet with a lawyer before talking with investigators. He could face vehicular manslaughter charges under a Nevada law making it a felony to cause a crash resulting in death.

Japan opens market to fresh spuds

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Japan has lifted its import ban on fresh U.S. potatoes, a move that comes as welcome news for potato growers who have struggled in recent years with sliding prices and the popularity of low-carb diets.

Under the new trade agreement, the United States will be allowed to ship fresh potatoes between February and June for the production of potato chips in Japan. The agreement allows for the import of potatoes from 14 states, including Washington, Idaho and Oregon, which together produce an estimated 60 percent of the nation's potato crop.

"I'm pleased. We're always happy to have new markets," said Kevin Bouchee, a potato grower in Toppenish, about 20 miles south of Yakima in central Washington. "We know we can deliver quality products to Japan, and to any competitive market. It's good news."

Japan already is the largest U.S. export market for frozen potatoes, at about \$164 million in 2004. But Japan banned fresh potato growers who have struggled in recent years with sliding prices and the popularity of low-carb diets.

The decision to conditionally lift the import ban follows a notice from the United States that it has eliminated the potato wart bacteria and has contained the cyst nematode — the specific areas of concern — to a limited area, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced in a statement Tuesday.

"Japan's decision is welcome news for U.S. potato growers," Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns said at a meeting of the National Potato Council on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. "This agreement is an important step in the resumption of trade in fresh potatoes with Japan and underscores the importance of following science-based guidelines that facilitate the safe international trade of agricultural products."

In recent years, some growers in the Pacific Northwest and Canada have supported efforts to reduce fresh potato acreage in North America to boost prices.

Opening the Japanese market to fresh potatoes for production is just the first step to getting total access for all fresh potato growers, said Matt Harris, director of trade for the Washington Potato Commission.

Potatoes are Idaho's largest agricultural crop, despite lower sales in recent years, for more than \$700 million in sales. "There is potential here for expansion of our chip-stock market, and where we're positioned in the Pacific Northwest, gives us geographic access to have this market opened as another tool in the toolbox for our growers to look at marketing possibilities for their crops," Harris said.

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Ellaetha D. Bostron



TWIN FALLS — Ellaetha passed away Feb. 19, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a short battle with cancer.

She was born Sept. 28, 1928, in Alliance, Neb., to Charles Fanning and Delta A. Case Fanning. She was the youngest of eight children. The family grew up in Alliance. On July 11, 1945, she met the love of her life, Reinhold Bostron, and they remained together for more than 60 years. They had three children while in Alliance. In 1955, they moved to Boise, where their youngest son was born. They moved to Twin Falls and raised their family here since 1958.

She worked many years for George K's Restaurant on Kimberly Road and, after retirement, became a civil engineer. She loved her horses and had a small vegetable garden. She earned

there, but when they all got together, she was her happiest.

She is survived by her husband, Reinhold (Riney); daughter, Karen (Jeff) Dickman and sons, Tom (Cortina) Bostron, Gary (Kathleen) Bostron and Mike (Alice) Bostron; grandchildren: Tami, Steve, Jeffrey, Chris, Jeremy, Nathan, Jared, Nancy, and Cole; and 15 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, cousins, three brothers, sisters, Chick and George; two granddaughters, Nola, Virginia, Doris and Lavonna; and other nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park." Interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. A reception will follow from 3 to 6 p.m. at the LDS Church, 3155 Elizabeth Blvd.

for her family and enjoyed it up to the time of her passing. Her family was very important to her and a holiday wasn't complete unless the family was gathered. As the family was scattered around, it was harder for her when they weren't all

Alice Faye Gould-Freitas



after 24 years from Memorial Way Apartments in Hayward

Calif. Alice was one of 10 children. She has five living siblings: Joyce, Covina of Boise, Idaho; Forney, wife of Salinas, Calif.; Herman Loney of Colorado; Rena Hunsy of Florida and Patricia Novak of St. Louis, Idaho. She also has 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at the Hagerman LDS Church, with burial following in Hagerman Cemetery. Visitation of family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Demary's Funeral Home, 1010 Main St., prior to service Saturday at the Church.

Edward William Czebotar



all who knew and loved him. Edward is survived by his wife of 22 years, Dorothy "Pat" Czebotar of Twin Falls; sister, Mary Czebotar of Syracuse,

N.Y.; children, Melissa Lynn (Donnie) Jensen of Bremerton, Wash., and Edward William Czebotar Jr. of Gig Harbor, Wash.; grandchildren, Nicole Annie Jensen, Jeffrey Lynn Jensen, Edward William Czebotar III and Brittany Reanne Czebotar; great-grandchildren, Haylee Lynn Jensen and McKenna Renee Leonard. He was preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters, one grandson, Melinda Czebotar, and one granddaughter, Amanda Suzanne Czebotar.

A memorial service is scheduled at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Private family interment will follow at a later date.

Owen George Osterhout



grandchildren play sports and liked hunting, fishing, camping and spending time with family in his younger years. Owen enjoyed working cattle. He also liked to train race. He is survived by his wife of nearly 62 years, Edith of Declo; his sons, Larry (Donna Jo) Osterhout of the Emerson District, Danny Leon (Marcia)

Osterhout of Declo, Gaylen (Marva) Osterhout of Burley and Lynn (Christine) Osterhout of Declo; five brothers, Carl Osterhout of Declo, Ray Osterhout of Emmett, Seymour Osterhout, Kenneth (Melba) Osterhout and Devon (Betty) Osterhout, all of Declo; 18 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter and her husband, DeAnn and Ward Miller; and three brothers, Milton, Winn and Wilton Osterhout.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St., with Bishop Tim Farrington officiating. Burial will be in Declo Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 150 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

BURLEY — Ida Mae Ball

Ida Mae Ball, 83-year-old Burley resident, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at her home in Burley.

She was born March 31, 1922, in San Luis, Colo., the daughter of Daniel Edgar and Adele Ada Helphensma Kirkland. She attended school in Ucon, where she graduated from high school.

She married Archie Ball on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 1940, in Ucon. Their marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in February 1964. They lived in the Idaho Falls area and in Hagerman in the early years. After Archie took a job with the Bureau of Reclamation, they lived near Mindoko Dam, Black Canyon Dam near Emmet and in Coosdo. He retired after 30 years with the government, and in 1980, they moved back to the home they had bought in Burley. Mae was active in the LDS Church and served in many capacities. She was a member of handwork and, with the help of

OBITUARY

Ida Mae Ball



her mother, quilled a special quilt for each of her children when they were married.

Survivors include a son, Robert E. (Joan) Ball of Hillsboro, Ore.; a daughter, Rose Marie (Roch) Dwyer of Burley; two sisters, Mildred Artburn of Hagerman and Marguerite Potter of Wendell; 13 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Archie; a daughter, Barbara Patton; a son, David J. Ball; a brother, Bill Kirkland; and a sister, Norma Corrie.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2209 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Mark Fillmore officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Payne Mortuary, 231 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 1 to 3 p.m. prior to the funeral at the church. The burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at the Lewisville Cemetery.

SERVICES

Jerome, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. today at St. Charles Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Michele K. Bolding of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1128 Poplar St. in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Walter "Walt" Bultzer of Twin Falls, rosary at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E.; celebration of life at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; open house for friends and family from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Mark Otto DeVries of Eden, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

an Church south of Eden (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Raymond Fuller Orr Jr. of Buhl, celebration of life for friends and family from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Snake River Gift in Hagerman (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

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DEATH

Hugo Guadalupe Johnson

JEROME — Hugo Guadalupe Johnson, of Jerome, died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2006, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

The funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at St. John's Catholic Church, with Father Ron Weckerle officiating. No viewing is planned. Arrangements are under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Milford O. Marsh

TWIN FALLS — Milford O. Marsh, 78, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at the 8th Ward LDS Chapel, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls. Interment will follow in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

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Activists call for property tax reform

By Hyla Arnold Associated Press writer

BOISE (AP) — A group hoping to start a property-tax revolution threw a tea party on the Capitol steps Tuesday, evoking the American colonists who rebelled against British taxes by dumping tea into Boston Harbor. About 40 property tax reform advocates wore their names on symbolic tea bags to be delivered to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, along with a letter calling for bigger tax breaks to homeowners. In Idaho and much of the

country, residential property is increasing in value much faster than commercial or agricultural, and residential property owners now pay 63 percent of Idaho's \$1.1 billion property tax bill. In Kempthorne's State of the State address, the governor said the state's current property taxes and residents should defer their complaints to local governments. Kempthorne has offered two bills, including expanding a homeowner tax exemption for low-income elderly and disabled citizens and deferring property taxes for elderly people until they die.

Advocates for reform say Kempthorne's proposals don't go far enough. "The reality is that there's a property tax system for homes with rapidly increasing taxable values and another property tax system for commercial utility and farm properties with taxable values increasing at a much slower rate," said Ken Robison, a former Boise legislator who appeared at the rally with Jerry Brady, a Democratic candidate for governor. The group called for increasing the homeowner's exemption from \$50,000 to \$100,000. The existing law, passed by a voter

initiative in 1982, allows Idaho homeowners to exempt \$50,000 of their home's value from property taxes. It hasn't been increased since then. A panel of lawmakers recommended raising it to \$75,000. That proposal passed the House last week and is awaiting debate the Senate, along with several other bills including one that shifts \$125 million in school maintenance money to the state general fund from property tax payers. A bill that would have raised the homeowner's exemption to \$100,000 failed to make it through a House committee.

BLM, ranchers' group urge wild horse purchase

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The U.S. Bureau of Land Management and a ranchers' group are asking thousands of Western cattlemen to consider buying older wild horses that have been culled from the range. Letters are being sent to more than 15,000 ranchers with BLM grazing permits or leases in an effort to help the agency sell the roughly 7,000 "sale-eligible" wild horses it has in holding areas. BLM says it is required by law to sell the horses, which are older than 10 years or have been passed over for adoption at least three times.



Wild horses graze in a Bureau of Land Management long-term holding facility, Jan. 31, 2005, near Pawshuska, Okla. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management and Public Lands Council announced Tuesday they are appealing to ranchers in the West to buy wild horses.

Tom Gorey, an agency spokesman, said Tuesday that BLM has reached out to advocacy groups, ranchers and others since the law was passed in December 2004, and considered it logical also to appeal to those who graze livestock on BLM lands. The program is being done in partnership with the Public Lands Council, a ranching trade association. Gorey said that, while the price is usually negotiable, the BLM will ask \$10 per head to be consistent. As of January, BLM had sold more than 1,500 wild horses and burros of the 8,400 that were immediately affected by

"rolling the dice with their lives." "I think the best and safest haven is in the wild," she said. Perry believes BLM needs to be more cautious in deciding how many horses are rounded up from the range. Based on a 2005 census, there were about 32,000 wild horses and burros on BLM lands in the West, roughly 4,000 more than what the agency believes can exist "in balance" with other interests, according to the agency. BLM says it spent \$39.6 million on its wild horse and burro program for fiscal year 2005 and \$20.1 million of that to keep animals in holding facilities. The cost associated with caring for horses rounded up from the range is "enormous and strains the BLM's ability to deliver other services," wrote Mike Byrne, president of the Public Lands Council.

"Interest and advocacy groups" response to the purchasing of older animals has been "very limited," Byrne wrote. "None of them ever weeded steers from the ranching community and other supporters who care about public lands to step up and purchase these horses."

not the Rubber Baron — got the mascot job. Which of course, is why the school still has that huge endowment. Times-News columnist Steve Crump got hit with 735-3276 or write to him at scrump@magvalley.com. "Bob Shepard (Mini-Cassia Economic Development Organization), Burley City Manager Mark Millton, the city of Burley and Idaho Commerce and Labor pitched in to make sure this new business would remain in southern Idaho."

Crump

Continued from B1 from third base. At that point, the Mariner Moore — and his antlered head — stepped in front of us and raised his hands (feet?) in exultation. Was the runner safe or out? Ask somebody who could see the play.

But I hear you asking why Stanford, a distinguished academic institution with a huge endowment, finds it necessary to put a tree on the basketball court. Well, a tree appears on the university's seal. It got the nod after the school dumped its "Indians" nickname — and its goofy warbler mascot — in the early 1970s.

The student body shortly thereafter voted to change the school's nickname to the "Rubber Barons," in honor of the university's founder Leland Stanford, an infamously ruthless railroad tycoon. Somehow, the 'tree' — and

Jobs

Continued from B1 noted that the labor force in his locale can't compare with the technical workforce available in the Burley area — thanks, in a large part, to Burley's Technical Center.

good fit for southern Idaho," said Rogers. Mulholland was one of these companies. According to Rogers, a strong and established regional economic development team played a vital role in recruiting Mulholland's move to Burley.

Rogers said, "It was a successful effort by all." Is Mulholland excited about moving to Burley? "It's not a hard decision to move to Idaho," said Mulholland. "It's almost a no-brainer."

Nice

Continued from B1 open the option to pursue the death penalty. Had the intent not been filed within the 30-day time frame prescribed by law, Lords would have lost the right to file at a later date. Lords said if new information surfaced before or during the trial that convinces him the death penalty does not fit the crimes committed, he has the option to amend his statement of intent. He said if a person receives the death penalty, an automatic appeal process goes into effect which could mean the case could be appealed all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Times-News writer Bob Kirkpatrick can be reached at 735-3376 or by email at bkirkpatrick@magvalley.com

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Century Cinema 5 & Burley Theatre advertisement for the movie 'EIGHT BELOW' featuring a list of other titles like 'DATE MOVIE', 'FIREWALL', 'THE PINK PANTHER', and 'CURIOUS GEORGE'.

Trout Auction advertisement for Friday, February 24, 2006. Lists various items for sale including appliances, furniture, and outdoor items. Contact information for Maxine Trout is provided.

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NIC sees \$600,000 shortfall, tries to avoid layoffs

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Officials at North Idaho College say a decline in enrollment has led to a \$600,000 budget shortfall at the school, which might result in cutting some summer school programs.

The college had anticipated a 2 percent increase in enrollment for the fall 2005 semester, but instead saw a 3.2 percent decrease. The spring 2006 enrollment is 4,116, a decrease of 10 students from last spring.

"We don't anticipate any lay-

offs," Kent Propst, NIC spokesman, told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "There may be some part-time positions that don't get filled. We're not making any permanent cuts. It's coming out of the operational budget, but we've already seven months into our fiscal year. It's going to be tough."

No mention of a budget shortfall had been made at last January's board of trustee meetings. The shortfall didn't become known until late last

week when NIC President Michael Burke put out a memo to college employees.

Neither Burke or Propst immediately returned calls from The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The initial budget shortfall was closer to \$1.5 million but that was reduced by utility costs that were less than expected, a \$450,000 reimbursement from the NIC Foundation for a new health and sciences building, and \$450,000 received from the

state to cover technology and equipment for that building.

However, it's not clear what the college did with about \$1 million in previously uncollected property taxes it received last year.

Trustees had decided to use that money to pay for salary increases of 6.5 percent, three new full-time personnel, part-time personnel, a wellness program, property acquisition, remodeling projects, and other costs.

Suspect arrested after slaying, standoff at Las Vegas hotel

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Police blasted out a 20th story window and stormed a room at a Las Vegas Strip hotel-casino Tuesday, arresting a gunman who authorities say killed a man and shot at police and a security guard during a six-hour standoff.

No shots were fired in the final assault on Room 2036 of Harrah's Carnival Tower, as a SWAT team burst in around 7 a.m. Police would not say how they shattered the window on the 35-story tower, describing it only as a tactical diversion.

"We were forced to take out

an outside window in our attempt to take him into custody," Sgt. Chris Jones said.

Hotel guests on the 19th, 20th and 21st floors were evacuated about 1 a.m. after several people said they heard shots ring out.

Police said the man fired three shots at a security guard who went to the hotel room. He also fired on SWAT officers through the door and the wall twice, but did not injure anyone during the negotiations, police said.

The alleged gunman, Curtis Billy Bonilla, 22, was uninjured.

Agency says trout doesn't warrant protection

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — For the second time in five years, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that the Yellowstone cutthroat trout does not merit federal classification as a threatened or endangered species.

The agency was under a court order to reconsider its 2001 decision against listing the cutthroat as a threatened species, a status that would bring certain protections for the fish.

In its most recent findings, the Fish and Wildlife Service says that while the cutthroat faces challenges, including hybridization with nonnative trout, "robust" populations remain throughout its historic range.

Many former threats to the fish, "such as those posed by excessive harvest by anglers or the ongoing stocking of nonnative fishes," no longer exist, the agency's findings said.

"Although the distribution of (Yellowstone cutthroat trout) has been reduced from historic levels, and existing populations face threats in several areas of the historic range, we find that the magnitude and imminence of those threats do not compromise the continued existence of the subspecies within the foreseeable future, which we define as 20 to 30 years," the findings said.

The Fish and Wildlife Service added that numerous conservation efforts by state, federal and tribal entities are the better way to protect the Yellowstone cutthroat.

In 2001, the agency found that a petition to list the fish under the Endangered Species Act did not show the protection was justified. Several environmental groups then challenged the agency's finding by filing a complaint in U.S. District Court.

San Francisco looks into power of dog doo

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — City officials are hoping to harness the power of dog doo.

San Franciscans already recycle two-thirds of their garbage, but in this dog-friendly town, animal feces make up nearly 4 percent of residential waste, or 45,000 tons a year — nearly as much as disposable diapers, according to the city.

Within the next few months, Norcal Waste, a garbage-hauling company that collects San Francisco's trash, will begin a pilot program under which it will use biodegradable bags and dog-waste carts to pick up droppings at a popular dog park.

The droppings will be tossed into a contraption called a methane digester, which is basically a tank in which bacteria feed on feces for weeks to create methane gas.

The methane could then be piped directly to a gas stove, heater, turbine or anything else powered by natural gas. It can also be used to generate electricity.

Methane digesters are nothing new. The technology was introduced in Europe about 20 years ago, and more than 600 farm-based digesters are in operation there. Nine are in use on California dairy farms, and chicken and hog farms elsewhere in the United States also use them.

Neither Norcal Waste spokesman Robert Reed nor Will Brinton, a Maine-based recycling and composting consultant, knew of anyone in the United States who is using the \$1 million devices to convert pet waste to energy. But Brinton said some European countries process dog droppings along with food and yard waste.

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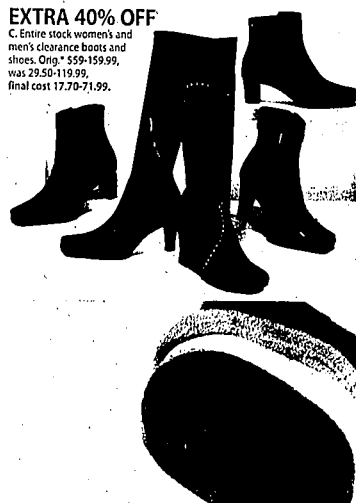
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Grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich

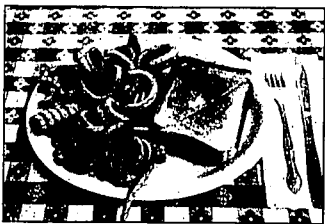
PRICE: \$3.25

At Russ' Market and Grill in Eden, they take eating cheap seriously. I could have had two lunches under \$7 if I'd been hungry enough. I wasn't. One lunch, a grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich with curly fries, was plenty.

When I walked into the restaurant — attached to a small-town grocery store — at noon, only one of the four tables had customers. By 12:15, all the tables were full, as well as two of the four seats at the small counter. By that time, I'd already ordered and was halfway through my meal.

Russ' is a place for locals. The three-person kitchen staff knew all the customers (all of whom wore baseball caps, save one), and all the customers knew each other. Most of them were eating the same thing: cheeseburger and fries.

Since I didn't have a hat, nor did I know anyone at



MEAGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News

Russ, I thought I'd break from the crowd and order a grilled cheese. I added a half-inch slice of ham for a dollar more. Total: \$4.25. My food was hot, greasy and satisfying. I wolfed down the sandwich, munched a few fries and was ready for my check 15 minutes after I sat down.

But by then, the restaurant had become so busy, I had to

wait about 10 minutes to get my check. So when I paid at the counter, the cashier didn't charge me for the extra ham slice. Bill: \$3.25.

Russ' lunch menu offers a variety of burgers and not much else. However, the service is fast and friendly, and the food is tasty. Recommended.

—Matt Christensen

Burger and salad

PRICE: \$6.25

Football Cafe, just off U.S. Highway 30 in Hansen, is a little-bit-of-nothing building in a muddy dirt parking lot. But the cafe's quirky nameplate ("Football" spelled out in old farm tools) and a pair of park benches out front, set at a companionable angle, suggest something of the friendly cheer and pleasant conversation you'll find inside. Tables are colorful and clean. Diners wave to friends as they walk in, and the staff knows nearly everyone.

The breakfast side of the menu, still fair game at lunchtime, looked mighty attractive on my recent visit. But the description of the Football Burger listed avocado, and the server assured me it was genuine slices of the fruit — not the diluted gacacacole so frequently substituted elsewhere. So I was swayed. The garden salad that pre-

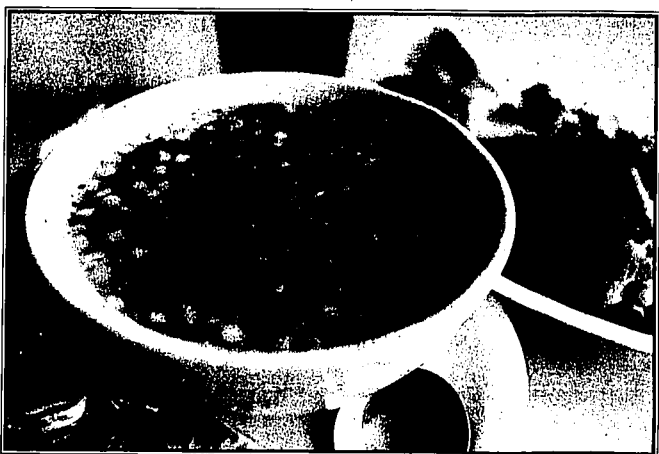


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ceded my burger was built of ordinary, too-pale lettuce. But with a generous portion of diced tomatoes on top and some carrot and cucumber, I got a decent salad serving. I spiced it up with oil, vinegar and black pepper.

And the burger that followed was pure joy. I don't eat burgers often,

but this was definitely the way I like to do it: a tasty party, bacon and Swiss cheese, a respectably thick slice of tomato, a large leaf of dark green lettuce, a nice lot of onion and enough avocado to make me grin — all served on a bun that still had its self-respect. Delicious. —Virginia S. Hutchins



ASHLEY SMITH/The Times-News

Italian wedding soup with salad bar

PRICE: \$6.69

I don't often pass up the chance to order pizza in a pizza parlor, but there was a big kettle of persuasion brewing on the stove at Mae's in Kimberly when I dropped by during a recent lunch hour.

It was Italian wedding soup, one of the best-kept secrets of Italian cooking. I jumped at the chance to get a bowl of it along with a helping from the salad bar.

Italian wedding soup has nothing to do with matrimony; the name refers to a marriage of pasta, meat and vegetables. It's part of a sub-genre of Italian cuisine called *la cucina povera*, or peasant

cooking that's hearty, authentic — and unjustly overlooked in this country.

This particular soup combines orzo (rice-shaped pasta) with escarole (a salad plant with wide, dark leaves) and tiny beef meatballs in seasoned chicken stock. It's wonderful, and Mae's does it well.

I dutifully heaped lettuce on my plate at the salad bar, but with generous helpings of savory potato and macaroni salad on the side. My motto: Be healthy if you must, but never be boring. —Steve Crump

Patty melt special

PRICE: \$5.99



STEVE CRUMP/The Times-News

There are few truck stops that I'm aware of in southern Idaho that attract as many locals as Traveler's Oasis, the familiar landmark where Idaho Highway 50 runs into Interstate 84 northeast of Twin Falls.

The address on the mailbox is Eden, but this travel plaza draws a lunchtime crowd from throughout eastern Jerome and Twin Falls counties precisely because it serves up reliable truck-stop fare — and plenty of it — at a good price.

Especially popular is Traveler's Oasis' two-tier system of rotating daily lunch specials — sandwiches for \$5.99, bigger meals for just over \$7. I showed up for lunch on a Wednesday and paired a trip to the salad bar with a patty melt on rye, festooned with cooked red and green peppers. The sandwich was perfectly serviceable, but the

trimmings were something special. I helped myself to a bowl of soup so loaded with chicken and noodles that I had to eat it with a fork, and — without a trace of guilt — a sampling of salads that didn't contain a single lettuce leaf. My favorite was a gelatin salad known to the world as ambrosia. This particular

concoction — and please, call it by its real name, *green jelly-o salad* — contained the standard whipped cream, crushed pineapple, sour cream and shredded coconut but did not omit the grace notes: mandarin oranges and miniature marshmallows. —Steve Crump

Pizza and salad

PRICE: \$6



MEAGAN THOMPSON/The Times-News

Pizza Cache in Hazelton, only a couple of months old, still has the new shine on: bright, clean walls and floor. Crisp checked curtains. Menus with no grease stains. Sunlight streaming through storefront windows.

In the company of a couple of local families, I ordered a mini pizza with cheese and a choice of three toppings — in my case, Canadian bacon, green peppers and fresh tomatoes. With a salad, it was a \$6 meal.

And the salad, I'm pleased to report, had some color. Pizza Cache always buys romaine, never iceberg, the server said. Oil and vinegar wasn't an option, so I took Italian on the side. Carrots, tomatoes and olives added interest.

The "mini" pizza delivered to my table was bigger than the plate, so I ate a little

over half and took the rest home. The pizza sauce could have used a good deal more zip than it had, but the overall effect was nice, both in flavor and appearance.

I'm sure that Hazelton's new restaurant will prove popular with East End residents, but it's such a pleasant lunch option that I hope it attracts travelers from elsewhere, too.

—Virginia S. Hutchins

Pizza with salad proves most balanced of these lunches

February is Heart Healthy month, and with heart disease a top killer in this country, we need to make changes in our diet.

Eating less saturated fat and animal protein and more whole grains, fruits and vegetables can improve and prevent this disease. As a nation must become more aware and discriminating about what we put



RESTAURANT NUTRITION
Jill Sherman

into our bodies and our children's bodies.

These suggestions regarding *Times-News* reporters' featured lunches should help you make healthier choices the next time you dine out. Bon appetit!

Grilled ham-and-cheese sandwich

Man Christensen, I was wondering if the term "wolfed down" was another way to say,

"chewed my food really well." Chewing helps your body digest and absorb food. It also helps you eat less.

To look at a menu, order your meal, and have your meal prepared and eaten in 15 minutes is on world-record pace. Your body needs at least 20 minutes, whether it is eating or sitting at the table, to feel satisfied with a meal — which probably oc-

curred on your drive back to the office.

Hot and greasy food is always craved this time of year — probably the reason this lunch was so appealing. But between the cheese, ham, fries and grilled bread, this meal is loaded with saturated fat. Ordering grilled or fried items in a restaurant can be risky because some still use oil that contains

trans fatty acids, which contribute to heart disease. The use of trans fatty acids is banned in many countries because of their danger, yet they are still allowed in the United States.

A side dish of vegetables, vegetable soup or salad would have helped make this meal healthier. The slice of ham left off the bill was nice, but it should have. Please see EAT CHEAP, Page C2

FOOD & HOME

Turn to slow cooking when work calls

We're entering the in-between season, Robert Frost called it mudd time, when your mind thinks you are in the middle of May but the north wind reminds you it's still March...



VALLEY COOKING Dixie Thomas Reale

FAJITA SOUP

(serves 6 to 8)

- 1 pound lean boneless beef, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
(14-ounce) can chicken stock
2 cups water
(16-ounce) package fajita vegetables, drained
(14-ounce) can Mexican-style thick and chunky tomato sauce
(15-ounce) can pinto beans, rinsed and drained
2 teaspoons ground cumin
(15-ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
1/4 teaspoon seasoned salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
For garnish: sour cream, avocado and shredded Monterey Jack or cheddar cheese

In a 3 1/2-quart electric slow cooker, combine the beef, chicken stock, water, vegetables, tomato sauce, pinto beans and cumin. Cover and cook on low heat for 8 hours...

CORNBREAD OR FLOUR TORTILLAS

CURRIED CAULIFLOWER SOUP

(serves 4 to 5)

- 1 large head cauliflower, separated into florets and chopped
(28-ounce) can whole-kernel corn, drained
(14-ounce) can vegetable or beef broth
1 medium onion, chopped
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
2 to 2 1/2 teaspoons curry powder
1/8 teaspoon ground cumin
Salt and freshly ground pepper

In a 3 1/2-quart electric slow cooker, combine the cauliflower, tomatoes with their liquid, broth, onion and garlic powder. Cover and cook on low heat for about 7 hours...

SPICY CARIBBEAN CHICKEN SOUP WITH BANANAS

(serves 6 to 8)

- 1 medium onion, chopped
3 large carrots, peeled and

thinly sliced

- 1 green bell pepper, cut into julienne strips
1 red bell pepper, cut into julienne strips
2 medium zucchini, halved lengthwise, then sliced
(4) tomatoes, chopped
6 cups chicken stock
(15-ounce) can whole-kernel corn, drained
3/4 cup dry white rice
1 tablespoon paprika
1 tablespoon chili powder
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 1/2 tablespoons dried thyme leaves
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon curry powder
1/4 teaspoon turmeric
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
Pinch of cayenne
2 cups cooked chicken or turkey breast strips
3 bananas, thinly sliced

In a 6-quart electric slow cooker, combine the onion, carrots, green and red bell peppers, zucchini, tomatoes, stock, corn, rice and spices. Stir to blend well. Cover and cook on low heat for 7 hours...

Serve with slices of fruit bread, like banana, zucchini or apricot bread

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

This dinner is a natural for romance

By Marcia Kramer The Washington Post

Robust and succulent, lamb is a natural for any romantic dinner. Here, its earthy flavor is paired with an abrasion mist pesto that can be made practically in the time it takes to light the candles.

- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon pine nuts
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil

Season the lamb chops with salt and pepper to taste. Set aside.

Position an oven rack so that a broiler pan placed on it would be 4 inches from the heating element. Preheat the broiler.

Drop the garlic clove through the feed tube of a food processor while the motor is running. Add the mint, Parmesan cheese and pine nuts and process until finely chopped.

LAMB CHOPS WITH MINT PESTO

2 servings

Adapted from "The Simpler the Better," by Leslie Revin (Wiley & Sons, 2005).

- 4 loin lamb chops, 1 1/4 inches thick (about 3 ounces each)
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 large clove garlic
1 1/2 cups (packed) mint

Lightly coat the broiling pan rack with nonstick spray oil. Broil the lamb chops for 4 to 5 minutes on one side, then turn and broil an additional 4 to 5 minutes (for medium-rare). Serve immediately with a dollop of pesto on top of each.

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TWIN FALLS — New Orleans native Susan Lavender will teach a class titled "French Quarter Mardi Gras" next week.

The class is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Cost is \$35.

The class menu: barbecue shrimp; chicken and sausage gumbo with rice; and bread pudding with lemon sauce and Chantilly cream. While cooking, Lavender will talk about how the Cajuns came to Louisiana and settled in the Bayou country. She may share a story or two about the French Quarter and her experiences as a child during Mardi Gras.

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Tuna kabobs make quick work of supper

By Linda Gassenheimer Knight Rider News Service

Try this quick kabob for a mid-week supper. Fresh tuna and ginger root are key ingredients in these Honey Ginger Tuna Kabobs.

I prefer to use fresh ginger root instead of ginger powder. A quick way to chop ginger is to place it on the skin, cut it into small pieces and place in a garlic press with large holes. Use a press with small holes will press the juice out of the ginger, and that will be enough to flavor the marinade for the tuna.

produce department. Dried Chinese noodles may be used. Use a resealable plastic bag for marinating the tuna. To turn tuna over, simply flip over the bag.

If using wooden skewers, soak in water for 10 minutes before using. Your work or skillet should be very hot so the vegetables and noodles will be crisp, not steamed.

HONEY GINGER TUNA KABOBS

- Vegetable oil spray
2 tablespoons honey
1 tablespoon low-salt soy sauce
1-inch-long piece fresh ginger root, chopped
2 medium cloves garlic, crushed
3/4 pound fresh tuna
1 medium red bell pepper
2 skewers

Preheat broiler. Line a baking tray with foil and spray with vegetable oil spray and place under

broiler. Mix honey, soy sauce, ginger and garlic together. Wash tuna and pat dry with a paper towel. Cut into 1-inch cubes. Place in marinade for 10 minutes, turning once during this time. Wash, seed and cut red pepper into 2-inch pieces. Remove tuna from marinade, reserving marinade. Thread on skewers alternating with red pepper. Grill several inches from heat for 3 minutes, turn and grill 2 minutes. Or, place on baking tray and broil for same amount of time. Makes 2 servings.

ASIAN NOODLES

- 1/4 pound fresh steamed Chinese noodles
Vegetable oil spray
1 1/4 pound fresh snow peas, washed and trimmed
4 scallions, washed and sliced
Marinade (see tuna kabob recipe)

Bring a large pot of water to a boil and cook noodles and boil 1 minute for fresh steamed noodles. 3 minutes for dried. Drain.

The secret to juicy tuna is to cook it until almost done. If you like it rare, reduce the cooking time in this recipe by 1 to 2 minutes.

When tuna is overcooked it becomes dry and tasteless.

Spray wok or skillet with vegetable oil spray and place over high heat. Stir-fry snow peas and scallions for 1 minute. Add cooked noodles and marinade; toss well. Stir-fry 2 minutes. Spoon onto individual plates and serve with tuna kabobs. Makes 2 servings.

Eat cheap

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have a mayonnaise or sour cream base would be a much healthier choice. Steve, you certainly surprised me with this lunch choice. Next time you might be ready for quite.

Craving this oily, salty burger is understandable this time of year. Grilled meat creates more warmth internally and helps keep us active in the winter. Avocado contains a lot of fat, which is why it is so satisfying, but is also a great source of Vitamin C, folate, potassium and fiber.

Requesting oil and vinegar as a dressing is a better choice than the cream- or cheese-based dressings which are loaded with saturated fat. Lettuce and cucumber in the salad help combat the salt in this burger.

Virginia, staying away from Steve and Matt during meal-times may help you make better choices!

Even though Canadian bacon

is leaner than regular bacon, a healthier option would be to choose another vegetable topping instead. Bacon can make you thirsty and leave you craving sweet.

The salad looked fresh and delicious, and ordering Italian dressing on the side is a great way to control the amount of dressing used.

Your desire to eat half the pizza and save the rest for another meal controls portion size. Way to go, Virginia!

Jill Sherman Skeem is a certified macrobiotic health counselor and graduated from the Strengthening Health Institute in Philadelphia. She has studied food — and the effects it has on the body — for close to six years. She teaches health and cooking classes and has a private counseling practice. Skeem can be reached at jillsheerman@yahoo.com and 320-2706.

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Italian wedding soup with salad bar

Sieve Gump, you are becoming quite the Renaissance man. It is a pleasure to follow you through the soup and salad bar. So, it's part of your "culturalization" (see last week's Food & Home section)?

Soup is so delicious this time of year. Get rid of a throat-based soup instead of a cream- or cheese-based one is a healthier choice. Soup is very relaxing and aids with digestion. I like that the macabls were in the soups-as-a-nod to the meal as opposed to being the meal's main focus.

Having a meat portion the size of a salad helps limit the amount of fat you consume. So, if they split the main entrée with someone or bring it home for an additional meal. You can then order extra side dishes such as vegetables, soups or salad to fill you up.

I hope your body was not too shocked when it realized you were actually eating a healthy leafy green salad. Escarole. But it was shipped back to reality with your choice of potato and macaroni dishes, both loaded with saturated fat and sugar. Choosing salads that do not

Patty melt special

Steve, when I first saw this meal, I thought the only way to make it healthier would be to order something else to just eat the garnish. The term "salad bar" usually conjures up an image of something healthy — except for the "salad" choices you made. They were drowning in sour cream and mayonnaise-based dressings and, therefore, contained a lot of saturated fat and sugar.

Green Jell-O salad as a nice childhood memory. A grilled hamburger patty with cheese and peppers, topped off with chicken and noodles? Let's face it: There was no light in sight. Along with those "salads," this meal must have worked your liver and gall bladder overtime to digest the fat in this meal!

Burger and salad

Virginia Hutchins, have Steve and Matt gotten to you? A hamburger patty with bacon and Swiss cheese? Where did I go wrong? Omitting the bacon and cheese would make this burger healthier.

Pizza and salad

Virginia, this lunch was the brightest and freshest of all the lunches eaten. It was the most balanced — although, with die other choices, this was easy to do.

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Fine wine isn't funky

By Carlo Brown
Los Angeles Times

DAVIS, Calif. — When a waiter pours a sip of wine for you to taste from a just-opened bottle, his offering us the opportunity to judge whether it's flawed. We sniff and smile. But what are we supposed to be smelling? If it's corked, would we know? Unfortunately, the opportunity is usually wasted. Relatively few diners can tell a corked wine from one that is merely banal. And funky smells? They might not indicate a flaw, but rather a hint of appealing complexity.

To appreciate good wines, you need to know how to spot the bad ones. It's not just an issue for diners; wine industry professionals have just as much trouble detecting flaws. That's why legions have trekked to the University of California, Davis, to learn over the past 26 years to take John Buechstein's "Introduction to Sensory Evaluation of Wine." This crash course about wine's worst failings has become a rite of professional passage.

The sharp smell of a mildew-infested gym hits your nose the moment you step into the classroom. The aroma wafts off from the dozens of wine glasses on the tables also smelling of wet dog, fur, dirty socks and soggy cardboard left out in the rain. Now that's corked wine, says Buechstein, winemaker for Sotolengo in the hills of Italy. Buechstein favors a hit-over-the-head approach. Forget the rhapsodic wine poetry. He instructs the room of 50 students, each with an indolent smile, to sniff the wine, sniff the glasses on the table before them. "Defects are in the nose of the beholder," says Buechstein. "To make intelligent decisions about buying wines, you need to know about flaws. On the other hand, we have to be cautious with this knowledge. The most beautiful objects in the world are not perfect."

As his students die the difference, Buechstein boils down the definition of bad wine to a set of six foul flavors. These are the most common problems that he prescribes despite the best efforts by the modern wine industry to establish uniformity.

Cork taint, what is often referred to as "corked" wine, is the most prevalent. According to industry estimates, one in 10 bottles of wine will have a touch of the mildew stench that Buechstein's students sniffed when they entered his classroom.

The next most common flaw is the presence of "Brettanomyces," a kind of spoiled yeast that, at high levels, can give off a band-Aid/medicinal smell or a barnyard/compost funkiness. The rest of the list includes volatile acidity, which causes vinegar or nail polish aromas; and sulfides, the rotten egg stench of sulfides and oxidation indicated by cooked-fruit odors.

As his students sniff and sniff Buechstein's exaggerated examples — some glasses hold flaved wines and some have chemical cocktails that imitate flaws, Buechstein explains that "wine is a sponge for odors." Modern technology and good sanitation have reduced the amount of flaved wine on the market.

But wine is organic and made by humans. Flaws are part of

the package. The issue, he says, is whether the flaws interfere with the enjoyment of the wine.

Sensitivities to imperfections are intensely personal. Wine drinkers are as prejudiced about perceived flaws as they are about perceived strengths in wine. Corked wine doesn't always smell like a dirty locker room. It may instead act as a sweet blanket on a wine, masking flavors either slightly or completely. And because the evidence of corked wine is often the absence of a characteristic, it goes unnoticed, says Buechstein. People just think the wine is a dud and avoid buying it again.

Many times you can't know for sure that a wine's corked, unless you are tasting an uncorked bottle of the same wine, side by side," he says. And even then you need to make sure both bottles aren't from a contaminated winery where cork taint is widespread.

The presence of TCA is always a flaw, Buechstein says, which is not true of all wines. Called "brett," for short, this spore-like just is the result of poor sanitation and insufficient sulfites to preserve the wine. It can manifest in one of two ways: a funky barnyard aroma or an abrasive chemical bite. Still, some wine critics, including the powerful Robert M. Parker Jr., are known to rate Brett-heavy wines among their favorites.

At low levels, Brett can add complexity and interesting flavors. It's common in Rhône Valley reds and I love them for it," says Buechstein. "It comes and goes in the red wines from Old World wine regions." At higher levels, however, the wines reek.

Volatile acidity, with its vinegar or nail polish aromas, is caused by a bacterium that can flourish in wine when oxygen is present. This bacterium is present in all wines at very low levels. It can multiply out of control when a winemaker fails to top off oak barrels and stainless steel tanks during aging.

Sulfites, commonly used to preserve wines, are considered a flaw anytime they are noticeable in the bottle. "It's more of a sharp bite in the nose than a smell," says Buechstein. It blocks the other wine aromas and doesn't blow off or dissipate in the glass.

Over time in the bottle, the wine will absorb excess sulfites. If you notice it, he suggests waiting a few months before opening the next bottle in that particular case.

Sulfides smell worse — like a combination of bubbling sulfur hot springs and an old-fashioned beauty parlor — but they are easier to manage. Common in Rhône Valley Grenaches and Spanish Grenaches as well as Syrah from anywhere in the world, sulfides are a residue from the elemental sulfur used in incomplete fermentation.

The rotten-egg stink may be overwhelming when the bottle is opened. But, often, it quickly

For some wines, it's all about the label

By Tricia Collamore
Knight Ridder News Service

Do people buy wines just because of the label? You bet they do.

"I see people buying according to label quite a bit, actually," said Jamie Boyd, the manager of wine operations at West Point Market in Akron, Ohio. "They end up trying something and being pleasantly surprised. And they buy more."

Wacky names and labels such as "You Bet Shiraz" (their tagline is "How you pronounce it is none of our business"), and others such as "Cheap Red Wine," "Gone Do Team" and "Pizza Vino" float on the top in a veritable sea of wine.

Wineries around the world are catching on, forgoing the stodgy and embracing the silly and the sexy in hopes of winning over the young, the uninformed and the just plain skeptical.

From California's "Seven Deadly Zins" to the French label "Fit Bastard," wineries are pushing the limits — and, it seems, getting results.

A Gallup poll last year found wine in a statistical dead heat with beer as America's favorite alcoholic beverage, and it easily held liquor.

"I hate to admit it, because sometimes we make fun of the way crazy labels are selling more than subdued labels," Boyd said, "but it does make a difference."

You can only imagine these names are thought up in the wee hours of the morning,

blows off and the underlying wine is fine. Decanting the wine helps to get rid of the stink.

Detecting oxidized wine is fairly easy because of its sickly sweet, cooked fruit odors. These wines also have distinctive cherried flavors and brownish orange colors that result from exposure to oxygen through a leaky cork or from storage at high temperatures.

For graduates of Buechstein's class, identifying the flaws becomes easier. But the etiquette of rejecting a flawed wine can be tricky. They've learned that individual preference plays a huge role in accepting or rejecting flaws. You can send back a wine that only you think is corked or has sulfites that burn only your nose?

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Patties stretch salmon for the family meal

By Marla Kramer
The Washington Post

1/3 cup finely chopped red onion

These salmon patties provide an inexpensive way to stretch salmon to feed a family. Augmented by sweet potato and lentils and a sharp horseradish mayonnaise sauce, they are substantial enough to satisfy adult tastes.

Meanwhile, their familiar, nonthreatening shape — not to mention their bright orange interior — make them a safe choice for introducing seafood to kids (perhaps omitting the horseradish from the sauce). They're quick to make — even quicker if the patties are shaped and refrigerated the day before they're cooked. Serve with a green salad.

SALMON AND SWEET POTATO PATTIES WITH HORSERADISH MAYONNAISE
4 servings

Adapted from "Simple, Fresh, Delicious," by Lovoni Walker (Fabulous Food Creations, 2005).

1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons and 2 teaspoons chopped dill
2 tablespoons creamed horseradish
1/2 pound sweet potato, peeled and chopped
3/4 pound skinless salmon fillet, diced
1 egg

In a small bowl, add the mayonnaise, 2 tablespoons of the dill and the horseradish and mix to combine. Cover and refrigerate.

In a medium saucpan over medium-high heat, bring salted water to a boil. Add the sweet potato and cook for about 10 minutes or until tender. Drain and transfer to a food processor. Add the salmon, egg, onion, garlic, lentils, bread crumbs, the remaining 2 teaspoons of dill and a pinch of salt and pepper and process until combined but not overprocessed. Shape the mixture into 8 patties, each about 3/4 of an inch high and 3 inches across, and set aside.

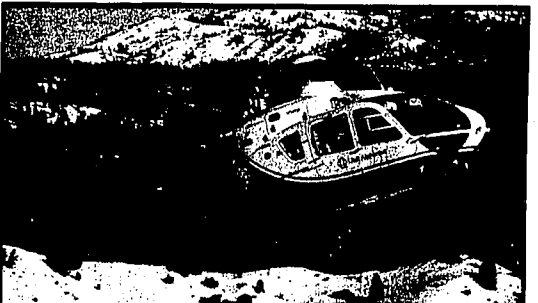
Heat the olive oil in a large, nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the patties and cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Carefully turn over (the patties are soft) and cook an additional 3 to 4 minutes or until golden brown and the salmon is cooked through. Serve hot, with the horseradish mayonnaise on the side.

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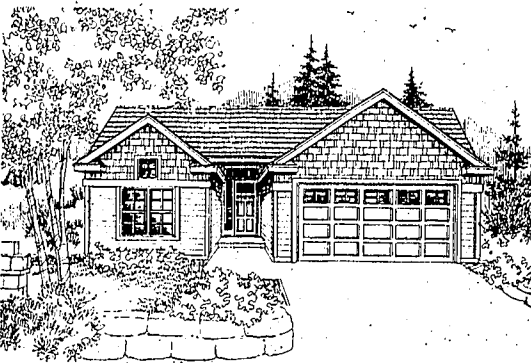
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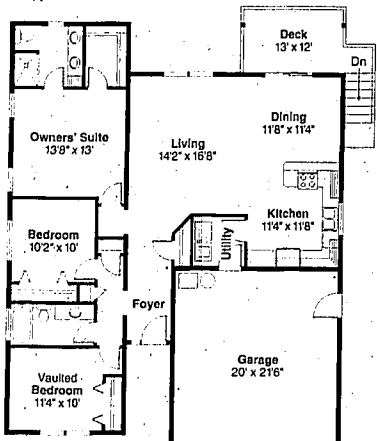
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Modest Kayleigh focuses on family

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This single-story plan is designed for construction on a lot that slopes down to the rear. If a lake, ocean, or canyon is down the slope, that's a delightful bonus.

Small windows border the left side of the front door, then crown the entry as transom windows. Handsome multi-paned glass fills the upper segment of the door, adding to the foyer's natural illumination.

An opening on the left leads to secondary bedrooms and their shared bathroom. At the far end of the hall, a linen closet fills the alcove. In the front bed-

room, a vaulted ceiling expands the sense of spaciousness.

Right past the foyer's coat closet, the hallway expands out into a large, open gathering space where the living room, dining room and kitchen flow together. Both of the rear rooms have wide windows. Those in the dining area slide open to allow air circulation, and provide access to a partially covered deck, large enough for a picnic table.

Kitchen counters wrap around three sides, offering plenty of space for cooking with family and friends. The raised eating bar that bounds the kitchen and dining room comes in handy for quick snacks, or longer conversations with kitchen workers.

Laundry appliances are but a

few steps from the kitchen, in a passthrough room which links to the two-car garage. The utility room can double as a mud room as well.

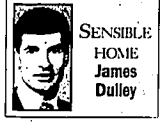
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You can capture the sun's energy to heat your home

DEAR JIM: The sun feels warm shining in a large south-facing kitchen window. I don't have a lot of money to spend, but I would like to find a simple method to get more of the sun's heat. What are my options?
— Stephen G.

DEAR STEPHEN: There are many simple methods to use the sun's energy to heat your home.

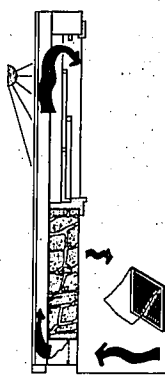


Solar energy is effective for space heating (room air) in all climates. It is particularly effective in mild climates where the heat loss back outdoors through windows or a heater is less than in colder climates.

Your large kitchen window is one of the best passive solar methods to heat a home. A southern exposure is best for solar heating because the sun's rays are most intense from noon to early afternoon when they are from the south.

The key to maximizing the total solar heat gain is to use thermal mass to store the heat. When the sun no longer shines into the room, the thermal mass will slowly transfer its stored heat into the room air as it cools. Without thermal mass, the room will overheat when the sun is shining, lose more heat back out the window and cool down quickly.

Masonry has a high thermal mass. A low-cost method is to paint some concrete blocks black and use them to support planters, a bench, etc. When the sun shines on them, they will absorb the heat. A terrarium with a lot of soil and sun-loving plants is also effective thermal mass. A dark container filled with water is the most effective method for storing the solar heat.



This schematic illustration shows a Trombe wall built inside a large window. Notice how the upper and lower vents allow heated air to flow through as the wall heats up in the sun.

If you are a handyman, build a Trombe wall close to the kitchen window. This is often made of stacked bricks (remove during summer) to partially cover the window and add a clear acrylic sheet above it. It is designed with vent gaps near the bottom and a gap at the top. When the sun shines on the bricks, it creates a natural warm air current as it also stores the heat for nighttime.

Several designs of simple solar heaters can also be built for about \$100 in materials or less if you have some scrap lumber and an old storm window or door. The simplest design is a shallow flat box which is mounted vertically outdoors on the southern wall. Install short pieces of metal duct through the wall at the top and the bottom to connect it to the room. Paint the inside of the box flat black. Use an old storm door or acrylic sheet over the

open side of the box which faces the sun. As the box heats up, the warm air naturally circulates up and out into your kitchen. You can add some black metal mesh or expanded metal inside the box to increase the solar heat gain. Remember to seal off the duct openings each night.

Another option is to tilt the box at an angle from the house so the clear top faces the sun more directly. Your local weather service can advise you about the proper angle for your area of the country. With this design, you must insulate the box and short ducts.

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Black beans qualify as brain food

By Jill Wendholt Silva
Knight Ridder News Service

Chances are you've heard nutrition experts consider blueberries a brain food. But less expensive and always in season, black beans are also a smart choice.

When a 2004 study published in the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry rated the top 100 antioxidant foods, many nutrition scientists were surprised to learn the versatile frijole measured 4,181 units per 3 1/2-ounce serving on the ORAC scale which measures the oxygen radical absorbance capacity — or disease fighting power — of various fruits, vegetables and legumes.

The ORAC scale was invented by scientists at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University, in Boston. Dark chocolate tops the list at a whopping 13,120. Blueberries come in next at 9,019. Black beans rank third, out-muscling other nutrient-rich super foods

SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER BLACK BEAN SOUP

Makes 8 to 10 servings
2 (15-ounce) cans black beans, rinsed and drained
1 (3/4 1/2-ounce) can no-salt added whole tomatoes, chopped
1 (1/4 1/2-ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chilies
1 (1/4 1/2-ounce) can fat-free lower-sodium chicken broth
2 (4-ounce) cans whole green chilies, drained and coarsely chopped

1 1/2 cups frozen corn
4 green onions, thinly sliced
3 tablespoons chili powder
2 teaspoons cumin
1 teaspoon dried minced garlic

Light or no-fat sour cream, for garnish
Cilantro-jack reduced fat shredded cheese, for garnish
Baked tortilla chips, for garnish

Place all soup ingredients in slow cooker. Cover and cook on low setting 7 to 9 hours.

Ladle into bowls. Drizzle with 1 tablespoon sour cream. Sprinkle one tablespoon shredded cheese over all and crush 4 chips on top.

such as spinach (1,260), broccoli (890) and onions (450).
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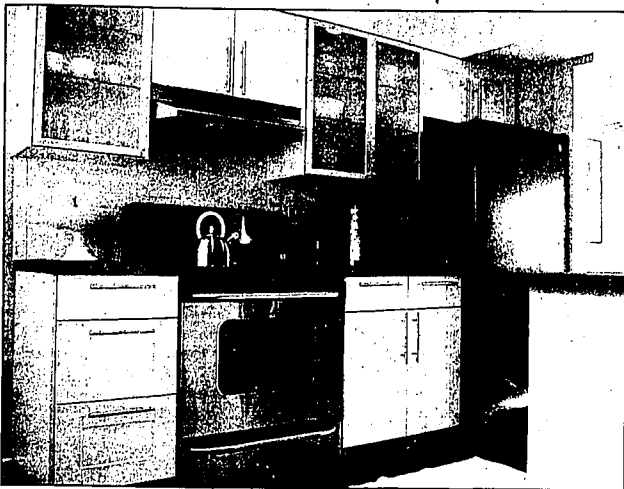
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The gleaming kitchen in Nigel Maynard's Hyattsville, Md., townhouse was renovated entirely with off-the-shelf materials bought from the mega-retailers.

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Building a BIG-BOX kitchen

By Jeff Turrentino
The Washington Post

Economists warn that the airplane-hangar-size mega-retailers known as "big-box" stores could eventually spell the end of the mom-and-pop business. Sociologists worry that they're killing the notion of the public square. Homeowner associations complain that they create traffic nightmares and destroy neighborhood tranquility.

But the gleaming kitchen in Nigel Maynard's Hyattsville, Md., townhouse was renovated entirely with off-the-shelf materials bought from the big boxes, makes for a pretty compelling counterargument: These stores offer gargantuan inventories at low prices, making them indispensable resources for do-it-yourselfers.

Maynard first laid eyes on his kitchen more than a week after he'd bought the place. It was not a pretty sight. Pressed to decide which element was the most unattractive, he initially couldn't make up his mind. There were so many worthy contenders: Was it the sagging brown cabinetry? The filthy linoleum covering rotting floorboards? The leaky dishwasher? The shiny, fake butcher-block countertop? The long wall of imitation red brick?

No matter. It was, all of it, his now — along with the adjacent living/dining area that the previous owner had seen fit to appoint with cobalt blue carpet and matching cobalt blue paint on the walls and ceiling.

Because Maynard had already bid on (and lost) a townhouse with an identical floor plan in the same complex, he thought he knew what he was getting into when he saw the "For Sale" notice on the Internet. Snowed under at work, Maynard had asked his sister if she would accompany his agent to look at the place. "I told my sister to look out for structural defects, water damage, other problems. I trusted my agent and I trusted my sister so whatever they said, I was going to go with," he says.

His sister called him after her tour. "She said, 'It's in pretty bad shape. It needs a lot of work. But

it has a nice deck, and it's in a nice location. I think you should get it.' So I told my agent to go ahead. Since I already knew the floor plan, I knew that even if I had to rip everything out, it would be manageable in terms of cost."

The 36-year-old native of St. Croix writes and edits articles for construction and home-improvement magazines. In his job, he has absorbed much of the wisdom imparted to him over the years by the countless architects, contractors, carpenters and installers he has interviewed. Accompanying that wisdom, he says, is a commitment to sustainable building practices. "I'd feel bad ripping out and throwing away perfectly good tiles or flooring, just because I didn't happen to agree exactly with someone's color choices."

Better, in his opinion, to find a house that was in dire need of an overhaul. "Something older, where I could go in and just start smashing things with clear conscience," he says. "So I didn't really care what it looked like. I was going to start fresh."

For renovating the entire 1,200-square-foot, three-bedroom, circa-1975 townhouse, Maynard gave himself a budget of \$15,000 — fully one-third of what he dedicated to the kitchen. ("From working with architects and writing about products over the last eight years, I was aware that a nice kitchen is usually what sells a property.") To stay within the parameters he had established, he knew that he would have to do the labor himself. And he knew that he wouldn't be able to afford high-end materials from boutique lines and specialty stores.

And so Maynard issued himself a challenge. "My goal became to use only materials and appliances from big-box stores, and lumber from supply yards," he says. "Everything in the house is stuff you can just buy off the shelf."

Maynard spent nearly a month gutting the old kitchen and installing a new one, arriving at the house after leaving his office and working — mostly alone — until quite late. He often didn't realize he'd passed

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the midnight mark until WUUR (the Howard University radio station he credits with keeping him going) signed off for the night. "That's how I knew it was time to go to bed," he says.

Weekends were spent either in local lumberyards or in the stores where Maynard says he found almost everything he needed to bring about his vision of elegance on a budget. Lowe's, Home Depot and Ikea. By going to the big boxes, installing everything that he could on his own and keeping an eye open for deals at all times — not just when he was hunting for a particular item — he was able to save significant amounts of money.

Maynard is the sort of guy who once stood around for more than half an hour, waiting for a \$300 solid-oak door he spied some Lowe's workers unloading to make its way to the sales floor. He snatched it up in the clearance section, for \$50. Such vigilance, he maintains, is absolutely key to finding the best deals.

"You have to think ahead," he says. "You have to be like the people who buy their Thanksgiving cranberry sauce in June, when it's on sale. Obviously I was going to need appliances. So every week, from the moment I began working on the house, I checked the papers, the circulars, online — everywhere — to see if anybody was having a sale on appliances. Eventually I found some places that were having blowout sales."

By timing his appliance purchases according to the retailer's sale schedule, rather than his own work and installation schedule, Maynard snagged his GE stainless-steel

range, dishwasher and refrigerator for less than \$1,200 total.

At Ikea, Maynard found "very nice, inexpensive cabinetry" that was made even better when he took the advice of the architects and designers he has written about. "They're always saying that one way to make a big impression is with hardware. So I looked for regular hardware with a high-end look." Scanning the shelves at Ikea, he found modestly priced kitchen hardware that he thought resembled the handles of Sub-Zero refrigerators by installing them he added a note of high style that operates almost subliminally.

In the end, Maynard's kitchen cost him about \$1,300 — \$700 less than he had budgeted. And lest anyone think that a budget kitchen born of big-box shopping expeditions isn't ready for prime time, here's the sweetest payoff of all: When cable network HGTV got wind of what he had done, they sent a producer and a camera crew to take a look. Later this spring, on a new show called "Kitchen Trends," the pitiable little kitchen he worked so hard to make beautiful will have its television debut.



Seedlings in containers of a special, "lower water" potting mix at Draggin' Wing Farm in Boise.

Groups seek to remind Boise of its desert roots

By Anne Wallace Allon
Associated Press writer

BOISE — It's not immediately obvious this city was built in a semi-arid basin of sagebrush and bunch grass.

These days, huge green lawns surround corporate buildings; towering oaks and maples shelter Boise's scenic old neighborhoods. A river runs through it all with poplars on the banks.

But Boise gets only about 12 inches of precipitation per year. Now various gardening and water-conservation groups are trying to return the city's landscape to its desert-like roots for both practical and philosophical reasons.

A nursery that features only drought-tolerant plants recently opened in Boise. The nonprofit Idaho Rivers United is offering grants to homeowners who want to tear up their thirsty Kentucky bluegrass and replace it with water-thrifty native plants. Idaho Botanical Garden and United Water hold classes on drought-tolerant gardening.

And a new group called the Arid Gardening Alliance is bringing together landscape architects, botanists and others who want to teach Boise residents there are low-water landscaping options beyond rocks and cacti.

"Using the native plant palette would be a huge step in

honoring this area we live in — a beautiful place," said Katie Wilde, a landscape designer who helped form the alliance.

"There is so much unique character out there." History has it that Boise was named in the 1880s by French settlers who were thrilled to see trees that looked like those of the west, or forest. They were likely referring to the riverbank poplars — the area's only native trees.

The settlers who followed brought their own plant varieties from home, and now it's not just the fast-food restaurants and other chain stores that give Boise that look so familiar to other U.S. cities. With carpets of acorns decorating the ground in the fall and the always-popular rhododendrons and azaleas adding color to corporate landscapes, Boise's plants also reflect what settlers missed about life in the East.

"That's what the settlers knew: that's what they were comfortable with," said Katie Wilde, a landscape architect with the Arid Gardening Alliance. "Isn't that the idea behind chain stores? It's the comfort of having familiar surroundings, regardless of where you are."

But those decades-old oaks, elms, flowering peonies, lindens and sugar maples need a lot of water, and that water is expensive.

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Sesame seeds a world favorite

By Steve Patersovsky
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

I bite down on a warm, crunchy sesame flatbread and my entire mouth explodes with flavor.

I wonder how something so small as a sesame seed can offer such tremendous flavor. How such a little ingredient can have such a large taste. I think of my beloved pretzels, chiles, poppy seeds, champagne grapes, sweet peas and pomegranate seeds. All are capable of holding our taste buds hostage at moments of nothingness.

Then I start thinking about how many cultures incorporate sesame seeds into their cuisines and wonder how the spread of this seed occurred.

I know sesame seeds are also called heme seeds because I spent time in New Orleans eating hundreds of heme wafers of sesame seed crackers. After today, they're not heme seeds are grown in Asia and India; the tiny seed is thought to have originated in Africa. Evidence suggests that sesame seeds have been used for oil and wine since before 3000 B.C. Paintings in ancient Egyptian tombs dating back 4,000 years show bakers sprinkling sesame seeds into bread doughs. Books from the Roman era mention grinding sesame seeds with other spices for a condiment.

They were slowly introduced to America by West African slaves during the slave trade in the 17th and 18th centuries. In the Caribbean and our deep South, they're still considered a sign of good luck.

"Rich history for a tiny seed."

They are used in many cuisines worldwide for both sa-

vory and sweet recipes. And where would we be without rich, dark roasted sesame oil and creamy tahini or pureed sesame seed paste?

Keep in mind that sesame seeds — or anything for that matter, with a high oil content — quickly become rancid. Buy sesame seeds in small quantities and use them quickly. Keep them in a cool, dry place and they will keep for about 3 months. I find the freshest ones in natural-foods stores. I always buy the brown, unblanched variety for the best nutty flavor. Black sesame seeds have a more subtle flavor.

Here are a few simple recipes that showcase sesame seeds.

SESAME SEED ASPARAGUS

Blanching or par-cooking the asparagus makes the spears tender and preserves their beautiful green color.

- 2 dozen asparagus spears, tough ends trimmed
- Water
- Salt to taste
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 1 teaspoon Asian sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce or tamari
- 2 tablespoons mint
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons minced ginger root

Place asparagus in a microwaveable dish with 1/2 inch water and cook in microwave on high 4 minutes. Or boil asparagus in lightly salted water 3 to 4 minutes to blanch, if you prefer. Drain, rinse in ice cold water to shock and stop cooking and drain again. Combine sesame seeds, oil, soy or tamari,

miniri, garlic and ginger and pour over asparagus.

Place asparagus on broiler pan in preheated broiler and broil 7 to 8 minutes until browned, or grill on a preheated gas or charcoal grill 5 to 6 minutes until browned. Makes 4 servings.

CURRY SESAME "LUCKY" BASMATI RICE

You can add protein to this dish such as 1 pound firm tofu cut into 1-inch cubes when you add the onions. The tofu will cook into the rice and absorb the curry and pineapple flavors.

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and chopped
- 1 medium red bell pepper, cored, seeded and chopped
- 1 tablespoon curry powder
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 2 cups white basmati rice
- 2 cups vegetable broth or water
- 1 cup pineapple juice or ginger ale
- 1 cup chopped fresh or drained canned pineapple
- Salt, to taste
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh mint

Heat oil in a large saucpan with a tight-fitting lid over medium heat. Add onions, carrots, peppers, curry powder and sesame seeds. Saute 4 minutes until seeds are lightly browned. Add rice and continue to saute 1 minute longer.

Add broth or water and juice or ginger ale and bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer slowly 25 minutes until all liquid is absorbed and rice is tender. Add pineapple, season with salt and add mint. Makes 4 servings.

Sweet trout with pumpkin puree

By Linda Gassenheimer
Knight Rider News Service

Rainbow trout with its mild, delicate and sweet flesh cooks in just 5 minutes. Together with the pumpkin puree, this meal takes only 15 minutes to make.

Farm-raised trout is available in supermarkets and is a treat. A little brown sugar, salt and pepper is all that's needed for this quick entree. The trout come dressed, which means they have been cleaned and bones removed. They're sold with heads and tail on. If you prefer, ask for them to be removed at the market.

Minutists tossed with brown sugar top the sweet pumpkin puree. Open a bag of washed ready-to-eat salad to complete the meal. An off-dry riesling would be very nice with this sweet meal.

Any type of non-oily fish can be used. Adjust the cooking time if necessary, allowing 8 minutes for each inch of thickness.

When using dried thyme, make sure the bottle is newer than 6 months old.

plates with skin side down and spoon pan juices over top. Makes 2 servings.

sugar 2 tablespoons broken walnuts

SWEET PUMPKIN PUREE

- 2 cups canned pumpkin
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon dark brown

Spoon pumpkin, orange juice and thyme into a small saucepan. Heat 2 to 3 minutes, stirring to mix. Add salt and pepper to taste. Toss brown sugar and walnuts together. Sprinkle walnuts on top and serve with trout. Makes 2 servings.

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"There are insects, there are diseases, but in my mind, the biggest problem is water," said Dennis Maulack, who works for the city's Community Forestry Department. "People are beginning to waterless and less. More homes are not owner-occupied; renters don't want to go to the expense of paying for water."

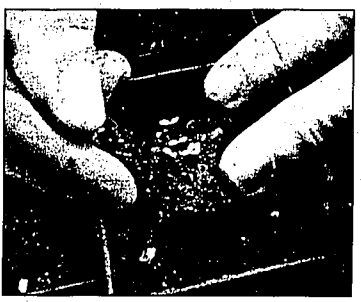
Boise engineer Mike Stambulis lost \$2,000 from Idaho Bivers United program last year to replace his lawn with about 60 local varieties.

"We had always had the idea to do more drought-tolerant plants; we just didn't know how to do it," said Stambulis, who got technical help from the Arid Gardening Alliance.

The arid gardening movement isn't new. The Denver Water utility has held the trademark on xeriscaping — a now nationally known water-saving approach to landscape design — for 25 years. The Denver Botanic Gardens copyrighted the name Water-Smart Gardening in the early 1990s.

Last summer, the city of Elginville, Ark., offered homeowners \$500 to replace their lawn with rock or low-water plants.

"Change has come slowly to Boise, where automatic sprinkler systems have kept trees, lawns and shrubbery flourishing for decades. But Idaho is growing faster than almost any other state in the country, and farmers, fishermen and other



Diane Jones places seedlings into a potting mix at her Boise nursery, water users are competing for a limited resource — generating enough interest for the Arid Gardening Alliance to come into being.

"People are skeptical; they say, 'We love our lawns,'" said Elizabeth Wasson, who helped start the group.

But nobody loves paying high water bills. And using native plants is easier, said Panayoti Kelaidis, a spokesman for the Denver Botanic Gardens.

"The reason I try to encourage people to grow more arid flora is that it's what surrounds us naturally, and it's extraordinarily beautiful," he said. "Idaho is a land of sagebrush and

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What's and lovable? It's Brussels sprouts

By Stephanie Witt Sedgwick
Special to The Washington Post

I love Brussels sprouts. I know that not everyone shares my enthusiasm for the mini-cabbages — OK, most people don't — so I took it as a personal challenge to come up with recipes that would make sprouts lovable.

The first thing I didn't do was boil them. That's how Brussels sprouts are traditionally prepared, and it's no wonder that so many people dislike them. Boiling the sprouts into soggy submission merely accentuates their cabbage flavor — not to mention odor — and turns their texture to mush.

Instead, I "reinvited" Brussels sprouts by cooking them four ways to bring out their subtle flavor and tender quality. Roasted, their cabbage-like flavor recedes, tussled with oil and baked, their cut edges brown deliciously. Shredded and stir-fried with whatever flavors you like, they are almost unrecognizably sweet. Braised on the stove top, they take on a melting quality.

What's not to love?
When buying Brussels sprouts, look for ones with an attractive green color indicating freshness. Avoid any that are yellowing or look wrinkled. Try to pick sprouts of similar size for even cooking.

Cleaning and cutting are a breeze. Trim the stem end and remove the outer leaves. Halve or quarter larger sprouts to reduce the cooking time. Though Brussels sprouts can be stored for several days in the vegetable bin of your refrigerator, try to use them within three days so they don't develop a strong cabbage flavor.

Experiment with these four cooking methods and see how lovable these sprouts can be.

ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH GARLIC

6 servings

This idea was suggested by Julie Leopold, a nutrition program manager for Inova Health Source of Northern Virginia. Overcooked Brussels sprouts have given the vegetable a bad rap. Leopold is a fan of roasting sprouts, a method she said minimizes the cabbage flavor so many people dislike. She's absolutely right. Not only is the cabbage flavor almost nonexistent, but this dish is fast and easy to prepare.

1 to 1 1/2 pounds Brussels sprouts, outer leaves removed and stems trimmed, each cut in half

8 to 10 small to medium cloves garlic
2 to 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

In a large bowl, combine the Brussels sprouts, garlic, oil and salt and pepper to taste, tossing to make sure the sprouts are evenly coated. Transfer to a roasting pan large enough to hold the sprouts in one layer.
Roast for about 30 minutes,

stirring at the 10- and 20-minute marks. The sprouts are ready when they have started to brown and are tender enough to be pierced with a fork. Serve immediately.

WARM ORANGE-GINGER BRUSSELS SPROUT SLAW

6 servings

A friend who thought she didn't like Brussels sprouts was won over by a suggestion from Washington's Park Hyatt executive chef Brian McBride. He shredded the sprouts as you would a cabbage for slaw and then sauteed them with ginger and orange. She never made it for me, but the technique and combination of ingredients stayed on my to-do list.

When I got around to making my own version, I was wowed. It's like a slaw but better. The Brussels sprouts give it a more delicate quality. The orange and ginger flavors really pop, and there's not a hint of the old-fashioned, cooked-to-death sprouts in this dish.

2 tablespoons olive oil
1 pound Brussels sprouts, outer leaves removed, stems trimmed, either shredded in a food processor or cut in half and thinly sliced
1-inch piece ginger root, peeled and finely grated
Canned zest and juice of 1 orange
Salt

Freshly ground black pepper
2 to 3 tablespoons water (optional)

Heat the oil in a large saute pan over medium-high heat. Add the shredded sprouts and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Add the ginger, orange zest and juice, and salt and pepper to taste. Reduce heat to medium and continue cooking, stirring, until the sprouts are just cooked, 4 to 5 minutes. If the pan gets dry, add a few tablespoons of water. Serve immediately.

BRAISED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

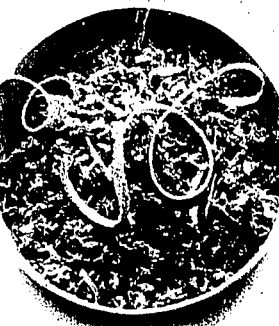
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This is my hands-down favorite way to cook them. This method gives Brussels sprouts an almost-melting quality. Bacon imparts a smoky flavor here, but it's not essential; the bacon may be replaced with a tablespoon or two of oil.

1/4 pound bacon, diced
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 to 1 1/2 pounds Brussels sprouts, outer leaves removed and stems trimmed, each cut in half

1/2 cup chicken stock or low-sodium chicken broth
Pinch sugar
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper

In a pan large enough to eventually hold all of the Brussels sprouts, cook the bacon over medium heat until the bacon releases its fat, 3 to 4 minutes. Add the onion and cook, stirring every minute or so, until it is translucent, about



Here are several ways to make better Brussels sprouts. At top, Roasted Brussels Sprouts With Garlic, and Warm Orange-Ginger Brussels Sprout Slaw at bottom.

3 minutes.
Add the sprouts, stock or broth, sugar and salt and pepper to taste, stirring to combine. Increase the heat to high and bring the broth to a boil. Immediately reduce the heat to low and cover the pan. Allow the sprouts to cook slowly until tender, 25 to 30 minutes. Uncover, increase the heat to high and bring the stock or broth back to a boil. Cook until the liquid has almost evaporated, about 4 minutes.

Serve immediately, or cover and keep warm until ready.

STEAMED BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH SHERRY VINAIGRETTE

6 servings

Steamed whole Brussels sprouts are not for the sprout-phobic. This dish can be completely prepared well before the meal. It is ideal at room temperature.

In the winter I use dried herbs instead of fresh in my dressings for economy and ease. But if you have fresh on hand, use 1 1/2 to 2 tablespoons.

1 to 1 1/2 pounds Brussels sprouts, outer leaves removed and stems trimmed
1 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
Pinch sugar
1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons dried herbs such as chives, dill or parsley
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper
6 to 8 tablespoons olive oil

Bring water to boil in a pot fitted for a steamer. Add sprouts to the steamer and steam until just

What are edamame beans?

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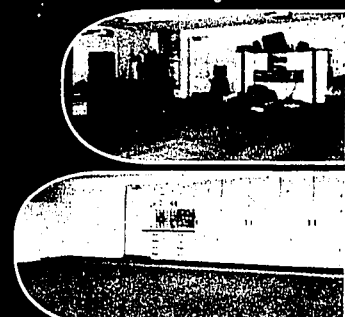
Question: What are edamame beans? Are they the same as fava beans?

Answer: No, they come from different plants, although both look sort of like lima beans — edamame, tiny ones, and fava

beans, huge ones. Edamame are green soybeans, picked before they have matured. They are high in protein and widely eaten in Asia as a vegetable and snack. Fava, a member of the pea family, are many delicately flavored flat beans that are popular in Italian cooking. Both grow in pods.

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Corn cakes offer fresh taste from ancient cuisine

By Barbara Hansen and Susan LaTempa
Los Angeles Times

Griddle cakes are elemental. Like griddle and roasted meats, they are ancient preparations, seemingly skipped together at the fireside for as long as humans have gathered around that fire to eat.

But in cooking, elemental never means unchanging. Corn griddle cakes, for example, simple folk food in dozens of cultures, come in many guises. Venezuelan or Colombian "arepas," Chacacan "elayudas," Indonesian "bregedel jagung," All-American cornmeal pancakes.

They may be basic, but they have amazing flavor and texture, whatever the country of origin.

At Posh on Pico in Los Angeles, a cafe with Latino-inspired chef-owner Mateo Rodriguez's lunch and breakfast dishes come with arepas rather than hash browns or toast. Made with finely ground, pre-cooked white corn flour, arepas are a mainstay in Colombia, where they are thin, and in Venezuela, where they're thick and often stuffed with meat or vegetables.

Like tortillas, they're a bread-like staple, once made of corn pounded in a mortar and pestle and cooked on an earthenware griddle. In South America, arepas often are topped with or wrapped around slices of melting cheese, or stuffed with grated mild white cheese. Rodriguez, who is from Honduras, adds queso fresco, mozzarella or feta cheese to the batter, which is kneaded as it's mixed.

The best way to eat arepas is straight off the griddle. They are finger foods, like toast, meant to be spread with butter or jam, or used as a scoop to eat other food. Rodriguez's arepas are thin, with a creamy flavor reminiscent of grits. But comparisons don't apply. They may be patted out like tortillas, cooked on a griddle like pancakes and bring to mind your favorite cheese-grits recipe, but arepas have their own unique flavor and texture.

Fresh corn kernels are the basis for bregedel jagung, savory Indonesian corn cakes with shrimp and green onions. Corn was introduced to Indonesia by the Spanish in the 17th century, notably to an island off Java called Madura.

Finely chopped shrimp, onions, celery, garlic and cilantro are mixed with eggs, corn and a little cream. The sweetness of the corn and cream is balanced by the distinct brightness of the shrimp and the crunch of the herbs and vegetables.

These corn cakes make terrific appetizers, two or three to a serving, or offered on a platter at a buffet. Although arepas and cornmeal pancakes are best straight off the griddle, they can be kept at room temperature, the way much food is eaten in Indonesia. That makes them perfect party food.

For the cakes that call for corn kernels, remember that Mexican corn is available in many markets year-round. Though it's not in season in the winter to be great for eating on the cob, it works admirably in these dishes.

When making corn cakes, use a griddle, or a well-seasoned cast iron skillet — or whatever you'd use to make pancakes.

Rodriguez's trick of flattening arepa dough between plastic sheets made from plastic bags (rather than plastic wrap) works well, or you can keep a bowl of water handy and moisten your fingers from time to time to keep the dough from sticking as you work.

The malt-enriched corn pancakes from Doughboys cafe in Los Angeles cook like regular pancakes, but quickly; they need just a minute or two per side. Bregedel jagung are like fritters and have good body. They're easily managed as you cook and don't spread too much but retain a nice shape.

CHEESE AREPAS (Cheese Corn Cakes)

- 3 cups arepa masa
- 1/4 cup finely crumbled queso fresco
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups water
- 2 cups milk
- 1/4 cup butter

Combine the arepa masa, cheese and salt in a bowl. Combine the water, milk and butter in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and cool until just warm enough to touch. Add a little of the warm milk mixture to the masa mixture and knead to mix. Add a little more liquid and knead again, continuing until the liquid is incorporated and combined to make a dough.

To make the arepas, take a scant 1/4 cup dough, form into a ball and pat between the palms of your hands to about the same thickness as a tortilla. (Or cut a resealable plastic bag in half to make 2 plastic sheets. Place a ball of dough on one sheet, cover with the other sheet and press flat with a rolling pin.) The arepas should be about 3 inches in diameter. Place them on a baking sheet and cover with a damp cloth.

To cook, heat an ungreased, seasoned griddle or nonstick skillet and cook the arepas 2 to 3 minutes on each side until lightly golden brown. Serve immediately with butter if desired. Makes about 40 (3-inch) arepas. Total time: 1 hour, 15 minutes.

Note: From Maricarmen Rodriguez of Posh on Pico in Los Angeles. Arepa masa is available at Hispanic markets and may be called masa arepa, cequivina or harina de pan.

BREGEDEL JAGUNG (Indonesian Corn Cakes)

- 2 cups fresh corn kernels
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons whipping cream
- 1/2 cup cooked shrimp, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup finely diced celery
- 2 green onions, including tops, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons cilantro leaves, chopped, plus leaves for garnish
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon oil

Combine the corn, eggs, flour and cream in a food processor and blend until the corn is finely chopped and appears creamy, scraping down the sides as needed. Remove to a bowl. Add the shrimp, celery, onions, cilantro, garlic, salt and pepper and mix well.

Heat the butter and oil in a large skillet. For each cake, add a heaping tablespoon of the corn mixture to the skillet. Keep the cakes separated, and press to flatten slightly. Cook over medium heat until golden brown on the bottom, then turn and cook the other side until golden, about 3 minutes total.

Continue until all the cakes are cooked, placing them on a platter and keeping them warm. Serve as an appetizer or side dish, garnished with cilantro leaves, if desired. Makes 24 cakes. Total time: 35 minutes.

MALTED CORNMEAL PANCAKES WITH ORANGE-BLUEBERRY SYRUP

- 1 1/3 cups yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup pastry flour for mix 1/3 cup all-purpose flour with 2/3 cup cake flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 4 tablespoons melted butter, divided
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons malt syrup
- 1 tablespoon oil
- Orange-Blueberry Syrup

Combine the cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt and stir to mix. Add the corn to dry ingredients and mix.

Combine 3 tablespoons melted butter, the eggs, buttermilk and malt syrup. Stir into the corn mixture.

Heat the griddle. Combine the remaining tablespoon of butter with the oil and brush lightly over the griddle. Pour on about 1/4 cup batter for each pancake. Cook each pancake 1 to 2 minutes, until the bottom turns golden brown, then flip, cook the other side, about 3 minutes total. Serve hot with Orange-Blueberry Syrup on the side. Makes 10 (4 1/2-inch) pancakes. Total time: 1 hour.

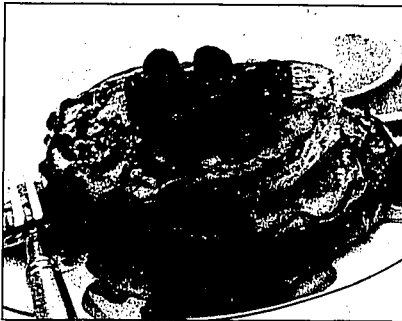
Orange-Blueberry Syrup

- Peel of 2 to 3 oranges
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2 cups blueberries

Peel the oranges with a vegetable peeler, eliminating any white pith. Combine the peel and sugar in a food processor and process 2 to 3 minutes.

Pour the orange juice into a non-aluminum saucepan. Add the peel-sugar mixture and bring just to a boil, skimming off any foam. Simmer 3 to 4 minutes to reduce slightly. Mix in blueberries and cook 1 minute. Serve warm.

Note: From Frank Waldman of Doughboys in Los Angeles.



Photos by SPENCER HEDER/Los Angeles Times

Above, blueberry sauce tops the malt-enriched corn pancakes at Doughboys in Los Angeles. Top right, Indonesian bregedel jagung with shrimp and green onions is exotic, yet comforting and completely addictive. Right, Cheese Arepa.

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The area's wrestlers prepare for state.

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

Dick Cheney's shooting is so bad, he was asked to join the Lakers.

—NBC's Jay Leno

TRIVIA QUESTION:

What pitcher served up the infamous "pine tar" home run to George Brett?

...answer below

IN BRIEF

UI coach Erickson coming to town

TWIN FALLS — New Idaho head football coach Dennis Erickson will visit the Magic Valley Vandal Boosters for a 6 p.m. dinner Wednesday at the Turf Club in Twin Falls.

BABA signups start tonight in Burley

BURLEY — Registration for BABA (Burley Amateur Baseball Association) will be held at Donnelly Sports in Burley on the following dates: Feb. 22, 5-7:30 p.m.; Feb. 25, 9 a.m.-noon; Feb. 28, 3-6 p.m.; March 2, 9:30-11 a.m.; March 4, 9 a.m.-noon. Deadline for registration is April 15. There will be a \$10 late fee for registration. Final registration is April 29. For more information, e-mail Dick Dayley at info@board@yahoo.com or call Bernadette at 260-0892.

Filer pee wee wrestling planned

FILER — Registration and first practice for Pee Wee wrestlers kindergarten through Grade 2 will be held February 27 at the Filer High School wrestling room. Wrestlers in grades 3-6 will have their registration and first practice on Feb. 28.

Grades K-2 will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays and grades 3-6 will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:25 p.m. The first tournament will be held March 4 in Declo followed by a tournament in Filer March 11 with the final tournament in Kimberly March 18. Registration fee is \$10 will be collected at the time of registration. For more information, contact Matt Stephens or Jason Madsen at Filer High School at 326-5444.

Sliva wins wrestling tournament title

BLAIR, Neb. — Kimberly's Sonny Sliva won the 133-pound division title for Dana College in a recent Great Plains Athletic Conference Wrestling Tournament held in Mitchell, S.D. Sliva won 9-4 decision over Chris Ustech of Morningside College to help Dana College score 162 team points. Dana College will make a run for the Central Regional Tournament title Saturday in Sioux City, Iowa. The NAIA National Wrestling Tournament will be held in Sioux City on March 3 and 4.

Manny's missing from camp, but not AWOL

BOSTON — After asking Boston to trade him during the offseason, Manny Ramirez was given permission by the Red Sox to report to spring training on March 1, six days after the club's first full-squad workout and one day after Major League Baseball's mandatory reporting date. Position players are due in town on Wednesday, the day before the first workout. Baseball's collective bargaining agreement sets the mandatory reporting date as 33 days prior to the major league opener, which is April 2.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Goose Gosage.

Burley beats Jerome in OT

By John Derr Times-News writer
JEROME — Having batted four times already during the game and tournament, there would be no surprises between Burley and Jerome; just who would make the plays. On Tuesday with a berth at stake on the line, regulation was over and as they went to overtime to settle it. In the end it was the Bobcats that got the job done with a furious fourth quarter comeback. Burley earned the Great Basin West conference championship with a 61-60 overtime victory. "It was a heck of a come-

back," said Chris Turney, who led the Bobcats with 17 points and two key late baskets. "We had more intensity in the second half and put more pressure on their guards. It is amazing we are going to state." Both teams play on Thursday. Jerome takes on Preston in a state play-in game while Burley battles Century. Jerome went to the delay game in the fourth with the nine-point edge. David Prescott hit two free throws, but the Bobcats got a steal from Colton Moon and Taylor Kerbs scored inside as the lead was down to five at the three-minute mark. Prescott hit another jumper,

but Braxton Greener, who chipped in 15 points off the bench, scored in the lane and Moon converted the drive as Burley trailed 54-51 with 1:22 left in the game. On the inbound plays Burley forced the jump ball and Moon hit a free throw. Twenty seconds later Turney grabbed the steal and converted the lay-up and the game was tied. Prescott, who led Jerome with 29 points, was the only Tiger to score in the period. The team traded baskets then Turney came up with a huge shot, nailing the 3-pointer from the left arc for the lead. Prescott tied it at 59-59 with a just over a

minute left, but Ben Searle, a sophomore, converted the drive and Burley led. Prescott was fouled and sent to the free throw line. To that point he had made 20-of-20 since the fourth quarter on Monday. He made the first, but the second rattled out. Jerome had two more chances when Burley missed a shot and the front end of a one-and-one, but neither shot found the mark. "It was great game," said Burley coach Jack Bagley. "I am proud of the boys, they never quit. We have really struggled on the road in the last part of the

season. It was nice to see us respond." Jerome coach Marty Espinoza took responsibility for the loss. "It was my fault," said Espinoza. "Credit Burley; they have been in this type of atmosphere before. We both knew what was on the line, unfortunately somebody had to lose."

Box Score: Burley 61, Jerome 60. Burley: 15-18 FG, 1-2 FT, 1-1 3PT, 12-22 REB, 1-1 BLK, 1-1 STL, 1-1 TOV, 1-1 PF, 1-1 FT. Jerome: 14-22 FG, 2-2 FT, 1-1 3PT, 10-20 REB, 1-1 BLK, 1-1 STL, 1-1 TOV, 1-1 PF, 1-1 FT.

2006 WINTER OLYMPICS

Snippy speedskaters

There's nothing like a good feud

TURIN, Italy — Forgive Shani Davis and Chad Hedrick because they tried to put on a show, tried their best to stick to the party line and pretend it was all overblown, a media concoction. They talked like they had been told like to say. And, until the very end, they said all the right things. Just like the race they had just run, though, they had trouble finishing. Under the hot lights, the script fell apart. "Finally, they just couldn't stand it — or each other — anymore."

You might have suspected that when they sniped at each other a few days earlier. You didn't have to look far for a cue when they refused to even acknowledge each other on the podium after winning medals in the speedskating 1,500. For the better part of a half hour press conference Tuesday night, though, they didn't crack. Until the end.

Davis stormed from the room, muttering about his teammate. Hedrick said he felt betrayed. NBC was looking for some drama from an Olympics that so far has proved less lively than an episode of "Skating With Celebrities." It got it from a pair of speedskaters who have nothing in common except the color of their uniforms.

As feuding teammates go, it didn't rise to the level of Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal. It wasn't Milton Bradley and Jeff Kent, or Barry Bonds and whoever was sharing the locker next to him. It wasn't even Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan; no one got whacked in the leg here. "This is not a heavyweight boxing fight," Davis insisted. "That's too bad because Don King could really use these two."



Gold medal winner Enrico Fabris of Italy jumps over the podium as silver medalist Shani Davis, left, and bronze medal winner Chad Hedrick, right, both of the United States, applaud during the flower ceremony of the men's 1,500-meter speedskating competition in Turin, Italy.



TOM DAHLBERG

Get them in the ring quickly, though. If you don't want to waste some good bad blood. Because, by next week, America will have moved on and forgotten them both. That's the downside of toiling in a sport most Americans couldn't care less about except every four years when Olympic medals are on the line. It's hard to blame them because there's nothing terribly exciting about watching guys in tight suits skate around an icy oval two at a time. Give Hedrick and Davis some credit for changing that, if only for a few days. They may have led an Italian slip by them for the gold medal in the 1,500, but they provided a show afterward that was more than worth the price of admission.

The two are the stars of a speedskating team that is doing its best to save the United States from embarrassment on the medals table in Turin. Ordinarily, that might get them a passing glance, but add in a good feud and you'll at least bring media starved for a good story to the Olympic oval. Not surprisingly, they can't agree on whether that is good or bad, either. Hedrick is a former roller-

blader who didn't take the ice until four years ago and thinks rivalries are great. Davis is more old school, taught to race against the clock and ignore the guy in the next lane. "It's not like we're going to fight each other and roll around in the snow," Davis said. "We're adults." They didn't look much like adults after Davis won the silver and Hedrick the bronze in the 1,500. They took the medal podium on either side of Enrico Fabris and made a punt not to even look at each other, much less shake each other's hand. Still, both insisted everything was fine and they were just tough competitors. They kept insisting it, even though it was

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Cohen sparkles in short program

TURIN, Italy — Sasha Cohen saved the best for last. And boy was it good. With U.S. flags waving and chants of 'USA! USA!' rocking the arena, the U.S. champion dazzled the judges with a sassy, sensational short program and slipped past Soviet champion Irina Slutskaya of Russia by a slim .03 points.

Cohen's spectacular spirals and crisp footwork had the crowd clapping to the beat of "Dark Eyes," a Russian folk tune. She even flashed some attitude as she concluded a solid evening of skating that will wrap up with Thursday night's free skate.

She got the marks she felt she deserved — and the United States has yet another women's gold in sight. Americans have won three of the last four Olympic titles, and if Cohen's a two-time world silver medalist, is this dynamic in the making; she could add another title.

That would break Russia's stranglehold on figure skating golds at these games. No country has swept all four events, and the Russians already own three — pairs, men's and dance. Japan's Shizuka Arakawa and Fumie Suguri were third and fourth, and American Kimmie Meissner was fifth. Emily Hughes, added to the U.S. team nine days ago when Michelle Kwan withdrew with a groin injury, was in seventh place.

BOBBLED Women Two-Man

CESANA, Italy — Blasting through the competition in a slush, slant American convertible, Shani Davis

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Far from the bright lights, Lawrence remains unbeaten

The Associated Press
MILWAUKEE — Chris Bralor had to take a second look on Sunday morning. Below Duke, Florida and Pittsburgh in his print at the bottom of the TV screen, another school was listed — Lawrence University of Appleton. "I was under the impression that there was something funny about it," said the senior forward, who leads the NCAA Division III Vikings with 15 points a game. "You never expect to be on ESPN or someplace like that." Coach John Tharp was equally surprised after the Vikings won a road game at St. Norbert on Jan. 21. He had seven messages pop up on his cell phone — all letting him know the Vikings were the nation's last unbeaten team after the Blue Devils, Gators and Panthers all lost on the same day. "I just started laughing," Tharp said. A month later, Tharp is still in stitches, and the Vikings still haven't lost, finishing the regular season 22-0 after a 67-52 win against St. Norbert on Saturday. "You don't think about it as a coach at the start of the season to win every single game and receive all this attention," Tharp said. Lawrence, with an enrollment of 1,300 and about 100 miles from Milwaukee, is the lone unbeaten men's basketball team in not only the NCAA but the NAIA as



Lawrence University's Keven Bradley reacts to his buzzer-beating basket against Carroll College of Wisc. last Wednesday in Waukesha, Wisc.

well. Both organizations, however, have unbeaten women's teams. There's still a long road ahead — Lawrence hosts the Midwest Conference tournament beginning Friday, and then there's the 48-team Division III tournament.

But if the Vikings pull it off, they would become the 13th team in men's NCAA history to finish undefeated. The last time that happened was in 1998 by Division III Wisconsin-Platteville, led then by current Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan. Ryan's Badgers are the only team to

beat the Vikings — in a game that didn't count. They played in an exhibition in November, and Wisconsin led by eight early in the second half before taking command. "If they had to do it hit some 3s early and they'd be beating us," Ryan said after the Vikings went 1-for-11 from beyond the arc in the first half. "They were getting decent shots." Forward Kyle MacGillis, Bralor's roommate, was named MVP. "When you go against that high caliber of talent and then realize that these guys really aren't that much better. It gives you a lot of confidence," he said. "They may be a little more athletic, taller, better shooters, but overall we're not that far behind."

Tharp, in his 12th season, credits the senior leadership of Bralor, MacGillis and Keven Bradley, who previously played for Wisconsin-Stevens Point's 2004 Division III title team. "These guys have made us focus every day," Tharp said. "It's not as if I have to motivate them or remind them. They understand what we're trying to do. If anybody steps out of line or doesn't work as hard as we think they ought to be, the seniors set them straight." Lawrence has had its share of close calls, but Tharp said his players recognize from films when they haven't played. Please see LAWRENCE, Page D2

SPORTS

No. 3 UConn edges Notre Dame in OT Valley eliminates Pilots

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Hilton Armstrong hit a pair of free throws in overtime and Rudy Gay came down with a key defensive rebound as time expired, and No. 3 Connecticut held on to beat a hard-charging Notre Dame 75-74 Tuesday night.

The Fighting Irish (13-11, 4-9 Big East) were hurt by as many as 19 early in the second half but stunted the Huskies (24-2, 11-2) and the Hartford Civic Center sellout crowd of 16,294 with a 25-2 run. Colin Falls had 12 points in the sport including the layup that gave the Irish their first lead at 61-60 with 10:35 to play.

UConn relied on its size inside to come back. Josh Boone scored on a pair of putbacks and grabbed a couple of boards on the defensive end. Point guard Marcus Williams, had a triple-double, tied the score at 71 at the end of regulation with a baseline layup off his own rebound.

Neither team scored until Gay hit a jumper with 1:11 left in the extra period. Rob Kurz countered with a 3-pointer and the Irish regained the lead 74-73. Armstrong was fouled on UConn's next possession and hit both free throws to close out the scoring.

Chris Quinn, who finished with 11 points for Notre Dame, gave the Irish one final chance. He threw up a floater in traffic that was tipped by a number of defenders and Gay came down with the rebound.

It was UConn's first overtime game this season and the fourth for the Irish, who have lost them all. Williams had 18 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds for UConn. It was the sixth triple-double in school history, and the first since Emeka Okafor against Army in Dec. 2003. Boone had 12 points and 14 rebounds and Gay finished with 17 points.



Notre Dame's Rob Kurz pulls in a rebound inside of Connecticut's Rashad Anderson during overtime Tuesday in Hartford, Conn.

Michigan 72, No. 8 Illinois 64

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Darrell Horton scored 23 of his career-high 37 points in the second half, rallying Michigan to a 72-64 victory over No. 8 Illinois on Tuesday night.

Courney Sims added 18 points for the Wolverines (13-7, 8-6 Big Ten), the only team to top 70 points against Illinois this season. Last month, Michigan lost 79-74 against the Fighting Illini at Champaign.

The Wolverines snapped an 11-game losing streak against Illinois, dating back to Jan. 2000, and beat a ranked opponent for the third time in less than a month.

Michigan defeated then No. 11 Michigan State and then No. 23 Wisconsin in late January.

Virginia 72, No. 11 Boston College 58

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — J.R. Reynolds scored 28 points and Virginia took control early Tuesday night, hitting 12 3-pointers and slitting No. 11 Boston College 72-58 to end the Eagles' five-game winning streak.

The Cavaliers (14-10, 7-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) led 38-28 at halftime and never let the lead shrink below 10 in the second half.

The Eagles (21-6, 8-5) had only lost to No. 1 Duke in their last 11 games, but missed their first eight shots and allowed Virginia to use a 26-6 first-half run to move comfortably ahead.

Boston College never found its shooting touch. Stephen Allen netted 14 points to lead the Eagles, while Patrick Johnson had 11 and Kendall Grant put up 10. Glenns Ferry was paced by a pair of big games by Chase Bitterman, head coach Cody Darrington, who scored 22 and 20 points, respectively.

The Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY — After hanging three losses on Valley over the course of the season, the Vikings brought their A-game when it counted, handing host Glenns Ferry a 66-60 defeat in Inzer-out Canyon Conference tournament play.

The Vikings poured in 21 points in the second quarter to go up 23-20 at the half and cemented the victory with a 24-16 fourth quarter effort.

"The fourth time was a charm for them," said Pilots head coach Brett Blatterman. "Our focus was probably an emphasis that we didn't hit real well. We looked really sluggish out there. You can't overlook teams in the conference, because anyone of us has a chance of beat each other and valley just played better than we did tonight."

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The Pilots close out the year at 13-10.

"It's nice to have double digit wins," said Blatterman. "I'm proud of my team's effort for this year, we've got some pretty high expectations for next year."

The Vikings travel to Wendell on Thursday to play for the Cmyon Conference championship.

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Bowling

Twin Falls girls claim state title

HEYBURN — The high school bowling season concluded Tuesday afternoon with the Idaho State Tournament at Snake River Bowl in Heyburn.

The Twin Falls girls took home the state title, defeating Century in the title match, 275-274. The Declo Hornets were third, losing in a semifinal match to Twin Falls, 200-209.

Century's Ashley Steffens was the top individual bowler on the day, knocking down 537 pins on the day. She also claims a \$200 scholarship.

Declo's Stephanie Hull was third overall with 514 pins, which earned her \$125 scholarship. Minico's Francis Fowler was fifth with 488 pins and a \$75 scholarship.

Minico recorded its lowest finish in recent memory with a fourth-place finish.

On the boys side, the Minico Spartans came up just short for a third time in their quest for that elusive state title.

Minico took second for the third time, finishing behind Meridian. The Warriors defeated Minico in the championship match, 305-287.

As the state winner, Meridian takes home \$400 worth of scholarships. The Spartans earned \$200 and third-place finisher Highland took home \$100.

Jerome's Ray Smith was the top individual bowler on the day, knocking down 664 pins. Smith earned a \$150 scholarship. Minico's Todd Renz was fourth overall with 608 pins, and earned \$75 in scholarships.

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Cohen

Continued from D1
Holbrook won a silver medal in women's bobsled, ending an 0-for-Olympics stay for the U.S. sliding team.

With teammate Valerie Fleming providing the push and applying the brakes, Holbrook completed her four runs just 71 seconds behind Germany's Sandra Kiriasis and Anja Schindeldeiber and ahead of Italy's Gerda Welsensteiner and Jennifer Isacco.

Holbrook, bumped from an Olympic ride four years ago, finally ended a U.S. bobsled streak that was chilling the Americans every bit as much as the biting winds.

As they crossed the finish line, the pumped-up athletes and Holbrook pounded both hands on the front of USA-1 in celebration.

HOCKEY

Men

Russia 5, U.S. 4

TUJIN, Italy — After managing only two goals in two consecutive losses, the U.S. men's hockey team broke out with four goals in a 5-4 win over Russia in an Olympic game that mattered only in the confidence department.

The Americans (1-3-1), the fourth-place team in Group B, were already locked into a quarterfinal matchup Wednesday with Group A-winning Finland (5-0, 3-2, 2-2). Team C in Group B, the Russians (1-1-1) will face Canada (3-2) in the quarterfinals.

After scoring only nine goals in four games, the U.S. found its offense just as coach Peter Laviolette said his team would. This time, though, the Americans lacked the defense and goaltending they needed.

Brian Rolston, Brian Gionta and Scott Gomez all scored man-advantage goals but the U.S. allowed as many goals to Russia as it did in the three previous games of the tournament.

With the Americans scheduled to play again Wednesday in the medal round, goalie Rick DiPietro got the night off. Robert Esche started in his place.

Canada, which had lost back-to-back shutouts, got three first-period goals against the Czech Republic, then held on for the win. The Czechs (2-2), last year's world champions, finished a disappointing fourth in Group A and are to play Group B winner Slovakia (5-0) in the quarterfinals.

Finland remained undefeated in Olympic play with a win

TV schedule

Women's curling: semifinals, men's hockey: quarterfinal, USA, 6 p.m.

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Medals Table

At Turin, Italy
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back, and France edged Sweden for the bronze in a photo finish when Carl Johan Bergman stumbled near the finish line, allowing Raphael Poiree's skis to cross just ahead of his.

Poiree's teammates piled on top of him in the snow, he collapsed, exhausted from the thrilling sprint.

NORDIC COMBINED

Sprint

PRAGELATO, Italy — Felix Gottwald used a powerful sprint to rally to victory in the Nordic combined sprint Tuesday giving Austria its record eighth gold medal of the Turin Games — a bright spot for a country caught in the middle of a doping scandal.

Gottwald earned his second gold medal of these Olympics by making up a deficit of nearly a minute from the morning's jumping portion of the event.

Gottwald's winning time of 18 minutes, 29 seconds was 5.4 seconds ahead of the silver medalist Magnus Moan of Norway. Germany's Georg Heitlich took the bronze after having the best jump earlier in the day.

American Todd Lewisick was ninth and teammate Johnny

Spillane was 10th.

FREESTYLE SKIING

Women

Aerials

SAUZE D'OULX, Italy — Emily Cook's inspiring comeback story ended a day earlier than she'd hoped after another disappointing outing for the American freestyle team on the Olympic aerials course.

Both Cook and Jana Lindsey, the only other American entered, failed to qualify for Wednesday night's finals.

"That left Jeret 'Speedy' Peterson of Boise as the only one of six U.S. aerialists, men or women, to advance to the finals.

The men's medal round is Thursday. Cook was ranked 22nd of 23 jumpers after the first round and even with a solid second jump, she only improved to 19th.

Lindsey finished 16th, four spots out of the last qualifying jump. Aussie Jaquel Cooper set a world record with her qualifying score of 213.36.

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Nasdaq composite	-19.40
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Standard & Poor's 500	-4.20
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Stocks of local interest

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Albertsons	\$26.45 ▲ .01
Con Agra	\$20.57 ▼ .04
Dell	\$29.81 ▼ .57
Idacorp	\$32.52 ▲ .02
Micron	\$16.08 ▼ .57

Commodities

close change	
Oil, by barrel	\$42.10 ▲ 1.22
(March) light sweet crude	
Live cattle	\$90.55 ▲ .80
Gold (April)	\$596.60 ▲ 2.0

Leading economic indicators rise

NEW YORK — A closely watched gauge of future economic activity rose sharply in January, suggesting the nation's economy could see robust growth in the spring, a private research group said Tuesday.

The Conference Board said its Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose 1.1 percent last month, better than the 0.5 percent gain expected by market analysts. January's increase follows a 0.5 percent increase in December.

The gain in December's leading economic indicator was revised upward from what was originally reported as a 0.1 percent increase, according to Ken Goldstein, the Conference Board's labor economist.

Wal-Mart profits rise 13.4 percent

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. reported a 13.4 percent increase in fourth-quarter profits that beat Wall Street estimates, but the world's largest retailer also offered a cautious and disappointing profit outlook Tuesday as it struggles with higher interest expenses resulting from international acquisitions.

Wal-Mart also faces rising marketing costs as it tries to lure more upscale shoppers.

The retailer forecast first-quarter earnings per share of \$0.50 and \$2 cents, and said it expected to earn \$2.80 to \$2.95 for fiscal 2007, which ends next Jan. 31. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial projected per-share earnings of \$2.85 in the first quarter and \$2.98 for the year.

Home Depot sees profits jump

ATLANTA — The Home Depot Inc., the nation's largest home improvement store chain, reported Tuesday a fourth-quarter profit on strong sales and reiterated that it expects to see continued growth in 2006.

The results beat Wall Street expectations, and Home Depot shares initially rose sharply before dropping off as the overall market fell on a surge in oil prices. The Atlanta-based company said it earned \$1.29 billion, or 60 cents a share, for the three months ending Jan. 29, compared to a profit of \$1.04 billion, or 47 cents a share, for the same period a year ago. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial were expecting earnings of 56 cents a share in the fourth quarter.

Federated reports 59 percent income hike

CINCINNATI — Federated Department Stores Inc. said Tuesday its fourth-quarter income rose 59 percent, aided by the acquisition of former rival May Department Stores Co. The department-store giant also backed its full-year financial forecast. For the quarter ended Jan. 28, the parent of Macy's and Bloomingdale's reported net income of \$699 million, compared with \$440 million a year ago.

— compiled from wire reports

Micron sues Rambus under racketeering law

The Associated Press

BOISE — Chip maker Micron Technology Inc. said on Tuesday it filed a lawsuit against Rambus Inc. alleging the company violated sections of the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act.

Micron's complaint alleges that Rambus destroyed evi-

dence and provided false testimony to extract licensing fees or damages from Micron Technology. The case was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Rambus, a developer of chip interfaces, has been embroiled in a series of patent infringement and price fixing suits involving Samsung, Hynix Semiconductor Inc. and MI-

cron Technologies.

"The complaint filed by Micron relates to a case between Rambus and Samsung, and an earlier case between Rambus and Infineon Technologies AG."

"Given Micron's past conduct, including apparently admitted criminal price fixing, today's action comes as no surprise. We look forward to the prompt adjudication of our

patent and antitrust claims against Micron that have been pending for some time," John Danforth, Rambus' general counsel said.

In December, Samsung pleaded guilty to the charge it conspired with other companies to fix the prices of chips used in personal computers and a number of consumer electronics, and agreed to pay a

\$300 million fine.

Shares of Rambus, which have traded between \$10.22 and \$36.15 over the last year, were down \$1.34, or 4.5 percent, at \$28.34 in afternoon trading on the Nasdaq.

Meanwhile shares of Micron Technology were down 59 cents, or 3.5 percent, at \$16.06 on the New York Stock Exchange.

FUTURE OF RETAIL



Elizabeth Schweitzer, a senior at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, is shown in The Forum at the school on Jan. 25. Schweitzer, 21, is part of the school's new Jay H. Baker Retailing Initiative, a program that aims to groom the future CEOs of retailers. Unlike most of her peers at Wharton, who are going into investment banking and other fields that offer immediate financial rewards, Schweitzer, is heading to Bloomingdale's executive training program.

Universities teach future executives to work retail

By Anne D'Innocenzio
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Elizabeth Schweitzer represents the future of retailing.

When the 21-year-old graduates from Wharton's undergraduate program at the University of Pennsylvania in May, she won't be following most of her classmates to investment banking or consulting. Instead, she'll be joining the executive training program at Bloomingdale's, a job that many could perceive as less financially attractive.

But her goals will be as lofty as hers, someday, she wants to be the CEO of Bloomingdale's parent, Federated Department Stores Inc.

"This is a time ripe for young talent to come up in the world of retailing. And I feel lucky," said the Larchmont, N.Y., native, who learned the ropes of merchandising at age 13 while working at a clothing store.

Schweitzer is part of a small but growing partnership with the industry. University of Pennsylvania is the first Ivy League univer-

sity to offer a retail concentration for undergraduates — follows similar moves by other universities as well as efforts from large retailers to sell the industry as a place of long-term rewards, not low pay and long hours.

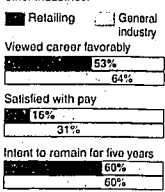
Schweitzer, who took a buying internship at Bloomingdale's last summer, said that she has made many contacts in the industry through the program. The board consists of industry leaders like Burton Tansky, president and CEO of Neiman Marcus Group Inc. and Roger Farsh, president of Polo Ralph Lauren, who have given lectures on campus.

The retail industry has struggled over the past two decades, losing throngs of bright young people to other more highly paid industries as it cut back on management training. But it can't afford to lose out any longer. Strong competition and the rise of e-commerce retail companies amid consolidation demands the new breed of leaders have more than just a passion for merchandise. They need to be adept in finance and technology.

For fall 2006, Syracuse University will be

Retail employees less satisfied

A survey found that retail industry employees provided one of the lowest ratings of their company as a place to work compared to other industries.



The Hay Group Insight Employee Report surveyed 1.2 million employees in over 400 organizations in a variety of key industries.

SOURCE: Hay Group AP

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Fewer seniors turning to Canada to fill prescriptions

By Martija Lahn
Associated Press writer

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Retired furniture store owner Don Brock quit buying prescription drugs from Canada this year, now that he's signed up for the new federal Medicare drug benefit.

The next time he needs a refill on Lipitor, his daily anti-cholesterol drug, Brock will go to a pharmacy near his home in Litchfield. The 74-year-old says he was saving about \$300 annually buying Canadian; now, he figures he'll save about \$500 buying through Medicare.

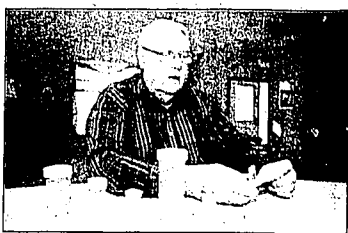
Canada is losing traction as a source of cheaper prescription drugs for many Americans. Cross-border sales have fallen as much as 30 percent, according to the Canadian International Pharmacy Association, since about 42 million seniors and disabled people became eligible for Medicare drug coverage Jan. 1, and the group says U.S. authorities have stepped up enforcement

of laws against importing foreign medicines. Several state Web sites connecting residents with Canadian pharmacies have also seen business fall off.

"Medicare Part D won't pay for any drugs out of the country, so I've had to stop that," said Brock, who bought Canadian drugs for more than two years. "I am saving money on this."

While Canadian pharmacies expect some of that traffic to return, they're also considering marketing more heavily to some of the 45.5 million uninsured Americans who can't afford to pay retail drug prices at home.

Canadian Internet pharmacies catering to American customers sprung up about six years ago, filling a market created by bustle of U.S. border-state seniors who came north seeking cheaper medications. Despite pressure from the pharmaceutical industry to enforce laws against the practice, U.S. regulators took a hands-off approach toward those who imported drugs for



Don Brock of Litchfield, Minn., looks at some of his prescription drugs at his home in Litchfield, Minn., on Friday. Brock quit buying prescription drugs from Canada this year, now that he's signed up for the new federal Medicare drug benefit.

personal use, and some states turned to Canada to find savings.

Residents of Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Vermont, Wisconsin, Minnesota, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Washington and the District of Columbia can access state gov-

ernment Web sites connecting them with select Canadian pharmacies, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Nevada is in the process of launching a site.

Experts say the Canadian pipeline won't disappear.

"Seniors aren't the only ones

who use drugs from Canada," said Stephen Schendelmeier, who directs a pharmaceutical economics research institute at the University of Minnesota.

"For the people who don't have insurance somewhere else, Canada is still a very viable alternative."

Some states have already moved in that direction.

I-SaveIt — the Illinois Web site that also services states of Kansas, Missouri, Vermont and Wisconsin — has kept business from declining by promoting the program to the working poor through such businesses, the state restaurant association, a low-income heating assistance program and health organizations, said Abby O'Connell, a spokeswoman for Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

In Minnesota, fewer people have been filling prescriptions through the state's RxConnect Web site, which links them to Canadian and British pharmacies. But state employees are buying more Canadian med-

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MONEY

WALL STREET REPORT Stocks fall on strong indicators, Fed minutes

By Ellen Simon Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Stocks dropped Tuesday after a robust reading on the economy, minutes from the most recent meeting of the Federal Reserve and the continuation of a solid earnings season centered on the trading on the Street that additional rate hikes are a near certainty.

The sell-off, which followed a higher opening, began after the Conference Board said its Index of Leading Economic Indicators rose sharply in January. The index, a closely watched gauge of future economic activity, is designed to take the pulse of the economy in the near term. It rose 1.1 percent in January, following a 0.3 percent increase in December.

The economic indicator reading was almost twice as high as analysts expected, providing one more sign that "there's growth still there in the economy and the market doesn't have to do its magic by continuing to raise interest rates," said Kim Caughey, equity research analyst at Fort Pitt Capital Group, in Pittsburgh.

Minutes from the most recent meeting of the Fed policymakers underscored the point, with Fed governors saying further rate hikes might be needed to keep "continuing upside risks" in inflation in check.

Strong results from Federated Department Stores Inc. and The Home Depot Inc. couldn't dissuade the market from a 1.4 percent interest rate worries. Less stellar results from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. the world's largest retailer,

further dimmed the mood on the Street.

The Dow Jones Industrial average fell 46.76, or 0.82 percent to 11,069.06. The Dow rose past Thursday's 4 1/2-year high in opening trading before retreating.

Broad-based stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 4.20, or 0.33 percent, to 1,283.04, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 19.40, or 0.85 percent, to 2,202.96. Declining issues led the declines by roughly 7 to 9 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Bonds were lower, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note at 4.57 percent up from 4.54 percent late Friday. U.S. markets were closed Monday for Presidents' Day. The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies. Gold prices were higher.

Crude oil futures climbed following militant attacks on oil pipelines in Nigeria. A barrel of light crude settled at \$61.10, up from \$60.25 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In recent weeks, investors are again mulling over their chronic worry: Will the Fed raise interest rates so high that the economy will plunge into recession?

There's little to make the Fed stop. Fourth-quarter earnings are more than 85 percent complete and the Standard & Poor's 500 is on track to beat analysts' estimates for its total returns, according to JP Morgan Chase & Co. Earnings-per-share growth is close to 14 percent, the 15th straight quarter of double-digit earnings growth.

Unclaimed tax refunds await 2002's nonfilers

Knight Ridder News Service

DETROIT — Ever think about filing a 2002 federal tax return if you haven't done so already?

The Internal Revenue Service just gave taxpayers more than 2 billion reasons to dig up their old paperwork.

The IRS noted Tuesday that unclaimed refund totals more than \$2 billion for about 7.7 million people who failed to file returns for 2002.

If a 2002 return isn't filed by April 17, the money owed in unclaimed refunds would be the property of the U.S.

Treasury. Taxpayers have a three-year window for claiming a refund. So you also could still file returns for 2003 and 2004 and get refunds back.

"It's the money we want to give it back to them because the clock runs out," said Luis D. Garcia, a spokesman for the IRS in Detroit.

"Even if they're getting a refund, they get nervous," said Marshall Hunt, director of the

tax assistance program for the Accounting Aid Society in Detroit.

But you don't get socked with a penalty for filing late if you're owed a refund.

Current and prior year forms, and instructions are available at www.irs.gov. Or you can call 800-829-3676.

One reason some people don't file is that they don't realize they've owed money.

Garcia said some low-income workers don't know they're eligible for the earned income tax credit. The amount of the credit varies but it is generally determined by income

and family size.

For 2005, the maximum amount of earned income is higher than it was for 2004. Taxpayers might be able to take the credit for 2005 if they earn less than \$33,030 — or \$33,030 if married filing jointly — and have one qualifying child. The maximum credit amount is \$4,400 for 2005.

Learn less than \$35,263 — or \$37,263 if married, filing jointly — and have more than one qualifying child. The maximum credit amount is \$4,400 for 2005.

Drugs

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buying more Canadian medications through another program — saving the state and consumers about \$1 billion over 10 months. The program, according to the state Department of Employee Relations.

A spokesman for Gov. Tim Pawlenty declined the state's RxConnect program, saying it's helped thousands of people purchase cheaper drugs. Brian McClung said the program would continue even though a group of Democratic lawmakers have called on Pawlenty to pull the plug, saying it's not being used much and it's taking away business from "Main Street" pharmacies.

"We're open to additional ideas and techniques for bringing people affordable prescriptions," but you're closing down the Canadian program wouldn't fix anything," McClung said.

While Andy Trozok, the president of the Canadian In-

ternational Pharmacy Association, blames the business, he said mostly on Medicare, he said U.S. authorities have also stepped up efforts to cut drug shipments in the U.S. That scores off some customers, though retailers typically reshuffle such orders at no cost to the consumer.

Suzanne Trentino, a spokeswoman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, said she didn't have data to confirm whether or not more shipments were being seized. She said federal policy remains that it's illegal to import pharmaceuticals.

Trozok, who also runs a multi-order pharmacy in Alberta, said he expects to get some of his older American customers back.

"That's because of the so-called 'doughnut hole' in Medicare, which leaves enrollees on their own for drug costs between \$2,250 and \$5,100. American seniors could turn back to Canada for cheaper prescription medi-

cine when they reach that hole — but they would do so knowing that Medicare wouldn't give them credit for whatever they spent on Canadian drugs.

But for some it would be cheaper still than paying American prices. Though growth has slowed in the past few years, drug spending here rose 7.2 percent in 2005, according to the Washington-based Center for Studying Health System Change, a nonpartisan research organization.

Americans spend an average of \$728 per year on drugs — compared with \$506 in France, \$509 in Canada, and \$261 in Ireland, according to 2003 figures from the Paris-based Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

All this makes Brock angry. "You can get everything you want for far more and all this and that, except for the drugs that you can use," he said.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Here are the 325 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange. Annual returns are 1-15% larger. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in abbreviation.

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WHEAT

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Horse

The helix plant has been operating since 1976 and processes about 35,000 horses annually. He said unwanted horses would be abandoned by the slaughter plant...

Whitfield, R.K., one of the sponsors of the amendment to cut inspection funds. James Michael Kelly, CEO of the USDA's animal health...

MUTUAL FUNDS

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AMENDED RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

At 1:00 o'clock AM on March 16, 2006, in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., 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 located in Twin Falls County, Idaho, and described as follows:

Parcel No. 1
The North 75 feet of Lot 9, Rice Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book 5 of Plats, Page 36, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Parcel No. 2
Lot 8, Rice Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book 5 of Plats, Page 36, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, and that portion of Lots 20, 23 and 24 of Surtees Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point where the North and South centerline of the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 17 E., B.M., intersects the right-of-way boundary of the Union Pacific Railroad in the said Subdivision, thence S. 71° 50' E. 31.6 feet thence S. 150 feet thence W. 150 feet thence in a Northwesterly direction parallel to and 15 feet from the centerline of the Railroad said 260 feet, more or less; thence S. 70° 50' E. 100 feet to the point of beginning.

Information concerning the foregoing action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is 208-765-5511. According to the Trustee's records, the street address of 188 and 207 Gam Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, encumbrances, or to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Michael W. Smith and Joni K. Smith, husband and wife, as Grantors, to First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as trustee, for the benefit and security of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., fka Wells Fargo Bank, National A., a recent Nevada 11/2005, its instrument No. 20622023833 and modified by Modification of Deed of Trust recorded December 10, 2003, as instrument No. 2003031892, all records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(a)(1) Idaho Code. An representation is made that they are, or are not, presently indebted for the sale.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, and interest and payments of \$4,533.33, due per month for the month of July through October, 2004, and subsequent payments until the date of final payment or non-payment, uncollected late charges are due in the amount of \$1,013.28, with interest, accruing at an adjustable rate, the current rate is Prime + 2%, annum, and continuing to accrue from June 12, 2004. Also due are delinquent taxes for 2003. The principal balance owing as of September 10, 2004, on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$17,679.00, plus accrued interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are due in full, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with, this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED the 8th day of February 2006.
First American Title Company, Inc.,
an Idaho Corporation,
By: Darlene DeBolt-Nelson, Trust Officer

PUBLISH February 15, 22 and March 1, 2006

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO BUS DROP-OFF PROJECT

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Bus Drop-Off Project will be received by the College of Southern Idaho, Physical Plant, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 until 2:00 P.M. local time on March 22, 2006, and then all bids will be opened and read aloud.

The Bidder reviews the construction of passenger loading and unloading facility at the College of Southern Idaho campus. It is the intent of these documents to describe the work required to complete the project in sufficient detail to require a bidder to be a responsible bidder. All specifications and drawings are necessary or order to provide a complete installation shall be included in the bid and shall conform to all Local, State and Federal requirements.

The anticipated start date for this contract is: May 15, 2006 with a completion date of June 26, 2006.

Federal funds will be utilized in this project (funds provided by Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Interstate Drive-Barren Wage Rates will apply as well as Federal minimum wage and overtime regulations. The Plans, Documents, and Drawings are available for examination at the following locations:

1) Bidder's Office, Room 202 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
2) Assistant General Contractors 1100 North 27th St., Boise, ID 83702
3) Informational Contractor 8650 W. Arapaho Court, Boise ID 83714
4) Assistant General Contractors 1415 Filmore St., Suite 703A, Twin Falls, ID 83301

The Project Documents, and Drawings may be obtained from Redwood & Associates, Inc., 702 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, (208) 733-2546. Copies of all documents may be obtained for a refundable fee of \$50.00 for each set. A \$15.00 shipping charge, non-refundable, will be assessed for all mailed plans.

All Bidder's proposals will be received at 10:30 AM on March 6, 2006 at the College of Southern Idaho Physical Plant Building.

In determining the lowest responsive bid, the Owner will consider all acceptable bids as a basis consistent with the bid package. The Owner will also consider whether a bidder is a responsible bidder.

Before a contract will be awarded for work contemplated herein, the Owner will require such investigation as is necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Contract. Upon request, the bidder shall furnish such information as deemed necessary by the Owner to evaluate the bidder's qualifications.

For information concerning proposed work, contact Alan Hanzon, P.E., Project Manager, Redwood and Associates, Inc., telephone (208) 733-2546.

Bids must be accompanied by Bid Security in the form of a bid bond, certificate of deposit, check, or cash in the amount of 10% of the amount of the bid proposal. Said bid security shall be forfeited to the College of Southern Idaho as liquidated damages should the successful bidder fail to enter into a contract with the Owner. Upon request, the bidder shall furnish such information as deemed necessary by the Owner to evaluate the bidder's qualifications.

The College of Southern Idaho reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive any non-material irregularities in the bids received, and to accept the proposal deemed most advantageous to the best interest of the College of Southern Idaho.

Date: February 17, 2006
PUBLISH: February 22, March 1 and 8, 2006

AD FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Division of Public Works, State of Idaho, at McManaman Physical Plant Building, 315 Falls Ave. College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho until 11:30 AM, local time on March 8, 2006, for UPPO Project No. 06990 Rebid, HVAC Conversion, Heating Building, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, Idaho. Further information, including information regarding H2O-Bid Conference and/or contract H2O/Workscope Engineering, P.O. Box: 1008/284-0585

Estimated Cost: \$139,500

Jan P. Frow, Deputy Administrator, Division of Public Works

PUBLISH: February 20, 21 and 22, 2006

PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are a part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government requires all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Blaine Joint School Board, 420 Coliseum at East Main, Blaine, ID 83314, until 3:00 P.M., March 7, 2006, for a New Elementary School, 601 East Highway 30, Blaine, Idaho.

A pre-bid conference will be held on February 23, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., at the project site, 601 East Highway 30, Blaine, Idaho.

Bids will be opened at the above stated place and read aloud, following the closing time for receipt of bids. Bidders and other properly interested parties are invited to be present at bid opening. Drawings and specifications, including bidding documents and conditions of agreement, may be examined at the following offices:

Hutchinson Smith Architects, Inc. 83702
270 N. 27th St., Suite A, Boise, ID 83702
208-348-1212 Fax 208-338-0011
AGC-Twin Falls, 1212 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, ID 83301
208-734-1831 Fax 208-734-1763
5254 Chunden Blvd., Boise, ID 83714
208-672-3001 Fax 208-336-1003

110 North 27th Street, Boise, ID 83702
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Twin Falls Plant Room
1212 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, ID 83301
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1212 Falls Avenue, Idaho Falls, ID 83401
208-529-2320 Fax 208-523-9267

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208-232-3432

Bonafide prime Bidders and major sub-bidders may obtain one (1) complete set of construction documents at the office of Hutchison Smith Architects (HSA) upon deposit of \$100.00 for each set.

All bids may be made on the forms furnished and must be signed by the Bidder with his name and post office address.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for receipt of bids unless the award of contract is delayed for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any informality, or to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the School District.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount, including any add alternates, is required.

Bidders shall be licensed in the State of Idaho, in accordance with provisions of an act known as "Public Works Title 44, Chapter 10, Sections 41-1001 through 44-1006 inclusive, Idaho Code Amendment" and shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity provisions as defined in the code of respective Federal Regulations.

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101 Lost and Found

FOUND Dog, small, male on 2/20/06 in NE Jerome. Dark brown with collar, no tags. Call 208-539-2293.

FOUND Dog, small white female, liver colored spots on ears. I was by Donks Lake. Call 208-734-8480.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today's puzzle on page E-10.

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Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2006

THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"In France, intellectuals are usually incapable of opening an umbrella." —Andre Malraux

At rubber bridge one rarely sees a hand deliberately underbid. Most of the time the players go for game or slam at the slightest excuse. Still, on today's deal from the Despyetics Club, the auction to six spades was well judged. South emphasized his good spades at his first turn, then cue-bid his hearts facing the splinter raise of four clubs. That call by North showed a singleton club and primary spade support. West led the club king and switched to a trump at the second trick. This was too late in theory (an opening diamond or spade lead would have been more effective), but South, ever a player for the flamboyant gesture, tossed his hand onto the table, claiming six trump tricks, five hearts, and the diamond ace.

West, ever the sadist, asked whether that meant declarer would have gone down if hearts were 5-0 offside. Somewhat abashed, South confessed that this was so. Having given South a moment to believe all was well, West then showed his hand and collected his 100 points.

Of course, South should have relied on the fifth heart for his 12th trick or risked a round of hearts before drawing trumps. He should overtake dummy's spade 10 in hand, ruff a club with the ace of spades, then overtake dummy's spade jack to draw all the trumps. Now the losing diamond can be thrown on the heart jack with no risk attached at all.

NORTH 02-22-A
 ♠ A J 10
 ♥ A J 9 4 3
 ♦ A 10 7 4
 ♣ 6

WEST 7 5 3 2
 ♠ —
 ♥ 9 8 6 5
 ♦ A K J 4 2
 ♣ —

EAST
 ♠ —
 ♥ 10 8 7 6 5
 ♦ K Q 2
 ♣ 10 8 7 5

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 9 8 6 4
 ♥ K Q 2
 ♦ J 3
 ♣ 9 3

Vulnerable: North-South
 Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
 4 ♥ Pass 6 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Club king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ 10 8 7 6 5
 ♥ K Q 2
 ♦ 10 8 7 5

South West North East
 1 ♠ 2 ♠ 2 ♠

ANSWER: Jump to four spades to show a raise to five clubs and short spades (probably a void on this auction). Although you cannot underwrite five clubs here, your hand will be incredibly powerful facing the right collection. Even slam is not out of the question, plus you might have a cheap sacrifice available to you. Show your hand and let partner decide.

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Acts down in the dumps
 - 6 Big haul
 - 10 Attention getter
 - 14 Arena happening
 - 15 Political unit
 - 16 Pro's foe
 - 17 Daring
 - 18 Transmitted
 - 19 Paper quantity
 - 20 Disunite
 - 21 Author Ferber
 - 22 Incongruent
 - 23 First garden
 - 25 Puts between
 - 27 May celebrants
 - 30 "___ of Laredo"
 - 32 Either
 - 33 On the briny
 - 34 Sailor
 - 38 Turns bad
 - 40 ___ Marie Saint
 - 42 Accusation
 - 43 Medicates
 - 45 In any way
 - 47 Lawyer's leep
 - 48 Chest of drawers
 - 50 Yonder
 - 51 Cassava dish
 - 54 No ___ for the
 - 55 weary
 - 56 Relvis parts
 - 57 Antlered animals
 - 59 Catchall category
 - 63 Color shade
 - 64 Wine companion
 - 65 Personal record
 - 66 Biblical preposition
 - 67 Organic compound
 - 68 Bandleader Shaw
 - 69 Burn slightly
 - 70 "Da Ya Think I'm ___?"
 - 71 Is on a quest
- DOWN**
- 1 Bill of fare
 - 2 Stove chamber
 - 3 Sassy
 - 4 Views with jealousy
 - 5 Proud mount
 - 6 Not in residence
 - 7 Went on the lam
 - 8 Country singer
 - 9 Missap
 - 10 Gas railings
 - 11 Villains' expression
 - 12 Get the ball rolling
 - 13 Uses a stopwatch
 - 24 Last letter of words?
 - 26 Beef on the hoof
 - 27 Ship's pole
 - 28 Noise alert
 - 29 Pouly expression
 - 31 Harangues
 - 33 Jetson's dog
 - 35 Drop the ball
 - 36 Locale

- 37 ___-do-well
- 38 Car cooler
- 41 With repugnance
- 44 Withdraws
- 46 Before, before
- 49 Doctor's solution
- 50 Duds
- 51 N.T. book
- 52 Dress type
- 53 One of a sailing trio
- 55 Colas
- 58 Kentucky fort
- 60 Despise
- 61 Actor Estrada
- 62 Deli leaves

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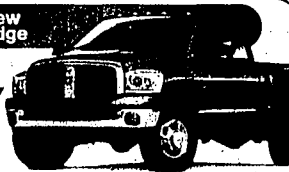
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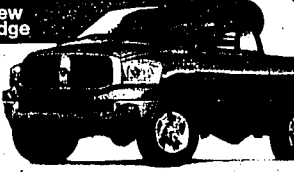


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